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From the Personal Representative:

Masons are a strange breed. We are, for the most part, intensely proud of our membership in this great organization, yet we are constrained by our interpretation of tradition from assertively seeking out other men whom we might consider good material for membership in Masonry.

We spread ourselves thin over a great number of Masonic, community and church programs and organizations, yet when someone asks us if we'd mind helping out or supporting their particular effort or project, we agree as though we had nothing else on our calendar and nothing but time on our hands.

We complain that our fraternity is sadly in need of modernization, yet we cling tenaciously to ancient landmarks and traditions, perhaps hoping that there will actually be a "National Treasure" discovered that will give to the fraternity the stature and credibility that we all know it deserves.

We delight in the association and friendship of our brothers and their families, but are somehow unable to convince the world that this is truly a brotherhood in the purest sense of the word. Recently, I had contact with a tradesman that told me he had been instructed by the manager of his company to check out some problems I was having with my telephone. He completed his analysis, located several problems, fixed them, and came to my door to report the results of his work. He was apparently puzzled by the work order and that it had come from so high a source in the company. When he asked me how that had occurred, I told him that I knew the man who signed the work order as a fellow Mason. A sly grin came over his face and he said with a wink, "Oh, a brother, eh?"



I asked the repairman if it would have made any difference if I had just called the phone company customer service desk to report the problem, and he was forced to think a bit. He admitted it would not have made a difference, but I can't help wondering if it wouldn't have been better for me to have claimed that the manager was just my brother or brother-in-law, or a good friend, rather than having given rise to the idea that the great "One-World" conspiracy" was at work.

And on that subject, I am convinced that, with 51 "regular" Grand Lodges in this country, and 51 ways of doing business, and that even among our own lodges we can't settle on whether to have steak or egg sandwiches at our next stated meeting, the world is safe from take-over by the Masons. But furthermore ... if we were able to gain control of the government, we'd do a whole lot better than the legislature in current authority, simply because we have learned mutual respect.

Well, so much for the soap box.

On another note, I have received a shipment of the workbooks for the "Master Craftsman" course, and the cost comes out to \$42.10 plus sales tax per person. We will sign you up and register all students with the Supreme Council. We will also set a time for group studies for anyone who wants to work their way through the course in that manner.

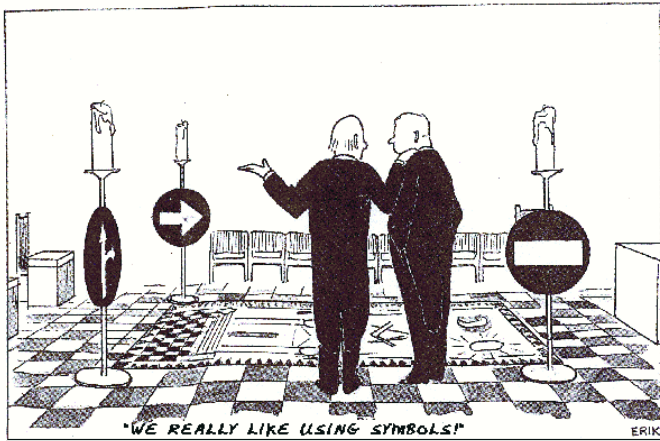
Thanks for your attention and for putting up with my raving.

Richard S. Luntz

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The Personal Representative and The Venerable Master

of the Valley of San Jose

Invite all Scottish Rite Freemasons To

A Night of Scottish Rite Education
on
Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Brother Daniel Doornbos, 32 Degree, Knight Commander Court of Honor Will Present a Paper on the Symbolism of the New Fourth Degree

Schedule of Events

- 6:30p.m. – 7:00 PM – Social Time
- 7:00p.m. – 7:45 PM – Presentation of the Paper
- 7:45p.m. – Festive Agape/Dinner

Cost \$25.00

Requested dress is white tie & tails, tux or dark suit & tie with SR cap

NOTE:
Reservations are required
Please call the SJ Scottish Rite @ 408-978-7483 to make your reservations
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I was at Lodge Segedunum No 4313 in the province of Northumberland on the 4th of June in Wallsend Masonic Hall on the first Wednesday in the month, when a likeness of George Washington was noticed.

The ceremony was stopped while everyone had a look and there were at least 38 people in the lodge who can confirm what was seen including a Grand Lodge officer.

I was lucky that the caretaker had not brushed the nap on the kneeling stool which would have erased the anomaly. And I was able to take photographs the following morning.

Bro Alan Graham PM

**WE NEED YOU!**

The established dates, 24 and 25 October, for our reunion are rapidly approaching! Only one degree team has a full cast and much work in the way of practices is needed in order to perform properly. WE NEED CAST MEMBERS.

Participation on a degree team is very rewarding and gives the cast members a thorough understanding of the degree. If San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies is unable to perform the mandatory degrees (4th, 14th, 18th, 30th, and 32nd degrees) we will loose our charter!

Please take a look at your schedule and allow some time for participation. You may contact any of the Degree Directors, Chuck Cowden or Hal Leister and we will find a place for you on a degree team!

Space in the Rite Word can be available to you for business-card sized advertising at very reasonable rates.

If you are interested, call our Brother Secretary to reserve your space.

From the Secretaries Table:



We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light - Plato

Having read this quote recently, I was reminded how appropriate it is in considering Masonry and Scottish Rite and how the "Master Craftsman" program just being introduced will further our own search for further light in Masonry. Several of us, here in the San Jose Valley have begun the program, and speaking for myself, it is a very enjoyable task, replete with knowledge gained. I recommend the program to every one of you.

We are beginning to accumulate electronics and discards of old computers, and other electronic items for a repeat of the recycling day we had earlier this year. If you have any old discards, feel free to drop them by the Center and we will get prepared for another recycling.

On May 7, 2008 Hanna Bliden was presented the San Jose Valley 2008 college scholarship during the Senior Awards Night at Soquel, California High School. The scholarship is for \$2,500.00 per year and is renewable for three more years based upon Hanna's scholastic performance. The Master of Kadosh had the privilege of making the presentation.

Hanna was by far the best-qualified applicant among a group of outstanding high school seniors in our Valley's area of influence and interest. She is her class Salutatorian. Hanna graduated in the top ten percent of her class, was a Presidential Scholar, and received the Math Department Honor Award as the top math scholar in her class.

Hanna and her family joined us at the June Stated Meeting Dinner. She was introduced to the gathering and told us of her high school experiences and plans for her college studies. Hanna will attend prestigious Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. Willamette, a private university, is the "first university in the West". She has not decided on a major as yet but indicated she is interested in law, political science, engineering and of course math. She recently won the Santa Cruz County Mock Trial competition, has participated in supporting county bond issues and is a volunteer for several local charities. Hanna is a very well rounded student and person.



Hanna will attend the Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club meetings when she is home for holidays and keep the club updated on her progress. Of course, these updates will be passed on to the brethren.

Roger's Corner

Chalk up another successful monthly dinner meeting to the San Jose Scottish Rite's dinner planners.

With food pleasing to the eye and taste, members of Scottish Rite, their wives, escorts and friends were treated to a fine dining experience; exciting culinary offerings in a dining room decorated with various colors (thanks to Mary Lou Johnson, Grace Stephens, Oscar and Felipe) .

Dinner guests eagerly sampled the various and many selections found on the hors d' oeuvre table and continued on to the beverage bar for a glass of white or red wine, served by our Scottish Rite members.

The dinner menu for the June stated meeting included Caesar Salad, Chicken in sherry cream sauce, garlic roasted red potatoes, fresh green beans, freshly baked rolls, coffee, tea and a yum yum dessert.

All of this served with a dining room staffed eager to assist you with food service and smartly dressed in red serving aprons.

Please plan to attend Scottish Rite's monthly dinner meeting -- the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center. Call Mary Lou Johnson at 408-978-7483 for dinner reservations.

Roger Bibb

Who am I?



We recently discovered thousands of photos of Scottish Rite members and events and almost none of them are labeled!

If you recognize this brother then please let the secretary know who he is.



Attention all 32° Masons
Are you a 32° Scottish Rite Mason?

If so, why not join the
KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW ?

Interested? Please send information to:

John Unger, Secretary
 4609 Hampton Falls Place, San Jose, CA 95136-2678
 or e-mail johnp4609@yahoo.com.
 Please include your name, address, phone (home, work, cell <whatever you want listed>) and e-mail address if you have one.

Before there was a Scottish Rite Center



This photo, taken on 5 September 1982, shows the site of our Scottish Rite Center before the earth was even completely graded.

Do you recognize this brother?



This is one of the few recently discovered photos that **was** identified.

Do you know him?

(See page 9 to find out if you're right!)

For the Ladies!!



Ladies,

Happy Fourth of July! I hope that you got a chance to enjoy some fireworks and spend some time with family and friends.

When we come together on July 8th we are going to take time to slow down, relax and visit with each other. I think sometimes there is way too many organized plans and events in our lives. So please come relax and enjoy a night of friendship.



Many of our ladies also bring a craft, their knitting or crocheting to work on while we visit. I hope you will join us and stay for the BBQ dinner.

God bless you all,

Susan Ramsey



From the Clinic!!!



Oliver is a delightful 4-year-old boy who has received therapy services at the Scottish Rite Language Disorders clinic for the past year. When his mother first brought him to our clinic, his speech was very difficult to understand. Oliver was diagnosed with a mild hearing loss in both ears, which was treated with the placement of bilateral tubes. In many cases, hearing loss can result in speech and language delays due to the lack of auditory stimulation both in terms of what the child is hearing and in feedback of their own speech.

Oliver was displaying the phonological process of initial consonant deletion, meaning he left off nearly all of the sounds at the beginning of his words. At that time, Oliver was a very bright 3-year-old boy with a lot to say. His expressive and receptive language skills were above average for his age. As Oliver used more and more complex sentences to communicate, he became harder and harder to understand. Oliver was seen once a week and made steady progress. In April of this year, he was discharged from therapy after meeting all of his goals. While we are very proud of his success, his cute smile and laugh is missed on Monday mornings.

In a parent survey, Oliver's mother stated, "Our conversations are greatly improved and he is understood by nearly everyone he meets. He is now confident enough to initiate conversations." She stated, "It was most rewarding to see the improvements while still seeing the enjoyment on Oliver's face. He loves coming here and never wants to leave." His mother stated that she has passed on information to other parents about the clinic and said, "The environment is friendly and welcoming for the children and parents and we have seen excellent results". Oliver's mother expressed her gratitude in the following thank you note:

*Thank you for all your help and support over the past year in helping Oliver improve with his speech. He has become more confident and outgoing and is growing into a very social little boy, and I know that a large part of this is due to his improved language skills. **Thank you for everything.***

Did you know?

*Our clinicians currently are treating 43 children
but we have another 65 on our waiting list!*

*Any additional financial support you can provide will help us to improve and grow
the Clinic.*

Are you aware that your donation to the Clinic could be worth twice as much? Many companies will match their employees' gifts to charitable organizations. To find out more, speak with your employer or our General Secretary. One or the other can get you the information you need.

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Please note: an important change in the way we acknowledge your donations.
 Several months ago it was pointed out that donations made in the second half of the month might not be reported because we were in the process of printing the Rite Word when they arrived.
 We want *every* donation recognized properly, so beginning this month; we will be reporting donations from two months earlier. This means that in July we are reporting May donations, in August we will be reporting June donations and so forth.
 Thank you for your understanding, your support and your donations!!!

Shut-Ins

Bill Roberts	916 Danny Boy Ct, Morgan Hill, CA 95037-6000	408-778-0220
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Permanent Shut-Ins

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In Memorium

William Christopher Conyers	Sierra Vista, AZ	June 8, 2008
Marshcall Melvin Frack	Elk Grove	May 31, 2008

“THE CREST
 AND
 CROWNING OF
 ALL GOOD,
 LIFES FINAL
 STAR IS
 BROTHER-
 HOOD.”

 EDWIN MARKHAM
 American Poet 1852-
 1942

 ~MASON~

From the Wise Master

The Center Of Influence

Masonic history informs us that Masons have had an influential role in the development of school systems in the United States and did not seek to control education for the purpose of self-interest but favored free public education under local control. Support to our educational systems has always been and continues to be provided by Masonic Organizations.

Masonic support assures that educational opportunity exists for all and because, beyond parents, teachers are the most influential for students! The good that can be done by an excellent teacher is remarkable! All of us can look back today and remember the one or two teachers who had a profound influence on the direction of our lives.

Teachers can mold minds and character and they are there for more than just homework. They help students learn how to function as an adult; teach and promote leadership, and build character if the student will take the time and effort. Just as children must be taught to read and write, solve math problems, understand science concepts and events in history, they must also be guided in developing the qualities of character that are valued by their family and the community in which they live.

While it is true that teachers are extremely influential, it is just as true that coaches, club advisors and teachers associated with other extra curricular activities wield enormous influence. They teach qualities that cannot be imparted in a classroom. As a result, students who put forth effort, gain self-confidence leave school with an understanding of teamwork and leadership.

Students must be motivated and teachers are a tremendous force to bring about that motivation. Rapid recognition of student problems and appropriate action ought to result in better student comprehension and fewer behavioral problems.

It is rewarding to know that San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies are continuing this Masonic tradition and have joined with the Santa Clara County Masonic Officers Association to help sponsor a program to train teachers in problem recognition and professional development. (Please refer to the Venerable Master's article.)

Hal Leister, 32° Wise Master



From the Master of Kadosh

This month I conclude the discussion of Brother Manly P. Halls's ideas about the true Mason:

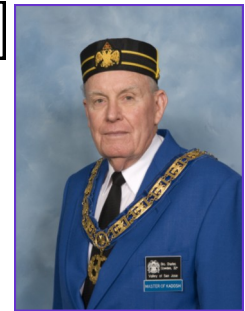
1. Every Mason knows that a broken vow brings with it a terrible penalty. He should also know that failure to live mentally, spiritually, and morally up to your highest ideals constitutes the greatest of all broken oaths. When a Mason swears that he will devote his life to the building of his Father's house and then defiles his living temple through perversion of mental power, emotional force and active energy, he is breaking a vow which imposes not hours but ages of misery.

2. A Master Mason knows that charity is one of the greatest traits, which the ancient Masters, have shown us. This means not only properly regulated charity of the purse but also charity in our thoughts and actions. He realizes that all the members of the craft are not on the same step, but wherever each might be, he is doing the best he can according to his own light. Each is working with the tools he has, and he, as a Master Mason, does not spend his time in criticism but helps them to improve their tools.

3. The true brother of our craft, while constantly working to improve himself mentally, physically and spiritually every day of his life, never makes his own desires the goal of his work. He has a duty and that duty is to fit into the plans of another. He should be ready at any hour of the day or night to drop his own ideals at the call of the Great Builder. The work must be done and he has dedicated his life to the service of those who know no bond of time or space.

I am excited about the initial Night of Scottish Rite Instruction to be held on September 30, 2008. I hope that many of you can attend this beautiful evening of instruction, good food and above all good fellowship among Scottish Rite Freemasons. Brother Daniel Doornbos, 32 Degree, Knight commander Court of honor, will present a most enlightening talk about the symbols of the New Fourth Degree. This new Fourth Degree will be portrayed during the 2008 Fall Reunion.

Chuck Cowden, 32° Master of Kadosh





From the Venerable Master

Brethren and Ladies –

Wow...July already! Thanks for all the positive feedback on the June meeting and dinner. The food was excellent and it was great to view some of the old pictures from the Scottish Rite archives. It was also very rewarding to have our Scholarship winner, Hanna, present and able to address the members and ladies. Again, an example of Scottish Rite making a difference in the world.



I also would like to thank the Scottish Rite Foundation, in partnership with the Blue Lodges of Santa Clara Valley, for their willingness to underwrite a portion of the costs of putting on the Masonic Student Assistance Program (MSAP) in our own area. This innovative outreach program is a free three-day workshop for teachers, administrators, counselors, nurses, and other school personnel who interact regularly with students. Its purpose is to help educators identify at-risk students and provide guidance so that the students redirect their lives in positive ways. With early intervention, these students have a greater chance of staying in school and becoming productive members of society. This program has “set the standard” and is being imitated in other states. This highly acclaimed Masonic Student Assistance Program has trained over 4,000 teachers and educators statewide and has helped more than 40,000 California children/students.

As a means to make it more accessible and to reach teachers in a given area, the California Masonic Foundation is endeavoring to put on this course in local areas. To present this opportunity to teachers in our own area, and to make a difference in lives of our local youth, the Scottish Rite Foundation is working with the Blue Lodges in Santa Clara Valley to put this on. *(Again, an example of Scottish Rite making a difference.)*

As you all know, Independence Day, July 4, celebrating the Continental Congress adopting the Declaration of Independence, is rapidly approaching. So what are you doing to celebrate? Might I suggest that you join us at our Barbeque here at Scottish Rite on July 8th. The dress is casual, the food will be first-rate, and an enjoyable time is assured!

French novelist, Anatole France once said, “*When a thing has been said and well, have no scruple. Take it and copy it.*” So in that spirit I quote the following as said by motivational speaker Tom Krause,

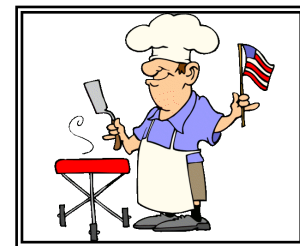
“Watch your thoughts, for they become words.

Watch your words, for they become actions.

Watch your actions, for they become habits.

Watch your habits, for they become character.

Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.”



Scottish Rite will provide the right words, the opportunity for right action, and the building of your character. Come down and join us...you are *destined* for a bright future if you do. See you at the barbeque!!

Bud Ramsey

Venerable Master

**Answer to “Do you recognize this brother?” on page 5:
It’s Wm J. Morrad 32nd degree KCCH (in an undated photo.)**

July Stated Meeting (Annual BBQ) - 7:15 PM - Tuesday, July 8, 2008



Only \$12.00
per person

BBQ Menu

- Tri-tip Steak
- Potato Salad
- Macaroni Salad
- Corn on the Cob
- Bandito Beans
- Chicken or Vegetarian *by advance request*
- Coffee or Tea
- Strawberry Shortcake

Reservation deadline:
Thursday, July 3rd at 4:00 PM

Reservation #:
408-978-7483



DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

The San Jose Scottish Rite is preparing an e-mail distribution list of members who would prefer to receive their Scottish Rite communications by e-mail. Interested? Please send your e-mail address and name to rdrowan@sanjosescottishrite.org.

(We are still working on this project, so please be patient. If you have not yet given us your e-mail address, please do so as soon as you can.) —rr

For the Lighter Side of things

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, Peggy kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed but, somehow I always had something else to take care of first; my business, my car, playing golf - always something more important to me.

Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute. When I came out again I handed her a toothbrush I said, "Peggy, when you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

Dr. Novy says I will walk again, but will always have a limp.

The moral of this story: Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other is the husband.

Membership is always important:

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Fee: \$300.00 *(must accompany this petition)*

(Please print or type)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-Mail address: _____

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Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth : _____

Present Blue Lodge: _____ Approx. Date Raised: _____

Location: _____

Name of Spouse: _____

Occupation (If retired, previous occupation): _____

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Have you ever petitioned for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees?: _____

I believe in the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order and undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Wholeheartedly believing in the foregoing, I respectfully apply for membership with San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommended by:

1: _____ 2: _____

Share your own enjoyment of Scottish Rite.
 Invite a brother to make an application.

Future Scottish Rite Events:

July 4, 2008 - Independence Day

July 8, 2008 - July Stated Meeting & Dinner

July 12, 2008 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

July 14, 2008 - Deadline for August “Rite Word” articles!

August 9, 2008 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

August 12, 2008 - August Stated Meeting & Dinner

August 14, 2008 - Deadline for September “Rite Word” articles!



Fall Reunion

The San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies Fall Reunion is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, 24 and 25 October 2008. Please **mark your calendar** and plan to participate and attend. The Program will very much like our Spring Reunion. The Degree Teams need personnel to perform the degrees. Volunteer and become a participating member.



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