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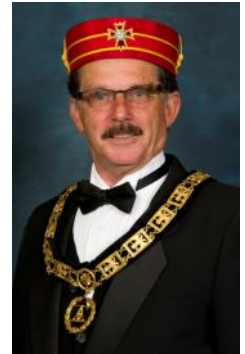


## *A Message From the VENERABLE MASTER*

My Brethren,

What makes a good friend?

Today modern technology allows us to make hundreds even thousands of social network "friends" by merely adding their names to our list of computer contacts. Then when we wish to end these "friendships", we simply delete that persons name from our list. The tragic incident involving Robin Williams underscores a startling reality and that is that true friendship still eludes many. Even though we are socializing more the number of our truly close friends has decreased. Like most people you probably agree that good friends are important. You may also recognize that there is more to being a friend than clicking links on a computer screen or a smart phone.



What do you look for in a friend? How can you be a good friend? What does it take to forge a good friendship?

Consider the following guiding principles and note how the Bibles practical advice can help you to be the kind of person others would want as a friend.

True friendship involves commitment. In other words a good friend feels a responsibility towards you and he cares about you. Of course such commitment is two way and it requires hard work and sacrifice on both sides but the rewards are worth the effort. Ask yourself 'Am I willing to give my time and my resources to my friend?'

Remember to have a good friend you first need to be a good friend. A good friendship cannot flourish without regular communication. So talk together about the interest you share, listen to what your friend has to say and respect their opinions, then whenever possible commend and encourage them. At times a friend may need advice or even correction and that might not always be easy to give. However a good friend will have the courage to point out a serious fault and offer tactful guidance. " Everyone must be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger." (James 1:19) People always appreciate a listening ear. Monopolizing the conversation however conveys the message that we feel our opinions are greater than theirs. So be a good friend, be attentive, when a friend wishes to share their innocent thoughts and concerns to you and do not get offended if he is honest with you. "The wounds inflicted by a friend are faithful." (Proverbs 27:6)

The closer we get to a friend the more likely we are to see their flaws. Our friends are not perfect but then neither are we. Therefore we should never expect or demand perfection from the people we befriend. Rather it is good to treasure their virtues and to make allowances for their mistakes.

True we need to be selective of who we befriend but that does not mean narrowing our choice of friends to those of a certain age or upbringing. Taking an interest in people of all ages, cultural backgrounds and nationalities can truly enrich our lives.

In keeping with our promise, the officers of our valley have been trying to call you my brothers. Some without success, Please remember we are not bill collectors nor are we trying to sell you anything. Our purpose is to cultivate our friendship and brotherly love. Keep Masonry alive, love your brothers.

*Joseph DaSilva, 32° KCCF  
Venerable Master*

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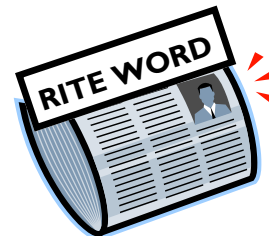
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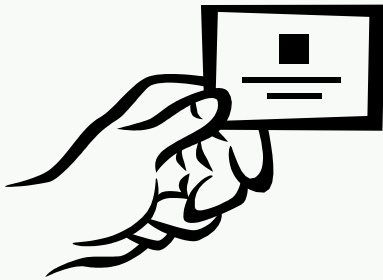




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**From the Commander:**

This month, a number of us will be traveling to New Orleans, where, among other things, we will be visiting our brethren in the Valley of New Orleans Scottish Rite, and will be hosted at a social event by that Valley. In addition, we will be visiting a Blue Lodge and attending a Scottish Rite First Degree, which will be a first for all of us. The point here is that the Brethren in New Orleans are awaiting our visit, and are going far out of their way to welcome us. It demonstrates the universality of our Fraternity – that one is made to feel a part of the family, where ever there are Masons to be found.

Often times we talk about the importance of educating ourselves in the mysticism and symbolism of our order, and of obtaining further light in Masonry. These are indeed important. But sometimes we forget that the true secret to the Fraternity is that kinship – that true brotherhood which exists, which permeates everything we do. It is that, for many of us, which from the outset of our Masonic experience, draws us in and keeps us coming back. That is why our social times are so very important. Those times are not mere indolence or time wasted. Even for those Masons who are truly dedicated to furthering the knowledge and enlightenment of those around them, and who spend countless hours of study, there is still that fellowship, which like a beacon, draws them to be among those of like minds – or even those with significantly divergent opinions – but to those who are Masons all.

So when we relish our social times, as we do at our Scottish Rite Stated Meetings, know that this is as important a part of the Masonic experience, as are all the countless meetings, the study of rituals, and the gaining of knowledge and wisdom.

I hope to see you all where friends and brothers meet to enjoy the company of one another – the San Jose Scottish Rite!

**Randy Downey, 32° KCCH**

Commander

Council of Kadosh

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## San Jose Scottish Rite Reunion Fall 2014 Reunion Schedule

### Friday, October 17

5:30 – 6:00 pm	Registration, Individual Photo, Cap Sizing
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Open Lodge of Perfection and Class Orientation
6:30 – 7:15 pm	Dinner (Lodge of Perfection to host)
7:15 – 8:15 pm	Confer 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree
8:15 – 9:20 pm	Communicate 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Degrees
9:20 – 9:30 pm	Break
9:30 – 10:15 pm	Confer 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> Degree
10:15 pm	Close LOP/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

### Saturday, October 18

9:30 – 10:00 am	Open Lodge of Perfection/Communicate 11 <sup>th</sup> Degree
10:00 – 10:40 am	Confer 12 <sup>th</sup> Degree
10:40 – 10:50 am	Break
10:50 – 11:15 am	Communicate 13 <sup>th</sup> Degree
11:15 – 12:00 pm	Confer 14 <sup>th</sup> Degree/Close LOP
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch (Chapter Rose Croix to host)
12:45 – 12:50 pm	Open Chapter Rose Croix
12:50 – 2:00 pm	Communicate 15 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> Degrees
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Confer 18 <sup>th</sup> Degree/Close Chapter
3:30 pm	Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

### Friday, October 31

6:00 – 6:45 pm	Dinner (Council of Kadosh to host)
6:45 – 6:50 pm	Open Council of Kadosh
6:50 – 7:35 pm	Confer 19 <sup>th</sup> Degree
7:35 – 7:45 pm	Break
7:45 – 8:30 pm	Communicate 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Degrees
8:30 – 9:00 pm	Confer 22 <sup>nd</sup> Degree
9:00 – 9:45 pm	Communicate 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Degrees
9:45 pm	Close Council/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

### Saturday, November 1

9:00 – 10:20 am	Open Council of Kadosh/Communicate 25 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Degrees
10:20 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – 11:45 pm	Confer 29 <sup>th</sup> Degree
11:45 – 12:00 pm	Class Photo
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch (Council of Kadosh to host)
12:45 – 1:45 pm	Confer 30 <sup>th</sup> Degree/Close Council
1:45 pm	Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

### Tuesday, November 4

6:00 – 6:45 pm	Dinner (Consistory to host)
6:45 – 7:30 pm	Open Consistory and Communicate 31 <sup>st</sup> Degree
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Confer 32 <sup>nd</sup> Degree/Close Consistory
9:00 pm	Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)





**Tuesday, September 9th, 2014**

**Assorted Appetizers**

**Braised Tenderloin Tip**

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**Mashed Potatoes**

**Baby Carrots**

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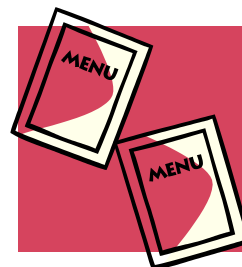
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## ***From the Secretary's Table.....***

My Brothers,

Our Fall Reunion is fast approaching, and we currently have only a few Candidates. 68% of Master Masons in California are not Scottish Rite members. Why don't we try to do good for a Brother by just talking to him about what the Scottish Rite is? Most men who were interested in Masonry and became Master Masons will for sure be interested in what comes after the first three degrees in Blue Lodge. One of the most important goals for each of us should be to inspire good Master Masons to join us and enlighten themselves by the beautiful Scottish Rite Degrees, philosophical studies, special events, entertainment and good fellowship! At your next Blue Lodge Stated Meeting, talk to your Brothers about how much YOU enjoy the Scottish Rite, what you have gotten out of it, and why you think they would benefit from the Scottish Rite degrees. You may just give a Brother that little nudge he needs to say; "Yes. I'm interested. How do I join?"

Our September 9th Stated Meeting will be a special one, in that we will be honoring those excellent NCOs and Officers who lead and inspire the ROTC and JROTC Cadets at their schools. Patriotism is a goal of Scottish Rite Masonry second to none, and we strongly encourage all of you, particularly our Veterans, to attend dinner this night and honor these men. Please get your reservations in EARLY, as we expect a big turnout See you on the 9th!



***Fraternally, Hank Ulcek, General Secretary***



### *From the Wise Master....*

September – month of the autumnal (fall) equinox. The word equinox comes from the Latin words “aequus” (equal) and “nox” (night), literally meaning that day and night are equal. While the vernal (spring) equinox is associated with rebirth, the autumn equinox is associated with old age, but also with harvest & preparation for the winter.

It has been suggested that the autumnal equinox is the point in the circle of a masonic symbol that can be sometimes be found in or even on masonic buildings, such as in Pacific Grove. (See photo on right)



The two lines on the side of the circle are said to represent the Solstices, dedicated to the holy Saints John, with Saint John the Baptist being represented by the Summer Solstice (parallel line left of the circle), and Saint John the Evangelist being represented by the parallel line at the Winter Solstice (right side of the circle). As such, as the two equinoxes are time-wise in between the solstices, given the order, in a two-dimensional representation of the celestial globe. The point in the circle would be the autumnal equinox, and the vernal equinox would be hidden behind it as it would be on the backside of the globe. An interesting interpretation of that symbol, with the equinox alluding again to the need for balance and equality.

For the farmer this is time for harvesting the fruits of the hard labor in spring. Hopefully the crop turned out well. For California wineries, it is expected to be a good year. Dry farmed vines concentrate the flavor of the grapes, so many are hopeful for a great vintage 2014. While labors continue in the wineries, some offer some insights into their work, so this is a great time to explore on your own as larger groups can usually not be accommodated due to the ongoing work. It is time for me though to remind you of our next wine tasting event: Our next Passport Day will be on November 15<sup>th</sup> and we are looking at the Saratoga wineries, specifically Savannah-Chanelle, Cinnabar and Cooper-Garrod. Please call me at (408) 505-1822 in case of questions, and see <http://scmwa.com/event/passport-4/> for information about the passport events.

Fraternally,

**Wolfgang Lochner**

**Wise Master**

### *From the Master of Kadosh,*

I recently returned from traveling to Dubai and India for 3 weeks. Since I had never been out of the North American area, it was most definitely a learning experience for me. For the first time in my life I was not in a predominately Christian Country and I was the oddity as a white male, definitely an eye opener. Dubai is probably the most liberal of the Muslim states, but there was always the underlying culture present. It was the first and probably only time I will ever see a major city that was entirely devoid of graffiti. I was not really prepared for India. There are so many people and the way they drive is simply crazy for an American. I am really glad that I did not need to drive while I was there. India is a study in opposites. You can see the most amazing things and then literally across the street the most abject poverty. I did get to see a number of historic places such as the Taj Mahal, which no picture can really do justice to, it is simply breath taking.



But now it is time to get back into the swing of things. We are about to enter our Fall Reunion and we are at the point where we are looking forward to the changing of the officer guard. So, please start talking to the members of your lodge that are not Scottish Rite Masons about joining our great body. And if you are interested in becoming an officer, make your desire known to one of the current officers, so that we can see about finding a spot for you.

So as always, I ask that you come out and join us. It is your Valley, so participate.

Fraternally,

**Gregg Hall**

**Master of Kadosh**



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**September 20th—27th ~ *Scottish Rite Bodies Trip to New Orleans***

**October 10th—12th ~ *Grand Lodge Communication in San Francisco***

**Tuesday October 14th ~ *Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm***

*Dinner after the Meeting*

**October 17th—18th ~ *First Weekend of Scottish Rite Fall Reunion***

**October 19th ~ *Grand Master's Reception at the Scottish Rite***

**October 28th ~ *Scottish Rite All Officers Meeting at 7pm***

**October 31st—Nov 1st ~ *Second Weekend of Scottish Rite Fall Reunion***

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