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From the Personal Representative:

Brethren and friends, when I joined Scottish Rite thirty years ago, I never dreamed I'd have the delightful experience I enjoyed with others of our valley a few weeks ago at the 50th anniversary celebration of the California Scottish Rite Foundation. Bob Rowan 32° KCCH, Dick Myers 32° KCCH, Hal Leister 32°, Rachel Sense, one of our Language Center Clinicians, and I had the pleasure of attending the November 14 event, and were highly impressed at the presentations made that evening.

In addition to the address by Ill. Ron Seele 33°, Grand Commander, and the words of Ill. Bill Stovall 33°, SGIG for California, we were entertained by an inspiring group of students who are scholarship recipients, and several people who related the experiences they had with our language centers. It is obvious that the vision of the founders of our Speech Therapy Program was phenomenal. The motto of our own Brother Henry J. Kaiser 33°, who is the founder of Kaiser Permanente and Kaiser Industries, was "Find a Need and Fill It" and that motto is no more pertinent than our work in children's speech therapy.

One of the speakers, a mother with a 6 year old son told of bringing her son to the local clinic, and at the time of his graduating from the program, she was so impressed with their program that she went to work for the clinic and she related incident after incident of the "miraculous work" of the clinicians in correcting the speech problems of children.

She described a father, whose daughter at 2 ½, could only speak at a level generally associated with a child of ten or eleven months. The father was surly and withdrawn, projecting the feeling that he blamed himself for his daughter's speech difficulties. The child, though when



alone was cheerful and happy, when she tried to communicate, became frustrated and angry. She was afflicted by an impediment that is rare but fairly well known by speech pathologists, and which I couldn't remember, much less pronounce. This was no comfort to the father; he was unmoved. Under the care and treatment of the clinician, as the little girl's speech improved, so did her outlook on life, and so did her father's attitude. As she blossomed, so did his personality, and at her graduation from the program, they were both the epitome of a bright happy father-daughter combination.

One of the scholarship recipients, a senior DeMolay reflected such gratitude that his attitude was infectious. He told us that the funding from the scholarship was just enough to free him from the necessity to take a part time job in order to stay in school, allow him to concentrate on his studies, and maintain a GPA of over 3.5.

I am often asked the question, "Is Freemasonry relevant in today's world?" To these students and to these young children, Masonry is not only relevant, it's vital to their ability to succeed in life. Grand Commander Seele noted, in his address that we are instrumental in giving young people, "the ability to proceed with a life that is not defined by their manner of speech or their ability to communicate, but by their desire to succeed and to make a contribution to their world".

As I sat there and listened to those testimonials to the effectiveness of our efforts and the difference we have made in the lives of so many people, I couldn't help but reflect on what a tremendous privilege and honor it was for me to be in that place. Also, my mind went to the question of how important it is that we, as Scottish Rite

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Masons, intensify our efforts to support the work of our own clinic and scholarship programs.

At San Jose Scottish Rite, I am proud to say that we take second place to no one in our excellence in the field of charity, but we must not rest. We must strive to be better than ourselves, and better than our efforts of yesterday, noble though they may be.

Am I asking for money? In a way, yes, but I am asking you to give something more important than that. I am suggesting that we all redouble our efforts to add new members to our ranks. With numbers comes financial support, and we have one of the greatest charitable programs in existence that generates a sense of fulfillment in all who participate. We add ten or fifteen men to our rolls each year and lose twenty or thirty. Our funding program is great, but the needs of the community are greater. We have thirty or forty brothers that work hard for the organization, but we need a hundred.

Do what you can, my brothers. The rewards are great and clear. It is the satisfaction of people helping people, a rare commodity in today's world.

Make your contribution to the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies and have your name on the "Honor Roll". Your gift of \$100.00 or more will help the San Jose Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Consistory reach the level necessary to provide quality events for our future success. Incremental gifts welcome too.

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From our new Web-Site:

(Check it out @ www.sanjosescottishrite.org)

Welcome to the San Jose Scottish Rite

Freemasonry has been a part of San Jose for over 150 years. San Jose Lodge #10 (a blue lodge) was issued a dispensation to operate on 11 July 1850. The first recorded communication of degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry was on 16 May 1883 by Albert Pike and the San Jose Lodge of Perfection #13 (a part of Scottish Rite masonry) was organized on 10 March 1885. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite has maintained a temple in San Jose since 1909 and we have been at our current location since 1984.

In addition to being a fraternal organization that attracts the best and most respected men from the community, the San Jose Scottish Rite supports many public institutions including police and fire departments.

When our facilities are not being used for Rite functions, we make them available for rental. Social & religious gatherings, weddings, conventions, reunions and educational events are all welcome at our facilities.

Our charity work is focused primarily on helping children with language and speech disorders. We maintain a clinic on our grounds where children receive treatment free from charge.

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 Secretary's Table:



Brethren,

How very quickly the lapse of time makes itself known to each of us. I could have sworn that yesterday was the first day of 2008.

We are soon to be finished with all our efforts in 2008 and will embark upon the travels expected of us as we travel "through this veil of tears."

Here at San Jose Scottish Rite, we have successfully completed nearly all tasks assigned us for this year and are looking forward to our next journey.

Most of you are aware that we lost another valued member to the Great Architect in November. We will all miss Bro. Larry Pedersen and extend our sympathies to his family and friends.

Many times I have spoken about my love of reading and I came across an article in the Southern California Research Lodge October publication that I should like to share with you. You may find it valuable for your personal responses about Masonry.

MASONRY IN PLAIN LANGUAGE

Doug Price, PM, Grand Lodge of Kansas, had this to say about Masonic Language:

"I love the Craft, and one thing I particularly treasure is the language of the ritual, the lectures and the charges. It is rich, literate English such as one rarely encounters today. However, one area where I think we need to modernize our language is when we talk about Masonry to others, especially men considering joining. Too often I have seen Masons unable to explain in plain language what it is we believe in."

He proposes 18 principles in modern English:

1. *Serve God as you understand him to be.*
2. *Expect good things in life and live like you do.*
3. *Be generous to people in need.*
4. *Keep your promises.*
5. *Be industrious, and improve your mind.*
6. *Remember that there is a life to come, and act with that in mind.*
7. *Take care of your family.*
8. *Be tolerant of the honest opinions of others.*
9. *Keep yourself morally clean.*
10. *Help your Brother Masons*

11. *Learn the ritual work and be active in Lodge.*
12. *Protect your own physical and mental health.*
13. *Be strong in the face of adversity.*
14. *Make your decisions in a calm frame of mind.*
15. *Always treat other people fairly.*
16. *Be proud to be a Mason, but modest in expressing it.*
17. *Watch for good men seeking what Masonry offers, and assist them within the rule.*
18. *Be happy and enjoy life.*

[Beacon, publication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, September/October 2008]

If you are not a member of the Southern California Research Lodge, you should consider becoming one. Their monthly messages are a source of much education and enjoyment.

In closing for this month, the entire staff at San Jose Scottish Rite, wishes the very best for each of you and your families for the Holiday Season. Enjoy!

General Secretary



Christmas Shopping?

If you are looking for some stocking stuffers or an inexpensive little gift for that special Mason on your list, we have some very nice little items on display in our office like Masonic Cuff Links or tie bars; belt buckles; books or a variety of other things. A San Jose Scottish Rite polo shirt is available as well. Stop in and browse!



50 Years in Scottish Rite

Ill. Bob Winter had the pleasure of presenting 50 year caps to Bros. Marty and Bob after our November Stated Meeting Dinner.



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

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For the Ladies

Ladies,

I hope that you each can find time to enjoy the gifts of the season; time with family and friends, listening to wonderful music, sitting by a warm fire, drinking hot chocolate, sampling all the delicious food and enjoying memories of past holidays.

The Children's Christmas Party will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2008. It looks like it is going to be a fun day filled with music, crafts, food and a visit by Santa. I am grateful for all the people that are giving of their time, energy and talent to make this party possible. I appreciate those who are showing up to help put up the decorations and trim the trees as well as those who are coming to help out during the party. I want to thank the ladies who are baking those delicious cookies. I am sure the children will love them. A special thank you needs to be given to Helen McDaniel, Mary Lou Johnson, Ruth Roberts, Melissa Williams, Ken Zuhr and the San Jose Rainbow Girls.

At our December 9th meeting we will be doing a cookie exchange. Please bring three dozen of your favorite cookies along with several copies of the recipe. And, don't forget to bring along a container to take your samples home. During dinner, the "Mason of the Year" awards will be presented to several of the men. It should be a special evening as well as a time to gather with friends.

Augusta E. Rundell said, "*Christmas--that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance--a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved.*"

God Bless - *Susan Ramsey*





From the Clinic!!!

A note from the clinicians:

As the 2008 year comes to a close, we would like to express thanks to our generous donors for the opportunity to help children and families who are in need of speech and language services. The California Scottish Rite Foundation celebrated 50 years of service last month, and we are so grateful to be part of an amazing program that touches the lives of so many people in our community. Thanks to the generous funding by the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation and donations from private individuals, we are able to keep the doors of our clinic open. Without your ongoing support, we could not provide services to children and families who are in need.

The San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Clinic give us as clinicians the very rare opportunity to serve families and children who may otherwise go untreated. During the 50th Anniversary celebration several parents gave speeches about how our philanthropy changed their lives and the lives of their children. Before starting services, these parents felt hopeless. They worried about what was wrong with their child. They worried about how to pay for services. They worried about what would happen to their child if they did not get treatment. They worried about their child's future. One parent spoke of her two year old son who was only using a few words and could not tell her what he wanted, resulting in tantrums and leaving her with a feeling of helplessness. Yet, once treatment started at the Scottish Rite her burden was lifted. Little by little her son acquired language, which gave her hope for her child's future.

Why does our clinic give hope to parents? Public schools are overwhelmed and burdened with large numbers of children who need speech and language treatment. Many children that need services are turned away. While some families are fortunate to have health insurance that covers speech and language treatment, many families cannot afford the typical insurance co-payments for multiple treatment sessions per month. More often than not, families do not have health insurance that covers any speech and language treatment. They cannot afford the expense of weekly or bi-weekly therapy sessions for months on end which can cost on average \$135 per treatment session and hundreds of dollars for testing services at a private clinic. Thanks to the Foundation and your support, our therapy sessions and diagnostic services are free. We cannot express what a blessing it is to focus on a child's treatment and the needs of the parents without worrying that a family cannot afford our services.

As clinicians, we feel blessed to work at the San Jose Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic. With the large number of children served and the many others that patiently await services, our clinic is always in need of donations. Thanks to your continued support, we can give hope to families who might otherwise have none.

Many of the children, their parents and some who are on the Clinic waiting list will be attending the Christmas Party on December 6th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please join us!

October Donations:

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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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From the Wise Master

FALL REUNION

The first phase of our Fall Reunion was conducted on Saturday, 25 October, with a most outstanding Fourth Degree performance! The Degree Director, Bro.



Randy Downey and his cast, Bro. Bud Ramsey, Bro. Jack Harris, Bro. John Matteroli, Bro. Lee Milde, and Ill Bob Winter, have set us on a path to have an excellent Fall Reunion! Many favorable comments were made regarding the degree; **many said that it was the best fourth degree that we have ever had!**

Bro. Dan Doornbos did his usual outstanding discussions and conferral of the orally communicated degrees! Great support was received from Bro. Robert Rowan, Mary Lou Johnson, Ill. Roger Bibb, Bro. Ken Zuhr, Bro. Richard Fisher, Bro. Ken Justus, Bro. Jack Harris, Bro. Chuck Cowden and Phillip Martinez.

The degrees that are being given are the new degrees, which were revised for the following reasons:

- a. Preservation of the content of the Albert Pike ritual.
 - b. Retention of historical and ritualistic validity.
 - c. Deletion of repetitive passages.
 - d. Clarity of meaning and purpose.
 - e. Enhancement of dramatic impact.
 - f. Ease of staging.
 - g. Eloquent simplicity of sentence structure.
 - h. Preservation of degree continuity and chronology.
 - i. Logical transition from one Degree to another.
- Preservation of ritual's formal integrity.

The revisions introduce standardize slides and transparencies, as well as music!

According to early rituals, one of the passwords meant, "reunited to accomplish", which means a gathering of Scottish Rite Masons assembled to confer degrees. We use the word "reunion" to mean a gathering of Scottish Rite Masons assembled to confer degrees. We encourage members to faithfully attend our meetings and reunions, in order to refresh our memories of wise philosophy.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the pres-

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From the Master of Kadosh

In my final message for 2008, I want to pass on more Masonic wisdom from Brother Manly P. Hall. I found this passage in his book, "The Lost Keys of Freemasonry".



Masons, Awake!

"Your creed and your craft demand the best that is in you. They demand the sanctifying of your life, the regeneration of your body, the purification of your soul and the ordination of your spirit. Yours is the glorious opportunity; yours is divine responsibility. Accept your task and follow in the footsteps of the Master Masons of the past, who with the flaming spirit of the Craft have illuminated the world. You have the great privilege – the privilege of enlightened labor. You may know the ends to which you work, while others must struggle in darkness. Your labors are not to be confined to the tiled lodge alone, for a Mason must radiate the qualities of his craft. Its light must shine in his home and in his business, glorifying his association with his fellow men. In the Lodge and out of the Lodge, the Mason must represent the highest fruitage of sincere endeavor."

This was written in circa 1922 and is just as pertinent and apropos in 2008. I trust you will find this alert from Brother Hall interesting and even helpful as you travel on your Masonic journey.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Chuck Cowden, 32 ° Master of Kadosh

Overheard recently:

I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus. Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mom, a Wise Woman would have brought diapers."



From the Venerable Master

Brethren and Ladies –



Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!!! I hope this season brings you joy and prosperity. This is also the time of year for Lodge Installations, gift giving, holiday parties, and so on. I want to thank my wife, Susan, for her efforts in putting together the Christmas Party for the children who have been involved in our Childhood Language Clinic. This is an event appreciated by all.

At our next meeting, during the dinner, we'll be awarding the "Mason of the Year" designated by each of the Lodges in the area and I want to encourage all of you to attend. This is our opportunity to recognize Masons who are being acknowledged by their own Lodge for their contributions. In addition to the usual good meal, this should be a fun event.

On October 25th we began our Reunion by conferring the new 4th Degree. Anyone in attendance will tell you that the Degree Team did an excellent job under the direction of Brother Randy Downey. I also want to commend our General Secretary, Bob Rowan KCCH, for the props, stage setting, slide work, and "special sounds" that contributed to the overall effectiveness of the degree. We received a lot of compliments with many saying it was the best they had seen.



I hope all of you have a great holiday. This is also the time for a lot of good food. Dave Barry once said, "I recently had my annual physical examination, which I get once every seven years, and when the nurse weighed me, I was shocked to discover how much stronger the Earth's gravitational pull has become since 1990." Much like Dave, my understanding is that leaving Thanksgiving and heading into this holiday season is a time when the gravitational pull increases the most.

And as we approach the New Year, let's remember the words of Hal Borland who said, "Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us." Scottish Rite is full of rich experiences and sage wisdom if we take the time to study and live its precepts. See you at the next meeting!

Bud Ramsey
Venerable Master

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entation of the Fourteenth Degree at our schedule meeting and dinner on 13 January 2009 and 15 through 32 Degrees on 20 and 21 February 2009. Dinner will be served on 20 February, breakfast and lunch will be served on 21 February and the Reunion will conclude with a formal banquet {including wives and friends} and capping and ring ceremonies.

We look forward to seeing you there.

My congratulations to the Fourth Degree Director and Cast for a job very well done!

Hal Leister, 32° Wise Master

In Memoriam

Albert O'Brien Bemiss	Yreka	August 21, 2008
William David Dickerson	Loma, CO	October 8, 2008
Cleo Picquette	San Jose	January 19, 2008
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Donald Christopher Stacy	Lockwood	November 24, 2007
Larry Harold Pedersen	Los Gatos	November 14, 2008

December Stated Meeting Dinner - 7:15 PM

-Tuesday December 9, 2008



\$15.00 per
person

Holiday Menu

- Smoked Prime Rib
- Skewered Prawns
- Baked Potato
- Caesar Salad
- Fresh Vegetables
- Pasta for Vegetarians *by advance request*
- Coffee or Tea
- Special Desert

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(Check out our newly designed web-site! For those of you who have asked to receive communications by e-mail, we will soon be sending you an e-mail message to inform you that the "Rite Word" is available for reading or download. 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

Giving a sermon one Sunday, I heard two teenage girls in the back giggling and disturbing people. I interrupted my sermon and announced sternly, "There are two of you here who have not heard a word I've said." That quieted them down.

When the service was over, I went to greet people at the front door. Three adults apologized for going to sleep in church, promising it would never happen again.

Don't forget the Mason of the Year Celebration after our December Stated Meeting Dinner!

Membership is always important:

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ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE BODIES
Office of the Secretary (408) 978-7483
2455 Masonic Drive – PO Box 18220, San Jose, CA. 95158-8220

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

(Please print or type)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-Mail address: _____

Mailing Address (If different from above): _____

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:

December 1, 2008 - Decoration of Building Party - Beginning at 11:00 AM

December 6, 2008 - Christmas Party for all Scottish Rite Masons, their Family members, and all Clinic Children and their Families

December 9, 2008 - December Stated Meeting & Dinner (Mason of the Year Program)

December 14, 2008 - Deadline for January "Rite Word" articles!

January 10, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)

January 13, 2009 - January Stated Meeting and Dinner followed by conferral of the 14th Degree

January 27, 2009 - Annual Installation Officers - All are invited to attend!



We will be decorating our facility for the December 6th Christmas Party and the Christmas season on Monday, December 1st starting at 11:00 AM - Suitable refreshments will be available and we would welcome your help!



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