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From the Venerable Master

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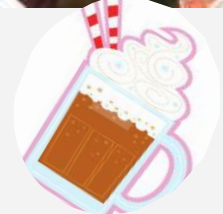
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My Brothers and their Ladies,

Well, my first meeting started off good. We had a few rough patches but I think we've got the hang of it now. I will be looking forward to seeing you all in March. As you see above we are having a movie night and enjoy upon you all to bring your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. It will be an awesome time, sure to be much fun!

As you know, our involvement with the rental program will end in March, and much of our former staff will be gone. We will have some help brought in for the reunions. However, for social events, it will be up to you and me, my Brothers, to help set up and clean up our social events, and I will be helping only in spirit. So when volunteers are asked for, please help. Be seeing you,

JACK HARRIS, VENERABLE MASTER

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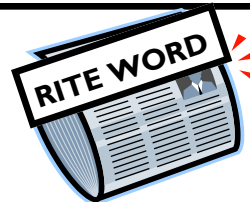
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Finn is a bright, sweet and energetic little 4 year old boy who comes to our clinic for speech and language therapy. He comes once per week for 45 minute therapy sessions. Finn enjoys reading books, playing with puzzles, cars, trains and games. He lives at home with his parents and 3 siblings. Finn's mother first heard about the clinic from a friend and then came across it again online, while researching resources for her son.



Before coming to our clinic, Finn was diagnosed with childhood apraxia of speech, and had begun seeing another therapist privately. Apraxia creates a difficulty producing, sequencing and coordinating oral movements. Children with apraxia have a difficult time producing and combining sounds to create words. As a result their speech can be difficult to understand, as was the case for Finn. His mother stated, "Before Finn began speech therapy, he could only say a few one syllable words and of those, many were unintelligible. He had trouble moving his mouth when eating and speaking. He often drooled and his tongue often hung out of the side of his mouth."

Finn had already made great progress in previous therapy by the time he started at our clinic. He was however, still in need of additional help. Finn's treatment goals have focused on various consonant-vowel combinations that have gradually become longer and more complicated in structure. Most of his targets are at the phrase and short sentence level. He has worked on producing consonants at the ends of words as well as the /g/ and /k/ sounds. His mother reported, "Since Finn began speech therapy, his speech sounds have grown dramatically. He talks non-stop and people can understand most of what he is saying. He is eating more foods and no longer drools."

Finn is always a delight to work with and comes in full of life and ready to go. He is a hard worker and is quickly meeting many of his goals. His mom stated, "Finn's treatment has impacted our family greatly. He is no longer combative out his frustration at not being able to communicate. Financially it has been a god send. With four children, 3 of which requiring additional education and speech support, it gets very costly. The most rewarding thing about getting support here is the smiles and confidence it gives my son."

His mother went on to say, "Finn's experience here has been nothing but awesome. Miss Angela is super supportive. All the staff is very friendly. They make us always feel welcome and give us really useful tools to work on at home. Our sincerest thanks for the opportunities and support you have given our son and family. We feel truly blessed to be a part of your clinic."



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 Please feel free to call anytime!
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Please remember those brothers that are shut in. A friendly call or note from a fellow brother would be a warm and appreciated gesture. Though, they cannot always be present , they are certainly not out of mind. We wish them all the best. God Bless.

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Brethren:
February is almost gone and March (and Spring) are around the corner. February brought to us many happy occasions. Valentines Day was given as a reminder and as an opportunity to express our LOVE and RESPECT to all our FRIENDS and FAMILY. But I ask myself, "Do we need a reminder and a special occasion to express our Love and Respect"? These opportunities present themselves every day. Yet, before we know it, the people we wished to greet are gone, and those things we meant to say went unsaid. So, I say unto you my Brothers and Sisters: Seize all those chances. Tell them that you love them. You never know about Tomorrow.

On another note, we had a very good Fellowship Gathering on Sunday the 15th. The day could not have been any better. Masons from many lodges as well as other men who were interested in knowing more about this Brotherhood showed up to enjoy the camaraderie, food, spirits, magic show and cigars. Brother Hank was there to amaze all, especially our newcomer, Brandon Duenas. Our next gathering will be held at Brother Joe Campbell's home. Details can be obtained from Brother Hank Vlcek.

March brings Saint Patrick's Day, which means Corned Beef and Cabbage, plus a lot of Irish jokes. However, since you will all have had your fill of CB&C at other venues, WE will be having an Italian themed Dinner at our next Stated Meeting. Make sure that you contact Angela NOW and make your dinner reservations.

I will be waiting to see you all there.

Be well and GOD BLESS YOU ALL !

Will Montoya

Commander, Council of Kadosh



Greetings!

Maidin mhaith! (Good Morning!)

Okay, so I'm not Irish. But—it seems an appropriate greeting for March. Often you'll hear people use "Top o' the morning!" But almost any Irish person will inform you that they have never, ever, heard even *one* of their countrymen utter these words. There's a lot of opinions of where the phrase came from and some find it annoying. But what's important, as far as I'm concerned, is that March 17th, St. Patick's Day, is a "Feast Day" and that makes it worth celebrating.



For a bit of "March" Masonic history/trivia - on March 3rd, 1753, George Washington was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia. Also, March 6th, 1775 marked the beginning of what became a huge movement or organization in the US known as Prince Hall Masonry. And on March 17th, 1848, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington DC was established. Lastly, on March 24th, 1887, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle became a Master Mason and Sir Winston Churchill became a Master Mason on March 26th, 1902, in Studholme Lodge No. 1591 in London. I know you'll all sleep better knowing this.

I want to take a moment to call your attention to our Clinic. In the early 1950s in Colorado, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated this program to help children with speech and language disorders. This led to the establishment of the RiteCare® clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

Today, there are 178 RiteCare® clinics, centers, and special programs operating or planned for children and therapists located throughout the United States. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel. Through the support of Scottish Rite members like us, these clinics, centers, and programs continue to increase. The value of this philanthropy has long been apparent. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly. With the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives. Brethren, we should be proud of the work being done by our Clinic and I encourage you to consider making a donation to help support this effort.

William Jennings Bryan said, "If a man measures life by what others do for him, he is apt to be disappointed; but if he measures life by what he does for others, there is no time for despair." Making a difference in the life of a child gives your life even greater meaning! See you on Tuesday night!

Bud Ramsey

Master of Kadosh

From the Secretary's Table.....

My Brothers,

I hope this issue of the RITE WORD finds all of you well! I want to truly thank those of you who have sent in your 2015 dues! This has been the best response in years for this time of year. Of about 750 members in the SJSR, there are less than 150 who have yet to pay. If you are one of those, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!!

Our Spring Reunion starts on April 18. Have you spoken to a worthy Bro Master Mason about joining the Scottish Rite? We have so much to offer our Brothers, and the right word of encouragement from you could be just what they need to ask for an application.. If EACH of you would sponsor just one man—think how big a class we could have! You all have men in your Lodge who would benefit from being a Scottish Rite Mason. Ask them today!

Hank Vlcek, General Secretary





Tuesday, March 10th, 2015

Assorted Appetizers

- Penne Marinara
- Italian Sausage**
- Meatballs
- Vegetable**
- Caesar Salad
- Garlic Bread**
- Dessert

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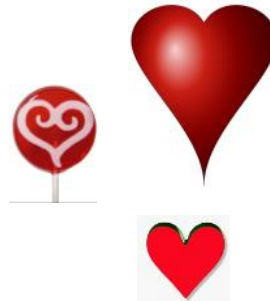
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**The weak can never forgive.
Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.
~GHANDI**



February Dinner Festivities !



Yes, I'm running as fast as I can. However—"I must run faster to get ahead of my people"
—Quote from M. Gandhi; as he was trying to develop India from English rule.

I have always read the articles in the past Rite Word monthly bulletins but never really understood the intensity of the research or the time it must have taken to prepare each article *and* to get it out in time. It might seem easy to the casual reader but for each new SR Master or Officer it becomes almost overbearing considering all of our additional masonic obligations. Note to Upcoming SJSR future Masters—save your monthly Rite Word bulletins *now*. You will really need them and your calendar for reference when you are called upon to write your own monthly Rite Word Articles. ~ You will be lost without them.

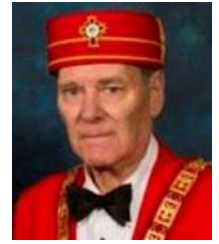
Chapter Rose Croix Specials For March 2015.

1. **Tuesday March 10**, 6:00 pm—SJSR Stated Meeting at 6:00pm so arrive by 5:30 & don't forget to sign in at the table. (CH. Rose Croix is Host for tonight so be prepared.)
2. **Sunday, March 22**, 10:00 to 3:00 pm—Oakland Aviation Museum visit. Wors Fletcher Dobbs of Liberty Lodge is leading a group to travel to the old Navy Airbase in Oakland and see (and even sit in) many of the historical US aircraft fully restored or in process of repair. This is an extraordinary collection of planes. There will be a noon-time BBQ and we can ride or car pool-along or with them. If you want to travel with us in their group or in our own SR group please let me know soon so I can reserve and coordinate all family numbers with them for reservations. (Dell 650 948-1400).
3. **Tuesday, March 24**—SJSR, All Officer Council Meeting, 7:00 PM sharp.
4. **April 2015 SR Hi Lites** — **Tuesday, April 2nd** "Maundy Thursday" St. John the Baptist Day -Dinner and a Historical Presentation. Reservations Required.— **Tuesday, April 14** — Stated Meeting at 6:00pm

More next month with a historic background of St. John the Baptist Day.

Dell Bleiler

Wise Master



San Jose Scottish Rite - Spring Reunion Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

9am - 930am	Registration, Photo, Cap Sizing
930am - 10am	Class Orientation
10am - 11am	Open Lodge of Perfection and Confer 4th Degree
11am - 1115am	Break
1115am - 1215pm	Communicate 5th - 8th Degrees
1215pm - 1pm	Lunch (LOP to host)
1pm - 145pm	Communicate 9th - 11th Degrees
145pm - 230pm	Confer 12th Degree
230pm - 245pm	Break
245pm - 315pm	Communicate 13th Degree
315pm - 4pm	Confer 14th Degree
4pm	Close LOP/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

6pm - 640pm	Dinner (Chapter Rose Croix to host)
640pm - 645pm	Open Chapter Rose Croix
645pm - 745pm	Communicate 15th - 17th Degrees
745pm - 915pm	Confer 18th Degree
915pm	Close Chapter/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)



SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

9am - 905am	Open Council of Kadosh
905am - 10am	Confer 19th Degree
10am - 1040am	Communicate 20th-21st Degrees
1040am - 1050am	Break
1050am - 1130am	Confer 22nd Degree
1130am - 1215pm	Communicate 23rd - 25th Degrees
1215pm - 1pm	Lunch (Council of Kadosh to host)
1pm - 2pm	Communicate 26th - 28th Degrees
2pm - 250pm	Confer 29th Degree
250pm - 330pm	Break/Class Photo/Catch up on previous Degrees
330pm - 430pm	Confer 30th Degree
430pm	Close Council/Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

6pm - 645pm	Dinner (Consistory to host)
645pm - 730pm	Open Consistory and Communicate 31st Degree
730pm - 9pm	Confer 32nd Degree
9pm	Close Consistory and Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

Looking forward to seeing you all!



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Tuesday, March 10th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

Italian Themed Dinner after the Meeting

Thursday, March 12th ~ Santa Clara Valley MOA—Hosted by South Valley Lodge # 187

6:30pm—Annual Chicken Feed Dinner ~ 7:30pm — Grand Master's Visitation

Tuesday, March 24th ~ Scottish Rite All Officers Meeting @ 7pm

Tuesday, April 14th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

Dinner after the Meeting

Saturday, April 18th ~ First Weekend of Scottish Rite Spring Reunion , 9am—4pm

Tuesday, April 21st ~ Santa Clara Valley MOA—Hosted by Los Altos Lodge # 712

6:30pm—Dinner ~ 7:30pm — SOI—Ritual of the 2nd Degree

Friday-Saturday, April 24/25th ~ Second Weekend of Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

Tuesday, April 28th ~ Scottish Rite All Officers Meeting @ 7pm

Tuesday, May 5th ~ 32nd Degree of Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

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