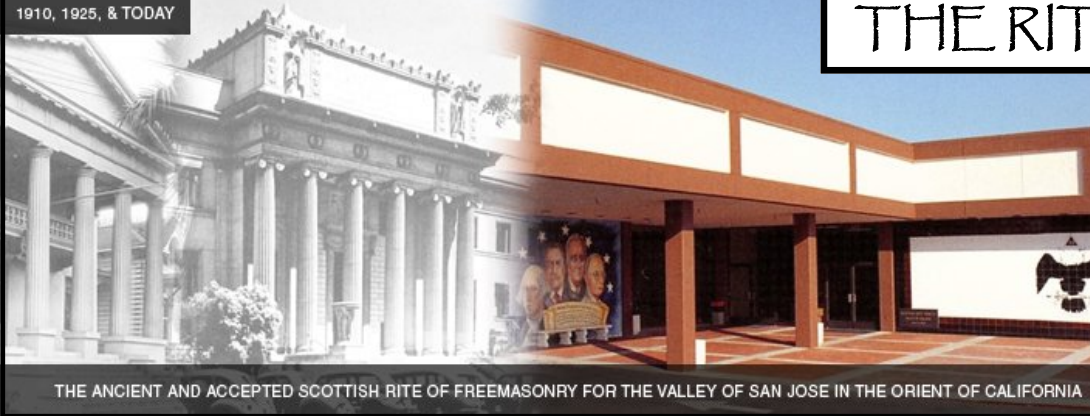


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THE RITE WORD

February 2013

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From the Ill. Kenneth Nagel 33



Well, another year has ended, a new corps of officers has been installed, and it is time to look ahead to another wonderful year in the Valley of San Jose.

Let me first start this article by congratulating Most Worshipful and Illustrious Frank Loui on his ap-

pointment to "Deputy of the Supreme Council in California", and look forward to later in the year, his being elevated to SGIG for California. Frank, the Valley of San Jose pledges our support for your success as you take the helm. Congratulations!

As I stated earlier, our Installation was held last month and I think and congratulate all the officers for taking leadership roles within our Valley. I was disappointed though on how few of our members were in attendance. I say disappointed, but not discouraged. Over the last couple of years, our Valley has taken steps to grow in membership and in holding events that are meaningful for the Valley and its members. If you have not been to a Scottish Rite meeting for a while, I ask that you come see what is taking place. I think you will be pleased.

I am pleased on what has already been scheduled for this year and I look forward to new suggestions from our leadership team. This year for example, we will hold our 3rd Annual Grand Master recognition "Festive Board" where we will honor our Grand Master, his lady and his special project. We look forward to having Most Worshipful John Lowe and Lady Becky join with us for a great evening. We will again hold two "Nights of Instruction" banquets chaired by Bro. Chuck Cowden. Bro. Richard Fisher is again chairing our Scholarship Committee, as we will honor another graduating senior on their way to college. Later in the year, we will again honor the Masters of our lodges as they complete their term sitting in the East of their particular lodge. We exist only because our Craft Lodg

es are strong and we wish to honor the men who have held our lodges together.

We will continue some traditional events like our Maundy Thursday Celebration, Sweethearts Night, as well as 25 year and 50 year membership celebrations. And naturally, we will hold our Semi-Annual Reunions for new members this Spring and Fall. I am particularly pleased on our progression of adding new degree teams for our Reunions. Besides the five mandatory degrees, we have added five additional degrees and this year we are adding two more. There are 25 lodges that make up our Valley's geographic area, and I have asked a few of the local lodges to create a degree team from the membership within their lodge. I have been extremely pleased to see my challenge taken and lodges in the Monterey and Santa Cruz areas have developed a team. Liberty Lodge developed a team last Fall and our newest lodge, South Valley Lodge, is completing their work to have a new team in place by the Spring Reunion. I was recently informed that Willow Glen Fraternity lodge has started to develop a team that they will have in place by this Fall. I would like to again make the challenge to all our membership. Determine who in your lodge is a member of our Valley and try to gain support to take on one of our degrees. It is fun learning new work and our Valley will be the better due to your efforts.

The Masters of our four bodies are also putting together a few social events to be sprinkled throughout the year. So watch for the latest edition of "The Rite Word". Find something that intrigues you and come out and see what is happening in YOUR Valley.

Our Foundation is still very strong, but we can always use a new contribution here or there to continue our work. Our clinic continues to do amazing things with our kids and I am very proud of what is being accomplished. For the past couple of years we have also made sizable contributions to the Grand Master's project, Masons 4 Mitts, recognition of our DeMolay leadership at their Annual Con-

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clave as well as our Scholarship program which I have previously spoken to.

The last item I would like to speak to is communication. I can only know if we are heading in the right direction if I hear from you. As I stated earlier, I was disappointed in the attendance at our Installation. I would think it would naturally be one of the larger events of the year. Please give me your thoughts about where we are headed. What are we not providing that you would like to see regarding our Valley? What would excite you to return to an active role? Our Valley is here to support you, but I need to know your thoughts and desires. Please contact me when you think we are failing, but most importantly communicate. You are a valued member and we value your input. The Valley is only successful if you think we have done right. Let us know!

I look forward to seeing each of you over this coming year. Come on out and help make a difference!

Ken Nagel Personal Rep

From the Venerable Master

Greetings from the East

The installation of Officers for 2013 is complete. Attendance for the Installation was disappointing. All Officers are certified in their various stations and tasks. My personal thanks to the brethren for entrusting to me the office of Venerable Master in the Lodge of Perfection. I look forward to an interesting year and hopefully to increased attendance.

The Four Masters and their corps of officers will be organizing a couple of social functions for each of the four bodies for the coming year. I encourage you to participate in those functions. The Knights of St. Andrew will be organizing some entertainment for the members and families as well. Look for the announcement in future newsletters.

Please remember that "RSVP" is not just decoration for dinner, social and meeting advertisements, It simply means that we need to know that you are attending. Please follow through so that you are not embarrassed.

The following was posted on Linked IN as part of the Group "Forget Me Not Pin" by Brother Michael Dean Aulsebrook, Durban area, South Africa. It is appropriate considerations for all Masons and since we are Scottish Rite Masons, I thought everyone might like it.

10 GUIDES FOR FREEMASONS

1. I am the representative of my Lodge and of all Free and Accepted Masons. Whatever I do or say reflects directly upon myself and my fellow Freemasons everywhere and our good works.
2. I am responsible for what my Lodge and Freemasonry represent. They can be no more than what my fellow Freemasons and I make them.
3. I should not criticize what my fellow Freemasons do for Freemasonry unless I have a better suggestion and I am prepared to do it myself.
4. I must remember that the fact that I bear the name, Master Mason or Freemason, is not enough. I must continue to be worthy.
5. My fellow members and I are our Lodges and Freemasonry. Without our active support they cease to exist.
6. My Lodge does me a favour by calling upon me. I am not doing the Lodge a favour by serving. It is both an obligation and a privilege to help the Lodge and Freemasonry.
7. I should treat my fellow Freemasons with the same respect, honour, and understanding that I would like to receive from them.
8. It is not a right to be a Freemason, it is an honour. I should respect that honour by abiding by all of the precepts of my Lodge, my Grand Lodge, and Freemasonry as a whole.
9. Whatever differences my fellow Freemasons and I may have, we are all bound together by the bonds of our loyalty to The GAOTU, our families, the Lodge, and Freemasonry.
10. The willing Master Mason and his understanding family are the lifeblood of the Lodge and Freemasonry.

"In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock."

Thomas Jefferson, 1791

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

B.J. McCuiston, Venerable Master LOP



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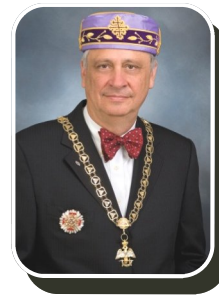
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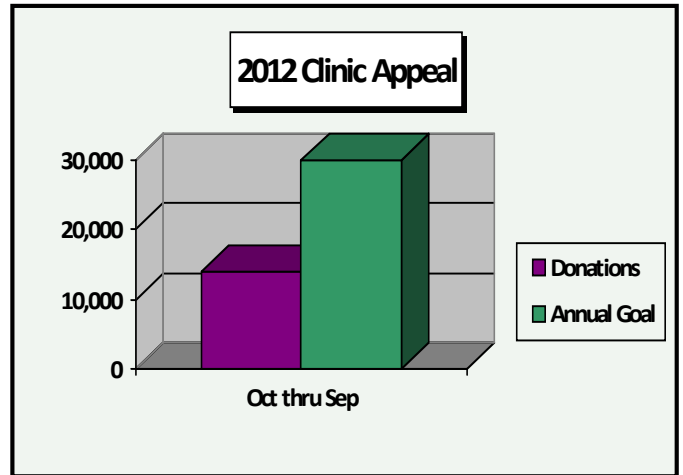
To The Foundation & Clinic

-Bro Wayne Thompson

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As you can see, we fell considerably short (less than 50%) of our goal for fiscal year 2012. We need your help to do better in 2013

We, the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation (TIN 94-2541623), hereby certify that all funds received on the behalf of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation, The Children's Language Disorders Clinic, and/or the San Jose Scottish Rite Scholarship funds are used for charitable purposes only and the donor receives no goods or services in return for their donation.*

Brethren All,

From the Secretary's Table:

Here we are at the beginning of another Scottish Rite year. Our officers have been regularly installed and charged with their duties; our Clinic is very active; our Scholarship program is alive and new applications are coming in for evaluation; and our ROTC program is going strong. We have both a Spring and Fall Reunions planned, a traditional Maundy Thursday program and a Feast of Tishri scheduled. Other social programs are in the works and I hope that we will see each of you more often this year. We need your participation to make any program work well.

Thank you to our retiring Almoner, Bro. Herb Dallas, 32^o KCCH for his untiring efforts on our behalf and please welcome Bro. Alan Spalding, 32^o as his replacement. Herb has promised that he is not leaving for good and will be able to assist Alan whenever needed.

Fraternally,





From the Commander, Council of Kadosh

Over the years, I have had occasion to discuss the Masonic Fraternity with a number of people. Some people believe they know a lot about the Masons. And a few non-Masons actually do. But most people don't know much because they don't know where to find accurate information. And they don't know anybody who is a Mason. Most people are really not interested.

A number of Masons wear rings with the ubiquitous Square and Compass. If you're a Mason or if you come from a Masonic family, you immediately recognize the Square and Compass emblem. In my experience, however, most people have little idea what that symbol means or that the wearer is a member of a venerable institution. Or that there actually is such a thing as a venerable institution.

One assumption that any non-Masons make is that the Masonic Fraternity is a monolithic organization, meaning that there is large, centrally controlled body of men who specialize in group-think, secretly influence historical events, or dream of world domination.

They are surprised when I tell them that Masonry is composite of interdependent organizations. An individual may limit his or her membership to one group and occasional participation. Or, one may join over a dozen groups and become active in each. We joke the member who presents himself for his three Degrees, then you next see him half a century later when he gets his 50-year pin. I have not been a member for 50 years yet, so I cannot claim to actually know somebody like that.

But I do know a large number of people who belong to a number of Masonic organizations, and, outside of occasional scheduling conflicts, seem to find time for all of them. On top of that, they get themselves recruited into leadership roles. Fortunately for such individuals, most leadership jobs are regularly rotated, with officers advancing to the next higher position each calendar year. There are many opportunities for a member to participate. Unfortunately, the number of members willing and able to take on a job with substantial responsibility has clearly been dwindling.

Here at the San Jose Scottish Rite, we are blessed with a strong corps of active members, augmented with a steady influx of enthusiastic new members. As a result, the officer lines in each of the four bodies are filled, as well as positions for trustees, administrators, and degree-teams. And the men in those jobs want to participate and are eager to create good and worthwhile experiences.

As we start a new Scottish Rite year, we are planning a number of activities, from reunions, to receptions, to activities offsite. Whatever we do, it will be fun because we make it fun. It will be educational because we do our homework. And it will be done well because we practice our rituals. Why do we do it? Because we find value in it. The experience is worthwhile, uplifting, and meaningful. That's why we are here.

Daniel Doornbos

Commander

From the Master of Kadosh

Brethren, I have let this month sneak up on me and have not done as much research as needed to be done to be prepared for writing this article.

As Ill. Roger Bibb noted at the completion of his term in 2012, those at the head of the various Bodies of the Scottish Rite owe a great deal of their success, or lack thereof to the other members of their respective lines and further to the participation of the Brethren of the membership. So I would like to start where Ill. Bibb left off and thank, somewhat in advance, both of those groups for their expected continued support and attendance at our various functions. The most significant effort, in terms of planing and execution for the San Jose Consistory Officer line will be the The Feast of Tishri which will happen, probably in the month of September. I hope to have the specific timing details worked out with Brother Rowan and Angela by the time the Rite Word is published in March.

Needless to say, The Consistory will be heavily involved in both the Spring and Fall Reunions for 2013, especially the various dinners and food selections for these events and most notably the 32nd Degree which is one of only two for which the Consistory has specific responsibility. The other Consistory Degree is the 31st which is one which is currently being communicated, not exemplified. I expect to have more details on all of the years Consistory sponsored activities in Master of Kadosh messages.

Jerry Best

Master of Kadosh





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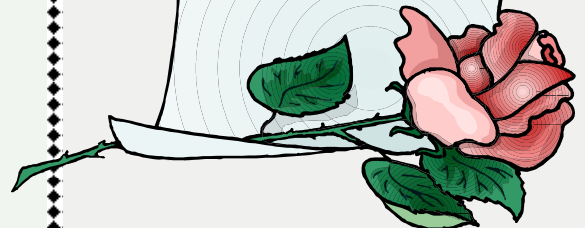
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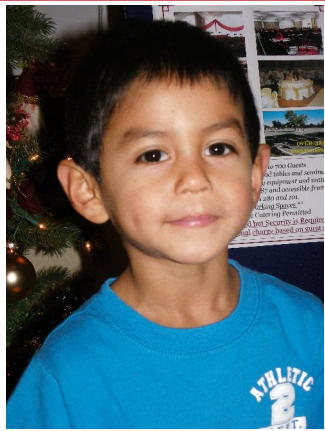
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Mateo is a cute four year, nine month old boy who started services at our clinic due to a moderate-severe receptive and expressive language disorder. While Mateo's native language is Spanish, extensive testing in both English and Spanish revealed that his difficulties were not due to English as a second language.



When Mateo first started treatment, analysis of his language output during a connected speech sample found that his mean-length-of-utterance or MLU was less than one. The MLU is the average number of morphemes that a child produces in a single utterance. It is not necessarily the number of words a child says in one utterance, as the MLU also takes into account the complexity of a child's utterance by examining the syntax and grammar of the utterance. This is important because it can help indicate a language delay or disorder in comparison to other typically developing children of a similar age. Given Mateo's age at the time of testing, it was expected that he would have an MLU between 3.75 to 4.5.

It has now been a year since Mateo started services, and his language has blossomed. While he still quiet, a recent analysis of his MLU, found it to be at 5.34, which is within the average range as compared to typically developing peers! His mother has noticed a significant difference in his language as well, which has impacted his confidence and "having complete trust in himself. Expressing him[self] with words [has] really impat[ed] me so much and [has made] me so happy" she commented.

While Mateo will continue to come to the clinic to work on grammar, vocabulary and language formulation, he is a much more confident and self-assured youngster. His family has been supportive of him too as they faithfully come every week and always complete the homework. Mateo's mother describes her experience at our clinic as "a wonderful service not just for my son, for my whole family...Special thanks to Rachel...for all the quality time and service." It has truly been a pleasure watching Mateo's language mature and we look forward to seeing him continue to blossom!

Clinic Message for February 2013

I have been asked by our General Secretary, Bob Rowan, to assist in writing some messages about our Childhood Language Disorders Clinic. I appreciate the invitation because I am always pleased to serve and do all I can for our children.

For the calendar year 2012 our clinic served 119 children. In December, despite the end-of-year holidays, our clinicians were able to complete 156 treatment hours for a total of 51 children.

There are currently 90 children on our waiting list, a decrease from a high of nearly 120 children last August when we temporarily closed the waiting list due to high volume. We have now resumed screenings and ask that you direct any parents whose children might need help to contact the Clinic.

Your Scottish Rite Children's Speech and Language Clinic continues to be in need of your financial help. The children in the community need us to continue to provide our services, as indicated by the length of our waiting list. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the San Jose Scottish Rite Children's Language Disorders Clinic today.

Thanks again to each of you for your help and support of our Clinic.

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH
Member of the Board of Directors
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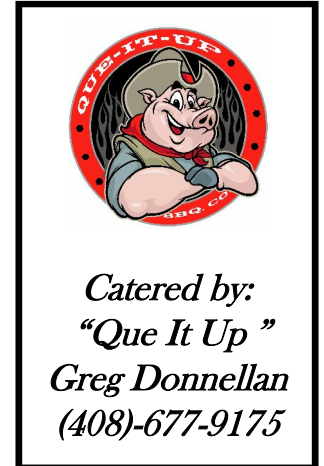
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“You'll know tonight,” he said.

That evening, her husband came home with a small package for her. Thrilled, she opened it and found a book titled “The Meaning of Dreams.”



A boy found a frog that said,

“Kiss me and I will become a beautiful princess!”

” The boy studied the frog, then put it in his pocket. “Hey,” the frog croaked, “how come you didn't kiss me?”

“I'd rather have a talking frog than a princess any day!”



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 FEBRUARY 2013**

Charity is the distinguishing grace of Freemasonry. Derived from the Latin "caritas", the word may also be translated as "love." Love and charity equally grace and distinguish Freemasonry.

A Freemason's charity is not limited by country or color, by distance or by religion. Instead a Freemason's charity extends everywhere because it is central to his character as a member of our Masonic fraternity.

In fact, the essence of Masonry is character. Masonry not only teaches the brotherhood of Masons, but also the brotherhood of men. Masonry is a broad system of ethics, teaching the science of humanity, based upon the recognition of these truths: we have a common origin, a common destiny and the Great Architect of the Universe is the Father and Creator of us all. Out of those relationships grows the Brotherhood of Man.

Let us each endeavor to bring more men of good character into Masonry in 2013.

God Bless you all,

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~ All Officers Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Tuesday March 12th ~ Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM

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