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*From the Personal Representative:*

Brethren and Friends.

This is the last of that mini-series of messages I refer to as “The Four T’s of Freemasonry.” As many of our readers have undoubtedly guessed, the subject for this message, the last of the series, is TRUST.

Like “Tolerance,” the third characteristic of a Mason, Trust is not written down in any of our rituals, and I’m at a loss to ascribe a particular emblem to this personality trait, unless it is the ‘Sword Pointing to a Naked Heart’, reminding us that our Maker will eventually call us to answer for even the slightest wrong done to a brother or fellow human being. Even so, our ability and, yes, our inclination to trust our brothers, is certainly an integral part of our craft, and one that we daily use among ourselves. When I think of the things I like most about my brethren Trust is always at the top of the list.

I was recently discussing Masonry with a young man who had shown some interest in joining and in our conversation he asked what it was about Masonry that stood out in my mind as making Masons different from other men. I unhesitatingly noted that my ability to trust another Mason with any secret, any commitment, or even my life, was first and foremost in my mind the thing I felt was most important.

When I was in business (if you would agree with me that the work of a law enforcement officer is ‘business’) I had very little problem placing my trust in other police professionals, but when I encountered one who was also a Mason, as was my Undersheriff, and several of my other co-workers, I knew I could



place my confidence in them without reservation. This is not always the case with some of the people you encounter along the road of life, and it certainly gives one a feeling of comfort and security to be assured of the kind of support we get from each other as Masons. Our obligations in the various degrees all reinforce the concept that mutual trust is not only a privilege of membership, but is also an expectation.

Does this mean that whenever we give another Mason a job to do he will perform with ultimate skill, assiduity and speed? No, not necessarily. We are all human, and as such are fallible, but it does mean that he will give your request his best effort within his ability to perform. The flip side of this issue is, my brethren, that it is our own especial duty to perform each day to the best of our abilities so that we may be worthy of the trust inherent in our obligations to our craft, our brothers, and ourselves.

That is the beauty of Trust. It runs both ways. It is natural to place our trust in our brothers, but we must also be ever vigilant to be deserving of his trust and never, never give him cause to feel otherwise toward us.

*Robert S. Luiten*

Added note:

**If you have not made reservations for any of our upcoming events, call the office and join us!!**

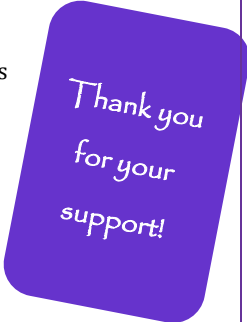
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*The Personal Representative  
 And  
 The Venerable Master*

*Of the  
 Scottish Rite Valley of San Jose*

Invite all  
 Master Masons  
 To  
**A Night of Masonic Education and Festive Agape Dinner**  
 on  
**September 22, 2009**  
**6:30 PM**  
 At  
**San Jose Scottish Rite Temple**  
**2455 Masonic Drive**

*The Illustrious Robert Winter, 33°*  
 Personal Representative to the Sovereign Inspector General for California  
 will present an Original Paper on Freemasonry  
 "Legacy and Legend"

**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  
 Reservations not canceled before September 18, must be honored

**Pirate Talk**

*A pirate walks into a bar with a paper towel on his head. The bartender says, "What's with the paper towel?"*

*The pirate says, "Arrr! I've got a Bounty on me head!"*

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*From the Secretary's Table:*



Brethren,

The San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center is a free service made possible by donations from members of the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies to the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation. The Foundation receives no state or federal funding. We provide speech and language therapies to children ages three through eighteen who demonstrate a language disorder. We are separate and apart from the public school system, and in fact, we have been made aware that the local school systems are no longer providing the service and are instead referring the children needing treatment to outside sources. We here at Scottish Rite apparently lead their referral list.

In the private sector, the services we provide would cost many thousands of dollars. In fact, in the San Jose area, the fee for private speech and language assessment ranges from \$350 to \$1,200 depending on the age of the child and the situation. Often, there is a separate fee for report writing of \$300 or more. Therapy costs range from \$120 to \$175 per hour. We provide both assessments and therapy, free from any cost whatsoever.

The financial woes in our economy have impacted the finances of our clinic, and donations are greatly needed. In fact, our year-to-date donations to the clinic this year are only 45% of previous years. I repeat, we need your help. Please do what you can to help.

Remember also that we support a scholarship program and the library/museum although they require substantially smaller amounts of support.

We need your help!

Sincerely,

**Remember to reserve your place at the Grand Master's Reception on Saturday October 10, 2009 right here at Scottish Rite. NASCAR is the theme, and "Team Nagel" will be present at the race. Tickets are available from your Lodge or the Scottish Rite Office.**



## FOR THE SAN JOSE SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION

*to support our Childhood Language Clinic, Scholarship program and the Library/Museum.*

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## **NOVEMBER 21, 2009 - E-WASTE RECYCLING RETURNS**

to San Jose Scottish Rite  
9:00 AM – 3:00PM

Bring your:

Batteries, cables, ribbons, wire, cartridges, CD Drives/Disks, CPUs, DVD Drives/Disks, desktop computers, fans, floppy drives/disks, hard drives, heat sinks, keyboards, laptop computers, modems/cards, monitors, pc boards, pc boards, Palm Accessories, power supplies, printers, scanners, video cards, zip drives/disks **Home/Office Electronics:** amplifiers, boom boxes, cds and dvd movies, cell phones, copiers, cordless phones, digital cameras, fax machines, paper shredders, pencil sharpeners, , power tools, radios, satellite dishes, scanners, sound systems, staplers, stereos, telephone systems, televisions *any size-model*, typewriters *manual-electric*, vcrs and tapes, video cameras, video game systems **Small Appliances:** blenders, blow dryers, curling irons, clocks, electric can openers, electric shavers, electric toothbrushes, fans, kitchen cookers, lamps, microwaves, ovens, sewing machines, toasters, vacuum cleaners, waffle makers... And more: *Complete list available in SJSR office.*



**From the Commander**



ESSENE'S  
Ross Fuller

The earliest mention of the Essenes is by the Jewish philosopher [Philo of Alexandria](#) (c. 20 -54 AD). Philo told his readers that there were more than 4,000 Essenes (Essaioi) living in villages throughout Judea. Among their neighbors they were noted for their love of God and their concerns with piety, honesty, morality, philanthropy, holiness, equality, and freedom. The holy Essenes did not marry and lived a celibate life, and practiced communal residence, money, property, food and clothing. They observed the Sabbath according to all the strictest instructions and spent much of their time studying the Law according to philosophical and allegorical interpretations. They cherished freedom, possessed no slaves, and rejected the use of weapons or participation in commerce. Philo did not mention any names or places, nor any background to the origins of this group.

The Essenes flourished from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC through the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD. They are probably best known as being thought to have written what we have come to know as the Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in 1946.

The historian Josephus (37 – 100 AD) describes the Essenes partly as a philosophical school like the Pythagoreans (4<sup>th</sup> Century BC) and represents them as a kind of monastic order with semi-pagan (non-mainstream religious) rites. There were particularly scrupulous regarding the Sabbath and devoted this day to reading and allegorical interpretation of the Law. They practiced the virtues of love and holiness and were a part of the cities and villages of Judea. They were men of intense pa-

triotic sentiment. Parts of their rites were accorded only to the elite of the priesthood who were “initiated into the mysteries of the Holy Name and other secret lore.”

John the Baptist seems to have belonged to the Essenes and in appealing to sinners to be regenerated by baptism, he inaugurated a new movement that paved the way for Christianity.

And there are those who conjecture that Jesus of Nazareth lived among the Essenes during part of his life.

A community of Essenes existed in Jerusalem into the 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD which insisted that each member practice a trade and taught that each should devote a third part of the day to the study of Torah, a third to devotion and a third to work. In connection with their work a group of them used a name to describe themselves as “Builders”. Their name was given the meaning of “builders of a higher world” and afterward applied to the Rabbis in general. They obtain their philosophy by means of allegorical interpretation. Their love of virtue is proved by their freedom from: love of money, of high station, and of pleasure; by their temperance and endurance, by their having few wants, simplicity and mild temper, by their lack of pride and the like. Their institution is not based upon family connections, which are not matters of free choice, but upon zeal for virtue and philanthropy.

The objective of the Essenes was to make themselves worthy of being participants of “the Holy spirit,” or recipients of divine revelations, and of being initiated into the mysteries of God. They claimed to possess by tradition from the founders of the Synagogue the correct pronunciation and the magic spell of the Holy name.

*Ross Fuller*

Commander—Council of Kadosh



**Celebrations at our last stated meeting**



## From the Clinic!!!

Jacob is a delightful four and a half year old boy who has been seen at the Scottish Rite Language Clinic once per week for the last year. Jacob is always a fun little guy to work with. He loves playing Candyland and Dress-A-Bear and his favorite animals are pigs!

Jacob's parents first noticed a problem with his speech and language at two years old when he wasn't talking. Jacob was seen by Early Start for early intervention services for six months. After completing that program when he turned three years old, Jacob's parents still had concerns with his speech and language skills.

It was noted that Jacob had suffered from frequent ear infections, up to 8 by the time he enrolled in our clinic. Often times chronic ear infections can impair speech and language development. When your ears are blocked with drainage or infected, it impairs hearing. This makes it harder to understand what is being said to you. It also makes it difficult to receive the auditory feedback from your own words.

Prior to receiving services at this clinic, Jacob's mother stated, "It was very difficult to understand Jacob. His brother learned to interpret for him with other people. Jacob was frustrated as were we, when he had to repeat things over and over."

By the time Jacob began speech and language therapy at the Scottish Rite Clinic, his parents were noting that he was attempting to say more words and put more words together to make phrases and sentences. They found that he was still having difficulty with many sounds and it was still difficult to understand him.

Since treatment began, Jacob has worked on and mastered many different sounds in all positions of words. His treatment targeted sounds and sound blends as well as words with increasing syllables and complexity. Oral motor exercises were used to facilitate the strength and coordination needed to produce certain sound and sound combinations. Jacob has made great progress and continues to meet his new goals regularly.

When asked how Jacob's treatment has impacted them on a day to day basis, Jacob's mother stated that, "Angela gives us practical tools to work on at home. Really, it makes us conscious of helping Jacob improve his speech, like breaking words into smaller parts or perfecting his articulation.

Jacob's mother stated, "In the past year, we have noted dramatic changes. His confidence in speaking has improved, as well as his articulation. He loves coming to speech. I think he knows how much it helps him." She stated that their family is grateful for these services and that they would definitely recommend it to other parents who have children struggling with speech delays.

Thanks to Jacob's hard work and supportive family, he had made tremendous progress. He has been a pleasure to work with and will definitely continue to progress with his speech and language development!



June/July Donations:



**Clinic**

Ms. Kelly L. Swenor-Kropf  
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 Mr. Carl Rarkhurst  
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 In Memory of:  
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Don Yeager	702 S. Mary, Sunnyvale, CA 94087-1602	408-720-8069

**Permanent Shut-Ins**

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Bro. Richard M. Fischer

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Bro. Richard M. Fischer

**If you know of anyone who is ill, please call the office at 408-978-7483!**

**In Memoriam**

Robert W. Irons	Ceres	June 22, 2009
Larry Fagan	Sunnyvale	August 14, 2009
Jack W. Pottroff	San Jose	August 6, 2009
Warren G. Wood	Campbell	August 8, 2009
Donald L. Perkins	Modesto	June 9, 2009

**Please pay particular attention to the e-Scrip message on page 4**



*From the Master of Kadosh*

Brethren,

Last month, I was feeling really happy. Then I attended a seminar at work sponsored by the investment firm that manages our 401k plan. It got me thinking about retirement and all of the money I used to have saved toward that goal... until the recent economic upheavals. Compared to many of the folks I know, I have nothing to complain about.

How about retirement? They say that Social Security will be out of money by the time I retire, so maybe I shouldn't count on that. Companies don't pay pensions any more. You have to put aside your own money and sometimes the company matches a part of it. You bear the market risk. If your investments lose value, you lose some of your nest egg. Of course, you could also pick a good investment and make a windfall. Then we would congratulate ourselves on our investment acumen.

Right now, things look bleak. When I retire, my standard of living could drop significantly. Maybe I will be like Diogenes of Sinope (say "SIN oh pee") and live in a big tub.

Diogenes was born in the town of Sinope, which today is called Sinop, Turkey, on the Black Sea. He lived in Athens and later in Corinth. Diogenes was a philosopher of the Cynic school. That means he pursued the Cynic ideal of self-sufficiency and a natural life not dependent upon the luxu-

ries of civilization. He saw society as corrupt and true virtue was only expressed through action.

According to legend, Diogenes was inspired to his mission against society's customs and values by a message from the Oracle at Delphi. He used to do unusual things, such as walking through town during the day carrying a lamp, "looking for an honest man" but finding only rascals and scoundrels.

He was a student of Antisthenes, who in turn had been a student of Socrates. That's better than having a PhD from Yale or Oxford today. Diogenes was supposedly a prolific writer but we have none of his books. He was a popular speaker and preached the doctrine of virtuous self-control.

Diogenes lived at the same time as Alexander the Great, who was the most powerful man in the western world. During the Isthmian Games, Alexander came to see Diogenes, and out of respect offered him a favor. Diogenes replied, "Yes. Stand out of my sunlight."

Some people who knew him said Diogenes exhibited dog-like behavior. He probably took that as a compliment. In his view, human beings live artificially and hypocritically. Dogs, on the other hand, are thought to know instinctively who is friend and who is foe. Unlike human beings who either dupe others or are duped, dogs will give an honest bark at the truth.

My dog always gives a happy bark to welcome me when I come home. Or when it's time for a walk or time for dinner. My dog wouldn't care if I lived in a tub. Maybe old Diogenes was onto something.

*Daniel Doornbos*

Master of Kadosh



*From the Wise Master*

Brethren:

**16° - Prince of Jerusalem**

The story of the rebuilding of the Temple at Jerusalem is of peculiar interest to Masons, and while we no longer plan to rebuild it, yet its story ever conveys to us the thought that the world and every noble heart is God's Temple, and we should labor to establish the reign of love and peace, thus building a lasting temple to God. The trowel is the emblem of this Degree, teaching Masons the ennobling effect of honest labor. The work of the soul, developing the virtue of patience and gentleness ought to be as important to us as earning our daily bread. The beauty of Love, charm of Friendship, the sacredness of Sorrow, the heroism of Patience, the nobleness of Sacrifice, make life to be life indeed, and we are its grandeur and power. They are the priceless treasures and glory of humanity.

The story of Cyrus and the adventures of Darius form one of the most interesting and fascinating chapters in the history of the Persian Empire. They are rich in tradition and clouded in fable, and yet Scriptural and historical reference to their deeds and exploits entitle them to a position among the empire builders of Persia - men with vision and foresight, whose efforts at conquest and attempts at the liberation of oppressed peoples seem to have been divinely authorized. It is upon these epochs in Persian history that the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Degrees are founded, and the lessons in the ritual are drawn from events that transpired during the lives of Cyrus and Darius.

*Monte Bishop* Wise Master



From the Venerable Master



Greetings from the East,  
Change and Challenge!

Masons enjoy the comfortable familiarity of our ritual; unchanging and always there for us; comfort knowing that almost the same words were spoken to us when we joined as were spoken to Harry Truman and George Washington. Our ritual is unchanged but our world is not. Comfort can co-exist with change.

A few years ago I attended a Scottish Rite training session in San Francisco shortly after The DaVinci Code and National Treasure were released. In one of the break out sessions the discussion was about Masonry being in the public spotlight.

Some reported their lodges did not know what to do and assumed the 1950's "duck and cover" strategy and hoped the attention would pass. Others grabbed the opportunity and ran with it. They held open houses at Masonic Centers and placed ads in college newspapers. Those that ducked and covered survived. Others who saw change as an opportunity took the challenge and prospered. Many areas saw over a hundred new applications in a short time.

In the thirty some years I have been in Scottish Rite I have heard stories of how things were done in the old days. Just like my days in DeMolay, I remember how we did things in the 1960s when there were over 128 active chapters in Northern California. While many of the old things still work, others won't.

The San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies are continuing to try new programs. Education is one of them. The upcoming Master Craftsman sessions can help one complete the Master Craftsman program. Our nights of instruction allow papers of Scottish Rite interest to be presented. While this is new to the San Jose Bodies, it is not new to Masonry.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a presentation of one of those papers by The Ill. Robert Winters, 33°. Unlike the past Nights of Instruction, this one will be open to all Masons, not just Scottish Rite Masons so plan to attend and bring a guest. Oh, reservations please.

**Richard M. Fisher** - *Venerable Master*

FALL 2009 AND SPRING 2010 REUNION DATES

Ill. Norm Crosby has been invited to be our guest at the Fall 2009 reunion banquet.  
The dates for the reunion are:

FALL 2009 REUNION

- 13 Oct. 2009 (Stated Meeting) Confer 4<sup>th</sup> degree after meeting and dinner.
- 27 Oct. 2009 Communicate 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> degrees and confer 14<sup>th</sup> degree. (Dinner for SR Masons Only)
- 30 Oct. 2009 Communicate 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> degrees and confer 18 degree.
- 31 Oct. 2009 Communicate 19<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> and 31st degrees; and confer 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees.

**BANQUET AFTER THE DEGREES - GUESTS ARE WELCOME!**

SPRING 2010 REUNION

- 13 Apr. 2010 (Stated Meeting) Confer 4<sup>th</sup> degree after meeting and dinner.
- 27 Apr. 2010 Communicate 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, and 13 degrees and confer 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> degrees. (Dinner for SR Masons Only)
- 30 Apr. 2010 Communicate 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> degrees and confer 18 degree.
- 24 Oct. 2010 Communicate 19<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> and 31st degrees; and confer 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 32<sup>nd</sup> degrees.

**BANQUET AFTER THE DEGREES - GUESTS ARE WELCOME!**

*September Stated Meeting Dinner \* Tuesday the 8th- 7:15 PM*

**A TASTE OF ITALY!**



\$15.00 per  
person

Reservations :  
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**Menu**

Assorted Light Appetizers

**Sagottino Di Pollo**  
(Stuffed Chicken Breast topped with a brandy cream sauce).

**Rigatoni Al Pomodoro**  
(Rigatoni Pasta in Maurizio's Famous Pomodoro Sauce)

**Insalata Di Primavera**  
(Mixed Greens with assorted vegetables in a balsamic dressing).

**Vegetali Freschi Di Giornata**  
(Freshest vegetable on market simply sautéed with fresh garlic & olive oil)

**Pane Fresco Di Giornata**  
(Fresh wood oven baked bread)

Dessert

**Reservation deadline:**  
**Monday, September 4th**  
**at 4:00 PM**




**Guest Caterer:**  
**MAURIZIO CUTRIGNELLI**  
Owner / Chef  
**Maurizio's Restaurant,**  
**Mangia La Pizza & Fuzia.**  
**Located in Morgan Hill**



For the Lighter Side of things

A Candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to the Lodge, but before this could happen the car broke down. The Candidate said as it was no great distance he would go on his bicycle.

Just when he reached the top of the hill his chain broke. As the Lodge was at the bottom of the other side and all he needed was a backpedal brake, so he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free-wheeled downhill to the Lodge.

Later that evening in reply to a toast in his honor, he said how proud he was to be a Freemason but could not understand, as he had told no one, how the WM knew that he had come on his own free wheel and a cord.

-- Found on a cup in a Lodge in Ireland:  
"OLD MASONS NEVER DIE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO JOIN TO FIND OUT WHY"

Membership is always important:

**PROPOSITION/PETITION**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (If different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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**Future Scottish Rite Events:**

**September 5, 2009 - Council of Masters meeting — 9:00AM (all officers should attend)**

**September 7, 2009 - Labor Day - (SJSR Office Closed)**

**September 8, 2009 - September Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM and Dinner following @ 7:15 PM**

**(Mason of the Year Program)**

**September 19, 2009 - Stanford/San Jose State Football Game**

**September 22, 2009 - Scottish Rite Night of Instruction — 7:00 PM (open to all Master Masons!!!)**

**October 2 thru 4, 2009 - Annual Communication Grand Lodge of California**

**October 10, 2009 - SCVMOA Reception for Grand Master 3:00 PM**

**Casual Attire for a NASCAR Event**

**October 13,27,30,31 - Fall Reunion**

**Friday Lunch Bunch is here again! Join us!**