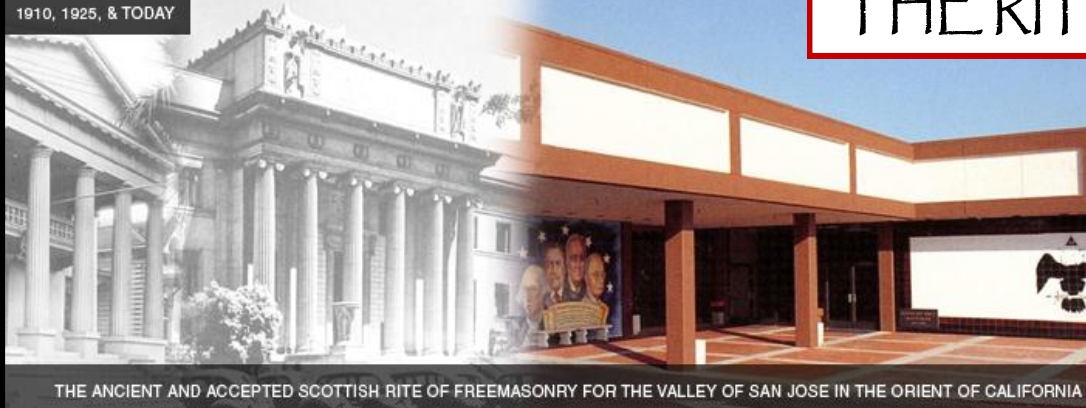




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## From the Venerable Master

I thank everyone who helped make our Valentine's Day and Sweetheart Recognition Night a great success. It was a very special evening.

This month, I am going to reflect on Brother Walter Leslie Wilmshurst's thoughts on the initiatic process. This process is virtually universal regardless of the mystery school one might consider. In his book, *The "Masonic Initiation"* written in the early 1920s he contends that most masons would be surprised to hear that our ceremonial ritual as performed then and I contend still today does not constitute or confer real initiation at all. In the original sense of the initiation ceremonial it was the process of admitting a man to the solemn mysteries of the human soul and to a practical experience in the divine science. Today, the words initiation and mysteries have become so misused and devalued that they are now used in relation to familiarizing someone with the stock market or the business cycle.

Nevertheless, the degrees our gentle craft do give us an outline and a partial picture of what the real process involves. We are then left much to ourselves to seek out the deeper meanings of our teachings to discover the real meanings of the lessons of our ancient masters; or, treat the process as just so much ceremony by the experience.

That said, every system of real initiation, whether ancient or contemporary is divided into three clear-cut phases. Before one can pass from the darkness to the light and discover the "Blazing Star or glory" of one's own center (temple) he must accomplish three tasks. First, he must turn away from the attractions of the outer world by detaching his self from the "allurements" of all that is meant by "money and metals". Further he must subdue and purify the bodily and sensual tendencies. This work is accomplished in the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The second phase of the initiation process deals with analysis, discipline and gaining control of your inner world – the mind, your thoughts, your intellectual and psychic faculties. This is the work of the Fellowcraft Degree.

The third and final phase is the "last and greatest trial". This is the breaking and surrender of the individual will, the lessening of the personality and selfishness so that the petty things are subordinated and merged with the Divine Universal Will. Thus only can the illusion of a separate independent existence give way to the conscious realization of unity with the one Life that permeates the universe. To achieve this is to attain mastership which results in complete domination of our lower nature and the development in oneself of a higher order of life and faculties. This is the work of the Master Mason degree.

The Masonic degrees give the earnest mason, the diligent pursuer of real light, a clear path or chart of the process of spiritual self-development. Further, he is directed to a most valuable key which can unlock the "central truth and discover the hidden secrets and mysteries of his own being".

I hope this provides some food for thought. The serious nature of our degrees deserves our full respect and honor. The next time you are involved in a degree take the time before, during and after the ceremonies for silent reflection on what the degree means to you and the candidate.

Mark your calendars for the Maundy Thursday celebration on April 5. I look forward to seeing you at our stated meetings and dinners. Still looking ahead plan to attend the Spring Reunion starting on April 10 with the conferral of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Full details on the reunion and Maundy Thursday will be found in your Rite Word and on our website at [www.sanjosescottishrite.org](http://www.sanjosescottishrite.org).

Fraternally,

**Chuck Cowden, 32<sup>o</sup>, KCCH**

Venerable Master



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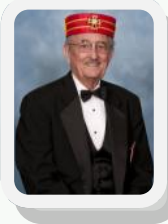
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Brethren all,

I have several important messages for this month. The first is the most important.

We have a **serious** need for members to become a part of the 30th degree. A number of cast changes have occurred that have left vacancies. Most parts vacant are not overly long and some are even non-speaking parts. Please contact the degree Director, Ken White, or call me and I will ask him to call you. Either way, we need your help!



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**Our upcoming spring reunion still needs your attention for new Scottish Rite Member applications. We have some applications already, but we still need more.**

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Lastly, I want to again define our Senior Member Program. According to the Statutes of the Supreme Council a member "who is over 80 years of age or has 50 years or more of total membership, who is in **financial need**" is eligible for the program and his dues will be forgiven with the consent of the Lodge of Perfection. ***This status is not perpetual and is reviewed annually.*** I hope this helps.

**Bob Rowan** 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH -General Secretary

**B**rethren,

The Scholarship Committee has selected the recipient of the 2012 San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarship from over 20 applicants. The recipient is Jennifer Huang of Prospect High School, Saratoga.



We are making plans to attend the Prospect High School's awards night and present Jennifer with the scholarship.

In the past, the Foundation's scholarship award has been among the largest presented at the awards night.

I would like to thank Brothers: Joseph DaSilva, 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH; David Kimball, 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH; and Brother Del Bleiler, 32<sup>o</sup> for taking time from their busy schedules and take part in the selection process.

*Richard Fisher*

Ill. Richard M. Fisher 33rd Degree  
Chairman, Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee

## From the Commander, Council of Kadosh



**B**rethren,

My article each month this year will be about Masonic Education related to Scottish Rite. We define Scottish Rite as the further light in Masonry which we have joined to learn, explore, share and serve. There is so much to learn about Masonry and trying to find a starting point can be frustrating. There are couple great programs designed to guide a Scottish Rite Mason towards their journey in Masonic Education.

The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program is an exciting self-study by-mail correspondence course designed and administered by staff at the House of the Temple in

Washington, D.C. Part I, consists of six lessons, utilizing The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide by Arturo de Hoyos, 33<sup>o</sup>, Grand Cross, and A Bridge to Light by Rex Hutchens, 33<sup>o</sup>, Grand Cross, as its textbooks.

Besides the Master Craftsman program there is a College of Consistory of the Southern Jurisdiction. The College of Consistory is a free self-study program for Scottish Rite Masons of all Orients. The curriculum is facilitated by the Guthrie College and made available to all enrolled members.

Any Valley can organize a campus of the College of the Consistory, provided it has 5-6 enrolled members to lead its group. Meetings of the College of the Consistory are called Festive Boards. Papers chosen by the Board of Adepts, or the leadership of any Valley campus, are presented. Fine dining, festive toasts and the fraternal songs accent the evening's blend of education and fraternalism. In some ways this is very similar to our Lodge of Instruction (LoI). Also this is a great way to connect and share our brothers' delightful labors in research and study of Masonry through the Master Craftsman or the College of Consistory, with the rest of the brethren while enjoying a blend of education and fraternalism.

I would like to encourage brethren to learn and participate to the Master Craftsman program or to the College of Consistory.

You can find more information about the Master Craftsman Course from our General Secretary, and about the College of Consistory from <http://www.guthriescottishrite.org/collegeintro.aspx>, or you can directly contact me.

Fraternally,

**Kerem Kapkin** Commander, Council of Kadosh

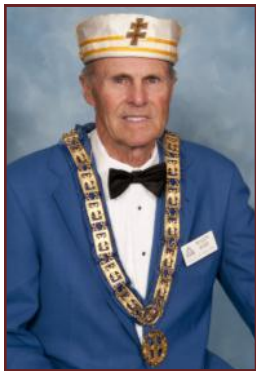
## From the Wise Master



**F**irst I would like to thank John Unger, our Jr. Past Wise Master for a great year and I hope that I can continue in his footsteps. We have a fine corps of officers in the Chapter and we look forward to a very productive year. As Wise Master, I have decided to bring to our monthly Rite News, besides our normal announcements about our activities, snippets of information about the Knights Rose Croix of a historical and philosophical nature. I hope you will find them tantalizing enough to perhaps dig about them on the web.

This month the information comes from the University of Bradford (UK). They name the 18<sup>th</sup> degree (Knights Rose Croix) the second degree of the Philosophical Series. The argument or synopsis of the degree has the Novice still in search of the Truth and the Lost Word and he journeys for a period of years, learning the three virtues, which are to guide him from a place of horror and gloom. He merges, at the appointed time, the sacred initials giving glory to Masonry and light and life to the world. To be continued..... Jack Harris, Wise Master.

## From the Master of Kadosh



Brethren,

*The following is from SCOTTISH RITE RITUAL, condensed and written for all members.*

**T**he Royal Secret, if lived with perfect comprehension and understanding, elevates mankind to sublime heights and levels of realization. The Great Symbol of the Degree is the Symbolic Camp.

Some of the most profound truths of the ancient mysteries are spoken as axioms. You are called upon to summon your greatest capacities and to attempt to pierce the veil of the symbolic language in which they are presented. To be truly a Master of the Royal Secret, individual realization is required on the part of each and every initiate.

Five final vows, marking the candidate as a Soldier of Light, Liberty, Freedom of Religion the People, and of Scottish Rite Masonry. In this degree, the candidate is put in possession of the Sacred Word of the Scottish Rite.

Upon being given the Royal Secret and put in possession of the Holy Doctrine, it becomes necessary that each 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason take responsibility for this knowledge and devote their (our) lives to being fit examples of our Rite.

Fraternally,

*Roger Bibb*

Master of Kadosh

## *From the Clinic!*



Emma is a beautiful 5 year old who started services at our clinic secondary to articulation and expressive language difficulties. Emma's parents reported that before treatment began, "We could not understand a lot of what she was saying. She was having difficulty pronouncing certain letters. She would, at times, get frustrated and give up trying to say certain words. As she grew up we

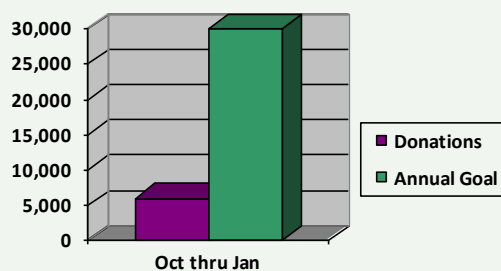
realized she was falling behind her peers and was having speech problems." At first Emma's treatment focused on producing final consonants, s-blends, pronouns and prepositions. Emma continues to need help with articulation, categorizing, describing, story retelling and sentence structure. Emma comes two times per week and continues to make progress with her speech and language skills during her therapy sessions. She is a hard worker who is able to smile and continue giving her best effort even when tasks are hard for her. Emma is becoming more aware of her articulation and is now producing more of her target sounds in conversational speech!



Her mother reported that, "The clinic has been extremely helpful in our daughter's speech and language development that we would like to refer any other person in need of help to attend the clinic. Her speech/language has improved greatly since she has been attending the clinic. We can now understand her a lot more. Speech therapy has helped her to be more outgoing and to do well in school. We can now understand a lot more of what she says. The Scottish Rite {Childhood Language Disorders Clinic} has given us a chance to have someone specialized help her speech and language. This therapy and help is something that we cannot financially afford otherwise. Our experience at the clinic is that the staff is very pleasant, nice, and is flexible with our schedule. We are grateful to have found the clinic. Since our daughter started kindergarten she has been able to concentrate on learning instead of worrying if peers and teachers can understand her. Thank you Scottish Rite {Childhood Language Disorders Clinic}!

Emma is a pleasure to work with and we look forward to continuing to help her and her family.

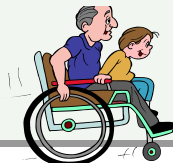
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**Jan. 27th , 2012**

**Bro. George C. Hesse 32° KCCH**

**Feb. 23rd , 2012**

Scottish Rite would like to offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Kathryn Runcie. Her son passed away in Feb. and the loss of a child is tragic.

God be with you, Kathie !

Please remember to notify us when a fellow Brother is ill, in need, or has passed to the other shore. We are not always contacted in a timely manner.

Scottish Rite is here to assist!  
Please feel free to call anytime!

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### THE CLINIC'S NEW SIGN

Our new addition was created and donated  
by Angela Athans.

Richbond Signs of San Jose, CA.

Angela collaborated on the design.

It is a welcome addition to the clinic.

Thank you, Angela from all the members of the  
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During the month of January we completed 260 treatment hours. A total of 61 children received speech and language services, including nine screenings. Two children were discharged from services and two new children were added to the caseload. We currently have a total of 111 children remaining on the waiting list.

In early February we welcomed back Angela Stephan from maternity leave. At the end of February, Sharon left for her maternity leave! Her fellow clinicians and I would like to thank Sharon for her excellent work and wish her and her family all the best.

The clinicians would like to extend a sincere "**Thank you!**" to Jim Arnold and Caroline Ayre for donating therapy materials to our Clinic. The children love the new teaching tools and interactive games. Thanks also to Angela Athans for coordinating a new sign for the Clinic. It looks terrific!

Please stop by soon to see the new sign and visit your Scottish Rite Children's Language Disorders Clinic.

If you would like to assist the Clinic by making a financial donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Scottish Rite office or me. If you would prefer to donate therapy materials, I would be happy to provide you with the list of our current needs.

I can't begin to thank each of you enough for your help and continued support.

*Durward C. Ayre*

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH  
Clinic Director





## March 2012 Regional Orient Membership Ambassador Message

Our great and ancient Masonic Order binds us together with one sympathetic cord of affection and trust. The Fraternity breaks down walls of prejudice and passion and has been building an altar of charity and forbearance on which we may place our offerings of peace, unity and friendship. There is no greater gift or honor than recruiting and then bestowing the 32nd degree, Master of the Royal Secret, upon a Master Mason.

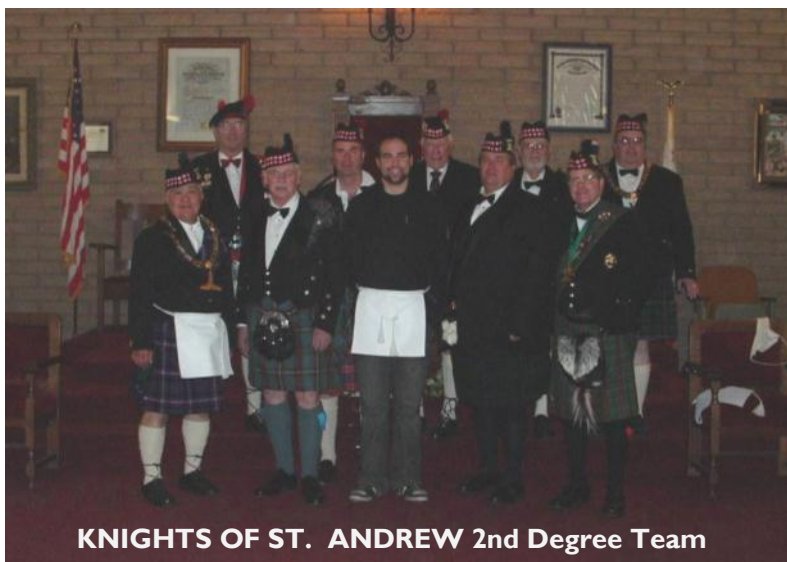
It is a great honor to recruit, retain and/or reinstate worthy and well-qualified brothers because such action seeks not the applause of men, conceals nothing from public view that we would not willingly make known, except that which regards the forms of initiation and the means of communication by which the relationship of the members to each other is made known and recognized. But so far as essential duties and obligations are involved, they require no concealment. A candidate for admission is only expected to pledge his integrity and that his application for our Fraternity's privileges is not prompted by selfish or mercenary motives, but rather by a sincere desire to be useful and beneficial to his fellow human beings.

With dedication and duty we advance daily to fulfill our obligations to the growth of our great Fraternity. We will never deviate from this important goal. We must constantly be aware that the destiny of our great Fraternity is in our hands.

If you know of a worthy brother who desires further "Light in Masonry", please consider bringing him to our next Scottish Rite function. Your reward will be seeing him grow and take part in this great Fraternity.

*Durward C. Ayre*

Durward C. Ayre 32° KCCH  
Regional Orient Membership Ambassador for the Valleys of San Jose and Fresno in California



**KNIGHTS OF ST. ANDREW 2nd Degree Team**

**T**he Valley of San Jose, Knights of St Andrew's Second Degree Ritual Team conferred the Fellowcraft Degree for Brother Harris on February 23rd in Morgan Hill lodge # 463. Cast members were: WM: Steve Munyon PM Morgan Hill 463, SW: Will Montoya, PM, San Jose 10, JW: BJ McCuiston, PM, WM Keith 187(Degree Director), Secretary  
Gerald Best, Willow Glenn-Fraternity 399, Chaplain: Mike Sloan, Morgan Hill 463, SD: David Driesbach, PM, San Jose 10, JD: Herb Dallas, Willow Glen-Fraternity 399, SS: Dory Taylor, Friendship 210/Keith 187, JS: Martin Maxey, PM Monterey 217(Chief Knight of SJ KSA): Tiler: Gregg Hall PM Morgan Hill 463.

The Degree was conferred in full Highland Kilt and was performed in Exemplary form. Three Brethren were so impressed with the degree performance that they asked for petitions to the Scottish Rite and for information on obtaining kilts. Another request for a conferral looms in the near future.

All 32° Masons are Knights of St. Andrew by virtue of completing the Scottish Rite Degrees conferral program. However, one must ask to be an active member of the Knights of St. Andrew. The KSA is a Black Hat service club with activities in the 2nd<sup>o</sup>, the 29th<sup>o</sup>, Parades, visitations, Greeters, stage setup and more. Owning and/or wearing Scottish Highland attire is not a requisite for membership, only for participation in the degree activities, but it is fun. Contact any KSA member to volunteer and become active.

" Stated Meeting & Dinner "Tuesday, March 13th, 2012

**Please** be sure to call or e-mail your reservations! We need to account for the number of people, with the caterer, 2-3 days in advance!

Thank you!

Regards, Angela Athans

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*It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, re-heating leftovers, renewing; I wanted just once to be wasteful? Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.*

*But when my mother died, and I was standing in that clear morning light in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more. Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away...never to return. So.... While we have it, it's best we love it... And care for it...*

*And fix it when it's broken... And heal it when it's sick. This is true: For marriage... And old cars... And children who misbehave at times... Dogs and cats with bad hips... And aging parents... And grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep, like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.*

*There are just some things that make life important, Like people we know who are special... And so, we keep them close!*

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Dinner @ 6:45 PM—  
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Tuesday March 27th ~ All Officers Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Thursday April 5th ~ Maundy Thursday

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Dinner @ 6:45 PM

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