

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY FOR THE VALLEY OF SAN JOSE IN THE ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA



From the Venerable Master

The value of being a member of a fraternal organization is derived from assisting a brother in his distress, supporting him in his virtuous and successful undertakings, praying for his welfare, keeping inviolate his secrets and vindicating his reputation as well in his absence as in his presence. The purpose of Masonry is to unite together groups of good men and to speculate on the moral teachings of Freemasonry. The fellowship, brotherhood and genuine affection among the members is a natural result of this close association and mutual

interest. The importance of Masonry can be measured by how much time we are willing to invest in its activities. The more time you give to it, the more you reveal its importance and value to you. Many Brothers are hardworking and mission oriented. Over the years, the system has evolved and been refined, but has not essentially changed.

All Masons obligate themselves to help, aid and assist the poor, the distressed, the widows and orphans. It shares the common bonds of all mankind and seeks to unite men of every race, color, sect and opinion. Friendship, morality, and brotherly love are the hallmarks of our relationships which is the corner stone of a lasting fraternal organization. Masonry helps one to set very high moral and ethical standards that support one's beliefs and duties to mankind. Through masonic teachings, good men practice love and charity. As a fraternity we spend millions of dollars to assist and help others without expecting any return. One's meager assets may not be sufficient to help others, but combined we become strong and can help many!

General Albert Pike once said that our duty is "to labor for the benefits of society, our country and humanity". We, here at San Jose Scottish Rite do that constantly. Our clinic provides "diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders as well as learning disabilities for many children. Today there are 135 Scottish Rite Clinics, Centers, and special programs for children and therapists located throughout the U.S." We have also participated in public school related activities, and our Almoner has provided for brethren who were in need. Be proud that you are a member of San Jose Scottish Rite.

Working as a team produces the best results for all of the individuals!

### Hal Leister—Venerable Master

## History-Feast of Tishri

The history of the "Feast of Tishri" is based upon the Feast of the Tabernacles, "Succos" described in the Old Testament. In the book of Leviticus, Chapter 23, Verse 34 we read, "The Fifteenth Day of this Seventh Month (Tishri) shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days unto the Lord." It was at one time considered the greatest festival among the early Hebrews.

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### THE RITE WORD

#### Brethren & Ladies:

A s you can tell, fall is in the air. Grand Lodge Annual Communication has finished, and our Scottish Rite Reunion is about to begin. I would like to remind every Brother of that special feeling you had when, upon initiation, you were greeted by a num-

ber of your Brothers who were also enjoying your ceremonies of initiation and how special they made you feel by being there. Now it is your turn to be here when our new Scottish Rite Members join our ranks. See you soon!

Don't forget that our application fees are now \$150! \* \* \* \*

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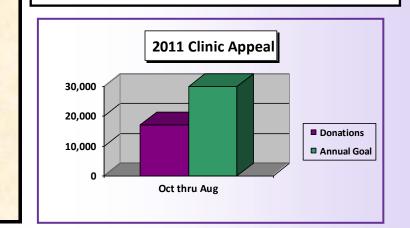
Brethren, way too often we find ourselves with a red-face when we are notified of the passing of a Brother, or of assistance needed. The only <u>real</u> way for us to learn and react, is your informing us. Please take time to make a phone call to the office or at least to send an e-mail.

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Fraternally,

General Secretary



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### THE RITE WORD



### From the Wise Master

SOMETIMES THE OLD WAYS ARE BEST

In late August the Discovery Channel broadcast six hours of programming about the rebuilding of the

World Trade Center. The first thing that caught our attention was that the men who worked on clearing the debris and rebuilding were sons of the men who had originally built the World Trade Center, much as our ancient brethren following in their fathers' trade. In one case, a man whose father was an iron worker who had been injured on the job was working as a bartender when the World Trade Center was attacked. He immediately volunteered to help with the clean-up and then immediately went into the trade.

One of the most interesting segments of the program was about the building of the elevators in the new tower. The rails for the seventy-story high speed elevators were set and aligned using the same advanced technology that our ancient brethren used. A plumb line (in this case piano wire) was suspended from the top. The rails were then set 1 1/4 inches from the plumb line using a standard builder's steel tape to determine the 1 1/4 inch. The narrator on the program interviewing the technician said that he thought they would lasers for such precision work, but the technician said that the plumb line and tape rule were more accurate. So, my See you at the Reunion: brothers, in this case, the rule of the Entered

Apprentice and the plumb of the Fellowcraft are preferred over the latest electronic technology.

Fraternally,

John P. Unger,

Wise Master johnp4609@yahoo.com





### From the Master of Kadosh

🖌 all is upon us, and with it comes our Fall Reunion. We begin with the 4th Degree on October 4. Please plan on attending so that our candidates receive the best possible impression we can convey, of our Scottish Rite

and its members.

As the final months of the year rush away from us, it is easy to get wrapped up in all the events which occur across the Masonic family, during this very busy time of the year. How important it is, then, that we take time to relax, breath, pay some extra attention to our loved ones, and take care of ourselves. With multiple events to attend, varying levels of responsibly, and commitments to fulfill, it is easy to allow ourselves to eat poorly and lose sleep. Stress levels rise, and we become prone to illness. So while you are marking off dates on your calendar, remember to leave yourself time to do nothing, and time to spend with your family. I know, it is harder for some of us to do than for others. But it is so vitally important.

We want to see you often throughout the coming years, and we'd like to have you with us happy and healthy.

See you at the Scottish Rite.

### Randy Downey, 32°, KCCH

Master of Kadosh

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The directions for the observance of the Feast are related in the Book of Leviticus, "And ye shall take you on the first day the fruit of godly trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees and willows of the brook and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days."

In ancient days, the joyous festival was observed by the Israelites in the Palestinian Autumn when they had finished the agricultural toil of the year. They thanked God and praised Him for the abundance stored in barn and bin, and offered prayers to Him that He send new rains for the coming year.

### Congratulations to All "33° & KCCH Honorees!"

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### REGIONAL ORIENT MEMBERSHIP AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER 2011

All of us are aware of what a great hero our first President, George Washington, was. He was also a great Mason. After the Revolutionary War, all were welcome at his home, especially Masons. An amazingly modest man, he lived his life by Proverbs 27:2, "Let man praise thee and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips."

Believe it or not King George III of England was amazed when George Washington turned down the opportunity to become the King of America. Why would George Washington refuse to become King? It is simply because Masonic principles were embedded in his heart and soul.

We can all learn a great lesson from our Brother Washington. He was and continues to be recognized today for what he did as a general, an American President, and a Mason.

We must recognize our major obligation to keep this great Order growing. Is it not a magnificent privilege to become a member of this marvelous fraternity? Our Masonic fraternity helped to motivate our Founding Fathers to build this great country! Let's follow

their example and, as part of our obligation to serve each other, family, Country and community, work together to build a stronger, larger fraternity of Scottish Rite Masons, starting today.

## Durward C. Ayre 32° KCCH

Regional Orient Membership Ambassador for the Valleys of San Jose and Fresno in California



From the Clinic!

### THE RITE WORD



S amuel is an endearing ten year old boy who started services at our clinic because of severely decreased articulation and oral motor skills. When Samuel first came to the clinic he was severely unintelligible. He was missing early developmental sounds in his speech and had difficulty moving his tongue to articulate his sounds correctly. In addition, Samuel's expressive language was below age-expectations. His parents commented that he was difficult to understand. They also mentioned that friends and family often remarked how hard it was to understand Samuel.

Since the initiation of treatment Samuel's articulation skills have improved significantly. He has made gains with his sound development and tongue movement, as well as in areas such as vocabulary and expressive grammar. He

is now working on more difficult sounds such as /th, r, l/ and /ch/. Helping Samuel's speech and language development has been a family affair. His parents reported that not only do they help him with his speech homework, but his grandmother, and his siblings help him practice too. His family is very devoted to making sure Samuel makes his appointments. If his mom or dad can't bring him to therapy, his grandmother brings him. Family dedication is one of the reasons Samuel has made such great progress. In addition, a reward system was implemented with Samuel to increase his motivation to practice at home. If Samuel practices at least two times during the week and marks it on the calendar in his speech folder, he gets to pick a prize at the end of the month. Samuel always gets his prize!

Samuel continues to work hard on his speech. His parents are pleased with how "wonderful it is to be able to communicate with our son." Every Wednesday Samuel enjoys being with his speech buddy, Nick, for group treatment. They have a good time practicing their sounds and playing a few games too. Great job, Samuel!

The San Jose Scottish Rite Language Disorders Clinic's extended family grew in August due to the birth of Anna Grace Stephan on August 27. Proud father Clifford reports that Anna Grace and her mother, clinician Angela Stephan, are doing very well. Congratulations, Angela & Clifford, and welcome, Anna Grace!

During August, we completed 215 treatment hours, including 2 screenings. A total of 49 children are currently receiving speech and language services. Thirteen (13) children were discharged and eight (8) children were added to the case load from our waiting list. 108 children

remain on the waiting list. Jenna Mendoca joined the clinic in August to take over Angela's caseload through January 2012. We anticipate that Jenna will add clients to her caseload in the coming months.

If you would like to assist the clinic by donating toys or helping in some other way, please contact the Scottish Rite office or me.

Respectfully, Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH Clinic Director Shut Ins

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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. Scottish Rite is here to assist! Please feel free to call anytime! (408)978-7483

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Soft and Safe to thee my Brother, be thy resting place. Bright & Glorious be thy rising from it.

From the Commander

### THE RITE WORD



Brethren all,

### <u>THE HISTORY OF</u> <u>FREEMASONRY IN ISRAEL (part 3)</u>

I n 1906, realizing that the Misraim Rite was an irregular body, which was not recognized by most Grand Lodges, they decided to change their affiliation to the Grand Orient of France. They adopted a new name, Barkai Lodge (which means Dawn or L'Aurore in French) and eventually became integrated into the Grand Lodge of the arkai Lodge is the oldest lodge in the country still in existence and operates under the name of Barkai No. 17

State of Israel. Barkai Lodge is the oldest lodge in the country still in existence and operates under the name of Barkai No. 17.

Three other lodges were created before World War I, when the country became a British Mandate. Towards the end of the first World War, General Allenby led the British troops into the Holy Land, bringing with them Freemasonry working under the English and Scottish Constitutions.

The situation in 1930, under British rule, was that four foreign Grand Lodges - the English, the Scottish, the Egyptian and the Grand Orient of France, were working in Palestine, each with a number of chartered lodges. These lodges were formed by diverse people, speaking different languages and working divergent rituals. It was only natural then that a German-speaking lodge be established under the obedience of a German Grand Lodge.

Meanwhile, in Germany, in 1930, a new German Grand Lodge was founded under the name of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany, with Leo Mueffelmann as the first Grand Master. This new Grand Lodge, which supported the idea of international cooperation and universal brotherly love, was ignored by the other nine German Grand Lodges who were strictly nationalistic, but was recognized by many foreign Grand Lodges.

In 1931, just two years prior to the advent of Hitler, Grand Master Mueffelmann personally founded, in Jerusalem, a Germanspeaking daughter lodge of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany, named Ein Hashiloah (the Spring of Shiloah).

Thereafter, in 1933, when all of Freemasonry was proscribed in Nazi Germany, a group of German Brethren, including Grand Master Mueffelmann, left the Fatherland and settled in what was then Mandate Palestine. Mueffelmann personally brought with him from Germany the light and the charter of his Grand Lodge, using these items to erect the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany in Exile.

During their sojourn in the Holy Land, these German Masons, consecrated three other German-speaking lodges in Tel-Aviv and Haifa, known as Lebanon, Cubic Stone and Ari.

In 1934, Mueffelmann returned to Germany and died in a concentration camp. In his memory, a new German-speaking lodge was formed under the name of Mueffelmann Omen in 1935.

By 1935, the lights of all German Grand Lodges had been extinguished except that of Mueffelmann's Grand Lodge which had been transferred to the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany in Exile, thereby ensuring the continuity of Freemasonry in Germany since 1737.

This light burned brightly in Palestine until 1949, when many of the original German Brethren returned to reestablish Freemasonry in Germany and brought the light with them. The return of the light to Germany marked the official end of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany in Exile. The five German-speaking lodges, still using the 'Schroeder' ritual, continued to operate under a District Grand Lodge until the foundation of the Grand Lodge of Israel in 1953.

The process of uniting the many different lodges began on January 9, 1932, when seven lodges came together and formed The National Grand Lodge of Palestine, bringing together those lodges which had been operating under Egyptian and French jurisdictions. The English-speaking lodges, however, refused to join, considering the new body to be irregular, because of its connection with the Grand Orient of France.

Prior to 1948, the state of Masonic affairs in the Holy Land comprised a number of lodges founded under the Grand Lodge of Scotland; there were 26 lodges operating under the National Grand Lodge of Palestine, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Egypt; there were three military lodges under English Constitution; and there were several German-speaking lodges which had been founded by the Grand Master of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany.

In 1948, with the ending of the British Mandate for Palestine, two of the three English lodges closed when their members returned to England. The third English lodge continued irregularly in Haifa. Thus, all the English Constitution Masonic bodies had effectively withdrawn from the Holy Land. The local Brethren who had belonged to the English Constitution lodges affiliated to other Masonic units.

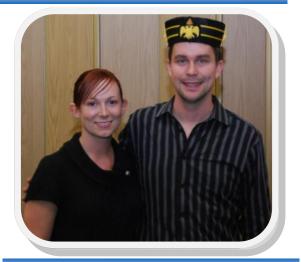
A number of the Scottish lodges became dormant with the result that only four recognised lodges remained under the Scottish Constitution, two in Tel-Aviv, one in Haifa and one in Jerusalem. Soon after the erection of the State of Israel a fifth Scottish lodge was established in Jerusalem. (*Final Installment next month*)

Fraternally, Joseph Da Silva Master of Kadosh

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Sophie Burk's 103rd Birthday



David Fisher receives his Cap



Bro. Jim Dingman's 25th year in Scottish Rite



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### THE RITE WORD

## <u>" Stated Meeting & Dinner "</u> <u>Tuesday, October 11th, 2011</u>



<u>Please</u> be sure to call in your reservations or e-mail me! We need to account for the number of people, with the caterer, 2-3 days in advance! Thank you! Regards, Angela Athans angel66542@aol.com (408) 978-7483

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~Baby Carrots

~Mixed Green Salad

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~Dessert

(Vegetarian Meal Upon Request Only)

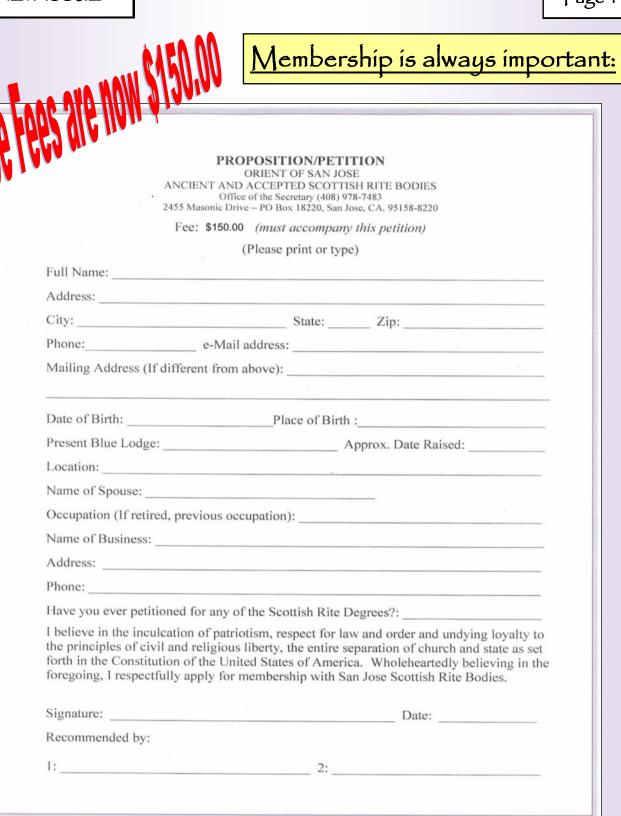
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# From the Lighter Side ...



An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!"







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## **Future Scottish Rite Events**

October 4th - Confer 4th Degree - Registration begins at 6:00 PM Degree following Dinner MAKE RESERVATIONS!

Tuesday October 11 - Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM Dinner/Feast of Tishri and Conferral of 14th Degree following.

#### **MAKE RESERVATIONS!**

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