



From the Personal Representative

Happy New Years to all and welcome to 2018!

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

There were many highlights this past year and we ended strong. We were able to honor and give recognition to some of our members for their outstanding support of our valley. Brothers. Bud Ramsey and Chuck Cowden were coroneted a 33 Degree Inspector General Honorary and Brothers Bergevin, Vlcek, Tefft and Maxey were elevated to the rank of Knight Commander Court of Honor. It was my honor to nominate them and they honor our Valley. Congrats to all.

We had two very successful Reunions this past year and we brought in 20 new members. Welcome to them all. I want to congratulate the degree teams and support personnel that made the Reunions so successful. A few of our brothers have stepped up and have committed to creating new degree teams for degrees we don't currently confer. I look forward to witnessing these degrees once complete. Speaking of Reunions, this year will see an event not witnessed in California for decades. The 20 Valleys in California have agreed to hold a joint State-wide Reunion and confer all 29 degrees over a single weekend. This event will be held at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center on June 29th – 30th and July 31st. It will be an intense three day event, but when concluded, will have brought our ritual to life. I hope each of you will reserve this date on your calendar. I have to assume that most of you have not seen all 29 degrees conferred. Our Valley will confer the 19th and 32nd degrees as our part of the weekend. We would like to have as many new candidates as possible, so I challenge each of you to act as a membership committee of one and speak with your brothers in lodge who are not members of the Scottish Rite and bring them to the conferral.

A special thank you goes to Gregg Hall who is Chairman of our Supreme Council program Called VMAP. It stands for Valley Membership Achievement Project, and exists to raise the level of the member experience and to promote Scottish Rite education. Once again, Gregg did an outstanding job getting making this project a success in our Valley. We completed all necessary facets of the program to be awarded a completion plaque for our efforts in 2017. We will continue this great program in 2018 and plan to do even better.

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My Brothers;

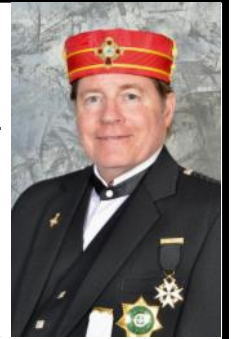
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brethren of the Scottish Rite for having me serve as the Venerable Master in 2017. All of our regular stated dinners have been well prepared; and the Agape Prime Rib dinners have been great events as well. I particularly enjoyed being the host for the Grand Masters reception and Table Lodge dinner in July.

The highlight of the year for the Lodge of Perfection was a Comedy Show starring Michael Mancini. That dinner show was well attended yet many missed out on a good night. Michael would like to do it again at our venue sometime.

I have tried to keep my messages about our work in Masonry. I wrote about our philosophical work based on the plain English part of our degrees; which included monitorial writings. I required that my messages be drawn from Wisdom; and that they had enough Strength to stand; with enough Beauty to be attractive.

My favorite symbol in the lodge is that of the point within the circle; with the Holy Writings on top and two rods, one on each side, representing Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. Let us all remember to stay within the circle.

Martin Maxey, Venerable Master 2017



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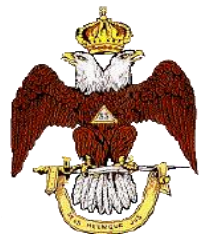
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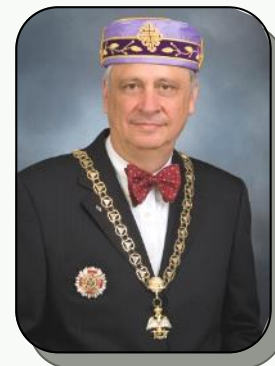
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Financially, we ended the year in great shape. Both our Bodies and Foundation budgets ended in the black. As the stock market has grown, so too have our investments. We are not naïve to think that this will continue forever, but it has been a blessing this past year. Our new budgets for 2018 have been created and I feel comfortable in our plan. We have the financial where-with-all to do the things we would like to do and I am anxious to see what we can accomplish.

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 by our Clinicians. For the past couple of years we have also made sizable contributions to the Grand Master's project, Raising a Reader, Masons 4 Mitts, recognition of our DeMolay leadership at their Annual Conclave, and we continued our Scholarship program. We were also pleased to be able to make a fourth installment contribution to the Supreme Council's House of the Temple, refurbishment project.

As I stated earlier, our Installation is just around the corner (Tuesday, Jan. 30th) and I congratulate all the officers who will be installed. Please attend and help support those who have taken on a leadership role in the Valley. It is our annual celebration of the new corps of officers and the time to celebrate the New Year. I want to also thank our outgoing Masters who did a marvelous job in 2017. Many thanks go to Brothers Martin Maxey, Ion Vasilescu, Dell Bleiler and Mark Burger as well as our Chief Knight, TJ Jackson. All of your efforts were greatly appreciated and our successes are your successes.

For 2018, many of our programs and events will continue. As we did this past year, we will again hold our Annual Grand Master recognition "Festive Board" where we will honor our Grand Master, MW Bruce Galloway, and his Lady Gay. This is always a great event and we look forward to this year's celebration. Events to look forward to are our two "Nights of Instruction" banquets chaired by Bro. Chuck Cowden. Bro. Chuck will also chair our Military Recognition Night, which has become an annual and very enjoyable event. Bro. Richard Fisher is again chairing our Scholarship Committee, as we will honor another graduating senior on their way to college. Later this month, 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 Lodges 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. We again attend the Highland Games in Pleasanton. What an exciting day! But besides our traditional events, I hope we can add new ones as well. Bro. Driesbach has us scheduled to visit the Stanford Linear Accelerator (SLAC). We are looking for many new ideas.

As in past years, I want to close this article with some thoughts on how we can best serve you. We only know we are doing ok, if we hear from you. Please give me your thoughts about where you see our Valley is heading, or what you would like to see done, 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. I want to thank our General Secretary, Bro. Hank and our Executive Assistant, Angela for all they do for our Valley. Please make sure you stop by the office and thank them for all their efforts. They are invaluable to me, and make my job very easy. I want to also thank Ill Bud Ramsey for assisting me in the role as Assistant to the PR. His support is invaluable.

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

Ken Nagel

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December 27th, 2017

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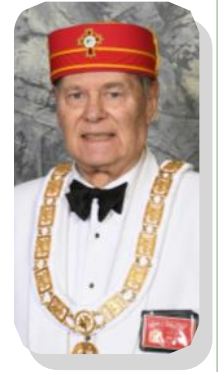
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From the Commander of Kadosh



In a past article I mentioned “How Jose Scottish Rite got here”. Now I write “How California and the Whole Bay Area got here”. My thanks go to that wonderful Geological Guidebook of the San Francisco Bay Counties, Bulletin 154, 1951, 400 pages. It is a magnificent research document. It goes something like this—“In the beginning the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the waters, and so forth”. That’s it folks—there was only the surface water on top. Then slowly came the volcanic and earth building processes to be repeated over and over again. With each successive geologic epoch new up-thrusting of mountains, hills, coastlines, plains, rivers and lakes would be created only to submerge and then be recreated differently as has happened in the past 2 billion years of the earth’s 4 billion year history. The early part of the latest Pliocene epoch has been estimated as about 10 to 12 million years ago.

Recent events which are recorded here have occurred only within the last one-half of one percent of the earth’s history and the development of the S. F. Bay Area itself may not have taken any more than the last one half of one-hundredth of that small fraction of time. During most of that that history there was no S.F. Bay Area.

Repeated events of temporary mountain building in the waters led to many geologic changes of plate tectonic movements, volcanos, earthquakes; and crustal compressions began to form both the great National Rocky Mountain range and our Sierra Mountain range. While this was all taking place our Coastal Mountain range and hills temporarily emerged from the ocean waters, then sank and reemerged in different locations, finally settling into what became our primary and secondary Cost Ranges. California’s central part would become the great Sacramento and San Joaquin inland valley with its flood plains and rivers bordered by the high Sierra Mountain range to the east.

In this period the costal ocean level was about 300 feet lower than now and only made scattered inroads into the coast mountains, hills and valleys. The Great Central Valley was originally below sea level but was filled by yearly winter rains and snow runoff plus summer storms from the high Sierras. Over a period of time the Great Valley floor became slowly filled with alluvial sediment which kept the valley floor water level rising but only at about a constant six feet in depth due to evaporation. At one time there was a an outlet in the south to the ocean near the Paso Robles–San Luis Obispo area but it eventually became clogged due to ground uplifting in that area.

In the north, the costal mountains and valleys also faulted and then eroded as the level of the ocean waters and inland sea became higher. Small streams and rivers including the Yolo, Sacramento, American, and the San Joaquin among others began to force their way through to the Stockton, Modesto, Rio Vista, and Antioch Delta areas. Further river cuts through the rocks in the Martinez and Rodeo area left no remaining obstacle on the river’s journey to the sea through the Sausalito, San Francisco and the Golden Gate areas.

During this period this new flowing river filled the Suisun Bay, the San Pablo Bay and the San Francisco Central Bay. It should be noted that the larger San Francisco southern bay was just a flat plain playing field. It would take more time for the waters to cover this area to its now average depth of six feet. then even more millennia to fill our bay and populate its shores with the native people, towns, cities, populations, industries, transportation, and the mode of civilization which we now enjoy. And His face shined upon the waters!

Dell Bleiler, Commander of Kadosh



Illustrious Ken Nagel called Angela Athans, our Executive Assistant / Rental Manager / Decorator Extraordinaire to the podium at our December Stated Meeting Dinner to publically recognize and thank her for all the hard work she does for the Bodies and the Foundation, much of it behind the scenes. An honor well deserved! The next time you see Angela—thank her yourself.



Lucas and Marco are fun-loving brothers who have been attending the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic to address an articulation disorder. Lucas, aged 10, and Marco, aged 8, each have lateralized distortions of /s/ and /z/, which makes their speech sound slushy. Otherwise known as a lateral lisp, this type of error typically develops due to jaw instability which results in airflow that escapes from the sides of the mouth verses the front of the mouth. Unlike some errors in children's speech, lateralized air-flow requires remediation as it is not considered a developmental error. Without remediation a lateral lisp will not go away. Thus, it's important to get speech therapy as soon as possible.



Marco and Lucas have worked very hard on their speech skills. When the boys first started speech they needed to learn placement of their lips, tongue and jaw to produce clear /s, z/. Over time they have achieved success with structured treatment tasks and are now working on carrying over their skills to conversational speech. They are utilizing a program purchased for our clinic to help keep us on the cutting edge of therapy techniques. The program is called SATPAC (Systematic Articulation Training Program Accessing Computers) which utilizes a metronome, wordlists specifically tailored to a child's needs and helpful carryover homework to provide to families. Lucas and Marco are using the program effectively and are nearly ready for discharge. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication!

Lucas and Marco's mother recently expressed her gratitude for the services that her children have received and continue to receive, "The Scottish Rite clinic can help so many children to communicate clearly and strive to excel at school...We are grateful to have the professional speech therapy without the worry of bills, costs, [and] insurance with other healthcare services. Thank you Scottish Rite for making it easier to give my boys the best chances of success. The gift and skills of good speech is a necessity especially in the Silicon Valley."

Brethren,

From the Wise Master

First, I hope that all of you had a wonderful Holiday Season and I want to wish to each and all of you a Very Happy New Year and a great 2018.

As I am writing my last article for the Rite Word as your Wise Master, I cannot stop thinking about my journey as an officer of the Chapter of Rose Croix. Five years of significant learning and personal development. The help, the support and the guidance I received from the officers and from all of you is something I will never forget and I will always cherish. Sometimes I think that I got more from you than you got from me.



I will take this opportunity to thank you all for the two great Reunions we had and to applaud the contribution of the new Brothers that are now part of this great Valley. It is so reassuring when one sees the activity and dedication of our younger Brothers.

On January 30th I will be passing the Jewel to Ill. Charles Cowden. What better person to take the seat in the East for the Knights of Rose Croix? I am sure that it will offer me and all of us the possibility to further our knowledge about the Chapter. I am looking forward to becoming wiser.

One more thing: Thank You for the opportunity to serve! Was a great honor.

Ion Vasilescu, Wise Master



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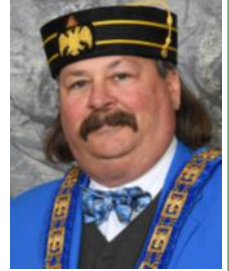
In 2017, the Brothers of the San Jose Scottish Rite were exemplary in their dedication to keeping our expenses in line by: paying their dues in a timely manner, making and keeping dinner reservations & holding costs down by making Bodies events 'break even.' As a result, the Bodies finished 2017 **IN THE BLACK**. As a **THANK YOU** for your efforts, we are **REDUCING** the price of Stated Meeting Dinners in 2018 to **\$12.00**—effective with the January Stated Meeting Dinner. Please continue to call or email in your reservations for all dinners and special events, and then pay promptly. An Annual Ticket is \$132—12 months for the price of 11. Call the office and order yours!



Our new Brother Mike Hertzberg is formally capped by his wife Linda at our December Stated Meeting Dinner, and is afterwards congratulated by our Personal Rep, Ill. Ken Nagel.

Benjamin Franklin once remarked that the beginning of wisdom is the knowledge of your own ignorance.

I have noticed that in many masonic moments, at events, lectures, seminars, someone will always ask some leading question or have a comment. They often will have an additional piece of information or comment. As they speak I find myself uneasy, it is something about their tone, the words they use or how they phrase the question. In that moment I often find myself doing one of my 'Do I understand' techniques called 'Looking between the lines', or lifting up the words to understand what I think they actually mean.



At times, in these moments, I 'feel' that what they are communicating, intentional or not isn't what they are saying but more of a challenge to who they are talking to, call them out, as if they forgot something, they are wrong or there is more information that they don't know.

Now this comes in conflict with some of my core feelings about communication, among them:

Respect for each other, especially while we speak and communicate, this builds relationships

Understanding that each of us only 'know' or understand something in the context of our own experiences

Remembering that we are listening to this person for a reason, it isn't that they asked us to correct them

Remembering that to embarrass someone is to undermine their confidence and self-esteem and that most people can't manage that 'in the moment'. This creates less than well thought out responses which begins the walk down the path of miscommunication and discord.

I have encountered many very knowledgeable masons and often I find that they do know more in my opinion than the people we might be listening to, not always but often. I think in the end it isn't what we say or do, but how we do it. Perhaps it is more important to listen than to speak.

East meets West

In December the Consistory hosted what turned out to be a very nice visit to the San Jose Rosicrucion Grand Lodge & Egyptian museum.

We started the day at the Park Station Hashery across the street for a breakfast of eggs, potato, coffee and fresh juice. It was a lovely way to meet and begin the day. In attendance were not only members of SJSR but other lodges and master masons, wives and some children

We walked across the street to the Rosicrucion Library where we got a tour and talk of the library which contains among its many volumes on history, alchemy, culture and some first editions by early Rosicrucion masters Isaac Newton and Francis Bacon. I was happy to see a few books there that I actually owned already. I also notice in a display cabinet there among other things a glass pyramid with a gold ring suspended in the middle of it. On the ring was a small engraving of a triangle with a Yod on it.

After the library we were escorted to the next building for meet & greet with Julie Scott the Grand Master of Ancient and Mystic Order of the Rosy Cross of North America. In an East meets West moment we snapped a few pictures GM Scott with Ill. Ken Nagel, our own Past Grand Master. GM Scott took the time to shake each of our hands and introduce us. In her talk was interesting to hear that most of the events at the Rosicrucion Park are on and based on the Solstice and the Equinox. These celestial events are among the oldest examples of man kind's journey to understand its existence.

After our talk outside the temple, then in an unplanned moment she then surprised us tour and lecture inside the AMORC temple. She told us that many things contribute to the Rosicrucion experience in the temple including meditation, visualization, and vocalizations. A question on what this was like, she further surprised us in leading us in a guided meditation on vowels sounds and how they pertain to the different parts in our bodies and our opportunity to pass energy through us, similar to Chakras. An interesting and enlightening experience for all of us.

After a walk through the garden we arrived at the museum and received a private docent guided tour. The guide was very knowledgeable on not only the museum but Egyptology in general. It was interesting to hear some of the same stories of Egypt that I had heard in Ill Daniel Doornbos' lecture on the thirty first degree during the last Reunion where Osiris with Maat view the scales as they weigh the soul of a man at the time of his passing

All in all a great day, a good way to spend a Saturday morning and some interesting and enlightening fellowship in not only the Scottish Rite but Masonry in General.

At the End of the Day

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for listening to me in my monthly rants in the Rite Word during my year in the East for the Consistory. I have had a good team of officers and I think I leave it in the good hands of our Brother TJ Jackson. I would like to especially thank Sean Patrick, for his help, good ideas and support this year. He is a fine man and a good Mason.

Mark Burger



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Monday, Jan 1st, 2018 ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR! *May 2018 be your BEST YEAR—EVER!!!!*

Tuesday, Jan 9th ~ *Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm*

6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - "Honor 2017 Blue Lodge Masters Night"

Sunday, Jan 21st ~ *Monthly Masonic Get Together from 1pm—7pm*

Host—Wors Will Montoya, 2999 Bradbury Dr, SJ Bring a dish to share Open to All Masons and Friends

Tuesday, Jan 23rd ~ *All Officer Meeting and Installation Practice—7pm*

Tuesday, Jan 30th ~ *Scottish Rite Installation of 2018 Officers*

6:00pm - Practice & Pictures ~ 7:00pm - Installation ~ 8:00pm—Refreshments

Tuesday, Feb 13th ~ *Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm*

6:30pm - Social Hour ~ 7:00pm - Dinner ~ Program - Valentine/Sweethearts Theme

Tuesday, Feb 27th ~ *SJSR Foundation Board of Directors Meeting—6pm*

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