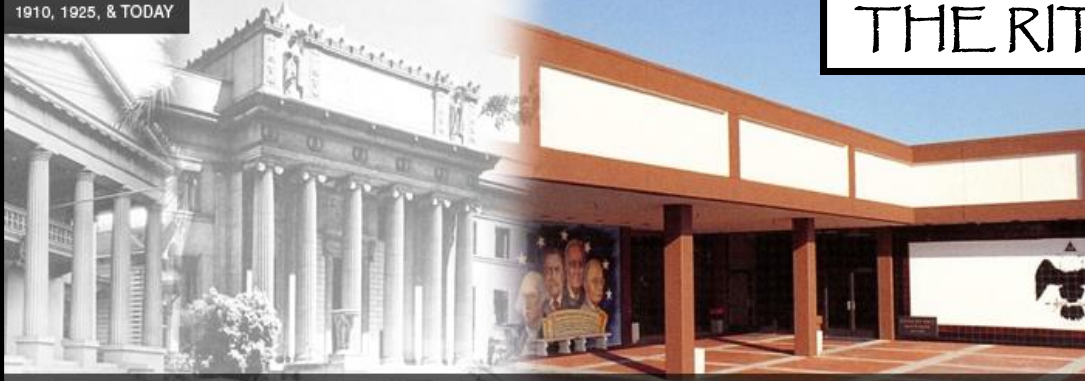


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# THE RITE WORD

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Brethren ,

The hour-glass is an emblem of human life. We can not without astonishment behold the little particles, which the machine contains, pass away almost imperceptibly. Yet to our surprise in the short space of an hour all are exhausted, thus wastes human life. At the end of mans shortest hour, death strikes the blow, and hurries him off the stage to his long and darksome resting place. Let the emblems of mortality which lie before you lead you to contemplate your inevitable destiny and guide your reflection to that most interesting of human study- the knowledge of yourself.



Be careful to perform your allotted task while it is yet day; continue to listen to the voice of nature which bears witness that even in this perishable frame resides a vital and immortal principal which inspires a holy confidence that the Lord of Life will enable us to trample the King of Terrors beneath our feet and lift our eyes to the brightest Morning Star, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race. Whose soul is ( If one may so express it) Universal and well contracted; and who despises no man on account of his country or religion but is ready at all times to convince the world that truth, brotherly love and relief are the grand principals on which he acts.

Lord help us to live every day as we will wish we had when we come to die. Make our fleeting life rich in usefulness, eager yet unhurried on high tasks intent, dauntless in loyalty, vision-led and love-anointed, 'til the dusk enwraps and Death hangs his sickle at our garden gate. When the day is done, sometime, somewhere, at Thy behest, give us to see what here is dim, and by Thy grace, render a higher service in a clearer light.

For today and every day.

The mosaic pavement was found before the porch of King Solomon's Temple.

Fortunate are they who can draw near onto it, as also onto the porch.

Fraternally,

*Joseph DaSilva,  
Venerable Master*

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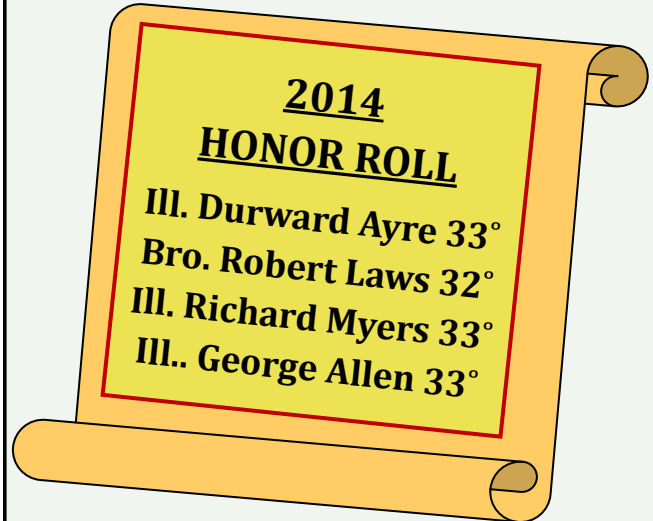
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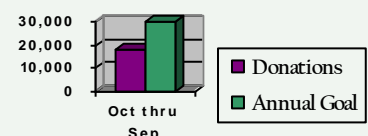
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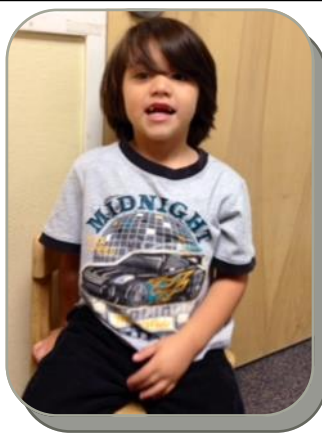
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**2013 Clinic Appeal**



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Oscar is a sweet, 5 year old boy who has been coming to our clinic since last November. His mother had concerns about his lack of language development. Oscar had not received any previous evaluations or treatment before his services here at Scottish Rite. His mother had been concerned for some time but was having difficulty acquiring services for him elsewhere.

Oscar's mother was referred to the clinic while discussing her son with a co-worker, who had child who was previously seen here. Oscar is exhibiting a severe delay in the development of his speech and language skills. Although he currently has no formal diagnosis, he is showing significant delays in language and social interactions when compared to other peers his age.

Prior to services at our clinic Oscar's mom described his speech as "...very poor, when he wanted something he would mostly point and yell. He would use only a few words." After 5 months of treatment she stated, "His language has definitely improved. He is now able to point and then try to say what he wants.

He will say more than 3 words at a time & sometimes almost a sentence. When given a choice of 2 objects, he will say the one he wants."

Oscar has made great gains since treatment began. Initially it was hard for him to transition from the waiting room back to the therapy room. It was also hard for Oscar to participate in a 45 minute treatment session. Gradually, Oscar entered the treatment room more willingly but still insisted on his grandmother coming in, too. Now, Oscar goes back to the room all by himself and is happy to have his grandmother watch from the observation window. He most always completes 45 minutes of therapy now too.

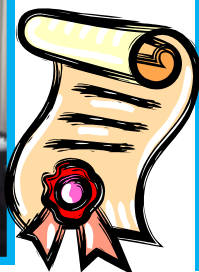
At the onset of treatment, it was noted that Oscar used a lot of "jargon" meaning that it sounds like he is talking but you can't really understand the words and they don't make sense. Initially, that was the majority of his communication, along with pointing, grabbing, crying and the occasional scream. Oscar was not using words to make requests, ask or answer questions, label things or comment on regular or purposeful basis. From the start, Oscar would make eye contact, smile and try to interact non-verbally – all things that were a positive foundation from which to start therapy.

Now, Oscar is using words to make choices for activities. He is imitating others and using words spontaneously, mostly to label items. He is starting to say "my turn and all done." He is also more regularly saying "hello and bye" when entering and exiting treatment sessions.

Oscar's mom said, "His treatment has helped us help him with his speech. It has given us a better understanding of what is needed to improve his speech. Being able to get help for my son is priceless and being able to learn what he needs help with is so awesome. Also, getting the help at no cost is such a blessing. I couldn't be more thankful for all the wonderful help I have received and hope to continue receiving. I have been very comfortable, happy and satisfied with my experience at the clinic."



### A NIGHT OF AWARDS April 8, 2014

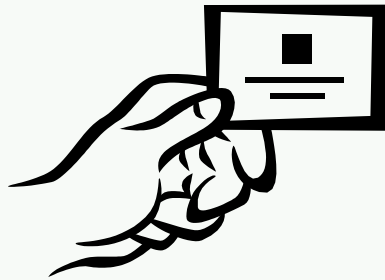


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*Please remember those brothers that are shut in. A friendly call or note from a fellow brother would be a warm and appreciated gesture. Though, they cannot always be present , they are certainly not out of mind. We wish them all the best. God Bless.*



**Called from Labor**

**Bro. Harry E. Bank, 32° - April 15, 2014**



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! (408) 978-7483

## From the Master of Kadosh

On March 30<sup>th</sup> a number of us traveled to Alameda to visit the USS Hornet. We were met there by Russ Kennedy, who is both a Mason and one of the docents on the ship, and were treated to a great tour, which included parts of the ship that are not regularly available to the general public. For those that have never been to the Hornet, I can highly recommend it. We then went and had lunch at a very nice restaurant that had a view of both the ship and the harbor behind. And finally we ended our day having a great time wine tasting at a local tasting room. Everyone that went had a most enjoyable day. Please look for other upcoming social events and join with your Scottish Rite brothers and their families in participating. Your leadership is trying very hard to provide such opportunities, so take advantage of them.



I know that I will sound like a broken record, but I will be including this in each message until the event.

Please mark it on your calendars and plan to attend.

**The Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite will be at our June 10<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting.**

We want to fill the building for this event and expect a number of out of town guests, Including the Grand Master. This will be RESERVATIONS ONLY for dinner. We are preparing a very special meal for this night and seating will be limited. Make your reservations **now** with Angela by email ([aathans@sanjosescottishrite.org](mailto:aathans@sanjosescottishrite.org)) or by phone. ( **408-978-7483** ) The dinner is \$25 and will need to be pre-paid by check or credit card.

By next month we will have a finalized Menu for the dinner, and it will be one you DON'T want to miss!!

Fraternally,

*Gregg Hall*

Master of Kadosh 2014



My Brothers,

April was very busy, but fulfilling for the Chapter Rose Croix.

Our Stated Meeting and dinner was very well attended. We counted over 20 brethren on the sidelines at our 18th degree and over forty participants at the Maundy Thursday ceremony. I would like to thank the cast again, specifically Ill. Richard Fisher, 33° who not only organized but also again took on the most difficult role as Wise Master for the evening.

At our first casual wine tasting we had a small but enthusiastic group. It included two Fellow Crafts and one of the candidates for the 2nd degree to be conferred by our Scottish Rite 2nd Degree Team April 28th. We enjoyed wines at Naumann, Ridge and Fellow Ranch on Montebello Road in the Cupertino Mountains, and had enough time for a small picnic on top of the hill at Ridge. The views were spectacular, and we were even able to see the city line of San Francisco from there.

Our next casual wine tasting tour will be on July 19th, again a Passport Day. The winery region we are looking at that time will be the Summit Wineries off Summit Road and Highway 17. We again are looking for a small group and consolidation of cars, since there again will be wineries with very limited parking. Those interested, please contact me at (408) 505-1822.

Fraternally,

**Wolfgang Lochner**

**Wise Master**





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## *San Jose Scottish Rite Reunion Spring Reunion (2014) Schedule*

### Friday, May 2

- 6:00 - 6:45pm Dinner (Council of Kadosh to host)  
 6:45 - 6:50pm Open Council of Kadosh  
 6:50 - 7:35pm Confer 19<sup>th</sup> Degree  
 7:35 - 7:45pm Break  
 7:45 - 8:30pm Communicate 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Degrees  
 8:30 - 9:00pm Confer 22<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
 9:00 - 9:45pm Communicate 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Degrees  
 9:45pm Close Council/Class Dismissed  
 (Badges to Tiler)

### Saturday, May 3

- 9:00 - 10:20am Open Council of Kadosh/  
 Communicate 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Degrees  
 10:20 - 10:30am Break  
 10:30 - 11:45am Confer 29<sup>th</sup> Degree  
 11:45 - 12:00pm Class Photo  
 12:00 - 12:45pm Lunch (Council of Kadosh to  
 host)  
 12:45 - 1:45pm Confer 30<sup>th</sup> Degree/Close Council  
 1:45pm Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

### Tuesday, May 6

- 6:00 - 6:45pm Dinner (Consistory to host)  
 6:45 - 7:30pm Open Consistory and Communicate  
 31st Degree  
 7:30 - 9:00pm Confer 32nd Degree/Close  
 Consistory  
 9:00pm Class Dismissed (Badges to Tiler)

## *A Message From the Commander ...*



Our Spring Reunion has seen the largest class of candidates that we have had in the last several years. And that is a very good thing. Amazingly, it did not take a whole lot of effort to accomplish this. Our Personal Representative sent out a message to the members of his lodge, advising them of the upcoming class, and suggesting that they might want to further their Masonic experience by joining the Scottish Rite. And suddenly — we had many candidates from that lodge. Let's hope that our Fall Reunion will see an even bigger class!

You may have noticed that our Valley is sponsoring a number of great events this year. We visited the U.S.S. Hornet earlier this year. We had a wine tasting in April. Still to come this year are the tailgating event at the Stanford football game, the visit of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the reception the Grand Master, Nights of Instruction, our big trip to New Orleans in September, and a day trip to San Francisco and Alcatraz in October. Those that are planning these various events have been listening to our members, who have said they want to see an active and vital Scottish Rite Valley in San Jose. So increase your own enjoyment by participating in these various activities. I believe you will find your Scottish Rite experience improved tremendously.

Remember that this is YOUR Scottish Rite. Please be with us when you can, participate as you are able, and let us know what you need and what you would like to see. And of course, we always love to see you at every opportunity.

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*Randy Downey, 32° KCCH*

Commander

Council of Kadosh

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**Tuesday May 13th ~ *Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM***

*Followed by Dinner and Capping Ceremony*

**Tuesday May 27th ~ *SJSR Foundation Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM***

**Tuesday May 27th - *All Officers' Council @ 7:00 PM***

**Tuesday June 10th ~ *Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM***

*Followed by Dinner and Reception of The Sovereign Grand Commander and Grand Master of Masons in CA*

**Tuesday June 24th ~ *A Night of Scottish Rite Instruction ~ 6:30-9:00pm***

**Tuesday July 8th ~ *Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM***

***30th Anniversary of the Dedication of the San Jose Scottish Rite Building***

**Sunday August 10th ~ *Grand Master's Golf Tournament, Moffett Field Golf Course ~ 9:30am-6:00pm***

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