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

THE RITE WORD

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From the Venerable Master



Brethren,

This year brings many new opportunities and challenges for the Scottish Rite Bodies. One challenge is to gain more participation of our brethren. There are many members that are not attending our stated meetings and our reunions for various reasons. It is your leadership and experience which contributes so heavily to the success of our organization. Your participation in Scottish Rite affairs will serve as a check and balance of the programs, plans, and leadership. Your participation continues to be one of the key concepts to our success.

The Reunions and degrees have been crafted to teach various lessons. It would be unrealistic to suppose that any person could comprehend all our lessons at first blush. For this reason we encourage members of Scottish Rite to faithfully attend our meetings and reunions, in order to refresh our memories by recital of the lessons of wise philosophy. Our meetings have been designed to maximize the available time for socializing with guest and other members. Our business meetings are about 30 minutes followed by a "social hour" and fellowship, and then a great catered dinner at a very reasonable price. (Reservations are required!)

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR ATTENDANCE!

Hal Leister—Venerable Master

From the Wise Master



This may seem like jumping the gun to talk about an April event in the March newsletter, but I need to get the date on everyone's mind.

I (as well as probably most of the officers of the Bodies) received an e-mail from the president of the Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club that the club would not be able to host their own Ceremony of Remembrance and Reflection because neither of the Masonic Centers in the Club's area were available on April 20th. Therefore, the ceremony at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center on Thursday April 21st (Maundy Thursday) will be the only one.

Bro. Richard Fisher, Past Wise Master, will be serving as Wise Master for the Ceremony, and I will be delivering the message.

Neither the exact time nor the menu have been set for this event which includes a meal before the ceremony, but it will happen. I will be addressing the subject in a little more detail in the April Rite Word as the specifics are worked out.

Fraternally, **John Unger** - Wise Master

Rite Word Support for '2011'

Let's help keep the Rite Word going with your support!

- * **Bro. Mrs. Tony Mariani** *
- * **Mrs. Shirley J. Gross** *
- * **Mrs. Elizabeth Ahrens** *
- * **Ms. Sue Jones** *

Thank you for the support!

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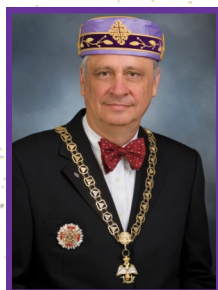
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From the Secretary's Table:



Brethren & Ladies:

We have now reached the end of another year and have, in fact, already begun and completed two months of this Masonic year. My how time passes quickly! The older I get, the quicker the time passes.

I have now had the pleasure of working for an excellent Personal Representative, Ill. Bob Winter, 33° and have now begun working for our new Personal Representative, Ill. Ken Nagel, 33°. I look back with admiration and forward with expectation for even more improvement in our Valley. I am certain that you all share the same feelings.

Our spring reunion is scheduled to begin in April and we do not yet have the applications presented for ballot that many of you have talked about. Please remember that next Tuesday's stated meeting is the last available time to present an application for the Spring Reunion. There is still much work to be done before we can initiate a class for our Scottish Rite Valley.

Our newest Scholarship recipient has been selected and will be announced at the March stated meeting and a number of brothers will be recognized as 25 and 50 year members of Scottish Rite.

Recently, I received a link for a Scottish Rite message and share that link with those of you who like such things and are computer literate. It is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iisiJ5wllw> and you will enjoy brief lecture by Brother Ben Franklin.

We have begun our 2011 Appeal for the San Jose Scottish Rite Language Disorders Clinic. Please make whatever contribution you can and if you make your contribution through the

Scottish Rite in Long Beach, be certain to earmark your donation to be on behalf of the

San Jose Clinic. Remember that we have our own

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(TIN 94-2541623) hereby certify that all funds
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The Children 's Language Disorders Clinic, and/or the San Jose
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From the Commander



Brethren, the average Mason desires information without taking time for research. It is the ultimate desire of Masons to be well informed not only on the exact phraseology of ritual but also its esoteric meanings it is for the benefit of these members of the craft seeking more light that this work is especially arranged. For the next several months we will have questions and answers pertaining to the symbolism of Masonry and its connection with the Bible.

Dreaming further light in Masonry

Dream: What is a dream? Divine method of approach, Genesis 20 ch. 3-7 vs Enterpretation of a dream is an exeptional gift, Genesis 40 ch. 5-23 vs.

Speaking to him in a dream, Numbers 12 ch. 6 v.

Angel appeared in a dream, Matthew 1 ch. 20.

Angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, Matthewch. 13 v.

Suffered many things in a dream, Matthew 27 ch.v.

Old men shall dream dreams,ch. 17.v: Joel 2 ch. 28 v.

Joseph DaSilva—Commander

Strong Leaders = Membership

There is a formula for making leadership in our Valleys a great deal easier and a great more efficient and successful. It begins with the constantly thoughtful covenant of brotherly love relief and truth at all times. The prescription for Membership Momentum is:

- 1-Total involvement
- 2-Doing only your best, first, last and always
- 3-No excuses
- 4-Hard working on the recruitment of the worthy and well qualified
- Reinstating
- 5-Being thoughtful, brotherly and personal with the members of our Valley
- 6-Remembering and reinstating the members who have slipped through our fingers
- 7-The leaders must truly believe in the goals of our great Order
- 8-We must keep the Membership Momentum going at all times.

We must develop a flawless ability to absorb our degrees. The purpose being to make the good brethren even better by use of the CODE:

Control of our emotions
Order to our lives and the lives of our brethren
Discipline in Masonry
Ethics

Masonry is what we make it! When the heat and burden of life's day of labor will be over, and we will be called to present our work to the Grand Architect of the Universe, let us make for ourselves a history that we were ever faithful in the performance of work and duty.

Let us focus on the future by creating new Membership in the present. Start by sponsoring new members for the next Scottish Rite Reunion!

Durward C. Ayre, 32° KCCH
Regional Orient Membership Ambassador



From the Master of Kadosh

Brethren,

I told you last month of all the wonderful exciting things happening in Scottish Rite this year. But we can't pull them off alone. We need the help of everyone. So if you haven't been with us for a while, then you are the one we're looking for. I want you to lend us your time and your talents, and help us make your Scottish Rite even better.

Remember to be on the lookout for potential new members, and to get their applications in by our March stated meeting. We're looking for a big push this month. I hope to see you at our meeting.

Fraternally,
Randy Downey
 Master of Kadosh

Sweethearts' Nite



WE ENJOYED CELEBRATING
 VALENTINE'S DAY WITH OUR
 SWEETHEARTS!
 IF YOU MISSED THE EVENING,
 THEN SHAME ON YOU!



Cassie is a cute, smart, fun-loving four year old girl who began receiving services at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic due to very limited speech and language. She was referred to our clinic by her family's social worker as Cassie was adopted from China at age 2. She came to her family with only a few words in Chinese. During the first six months after her adoption Cassie attempted to speak but had extreme difficulty. Of course her lack of expressive language was frustrating for Cassie and her family.



Initially Cassie worked in her treatment sessions to increase her use of language. As her expressive language increased, she began working on speech sounds, such as "P" to improve her intelligibility. During her treatment, Cassie's parents saw her "blossom". Her mother stated, "She now has the ability to carry on a conversation, talk to and be understood by family and peers. She seemed to make near weekly progress and continues to improve as we fine-tune her language and speech."

Her mother remarked that the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic "has given us an incredible gift, both in helping Cassie with the gift of language and also providing these services at no cost. We would not have been able to afford speech and I wonder how far behind she still would be...All of the speech therapists have endless patience, skill at teaching, and a real love for their students. We are 100% thrilled to be here."

Cassie continues to make progress with her speech and language skills. At this time she is working on her expressive grammar and her "I" sound in blends, like "flag" and "plum". Her parents are excited because she has made great progress. "Cassie has progressed so much that she may be able to graduate out of the program soon. Kindergarten is next year, and I am confident that she will be ready, and able to communicate with her teachers and friends. Thank you so much!"

MARCH 2011 Clinic Director's Message



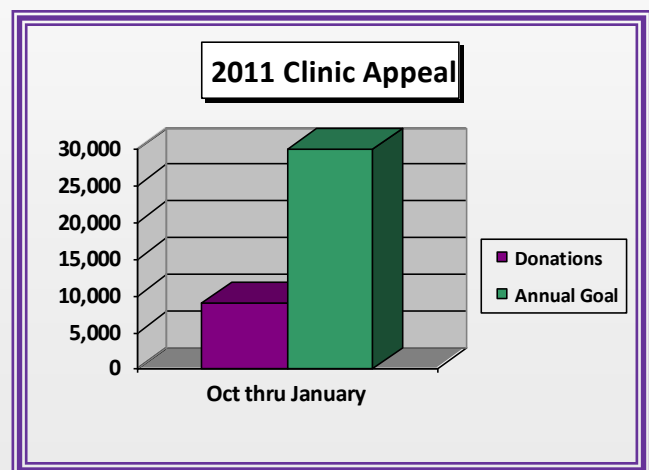
In February the clinic received a donation of assorted toys and games from the parents of a child who is receiving our services. The toys and games were immediately enjoyed by the other children at the clinic.

In addition, we were visited by a reporter from the Gilroy Dispatch newspaper who was interested to learn about the services that we provide to children in the community. She was quite impressed and featured the clinic in a recent column. Here's the link to the online version of her article: <http://www.gilroydispatch.com/news/272920-teraji-results-speak-for-themselves-at-clinic>. I would like to thank VM Hal Leister, 32° KCCCH, for inviting the reporter to visit and our clinicians, Angela Stephan and Rachel Sense, for helping me host the tour. Thanks also to Angela A. and Dina for pitching in to make the clinic look like a "showplace" on short notice.

During the month of January, we completed 223 treatment hours, including one screening. We have 53 children receiving speech and language services and an additional 99 children on our waiting list.

There are still a few items that we could use for the clinic including vertical blinds, a desktop computer and a color printer. If you would like to donate any of these items or help the clinic in some other way, please contact the Scottish Rite office or me.

Respectfully,
Durward C. Ayre
Clinic Director



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<u>Leroy Becker</u>	600 Hudson Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051-5815	408-248-3199

Permanent Shut Ins

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<u>Alvin Wong</u>	<i>Cards to:</i> 1163 Carolyn Ave. San Jose, CA. 95125-3223	<u>831-424-8072</u> <u>Visitors welcome !</u>
<u>George Banks</u>	Pacific Coast Care Center 720 East Romie Lane Salinas, CA. 93901	*****
<u>Robert Gass</u>	VA Nursing Home Care, Rm.258, 4951 Arroya Rd. , Livermore, CA 94550-9650	*****

In Memoriam:

Brother John H. Pierce

December 28, 2010

Brother Richard G. Kirk

February 16, 2011

Brother William G. Woolsey

February 27, 2011

God Bless !

Soft and Safe to thee my Brother, be thy resting place.

Bright & Glorious be thy rising from it.



Monterey Scottish Rite Club

Installed as Monterey Club officers for 2011 were : David Salinger, 32° - President ; John Williams, 32°, KCCH-2nd VP ;Ethan Meyer, 32°-2nd VP ;, Gene Bassett, 32°, KCCH-Sec/Treasurer and Herschel Amos, 32°, KCCH - Almoner/Chaplain. Bennie Cooper was appointed Director for the Monterey SR Club Maundy Thursday Service.

Installing officers were Ill. Kenneth G. Nagel, 33°, Pers. Representative for the Valley of San Jose, installing master and Roger Bibb, 33°, who served as Master of Ceremonies .

Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club

The Santa Cruz Scottish Rite Club held its' January 2011 Club Meeting on January 15, 2011. They were 23 in attendance for breakfast and the installation of officers for 2011.

Officers installed for 2011:

President-Kerem Kapkin, 32°; First VP - Joseph DaSilva, 32°; 2nd VP - Allen Barney, 32°; Sec/Treas - Chuck Cowden, 32° KCCH; Almoner - Hal Leister, 32° KCCH; Chaplain - Alex Chuiko, 32°

The installing Officers were: Installing Officer, Ill Ken Nagel, 33°, PR; Master of Ceremonies - Ill Roger Bibb, 33°; Installing Chaplain - Alex Chuiko, 32°

Following the installation, Ill Ken shared some of his ideas about the San Jose Scottish Rite and some of the changes we can expect in 2011.



San Luis Obispo Scottish Rite Club

On Sat. Feb 12th at 1PM the San Luis Obispo Scottish Rite Club held its annual installation of officers and included a Past Masters Dinner (for Thaddeus Sherman Lodge (Paso Robles lodge); Sweethearts Dinner (for same); the Eastern Star Installation and finally Scottish Rite Installation and Dinner. The goal was to get more people in one spot at the same time. Our Assist. Personal Representative Bro. Richard Meyers, 32° KCCH served as the Installing Officer. From all reports, the day was very successful.

Thank you Bro. Jim Smith for the information .

Recognizing Bob & Hazel's Service



With our grateful appreciation of your many years of service to San Jose Scottish Rite! Thank you!

"Stated Meeting Dinner"
Tuesday, March 8th, 2011

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MENU

**"Traditional
St. Patrick's Day!"**

- ~ Light Appetizers
- ~ Corned Beef & cabbage
- ~ Red potatoes and carrots
- ~ Dinner Rolls & Butter
- ~ Dessert

(VEGETARIAN DISH UPON REQUEST)

\$15.00 with Reservations

\$20.00 at the door!



From the Lighter Side ...



WOMEN'S OPINIONS OF; "DO-IT-YOURSELF" TYPES

**#1. The BEST WAY, To GET A MAN, To Do SOMETHING Is;
To SUGGEST, HE Is Too, OLD For It !!**

#2. LOVE Is, BLIND But; MARRIAGE Is, A REAL EYE-OPENER !!

**#3. If You Want A COMMITTED MAN, Look In;
A MENTAL ASYLUM**



Membership is always important:

PROPOSITION/PETITION

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 Office of the Secretary (408) 978-7483
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Fee: \$300.00 (*must accompany this petition*)

(Please print or type)

Full Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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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): _____

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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: _____

Recommended by:

1: _____ 2: _____



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



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Happy 
St. Patricks Day



Future Scottish Rite Events :

** Tuesday, March 8, 2011 **

Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM * Dinner following @ 7:00 PM

~ Please call and make your reservations! ~

Tuesday, March 22nd, All Officers Council Meeting—7:00 PM

April 6, 2011—Maundy Thursday

• *Tuesday, April 12, 2011 **

Stated Meeting @ 6:00 PM * Dinner following @ 7:00 PM

4th Degree Following

