



## The Rite Word

### From the Venerable Master

Brethren,

Thank you all for making our Sweethearts' Dinner a wonderful success. Especially, all that helped by bringing our beloved Ladies – thank you so much!

We had a wonderful dinner, prepared by our own cooking team – Angela and Gregg. The home-baked bread was outstanding, and so was the Stuffed Pork.

One thing to mention on the dinners: we still are struggling getting reservations in on time. Please try to avoid making us guess and over-portion, and you being penalized.

We had a nice breather with Presidents' Day, and now will have to go on for a while, except for the unofficial one: St. Patrick's Day. We promise: No green beer! We will have a very nice dinner for you at our March Stated Meeting which will be a Mardi Gras Theme even though it will be a little past the real date!

Speaking of which, Lent starts on February 26th



this year. A Christian tradition that lasts six weeks and leads us to Easter, and is meant to rejuvenate us physically and mentally. Some practice diet, but there is a spiritual component to it that asks everyone to think about the actions we took, good and bad, and prepare our thinking towards rejuvenation, and the never ending cycle of birth, life, death and resurrection that we will find with Spring, to load with fresh energy for the year.

I hope to see you all at our March Stated Meeting,

Celebrating our Sweethearts in February



### Reminder

Reservations for Stated Meeting Dinner are due by Friday March 6th. If you do not make your reservation by that date, Dinner will cost \$20 if there is enough

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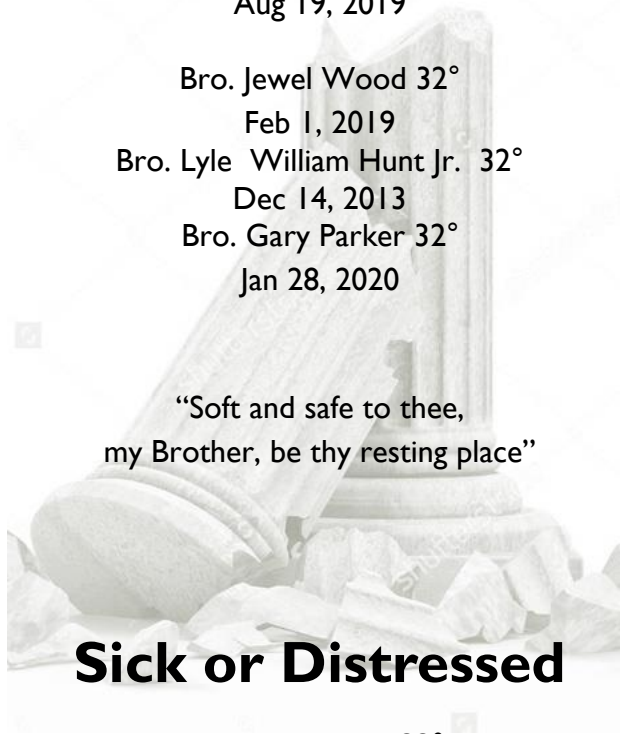
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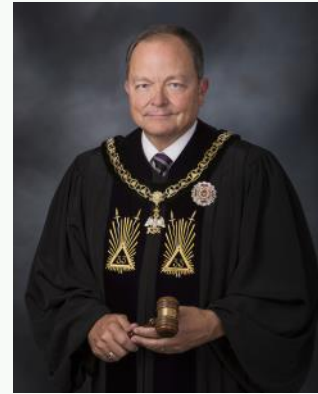
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### From the Wise Master

I begin by reminding everyone to make their reservations for our March stated meeting Dinner. We will be honoring our Lodge Masters for the year 2019. Let's give them a warm welcome. The food is always great and the friendships we share equally great.



In this month's Rite Word, I would like to quote a few statements on Freemasonry and Religion. It was prepared by the Masonic Service Association of North America.

Basic Principles----- Freemasonry is not a Religion, nor is it a substitute for Religion. It requires of its members a belief in God as part of the obligation of every responsible adult, but advocates no sectarian faith or practice. Freemasonry is open to men of any faith.

The Supreme Being ----- Masons believe that there is one God and that people employ many different ways to seek, and to express what they know of God. Masonry believes in religious freedom and that the relationship between the individual and God is personal, private, and sacred

Volume of the Sacred Law----- An open volume of the Sacred Law is an essential part of every Masonic meeting. The volume of the Sacred Law in the Judeo/Christian tradition is the Bible; to Freemasons of other faiths, it is the book held holy by them.

The Oath of Freemasonry----- The obligations taken by Freemasons are sworn on the volume of the Sacred Law. They are undertakings to follow the principles of Freemasonry and to keep confidential a Freemason's means of recognition.

Freemasonry compared with Religion----- Freemasonry lacks the basic elements of Religion, no dogma or theology, no Sacraments. The secrets of freemasonry are concerned with modes of recognition, not with the means of salvation.

Freemasonry Supports Religion----- Without interfering in religious practice it expects each member to follow his own faith and to place his duty to God above all other duties.

### From the Commander of Kadosh

The publication we receive from our Supreme Council frequently highlights Scottish Rite Masons who have made significant contributions in the past. Some years ago, while at the Long Beach Bodies, I had the opportunity to see Brother General Curtis LeMay's white cap. During World War II, he developed the technique of carpet bombing. After the War and during the early part of the Cold War, he was the commander of the Strategic Air Command (SAC). Before deployment of ICBMs, the B-52s of SAC were in the air constantly and flew routes that would allow the crews to deliver weapons into Russia quickly should the need arise thus providing a deterrent.



Many of use are familiar with some of the Past Grand Commanders of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. One of them made significant contributions to the United States during and after WWII and to the Scottish Rite. That is Ill. Henry Clausen. His contributions to the Scottish Rite include a number of books, a revision of the Degree rituals that were used for a time and *Clausen's Commentaries on Morals and Dogma*. He is a Past Grand Master of Masons of California. Born in San Francisco in 1908, he became a lawyer.

In WWII, he joined the Army "for the duration", a civilian at heart. As a Trial Judge Advocate, he was involved in the court martial of Army inspectors at the Wright engine plant in Ohio who made fraudulent inspections of military aircraft engines.

Secretary of War Henry Stimson realized, in 1944, that high ranking military personnel had provided false testimony regarding the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Stimson brought in a relatively unknown major to reopen the investigation. That major was Henry Clausen.

Between November 1944 and September 1945 Brother Clausen traveled over 55,000 miles and interviewed over a hundred military and civilian personnel of high and low rank. These interviews and examination of many classified documents, some designated top secret as late as the 1970s, resulted in an 800-page report that left no stone unturned. Nearing the end of his life, Brother Clausen wrote a book, in 1992, *Pearl Harbor Final Judgment* which told about his 1944-1945 investigation. In the book, ties to Freemasonry were mentioned several times.

Working on the investigation, Brother Clausen needed to get copies of top-secret MAGIC and PURPLE decoded messages. Those were the names of two Japanese codes the United States had broken



### From the Master of Kadosh

I would like to thank my San Jose Scottish Rite Brothers: John Absalon, Hon. John Unger, Ion Vasillescu, and T.J. Jackson for stepping up to the plate again as officers of the "2020" Consistory. Also, many thanks to Bro. Richard Rosenberg (now Hon. R.R.), for a wonderful year under his fine leadership in 2019.



Thank you to Ill. Daniel Doornbos for that really fine article he wrote in February Rite Word on the 17<sup>th</sup> degree. It was fabulous. Especially the part about the part of coming earthquakes, the sun is eclipsed, the red moon, the falling stars, and a might wind and so forth and the Captain of the Guard presents John the Baptist's severed head on a platter to the king.

This is really powerful stuff and it sort of reminds me of current times where many of our citizens and leaders are doing their very best to have the Head of State (D. John T.). I urge our members to revisit February's Rite Word and take at another look at the 17<sup>th</sup> Degree article.

On a brighter note, I previously mentioned that I liked to write about trips and on my recent trip up to the mountains (Penn Valley/Grass Valley/Nevada City). I attended Nevada Lodge #13'. I indicated at a recent Sciots meeting that I would like to be Worshipful Master of Madison #23 and of Nevada Lodge #13 at some time in the future, just to keep up with the "work". Well one should be careful of what one aspires to.

So, there I was, after giving three knocks t the door at Nevada Lodge Stated Meeting (to rest and refresh myself). I was greeted by a worshipful Past Master and several other officers who conducted me to a seat in the South, with the pronouncement "Take my seat"!

Well it was a vacant Junior Warden's Chair, and asked "how I liked the chair?), and if I would like to be Junior Warden this year!!

Oh boy! Just what I needed right now-and I had to demure, for this year at least

*Dell Bleiler*

### From the Chief Knight

#### The History of the Knights of St. Andrew

In early 1993 the late, Ill. Weldon Good, 33rd of the Tulsa Valley in Oklahoma saw a need for assistance during reunions. He noticed that Masons were joining the Scottish Rite, but would stop showing



up, and getting involved with these important reunions. To rectify this situation he developed the organization now known as the Knights of St. Andrew as a service group for the valley. Their bylaws stated that this would be a "Black Cap" only group.

As of 2020 there is approximately 117 Chapters in the Southern Jurisdiction with one Chapter being in Tokyo, Japan and one is San Juan, Puerto Rico. On May 22, 2002 the Valley of San Jose Knights of St. Andrew received their Charter, and is now in their 17th year.

If you would like the Knights of St. Andrew- Valley of San Jose do a flag presentation, for a Hiram Award Recipient, or in later months for installations, please email us at: [sjscottish-riteksa@gmail.com](mailto:sjscottish-riteksa@gmail.com)

Our next Knights of St. Andrew stated meeting will be on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at noon in the Scottish Rite building, in the conference room. Following that The Knights of St. Andrew will be hosting the March Monthly Smoker at the Scottish Rite building starting at 1:30pm. All San Jose Scottish Rite Masons are cordially invited to the meeting and smoker.

Next month topic for discussion will be on the origin of the Knights of St. Andrew. Fraternally Yours,

*Kaleo Dagne*

## The Eighteenth Degree, Knight Rose Croix

The 18th Degree or Knight Rose Croix, is among the most dynamic, symbolic, and instructional degrees in the Scottish Rite curriculum. As a mandatory degree, the 18th is presented at all Reunions.

This Degree is a continuation and completion of the 17th Degree. The 17th is rarely exemplified, and as a result, candidates miss a valuable preparation that would enhance their immediate comprehension of the 18th. But like all Masonic Degrees, you must witness the work multiple times and study the lectures if you expect to get the full message.

The 18th Degree combines symbolism and philosophy from early Christianity, as well as Alchemy, Numerology, Hermeticism, Rosicrucianism, and Astrology. You can spend a lifetime studying those topics. We will touch on them as they appear in the Degree and then discuss them in a future article.

The Knight Rose Croix Degree is composed of three acts, known as apartments in the ritual. But the ceremony begins with the Master of Ceremonies and the exemplar candidate in a small, dark room, a place ideal for personal reflection. The Master of Ceremonies poses three essential questions to the candidate and leaves him alone to answer them in writing. They are:

- Are you willing to accept as Masonic Brethren all good men of whatever creed?
- Do you understand that Freemasonry may teach great truths that do not exclusively belong to any one religion; and that if you interpret any of these symbols as having a special reference to your own particular faith, you have no right to insist that others shall accept your interpretations?

Will you always respect and maintain freedom of speech, thought, and conscience in matters political and religious?

Once the candidate has written his answers, signed and dated his document, the Master of Ceremonies verifies that the candidate has a proper attitude and disposition to proceed. This Degree is intended to be not a proselyting exercise, but rather an experience looking at familiar symbols in a new and different way.

### First Apartment

The first apartment is a dark chamber, symbolizing frustration and disappointment. The various officers of the Chapter, dressed in black, file in and greet each other in an esoteric manner, not to be described here. Everybody is sad. Masonry is in great distress. The Wise Master (presiding officer) asks what is the hour the Senior Warden replies, "It is the hour when the veil of the temple was rent in twain, darkness reigned, and consternation oppressed all the earth. The flaming star is eclipsed, darkness has overcome the light, the columns and working tools of the old Masonry are shattered, the cubicle stone sweated water and blood, at that instant, the True Word was lost."

After calling the Chapter from refreshment to labor, he calls the Knights to order for the purpose of recovering the True Word and increasing the number of Knights to aid in the search. It happens

that several Knights of the East and West (17th Degree Scottish Rite Masons) are waiting outside and eager to join. They have given appropriate answers to the three essential questions (discussed above).

The candidates file in and stand west of the altar. The Wise Master recounts the sad situation. On the screen, appears an image of Jesus of Nazareth, hanging on a cross. The Wise Master says, "Here you see a sad example of how an ungrateful world often rewards those who devote their lives to the Truth." He commits the Chapter to discovering the True Word and asks the candidates if they wish to participate. Who could say no to that?

Now the exemplar candidate and Master of Ceremonies walk about the lodge room, listening to a series of comments from the various Chapter officers. One at a time, they recount observations of the dismal state of mankind. There is war, pestilence, barbarism, and persecution; men acting like beasts, wickedness prospers, honesty and virtue go unrewarded; overpopulation reduces in value of the individual person while famine depopulates communities, material and intellectual poverty is everywhere. Philosophy is like a mirage and religion is nothing more than a source of conflict. Then the lament turns toward God as the ultimate source of the injustice. Why does he allow all this chaos? He is all-powerful, right? Why doesn't he fix it? Maybe he shares his reign with a demon!

At this juncture, everybody gets the point about how bad circumstances can become. What to do? The Wise Master sends the candidate out in search of a constellation in the night sky that might provide a clue. This is an oblique reference to Astrology. But we don't have to make a bunch of observations, calculations, and draw a horoscope because the celestial clues appear in plain text. As the candidate walks in three circuits, these words, one at a time, appear in the sky: Faith, Hope, Charity. We hear these words when the Chaplain recites the circumambulation of the Fellowship Degree, which comes from 1st Corinthians, chapter 13. But this context is completely different. In this case:

- Faith in ourselves and our power to do good
- Hope in the ultimate triumph of Masonry, peace, and liberty

Charity that will teach us to treat others as we want to be treated

The Master of Ceremonies comments on the relationship and application of Faith, Hope, and Charity in a Masonic setting. Faith and Hope find fruition in Charity. Charity is the action, chief virtue, and first law of a Mason. Charity in this sense, is essential to discovery of the True Word and the regeneration of humanity from its current condition as described in this Degree. The Master of Ceremonies asks the candidate if he has faith and hope in the Masonic sense. He does. **Continued on Page 7**

A lot of people are confused over the meaning of the word charity. In the early 17th century, when the King James scholars translated the Bible text of 1st Corinthians, and encountered the Greek word ἀγάπη (agape), they chose the English word "charity"; which is benevolence and goodwill shown in broad understanding and tolerance of others.

In modern English usage, charity refers to generosity and helpfulness toward the needy or suffering. The Greeks had a different word for that, φιλανθρωπία (filanthropia), from which we get our word philanthropy.

For the Greeks, agape is an unconditional love, bigger than ourselves, a boundless compassion, an infinite empathy. It is the purest form of love that is free from desires and expectations, and loves regardless of the flaws and shortcomings of others.

The Wise Master then administers the Vow of the Order to the candidates. They say Vow, rather than Obligation, because Knights Rose Croix is a knightly organization. Such orders typically have a series of vows that you take as you progress to full membership. In this case, the Vow holds you to keep the secrets of the Order, be tolerant and hold a charitable opinion toward all Brethren, hold the Scottish Rite above all controversies of church, party, state, or nation; and never contenance persecution or reviling of others because of their political, philosophical, or religious opinions.

In other words, more than just allowing other people to express their ideas and opinions, your job is to protect them from persecution, should it arise. You can disagree and discuss things. But if people become angry and threatening, your job is to de-escalate and protect. Not an easy job. Ask any police officer.

Next, the Wise Master has the exemplar candidate lay his forehead upon a sword and say, "The sword shall always be for me the symbol of Knightly honor, and of the protection which I owe to those persecuted for opinion's sake, especially of my duty to the Order of Heredom and its chiefs."

This is the first mention in the Scottish Rite Degrees of something called the "Order of Heredom". You can find an explanation on page 374 of the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide* by Artero De Hoyos. However, the explanation is not given in the ritual itself. So the candidate must make an individual effort to find it. Of the explanations offered, I favor the suggestion of English Freemason John Yarker (1833–1913), the Greek words "hieros domos", meaning "Holy House".

The last action of the Wise Master is to anoint the breast of the exemplar candidate, with the blessing that his heart might be the receptacle of true and virtuous principles. The candidate divests himself of his Knight of the East and West insignia and assumes the chasuble, apron, and jewel that the other Knights Rose Croix are wearing.

The Wise Master notes how the constellations (of Faith, Hope, and Charity) have disappeared, and explains the ancient Persian idea that there were two deities, one good, the other evil, who cooperated in a kind of eternal alteration, a cosmic dualism. The Hebrews (Jewish people) who were carried into captivity in Babylon were exposed to

this concept after the Persian empire defeated the Babylonians. They eventually incorporated it into their own system of belief, in concepts such as God versus the Devil.

The Knights arise and march in silence on their way to recover the True Word. We don't know where exactly they are going, they just march one-by-one out the door. When the candidate reaches the door, they slam the door shut in his face and the Master of Ceremonies exclaims "You cannot enter here!" After a rather humiliating diatribe presuming that the candidate might be conceited and presumptuous, seriously overestimating his knowledge and understanding of Masonry. The candidate then takes off his knightly trappings and dons sackcloth in token of modesty, humility, and penitence. He puts a veil over his head.

Sackcloth is useful for making sacks to carry dry goods. But at an article of clothing, it is itchy and uncomfortable. In ancient times, sackcloth often was infested with biting insects that augmented the wearer's discomfort.

Ashes were a symbol of mourning. A grieving person might tear open his clothing and pour ashes on his head to express his sorrow. A modern derivative of this practice is the Catholic Christian observance of Ash Wednesday, where the priest imposes ashes on the foreheads of the congregants in preparation for Easter.

#### \Second Apartment

In the second apartment, the Master of Ceremonies conducts the candidate through a twisting pathway that hopefully leads him to the True Word. We simulate the pathway by stepping around and past all the items on the lodge room floor, walking in one direction and then another. In the background, we hear a choir singing "O Fortuna", from *Carmina Burana*, with drums beating an intense pace. Finally the Master of Ceremonies and candidate face an image of Hades, projected onto the screen. This image is based on ideas from Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* and John Milton's *Paradise Lost*. That's where most of us get our ideas of what Hades or Hell might be like.

The Master of Ceremonies explains to the candidate that this representation teaches the solemn lesson that the judgement of God is certain and the consequences of crime are inevitable. The flames in the image reflect the passions raging in the hearts of men: ambition, avarice, lust, anger, envy, hatred, malevolence, intolerance, and revenge. He asks the candidate if he agrees that we need divine aid and support to overcome these unruly passions and human frailties. He does, so they continue to the third apartment.

In the meantime, the stage hands take down the first apartment decorations and set up the third apartment. At the same time, the officers change their uniforms and wear white aprons that have a compasses, cross and rose, and pelican iconography on it. More about that shortly.

\Third Apartment **Continued on Page 8**

## Stated Meeting Menu

Tuesday

March 10, 2020

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY,  
by March 6th)

Call the Office **NOW** at 408-978-7483 &  
make your reservations!

### Appetizers

Chicken and Sausage Gumbo  
Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya

Crawfish Etoufee

Fresh Vegetables

Fresh Bread

Dessert

The third apartment represents the hall where the Rose Croix Chapter meets. White and crimson are the principal colors. It has restored columns and working tools, and a variety of emblems and words displayed. And the lighting is brighter. The Master of Ceremonies brings the candidate into the Chapter room and the Senior Warden introduces the candidate to the Wise Master. Here the True Word is slowly revealed on the Trestleboard, projected onto the screen. He observes and repeats the words: Infinity, Nature, Reason, and Immortality. They form the initials I.N.R.I., which signifies how nature and reason unite demonstrating the infinity of God and the immortality of the divine essence in man.

On our Masonic journey, we are introduced to the idea that man has within himself a divine and eternal essence in the lecture of the Master Mason Degree. This is the first mention of it in the Scottish Rite curriculum. But no explanation or elaboration is given here. You have to wait for the 32nd Degree to really learn what they are talking about.

INRI is the True Word. Upon finding it, we observe the cubicle stone unfolds itself to reveal a passion cross and the mystic rose. The Orator gives a lecture about the symbolism of this degree and how it might be interpreted by Scottish Rite brothers of various different religions. He emphasizes the new law of love, promulgated by Jesus of Nazareth (see the Gospel of John, chapter 15). He concludes with the story of how the symbol INRI originated.

From the first century onward, artists have drawn or painted the crucifixion scene with a sign INRI above Jesus' head as he hung on the cross. That image is not consistent with the Bible account. We will discuss it further in a later article.

The Orator concludes with another interpretation of the letters I.N.R.I., *igne Natura Renovatur Integra*, a Latin phrase meaning, "all

of nature is renovated by fire", which hints at the greatest secret of nature, universal regeneration. Another topic for a later discussion.

The Expert now discusses Infinity, Nature, Reason, and Immortality in greater detail. The Assistant Expert follows with a summation, then an alternative interpretation of I.N.R.I., *Insignia, Naturae, Ratio, Illustrat*; said to mean "reason deciphers nature's hieroglyphics". For what it's worth, Google Translate says the phrase means, "trial of nature that is illuminated".

The next action is for the new Knights to silently select individual names for themselves. In the ritual, the Wise Master gives the exemplar candidate the name "Equus ab Honore", which means "Knight of Honor" in Latin. The Wise Master then pronounces each candidate a Knight of the Eagle and Pelican or Rose Croix of Heredom, entitled to all the titles and prerogatives of Knight and Perfect Mason.

The Master of Ceremonies instructs the candidates in the Words, Signs, and Token of a Knight Rose Croix. We can discuss one of the Signs here because we use it at open meetings and rituals of Scottish Rite. The Sign of the Good Shepherd is made by crossing the arms over the breast, left arm over the right. This is the position of an ancient shepherd carrying a lamb across his shoulders, with his crossed arms holding the animal's feet, so it doesn't slide off.

Next, the Master of Ceremonies gives a detailed explanation of the two jewels used in this Degree, which include the eagle and the pelican, representing wisdom and devotion, respectively. The pelican is shown with seven chicks. The bird has torn its own breast to feed its young. This image is called "Pelican in her Piety". You can find it in illuminations (drawings in books), stone reliefs, jewelry, paintings, and stained-glass windows from the Middle Ages to our day, on the Louisiana State Seal. And no, pelicans do not behave that way in nature.

Finally, the Guardian of the Temple instructs the candidates about the colors black, red, and white that predominate this Degree. He points out the design of the Scottish Rite caps, which also use these colors. Then he describes them as the (actually, three of the four) stages of alchemical transformation. Alchemy was the medieval forerunner of chemistry. It was based on the supposed transformation of matter, such as converting base metals into gold or brewing an elixir of immortality. White is the spiritual stage of alchemy, called the Quintessence, or fifth essence, which subjects man to the influence of the divine spirit. Think back to the Second Apartment, where we agreed that we need the help of the divine spirit to overcome our unruly passions and frailties.

The number five also belongs to the pentagon, which we now add to the diagram of the Masonic Camp.

The Wise Master finishes the instruction by referring again to the pelican. Its seven chicks remind us of the number

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My name is Alisha Leong, and I will be on board as a new speech-language pathologist serving the Bay Area community. I am a Bay Area native, being born and raised in Sunnyvale. I love the diversity, the many cultures, and people that create this place called home.

My initial interest in speech therapy was back in 2008 when my Aunt was struck by a car. Thankfully my Aunt survived, but she had many years of rehabilitation, and still has to work towards improving her speech, memory, and physical range of motion every day. I was most inspired by her ability to regain her speech. It was so important to her, and to her family and friends that she could express her thoughts and needs. Ever since 2008, I was intrigued by the profession that helped my Aunt become empowered.

From 2014-2016 I attended San Francisco State University where I began studying, and eventually grew a passion for becoming a speech-language pathologist. During this time, I was a receptionist at a speech clinic, volunteered at hospitals and private practices, and delved into organizations like Operation Smile. In 2016, I began my journey as a graduate student at University of Hawai'i at Manoa. This was a pivotal year as I was able to really apply theory to practice. I worked with diverse population, serving infants to adults in private clinics, hospitals, and the school district. I was also able to create new, lasting friendships, meet amazing mentors, experience different cultures, and grow closer to family members who live in Hawai'i. After obtaining my master's degree in 2018, I worked at the Scottish Rite Children's Center in Honolulu, HI. I loved the student to teacher ratio, the support from staff and family members, and of course, the kids that I worked with. It's rewarding to see progress, and being a hand in that, is a reason why I enjoy this profession. Something I've learned over the years is that my patients or clients always teach me something- whether it's about historical facts, hobbies, or something valuable like patience and understanding.

Outside of work, I enjoy practicing mindful Yoga, meditating, going to live concerts that support local artists,

and exploring new places.

I am excited to collaborate alongside parents, teachers, and Rachel Sense in continuing to learn and develop my skills to better serve the community. Thank you Scottish Rite family for welcoming me, and I look forward to fulfilling your mission!



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seven; the seven planets (that the ancients could see without a telescope), and the seven branches on the Menorah that illuminated the Israelite Tabernacle and Temple. Almost hidden in his comments is an important lesson: "Our ancient masters, to exercise the intellects of their initiates, displayed to them the symbols, but left it to them to discover their meaning. Thus the symbol conceals."

**III. Daniel Doornboss 33°**

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and messages so encoded were being read by us. Initially a number of officers had lied to Brother Clausen about the existence of such decoded messages on orders from their higher-ranking officers. This was due to the then highly classified content of those messages and even the fact we were able to read them was also top secret.

Brother Clausen was persistent and started working up the military chain of command to gain access to those messages. He ended up in the office of Brother President Harry Truman. Initially Truman was very reluctant to allow access but then Brother Clausen reminded Truman of something they had in common. He reminded Truman that while he was Past Grand Master of Masons in Missouri, Clausen, before the war, had been Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of California. On hearing this, Truman got up and went to Brother Clausen and promised his complete cooperation in gaining access to the needed decoded intercepts.

In his book, Brother Clausen goes on to tell of a meeting with Brother General Douglas MacArthur. He told MacArthur about being Grand Orator and congratulating him on being a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason. MacArthur had said earlier that he wanted to expand the moral principles of Freemasonry in the Far East.

Brother Clausen asked MacArthur if he could send some items to Manila needed for the start-up of a Masonic Lodge. MacArthur agreed and assigned his G-2, Willoughby, also a Mason, to the task. Besides sending rods and Bibles, MacArthur was instrumental in having confiscated Masonic property in Manila and Japan returned to the Masons.

Brother Clausen passed away in San Francisco and is interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, Colma. This is the same cemetery where Brother Emperor Norton is buried. To visit the Clausen crypt, enter the building to the right of the entrance, pass the chapel and turn left at the niches. Go down the corridor of crypts and look at the bottom row on the left. A short distance in you will see his simple, unadorned bronze name plate.

When I was researching this article, I felt one web site would be of interest if you want first-hand information of the circumstances surrounding Pearl Harbor beyond what the movies and cable TV give. It is quite long equal to a hundred or more pages. It has Clausen's interviews with a hundred or more people who were involved in deciphering the coded messages, getting them to command officers, and actions taken or not with the information. It even has a number of pages with the names and (maybe) location of the Japanese Navy around that time. It also includes comments by Brother Clausen, Stinson and others on the interviews.

To find the site Google "Henry Clausen Pearl Harbor". Part way down the first screen there is a reference giving a site as "ibiblio". That is the one.

*Bill M. Fiel*

**Knights of St Andrew at Installation**



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### **Sunday March 22nd ~ Masonic Smoker 1:00 pm**

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