

From the Venerable Master

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It is interesting to know how we are described to the world, by those outside the fraternity. The following is taken from Wikipedia, under the heading "Scottish Rite"

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in the United States often omits the and, while the English Constitution in the United Kingdom omits the Scottish), commonly known as simply the Scottish Rite, is one of several Rites of Freemasonry. A Rite is a progressive series of degrees conferred by various Masonic organizations or bodies, each of which operates under the control of its own central authority. In the Scottish Rite the central authority is called a Supreme Council.

The Scottish Rite is one of the <u>appendant bodies of Freemasonry</u> that a <u>Master Mason</u> may join for further exposure to the principles of Freemasonry. In <u>England</u> and some other countries, while the Scottish Rite is not accorded official recognition by the Grand Lodge, there is no prohibition against a Freemason electing to join it. In the United States, however, the Scottish Rite is officially recognized by Grand Lodges as an extension of the degrees of Freemasonry. The Scottish Rite builds upon the ethical teachings and philosophy offered in the craft lodge, or <u>Blue Lodge</u>, through dramatic presentation of the individual degrees.

The thirty-three degrees of the Scottish Rite are conferred by several controlling bodies. The first of these is the Craft Lodge which confers the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason degrees. Craft lodges operate under the authority of <u>Grand Lodges</u>, not the Scottish Rite. Although most lodges throughout the English-speaking world do not confer the Scottish Rite versions of the first three degrees, there are a handful of lodges in <u>New Orleans</u> and in several other major cities that have traditionally conferred the Scottish Rite version of these degrees. [1]

As you can see, this description if fairly accurate. The latter portion of the last paragraph above is also quite accurate, as I can attest. Many of us from the Valley of San Jose traveled to New Orleans in 2014 and 2017, and were privileged to attend a first degree and third degree, respectively. They are indeed different from what we are used to in our California Blue Lodges.

When this Valley travels as a group, we often find some unique Masonic experiences. You should come along with us on your next trip, which will be to Philadelphia and Gettysburg, in September, 2019.

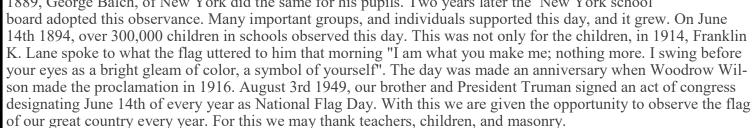
Brethren, the Lodge of Perfection is sponsoring a trip to San Francisco, at go to Alcatraz. (Conintued on page 9)

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From the Commander

Greetings,

The Star Spangled Banner, Stars and Stripes, and Old Glory are but a few names that The American Flag goes by. This month we are given the opportunity to give our respect to a fabric that has woven so much history in our world. June 14th, this day was chosen by BJ Cigrand in 1885 to have 'Flag Birthday' or 'Flag day'. He arranged to have this observance for his students in Fredonia Wisconsin. In 1889, George Balch, of New York did the same for his pupils. Two years later the New York school



June 14th, take 5 minutes of your day and watch on the internet our brother Richard "Red" Skelton speak of Old Glory when he describes the pledge of allegiance. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgkSrMi5OGY





The San Jose Scottish Rite has purchased a table sponsorship for the Gala Event. If you are interested in going please contact Illustrious Ken Nagel. Tickets will be given on first come first served basis.

We, the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation (TIN 94-2541623), hereby certify that all funds received on the behalf of the San Jose Scottish Rite Foundation, The Children's Language Disorders Clinic, and/or the San Jose Scottish Rite Scholarship funds are used for charitable purposes only and the donor receives no goods or services in return for their donation.*

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Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of San Jose, in the Orient of California, acknowledge and yield all allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies

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From the Master of Kadosh

Fraternal greetings! We will meet at Fibber Magees Irish pub at noon on June 2nd to enjoy the Sunnyvale Art and Wine Festival! I will be planning a trip to the Rosicrucian museum in the up coming months.

Living in the Present Moment

Last year I had the privilege of reading Eckhart Tolle's seminal book <u>The Power of Now</u>, and it impacted my life in a very positive way. The primary premise of the book is to be present, aware, and conscious in the current moment. Too many times in our lives, we tend to either live in the past or the future. Fixating on past events. Thinking about positive or negative events in the past. Looking forward to our next vacation. Just counting the minutes till our work day is over and we can finally start

living. The challenge is, that if we live in the past or the future, we are missing the abundant life that's unfolding in the current moment. The only thing that truly exists is the current moment. Time is just a series of moments, and the only true moment that exists is RIGHT NOW.

By viewing our current experiences through the lens of past experience or future possibilities, we often miss the reality of the what's occurring in the current moment, and as such we lose the essence of reality and are blind to the possibilities the current moment offers. We are all guilty of going somewhere, say a Scottish Rite stated meeting, and thinking about how previous meetings were in the past. We often view current events through the lens of the past. As such if we don't experience the present moment we might miss great opportunities to have new experiences and interactions.

Being present is also an essential part of relationships. We view people through the lens of how they acted in the past. We sometimes predict that someone might exhibit a negative behavior, based on past experience, and as such we actively look for that negative behavior and we don't notice the positive aspects of that person. By not giving space to a person, and by viewing them through the lens of the past, we often miss the positive behaviors and attributes of that person. Additionally, how many times have you had a conversation with someone and they seem to be so distracted from the events of the day or upcoming events that you don't truly connect and communicate? People are too consumed by their phone or too distracted in their thoughts to experience the present moment. How damaging this is to our relationships? We all have a million responsibilities and things vying for our attention, but if we just put everything aside, focus on the current moment, realize that there is nothing to do except be in this moment with the person you are communicating with, and provide space and non-judgement, based on past events, then how great will our relationships and lives improve?

Therefore, I encourage each and every one of you to focus on the current moment. Experience what the current moment in this life has to offer. Provide space and attention in your relationships, from your close family members to the lady at the supermarket checkout counter and see how your life and those around you improve. We all have a duty as Mason's to chip away at the rough and superfluous parts of our rough ashlars, and this is a great way to work toward our smooth and polished ashlars.

Best Fraternal Regards,

Kenneth Sean Patrick

From the General Secretary

Two Quick Items. The first is if you have a security code for the building please come verify it with me, we are cleaning them up, deleating those that are not used and ensuring that those that need them have them in their name.

The second is I am a Notery Public and I offer that service to my masonic brothers at no cost. So if you need something noticerized, please come see me..

Brother Hank wanted to give everyone his new address and invites anyone in the area to swing by his new home.

> 2479 S Racine Ln Gilbert, AZ 85295

> > 408-757-1774

Reminder

June and July Stated Meetings are Business Casual Dress, so leave the tuxes and ties at home.

Also put the August Stated Meeting on your schedule now as we will once again have our Grand Master Reception and

Members of the San Jose Scottish Rite and their families enjoyed a Trip to the Stanford Linier Accelerator on April 27th. We have a lot of fun activities scheduled so come out and participate. We have an upcoming trip to Alcatraz planned for September 8th, so make your reservations now.



<u>Franklin Wong</u>	Greenhills Manor 238 Virginia Avenue Campbell, CA 95008	408-656-5572 Calls/visitors Welcome!
<u>Leo B. Mark</u>	Westgate Villa, Room 29 5425 Mayme Avenue, San Jose , CA.	408-838-4764 Cell Calls & Visitors Welcome!
<u>Herb Dallas</u>	1373 Echo Valley Drive San Jose, CA. 95120	408-268-9472 Calls & Visitors Welcome!

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Called From Labor

Brother Peter Saad 32° May 2, 2018

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Lyle Veron Willet JR 32° May 6, 2018

"Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, be thy resting place"

Please remember to notify us when a fellow Brother is ill, in need, or has passed to the other shore.

We are not always

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contacted in a timely manner. Scottish Rite is here to assist! Please feel free to call anytime! (408) 978-7483

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Make your contribution to the San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies and have your name included on the "Honor Roll".

Your annual gift of \$100.00 or more will help the San Jose Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Consistory reach the level necessary to provide quality events for our future success.

Send your annual gift of \$100.00 to Scottish Rite and have your name on The "2018"Honor Roll

From the Wise Master

This month I present the second part of my Maundy Thursday talk on Harmony. I hope you can refer, if necessary, to the May Rite Word to refresh your memory of Part I.

PART II on Harmony with Others and Nature

It is almost impossible to conceive of living our lives without frequent contacts with others. Humans are not as self-sufficient as we might like to think we are. It is generally agreed that we have an innate need for communication, that we are social animals. Our gregarious nature compels us to live in a society or community. It is to

our benefit to do all we can to preserve harmony in our family and in all other relationships. Let's say the whole of humanity! We live in an age where technology gives us the capability to communicate with our family and friends with the utmost speed and ease. But, these media must be carefully employed. Temperance and Prudence come to mind, as two Cardinal Virtues, discussed in the First-degree lecture, to help guide us in this regard.

I can think of few things more stressful than living in a state of conflict. Harmony must be the Golden Rule within the family and society. This does not mean group think because this would lead to conformity and uniformity which certainly stands in the way of evolution. To the contrary, we should live together in mutual respect, with the goal of using our differences of opinion and individual behaviors for the good of all.

There is a Buddhist teaching that says:

Let your words pass through three gates:

Is it True?

Is it Necessary?

Is it Kind?

We live on this wonderful planet in this harmonious universe provided for us by the Great Architect of the Universe. To examine the harmony between ourselves and the natural environment might seem unnecessary as it is so self-evident. But all we must do is look around us to see how we have through acts of commission and omission with, in most cases, the best of intentions disrupted the balance or harmony of our surroundings.

Nature does have its Body of Laws and humans have obligations to understand and respect these laws. We must accept that our actions as individuals or as a community if not in harmony with nature will and already have resulted in dire consequences.

To summarize, it is generally believed our happiness is in direct proportion to the state of harmony that each of us maintains within ourselves, with others and with nature. The more we are aware of this the more we might feel the obligation and necessity to construct and maintain our human and natural relationships in harmony.

Let me close with this Scottish Rite Rose Croix characterization of this celebration: it is "The moment when the Word was recovered; when the Cubical Stone was changed to the Mystic Rose; when the Blazing Sun reappeared in its entire splendor; the Columns of the Temple were re-established; the Working Tools of Masonry restored; when True Light dispelled the darkness and the New Love began to rule upon the earth".

I trust these thoughts on Harmony might cause us all to reflect on how we discharge our obligations and duties inculcated in our Masonic lodges. For these obligations and duties charge Freemasons to live their Masonry in all aspects of daily activity.

On June 19, the Personal Representative and the Venerable Master invites you and all Freemasons to "An Evening of Scottish Rite Instruction and Festive Agape Dinner". I hope to see you there and share with you this evening of light and Brotherly Love.

Fraternally,

Olysas B Coursen



Charlie is a friendly and playful 5-year-old boy who loves to play with his brothers and sisters. He has been receiving speech therapy services once a week at the San Jose Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic with Miss Karen. since May 2017 to address his multiple phonological processes (patterns that young children use to simplify adult speech while their speech and language are developing, most of which are outgrown by ages 4-5) impacting his overall speech intelligibility. Charlie's older brother, Jacob, also receives speech therapy services with Miss

Karen at this clinic. When Charlie began services at our clinic, he had a limited set of speech sounds that he was able to produce, and substituted most sounds (/t/, /k/, /g/, /f/, /v/, "th", /s/, /z/, "sh," "ch," "j") with the /t/ or /d/ sound. Charlie also glides his /r/ sound, replacing it with a /w/. Charlie has worked hard in all of his sessions and is now able to produce the /k/, /g/, /f/, /v/, and /s/ sounds in structured exercises. He is developing his ability to monitor his own speech sounds and is occasionally able to correct his own errors. He was referred to our clinic by a family friend, Paulette Codipilly.

Charlie's mother, Rachel, reports that his speech was very difficult to understand prior to receiving services at this clinic. "I would ask him to repeat his words and would guess on a lot of words until I got the word right. He would get frustrated," she said. Now that he has been receiving speech therapy for a year, she has

noticed a dramatic difference. "He is not frustrated nearly as much and tends to even try harder when I compliment on his improvement." She said that his treatment has impacted their family because everyone seems to talk more now.

His mother reports that she has had a good experience with the clinic. She identified "the friendly therapists who make working hard fun" the most rewarding aspect about receiving services here. She says she would tell other parents with concerns about their child's speech and language development about our clinic for the free services and friendly, patient, and thorough therapists. We have enjoyed having Charlie and his family at our clinic! It has been a joy to see Charlie's hard work and his progress



Did you know??

- We have an app for that..... You can download the San Jose Scottish Rite App at http://ourapp.link/sr-san-jose
- You can make reservations and pay for meals directly on our website at sanjosescottishrite.org
- You can pay your dues online at our website, or on the Supreme Website
- You can access our calendar of events on our website.
- You can get a hat box and leave your hat here securely, for only a one time fee of \$3.



<u>MENU</u> Tuesday, June 12,2018

(Vegetarian Entrée by REQUEST ONLY, by June 8th)
Call the Office NOW at 408-978-7483 & make your reservations!

Assorted Appetizers
Smoked St Louis Ribs
Smoked Chicken Thighs
Roasted Red Potatoes
Grilled Veggies
Mixed Green Salad, With Italian and Ranch Dressing
Garlic Bread
Carrot Cake

From the Venerable Master Cont.

This outing will be on Saturday, September 8. In addition to visiting the island of Alcatraz, there are options to ride the exciting Rocket Boat. Also, if we have enough interest, we will charter a bus to take us up and back. If you're interesting in participating in this fun day, call the Scottish Rite office and make a reservation.

Remember that our June and July stated meetings are casual. Please attend and enjoy the comradery of your brethren.

See you there.

San Jose Lodge of Perfection

Kardy Downey

Germania Lodge #46, GL of Louisiana, USA "The

Lodge works in the Scottish Rite Symbolic ritual - one
of only ten Lodges under the jurisdiction of the

Grand Lodge of Louisiana which work in this historic ritual. The ten Scottish Rite Lodges comprise the 16th District of the Grand Lodge of

From the Chief Knight

29th degree - Scottish Knight of Saint Andrew

The virtues of this degree are "Love of God, loyalty to superiors, faithful adherence to promise and active resistance to unfair

promise and active resistance to unfair judgment." There is no apron. The jewel has two parts: on top is a gold hexagram, made of concave-outward triangles, with a compass open to 25 degrees inside it. On the bottom is suspended a gold St. Andrew's cross ("X"), with a knight's helmet, winged serpent ouroboros, key, and a point-down triangle. In the center of the cross is a Hebrew YOD, and on its points, clockwise from bottom, the Hebrew letters N M I N.

The San Jose Knights of St. Andrew Stated Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 24th June 2018 are 12 noon. Light refreshment will be served.

A famous quote by Steve Job:

THE ONES WHO ARE CRAZY ENOUGH TO THINK THAT THEY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, ARE THE ONES WHO DO.

Fraternally,

Naresh Rampershad

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On Friday, Saturday & Sunday
June 29, 30 and July 1, 2018

Contact Valley Secretary, Gregg Hall with any questions. (408) 978-7483









Brothers Hank VIcek and Valm Pascual receive their 25-year pins.

Brother Jack Freeman receives his Scottish Rite Cap after having gone to the reunion in Guthrie, OK and seeing all 29 degrees.





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Future Scottish Rite and Masonic Events

 $\underline{\text{Tuesday, June 12th}} \sim Scottish \ Rite \ Stated \ Meeting \ \textit{@ 6:00pm}$

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program -

Thursday, June 14th ~ Monthly OAM Meeting hosted by Mt Moriah #292

6: 30pm—Dinner 7: 30pm—Program: Ritual of the 3rd Degree 2nd Section

Tuesday, June 26th ~ Monthly All Officer Meeting —7pm

Tuesday, July 10th ~ Scottish Rite Stated Meeting @ 6:00pm

6: 30pm - Social Hour ~ 7: 00pm - Dinner ~ Program - To be announced

Sunday, July 15th—York Rite Picknic

Tuesday, July 24th~ Monthly All Officer Meeting —7pm