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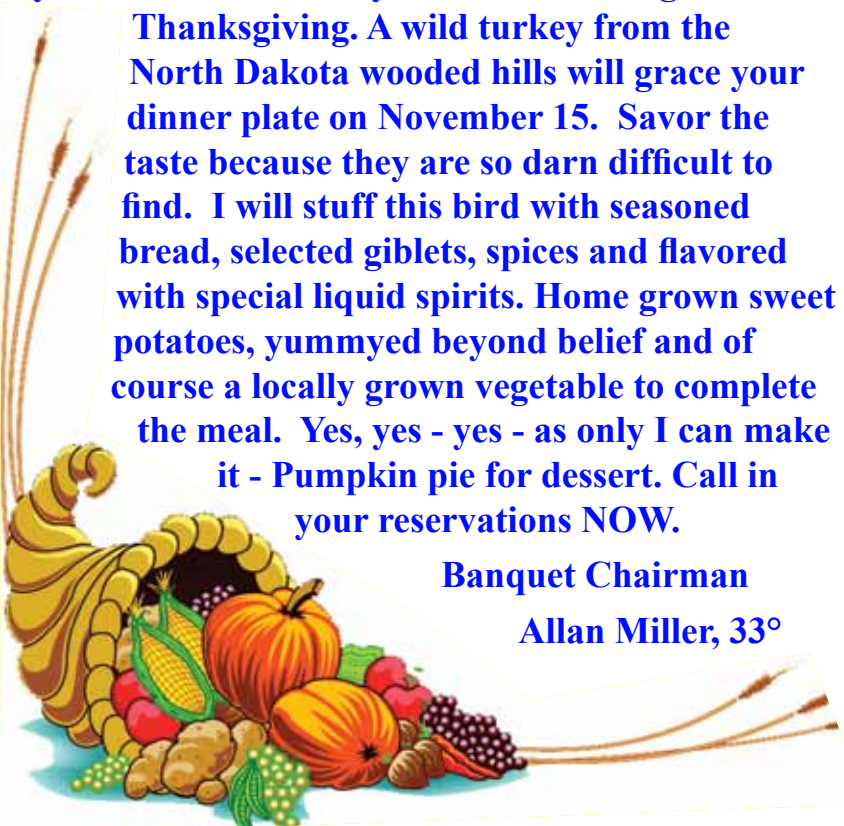
NOVEMBER MENU **A THANKSGIVING FEAST:**



Not just any “Gobbler” will satisfy your tastebuds when you are celebrating

Thanksgiving. A wild turkey from the North Dakota wooded hills will grace your dinner plate on November 15. Savor the taste because they are so darn difficult to find. I will stuff this bird with seasoned bread, selected giblets, spices and flavored with special liquid spirits. Home grown sweet potatoes, yummed beyond belief and of course a locally grown vegetable to complete the meal. Yes, yes - yes - as only I can make it - Pumpkin pie for dessert. Call in your reservations NOW.

Banquet Chairman
Allan Miller, 33°



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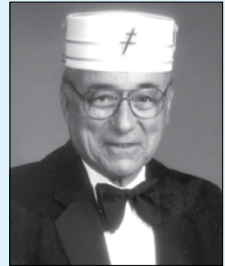
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FROM THE WISE MASTER



Rose Croix Continued

In Themis Aurea Michael Maier said: “One explains R.C. by Rosenkreutz; and however the Brothers themselves declared that they were called Rosicruciansin correctly, for the letters R.C. only symbolically designate the name of their founder”. And Ireneus Agnostus: Our Order existed for a long time before Christian Rosenkreutz; he reorganized them. He knew everything about temporal philosophy; but he was wanting in matters of faith. Thus, he was none

other than Solomon who was the founder of this Society, for the doctrines existed before their human representative”.

Finally, Maier (Siletium post clamores) suggested the Rose-Croix descended from the Brahmans, the Eurnolpidae of Eleusis, the Gymnosophists of Ethiopia.etc.

The anonymous work Colloquium Rhodostautoticum declares: “However, in his opinion”: “ If their founder hadn’t been Christian Rosenkruetz and if they invented the name, it is because, for them, the sons of God, the cross has been changed in this existence into a beautiful blooming rose.”

As for their meeting place, the Fama had said: “Since we shall reveal neither the names, nor the place of our meetings, messages which are addressed to us, in whatever language, will come to us .”

Julianus de Campis, in a Letter which had been inserted into the 1616 edition of the Fama, said: “There is no assembly which meets in one place”. Later he adds “ We live in a monastery build by the father, and called Sancti Spiritus. We live there in common, wearing a robe which conceals us, in the middle of the trees and forests in the country, and by a silent and well-known river. Beyond there is a famous town where we find all of which we have need”.

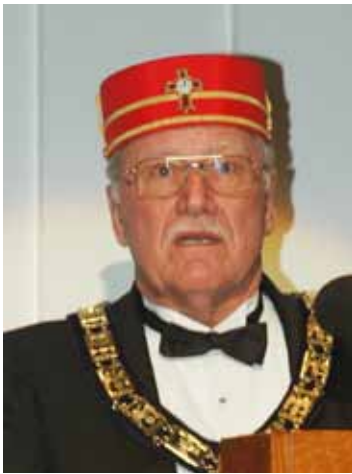
Theophilus Schweighardt (Speculum sophicum) confirms that the Brothers of the Rose-Croix did not assemble in a given place; but that a man of good faith could easily enter in communication with them: However, it would be vain to visit all the towns of the Empire or the sea if you are not worthy to be received; even if you see the doors open before you, you would not be

able to enter. The danger is not in temporization, but in precipitation. If you observe my teachings, I assure you that a Brother will soon be close to you”.

Fludd (Clavis philosophiae) declared that the Rose-Croix lived on a mountain of Reason, in the temple of Wisdom, built upon the rock which is the Christ, that they are taught by the Holy Spirit, and that they are the spiritual stones of the Edifice.

C. Ray Whitaker 33°, Wise Master

FROM THE MASTER OF KADOSH



I want to thank everyone who participated in the “Great American Harvest Festival” organized by the Friends of the Childhood Language Center, our own community guild established to raise money for the Center. The event was held at the outstanding San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust facility on Old Friant Road last month. “Glen Delpit and the Subterraneans” provided an outstanding music program for the attendees. The entire afternoon and evening was a most rewarding experience. There were several superb and very generous vendors that added to the festivities. I understand it was a financial success and will provide much appreciated

funding for the operation of our Fresno Childhood Language Center’s day-to-day operational funding. The forecast weather may have caused some to miss this event, but the rains held off until the event was over and although overcast the temperature was perfect. The people, who worked on and contributed to make this superb event so enjoyable, deserve our combined congratulations for their dedication and hard work.

We started the “Fall Reunion Class” last Saturday, and it was very well received by all. It was a great start for this newest class of Scottish Rite Masons. The hard work of the cast, stage, and wardrobe seemed to be extremely well received by the class and sideline viewers and visitors. We have two more Saturdays to go before this class will have completed the 4th through the 32nd degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry.

Bernie Hollenbeck, 32° KCCH

“BUILDING A SCHOLARSHIP”

Brethren, Ladies & friends

I was so busy with my Blue Lodge Duties last month, “Children’s I. D., at the County Fair”, and “Grand Lodge”, and Coaching a candidate on the first degree, and another on the second degree, “Middle Chamber”, that I didn’t get a chance to remind everyone that we still need to support the Scholarship Program, at the C.A.R.T. School. Please don’t forget these young men and women, the need and appreciate our support, and they certainly are deserving.

So please send a \$20 dollar bill whenever you can, they add up at the end of the year. Thanks for all the support in the past, and in the future.

Bob Myers

Building a Scholarship Donations

Thank you to all who are supporting “Building a Scholarship” fund. Your continued donations will allow us to expand our scholarship program and continue to support the deserving students of the C.A.R.T. School. Donations made this month by **Venie Puntanilla**. Thank you!

“BUILDING A SCHOLARSHIP”

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Scholarship Committee
Bob Myers

THE DRAMA OF SCOTTISH RITE

The drama, excitement and pageantry continue! Masonic ritual, in all its many presentations, teaches us great moral lessons and, we hope, “helps to make good men better men.” Most of us know and love particular passages of the ritual and cherish the lessons we have learned. One of the great pleasures of the Scottish Rite ritual is its presentation in dramatic form. Our wonderful Scottish Rite Auditorium is the perfect place for these performances.

Saturday Nov. 6 – Chapter Rose Croix and Council of Kadosh

Last month’s article covered the beautiful degrees of the Lodge of Perfection, enacted on October 23. The presentations of the Fall Class continue in November. Be sure to be there! On Saturday Nov. 6, following the communication of the Fifteenth through Seventeenth degrees, we present the important and impressive Eighteenth Degree, Knight Rose Croix. Under the direction of Bro. Mike Hall, 32° KCCH this degree in the new script presents some of the most beautiful, impressive, surprising and maybe scary scenes of the Scottish Rite performances! The somber mood of the Dark Chamber, with the downcast pillars of the craft and the scattered working tools, makes every Mason think of the dark days we have passed through. As the candidate is conducted in his search for the truth, the constellations Faith Hope and Charity appear in glory to lead him on. Then in one of the most impressive and startling dramas of Scottish Rite ritual, the artistic backdrop of the Red Chamber opens and cannot fail to convey to all watching its message of inevitable punishment for crime. (see cover picture). Finally, as the officers return filled with hope to the White Chamber, we learn the significance of the True Word of the Scottish Rite, and of the Rose Cross and the other important symbols of this degree. This is one of the most symbolic and meaningful degrees, and the new scripts provide a wonderful opportunity to convey those symbols in the most impressive manner possible.

The afternoon will be taken up with communication of the 19th – 29th degrees. Do not despair, even this formerly boring exercise has new life! Watch the class read through these degrees to make their meaning more important. And take notice – some of the more “hammy” members of the crew are rumored to be planning a special Reader’s Theater presentation of one of the most entertaining of these degrees!

Saturday Nov. 13 – Council of Kadosh and Consistory

The final day of the Fall Class promises to be a great one! Be sure to plan to be here for some of the best degree presentations you have ever seen. The



Thirtieth Degree, Knight Kadosh, opens the day under the direction of Bro. Pete Clark, 32°KCCH. Here the traditions and teachings of the Knights Templar are presented in a series of chambers enhanced by the special effects possible in our well equipped auditorium. From the moment the bell tolls at the opening, you will be captivated by the drama and pageantry.

Yes, it is true as you may have heard from the last class – you will be amazed and entranced by the appearance of the ghost in its ethereal new form! The Mysterious Ladder of Kadosh, one of the oldest and most important symbols of Masonry, and the pageantry of the ceremonies of the Knights Kadosh conclude this important and dramatic degree. Every member will want to be sure to attend this performance.



In a special presentation, the unusual Thirty-first Degree, Inspector Inquisitor or Initiate of the Egyptian Mysteries, will be communicated in a

class read through. One of the most magnificent of our huge collection of stage settings represents the Egyptian Hall of the Dead, with Osiris Pharaoh of the Gods presiding as a soul makes its journey. The members of the class take the parts of the Egyptian Gods and Assessors, and have a chance to visit the wardrobe and don parts of the inventive costumes of this degree. This is one of the most complex and mysterious degrees of Scottish Rite and well worth watching.



The grand finale of every Reunion is the Thirty-second Degree, Master of the Royal Secret. Director Ill. Rich Hutchison 33° presents this

degree in all its magnificence. The candidate takes many vows and is introduced to the symbolism of the Great Camp of the Scottish Rite. Rich in allegory and symbols, reviewing and revisiting this degree frequently is most important for any Scottish Rite Mason!

Here is an opportunity for each and every one of YOU, my brothers, to

see the most important lessons of Scottish Rite presented in an impressive, dramatic, and yes, entertaining, form. A full auditorium of brothers is sure to impress the members of the class and show them how important we find our ritual. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in the audience this Fall!

-Mike Hall 32° KCCH



**The DRAMA
of Scottish Rite
Fall Class Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 13
Don't miss it!**

Congratulations on reinstating your
Scottish Rite membership

Samuel A Cannon
Paul L Locket

Lemoore DeMolay Chapter



We truly thank all the generous Masons who donated the money to sponsor a new DeMolay member. It is appreciated by all the boys. We hope you received your Thank you cards signed by the boys. August and September were very busy months. We had a hamburger/hotdog BBQ and Pool party for the boys and prospective members in August and a popcorn movie night for the boy's and prospective members in September. Some of our members traveled to Stockton for the Sweethearts Ball and Installation. The boy's received a Proclamation from the Mayor of Lemoore, John Murray, for the virtues expressed by the Chapter and their involvement in many civic and patriotic endeavors. The chapter also presented the Flags for the Grand Masters Cornerstone Laying at the Joe Simas Elementary School in Hanford on September 14th. On 27 September, the boy's displayed their many skills (Ha Ha) at the Hanford KC Bowling center.

Fun was had by all.

On October 2nd, a few boys attended the Grand Masters class in Oakland. Only the Asst. Chapter Chairman lost his way and visited every section of Oakland. They only found the Scottish Rite lodge after they stopped for a bathroom break and maybe directions!! They were a half block away and passed by the building twice ????

October was also very busy. Our fundraiser for the Convention, a Spaghetti Feed in Armona, on 16 October, chaired by Adam Hodson, and was very successful. Any additional donations for the NORCAL DeMolay Conclave in Sacramento on 26-28 November would be highly appreciated. We are expecting a visit by "Dad Land Day", and various Divisional officers at the special November 8th Stated meeting. On November 25th, the boy's will be working shifts at the Lemoore Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Citizens Center for families throughout Kings, Tulare and southern Fresno county.

The various youth groups are eagerly awaiting the Lemoore Christmas parade. The Shriners will be here and the groups can join them in the parade. Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you at our events.

The Lemoore Chapter International Order of DeMolay meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at the Lemoore Masonic lodge at 647 West Bush St. Lemoore, CA. New members are always welcome. Just ask any member for an application.

James Sperlich 33°
Advisory Chairman

Heart Of The Valley #217 International Order Of The Rainbow For Girls

The meeting night of October 13th was started with Installation of Officers for the ensuing term.

The following officers were installed: Worthy Advisors: Jessica Regier, Bonnie Hood and Emily Flink; Worthy Associate Advisor: Jessie Beavers; Charity, Corey Titman; Hope, Julia Holman; Faith, Christina Soutas; Treasurer Jessica Regier; Drill Leader, Calynn Soutas; Nature, Mackenzie Bridgeman; and Confidential Observer, Makayla Force.

A business meeting followed. Jessica announced some additional appointments: Pot of Gold Reporter, Emily Flink; Historians, Bonnie Hood and Marysa Scarbrough; Rainbow Flag, Mackenzie Bridgeman; and Rainbow Dad, John Scott.

Our Official Visit of the Grand Worthy Advisor and Supreme Love & Supreme Inspector of California was held on September 27th at 7:00 PM at Visalia Masonic Center. The theme for the event was "Do You Want Fries With Your OV?" Julia Holman reported on the OV commenting that she got to go up on the balcony where we had huge French fries.

We had a Yard Sale on Saturday, October 16th, from 7:00am to 2:00am. Everyone did a great job and we appreciate all of those who made donations and helped.

There is a Costume Halloween Party on October 30th at Las Palmas Masonic Center. Corey, Christina and Bonnie are the Chairpersons. The price of admission is a friend or a bag of candy. The Jobs Daughters and DeMolay will also be attending, as well as Visalia Assembly.

Jessie Beavers has a service project also scheduled for October 30th at the Fresno Zoo, starting at 3:00pm to 6:00pm. The girls will be assisting the kids around the zoo in their costume and having a booth advertising Rainbow.

The assembly will have a "FUN NIGHT" at the Cobb Corn Maze on October 21st. We will all meet at Chik Filet in Riverpark at 6:00pm.

Zoo Boo will be October 22nd and 23rd. Sign-ups were taken. We should wear costumes, but no masks.

Our next meeting will be October 27th and it will be a "PJ and Slipper Night." Prizes will be given for the craziest socks and slippers.

Jessica announced that the theme for Grand Assembly 2011 was "A Rainbow Cruise Across the Seas." Everyone liked the theme and we start-

ing taking sign-ups for the convention.

Mrs. Regier talked about the declining membership in California Rainbow and informed everyone that the theme for the year was "Each One Reach One." Everyone needs to work on getting new members and keeping those that we have.

We will be selling pies for Thanksgiving, so watch out for us at meetings asking for orders. We'd love to have your support on this fundraiser!

Scottish Rite Building Needs Donations

Charles R Hutchinson Jr.

Allan D Miller

FALL REUNION 2010

(a complete schedule is available in the office)

OVERVIEW:

2ND DAY: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010

- 7:30 A. M. REGISTRATION - BREAKFAST**
- 8:45 A. M. COMMUNICATE 15° THROUGH 17°**
- 9:00 A. M. 18° DEGREE PORTRAYED (lunch at 12:00 P. M.)**
- 12:45 P. M. 19° THROUGH 29° COMMUNICATED**
- 4:00 P. M. CLASS DISMISS**

3RD DAY: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010

- 7:30 A. M. REGISTRATION - BREAKFAST**
- 9:00 A. M. 30° PORTRAYED**
- 10:10 A. M. 31° COMMUNICATED (lunch at 11:30 P. M.)**
- 12:30 P. M. 32° PORTRAYED**
- 2:30 P. M. CLASS DIRECTORS REMARKS**
- 3:00 P. M. CLASS DISMISS**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 - 6:00 P.M. - DINNER, RING, ROSE AND CAP CEREMONY AND STATED MEETING. CLASS AND THEIR LADIES OUR GUESTS

Contributions to the Fresno Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic

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SECRETARY'S CORNER

Save the Date Sunday December 5th, 2010 the annual Installation of Officers here at the Fresno Scottish Rite. Please plan to be at the Scottish Rite to support the new officers for 2011.

I am updating the records in the office (as always). I need your email addresses and up dated information. Please email me or give me a call. I would like to keep our information up to date on; retirements, profession changes, marriages, losses, new email addresses.....

I just received the new hat boxes, if you are interested in purchasing one for yourself or a gift they are \$30.00 for the box and \$5.00 for the name plate.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone, we have a lot to be thankful for!

Juliet Vitz, Office Secretary

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN WAY

Salve Frater!

During the next couple of months there will be five (5) easy questions pertaining to some Masonic and Scottish Rite basics. The answers to the questions will be published in the following month's bulletin. Good Luck have fun.

1. What is the meaning of "Kadosh?"

- a. Holy / Consecrated
- b. Sublime Temple
- c. Unspeakable
- d. Without Darkness
- e. Original

2. How many degrees were there when the Grand Lodge was organized?

- a. One
- b. Two
- c. Three
- d. Four
- e. Five

3. List the names of the Scottish Rite Bodies:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

4. When was the territorial jurisdiction between the Southern and Northern Masonic Jurisdictions established?

- a. 1804
- b. 1811
- c. 1813
- d. 1827
- e. 1842

5. What was the earliest "high degree?"

- a. Fellowcraft Mason
- b. Master Mason
- c. Scotch Master Mason
- d. Excellent Mason
- e. Grand Mason

Pete Clark, 32°, KCCH

History Of Freemasonry — By Jack V. Farson, 33°

Proven History: Post 1700

Little is known of Masonic activity for seventy years after Ashmole's initiation in 1646 except that general London Club life became very popular. In 1717, four London lodges (the Apple Tree Tavern in Charles Street, the Goose & Gridiron Ale-house in St. Paul's Churchyard, Crown Ale House near Drury Street and the Rummer & Grapes Tavern in Channel Row, Westminster) formed The Premier Grand Lodge of England. The date was St. John The Baptist's Day, 24 June 1717. The Inaugural Festive Board was held at the Goose and Gridiron, St Paul's.

Bro. Anthony Sayer, (1672-1742) the first Grand Master, presided over this feast as Grand Master and Premier Grand Lodge took on the Coat of Arms first granted to the London Company of Freemasons in 1473. Interestingly, those founding lodges had a very small membership of 15 Freemasons each except for Rummer & Grapes which had 70 members. In 1723 the Constitutions were written by Dr. James Anderson whose father was PM of a lodge in Aberdeen. Clearly, our Scottish brethren had a lot to contribute towards the initial development of English Freemasonry.

Interestingly, it has been suggested that the Premier Grand Lodge only came about as a result of the threat by the Scottish Jacobite revolt in 1715. Anti-Scottish sentiment in those days might have prompted nervous London Freemasons to disassociate themselves from their Scottish roots, hide their history and strategically create a governing body allied to the Hanoverian Crown. If so, little wonder that Freemasonry now prohibits discussion of religion and politics at meetings!

In 1730, masonic ritual having been learned parrot-fashion up until then was widely published for the first time in Prichard's exposure entitled *Masonry Dissected*. Ritual prior to that point followed a two-degree system and took the form of a combination of catechisms, some simplified symbolism and the Old Charges. Some historians believe that this two-tier degree system was expanded when Dr. John Desaguliers (1683-1744) third GM in 1719, wrote the Third Degree and grew again when Laurence Dermott (1720-1791) a remarkable Irish Freemason probably introduced the Fourth (i.e. Royal Arch) Degree in 1752.

It seems reasonably clear that by this time (i.e. the period between 1690 and 1725), owing to a spate of exposures, that numerous current Masonic usages, customs and ritual were already in practice: The words "hele" and "conceal" and "points of fellowship" are both found in the Edinburgh Register House Manuscript of 1696; the Square Compass and Bible are mentioned together in the Dumfries MS No. 4 of 1710, a London newspaper in 1723 described the five Noble Orders of Architecture and Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, made its appearance in print in a pamphlet printed in London in 1724. The word Tyler probably came into usage around this time and is thought to be derived from the French Tailleur, i.e. one who cuts.

Coming Events

NOVEMBER

- 6 Sat Fall Class: 15 through 29th degrees
 8 Mon Executive Committee – 5:00 P. M.
 Advisory Conference - 6:30 p. m. (Lodge Practice)
 13 Sat Fall Class: 30° through 32°
 15 Mon Stated Meeting (Lodge Host)
 6:00 p. m. Hors d'oeuvres 6:30 p. m. Dinner
 Ring, Rose & Cap Ceremony
 16 Tues Clinic Board. - 5:30 p.m. - Shepherd's Inn
 25-26 Thur & Fri Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
 29 Mon Installation Practice – 6:30 P. M.

DECEMBER

- 5 Sun Installation of Officers 1:00 p. m.
 13 Mon Executive Committee – 5:00 P. M.
 Advisory Conference - 6:30 p. m. (Consistory Practice)
 20 Mon Stated Meeting (Consistory Host)
 21 Tues Clinic Board. -5:30 p.m. - Shepherd's Inn
 24 Fri Christmas Office Closed
 31 Wed New Years Eve Day – Office Closed

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*As one by one, the autumn leaves fade in the forest deep,
 So one by one, in each of you must come the touch of sleep;
 As one by one, the roses burst into the morning light,
 So one by one, your souls shall wake again
 beyond the night.*

**Albert Henry Belton
 Clifton Clinger**



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