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Fall Reunion 2013

- **November 2nd**, Saturday 7:30 am — 5:00 pm
4° through 14°
- **November 9th**, Saturday 7:30 am — 5:00 pm
15° through 26°
- **November 16th**, Saturday 7:30 am — 5:00 pm
27° through 32°

Please come and be part of our Fall Class Reunion. How long has it been since you witnessed any of these degrees? Refresh your memory, participate just by being here, take part in a degree or lend a hand on the Stage Crew. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Your attendance supports Actors, Committee Men and especially the new members of the Class. The time spent will enrich your day as well as revive your interest in being a participant. Member participation at Fresno Scottish Rite can only improve and motivate a healthy vigorous atmosphere that we need to instill in our members.

You can make that happen.

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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Fresno, Orient of California, acknowledge the authority of and yield 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.



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in California



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Sound System Fund Raiser



Brethren and Sweethearts,

I can't thank you enough for all the donations that have been sent in. We are well on our way to accomplish the goal of purchasing a sound system that will bring us into the 21st Century. Donations to date now total \$4,510 which is one third of our goal of \$12,000.

We need to purchase the following items:

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|---------------------|------------|
| 1. Mixer | \$1995.00 |
| 2. Computer (Mac) | \$599.00 |
| 3. Microphones (12) | \$7,000.00 |
| 4. Projector | \$1000.00 |
| 5. Tax & labor | \$1700.00 |

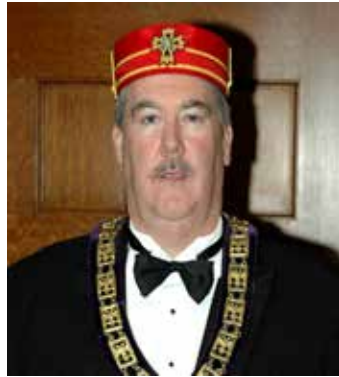
So far I have received \$2210.00 from our Sweethearts (sent out 200 letters to them) and \$2300.00 from the Brethren (sent out 750 letters). If you have not donated please consider doing so as soon as possible so that we can complete this project by the first of the year. Sure you can - donating once again would be wonderful.

Thanks to all who have contributed.

Louis Jelinek, 33^o
Secretary

Brethren,

The November Stated Meeting of the Lodge of Perfection will be full of activity. After dinner we will have the Ring, Rose and Cap Ceremony in the Lodge Room. Hopefully we will have at least 10 new Scottish Rite Thirty Second Degree Masons better



known as “Master of the Royal Secret” walk through the “Ring” and receive their Black Cap. Our Fall Reunion is scheduled for Saturday November 2, 9 and will conclude with the 32nd degree on November 16. Every Scottish Rite Mason should make an attempt to attend as many of the degree presentations as possible.

Following the Ring, Rose and Cap Ceremony we will hold our Stated Meeting and Nomination and Election of Officers for 2014. The formal process to nominate a new slate of officers is always done with proper protocol, dignity and propriety given to the selection of the officers knowing that each will full-fill the obligations they will be given at their Installation at 1:00 pm on December 8. This is another date that you should put on your Calendar and make every effort to attend.

Fraternally
Curtis C Jack, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master



Brethren,

Wow 2013 is almost at an end! The last two months will be the busiest, starting with the Halloween and ending with New Year. The first three Saturdays in November, we have our Fall Reunion Classes. We should have ten candidates for the class. Please come and experience the degrees being presented or communicated. We are electing our 2014 Scottish Rite Officers and the Ring, Rose and Cap ceremony is November 18. We will finish November with Thanksgiving on the 28th.

Now for December; practice for Scottish Rite Installation is on Monday December 2nd at 6:30 pm . We are having our Installation of the 2014 Officers on December 8 at 1:00. Please try to attend. Lunch will be served after Installation. Please come out and support your new corps of officers. Everyone will be wrapping up December with Christmas and New Years Eve. Not a dull moment here in the Central Valley.

SUPPORT YOUR organizations and don't forget to support our youth orders.

Ben Davis, 32°
Wise Master



Brethren,

Some very busy and enjoyable holiday months are here, and we all need to pitch in and make them successful and joyous.

The practices and portrayal of the degrees, nomination and election of Officers, capped off by the Ring, Rose and Cap event enhance the schedule.

November is **Veterans month**. All Veterans are requested to wear their uniform to demonstrate his pride and devotion to our country and his branch of service.

The uniform of the day for the November stated meeting is your choice or whatever you can fit into.... My uniform shrunk due to stowage. I sought out a talented seamstress and now my khakis fit my horizontal expansion and elevation loss.

The practice for the Installation of Officers for 2014 is planned for Monday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm. The Installation of all Officers is scheduled for 1:00 pm on Sunday, 8 December 2013. Another, very close friend, veteran and Mason, George Cary, passed away last week. A memorial services will be held at 11:30 Friday, 8 November at the Scottish Rite Center.

Respectfully,
James I. Sperlich, 33°
Commander



Brethren of the Consistory:

In a flash, it's gone, 2013 that is. With the Fraternal year ending, it's time to look ahead to plan and prepare for a fully charged and accelerated 2014.

Please plan to attend the annual installation on Dec. 8th to show your support in the upcoming officers of the four Lodges.

Secondly, and of paramount importance, there is a class of ten new candidates taking the degrees of this Rite this month commencing on the 2nd of November. Attendance from the brethren at the portrayals is vital in retaining the new members as active contributors to the Rite.

As retiring Master, I thank you all who participated in the activities and programs of the year. I feel the 2013 year was a success and wish all the best for the ensuing year.

Fraternally;
Mike Nella, 32°KCCH
Master of Kadosh

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Regional Orient Membership Ambassador's Message November 2013

Masonry teaches not only the necessity, but the nobility of labor. From the time of opening to that of closing, a Lodge is said to be at labor. The use of the word "labor" is but one of the numerous instances in which the terms of operative Masonry are symbolically applied to speculative: as the Operative Masons were engaged in the building of material edifices, so Scottish Rite Masons, like all Free and Accepted Masons, are supposed to be employed in the erection of a superstructure of virtue and morality upon the foundation of the Masonic principles that we were taught at their admission into the Order.

When the Lodge is engaged in reading petitions, hearing reports, debating financial matters, etc., we are said to be occupied in business; but when we are engaged in the form and ceremony of initiation into any of the Degrees, we are said to be at work. Initiation is Masonic labor. This phraseology at once suggests the connection of our Speculative system with the Operative art that preceded it, and upon which it has been founded. In his *Freemasons Lexicon*, published in 1818, Johann Christian Gaedicke said: "Labor is an important word in Freemasonry - indeed, we might say the most important. For this, and this alone, does a man become a Freemason."

The labor of an Operative Mason will be visible, and he will receive his reward for it, even though the building he has constructed may, in the next hour, be overthrown. He knows that he has done his labor. A Scottish Rite Freemason's labor, although generally intangible, must be visible to himself and to his Brethren, or, at least, must be conducted to the do-er's own internal satisfaction. As we build neither a visible Solomonick Temple nor an Egyptian pyramid, our industry must become visible in works that are imperishable, so that, when we vanish from the eyes of mortals, it may be said of us that our labor was well done.

As Freemasons, we labor in our Lodge to make ourselves a perfect building, without blemish, working hopefully for the consummation, when the house of our earthly tabernacle shall be finished, when the Lost Word of Divine Truth shall at last be discovered, and when we shall be found by our own efforts at perfection to have done service unto God.

Durward C. Ayre

Durward C. Ayre, 33°, MC,
Regional Orient Membership Chairman for the Valleys of San Jose, Fresno
and San Francisco in California

Tom's Talks



"Those who drink the water must remember those who dug the well."

Chinese Proverb

This year we have celebrated the Twentieth year of the Center treating children of the Central Valley. An amazing achievement! Evaluating, treating, educating, and advocating for over 2,500 families. It has all happened because of people who "dug the well".

The Center has progressed and thrived under the leadership of four Personal Representatives - Robert Rouch, Richard Matthews, C. Ray Whittaker, and Richard Paris. Men committed to the vision of "digging a well" so the Scottish Rite of Fresno could provide free help to learning challenged children.

The Center Board Presidents Robert Rouch, Bernard Hollenbeck, James Clark, Jack Farson, Edward Kerber, David Coleman, Arthur Carlson, James Banta, James Wilson II. All men committed to the work of "digging of the well" to provide free services to learning challenged children.

The center has experienced unbelievable support from hundreds of people who share the vision of touching the future by helping children with learning challenges. You have provided the bricks to line the well, labor to dig the well and the bucket to dip into the cold water to give to children. Thank you if you have contributed your time, support or finance to help the Center achieve 20 YEARS of helping kids.

Tom Tatum
Fresno Clinic Director

From The Northeast Corner

Ahh.....I can feel the life of the Scottish Rite Center, here in Fresno, bustling with energy as we open the trail for new members to follow. As such, the Library moves forward in its journey of retro-fitting itself of tools for all Scottish Rite Masons. Effective November 1, 2013 all books, periodicals, lecture, etc. that has been borrowed, checked out or removed from the Library (no matter how long ago it was) need to be returned. Please place returned items only in the box marked returns at the Library door.

This move is being undertaken to inventory and input all Library materials into a new computer program.

Effective Immediately, Please do not remove anything from the Library as an inventory update has commenced. This process will take time, my brothers, for there is much to do. Your indulgence and patience is greatly appreciated. Any scheduled meetings will be held in the Card Room until further notice.

Your Librarian

Scottish Rite Library Mission

- To provide a bank of information, whether of written, printed, audio or film form for its members.
- To maintain, keep current and store all such information for access by all who seek answers.
- To invest in a new avenue and technologies that can open and stimulate academic growth to all Scottish Rite Masons.
- To keep vigilante guard and safe all that is within the walls and portals of entry and exit.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE SCOTTISH RITE DEGREES

The higher degrees (4th thru 32nd degrees) of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry are all about the philosophical and spiritual wisdom as revealed by the sages from long ago. The Craft Lodge is, or should be, a place where a Mason is first mentally prepared for learning those higher degrees.

The Entered Apprentice Degree pertains to the discipline of the body. It is here the candidate is taught to bring the emotional drives of his body under rational control of his mind. He enters the craft emulating rough hewn ashlar which symbolizes the **human mind** in an immature and uneducated state, rough and unpolished. The rough-hewn ashlar and perfect cube symbolizes a mind before and after education.

The Fellow Craft Degree helps the candidate to balance his intellect with his emotions so that he learns how to recognize truth and discriminate between irrational urges of the flesh and the truth of the spirit. The focus of a Fellow Craft study is the liberal arts and science. In other words, study the hidden mysteries of nature and science for the purpose of developing one's rational nature.

The Master Mason Degree conveys a special purpose through its ritual which is to impress upon the candidate to pursue a life long spiritual pilgrimage. It is in this degree the candidate's spiritual consciousness is awakened. His symbolic death and symbolic resurrection contains a profound teaching. It is intended to impart upon a candidate the importance of leaving his ego and self regard in the grave so that they will not get in the way of developing his talents and skills within society. It is his spiritual consciousness that should trump his ego and self regard. In this sublime degree ritual the aspirant is raised above the earthly mundane so that he can climb the skies of philosophical and spiritual knowledge. This is where the teaching of Craft Lodge leaves off and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite begins.

With a sound understanding and appreciation for the Craft Lodge Degrees a student of Scottish Rite Masonry should be well prepared for learning about moral, intellectual, political and spiritual truths handed down to us by those ancient wise men.

We should never forget that the world's second largest world wide spiritual movement is Freemasonry.

Brother John L. Tracy 32°

**Fresno Scottish Rite Menu
Monday, November 18, 2013
Traditional Thanksgiving
Dinner Menu**



*Roasted Turkey
Dressing
Green Bean Casserole
Candied Yams
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Pumpkin Pie*

**Appetizers at 6:00 pm
Reservations Required**



Dinner at 6:30 pm

TCSRC

Brethren,

The year is slowly coming to a glorious end. Fall is here and the weather is great.

At our last gathering at Apple's Anne's in Tulare, we elected new president, Congratulations, Brother Venie Puntanilla.

The installation of TCSRC officers will be held at the Red Lobster at 1545 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia, Ca. at 3:00 pm on November, 24th, 2013.

I want to thank everyone for their friendship and support for the past two years.

God bless and take care this holiday season.
James Sperlich

FALL REUNION 2013 NOVEMBER 2, 9 AND 16, 2013

1ST DAY - SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 2, 2013

- 7:30 A. M. Registration in the Lounge - Class orientation, breakfast and lunch will be served
Degrees portrayed: 4°, 5°, 9°, 10°, 11°, 12°, 13° and 14°
The 6°, 7° and 8° degrees will be communicated
- 5:00 P. M. Dismiss

2ND DAY - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

- 7:30 A. M. Registration, Individual Pictures, breakfast and lunch will be served
Class meeting, election of officers
Tour - Childhood Language Center
Class enters Lodge Room
Degrees portrayed 18°
The 15°, 16°, 17° and 19° through the 26° degrees will be communicated
- 5:00 P. M. Dismiss

3RD DAY - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2013

- 7:30 A. M. Registration, Group Picture, breakfast and lunch will be served
Class enters Lodge Room
Degrees portrayed: 29°, 30° and 32°
The 27°, 28° and 31° degree will be communicated
- 5:00 P. M. Dismiss

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013 - STATED DINNER MEETING - RING, ROSE AND CAP CEREMONY

FOLLOWING DINNER IN THE LODGE ROOM: RING, ROSE AND CAP CEREMONY. NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR LADIES WILL BE THE GUESTS OF SCOTTISH RITE FOR DINNER. (Ladies dress is Dressy Business attire.)

- 6:00 P. M. SOCIAL - Hors d'oeuvres in Banquet Room
6:30 P. M. Dinner - Candidates and ladies will be dinner guests of Scottish Rite
7:30 P. M. RING, ROSE AND CAP CEREMONY IN LODGE ROOM

**Contributions to the Fresno Scottish Rite
Childhood Language Disorder Clinic**

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Cassabon & Associates
Maxine Matthews *in memory
of Dick's Birthday*
Chris & Judy Weymouth

Robert & Denise Crossland

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Volunteer Hours

James Wilson
John Tracy
Mike Nella
Dale Hammel
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Legacy

David & Louise Coleman
Richard & Judi Hopper
In honor of Luke Ferguson

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Louis & Lisa Jelinek
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James H Clark *in memory of
Wanda Clark*

Debora M Webster
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Memorials

Harry Crider
Robert & Denise Crossland

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Theresa Reynolds

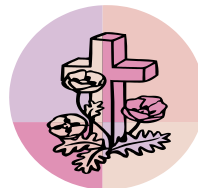
Donald Cutteridge
Eugene & Aileen Bos
Robert & Denise Crossland
Glen Barber Jr.

George Cary
James & Joette Sperlich
Robert & Jeannette Fraley

Memorials

*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.*

James Calvin Bradshaw
Michael Louis Pappas
Phillip Frasier Stricker
George Cary



Coming Events

NOVEMBER

- 2 Sat** **Fall Class: 4° thru 14°** Register 7:30 am.
9 Sat **Fall Class: 15° thru 26°** Register 7:30 am.
11 Mon **Advisory Conference** - 6:30 pm
(Lodge Practice)
16 Sat **Fall Class: 27° thru 32°** Register 7:30 am.
18 Mon **Stated Meeting** (Lodge Host)
6:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres 6:30 pm Dinner
Ring, Rose and Cap Ceremony
19 Tues **Clinic Board** - 5:30 pm. - Scottish Rite
28-29 **Thur & Fri Thanksgiving Holiday**
(Office Closed Thur & Fri)

DECEMBER

- 2 Mon** **Installation Practice** 6:30 pm
8 Sun **Installation of Officers** 1:00 pm
9 Mon **Executive Committee** 5:30 pm
Advisory Conference 6:30 pm
(Consistory Practice)
16 Mon **Stated Meeting** (Consistory Host)
6:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres 6:30 pm Dinner
17 Tues **Clinic Board** 5:30 pm Scottish Rite Library
24-25 **Tues-Wed. Christmas-** Office Closed
31 Tues **New Years Eve Day** - Office Closed

JANUARY 2014

- 13 Mon** **Executive Committee** -5:30 pm
Advisory Conference - 6:30 pm
(Chapter Practice)
20 Mon **Stated Meeting (Chapter Host)**
6:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres
6:30 pm Dinner
21 Tues **Clinic Board** - 5:30 p.m. - Scottish Rite

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Louis W. Jelinek, Jr., 33rd
Secretary

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