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Dues and Life Memberships

Brethren, yearly dues for Scottish Rite have increased from \$95.00 to \$115.00 for 2014. This is the first increase in dues since 2004 and is necessary to keep pace with our costs of keeping our doors open and paying for our Per Capita. This is an increase to you of only \$1.67 per month.

A Life Membership currently costs \$1700.00 but will increase to \$2000.00 on January 1, 2014. So, before the first of the year you can still purchase a Life Membership for that amount. Life memberships are still available through the KCCH Life Loan Fund. The Loan is interest free and you can be paid over a three year period. Contact Wayne Schwartz for all the particulars. His number is 229-2458 or c: 240-1232.



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RICHARD W. HOPPER 33° (Elect)

Richard W. Hopper was born on June 5, 1942 in Fresno, California. He attended local Fresno schools through graduation from Fresno State College in 1964.

During his high school and college days, he worked part time for his grandfather and father at the Wakefield and Hopper real estate and appraisal firm. Upon graduation from college, he entered the business on a full time basis, specializing in the field of real estate appraisal.

In 1972, Dick opened his own appraisal firm in Visalia, CA and he operated that business until his retirement in 2005. The business continues today under the ownership and management of his son.

It was in 1964 that Dick convinced a special young lady to become his wife. Judi was active in a local Rainbow Girls Assembly. They met when the DeMolay boys visited the Rainbow girls because they had better refreshments after their meetings. Their marriage produced a son and a daughter, both of whom are married and the two couples have given Dick and Judi four wonderful grandchildren.

Dick's grandfather, C.K. Wakefield 33°, and his father, James A. Hopper 32° KCCH, were both members of Las Palmas Lodge No. 366 and the Fresno Scottish Rite Bodies. This legacy led him to join DeMolay at the age of 14, Las Palmas Lodge at the age of 21, and then later the Fresno Scottish Rite in a class named after his grandfather. He later acquired a plural membership in Visalia Mineral King Lodge No. 128 in Visalia where he had the honor of serving as Worshipful Master in 1998.

In 2008, Bro. Hopper was given the distinct honor and privilege of serving the Grand Lodge of California as Grand Master. Since that time, his Masonic activities have continued and have included a second term as Master of his lodge and several years as a Trustee of the Masonic Homes of California.

In addition, Dick maintains membership in Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star, and several other concordant and appendant bodies. Perhaps one of his most pleasant Masonic oriented duties is being the Chairman of the Grand Executive Committee of California Rainbow Girls, a position he has held for over 20 years serving the young girls and the adults of this special Masonic youth order.

The year 2013 will provide Dick with special memories as he and Judi will celebrate 50 years of marriage and he will receive a 25-year membership pin from his Eastern Star chapter, a Golden Veterans Award from the Grand Lodge, and this distinct Scottish Rite honor.

KCCH



H. Vincent Carter 32° KCCH

I was born and raised in Selma, Ca and attended Selma Schools graduating from Selma High School in 1956. Attended Fresno State College as a Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity member and in 1961 graduated with a BS Degree in Dairy Science. I was a Cheer Leader for 2 years in high school and one year in college. After graduation, I returned to the family farm and became a partner with my father in the "Carter Farms and Dairy". I am a third generation Farmer and Dairyman. I retired from the dairy business in 1986 and farming in 1995. My family consists of my wife Gail, four children and three grandchildren.

As a youth, I was involved in 4-H Club work. I was a National Dairy Scholarship winner (1 of 6) in 1956 at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Ill and in 1959 was named a California Diamond Star (1 of 4) and represented California at the National 4-H Club Conference in Washington D. C..

I am a 50 plus year member of Selma Lodge #277 and a fourth generation family member of the Lodge. I became its youngest Master at age 27. In 2006, I served as Grand Marshal of the California Grand Lodge for the Grand Master Most Worshipful Fred Sorsabal.

I joined Scottish Rite in 1967. I have been a cast member, sang in the Scottish Rite Chorus, am currently a member of the Childhood Language Disorders Board, Chairman for the past two years of the Dinner Auction, and serve as a Trustee for the Lodge of Perfection. I am currently Chancellor of the Fresno Consistory and will assume the duties of Preceptor in 2014.

I joined Tehran Shrine in 1968 and served as Ill. Potentate in 1986. I served three terms as a Director of the Shrine Hospital for Children, served as Director General of the Western Shrine Convention in 1989. I have belonged to many Shrine Clubs and Organization including the Royal Order of Jesters (Director in 1996) and Order of Quetzcoatl (Camaxtli 1988). I am a former member of the Porterville York Rite Bodies and of the Selma Order of the Eastern Star.

I enjoy swimming, horseback riding, dancing and gardening and singing. I enjoyed showing cattle and in college won the Dairy Showmanship contest.

My Community involvement through the years include being a member of: the Trade Club Board of Director, Fresno Exchange Club, New Wrinkles Senior Variety show for 14 years, a 4-H Leader for 25 years serving on the County and State 4-H Councils, Board of Directors of Shaver Property Association and Lakeview Homeowners Association. I served on the Selma District Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and on the Delta Sigma Phi Alumni Board. I have a Real Estate Broker's license and currently am a Sales Manager and Broker associate with Guarantee Real Estate.



David A. Coleman, 32° KCCH

I was born in Selma on February 2, 1945. After Graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1962, I attended Fresno City College and California State University in Fresno and completed my BS Degree in Accounting in 1970. I have 90 plus units of advanced studies from several Institutions of higher education.

I married my lovely wife Louise Frame on August 23, 1969. We have three children Bryan, Jennifer and Brandyn. They have blessed us with five wonderful grandchildren Leslie Marie Coleman, Jacob Louis Banta, Alex Michael Coleman, Andrew Owen-Frame Coleman and William Sean Coleman.

I was drafted into the United States Army in 1967 and was honorably discharged in 1969 and held the rank of E-4 Infantry Specialist. I worked for Pepsi Cola Bottling/Distributing Company as a Chief Accounting Officer prior to and after my stint in the Army. I was a Credentialed Teacher for Fresno Unified School District from 1985 until retiring in 2008. I worked at George Washington Carver Academy, Adolescent Day School and J. E. Young Academic Center. I became a Contracted Employee for the District training new teachers and helping teachers needing assistance with legal aspects. I was an Adjunct Professor of Accounting at the Institute of Technology. The Y. M. C. A. as Chief Financial Officer employed me from 1974 until 1984. During which time I held several offices including Family & Camp Branch Chairman, Board Secretary, Treasurer and Audit Committee Chairman. I held several offices for the Y's MEN starting in 1975 and continue to be active.

Other organizations I have been active in include the Boy Scouts of America, Fresno Church of the Brethren (Licensed Pastor), Fresno County Youth Task Force, Mayfair Elementary School Parent Club, Wishon Soccer League Coach, Pearl Harbor Survivors Association - honorary member and the United States Capital Historical Society.

I was raised a Master Mason on June 30, 1982 in Fresno Lodge #247 and served as its Master on four occasions - 1986, 2000, 2007 and 2008. I have remained active by serving on many committees and currently the Inspector of the 614 Masonic District. I received the Cross of Honor and the Legion of Honor from Stated Center Order of De Molay. I am a member of the Order of Quetzalcoatl, Robert the Bruce Association, Royal Order of Scotland and Royal Order of Jesters. I joined Scottish Rite and Shrine in 1992. I was active on the Childhood Language Disorders Board from 2005 until 2009 when I was Chairman. My wife and I continue to support the Clinic by participating in their events and through contributions. I am currently the Orator of All Bodies at Scottish Rite.



Michael J Scrivner 32° KCCH

I was born in Fresno on June 21, 1954 and attended Fresno schools graduating from Fresno City College. I worked in the family Concession business (4th generation) from 1964 until 1978 then worked in heavy construction working on the I 205 bridge across the Columbia River at Portland Oregon and at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power plant. I started in the electrical business in 1983 and joined IBEW Local #100 in 1985 completing my apprenticeship with them in 1989. I opened my own business "Scrivner Electric Co." In 1998 and I am still in business as of this date.

My wife Tammy and I have been married since 1983 (over 30 years) and have two sons, Michael Jr. and Scott. We are still waiting on grand children. When the boys were young I was an active registered adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America serving from the early 1990's until the mid 2000's.

I joined Fresno Lodge #247 in 1985 and became its Worshipful Master in 1990 and again in 2012. I am currently the Sr. Warden. Both Michael Jr. and Scott are members of Fresno Lodge as well as Scottish Rite. They received a Life Membership in Scottish Rite from Illustrious Wayne Towne, 33 when he was presenting Life Memberships to those joining who were 28 years of age or younger. I joined Scottish Rite in 1989 and have been active in the 32nd degree and am currently a Director on the Scottish Rite Cathedral Company. I am a member of Tehran Shrine.

Gordon D. Keeton 32° KCCH



I was born and raised in Fresno. I attended Fresno City Schools and graduated from Roosevelt High School. After graduation, I joined the U. S. Navy and served on the USS Juneau LPD-10. After being honorably discharged from the Navy I secured a job at California State University and have been employed there for 36 years and plan to retire in 240 more days.

My wife Dolores and I have been married for 28 years. We have a daughter and a son. They have blessed us with five grandchildren.

I joined Las Palmas Ponderosa Lodge and served as its Worshipful Master in 2008. I am also a member in Sanger Lodge and served as Worshipful Master in 2011 and I am serving as its Worshipful Master again this year. I received the Hiram Award for Las Palmas Lodge in 2010. I joined Fresno Scottish Rite in 2002, have been active in a variety of areas, and currently serve as a Director of the Cathedral Company. I am also a member of Fresno Shrine.

I am currently Worthy Patron of Legacy Ch#555 Order of the Eastern Star in Fresno I have been active with the youth groups serving on the first Advisory Board of Heart of the Valley, Rainbow for Girls and received the Grand Cross of Color from them. I also served as Assistant Scout Master of Troop 354 at the Clovis American Legion Post.

Tom's Talks

"A leader is best when the people barely know he exists."

Chinese philosopher Lao-Tz



I love this quote because if we are a good leader, good teacher, good parent our co-workers, students and children become better than us. People see their success because we invested in them. The Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center has over 2500 stories of children who are better because of people quietly behind the scenes gave to their success.

Recently a Scottish Rite member told me of the story of their grandson. The member has been a regular supporter and advocate for the free services we provide to learning disordered children. They came to find out that their grandson had learning challenges in elementary school. They encouraged their children to bring the grandson to the Center to be evaluated. He indeed had learning challenges which the Center helped him overcome. His parents and grandparent continued to support and love him through his challenges in school. The Center worked to help him overcome those obstacles. He learned to overcome his learning challenges and complete high school. He now attends a prestigious college because of his academic success.

This person may not remember all who played a role in his success but that is not why we do what we do as grandparents, parents and therapist. We do it because we knowtouching a child's life touches the future.

Tom Tatum

Fresno Clinic Director

ALMONERS CLOSET

I wish to thank each of you who have made monetary and ambulatory equipment donations this year. The economic situation in our valley is on the decline and the need for assistance is on the increase.

We have in the closet one electric wheel chair and several electric scooter chairs. If you or someone you know can utilize one of these, please contact the office.

For some time now, we have been unable to receive good lightweight wheel chairs; they should be in good condition and must have footrests. If you have access or know of someone willing to donate one or more. Please call the office, if they can not deliver them we can arrange to pick them up.

Thank you for any assistance you might give.

*James H. Clark 33°
Almoner*

**Regional Orient Membership Ambassador's Message
October 2013**

Today the All-Seeing Eye is viewed as a symbol of God's omniscience, which is the interpretation offered by Albert Mackey during the 1870's in *Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, Volume 1*. The Eye first appeared as part of the standard iconography of Freemasons in 1797. In that context this symbol represents the All-Seeing eye of God and is a reminder that a Mason's thoughts and deeds are always observed by the Great Architect of the Universe.

However, some Masonic scholars believe that, during the long, formative period of Masonic ritual prior to the late eighteenth century, the All-Seeing Eye was not viewed a religious symbol at all. During that era, Freemasons were a Brotherhood and, as a fraternity carrying on the traditions of the building craft, had no consciousness of standing in the tradition of religion. Therefore, the All-Seeing Eye could very well have symbolized many different things. One possible interpretation is that the Eye meant the sun or sunrise, as in the phrase "All-seeing sun" used by Shakespeare. The All-Seeing Eye also might have meant that wherever a Mason may go, he is still a Mason and, therefore, the eye of the Craft is upon him. Other possible interpretations include the All-Seeing Eye as a symbol of enlightenment, wisdom or intelligence.

I prefer to think of the All Seeing Eye as a symbol of both Divine omnipresence and the Fraternity's omniscience in the sense that we should never lose sight of a Brother Scottish Rite Mason once he becomes a member, even if he does not attend Lodge or moves away.

Durward C. Ayre, 33°

MC, Regional Orient Membership
Ambassador for the Valleys of San Jose, Fresno
and San Francisco in California



Tulare County Scottish Rite Club

The TCSRC Fall Party at the Olive Gardens restaurant was a great dinner and social event. Our next Board meeting will be held on Friday October 11, 2013 at 6:30. We will gather at Apple Annie's Restaurant at 1165 N Blackstone Ave. in Tulare. Elections will be held for officer's for 2014. Your attendance is appreciated. God Bless.

TCSRC President,
Jim Sperlich

TO A NEW ENTERED APPRENTICE MASON

Of all the degrees in Masonry the Entered Apprentice Degree is the most important one as it sets the candidate on a path towards Masonic Enlightenment. If the candidate does not understand and embrace this degree he will never be a "True Initiate."

That which makes Freemasonry what it is today goes back further than two or three hundred years. Further than the stone builders of Europe. Much of the origins of our rituals and teachings go back thousands of years.

Prior to entering the Temple, you were divested of all metal objects. The reason is as follows. Ancient man, as far back as the megalithic builders of Western Europe, some six thousand years ago, considered all forms of metal as nefarious and corrosive to a stone building as well as to the human spirit.

The cable tow around your neck was a medieval hang man's noose. The attire of an Entered Apprentice candidate is exactly how a medieval heretic would have been treated by the Inquisition prior to making his confession; and then, perhaps marched off to the gallows.

Whether you realized it or not, during the Entered Apprentice Ritual, **you offered up yourself as a candidate for discovering the mysteries of Freemasonry.** You were a poor candidate in a state of darkness. In other words, you were ignorant to the great Truths Freemasonry has to offer. When asked what do you seek? Your answer was "**Light;**" metaphorically identified as knowledge, truth, and wisdom.

You were also told that the three great principles (Tenets of Freemasonry) are:

·Brotherly Love ·Relief ·Truth

A "True Initiate" of Masonic secrets will spend a life time searching for those hidden Truths veiled behind our craft's symbolism, allegorical stories and rituals. **All the answers are there for you to find, even the Master's Lost Word is yours to discover!**

In traveling the path towards becoming a "True Initiate" of our mysteries it will take time, patience and perseverance. But it will be well worth your effort in finding the lost secrets of Freemasonry and perhaps you will even learn something about yourself you didn't know!

Brother John L. Tracy 32°

From The Northeast Corner

This is the first, I hope, of many communications from Your Library to you.

There now begins an undertaking to bring the Scottish Rite Library, here in Fresno, out of the dark of time to the light of a new day. Much has been said of, thought of, considered and contemplated till this moment.. There is much to do. Your aid, consideration and patience is being ask for as the Library travels the path to a new stronger and worthwhile position in the world of Fresno's Scottish Rite.

Think of the Library as a living, breathing entity that is forever changing and adapting to the world of knowledge.

The Library's path to fillful its mission, achieve its Goals and seek out the words that will help you the Scottish Rite Mason advance in the light of Masonry. The Library's path will be there to offer the tools to aid the Seeker in his Quest of answers and understanding. The Library will be a watering hole for the weary Traveler. My Brothers make good use of the Library. It is there for you the Scottish Rite Mason of Fresno.

Your Librarian

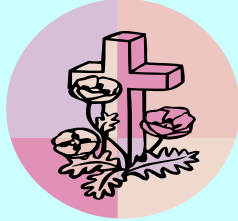
Library Goals

- To inventory, account for all lecture and information presently in the Library.
- To upload a new system program, learn and develop avenues of use for it.
- To explore the feasibility of using a more traditional computerized library number system versus the current one.
- To input all Library books, materials and text into the new computer system program.
- To develop a system to archive all aged library books for preservation.
- To repair and archive all Library text that meet aged requirements.
- To review the feasibility of upgrading current Library display to enhance more productive use.
- To search for and review the feasibility of moving the current Library number system into the Digital Information Age with portals of entry from external computer systems.
- To obtain, train library staff to ensure longevity to a living Library for the Scottish Rite Masons.

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*



Charlie A Basmajian
Richard Stevens Harris
Chester Angus Hudson
Jack Richard Petitt

Secretary's Corner

Just a couple of reminders.

Classes

The class of new members is in November (please see the calendar) so petitions need to be into the office no later than October 21st. I know everyone of you knows a Master Mason that would benefit from being a member of Fresno Scottish Rite. If you are reluctant to invite them, please send them to our Web page www.fresnoscottishrite.com or forward them this bulletin.

Electronic Caregiver

If you were not at the last stated meeting, you missed an informative presentation about the Electronic Caregiver. This device will help our members to be more secure in their own homes, help with medication management and many other services. If you or any family member could benefit from this service, please call the office. When you activate this service and every month, you will be supporting the Fresno Children's Language Disorder Clinic. "Life Support Medical" is giving a percentage of the activation and monthly costs to the Clinic for everyone we refer, who enrolls.

Dues

You will be receiving your dues notification from Supreme Council very soon. Your dues are due as of January 1st. Please take the time to send a check for your dues as soon as possible. Some of you, who are Life Members, will be receiving a special lifetime dues card. If you have questions about your dues amount, please call the office.

As always please come to the Stated Meeting and be sure your reservations are made prior the October 21st.

Thanks
Juliet Vitz
Office Secretary



Fresno Scottish Rite Menu

Monday, October 21, 2013

Dinner Menu

Chicken Fried Steak

Corn

Mashed Potatoes

Country Gravy

Salad

Dessert

Appetizers at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Reservations Required



Central Valley Charitable Foundation

Donations from the Central Valley Charitable Foundation started in 1996 by Robert Rouch, 33rd and each year his foundation has grown to an amount of over six figures. This year the Charitable Foundation will again contribute an amount in excess of \$4000.00 to the Childhood Language Center. The Fresno Scottish Rite Childhood Center is indeed very fortunate and grateful to Bob and his Charitable Foundation for their yearly financial support.

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

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107 hours
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Vince & Gail Carter

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Legacy

Richard & Judi Hopper
In honor of Luke Ferguson
Jack & Betty Farson
*in Celebration of their
61st Wedding Anniversary*
David & Louise Coleman

William L Phelps
Eugene & Aileen Bos
Truman Campbell

Anna Slack
Robert & Denise Crossland

Memorials

Harry Crider
Byron and Betty Pretzer

Ron Watson
Robert & Denise Crossland

Donald Cutteridge
Louis & Lisa Jelinek
Richard & Orine Paris

Lee Willingham
Truman Campbell
Robert & Jeannette Fraley

Daniel "Hal" Diel
G Dale & Juliette Hammel
Richard & Orine Paris
Louis & Lisa Jelinek



Coming Events

OCTOBER

- 14 Mon **Advisory Conference** - 6:30 pm.
(Lodge Practice)
- 21 Mon **Stated Meeting** (Lodge Host)
Feast of Tishri
6:00 pm. Hors d'oeuvres 6:30 pm. Dinner
- 22 Tues **Clinic Board** -5:30 pm. - Scottish Rite
- 22 Tues **Rededication Services** - Merced

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

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