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**Important Announcement!**  
**Annual Dinner Auction**  
New date  
**Thursday,**  
**August 10, 2023**



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## The Personal Representative's Message



Brethren and friends,

I send my heartfelt thanks, kindest thoughts and wishes to all who labored to produce our Spring Reunion which created seven new Scottish Rite Brothers. This being the largest class in a very long time. KUDOS to all!!! The valley is growing because it is obviously very near and dear to all of us.

The month of May being the last stated meeting of the winter, the dinners will be for Scottish Rite members only, no ladies, to a casual summer type menu. Summer type attire will be back in style and maybe a game of horseshoes, you just never know.

Happy Mother's Day to all and I hope to see you soon.

Michael Nella, 33°  
Personal Representative



# Fresno Scottish Rite Clinic Board



Brethren and Ladies,

My wife and I are very involved in the local Gem and Mineral Society here in Fresno. While participating in a show recently we ran across a friend who asked about the Language Center. She said she had a friend whose children needed help in school but were in Southern California. She contacted Juliet at Scottish Rite, and the rest is history as shown in a very nice thank you note:

“Juliet; I want to thank you so much for guiding me to the correct phone number for the Scottish Rite Center in our area. Paisley qualified for services. Paisley is nine years old and is in the third grade. Our youngest granddaughter also qualifies for speech. She is six years old and is in kindergarten. Thank you for all your help.”

This is why Scottish Rite “RiteCare” clinics do what they do. The Children are moving on and all is well. If you know of any children that need language help in California, please let us know, we will try to direct them to the closest clinic in their area. There are fourteen “RiteCare” Clinics across California.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: *The date of the Annual Dinner auction is now Thursday, August 10, 2023***

James Wilson II, 33<sup>o</sup>  
Clinic Board Chairman

# The Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix



Brothers,

Our April stated meeting and dinner were a success. At the time you are reading this we will have seven new Scottish Rite Masons. Some great things are happening with this Scottish Rite class. The Knights St. Andrew are increasing the activities where new members will participate in both our monthly duties and special events. New members will also be participating in the Master Craftsman Program to increase their knowledge of the degrees and history of the Rite. Thanks to both David Jarvis, 32° and Ike Hollomon, 32° KCCH both Knights St. Andrew for their unparalleled dedication.

The Chapter Rose Croix officers are excited to have a full class for this reunion. The 15° and 18° illustrate the return to virtue following exile, and the rebuilding of the temple. The 17° and 18° the sublime morality of the doctrine of love Masons share. The chapter degrees combine history, religious doctrine, and the mystical revelations surrounding our journey to that temple not built with human hands, where the Great Architect of the Universe presides forever. Thanks to all who participated in the reunion. Your help is crucial to the success and growth of Rite. I encourage all involved to include new members in the degree teams for the next class.

Fraternally yours,

Mark Allen, 32° KCCH  
Wise Master

# The Master of Kadosh Fresno Consistory



Brethren,  
Welcome to our newest Fresno Scottish Rite members! I hope that you will become very active members of Scottish Rite. There is much to be learned and contemplated within the teachings of Masonry, being a Scottish Rite Mason gives you the opportunity to further your understanding of our craft. Please take advantage of the tools made available to you. Again, “Welcome Brother”. I look forward to meeting you and your families at your Ring, Rose and Cap Ceremony on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

I am pleased to announce that through the generosity of our brothers, here in Fresno, we are able to give five deserving college bound CART High School students scholarships of \$750.00 each. Please attend the May Stated meeting dinner to meet and greet these outstanding students.

Zograb Tsolokian, 32°  
Master of Kadosh



# Tom's Talks

We have begun to live parallel to each other. Lives that do not intersect. This has terrible repercussions for language and learning. The harshness of less civility, understanding and mercy in text's, post's and blog's is spilling over into our daily lives. We are eliminating the intersection that is communication. The bed rock of our humanity. Undermining the exchange of thought and knowledge. I want to encourage us to sit with a child and carry on a conversation. To teach civility, understanding and mercy. Trade thoughts, feelings and stories that weave a fabric into our lives.

You might learn something amazing. Today talking to my five-year-old friend Jared he explained to me "you should not sleep with dinosaurs because they hurt . . . they are pokey". Not a thought I have had before. We talked more to find out he had left his plastic stegosaurus in his pocket overnight. I thanked him for his insight and concern for my wellbeing. Tonight, I will leave my stegosaurus on the nightstand. I ponder what other life lessons have I missed by not taking time to converse.

Tom Tatum  
Clinic Director

**Annual Dinner Auction Volunteer Meeting  
“Celebrating Success”**

**New Date for the Auction!!!!**

**Thursday, August 10, 2023**

Our Dinner Auction volunteers meeting will be in the downstairs lounge at Scottish Rite **5:00 pm to 5:45 pm** on Monday May 15th. We are now only three months before our Auction. Please bring your ideas, questions and comments.

Thank you  
Carol Pitts

**May Dinner  
Monday May 15, 2023**

*Appetizers at 6:00 pm  
Dinner served at 6:30 pm*

Pork Chops in Mushroom Gravy  
Rice Pilaf  
Steamed Broccoli  
Salad Bar  
Dessert

**Reservations are required  
please respond to the email.  
Price \$20.00 per person  
Widows are always our guests.**





# Job's Daughters

INTERNATIONAL

Dear Members of Fresno Scottish Rite

I am writing on behalf of the members and Guardians of Bethel No. 49 of Fresno. Every year we attend Grand Bethel, which is an annual state wide gathering of all California members. Every year the venue changes. This year it is in Ontario, California and occurs between June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. The girls look forward to connecting with other daughters, meeting our new representatives, participating in a variety of competitions and trading dresses in the formal closet. It is a great experience for the newly initiated girls to experience the fun, friendship and fellowship.

As costs for food, gas, hotel and registration fees increase each year, we are asking our adult masonic affiliated organizations to help with a monetary donation to support our desire for all daughters to attend this year's Grand Bethel Session, no matter the girl's financial situation. This year 10 daughters with chaperones from our Bethel plan on attending the Session. Your support through a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated by the members and Council of Bethel No. 49.

Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to reach out to our Bethel Guardian Amanda French at 559-836-4383/ lahfrench@sbcglobal.net.

Sincerely,  
Kaitlynn Watson

Members if you would like to donate to our local Job's Daughters please send your check to Fresno Scottish Rite, 1455 L Street, Fresno, CA 93721. Please make your check out to Job's Daughters Bethel #49. Checks should be received no later than June 15th, 2023. Thank you for your generosity.

# LOVE: THE LIGHT OF FREEMASONRY

Bro.: David V. Jarvis II, 32°, M.: R.: S.: †

The Ancient Fire Religion of the Man is the foundation upon which all other Initiatory Philosophies have been built. Unfortunately, it is oftentimes overlooked and seen as “primitive” by many a man in our current era. This is a huge disservice to any aspirant of Light, of which every Freemason proclaimed to be when the spoke of what they most desired. Let us walk down this ancient path of Illumination.

Our Grand Master, Hiram Abi, according to Masonic Tradition, was a man from the Land of Tyre, which is another term for the Land of Canaan. This would make him a Phoenician, of which held the Doctrine of Light as the pinnacle of spiritual understanding. In its deepest sense, it is the Philosophy of Spirit in general, as will be demonstrated. In order for this to become clear to the Mind’s Eye, how Light was understood by such a culture is imperative for context of understanding.

Fire was seen as the Manifestation of Deity in *abstract* form. This is because of the attributes and qualities exhibited by the Flame. Fire is a Trinity of expression from our perspective, as it has three ways in which it is known to man, one of them being purely mental. The forms are the *Flame*, the *Light*, and *Heat*. It is HEAT that is the immediate quality that demands our attention, for it is a purely MENTAL manifestation.

Anciently, this heat was seen as a *symbol* for the LIFE that is *within* mankind. This is made self-evident through the warmth one feels when touching one’s skin, but that would be the surface level of understanding. Emotionally, this quality is understood as the PASSION of Man, it burning within as a driving force of Nature. This FIRE is DUAL in its understanding, as Man is DUAL in his expression. For the sake of time a space, its fundamental understanding will be given.

The PASSION that is within Man is LOVE, but LOVE is a mystery within its own right. One might show *compassion*, *sympathy*, *kindliness*, and *affection* when acting in the state of Love, but the same is true when a person is defending that which he loves from unrighteousness, of which shows the “darker” side of Love. Ask yourself, “What would I do for

those that have my Love?”, and you will quickly realize you are capable of great destruction and violence. We unconsciously admit as such when we say things like, “There was a FIRE inside of me!”, or “I was BURNING with rage against those that threatened my family!” What is this HEAT we seem so intimately acquainted with in our actions? It is the FIRE of the Spirit of Man, but just as a Fire can be used for the destructive side of Nature, so can it be used for the benefit of Man in general. We, as Freemasons, Brothers of the Light, choose to act in accordance with the beneficial aspects of the Flame, they being *affection, compassion, gentleness, and kindness*, to fill the World with the warmth that accompanies such feelings. We do not leave our fellow man to suffer in the cold of night, but instead shine a beacon of Light to show the way towards the Flame that is Eternal and Infinite in its expressions, thus giving all those we can the Warmth of Love.

As we enter this new phase of the year, it being Spring, we can become aware of the generative powers of Heat, as all of Nature blossoms with Beauty as a result. Nature is showing the means and the results of such actions before our very eyes, and yet, we quickly forget the power that is latent inside of us, even though everywhere we look, it is expressed. Let us lift the Veil of Ignorance and walk in the Light, which is to say, let us be aware of the power inside of each and everyone of us, and let us fan the Flame of Brotherly Love and Affection. This is the Eternal Flame of Man, part and parcel with the Eternal Flame of the GAOTU. The same Flame is in you; IS YOU. Let the Glory of this Light wash over our being, and may we display this Glory to the World to show that by becoming a Freemason, we are the better at displaying the qualities of Divinity in our Thoughts, Words, and Deeds.

*“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”* John 13:34-35





## Are you a “Builder?”

I wonder if you ever thought about that question in terms of being a Mason? Early builders did not know that they were masons, but they had a secret knowledge of how to build, to lay a corner stone perfectly, providing the foundation for future stones. They shared this secret with their son or with a close relative so that their future was secure. That is precisely how mouth to ear started and secrets were shared. Year after year, stone after stone, they crafted the building and together created the great monuments that are still in existence today. They also became the builders of a guild or fraternity that grew into what has become the largest in the world. The path was started by these early builders who lived on the job site and built structures that are a marvel to all mankind.

We have a fraternity that also needs building.

So, I ask you again, are you a “Builder”? Not of stone buildings but a “Builder” of this very unique, moral, creative, and fraternal Masonic organization that we belong to too. What are you going to leave - an empty path? If we are to persevere, to build, to exemplify wholesomeness and a moral purpose for our fraternal organization then we too must stay focused. Do you attend, do you become involved, do you lead by example, and do you create a “Building” atmosphere that exudes an example for other brothers to exemplify?

“Building” takes a lot of work and perseverance. We are all on the same path and we are all in this together - as a family. Let’s become “Builders” and lead by example.

Louis Jelinek, 33°  
Secretary of All Bodies

WELCOME



BROTHER

Welcome to our newest  
Scottish Rite Members:

***Matthew Burton, 32°***

***Alan Hansen, 32°***

***Timothy Hooyenga, 32°***

***Michael Lopez, 32°***

***Alfredo Lozano, 32°***

***Jeffery Torosian, 32°***

***Rowland Trent, 32°***



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## Memorial Donations

Honoring the  
memory of  
Jennifer

Weyhrauch

Donald Weyhrauch



# Coming Events

## MAY

- 8 Monday                      Advisory Conference 6:00 pm  
(Council Practice)
- 15 Monday                     Stated Meeting (Council Host)  
6:00 pm Appetizers  
6:30 pm Dinner  
CART School Scholarship Awards  
Ring, Rose and Cap Ceremony
- 16 Tuesday                    Clinic Board Meeting 5:00 pm
- 29 Monday                    Memorial Day Office Closed

## JUNE

- 19 Monday                    Stated Meeting (Lodge Advances)  
Members only  
6:30 pm Buffet Dinner  
Advisory Conference,
- 20 Tuesday                    Clinic Board Meeting 5:00 pm

## JULY

- 4 Tuesday                    Independence Day Office Closed
- 17 Monday                    Stated Meeting  
Members Only  
(Consistory Advances)  
6:30 pm Buffet Dinner  
Advisory Conference
- 18 Tuesday                    Clinic Board 5:00 pm

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Louis W. Jelinek, Jr., 33<sup>rd</sup> Secretary

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