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*31st Annual  
Dinner Auction  
Benefitting the Fresno Scottish Rite  
Childhood Language Program*



NEW DATE:      *SATURDAY  
AUGUST 12, 2023*

NEW PLACE:    *FRESNO SCOTTISH RITE CENTER  
1455 L STREET, FRESNO*

TIME:            *5:00 PM DOORS OPEN*

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Personal Representative  
of the  
SGIG Advisory Conference

## The Personal Representative's Message

Brethren and friends,

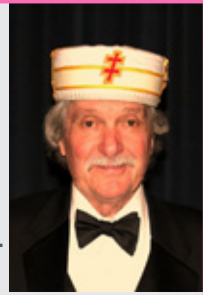
The Scottish Rite Foundation has moved our Language Center children into the care of Fresno State University. Therefore, our "L" Street Center will be closing. All of those who labored for the last thirty-one years will always hold a special place in the hearts of the children they treated and cared for so deeply. I myself, am deeply saddened by this change.

The first summer Stated Meeting dinner was a wonderful time. If you missed the abundant potato bar, you really missed out. I encourage all to plan to attend the July/August events as well. We will be having build your own hamburgers in July and the always popular Taco Bar in August.

The annual Dinner Auction is rapidly approaching with a change in venue and date. It is now on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at Fresno Scottish Rite Center. Several factors caused this change, and it is the best option to choose.

Let Fresno Scottish Rite members continue to support the Children of the Central Valley with language and learning challenges. I wish you all the best.

Michael Nella, 33°  
Personal Representative





## Fresno Scottish Rite Clinic Board



Brethren and Ladies,

What our new partnership with Fresno State for the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Fresno means...

1. From the outside looking in this is a change in who we are contracting with as our independent consultant for the delivery of services from Sunrise, Speech Pathology Corp to Fresno State.
2. We will be able to reduce our annual operating cost from the current amount of approximately \$135,000 per year to \$50,000 per year for the first two years and \$75,000 for the third year. That's a 63% cost reduction in the first two years from our current level and a 44% decrease for year three.
3. The initial agreement with Fresno State will be for three years.
4. Through this partnership we will also be able to increase the number of children in our program from approximately 24 at any given time to approximately 72-76 at any given time. This is an increase of approximately 300% in the number of children we can help in the community.
5. And we will have naming rights for their SLP graduate program (pending Fresno State final approval) which will be Fresno Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program.

James Wilson II, 33°

Clinic Board Chairman

# The Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix



Brothers,

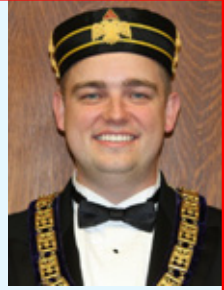
The summer promises to be hot as usual. We cannot complain about the temperature thus far. I look forward to our summer meetings where we should prepare for the fall and spring events. Our dinner auction fundraiser is just around the corner. Changes to the location and event can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. The winds are changing, and we need to pay close attention to maximize the benefit of our participation. Each of us should consider donating something to the silent auction we ourselves would like. You know, guy stuff, preferably things like fine tobacco or alcohol. Please make your reservations early to assist in planning.

I once again request all to encourage every new Mason made in our area to join the Scottish Rite. Membership is the core of our bodies and must improve. Those traveling through the Blue Lodge degree work should be encouraged to want the knowledge the Rite offers. Discussing the Rite is also a good idea when interviewing candidates. Make the Rite a regular topic of discussion in your lodge and encourage participation.

See you all at the summer stated meetings for refreshment and companionship.

Fraternally,  
Mark Allen, 32° KCCH

# Commander Fresno Council of Kadosh



Brothers,

These past two months have ignited a Masonic fire within me. It's hard to believe, but this fire has been kindled by our stated meetings! There's been an electrifying new energy in the room ever since our spring reunion class was initiated, and it has me brimming with excitement for what lies ahead! Our June stated meeting had a wonderful turnout for both the dinner and the meeting itself. Not only was I nourished physically by the great baked potato bar, but the fraternal bonds that were strengthened during the evening left me feeling truly enriched. And let me tell you, the lecture delivered by Brother Jarvis, 32° during the meeting was an absolute gem.

If you haven't attended in a while, you're truly missing out on something extraordinary. Come and enjoy a burger and deepen these fraternal bonds this month!

Fraternally,  
Cactus Harris, 32°  
Commander of Kadosh

# The Master of Kadosh Fresno Consistory



Brethren,

In this country we are blessed with many freedoms. We may choose where we live, worship, study, and work. We choose to be California Scottish Rite members. We as Scottish Rite Masons, in California have chosen for our philanthropy to support children with language and learning disabilities. Philanthropy is the ability to promote the welfare of others. Supporting Children is one of our philanthropic purposes here in California.

We are under the financial management umbrella of the California Scottish Rite Foundation which is a nonprofit 501(C) 3 organization for the Language Clinic's in California. They have decided to contract with California State University, Fresno to be the face of Fresno Scottish Rite Language Program in Fresno, starting in August and will be moving the center to the University campus. Our building next to the Scottish Rite Center will be closed.

As Scottish Rite Masons in California we should whole heartedly continue to support the Fresno Scottish Rite Language Program here in Fresno. I encourage everyone to attend the dinner auction which will be held at the Scottish Rite Center, on Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Fraternally,  
Zograb Tsolokian, 32°  
Master of Kadosh

***Benefiting the Fresno Scottish Rite  
Language Program***



*Live & Silent Auctions  
Plus, a Dessert Auction*

***Saturday***  
***August 12, 2023***  
*Fresno Scottish Rite Center*  
*1455 L Street*  
*Fresno, CA*

*Wine Tasting & Silent Auction  
begins at 5:00 p.m.*

***Tickets \$70.00***

*Per person*

*Dress is Casual.*

***Entrée***  
*Roast Beef*  
*Chicken*  
*Vegetarian*



*Yes, I am coming to the Party!  
Saturday, August 12, 2023*

*Mail in registration form to:  
Fresno Scottish Rite 1455 "L" Street, Fresno, CA 93721*

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (b) (c) (v)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. \_\_\_\_\_ (b)(c)(v)

8. \_\_\_\_\_ (b)(c)(v)

**(WRITE THE NAME OF EACH PERSON ATTENDING & CIRCLE ENTRÉE CHOICE FOR EACH PERSON)**

**The last day to order tickets is August 3, 2023.**

**ASSIGNED SEATING**

**Table size limited to 8 people.**

**All tickets must be purchased prior to the event.**

**\$70.00 per person**

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to*

**"CA SR Foundation"** in memo line please note **"Fresno"**

*Credit Cards are also accepted.*

*Call (559) 268-9631 to charge your tickets.*



# *Tom's Talks*

I will cherish the memories of 32 years working with the Scottish Rite Language Disorders Center. I have had the opportunity to work with venerable Fresno Scottish Rite Masons. I am honored to call them friends of speech, language and learning challenged children. On behalf of the children, parents, and myself, thank you. I look back on your years of fidelity and devotion to treating children for free and allowing me to treat families on your behalf.

I want to leave you with a peek into the therapy room. A story we have been allowed to part of. We looked into the mirror making faces at each other and laughing. His joy and delight are pure. He laughs a full belly laugh at my facial antics. I hugged him and tossed him in the air, both of us squealing in delight at his imitation of the funny face we just shared. He looks back in the mirror in anticipation of what funny face I will make next but instead he hears me say "mama". He looks intently in the mirror and presses his lips together and says "mama" a flurry of hugs and tickles follow his attempt at saying "mama." Mom wipes tears quietly in the corner of the room.

**End of a Season** August marks the end of the season for the Center at 1435 L Street and begins a new one in partnership with California State University Fresno. In its first season we led the league of free services to speech, language and learning challenged

children. I wish the best for the next season.

On Wednesday August 16, 2023, join me in an End of the Season open house at the Center to celebrate our 32 years together. We will have hot appetizers, wine, and soft drinks from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. I hope to see you there to thank you for your support.



### **End of the season Open House**

A friend asked me how I feel about the changes the Fresno Scottish Rite Language Center. I explained to him that it is like returning a leased car. You drive it hard, love its speed and appearance, you wash it like it is yours, you invest in care and upkeep. But it is not your car, no matter how you feel about it. You do not own it belongs to someone else. I will always cherish the time I spent with the Board, donors, and supporters. I look forward to the next season in my life and the Language Center's life. I hope that my efforts will stand the test of time.

I want to share the end of this season and its memories with you. So, I invite you to an End of the Season open house wine and appetizers on Wednesday August 16, 2023, at the Center from 3:00 to 7:00 pm.

Tom Tatum  
Clinic Director

# THE DIVINE FEMININE

## THE SOUL OF MAN

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

Masonry is oftentimes referred to as Feminine, as we frequently refer to the Teachings as “Her teachings”. This is done much in the same way as we refer to the Earth as Feminine, for we call her Mother Earth. This is done, again, in reference to Nature, or more commonly known as Mother Nature.

With the Earth, it is due to the fact we emerged from it into a species. With Nature, it is because she is birther of all things we see, they always coming from Nature. With Freemasonry, She gives birth to every Mason, and Her teachings give birth to new understandings and vistas of Life. Do we not call our Blue Lodge our Mother Lodge? But there is hidden in this a beautiful esoteric teaching about the constitution of Man and how he should address his Three-Fold Nature of being.

Man is Three-Fold in the sense that he is Body, Mind, and Spirit, or Body, Soul, and Spirit. The relationship between Mind and Soul is quite extensive, but for sake of simplicity, it should be understood that no Thought can exist without a Space for it to inhabit. The Mind immediately provides the Space for the Thought to exist in, and no man can think a thought without it inhabiting some form of Space. This makes the Mind *Receptive* to Ideas, or in other words, the Mind *Receives* the Idea and gives it Form in Space.

The Soul is the envelope of the Divine Spark, more commonly known as the Spirit. This Spirit is Life, and the Soul is the “holder” of this infant Spirit, as is shown symbolically with Isis holding Horus, Mary holding Jesus, Maya holding Buddha, or any other religious Madonna and Child. This makes the Soul *Feminine* in Nature and the Spirit *Masculine*.

To explain this concept, the Mystery of the Holy Grail will be explained. The Grail is the Vessel, as its form suggests, and the Man (the Ego) is the valiant Knight in search of his Beloved, which is symbolized by the Holy Grail. The Knight “goes in search” of his Beloved, risking everything to find Her. During his search, he must “divest himself” of all that is unworthy of Her, thus making himself a Pure and Illuminated Man.

His Beloved, or Grail, is symbolically his Soul, and he takes the place of the Spirit in search of Union with it. His divestment symbolizes the Purification of the Man and his Ego, removing all that is base and unworthy of a Bride as gorgeous as Her. She will only “go with him” if he has proven himself, which symbolizes that Man is incapable of comprehending (Seeing) the Mysteries unless his mind is purified of all that is base and unclean. Then, and only then, will the Mystery unfold itself to Man, and this is done with no effort once the Space has been made clean. Much in the same way that a seed requires no prompting to begin its growth, so it is with the Spirit unifying with its Soul, they naturally unifying once the conditions are made right. In order to do this, Man must Seek his Bride with Love, Care, and Compassion. Is it any different when we seek our Lover in the material world? Do we not put our best foot forward when we court our personal Beloved? Fortunately for us, the Soul is not fooled by the bolstering and pomp of a boy, but seeks the company of a True and Righteous Man.

In Freemasonry, this is hidden under the concept of Light, as the unification of the Spirit and Soul is the Enlightenment and Illumination of the whole being of Man, thus making him Radiant. This is also taught in the manner we address our Beloveds, and our teachings place special emphasis on our conduct towards them. In each of these aspects Man is taught to be better to all that is Feminine in Nature, and through this emerges the Beauty of Love in our immediate lives. The way you Love your Beloved is a direct reflection of how you Love your Soul, for they are the physical embodiment of the internal quality of your being. Like the Knight in search of his Beloved, I am sure you would risk just as much for the ones you Love. I ask, Are you giving the same attention to your Spiritual Lover known as your Soul? Is She not also worthy of your admiration and affection? Your own Soul awaits you in the Bridal Chamber of the Heart!





# Contributions to the Childhood Language Center Fresno RiteCare

## Donations

Richard & Judy Hopper  
Chris & Judy Weymouth  
Fresno Chapter #269  
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## Memorials

**Jeanne Esheim**  
Joann Evans  
**George Hacnick**  
*Robert & Denise Crossland*

### **July Dinner Monday July 17, 2023**

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

Hamburgers  
Baked Beans  
Potato Salad & Green Salad  
Ice Cream

**Reservations are required**

**Price \$20.00 per person**

**Widows are always our guests.**

## **GIFT CARD TREE**

Do you have a gift card that you are not going to use?  
Donate it to the Dinner Auction “Celebrating Success”  
and help us create a “Gift Card Tree” with lots of gift cards.

Place your unused card (or a new one) in an envelope, let us know your name, address, amount and contact information and send it to the Office. The address is Fresno Scottish Rite, 1455 L Street, Fresno, CA 93721. Envelopes for gift card donations will also be available at the stated meetings on the tables. All gift cards will be attached to the “GIFT CARD TREE” and will become an auction item!

# Coming Events

## JULY

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

## AUGUST

- 12 Saturday Language Center Dinner  
Auction 5:00 pm  
Fresno Scottish Rite Center
- 16 Wednesday End of Season Open House  
3:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
1435 L Street, Fresno
- 21 Monday Stated Meeting  
(Chapter Advances)  
6:30 pm Buffet Dinner  
Advisory Conference
- 22 Tuesday Clinic Board Meeting  
5:00 pm

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