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**In the Lodge Room**  
**Following Dinner**

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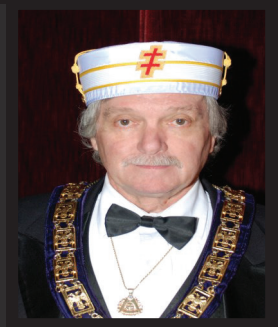
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## The Personal Representative's Message



Brethren and friends,

It is time once again for the all-important ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. This ceremony will take place at the March stated meeting immediately after dinner. This is a very important time as we remember those who have left us through their passing within the last year. Please plan to honor them with your presence on March 20th as we portray our love and caring together.

The spring reunion is rapidly approaching, and we have a much larger class than usual which I am very happy to announce. The portrayals are not an easy task to perform and require a lot of personnel and labor. If you can participate in any capacity, please feel free to do so.

In closing, here's to a speedy end to the rain and snow as I am pretty sure we have had enough. That's enough!

Michael Nella, 33°  
Personal Representative



# Fresno Scottish Rite Clinic Board



Brethren and Ladies,

## **SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 12, 2023**

We will be "**CELEBRATING SUCCESS**" at Pardini's on Shaw in Fresno. You will be getting a "Save the Date" notice in the mail soon. So you will be able to put it on your calendar and hang it on the wall or refrigerator. Our Dinner Auction is our major fundraiser for the RiteCare Language Clinic.

**SO HERE WE GO!** If you have any good quality items for the silent auction or the live auction. Please let me know or bring them to the Scottish Rite Office. If you know of anyone who might have items they would like to donate for the auction, please let them know to contact me (559) 779-8727 or I will contact them.

**Save The Date: AUGUST 12, 2023.**



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

# Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection



Brothers,

Just a few reminders this month from me. Our Stated Meeting, we will be celebrating Remembrance and Renewal, don't miss this meaningful ceremony. Please be sure to make reservations for dinner, we are having a traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

Our spring class is coming up starting on April 21st if you know any Masons, who would enjoy our wonderful Scottish Rite, please talk to them about it. The Friends of the Center Trap Shoot is scheduled for April 8th. Please come out and enjoy this occasion which benefits our language center and so many children of the valley. The Almoner's closet can really use donations of wheelchairs and walkers in good condition.

Michael Scrivner, 32° KCCH  
Venerable Master

# The Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix



Brothers,

This month we begin the celebration of Lent, including almsgiving as practiced at our dinners. The forty days commemorates the fasting and temptation Christ suffered in preparation for his ministering what would become the Gospels. It concludes with the Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday celebrations. This holy observance coincides with tax season where we were advised to "render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and render unto God that which belongs to God." Scottish Rite Masons understand giving our hearts to our creator, regardless of Caesar's desires.

Our March 20 stated meeting will be followed by the Maundy Thursday (last supper) and remembrance and renewal observance. Maundy Thursday is where we were commanded to "love one another as I have loved you." The 'new law of love' Masons celebrate. All are invited to the lodge room after dinner to enjoy the presentation. And speaking of dinner, Andrew hit a homerun in February with the rollatini. Bring your spouse and family members to this event, and enjoy the bounty of great food and friendship. And remember, reservations help us keep cost down and quality up.

Fraternally yours,

Mark Allen, 32° KCCH  
Wise Master

# The Commander of the Council of Kadosh



Brethren,

As we observe the Remembrance and Renewal ceremony this month, I am reminded of the lessons of our 19th degree, Grand Pontiff, in the Scottish Rite Freemasonry. This degree teaches us to be content in our labors for the future, and to serve light and truth, knowing that they are immortal. We benefit from the labors and light of the Brothers who have passed, and it is our duty to carry their legacy forward.

The Remembrance and Renewal ceremony emphasizes the importance of cherishing every moment of our lives, and of living with purpose and meaning. It is a time for reflection, gratitude, and renewal of our commitment to the principles of Freemasonry. We must remember that our time on this earth is fleeting, and we must make the most of it by living with intention and serving others.

Albert Pike's quote from *Morals and Dogma*, "The desire to do something that shall benefit the world, when neither praise nor obloquy will reach us where we sleep soundly in the grace, is the noblest ambition entertained by man" (19th degree lecture p.316), is a poignant reminder of the noble pursuits in life. The pursuit of knowledge, the practice of virtue, and the desire to serve humanity are the highest callings we can aspire to.

As we honor the memory of our departed brothers and celebrate life during the Remembrance and Renewal ceremony, let us renew our commitment to living a life of purpose and meaning. Let us strive to be virtuous, to seek knowledge, and to serve others. For it is through these actions that we can leave a positive impact on the world, even after we are gone.

Cactus S. Harris, 32°  
Commander

# The Master of Kadosh Fresno Consistory



Brethren,

March is International Women's Month, it is very important that we express our love and appreciation to all our wives, sisters, daughters and mothers. International Women's Day is March 8th.

Winter is almost over but we have storms in the valley and all over California, looks like we had more snow than ever, it's too bad that we can't all travel to enjoy the snow and enjoy the majestic beauty of the Sierras.

Our spring class is almost here at the end of March! I am excited to welcome more brothers into Fresno Scottish Rite. Your help in presenting the classes is greatly appreciated by our Degree Director, Mike Nella, 33°. Members are always welcome to experience the degrees as a refresher.

Zograb Tsolokian, 32°  
Master of Kadosh



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

Our first meeting was very well attended. Thank you to everyone who showed an interest in helping! We discussed making available informational donation packets to be handed out whenever we find a possible gift donor. A decoration chairman was appointed, she will need a committee. Ideas for streamlining check-in and check-out are being worked on.

We will meet again in the downstairs lounge, **5:00 pm to 5:45 pm** on May 5th. Please bring your ideas, questions and comments.

Thank you  
Carol Pitts




### **St. Patrick's Dinner Menu Monday March 20, 2023**

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

Corned Beef and Cabbage  
Roasted Red Potatoes  
Salad Bar  
Dessert

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



*Oh, please do come to tea, for a  
great cause and take a  
moment to linger.*

*Take time to escape the pressure  
and fast pace of life.*

## **Afternoon Tea Time**

**RiteCare Children's Language Disorder  
Center Fundraiser**

*presented by Legacy Chapter 555  
Order of the Eastern Star*

*All proceeds of the tea are to support Fresno  
RiteCare Children's Language Disorder  
Center, a no cost clinic for children from 18 month to 18  
years with language and learning disabilities.*

*Please make checks to Scottish Rite Foundation  
A 501(c)(3) non profit organization Fed Id #94-6074617*

**Saturday April 1, 2023 1:00 pm**

**Fresno Scottish Rite 1455 L Street, Fresno, CA**

### **Tea, Sandwiches, & Sweets**

*A Salon style fashion show with signature pieces  
From a private collection*

*Donation is \$20.00 per person,  
Well behaved children under 10 \$10.00*

*Afternoon Tea attire requested*

**Reservations are required by March 27th, 2023**

**Please Call Becky at 559-960-8685 or  
Juliet at 559-381-6432**

*If you are interested in decorating a table please contact  
Juliet at the number above.*



# *Tom's Talks*

## **Green Alligators can bellow!**

Michael frantically empties the toy box searching for a large green alligator. We cannot start without his green alligator because the alligator helps him during our sessions. When tasks are difficult the alligator gives instruction, when attitudes need adjusting he laughs and falls on the ground and sometimes he just bellows encouragement. Michael needs the green alligator, he cannot learn without it. Much to his relief the alligator is at the bottom of the toy box chewing on the leg of a dinosaur. We are ready to start.

Michael has attention and auditory processing problems. His speech is not clear and learning feels slow and impossible at times but, his green alligator forges ahead. Together they learn to finish words and that sounds are letters and other magical things. Michael learns that alligators sit still and listen so they can devour learning opportunities. By the second month, he needs the alligator less and less, at times even forgetting to look for his old friend. Michael is learning to ask for help and celebrate success. Gradually he gains confidence and competence and in six short months, his therapy is complete.

The green alligator waits in the toy box for his next friend.

Stories like this only happen because Scottish Rite cares for others. Kids CAN succeed because Scottish Rite cares. Thank you for helping kids.

Tom Tatum  
Clinic Director



## Brotherhood

There can be no genuine brotherhood without mutual regard, good Opinion and esteem, mutual charity, and mutual allowance for faults and fallings. It is those who learn habitually to think better of each other, to look habitually for the good that is in each other, and expect, allow for, and overlook the evil, who can be Brethren, one or the other, in any true sense of the word.

My Brother, Masonry means much more.

Than the wearing of a pin,  
Or carrying a paid-up dues receipt  
So, the Lodge will let you in.

You may wear an emblem on your coat.

From your finger flash a ring,  
But if you're not sincere at heart  
This doesn't mean a thing.

It's merely an outward sign to show.

The world that you belong.  
To this great fraternal Brotherhood  
That teaches right from wrong.

What really counts lies buried deep

Within the human breast  
'Til Masonic teaching brings it out.  
And puts it to the test.

If you can practice out of Lodge

The things you learn within  
Be just and upright to yourself.  
And to your fellowman.

Console a brother when he's sick.

Or assist him when in need,  
Without a thought of personal gain  
For any act or deed.

Walk and act in such a way

That the world without can see  
That none but the best can meet the test  
Laid down by Masonry:

Always live up to your trust

And do the best you can,  
Then you can proudly tell the world  
You're a Mason and a Man.

Anonymous



## Contributions to the Childhood Language Center Fresno RiteCare

### Donations

Richard & Judy  
Hopper

Mary Viancourt

SAF-T-CAB

### Memorials

**William Hudson, 32°**  
*Clinton & Lyn Vance*

**Edward Kerber**  
*Robert & Denise  
Crossland*

**James “Jake” Marshall**  
*Robert & Denise*

*Crossland  
Clinton & Lyn Vance*

Please consider making a **memorial donation honoring our members who have passed away**. The money is donated to RiteCare Fresno, our language clinic. A letter is sent to the family informing them that their **loved one was remembered and honored by their Masonic brethren**. Mail your contribution to Fresno Scottish Rite, 1455 L Street, Fresno, CA 93721. Please note the name of the honoree on your check. We also have memorial envelopes available at Scottish Rite.

## Reminder!

**Only two meeting left to get  
petitions submitted!**

# Coming Events

## MARCH

- 13 Monday            Advisory Conference 6:00 pm  
(Lodge Practice)
- 20 Monday            Stated Meeting (Lodge Host)  
6:00 pm Appetizers  
6:30 pm Dinner  
7:30 pm Remembrance & Renewal  
(Rose Croix)
- 21 Tuesday            Clinic Board 5:00 pm at Clinic

## APRIL

- 10 Monday            Advisory Conference 6:00 pm  
(Consistory Practice)
- 17 Monday            Stated Meeting (Consistory Host)  
6:00 pm Appetizers  
6:30 pm Dinner
- 18 Tuesday            Clinic Board 5:00 pm at Clinic
- 21 Friday              Spring Class    Register 6:00 pm
- 22 Saturday            Spring Class    Register 7:30 am
- 28 Friday              Spring Class    Register 6:00 pm
- 29 Saturday            Spring Class    Register 7:30 am

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