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Personal Representative
of the
SGIG Advisory Conference

Coming Events

JANUARY 2023

- 2 Monday Office Closed
- 9 Monday Advisory Conference 6:30 pm
(Chapter of Rose Croix Practice)
- 16 Monday Stated Meeting
(Chapter of Rose Croix Host)
6:00 pm Appetizers
6:30 pm Dinner
- 17 Tuesday Clinic Board 5:00 pm at Clinic

FEBRUARY

- 13 Monday Advisory Conference 6:30 pm
(Council Practice)
- 20 Monday Stated Meeting (Council Host)
5:00 Dinner Auction Meeting
6:00 pm Appetizers
6:30 pm Dinner
- 21 Tuesday Clinic Board 5:00 pm at Clinic

MARCH

- 13 Monday Advisory Conference 6:30 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



Memorial



*Solemn strikes the funeral chime, Notes of our departing time,
As we journey here below, through a pilgrimage of woe.
Mortals, now indulge a tear, For mortality is here:
See how wide her trophies wave O'er the slumber of the grave!
Lord of all—below, above— Fill our hearts with truth and love!
When dissolves our earthly tie, Take us to Thy Lodge on high.*

Edward Leroy Brown, 32°

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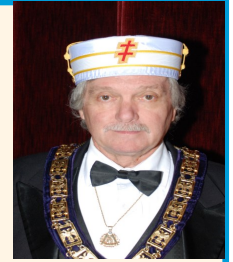
Edward Clarence Kerber, 32° KCCH

James Jacob Marshall, 32°

F. Charles Olsen, 32°

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.

The Personal Representative's Message



Brethren and friends;

First and foremost, I congratulate all the new officers of the bodies of our Temple. The duties you have assumed are real and serious, the responsibilities are great. The regular attendance of all officers is crucial to the growth of our Valley, which we desperately need. With all your support, and attendance, this task can be accomplished. DO NOT HESITATE, to call the office with any questions you may have. One way or another, we will get you an answer.

Ill. Louis Jelinek, 33°, Ill. James Wilson II, 33°, David Pitts, 32° KCCH, Tom Tatum, Clinic Director and myself attended the California Scottish Rite Foundation annual meetings in Pasadena last month. The Foundation is currently in the process of realigning its structure and operations. We learned of many new procedures being implemented and are being well received by all.

The 2023 recurring Scottish Rite events are being planned, and again, all are encouraged to attend. The beginning of 2023 marks three years I have served as Personal Representative. I have enjoyed it immensely and hope to continue for years to come. I want our Valley to grow and prosper, however, I can't do it alone, I need your help!

With heartfelt thanks to all,

Michael Nella, 33°
Personal Representative
to the SGIG



Fresno Scottish Rite Clinic Board



Brethren and Ladies,

On Wednesdays I volunteer at our Fresno RiteCare Clinic. Around a year ago a friend of mine brought his five-year-old grandson, who was not talking very well, to the Clinic to see Tom. As my friend and I were talking he asked his grandson to say hello to Mr. Wilson. He gave a sheepish try but it was more of a mumble than a Mr. Wilson. Their appointments were every Wednesday. Upon arrival the grandson would pull a chair up to the window of the waiting room and show me whatever toy he brought to the clinic.

My friend's grandson came to the Clinic Christmas party this December and talked to Santa Claus telling him what he wanted for Christmas. This last Wednesday was his last appointment for a while and as they were leaving, I heard him tell Tom he had to say goodbye to Mr. Wilson. He walked down the hallway and looked in where I was sitting waved goodbye and said, "Goodbye Mr. Wilson", as clear as could be and ran out. **This is why we do what we do!**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Party and to the DeMolay boys and Rainbow girls who helped.

James Wilson II, 33°
Clinic Board Chairman



Contributions to the Childhood Language Center Fresno Rite Care

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Memorials

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January Dinner Menu Monday January 16 , 2022

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

Cheesy Chicken Enchiladas
Refried Beans & Spanish Rice
Fiesta Salad
Chips & Salsa.

**Reservations are required
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Attention all Ladies!!
Please mark your calendar!
February 20, 2023

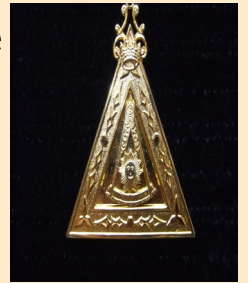
There will be a short meeting for all ladies that are interested in helping with our Annual Dinner Auction Fundraiser “Celebrating Success” on August 12, 2023. Our first meeting will precede the Scottish Rite stated meeting dinner on February 20, 2023.

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



Thank you
Carol Pitts

**Venerable Master of the
Lodge of Perfection**



Brothers greetings from the Lodge of Perfection.

I would like to share an experience I had here at Scottish Rite. I don't exactly recall what the occasion was, but we were to have dignitaries from Supreme Council speak to us. At the dinner proceeding this I was seated at a table with a fellow whom I did not recognize. I did not know if he was a brother or someone's guest. He seemed to me to be outwardly a bit unkept for an event like this. (a tribute to my own short-coming in judging a book by its cover or a man by his outward appearance) The dinner conversation was, to say the least interesting, he seemed almost irreverent and outlandish in his comments toward our fraternity.

We adjourned to the Lodge Room and much to my surprise he was introduced as our keynote speaker none other than the Ill. Rex R Hutchens, 33° the author of “A Bridge to Light” He went on to give the most interesting, enlightening, and motivational talk about Scottish Rite that I have ever had the pleasure of hearing. Brother Hutchens passed away recently, and we have lost a modern-day scholar of Masonry. Rest in peace brother Hutchens.

Michael Scrivner, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

The Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix

Happy New Year to all,

Hoping all have had a wonderful Christmas and Hanukkah celebration. The Scottish Rite children's Christmas party was a huge success. The brothers and their ladies made popcorn, played Christmas music, and of course, Santa handed out stockings filled with joy. Pictures were taken, and the children pretty much knew what they wanted. Santa did a good job pretending to know what they were asking for. The event was highlighted by the attendance of the DeMolayboys and the Rainbow girls. The Rainbow girls brought cupcakes and fun was had by all decorating them.

I am requesting the names and phone numbers of any members who have been unable to attend our meetings. If you have been unable to attend, or know of a brother who cannot, your and his contact information would be appreciated. A list will be created and the officers in the chapter will provide for phone visitation and support. Please feel free to text me at (559) 618-6698.

The winter solstice has historically been celebrated by Masons to honor the memory and teaching of John the Apostle. He is central to much of the philosophy and teachings of the Chapter Rose Croix as well as the other lodges. During the summer solstice we celebrate John the Baptist. Together, they are referred to as the Holy Saint's John celebrated within our blue lodges. John the Apostle's teachings are part of the foundation of our Masonic beliefs, and central to the Holy writings within the New Testament. Please consider attending our upcoming Master Craftsman program that begins Saturday January 21, 2023, for more on the history and knowledge Masons celebrate.

A wonderful 2023 to all,

Mark Allen, 32° KCCH
Wise Master



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Tom's Talks

A New Year will bring new opportunities and relationships. It also causes us to reflect on the past year and meaningful events. Remarkably for 2023 there has been a shift in the culture of parenting. We are seeing children who normally would have had preschool, family, and social experiences simply not have those opportunities to learn. We are seeing families more “out of synch” because of electronic media altering their family dynamics. I am asking such different questions with surprising answers about feelings of isolation, abandonment, anxiety, and fear. Parents of 2022 have been altered impacting their children's opportunities and relationships.

Last week I had a graduate student observing an evaluation and she remarked about the questions I asked a Mom. The student asked me “When is she a parent?” In the interview I asked three seemingly innocuous questions. What do you do for a living? What is your commute? What is your phone usage per day? The answers were 8 hours of work, 1 ½ hours of commute and 9 hours of phone (talking, texting, and surfing – your phone can tell you) equals 18 ½ hours per day. Dads' answers were 9, 2 and 7. We can conclude there is very little time and energy for two kids and a spouse. Child number two is a barely verbal 4-year-old.

I am not sure what all the implications are for children but, the clear discussion must be about, do we have time for opportunities and relationships. The family has started sessions and their child is responding to therapy and the changes the parents are making. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Tom Tatum
Clinic Director

The Commander of the Council of Kadosh



It is a pleasure to be serving as the Commander of Kadosh this year. For those of you I haven't had the pleasure of meeting, I thought I'd take a moment to introduce myself. I am a member of Fresno Lodge No. 247 and was raised in 2015. I serve as the director of Music and Arts at University Presbyterian Church in Fresno, as well as an adjunct music professor at Clovis Community College. My wife, Krista, teaches orchestra in Clovis Unified at Clark Intermediate School. We have two boys and a baby girl (all born within the last three years). Music is our family's passion and profession.

As we look ahead at 2023, I am excited about the events and ceremonies that our Valley will be hosting. While there have been varying challenges over the years, I think it is important that we not dwell on the past but live in the future of our fraternal order. There are many Masons who are looking for more light and the Scottish Rite is here to provide the way.

Please introduce yourself at our dinners and meetings if we have yet met. I'd love to get to know you more and put a name to familiar faces.

Thank you for electing me to lead, and I look forward to seeing you this year!

Cactus S. Harris, 32°
Commander

Quoted from the Conclusion of Dr. Rex R Hutchens, 33° "A Bridge to Light," The revised Standard Pike Ritual. Page 321

The future of Scottish Rite Freemasonry rests in the hands of its members. It will be what we make of it: an institution of moral leadership, educational advancement and philanthropic endeavors or merely a social club with empty titles and vain pretensions. To achieve the former requires the combined and concerted effort of a great many of us and renewed commitment to learn –live the simple lessons of practical morality and the sublime teachings of religious philosophy, then live them, that our light may so shine before men that they will continue to desire our fellowship and join in our assemblies.

The seed is self-improvement and the fruit is moral progress. Each of us must become the Magister Interior, the Inward Master, for until we have mastered ourselves our influence over other men can bring no good result.

Good men; better men.

We seek no more; we offer no more.

It is enough.

Submitted by Mike Scrivner, 32° KCCH

MASTER CRAFTSMAN TRUE ADEPTS



There are Brothers amongst us who have succeeded in their search for further ***Light*** by completing all the Master Craftsman Correspondence Courses. These courses include the Master Craftsman:

- Symbolic Lodge
- History & Ritual, and
- Philosophy

The Master Craftsman Study Group would like to obtain all names of Brothers having completed the full battery of Master Craftsman Courses and date of final completion.

Unfortunately, we do not have that information at our Fresno Scottish Rite Valley. Therefore, please contact Scottish Rite Office and provide your name, phone number and date you completed all of the Master Craftsman Courses. Thank you.

John L. Tracy 32°
David Jarvis, 32°
Co-chairmen