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*Hope to see everyone at the
31st Annual Dinner Auction
August 12, 2023 at Fresno Scottish Rite*



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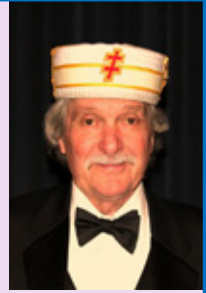


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Ill. Michael Nella, 33°
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of the
SGIG Advisory Conference

The Personal Representative's Message



" CONGRATULATIONS!"

Eric Skidmore, 32° KCCH (elect) and Chad Snyder, 32° KCCH (elect) both of which will be receiving the honor and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor! The ceremony will be held at Long Beach Scottish Rite Center on September 9th, and it is open to the public, so all are encouraged to attend.

My heartfelt thanks go to all who made the effort to stay at last month's stated meeting "sauna dinner" which was held on the hottest day of the year. Which, might I point out, was the same day the air conditioner decided to take a vacation from its duties. This resulted in a situation where the food practically cooked itself. My thanks to all who "weathered the storm".

I hope to see you all at the 31st Annual Dinner Auction which will be a really "cool" event, and yes, a pun intended! The air conditioning will be on and cooling for the Auction.

Michael Nella, 33°
Personal Representative



Fresno Scottish Rite Clinic Board



Brethren and Ladies,

When you receive this Bulletin, we will have celebrated our last Childrens Language Disorder Clinic Dinner Auction, August 12, 2023 at Fresno Scottish Rite. The Childhood Language Disorders Clinic has been moved to Fresno State and will tentatively be named the Fresno Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program.

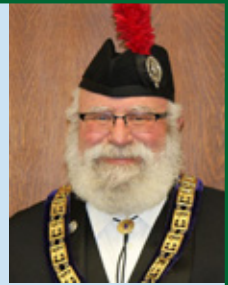
I thank you all for supporting the Dinner Auction fundraiser for these many years. I look back at the many different venues and chairman who have been super influencers on what we called The Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic.

We will be receiving information from the Scottish Rite Foundation who will give us the contact information to the California State University Fresno Program for treatment of the children. I will forward the information to you as soon as I know.

May GOD love you ALL and
THANK YOU AGAIN!

James Wilson II, 33°
Clinic Board Chairman

The Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix



Brothers,

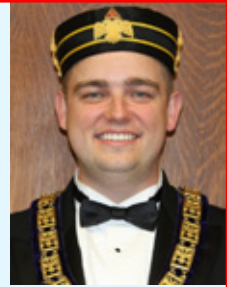
What a wonderful program for Masons to share their motivations to become and further their fraternal lives!

The Grand Master of California Randall L. Brill published this challenge to the Masons of California “Last year, for the first time ever, we launched a two-week social media campaign called #ImAMason designed to help raise awareness of the fraternity among our members' online networks. That effort was a tremendous success, reaching more than two million people throughout California and around the world. “ One of our very own Scottish Rite Masons Ron Morrison, 32° was featured! Way to go Brother Ron!



Fraternally,
Mark Allen, 32° KCCH
Wise Master

Commander Fresno Council of Kadosh



Brothers,

Summer is in full swing, and it's been great to see many faces at our stated meetings. Your dedication makes our Scottish Rite gatherings truly special, and I want to give a big shout out to everyone who's been a part of it.

I also feel like there is an increasing number of new brothers joining our local Blue Lodges. It's fantastic to see fresh faces in the mix, and I'm hopeful for the future of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite with the inclusion of these men. I'm excited for the direction Fresno Scottish Rite is headed. Together, we're building a strong fraternity!

Please remind your brothers that Scottish Rite will be having a Spring Class in 2024.

Fraternally,
Cactus Harris, 32°
Commander of Kadosh

The Master of Kadosh Fresno Consistory



Brethren,

Fresno Scottish Rite is a machine with many moving parts. We are the Almoner, Communication, the Library, Dues, Compassion for our brothers, wives, widows, children and the less fortunate and the ongoing study to understand the deeper meaning of life and Masonry. We are also held to a high moral standard by ourselves and our brothers. This integrity should be evident within our daily lives. We are also our own moral compass. We are not to judge others actions or motivations but, we should look to ourselves to make ourselves the best men we can be.

When integral parts of a machine breaks down due to inattention, personal agendas or neglect the whole of the mechanism suffers. Your consistent participation at Scottish Rite by attending meetings, supporting our charitable endeavors, paying your dues, leading by example in your Blue Lodge, and embracing the deeper study of Masonry through the Master Craftsman program are all imperative to the smooth functioning of your Fresno Scottish Rite.

You make the difference!

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)

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(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.

FIRST CARE OF THE LODGE

TILING THE MIND OF MAN

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

In the beginning of our Masonic Journey, we are shown the “workings” of the Lodge. This is done in the closing of our 1st Degree, after we are seated amongst the Brethren. This task is performed by the Junior Deacon of the Lodge when he is asked, “What is the First and Last care of a Lodge?”, as it is he who informs the Tiler that we are about to close and directs him to perform his Duty. This Duty takes on an entirely new meaning when the symbolism of the Lodge is directed inward, which is to say, when the Freemason discovers that the Lodge is a metaphor for himself and his actions in Life.

There are as many parts of Man’s being that this analogy can be applied to as there are thorough understandings of Knowing thy Self. But, for the purpose of this work, it will be applied to the Brother’s Thoughts, Words, and Deeds. This will demonstrate how the Tiler becomes the safeguard of his Secret (Silent) Workings of his own “Temple not built by hands.”

As Thought precedes both Word & Deed, it would logically dictate that the Mind of the Brother must be Tiled. By doing this, the Brother “observes the approach” of the Thoughts not worthy of admission into the Temple that is his Mind and being “armed with the proper implement” of Truth (symbolized by the Sword), he bars their admittance. This , in one way, means that we must only allow thoughts worthy of our consideration, which is to say, those which work to our betterment. Simply put, they must be Constructive Thoughts. We are “Building” a Temple after all.

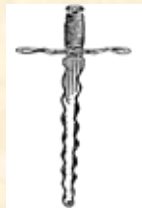
This leads us to our Spoken Words, they being the expression and manifestation of the Thoughts of Man. If the Tiler of the Mind is on guard and is instructed on who is allowed to pass, then Words of Love, Affection, and Compassion become our native language, especially to those who are desirous of such from us.

Words not being enough, as “faith without works is Dead (inert)”, these Thoughts that have proved their worthiness were allowed to enter and “take part of the rights and privileges” of our Actions. This demonstrates the need for Constructive Thoughts, as they become the Workers behind our Actions, which is to say, our Deeds.

Our Deeds reflect our character far more than Words ever could, which allows all Brethren to “know a Tree by its Fruit”. Knowing that the Body follows the Mind, it becomes immediately self-evident the importance of Tiling the Mind, and why Truth and Virtue become the “passwords” of admittance into our personal Lodge. By being ever watchful, not allowing any to “pass or repass” without our permission, you can set your “Craft to work” for the betterment of your own Mind, Body, and Soul, a Trinity manifested in the Fruits of your Character, as this is demonstrated by your Deeds. I repeat, “You shall know them by their Fruits.”

Now it should be clear as to why that is the “most important care of a Lodge,” and why the oftentimes unnoticed (Hidden/Secret) chair becomes the most important. It should also be clear as to why he is armed with a Sword, instrument of Truth and Justice, as it is Truth the separates the worthy from the profane, and it is Justice that keeps them out by the enforcement of the Will of the Mind.

My Beloved Brethren, nothing in our Degrees or Ceremonies is by chance or accident, and oftentimes the least noticed are the most important. Each carries a profoundly deeper meaning when the symbolism is directly applied to YOU.



From The Desk of the Librarian

Book of the month:

The Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Of Freemasonry

By Charles Sumner Lobingier, 33°

This book is a pre-history of the Scottish Rite. It represents work that was somewhat controversial because the author attempts to explore the philosophical undercurrents which contributed to formations of the haut grades which ultimately led to the formation of the Scottish Rite.

There is certainly much more knowledge about the ancestry and education of the Scottish Rite than in the days this book was written. Regardless of any shortcomings the book remains insightful and proactive and will widen one's perspective on the fraternity.

Ike Hollomon, 32° KCCH

Knights of St. Andrew

Up coming events and projects (to date):

- The coalescing of the Knight's here in California's Valley's of Scottish Rite is coming about.
- 1st Knights/Chieftains are gathering enough data to facilitate on going communications between the Orders.
- The Robert Burns Dinner and Festivity has been scheduled for January 2024's Stated Meeting.
- Scottish Rite Reunion - tentatively scheduled for April 2024
- The KSA Presentation of "Words in Esoteric Thought" is tentatively scheduled for June 2024. Guest Speakers to be announced. Open to all Master Masons
- The Fresno Scottish Highland Games - Setting up a Masonic Booth run by the Knight's of St. Andrew - tentatively for September 2024.

More to come.

Ike Hollomon, 32° KCCH
1st Knight

Master Craftsman

*Join us every Saturday following
the Stated Meeting!*

August 26th, September 23rd, October 21st

1455 L St, Fresno, CA 93721

Door is open from 10 am – 2 pm



Topics of Discussion

- ◇ Symbolism of the Degrees
- ◇ History and Origins of our Degrees
- ◇ Philosophy of the AASR
- ◇ Practical Applications
- ◇ Esoteric & Occult Symbolism



Contributions to the Childhood Language Center Fresno RiteCare

Donations

Chris & Judy
Weymouth

Memorials

Michael Reynolds
John & Jeri Schmidt

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. All gift cards will be attached to the “GIFT CARD TREE” and will become an auction item!

August Dinner

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

Taco Bar

Reservations are required
Price \$20.00 per person
Widows are always our guests.

Coming Events

AUGUST

- 12 Saturday Language Center Dinner
Auction 5:00 pm
- 16 Wednesday Fresno Scottish Rite Center
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

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Monday Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 11 Monday Advisory Conference—6:00
(Council Practices)
- 18 Monday Stated Meeting
(Council Hosts)
6:00 pm Appetizers
6:30 pm Dinner
- 19 Tuesday Clinic Board Meeting
Scottish Rite



In Memorium

Michael Walker Reynolds, 32°

*“Virtus Junxit Mors non Saparabit”
Whom Virtue Unites Death Cannot Separate.*

Fresno Scottish Rite

Louis W. Jelinek, Jr., 33° Secretary

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