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Personal Representative's Message



Greetings to all, I hope this message finds you in good spirits.

What a very special time of year this is in the United States of America. Look back if you will with me to the year 1776. Masonry was alive and well in the Colonies during this era. So was the spirit of freedom from oppression. We must remember that this was a unique time in the history of mankind. The mores of that society were quite different from those of our society. Not all men were equal as we define that phrase today. Women were not publicly included in the leadership of this young nation. Although, I am quite sure they were extremely influential. Life was "hard" compared to our life today. We have air conditioning for Heavens sake!

Many of those who were instrumental in the establishment of this nation were Freemasons. Their courage and foresight provided the foundation upon which this wonderful country of ours is built. I suppose the most famous document from that month in 1776 was the Declaration of Independence. In the summer of 1776, more than a year after American colonists had begun their rebellion against Great Britain; the Second Continental Congress debated a resolution for independence. A committee of five worked on the document, but it was Thomas Jefferson who prepared the initial draft and whose eloquent phrasing made it a masterpiece of political writing. The text of the declaration contains three major sections: a statement of principle, a list of grievances against King George III, and the formal announcement of independence.

What may be less known, but certainly important to the final form of the Declaration of Independence, was the Virginia Declaration of Rights. It was mostly written by George Mason and was adopted by the Virginia Convention on June 12, 1776. If you take the time to research the document, you will find wording eerily similar to the final form of the Declaration of Independence. Another interesting note of history is that it was on July 2, 1776 that the Continental Congress adopted the resolution that stated the colonies "are, and of right ought to be free and Independent States." Future President John Adams believed that July 2, 1776 was "the most remarkable epoch in the history of America."

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From the Venerable Master

My Brothers,

July is here and we get to celebrate our country's Independence Day on July 4th. Please take time out that day and think about what a wonderful country we have and the part that our Brother Masons played in developing it. It should make you proud, I know it does me.

As I said last month, July will be a very special Stated Meeting. It will be the annual visit of our S.G.I.G. of our California Orient, the Most Worshipful and Most Illustrious Sir, William Stovall. After bringing us up to date on the state of the Scottish Rite, he will present Ill. Lloyd Clayton, 32° IGH with his 50 Year award.

August will be another special Stated Meeting with our Valley honoring our own Ill. Raymond D. Godeke, 33° IGH, Personal Representative, and Illustrious Grand Master of the Cryptic Masons of California and Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of California. Our Annual Picnic with El Bekal will be on the 19th and will be held at the Garden Grove Kiwanis Land.

I would like to reflect on the first six months of this year. I have had a lot of help and advice and I really appreciate it. One of the areas that I am thankful for are Brothers that give of their own professional expertise to the Valley as a donation. This saves the Valley from incurring costs and also makes the Valley run smoothly.



Our Treasurer, Art Salazar, 32° KCCH, one of these individuals. He does our books, writes checks, prepares tax returns and gives us excellent financial advice. He is a CPA and has his own business and still finds time to be our Treasurer, even during tax season.

Another individual is Ralph Shelton, II, 32° KCCH. He is president of our Childhood Language Center and provides them with all kinds of legal information and legal forms. Did I mention that he is an Attorney and has his own firm? He writes contracts, leases and this year is heading up our Golf Tournament, which will be on October 29th at Aliso Viejo Country Club.

The next time you see these Brothers, shake their hand and thank them for their dedication and assistance to our Valley and Language Center.

See you on July 2nd at our Stated Meeting!

Bob McNamara, 32° KCCH



July Menu: Hamburgers and Jumbo Hot Dogs with condiments, Cole Slaw, BBQ Beans, Corn on the Cob and Desert Bars. Make your reservations today!

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You well know that Masons were an integral part of this entire process, this pursuit of Liberty. Is our responsibility as Citizens and Masons no less important today? Are we justifying by our actions the price our Founding Fathers were willing, and many cases paid, when they put in writing this immortal document, when they pledged their lives and their fortunes for this fledgling Nation? Are we honoring the sacrifice made by our fellow citizens, past and present, who defend this liberty we have to this day?

I for one am thankful for being part of this wonderful Fraternity and proud to be a Citizen of the United States of America.

Get involved my Brothers, you can make a difference!

Ray Godeke

Things to Ponder:

“The only sure rule in golf is - he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie”.

~ Mickey Mantle

New Scottish Rite Flag

A special thanks goes to James Segerstrom, 32° First Knight - KSA, he has graciously donated a beautiful Scottish Rite flag that is on display at the Scottish Rite Office in Santa Ana. James has taken on the role as First Knight this year with great enthusiasm. Under James's leadership the Knights have added 13 new knights to their ranks, formed their own membership cards, and will be holding their own meetings very soon.

Thank you for all of your hard work and support,

If any brother knows
of another brother
that is ailing, please
let us know by
calling our Almoner
Illustrious Lloyd
Clayton 33° at
714-998-7773

More on the Feast of Tishri

Last month, I posed the question: When was it first celebrated and will we celebrate it on the same day?

Surviving Scottish Rite records indicate that the Brethren have always celebrated the Feast of Tishri with proper ceremonies. The custom did not take on the force of law until 1866 when the Statutes of the Supreme Council selected the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Tishri (September 15th on our current calendar) as the official feast day.

No feast day in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry has ever had or ever will have greater significance than the Feast of Tishri. It is the symbolic cornerstone of our Rite. It forms the central theme of most of our degrees. It is the feast of feasts in Freemasonry.

When was it first celebrated? The Scottish Rite first celebrated it on September 15, 1866, this year, in my quest to get back to basic fundamentals; we will celebrate the Feast of Tishri on **Saturday evening, September 15th**. Mark this on your calendar and plan to come for a festive experience.

Bob McNamara, 32° KCCH

Venerable Master

The above information was taken from the PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE FOR THE SCOTTISH RITE by Clausen, 33⁰

Help! We Need Members to Pay Their Dues!

My Brothers,

The Valley needs your help. Look in your wallet and see if you have a 2012 Dues Card. If you don't, then if you can find it in your heart, send us your dues. As of June 15, 2012, we have 127 Brothers, again that's 127 Brothers, that haven't paid their dues. And 24 of these Brothers owe for more than one year. This represents \$14,080.50 that the Valley does not have and is a great part of our 2012 budget. Help the Valley by keeping your membership current. Thank you for your consideration.

Bob McNamara, 32° KCCH

Scottish Rite Golf Tournament

We all know that the Language Center is our **Scottish Rite** Philanthropy. I'm sure you also know that the major source of funding for the Center is our Annual Scottish Rite Golf Tournament, which is coming up again this October! The Tournament will be held October 29, 2012, at Aliso Viejo Golf Club, and will be the same format as in previous years - a shotgun start, scramble (best ball) tournament. As always, there will be plenty of prizes, and many opportunities to win great gifts!

We do hear, each year, folks saying that can't help because they don't golf - but nothing could be further from the truth! Yes, you can help without golfing - come on down and help, volunteer, participate, meet the many guests. We have a great dinner afterward, and you can participate by attending that, and participating in the silent auction and opportunity drawing! So yes, you can be an important part of supporting our Center!

Also, do you own a business? Have a friend who does? Do you do business with a business? Well, get them on board, to help support this important charity! We'll have a number of participating restaurants, and we can always use more donors... so do your part and recruit supporters and sponsors, as well as golfers!

Here's the details:

October 29, 2012

Aliso Viejo Golf Club

10:00 am check in

\$185 per golfer

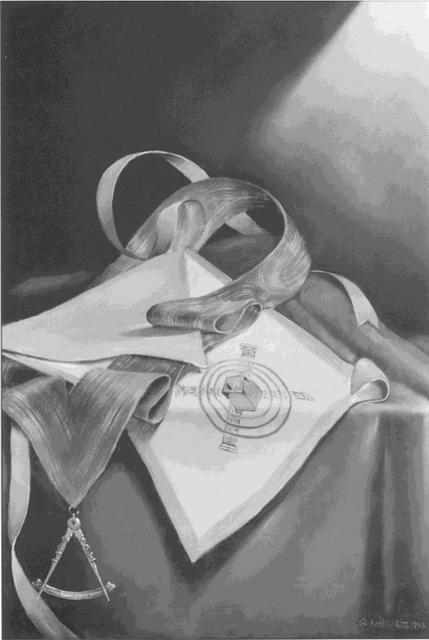
(that includes green fees, lunch, dinner, range balls and cart, as well as tee gifts and more food & beverage on the course!)

Dinner will follow - and if you have questions, ask any Center board member - Pete Jantz, Bob MacNamara, Dave Price, or Ralph Shelton. You can always email Ralph at ralphshelton@gmail.com

We look forward to another fabulous tournament, and another great year for our Center!

Ralph Shelton, 32°KCCCH
President

5th Degree - Perfect Master



Duties

Be industrious and honest.

Lessons

Life is uncertain; death may call at any time.

The noblest portion of humanity is virtue for virtues sake.

For Reflection

Can you measure your age, not by years, but by good deeds?

Does a life well lived prepare on for death?

The instruction of this degree is based on the certainty of death

The Master Hiram is an example to be imitated, a man who led a wise and virtuous life. We should always keep our houses in order for we know not when our journey upon this earth shall end. We should ask God's aid to live well, that we may die well.

Lessons of Industry:

To Learn and to do! - This is the soul's work here below. The soul grows truly as an oak grows.

To sleep little, and to study much; to say little, and to hear and think much; to learn, that we may be able to do, and then do, earnestly and vigorously, whatever may be required of us by duty, and by the good of our fellows, our country, and mankind, - these are the duties of every Mason who desires to imitate the Master Hiram.

Lessons of Honesty:

The duty of a Mason as an honest man is plain and easy. It requires of us honesty in contract, sincerity in affirming, simplicity in bargaining, and faithfulness in performing. That any man should be the worse for us by both act and intention is against the rule of equality, of justice, and of charity. It should be the earnest desire of every Perfect Master so to live and deal and act that no man on earth is poorer, because he is richer; Be careful, then, that thou receive no wages, here or elsewhere, that are not your due!

Scottish Rite Calendar

2012 Calendar

July

2nd—July Stated Meeting—A Salute to America

14th—Advisory Council Meeting—El Bekal Oasis Room—9:00 am

August

6th—August Stated Meeting—Reception for Most Illustrious Raymond D. Godeke,
The Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in California

19th—Annual Picnic with El Bekal at Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove

September

10th—September Stated Meeting

15th—SGIG Visit—Feast of Tishri

16th—Super Breakfast at DeMolay Center in Anaheim—9:00 am to 12:00 pm

October

1st—October Stated Meeting—Salute to the Childhood Language Center.

13th—Advisory Council Meeting—El Bekal Oasis Room—9:00 am

19th and 20th—Fall Reunion Class

November

5th—November Stated Meeting—Cap and Ring Ceremony

December

3rd—December Stated Meeting—Annual SA Language Center Holiday Party
Annual Elections

Language Center News

In June Students from the Chapman University Communication Sciences and Disorders Department volunteer their time to provide an arts and craft day for our children . Parents enjoyed a rare short respite and their children enjoyed a fun day mingling with each other and those wonderful students while they worked on crafts, played speech games, and had light snacks. For many of our families this kind of socialization is rare! Thank you many times over to everyone who participated!

LISTEN UP

We all expect to have a bit of hearing loss as we grow older. But...in this age of Bluetooths, iPods, iPads, and satellite radios, hearing loss is starting younger than ever. Here's how to turn down the volume in your environment (or your child's or grandchild's) before its too late.

HOW LOUD IS TOO LOUD?

A noise-induced hearing loss is caused by a both volume and the duration time of listening at that volume. Damage starts to occur after 85 decibels, and for every three-decibel increase, the amount of time you can be safely exposed (without earplugs) decreases by half. Keep in mind the time limit is your total for the whole day. Exceeding the time within your 24 hour period can be harmful.

Here are some examples:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Decibels</u>	<u>Safe Time</u>
Traffic	((70))	Unlimited
Airplane cabin	((80))	Unlimited
Power lawn mower	((105))	2.8 minutes
Concert/Sports event	((110))	45 seconds
Car stereo-full volume	((140))	0 seconds

Take care of your hearing! It has to last a lifetime! I'll have more precautionary information for you next month

YOU MAKE SPEECH/LANGUAGE POSSIBLE FOR SO MANY CHILDREN!!!!!!!

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“The entire separation of church and state and the opposition to every attempt to appropriate public monies – federal, state or local – directly or indirectly for the support of sectarian or private institutions.”

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