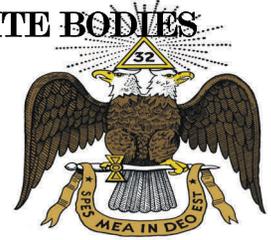




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We are working diligently on the budget and tentative events for this year and I want to thank every one of our brothers who have been involved.

I would encourage all of our brothers to get involved in the upcoming statewide reunion which will be held in Oakland beginning June 29th. You will have an opportunity to see the 4th through the 29th degrees portrayed by the members of the California Scottish Rite lodges. This is a great opportunity which will occur very close to home. Don't miss it!

I also would like to express my gratitude to our brothers who have been very active in getting us settled into our new home. We are continuing to work on the set up of the lodge room and organization of our offices.

The Stockton Scottish Rite KSA led by Brother Roger Moore have been busy and I am very proud of all they have accomplished. The KSA has become a shining star in our organization and the enthusiasm they have exhibited has caused significant interest in not only the KSA but also the direction of our Scottish Rite.

The Stockton Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center is continuing its great work with the children in need of the speech pathology program and is providing an outstanding on the job training site for the University of the Pacific Graduate Students. We should be very proud of this ongoing philanthropy. If you have an opportunity thank Brother Jim Linnerman, who chairs the language center board.

Patrick

Last time I wrote of the planned paint job in our new meeting room, The Commandry of the Stockton Masonic Temple. The block walls have been repainted and look like they have not looked in many years. Pending is a plan to repaint the gold trim around the opening of the stage. Things are really turning out to look like they did when the Scottish Rite moved out of this same room in 1959. Come and see the progress. I know you will be impressed.

Those of you who are not yet members of the Scottish Rite, I would encourage you to consider the Spring Class as your first choice. We will be conferring all 29 degrees (4° thru 32°) instead of just the mandatory 5 degrees that Stockton normally confers. This event will be in the magnificent Scottish Rite Temple in Oakland. The beautiful old building is on Lake Merritt and is a thing to behold. The degrees will be conferred on the weekend of June 29th thru July 1st. Interested in joining us, please ask me.

John Baker

Commander, Council of Kadosh



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From The Clinic Director

We have had a very busy start to the new semester at the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Center! During this first semester, we are predicting that speech and language services will be provided to nearly one hundred children with speech and language impairments. We're hoping for 2018 to be the best year yet!

Our newly developed early intervention program is booming with a total of 10 clients this semester who range between the ages of birth to three years old. This population is quite different from children we've typically worked with in the past. These children are working diligently on increasing their communicative attempts, such as: requesting for desired objects, protesting with NO (the fun of being two years old), increasing play skills, and increasing joint attention (playing with the toy, the clinician, and the parent).

Even though our student clinicians are well aware of the time and energy it takes to help our toddlers develop these skills, it's all play-based, fun activities for the toddlers. One of the best parts of this program is that parents actually sit in the therapy session and are active members of therapy. Our student clinicians model interactions with the clients and then teach the parents how to use these same interactions at home! This has been tremendous for the clients' growth, as now they're receive speech and language intervention whenever they are with mom or dad.

Thanks to energy that has been put into this particular program, we are happy to announce that some of our clients who entered through the early intervention program during the fall semester will be ready for dismissal with less than a year of therapy!

Nicholaus Brock MS, CCC-SLP
Clinic Director
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Dept. of Speech-Language Pathology

In Memoriam...

Andrew I. Moe



*Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, be thy resting place.
Bright and Glorious be thy rising from it.*

Up Coming Events at the Scottish Rite

- Stated Dinner and Meeting on Wednesday March 7
- Join us at our new location: 340 E. Market St. Stockton, CA.
- Sunset Club March 20 at 5 PM on East Market...

Childhood Language Disorder Center

The Stockton Scottish Rite began a joint venture with the University of the Pacific approximately 21 years ago to provide therapy to children with language difficulties. It has been a very successful venture. At the present time, there are approximately 100 client/patients attending the center. Students from the University of the Pacific provide services to the children, while honing their skills. This semester, the "University" is able to treat a larger number of children, as there are more studying to be clinicians. Under the direction of Nicholas Broch, instructor and clinician, there are currently 27 in-training, as to the usual of about 18 students.

There are several ways in which monies are provided by the Stockton Scottish Rite to support this effort. Members and non-members may provide donations by joining the 365-Club, which recognizes those who donate a sum of \$365 or more. There also are scholarship donations in which a donation of \$200 per semester pays the expenses of a youngster. The Scottish Rite Foundation holds monies on behalf of the fourteen Language Centers in California, to use in support of the individual centers.

Club organizations may also make donations, such as the Daughters of Boaz which regularly makes donations for the "Center". The Daughters of Boaz is the local widows group, which gathers the second Sunday of each month at UJ's Restaurant in Stockton. A lively group of about 20 members, who allow Lady Linda and me to attend their meetings. In addition to supporting each other, they regularly provide a financial contribution to the "Center". They are always in search of new members. Those interested may contact me.

Fraternally,

James A. Linnerman, 32°, KCCH

Chairman Stockton Scottish Rite Childhood
Language Disorder Clinic

Hello everyone and spring is on the way!!!! That means the Spring Reunion is right around the corner, and is scheduled to begin June 29 and conclude July 1, 2018 at the Oakland Scottish Rite. What makes this Reunion special is that all 29 Scottish Rite degrees will be performed by the individual Valleys from across the state. Each Valley is to prepare a degree and be prepared to perform the degree "off script" which means by memory. The Stockton Valley is tasked with preparing the 20th Degree. The leader of the team preparing the 20th Degree is Sir Kit Gamble who is the Knight in charge of education, and our coordinator for the degrees. Many parts are assigned, but we are in need to fill eight (8) speaking parts. Some are good meaty parts and others are short. We are very much in need of brothers to

and we are for brothers. There are also areas of need. Stage props are interested in what should be a fun and educational event please contact either myself, Greg Niskanen or Kit Gamble.



fill these parts putting out a call to come and help. available other for the 20th Dehands and brothers with the stage needed. If you are participating in

The next degree practice is Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stockton Masonic Center, 340 East Market Street, Stockton. The Knights of Saint Andrew is a service unit that consists of 32nd Degree "Black Caps". We answer directly to the Personal Representative of the Stockton Valley, and our duties consist of membership services, community outreach, recruitment, and other duties as directed. We have established a dedicated 29th Degree Team, and are responsible for assisting with the degrees at the Communication. The Knights of Saint Andrew will also assist with social functions, and encourage Masonic Education by helping to administer the Master Craftsman Program. Brother Greg Niskanen 32 Degree KSA has taken on the Master Craftsman Curriculum and has established a great program. The Knights of St Andrew meet quarterly and the next meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stockton Masonic Center. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Knight of St. Andrew is welcome. If you are interested in joining our Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew, please contact Roger Moore at (209) 601-1448 or at Roger.ramlaw007@gmail.com, or contact the Stockton Scottish Rite at (209) 466-3391 stating your interest.

Greetings Everyone,

Spring is right around the corner!!! As we move into spring our thoughts turn to rebirth and growth. It is with an eye towards growth that I write this article.

The VMAP committee is tasked to help improve Member Retention and Recruitment, Education and Goodwill. The VMAP program is a statewide program, and our results are compared and shared statewide if not nationally.

The VMAP Committee is coordinating with the Knights of St Andrew to begin a Lodge Visitation Program. The purpose of the program is to get the members of the Blue Lodges acquainted with the Scottish Rite and to interest our brothers in the programs and society of the Scottish Rite. We are also looking for brothers to take the role of ambassador of their Blue Lodge so that they can communicate with their brethren the events and issues concerning the Scottish Rite. The Lodge Ambassador will communicate with the Scottish Rite regarding any problems, issues or events the members of their Blue Lodge wish to communicate to the Scottish Rite. Together we can then create a stronger and better Scottish Rite. Look for us soon at your Blue Lodge.

Also, the Scottish Rite is going to participate in the end of year ROTC at the area high schools. This program involves attendance of Scottish Rite brothers at the end of year ceremony for the ROTC program, and present an award to the outstanding member. It is a popular program and the local High Schools always enjoy our presence. If you are interested please contact either myself or Greg Niskanen at the numbers below for more information.

The Scottish Rite is always looking for new members. If any Scottish Rite member knows of someone who is or might be interested in joining the Rite and improving their knowledge of Masonry invite them to fill out a Petition. Better yet, invite them to the Sunset Club every third Tuesday of the month, or for Stated Meeting Dinner. If you have any questions or know of someone who would like more information have them contact me at (209) 601-1448 E-Mail Roger.ramlaw007@gmail.com or Greg Niskanen at the Scottish Rite (209) 466-3391 (stkngs@stocktonscottishrite.org).

Roger Moore Chairman VMAP Committee

Notes From The General Secretary's Desk

Greetings everyone!! I would love to see some warmer weather in the neighborhood soon. The doings at the Rite are going well. We are contacting all of our Senior members to see how they are doing. So far we are getting mixed results. It is a pleasure to speak with each of them. Our membership is holding at 400 members. We have had 229 members pay their dues for 2018. We are going to ask the Tyler to check everyone's dues cards as we enter the Lodge Room. Please have them handy.

I will be traveling to Seattle for a workshop being held there. It's a quick trip, I'm flying up there early on Friday March 23 and return on Saturday evening. I am looking forward to learning stuff and networking with other folks from the West coast Valley's and Orients.

The Council of Kadosh is cooking in March and they may even open Lodge too. Commander John Baker 33° is cooking, so you know it'll be delicious.

Greg



Make A Note!!!

SUNSET CLUB AT THE STOCKTON SCOTTISH RITE

When: March 20, 2018

At 340 East Market Street

4:00 Cigar and Social

5:00 Social Hour

7:00 Dinner in the Front Room

Cost: \$5.00 Please make reservations to Greg @ (209) 466-3391

Or: stkngs@stocktonscottishrite.org

