

Venerable Master's Message

Hello Brethren,

I hope everyone had a great summer, for those of you who have kids/young adults still in school, I hope you got to spend valuable family time together during summer break. As I write this newsletter, my kids, Idy and Michael, started school today. Michael is in 4th grade and Idy is a brand new Junior Higher! Now that they are back in school, I am back into my regular daily routine, ready to talk some Masonic business.

First of all, I'd like to thank everyone for coming to the Coffee with the Venerable Master. It was great seeing everyone, I always appreciate the support. Also, I'd like to thank those of you who attended the car show. What a great time it was.

As we move into September, one very well celebrated holiday is Labor Day. It is observed on the first Monday in September. Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and wellbeing. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

Besides Labor Day, the Scottish Rite will be celebrating a very important observance at the September stated meeting. This observance is called the Feast of Tishri. Historically, the Feast of Tishri is a Jewish festival that celebrates the Israelites' freedom from Egypt and the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. It is a mandatory festival on the Scottish Rite calendar and is considered the most "Scottish Rite" observance. The festival's origins are in God's decree to the Israelites to celebrate annually as a reminder of their rescue form Egypt. The feast symbolizes freedom and promises that tyranny is temporary, darkness will yield to light, and knowledge will conquer ignorance.

I wish everyone a blessed September. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Scottish Rite.

Mike Thibodeaux Venerable Master

IN MEMORIAM

Marvin Ens John D Spreckels #657

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Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, be thy resting place!

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Can you name this Scottish Rite Mason?







Last month's picture was: Hon. Abe Ravitch, KCCH

If you would like to submit younger pictures of yourself for this fun section of the Bulletin, please send them to: JoJo Quimpo - Email: jojo@sd-src.org

RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Diego

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News From the Center From Tino Burns, MA, CCC-SLP

Santa's Job is Never Done!

You may remember meeting Barrett at the December Stated Meeting. Barrett and his parents were some of our guests of honor, representing the Childhood Language Center. I am happy to share that Barrett is now ready for graduation! When Barrett first started at our Center, he had numerous speech sound errors and error patterns. This made it very difficult for him to be understood by his family, friends, classmates, and teachers. Barrett has been participating in therapy, working hard on his speech sounds, and making us laugh along the way. He has now met all of his goals, has speech skills on track with other children his age, and has no remaining speech sound errors.

As I was preparing Barrett for his graduation, I told him what to expect on graduation day. I told him it would be a special day to celebrate all of his hard work, and I would even have a surprise for him. Barrett's ears perked up at hearing about a special surprise. He immediately asked, "Is Santa going to be here again?" After seeing how excited he was to meet Santa at the Stated Meeting, I was sad to have to tell him that Santa doesn't come to events in the summer and wouldn't be here for graduation. Our wonderful Santa Jim McGrath heard about this conversation. He surprised Barrett and made a guest appearance to celebrate graduation day!

Congratulations, Barrett! Thank you, Santa Jim!



Scottish Rite Scholarship Evening



(L to R) The Three (sort of) Tenors sang to the crowd that evening. III:. Keith Meeker, 33°, acted as host and MC for the Scholarship presentation. The recipients started with Peter Bonadeo and Michael Heninger, thanking the Scottish Rite for their support.



(L to R) The next recipients were: Liam Landes, Jennifer Park, Gabriella Sener, and Alexa Van Eik.



(L to R) Members from the Spring Reunion were capped that evening.

SCOTTISH RITE UPCOMING EVENTS Mark your calendars

SCOTTISH RITE INFORMATION NIGHT October 09, 2024 Remember to invite prospective candidates

SCOTTISH RITE FALL CLASS/REUNION October 18 & 19, 2024

THE TRAITOR Play

RiteCare Childhood Language Fundraiser November 09, 2024

At the end of the American Revolutionary war, George Washington was a national hero. Benedict Arnold, also a general in the war, had aligned with the British forces. Many of Washington's advisors were also Masons. These men were guided by their Masonic principles. The play describes Benedict Arnold's dream, his betrayal, and his search for forgiveness from his Masonic brethren.

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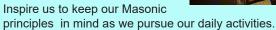
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All-Knowing Father,

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We are blessed to have the lives and opportunities that we enjoy.



Amen.

III:. Davis Winesett, 33°





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#### Labor Day - Office Closed

September

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| Wed | 4 | Stated Meeting (6:00 PM -                |
|     |   | Meat Lasagna & Parmesan Crusted Tilapia) |
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#### <u>October</u>

| Wed        | 2     | Stated Meeting (6:00 PM - TBD)             |
|------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|
| Wed<br>Wed | 9     | Scottish Rite Information Night (6:00 PM - |
|            |       | TBD)                                       |
| Fri/Sat    | 18-19 | Fall Reunion                               |

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