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Venerable Master's Message

Hello Brethren,

Welcome to October, a month that ushers in a stunning display of autumn's beauty. I hope everyone is enjoying the vibrant fall colors. October is a time for harvest celebrations, Halloween festivities, and cozy gatherings. For our family, Halloween is our favorite. We try to come up with different family costumes every year, some of the costumes we have done are the rock band KISS, Men in Black, Where's Waldo, 101 Dalmatians, and this year, the family voted on Beetlejuice!

Halloween has its roots in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, celebrated over 2,000 years ago in what is now Ireland and parts of the UK. This festival marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter, when it was believed that the boundary between the living and the dead was thinnest. Celts lit bonfires and wore costumes to ward off roaming spirits. As Christianity spread, the holiday evolved; November 1st was designated as All Saints' Day, and the evening before became known as All Hallow's Eve, eventually shortening to Halloween. Over the centuries, Halloween has transformed into a cultural celebration filled with costumes, trick-or-treating, and festive gatherings, blending ancient traditions with modern customs.

Speaking of gatherings and festivities, below are a few Scottish Rite related events that we look forward to in the month of October.

First of all, on Wednesday, October 2nd, is our monthly stated meeting. At this meeting, the Knighting Ceremony will take place for the new Knights of the Double Eagle. This being a public knighting, please come support the Valley's new members. Also, on Wednesday, October 9th, join us at the Scottish Rite Information Night. If you know a brother mason who would like to become a member of Scottish Rite, please bring them along with you, so they can learn a thing or two about the Scottish Rite and how it relates to Freemasonry. Finally, October 18th-19th is our Fall Reunion. Please come and support your fellow Scottish Rite Masons as they perform the degrees, they have been working so hard on. In addition, you will have the opportunity to congratulate our newly minted Scottish Rite Masons.

As always, I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Sincerely, Mike Thibodeaux Venerable Master

IN MEMORIAM

Arturo Arboleda Pinatubo #52

Noel Dela Rosa Guardian #53

James Prim San Diego #35

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

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Who Are You?

Can you name this Scottish Rite Mason?







Last month's picture was: III:. John A. Schneidmiller, 33°

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

Director / Speech Pathologist: Tina Burns Office Manager: Sharon Bullard www.casrf.org/sandiego

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News From the Center From Tina Burns, M.A., CCC-SLP

Always Helping the Community

Congratulations to our newest graduate from the RiteCare Childhood Language Center, Spencer! Speech-Language Pathologists, Tina and Jenn, completed a preschool screening at a local preschool in April. At this screening, Spencer and his sister walked in with matching overalls, straw hats, and big smiles on their faces. They were both identified with speech sound errors and referred to RiteCare for a full evaluation. Spencer's mother signed her children up for services at our Center, and the siblings started speech therapy in May.

Spencer and his sister are both bright, loving children and enjoy coming to speech therapy sessions each week. When Spencer started at our Center, he was pronouncing his "sh" like the "s" sound, making a word like "sheep" sound like "seep". When children have this type of phonological delay, they often have difficulty learning basic phonics, which are the building blocks of reading. At the beginning of each therapy session, Spencer proudly reported that he was practicing at home with his parents. This home practice was integral to Spencer's quick progress. After 3 short months, Spencer was ready to graduate from our Center! Congratulations to Spencer! We continue to work with his sister, and look forward to her continued progress and eventual graduation.



The Feast of Tishri



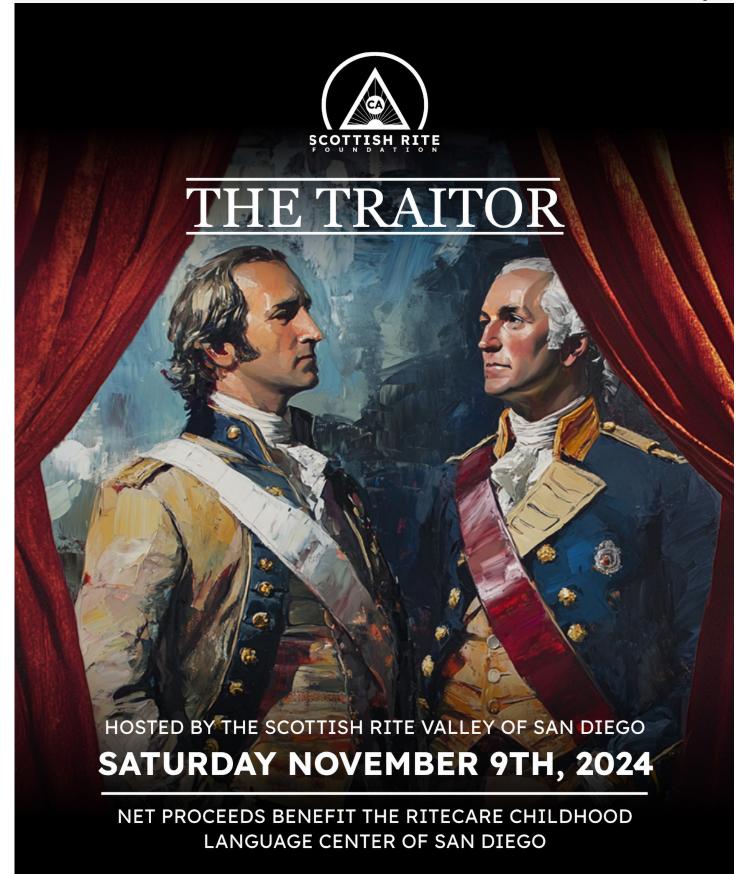
(L to R) The Feast of Tishri was MCed by III:. John McQuown, 33°; the presentation of the History of Tishri given by III:. Mel Stein, 33° PGM; followed by the toasts given by: III:. William Biggs, 33° and III:. Edgar Inocentes, 33°.



(L to R) The next batch of toasts were given by: III:. Nathaniel "Chino" Torres, 33°, III:. Mel Stein, 33° PGM, III:. Richard Carlson, 33°, and III:. David Haslim, 33°.



(L to R) III:. Edgar Inocentes, 33°, Bro. Rudy Nobleza, and Lady Paulina Nobleza receiving recognition from the Scottish Rite and Bro. Michael Thibodeaux for participating in the Perfect Donors program. Members from the Spring Reunion were capped that evening.



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PRELATE'S MESSAGE

Heavenly Father,

The many blessings that You have bestowed allow us to share our experiences. With our Reunion in October, let us exemplify our Scottish Rite tenets of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth.



Instill in us the resolve to encourage our Masonic brothers to seek the opportunities offered by our Valley.

Amen.

III:. Davis Winesett, 33°







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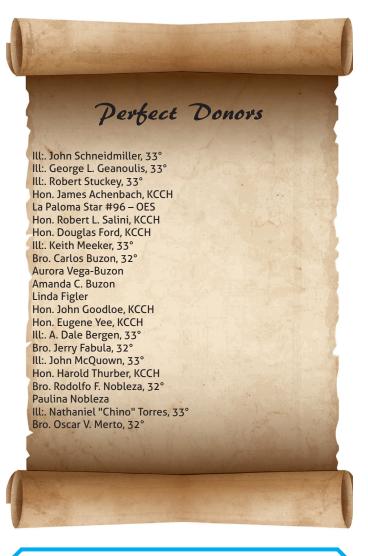
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October

Wed 2 Stated Meeting (6:00 PM -

Stuffed Cabbage Rolls and Pork Loin)

Wed 9 Scottish Rite Information Night (6:00 PM -

Beef Souvlaki and Greek Chicken)

Fri/Sat 18-19 Fall Reunion

<u>November</u>

Wed 6 Stated Meeting (6:00 PM - TBD)
Thur 28 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
Fri 29 Office Closed

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