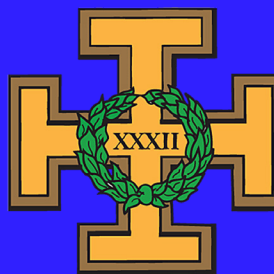




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Venerable Master's Message

Hello everyone and welcome to April!

I hope everyone is enjoying the extra hours of daylight with the arrival of spring. Even though Easter falls on March 31st, it is widely regarded as an "April Holiday". The expression Easter derives from the Old English word Eastre or Eostre. Eostre refers to the Anglo-Saxon goddess of dawn and spring, but under Christian influence, the modern English term Easter took over the present meaning. Hence, the word was borrowed as a semantic loan which means only the word, but not its original meaning is borrowed.

I am sure we are all very aware that we are surrounded by an abundance of egg/bunny shaped things. Originating among German Lutherans, the "Easter Hare" originally played the role of a judge, evaluating whether children were good or disobedient in behavior at the start of the season of Eastertide, similar to the "naughty or nice" list made by Santa Claus. The Easter bunny and Easter eggs actually have some ties to the Catholic and Christian religion.

The hare was a popular motif in medieval church art. In ancient times, it was widely believed that the hare was a hermaphrodite. The idea that a hare could reproduce without loss of virginity led to an association with the Virgin Mary, with hares sometimes occurring in illuminated manuscripts and Northern European paintings of the Virgin and Christ Child. It may also have been associated with the Holy Trinity, as in the three hares motif. Eggs became a symbol in Christianity associated with rebirth as early as the 1st century AD, via the iconography of the Phoenix egg, and they became associated with Easter specifically in medieval Europe, when eating them was prohibited during the fast of Lent. A com-

mon practice in England at that time was for children to go door-to-door begging for eggs on the Saturday before Lent began. People handed out eggs as special treats for children prior to their fast.

I hope everyone is enjoying these fun-filled facts talked about each month. Now onto Scottish Rite business.

I would quickly like to thank all of those who joined me in visiting the San Diego Police Museum last month. The event was a great success, and the host did a spectacular job. Bravo Zulu Rick Carlson 33°.

April is once again an action-packed month. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Stated Meeting on April 3rd. Next up is April 8th, where I look forward to joining those of you who would like to travel up north for a visitation to Orange County Scottish Rite. Let us all show our OC brothers some love. Next on the docket is the CLC Challenge Cup Golf Tournament on April 13th. If you do not play golf, you are still able to sponsor the event. Just call the office for more details. Finally, many brethren from San Diego will be traveling to Oakland to perform the 32nd Degree. I know these gentlemen have been working hard on their ritual to represent San Diego in the best light possible. I wish them all the best of luck.

That is all for now. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Blessings,

Mike Thibodeaux, 32°
Venerable Master

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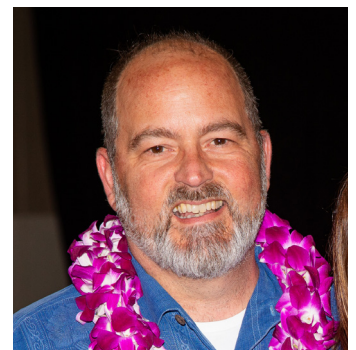
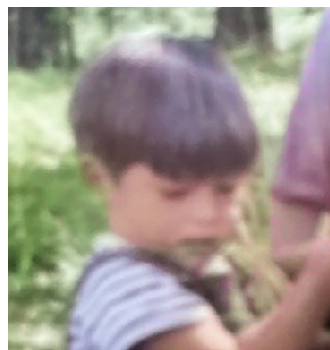
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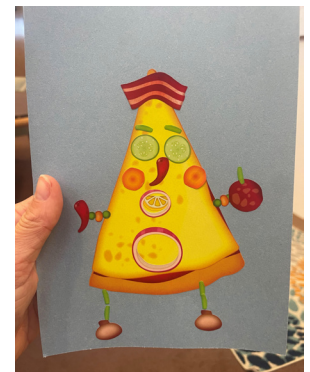
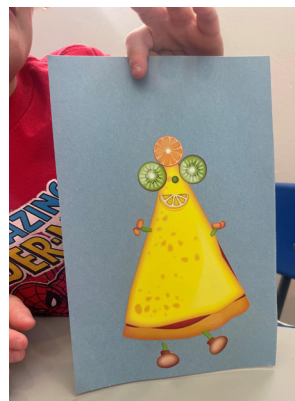
News From the Center
From Tina Burns, M.A., CCC-SLP

Easy as (Pizza) Pie!

During our therapy sessions, one of the many activities we often do is a craft. We do crafts such as creating picture scenes, puppets, and cards. Our craft option is typically related to our theme for the week.

We recently did pizza as our theme. We read Pete's a Pizza, played with a toy pizza, used the game Go for the Dough, and decorated slices of pizza with stickers. The pizza craft was used as a way to keep the children motivated, as well as target their speech and language goals.

I was blown away by the creativity of some of them. A five-year-old boy had the idea to make a "pizza person." After some of the other kids heard about that, they wanted to do the same. We even ended up with one "pizza cowboy." I wanted to share a few of their creations. Their minds continue to amaze me!



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(L to R) Some of the Committeemen for the San Diego Scottish Rite are: Ill.: Rick Carlson, 33° Security & Makeup; Ill.: Charles "Stretch" Harris, 33°, Sound & Lighting; Hon. James Auchenbach, KCCH, Honored Ladies' Luncheon; Ill.: Mark Doubleday, 33°, Library; Bro. Jerry Fabula, Knights of St. Andrew.



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(L to R) A number of folks visited the San Diego Police Department Museum, with Ill.: Rick Carlson, 33° giving a talk and presentations about the museum.

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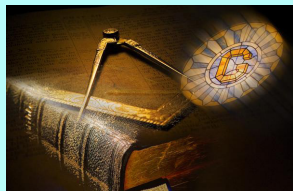
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Ill.: Davis Winesett, 33°



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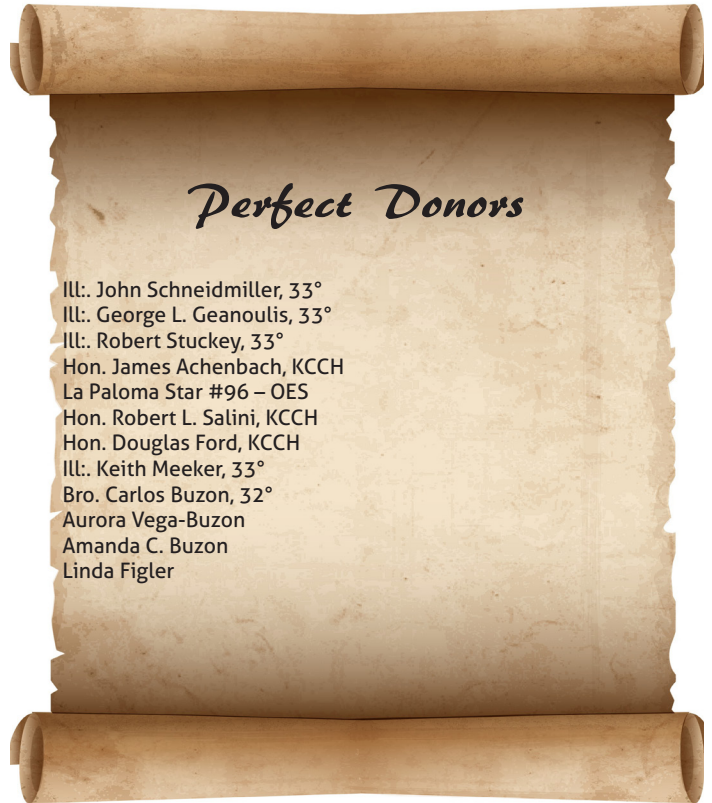
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