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Personal Representative's Message



Brethren,

I am thrilled to congratulate and welcome our newest Honour Men to our Valley. At the honors presentations in San Diego last month, I was able to participate in the conferrals of Honorable Eugene Harp to the 33° IGH and Brothers Michael Gowder, Alfredo Molina, Francisco Rosario, Jr., and Michael Selix to the 32nd degree Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, (KCCH). I hope you take a moment to congratulate each of these Brothers when you see them next.

I was sorry to miss our Fall Super Breakfast this year, but I was informed that it was an outstanding success. Special thanks to Hon. Neil Simmons, 32° KCCH and Bro. James Cervantes, 32° for their hard work. Also, Hon. Wayne Richey, 32°, KCCH, Bro. Ray Ramirez, 32° and wife Brenda, Bro. Wayne Folsom, 32° and Ill. Bob McNamara, 33° along with many others for your efforts to make this event a success.

Please remember to plan on attending our Fall Reunion on October 23rd and 24th. Several new and different degrees will be presented and this reunion will feature an introduction to the Academy of Reflection complete with mini-meditations. It is extremely important to have as many sideliners attend as possible to show support for our new Brothers. I hope to see you there.

REMEMBER, MY BROTHERS, DO GET INVOLVED, YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!!!

Fraternally,
Rick Wood, 33°
Personal Representative

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General Secretary



Secretary Says,

I have received many questions about the Academy of Reflection that our Valley is getting started. I found the following paragraph from the Guthrie Oklahoma Academy of Reflection that describes it very well.

“The Academy of Reflection offers encouragement and instruction to Scottish Rite Masons interested in the pursuit of inner work such as meditation and silent prayer. Scottish Rite Freemasonry is inherently holistic in its moral, social, and spiritual development of its members. It offers beautiful and inspiring ritual, profound and stimulating literature and appendant bodies for men with callings and interests of many sorts. However, despite our ritual and literature consistently referring to the importance of meditation and prayer in Masonic life, prior to the Academy of Reflection there was not organization within the Rite specifically dedicated to such pursuits. Men with these interests have been forced to seek light elsewhere, and typically, in non-Masonic organizations. The Academy of Reflection therefore offers such men opportunities to pursue contemplative interests within the rich contest of the Rite’s symbolism, ritual, and literature, and to associate with brothers of like mind. The Rite in turn benefits from their increased sense of loyalty and attachment. Perhaps more importantly, the deeper insights that naturally come from inner work flow out into the Rite, enriching the experience of all members and enhancing the Rite’s potential to assist with the transformation of their lives, their families, and their communities.”

I hope this answers most of the questions.

Fraternally,

Bob McNamara, 33°

Asst. Personal Representative

From the Editor



Greetings All,

If you are not already aware, last month’s newsletter was delayed by problems encountered with Google. Since I assumed the position as editor I have used a Google account to distribute the electronic edition of the newsletter. Apparently they have changed something in their security protocols which no longer allows more than 3-5 Bcc or Cc on any one email. This is a problem to us in that we send out just short of 300 Bcc copies each month. Google’s solution to organizations such as ours is one that is not practical. So, for the time being I will be distributing the newsletter through my personal email address. Please continue to use the sasrnewsbulletin@gmail.com rather than the email that sends you the newsletter.

As always, I am looking for any additional article submissions from the Brothers for inclusion in our OC Scottish Rite News. Just because you are new to our Valley, don’t assume you don’t have anything to say. Please make your submissions to mshusaac@charter.net prior to the 10th of the month.

Fraternally,

Mark Hoage, 32° KoSA

Editor

Language Center News



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OC Childhood Language Center

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Language Center News



Hello from the Orange County Childhood Language Center.

We are back

After a well-deserved summer break, the center is once again open and ready to provide speech therapy services. Preparing for this process requires coordination between the supervisors and the staff. Here is a picture of the team reviewing our goals and schedules.



Service is what we do

During summer we re-arranged the current space to provide services to the increased number of children attending our center. Yes, growth is welcomed as we are now helping a greater number of children. Here is one of our supervisors providing services to one of our very special kids.



Ready to do more

At the center we love when the phone rings, as with every call, we are one step closer to helping a child overcome their speech challenges.

Here is a picture of our office administrator doing her best at scheduling an appointment



A fresh look

The center has a fresh start this fall and for this I would like to thank our Director of Improvements and member of the CA Scottish Rite Foundation Board of Directors, Hon. David Price for arranging to make this happen. With his leadership and his team of helpers, the center received new paint in needed areas. David also arranged to have our parking lot re-striped, which has helped provide additional parking areas for our visitors. We want to thank David and our Personal Representative, Ill. Rick Wood for helping us achieve this goal. You guys are awesome!

Backpacks are coming again

We are thrilled to report that our ongoing contributor has once again committed to present every child attending the Language Center with a new backpack full of age appropriate materials in the Fall to help our kids achieve their academic challenges. The staff and children are looking forward to receiving these backpacks sometime in September. Pictures will follow soon so we can share this time with you all.

Thank you

At the Center we receive donations for supplies, water, but you should know that we are also very appreciative of your financial contributions, as it is what keeps the center open and providing services to our children. You are the force behind bringing the gift of voice to our kids so for that we truly and sincerely Thank You.

Well, until next time! And thank you once again for your continuing support.

Sincerely yours,

Frankie Rosario, 32°
President of the Board of Directors

Lodge of Perfection



Hi Everyone,

Our next Stated Meeting is October 5th starting at 6:30PM. Dress code for our meetings until further notice will be jacket and tie. It is hard to believe that the holidays are just around the corner.

Just a reminder on some upcoming dates for your calendar: Heads of Bodies meeting at David Price's house on Sunday, October 4th at 1pm. At our Stated Meeting in October, Knights of St. Andrew will have a new members initiation, November's Stated will be Veterans' Night, and the 1st reading of the 2016 Officer selectees. Friday, October 23rd and 24th is our Fall Reunion Class, let's everyone attend this Reunion Class and show our support for our new members and the Ritual Teams who will be performing the different degrees. Saturday, October 31st is Halloween. Please be careful if you are attending any parties or if you happen to be out on the streets driving watch out for children out Trick or Treating.

Remember, "Change is for the Good, but no change is fatal"

John R. Rider, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

Senior Warden



Greetings My Brothers !

This past month saw some improvements to our OCSR Office and OCCLC. First off, the parking lot was striped, such that maximum parking can be obtained for our growing clientele. The OCLC walls were freshened up with paint touch up. The OCSR office received new carpet and a thorough cleaning before furnishings were replaced. Many brothers pitched in to help thanks to: Bro. Hugo Ramos, Ill. Bob McNamara, Ill. Rick Wood, Hon. David Kussman, Ill. Bob Hjorth, Bro. Jay Webb, Hon. Neil Simmons.



THANK YOU brothers for choosing to make a difference!
You truly do.

David Price 32° KCCH
Asst. PR, Operations
Senior Warden
Director, CSRF
Recycling Program, Chairperson

Wise Master



Fraternal greetings brethren,

It was great seeing you at the September Stated Meeting, I hope you enjoyed our Feast of Tishri celebration. I would like to remind you that if you have not had the chance to start one of the Master Craftsman programs, I would suggest starting with Master Craftsman III. This course is dedicated to the Blue Lodge and the first three degrees of Masonry. You can purchase your copy at a Stated Meeting, or call and reserve your copy from the OC Scottish Rite Office.

We are still in need of some Brothers to serve as Lodge Ambassadors. Their duties consist of presenting pins at your Blue Lodge to your new Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons. Also speaking a little about our valley, and inform them about the Master Craftsman III Program which spreads more light on the first three degrees of Masonry. Please feel free to give me a call if you are interested at: 714 322-5950 or by e-mail at: mgsunlimited@gmail.com

Bro. Mike Selix, 32°
Wise Master

Master of Kadosh / Knights of St. Andrew



Greetings Brothers,

Exciting news! The Supreme Council is releasing the next Master Craftsman course. The *Scottish Rite Philosophy* course is approximately 170 pages of quizzes that will guide you through the entire Albert Pike's *Morals & Dogma: Annotated Edition*.

If you're unfamiliar with the Master Craftsman Program, it's designed to teach you about the history, ritual, symbolism, and philosophy of Freemasonry, from the 1st° – 32nd°. Each program guides the student through the course material, and each graduate of the program is recognized with an award. Please note that the MC2 course will be phased-out, although those who are already enrolled can continue to complete the program. We are currently offering MC2 at reduced price for (\$25ea). Get yours before supplies run out!

Moving forward, the MC programs will be entitled as follows: Master Craftsman: Scottish Rite History and Ritual (Old MC1, 4°-32° using Ritual & Monitor and Bridge to Light), Master Craftsman: Scottish Rite Philosophy (1°-32° using *Morals and Dogma* and Bridge to Light), and Master Craftsman: Symbolic Lodge (1°-3° using Esoterika).

Visit: <http://www.knightsofsaintandrew.com/masonic-education/> for more info.

Reminder that the third Saturday from 11a-1pm is our scheduled MC roundtable at the DeMolay Center. Please contact me if you are planning to attend this event or would prefer phone/skype one-on-one.

James McCallion, 32°
Master of Kadosh / 1st Knight, OCSR KSA

OCSR 2015 Calendar

- October** 5th—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm

 23rd—Fall Reunion Class
 24th—Fall Reunion Class

- November** 2nd—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm
 Veterans Night
 First reading of 2016 Officer
 Selectees

- December** 7th—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm
 Second reading of 2016
 Officer—selectees
 Election of 2016 Officers
 Christmas Party

- January** 4th—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm

October Dinner Menu

Meat Lasagna

**Sausage & Marinara
Sauce**

Cheesy Garlic Bread

Cesar Salad

Pie

In Memorium

*Thankfully, we
have No deaths
to report
this month.*



Orange County Valley Membership	
As of July 1st	477
Affiliations	0
Initiations	0
Reinstatements	0
Total gains	<u>0</u>
Suspensions	0
Demits	0
Deceased	0
Total losses	<u>0</u>
As of July 31, 2015	477

Events Around the Valley

Fall Reunion News!

Brethren, we've reached that time of year again and we're currently putting the polish on our Degree Team's work as we prepare to welcome our newest class. For the fall reunion, we will be exemplifying the 4th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 21st, 28th, 30th, 31st, and 32nd Degrees! A total of 9 degrees will be presented not only for our newest members, but also for you, our returning Brethren. So come out on October 23rd and 24th as we welcome our new Scottish Rite Brothers and join in a couple fun days of fellowship and education!

James Cervantes, 32^o
 Director of Ritual
 OC Scottish Rite

Academy of Reflection

Brethren, as you may have heard, we have a provisional charter to form an Academy of Reflection at the Valley of Orange County. The Academy of Reflection was started by the Valley of Guthrie, OK, as a place for Scottish Rite Masons to engage in contemplative practices to aid and support the teachings of the Scottish Rite degrees. We will be meeting during the Fall Reunion Oct. 23/24, and also on the third Saturday of each month at 10am prior to the Master Craftsman study group at the DeMolay Center. Hope to see you all there!

James Cervantes, 32^o
 Superintendent
 OC SR Academy of Reflection

House of the Temple Research Library



Joan Kleinknecht
 House of the Temple
 Research Library Director

During our time in Washington DC, Ill. Bob McNamara and I conducted some research in the Research Library at the House of the Temple. Their research collection is vast and difficult to access without assistance. We found that assistance in Joan Kleinknecht, daughter of Ill. Fred Kleinknecht, Past Sovereign Grand Commander, who is the Director of the research library. She was able to quickly locate the information that we were seeking and answer our various questions. We owe her a great deal of thanks for all of her assistance.

Dave Price, 32^o KCCH
 Senior Warden

Scottish Rite Biennial Session

Supreme Council 107th Biennial Session and Centennial Jubilee

By Hon Dave Price, 32° KCCH

Illustrious Brothers Rick Wood 33°, Bob McNamara 33° and I recently attended the Centennial Jubilee of the House of the Temple and the 107th Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, in Washington DC. Ill. Bro Ray Godeke was also in attendance representing our California Scottish Rite Foundation.

Saturday and Sunday were filled with the centennial rededication of the House of the Temple, tours of the Temple, Q&A and book signings with Ill. Bros. Arturo de Hoyos 33° GC and E. Brent Morris 33° GC, receptions, and a Vesper Service at St. John's Church, where notable Presidents from Lincoln to Clinton have worshiped. Sunday evening was highlighted by the California Orient Dinner hosted by M.W. Ill Frank Loui 33° and the Valley of San Diego at P.J. Clarke's Restaurant. The delicious food, and fellowship of brothers representing our great Orient, made for a truly memorable occasion.

Monday morning began with the Opening and

Business Session of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. Introductions of prominent leaders of Scottish Rite Freemasonry from all over the world was followed by an inspiring communication by Ill Ronald A. Seale, Sovereign Grand Commander. A luncheon followed.

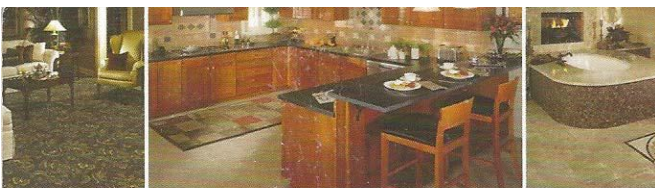


Brothers of the Valley of Orange County to receive Honors were confirmed by the Supreme Council as 33° IGH is Hon. Gene Harp and as 32° KCCH-Bros. Mike Gowder, Mike Selix, Frankie Rosario and Alfredo Molina. Congratulations, and thank you for your service to our Valley !

Tuesday morning was highlighted by the Conferral of the 33rd Degree. Ill Bros. Wood, McNamara and Godeke attended while I enjoyed a delicious breakfast at the Old Ebbitt Grill. (Google it) Later that evening was the Gala banquet which was a wonderful affair.

New and old friendships alike were made and nurtured by the common bond of Masonic fraternal brotherhood. SALVE FRATER !

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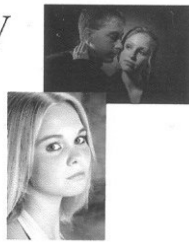
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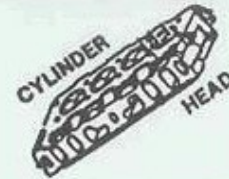
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