

# Orange County Valley of the Scottish Rite

# **Scottish Rite News**

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# **General Secretary**



Brethren,

A Mason looks at guidelines for living and truth. It seems that everywhere I went in life there was some kind of a guideline or a code of conduct. From the Scouts, religious organizations, schools, military, service organizations, fraternal organizations to Masonic groups. I never really thought about them if they sounded good and thought they would

work for me.

Recently, I decided to review my thoughts on the various codes I had been exposed to and come up with a working code for me. Being a Mason, I believe in the Great Architect of the Universe and an afterlife, so that is a given. The code I chose for my everyday living was a Templar Moral Code. Here it is:

# **Templar Moral Code**

Love that which is good, ignore that which is bad.

Be goodness, justice and compassion, never critical.

Be pure, compassionate, and gentle; never give in to anger or pride.

Be confident, content, and open to others; never doubt and be not envious.

Be moderate in all things, avoid excesses.

Be humble, kind, modest, generous, and respectful of others; never be spiteful.

Be true in words and deeds, tell the truth; never lie and never slander.

Be helpful and considerate of all there is; never deceive nor betray anyone.

Love and protect life, spread peace and harmony; in no way be aggressive.

This is quite a code of conduct. I have a copy taped to my computer so I can see it every day. It has helped me so I thought I would share it with my Scottish Rite brothers.

**Bob McNamara**, 33° General Secretary

Asst. Personal Representitive

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# **General Secretary**



It's that time of year again. Dues notices are being sent out by our Supreme Council. As you will see, our dues have been adjusted upwards to \$105 per year. Our Personal Representation wants us to donate that \$10 increase to

the Orange County Childhood Language Center. That part of your dues will be tax deductible. We will be the first Valley in the Orient that has 100% participation in Language Center donations.

There are some errors in the amounts that are sent out. That is because some members paid dues after the Supreme Council cutoff date. If you have a question about your balance, call the office at 714 543-7277 and we will answer your questions. We are normally there on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 2.

Have a good rest of the summer and don't forget that there are Master Masons out there waiting to be asked to become Scottish Rite members.

Ill. Bob McNamara, 33° General Secretary

# **Editor**



Greetings Brothers,

As always looking for suggestions on content, things to include, articles for consideration (photos too) and other general ideas as to how we might improve this publication. Please let me know what you are thinking.

Please submit any new contributions for the OC Scottish Rite Newsletter to me by the 15th of the month at either <u>sasrnewsbulletin@gmail.com</u> or <u>mshusaac@charter.net</u>.

Fraternally,

Mark Hoage, 32° Editor Page 4 Scottish Rite News

# Venerable Master



Dear Brothers,

Greetings from the East. I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and ready to enjoy a great Summer in Southern California. As summer begins, there are plenty of activities coming up for the Valley and for Masonry in general, so please make the effort to get involved and have fun with your brothers.

Our Cap and Ring ceremony held during our last Stated Meeting was truly enjoyed by everyone in attendance, in particular by our new members, who's smiles reflected happiness and proudness of being part of this great brotherhood. I would also like to sincerely thank the members who participated in making this ceremony possible and a total success for our new brothers, great job! And to the brothers who came to dinner and to support our new members, please accept our gratitude for your effort, it was sincerely appreciated by all.

My brothers, please make the time to introduce yourselves and make our new members and their significant partners welcomed during our activities. Please encourage each new member to seek further light in Masonry by enrolling in our Master Craftsman Program and helping our Valley, by joining The Knights of St. Andrew. New brothers, to get an overview of the Knights and obtain a petition, please speak to our First Knight, brother Jay Webb, 32° and be one of the Few, the Proud, be a Knight!

Now that we have concluded our first Cap and Ring ceremony, it is time for the brethren to get back to work and help make our Orange County Scottish Rite Valley stronger than ever. For many generations, our Valley has been teaching men how to be better Masons through our beautiful Degrees. If you know of a Brother who has not yet become a member of our Valley, please take a petition, sign it and give it to him - it might just be the most valuable gift you can give to a brother. Do it today! It'll be September before you know it.

At the end of our Stated Meeting, I gave the brethren and the ladies in attendance a form titled "Orange County Scottish Rite Arts & Crafts Ladies' Program", with a selection of activities for our ladies to choose from, all geared towards making our ladies a special part of our Valley. Brothers, if you received the form, please make sure to give it to your lady right away. If you don't have the form, don't despair, we have included the form on our newsletter, so please make sure to give the page to your lady to fill out and send back to our office. You can also have your lady give me a call. The phone contact name and number was also included.

Well my brothers, until next month, remember, if there is anything I can do for the benefit of our Valley, please don't hesitate to email or call.

Fraternally yours,

Hon. Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH

Venerable Master

# Senior Warden

Greetings Brethren,

Welcome to the month of August, the eighth month of the year and the sixth month of the Roman calendar.

I'm still looking for Brothers to volunteer for the Lodge Ambassador program. Please send me an e-mail to <a href="mailto:scott.davis@veritaslodge.com">scott.davis@veritaslodge.com</a> if you're interested of have any questions.

Here is your Masonic tidbits for the month: August is an interesting month for Freemasonry; on August 14, 1826 William Morgan obtained the copyright for his book which lead to the "Morgan Affair", many scholars still debate the facts behind the event. Many similar books had been published before, however this one caused great excitement, and lead to the founding of the Anti-Masonic Party of the 1820s and 1830s. August is also the Month the Most Worshipful George Washington received his Master Mason degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia on the 4th in 1758. On the 27th of August in 1920 the 29th president of the United states Brother Warren G. Harding was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Marion Lodge #70 in Ohio.

Fraternally, Scott Davis 32°, KCCH Sr. Warden

### **Rose Croix**

**Brothers of the Rose Croix** 



Is a rock just a rock or does it have a soul? Are humans just physical machines ruled by sensory information and by genetic instruction? On the contrary, ancient traditions regard humans as spiritual beings who have constant interaction with their Divine Cosmic Source. The human being, as archetype, was assumed to be directly in touch with Infinite Reality. The life goal of the manifested human being was to achieve a direct relationship with his or her true Eternal Being. Similar beliefs were common to ancient India, Egypt, China, and to Western mysticism.

The ancient concepts of consciousness, mind, and intelligence refer to the very Essence of the infinite and eternal Divine Cosmic Mind. The notion of the Essence of the "eternal" and "infinite" Cosmic Mind transcends the theory of a simple physical "big bang" but does not necessarily contradict the physical sequence of manifestations at the beginning of this universe. The human attributes of intelligence, consciousness, and mind are worldly aspects of cosmic powers. The holistic concept regards life as movement, creation and destruction; and again, creation and destruction unending, an infinite and eternal wheel. Life is giving and receiving with supreme benevolence and joy. Existence, consciousness, and joy: these are forever and ever, given and received, according to deeply rooted human traditions.

If we train our brains correctly, at the same time that we nurture our physical body, we become able to express concepts that are of a non-physical nature—more subtle and abstract. Concepts are not gross physical objects! We know that we expand infinitely our human consciousness when we project these sublime concepts into eternity. According to various ancient traditions such as Mysticism, Yoga, and Alchemy, the goal of evolution on our planet is to transmute the manifested gross vibrations into subtle ones. They teach that humans are intrinsically Divine Energy manifested on the terrestrial plane with a precise task: to act as channels for the sublimation of vibrations.

Jay Webb, 32° Wise Master Page 6 Scottish Rite News

### Commander



Of all the 12 degrees that comprise the Council of Kadosh, one of the most practical and easily understood is the 20° - Master of the Symbolic Lodge. Albert Pike's stated intention with this degree was "restoring Masonry to its primitive purity." As a Master of the Symbolic Lodge, the candidate undertakes the responsibility to practice the Masonic virtues in and out of the Lodge. We were all introduced to this duty when we received our Blue Lodge degrees. How often do we remind ourselves to practice these virtues outside of the lodge room.

degrees. How often do we remind ourselves to practice these virtues outside of the lodge room while at work, home or stuck in traffic? If we remind ourselves daily that we have committed ourselves to constantly improving our behavior and thereby being of greater benefit to all people whom we encounter, our daily lives will be enriched.

By now, most of you have received your tickets to the Fall Super Breakfast on Sunday September 17th. From 9am until 1pm, we will be providing omelets made to order, bacon, sausage, hash browns, freshly made waffles and a unique fountain dispensing liquid chocolate for dipping your food among other culinary delights. The two annual Super Breakfasts are our largest fundraising events with the proceeds going directly to our Valley. Your generous contributions from purchasing tickets help to cover the operating costs of the Valley. If you didn't receive tickets in the mail or wish to buy additional tickets, please contact the OCSR office at 714-543-7277. This event is a morning of good fellowship and good food that you don't want to miss!

Fraternally,

Jamie Hopkins 32°

Commander

# **Candidate Petitions**

Brethren,

With our Fall Reunion Class dates fast approaching, we find that our intake of new Candidate petitions is extremely slow. We need to get 5 at least additional candidates or we may have to send the class to San Bernardino! I hope that all of our brothers can go

to work and find the numbers that we need.

**Thanks** 

Rick Wood 33°

Personal Representative
Of the SGIG for the Orient of California
For the Valley of Orange County

Master of Kadosh

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# Language Center News



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#### www.OCLanguageCenter.org

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Monday, July 31st at the Yorba Linda Country Club

**OC Childhood Language Center** 

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# Language Center News



Welcome from the Orange County Childhood Language Center.

Like most schools and universities, the CLC is on a break for the summer. We will resume operations at the end of summer when the traditional school year starts. That is also when the Chapman University graduate students return to their studies and are available to provide therapy for the children. Summer is a great time for family activities and everyone to recharge their learning batteries.

The Orange County Childhood Language is one of 14 Language Centers in the state of California that are governed by the California Scottish Rite Foundation. All 14 Language Centers are focused on providing high quality speech and language therapy to their local families. Each

Language
Center is responsible for raising the necessary funds to support



the operations of the Language Center. That means whatever donations are collected by the Orange County CLC are only used to support our Language Center and help the families in Orange County. The Foundation plays an important role in providing administrative support and financial reporting, to all the Language Centers

in the state. Since the Foundation carries out these important duties the Language Centers can remain focused on providing the highquality therapy needed by our families.

At present, the Foundation is helping the Language Centers transition to digital record keeping. The Foundation is gathering the technical expertise to design and implement a digital record keeping system. The Language Centers



simply follow the roadmap created to successful implement and utilize this great new tool. This is a big win for everyone involved. Our

CLC is on track to follow our roadmap and start using digital records in September of 2017.

In a recent meeting with The Foundation we learned that our OC Language Center continues to excel in strengthening our financial resources. At the same time, our therapy hours and evaluations allow us to have a positive impact on the children that need us the most. The OC Scottish Rite Valley's support is key to our success.

As I write this article we are on the verge of hosting out annual RiteCare Golf Tournament and Gift of Voice Gala dinner. These fundraisers are a big part of our annual operating budget. We continue to ask for your support for these important events. Visit the <a href="https://www.oclanguagecenter.org">www.oclanguagecenter.org</a> website to sign up for golf or dinner and show your support.

Sincerely yours, **David Frias, 32°**Vice President, OC CLC Board of Directors

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### OCSR 2017 Calendar

# 2017

August 7th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

MW Russ Charvonia &
Blind Veterans Visit
20-22nd— Supreme Council Bien
nial Session Washington, DC

September 9th—Fall Reunion Class Day 1

11th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

17th—Fall Super Breakfast 9-12 noon

23rd—Honours Ceremony San Diego Scottish Rite

# Toys for Covina Program

At our June Stated Meeting we adopted the Child Advocacy Program at the Covina Masonic Home. In support of this action, Ill. Rick Wood has asked that each Brother bring a toy valued at \$10+ for kids ages 4-17yrs to the next few Stated Meetings.

# <u>August Dinner Menu</u>

Pork Chops

Mashed Potatoes and
Gravy

Apple Sauce
House Salad

Italian, Ranch and
Blue Cheese

Cake for dessert

### In Memoriam

### Brother Noble Addison Phillips, 32°

Brother Phillips was born on March 14, 1914 in Ancon, Canal Zone. He was a member of Balboa Lodge in Panama and was made a Master of the Royal Secret on April 16, 1944 at the Valley of Balboa, Canal Zone. He transferred to the Valley of Santa Ana on April 6, 1979 and was a Charter Member. He entered the Celestial Lodge on December 1, 2015.

### Brother Clyde Harold Queen, Senior, 32°

Brother Queen was born on June 22, 1929 in Choctaw, OK. He was a member of Alameda Lodge No. 167 in Alameda CA and was made Master of the Royal Secret on November 9, 1996 at Santa Ana Valley. He entered the Celestial Lodge on February 14, 2016.

### Brother Willard R. Nelson, 32°

Brother Nelson was born on July 1, 1920 in Denver Colorado. He was a member of Anaheim No. 207 in Anaheim California. He was made a Master of the Royal Secret at Santa Ana (Orange County) Valley on November 9, 1985. He entered the Celestial Lodge above on April 7, 2016.

### Brother Michael M. Asaly, 32°

Brother Asaly was born on June 4, 1944 in Homs, Syria. He was a member of Newport Mesa Lodge No. 604 in Newport Beach CA. He was made a Master of the Royal Secret at Santa Ana (Orange County) Valley on November 8, 1988. He entered the Celestial Lodge above on December 24, 2016.

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# Women of the Valley



Address:

# Scottish Rite of Orange County Orange County Valley, Orient of California, Southern Jurisdiction





For Our Ladies Please fill out send to office or call with your choices

# Orange County Scottish Rite Arts & Crafts Ladies' Program



We are interested in knowing which of the following activities interest you, so we can put workshop days together for the Ladies of Our Valley.

Each Workshop will cost about \$10 per participant. It will include professional help and basic materials for the workshop. Please choose the top two activities you will enjoy participating in from the five activities listed below. Just place an "X" on the appropriate box for your two choices.

0 10 m	Card Making Workshop:  Dive into this artful card making class and create cards perfect for giving thanks to your friends and family.	
	Scrapbooking Workshop:  Preserve your best memories. Learn how to organize your photos and create some one-of-a-kind scrapbooks.	
	Quilting Workshop:  Adventures in quilting begin right here. Quilters of all levels can learn and have fun in this workshop.	
	Crochet Workshop:  Learn crochet basics on joining yarn, choosing patterns, shaping crochet, making crochet lace, using color techniques, etc.	
-	Knitting Workshop:  From beginner to intermediate, this workshop provides helpful tips and techniques to allow any knitter the time and space to really enjoy the day.	
Please send this form to the Orange County Scottish Rite, Attn: Frankie Rosario, 801 North French Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701, or call 714-600-6914 and provide your selection and contact information:		
Name		
Name:	Phone: Email:	

# **Century Club**

The Century Club was begun in 2009 to help defray the administrative expenses of the Valley. The cost to become a member is \$100 per calendar year. Through the end of 2016, the total amount donated is \$15,500. This has helped with computer upgrades, office supplies and other office expenses. Pins are awarded for various cumulative levels of donations. The first donation of \$100 is awarded a bronze pin, \$500 or more, a silver pin and \$1000 or more a gold pin.

### Gold pins

David Kussman, 32°KCCH, John Rider, 32°KCCH and Bob McNamara, 33°

### Silver pins

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### Members for 2017

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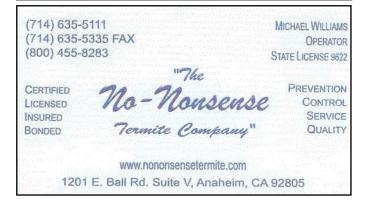
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