



## Orange County Valley of the Scottish Rite


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### Changes in our Valley

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**SEPTEMBER 7, 2018**



**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF  
THE VALLEYS, ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA, A.:A.:S.:R.:**

By virtue of the authority in me vested as Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council, 33°, (Mother Council of the World), A.:A.:S.:R.: in the Orient of California, it is my pleasure to inform you that I have appointed BRO.:FRANCISCO ROSARIO, JR., 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:., as PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE in the Valley of ORANGE COUNTY, effective September 7, 2018.

I commend this distinguished Brother for his service to our craft and I invest him with all of the powers and authority of a Valley Personal Representative as prescribed in the *Statutes* of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, (Mother Council of the World).

You will please give this appointment suitable publicity so the Brethren may be properly notified.

Witness My Signature this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2018

  
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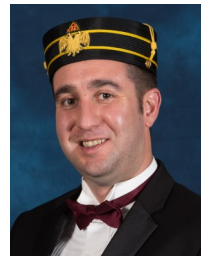


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## General Secretary



Brethren,

First, I want to thank you, the brethren of the Valley, for giving me the opportunity to serve as your new General Secretary. I also want to thank Ill. Frank Loui 33° SGIG for placing his trust in me to perform the duties of this office. Our retiring Secretary, Ill. Bob McNamara 33°, has been exceptionally helpful to me in this time of transition. He is unsparingly generous in his time. Bob personifies the Masonic ideal of service. Also, Ill. Lloyd Clayton 33° and Brother Russ Albright 32° are extremely helpful in our office. My aim is to maintain the high standards that have been established in the Valley of Orange County office.

By now, most of you should have received your dues notice for 2019 membership. This can be paid online, via mail, or you can bring your dues payment to our October Stated Meeting. Many brothers have already paid by one of these methods and we thank you.

I am open to hearing your new ideas on duties handled by the General Secretary's office. Right now, I plan on being in the office on Monday and Friday mornings. Our OCSR office phone number remains 714-543-7277. I look forward to serving our Valley and helping it grow with your help.

Fraternally,

**Jamie Hopkins 32°**

General Secretary

Valley of Orange County, A.A.S.R.

## Editor



Greetings Brothers,

Once again we are trying some different looks to our format this month. Please look over every page since there have been many changes to areas that normally don't see any. I hope you find the new look pleasing if not let me know so that we can make this newsletter a reader friendly publication.

Thanks again to Ill. Pete Jantz who recently sent me a couple of articles. I finally had enough open space to include one, check out page 10. If you have written something for another body or have read something that you think others would appreciate, please send it to me for inclusion in an upcoming edition. Remember that the deadline each month is the 15th so let's hear from you authors out there. Send all submissions to: [mshu-saac@charter.net](mailto:mshu-saac@charter.net).

Fraternally,

**Mark Hoage, 32°**

Editor

## Venerable Master



Brethren,

Welcome to the month of October, the month when all the ghosts, goblins, vampires, werewolves, and aliens come forth. I personally love Halloween, what about you? I'm really looking forward to Halloween this year because my 4-year-old is going to wear the same costume I wore when I was four. For those of you that have known me for any length of time it will probably not surprise you that my love of reptiles extends so far back, it's a dinosaur costume... should be fun!

September was a busy month for the Orange County Scottish Rite, we started the month on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> with the first day of our fall reunion class, then had our stated meeting on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>, then moved onto our Super Breakfast Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and finished out the month on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> with of second day of our fall reunion class. Thank you to all the brothers that attended and an especially big thankyou to all the brothers who worked both behind the curtain and in front of it to make it happen!

Here are your Masonic tidbits for the month of October. On October 12<sup>th</sup> 1911 Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt (United States President 1933-1945) received his Entered Apprentice Degree in Holland Lodge No. 8, in New York City. On October 30<sup>th</sup> 1937 Brother Lyndon B. Johnson (United States President 1963 – 1969) received his Entered Apprentice Degree in Texas.

Fraternally,

**Scott Davis, 32° KCCH**

Venerable Master

## Director of the Work



Brethren,

In the prologue to the 4th Degree, we are instructed: *"You must learn to work for the work's sake, without desire of approbation or reward. Work and action have their own rewards. It is the duty of a man who seeks and accumulates greater knowledge to know and practice those ethical and moral principles which demonstrate Man's highest, and most noble nature."*

One of the ways we can collectively accumulate greater knowledge in the Scottish Rite is through service to our Brethren new and old! Over the last several years, I've worked with Ill. Bob Hjorth to improve and increase the quality and number of Degrees we've performed for our incoming Brothers. I've been blessed to have been surrounded by a core group of men who have worked very hard with us to put on more and more degrees. And now I offer this opportunity to you all. This is a call to action for all of us to practice the duties we obligate ourselves to in the 4th Degree. To perform the duties required of us for the sake of those who come after us! We are always in need of help around the Valley. Whether it's setting up or cleaning up after a Stated Meeting, performing in Degrees during Reunions, setting up the Lodge Room for the Degree work, etc. I am seeking out some willing Brothers who will stand up and help us to continue to build on the legacy of this great Valley! Please reach out to me if you happen to be interested in being involved. I can be reached at: [jcervantes@ocscottishrite.org](mailto:jcervantes@ocscottishrite.org)!

In closing, I would like to publicly acknowledge Ill. Bob Hjorth for his 12 years of service as Director of The Work for our Valley. It is his legacy on which I will endeavor to build upon. These are big shoes to fill, I hope I am equal to the task. I'd also like to take a minute to thank both Ill. Hjorth and Ill. Rick Wood for their faith in me as we started this little adventure, and for their mentorship over the years. Without them going along with my ideas, we would not be offering more degrees during our reunions! And finally, thank you to our new Personal Representative, Hon. Frankie Rosario for giving me this continued opportunity to serve all of you as Director of The Work.

**James Cervantes, 32°**

Director of The Work



## Senior Warden



*“Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them; that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like.”*

— *Lao Tzu*

Brethren,

Fraternal greetings from the West, my brothers. September gave us the Autumnal Equinox and the change of seasons. As the seasons changed, so did the leadership in our Valley. I would like to personally thank Ill. Richard Wood for his dedicated service to our Valley as the Personal Representative to the SGIG. I would also like to thank Ill. Robert McNamara for his service to our Valley as General Secretary and Hon. David Price as Asst. to the Personal Representative. Ill. Rick, Ill. Bob, and Hon. Dave have been mentors to me in my Masonic journey and I owe them each a debt of gratitude that I will never be able to repay. I wish them luck and happiness in their next adventure.

The Equinox symbolizes balance. The days and nights are in equilibrium. As masons, we yearn for this same equilibrium. We see that theme so many times in our degrees. As we have lost three leaders, so must we gain three more. Hon. Frankie Rosario is our new Personal Rep. Bro. Jamie Hopkins, our new General Secretary and Ill. David Kussman our new Assistant to the Personal Rep. I am truly excited to see the new ideas and perspectives these clever and capable brothers will bring to our Valley. I am

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## Wise Master



Happy October Brethren,

Our Valley was very busy last month. Besides our regular Stated Meeting we held our Fall Reunion Class and our Super Breakfast. These events all went well thanks to your support. I want to thank each of you for the investment of some of your precious free time to help our Valley to grow.

Speaking of our Reunion Class, I still have pleasant memories of my class in 2015. I always wanted to express how thankful I was to the degree teams for their effort. Their work has greatly influenced me and helped make me a better person. They built me a “bridge to light” and afterwards wanted to pass that light on to our new members. This desire is why I immediately joined our degree team.

My Brothers think about how much effort the degree teams put in to make our degrees first-class. Think about how hard they have worked, and will continue to work, to give our candidates the very best performance. Remember that each of them have jobs, families, and other important obligations to take care of as all of us do and yet they still give of their time to our degree teams, the valley, and our members.

Next time we gather please take a moment to thank them for all of their hard work. Remember also that they can always use some additional help so, please let the team members know if you are interested in assisting with our degrees. Your participation will not only help our degree teams but it will also help you to obtain a better understanding of masonry and strengthen our Valley as well.

Fraternally,

**Yungfan “Philip” Liu, 32°**

Wise Master

## Commander



Brethren,

Leadership—This seems like a good topic since our Valley has seen a lot of Leadership changes this past month. Hon. Frankie Rosario 32° KCCH is the new PR for our Valley and Bro. Jamie Hopkins 32° is the new General Secretary. Both of these brothers will work very hard to help keep our Valley strong. We should commend them on accepting the challenge of being leaders.

The Center for Creative Leadership lists the following ten traits of a good leader. How does this match up with what you look for in a good leader?

Honesty	Sense of humor	Positive attitude	Intuition
Ability to delegate	Confidence	Creativity	
Communication	Commitment	Ability to inspire	

I do know that in order for our Valley to grow and prosper, our leaders will need the support of all of our Brothers. We need to commit to our actions and see them through to the finish. We need to hold ourselves to the same standards that we expect from our leaders. If you agree with these ten leadership traits, then look yourself in the mirror and accept the challenge to see improvement where you might have weaknesses.

Many Thanks to Ill. Rick Wood 33° and Ill, Bob McNamara 33° for all the leadership you have given to our Valley these past years!

Fraternally,

**David Frias, 32°**  
Commander

## Master of Kadosh



Greetings Brethren,

On Monday, October 1st we'll have our Fall Class Cap & Ring ceremony for two new brothers. I look forward to this special ceremony and kindly request the brethren take an extra interest in these new brothers and even offering them a helpful hand as they get to know our Scottish Rite Valley and unusual norms / customs.

It is now Fall and change is in the air yet viscerally special to our home as we welcome our second child into our family. I'd like to thank the brethren for all their kind words of support and prayers as we settle in to our new family dynamic.

Autumn leaves is nature's way of changing the guard and it reminds us that as from it we came, so to it we must return. But while we are here, living and breathing our Masonic teachings, we have an opportunity to leave our lodges better off than how we first received it. To pass the torch kindly and proudly to the next generation of leaders and to whisper good council in their ears. This is what it means to me to be an officer of our Valley and I sincerely hope that while I certainly take away new and renewed relationships, I hope our contributions make a lasting impact that will ripple throughout this vast expanse.

Finally, I'd like to personally thank Honorable David Price for his kindness and unwavering support of not only me and this Valley as Past Assistant to the Personal Representative but also providing his unfettered guidance at making me a better Scottish Rite Mason. It is also with great optimism I welcome our new Valley leadership in Honorable Rosario as PR, Illustrious Kussman as APR and Brother Hopkins as Gen. Sec. to their new positions.

Fraternally & Sincerely,

**Brandon Cook, 32°**  
Master of Kadosh

# Language Center News



*A Community Program of the Scottish Rite Foundation for Children with Speech and Language Challenges*

**Executive Director:**

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**Speech Language Pathologies:**

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[www.OCLanguageCenter.org](http://www.OCLanguageCenter.org)

Please support your Orange County Childhood Language Center by making an individual, group, or company donation.

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**Center Club Members**

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**For Information Please**

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## OC CLC Communication

**We are back!  
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 If you would like to visit, please  
 call and make an appointment.  
 We would love to see you!**

**OC Childhood Language Center**  
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## Language Center News



### Hello from the OC Childhood Language Center.

After a well-deserved break, the center is once again open and ready to provide services. Preparing for this process requires coordination between the supervisors and the staff.

### Ready to do more

At the center, we love when the phone rings because we know that with every call we are one step closer to helping a child overcome their speech challenges. With the start of the new school year at Chapman University, we welcomed back “seasoned” SLP supervisors and Graduate students who will be conducting therapy sessions and evaluations. Our children are also happy to come back, as they love their clinicians and know they will receive the help they need to improve their speech.

### Backpacks and Supplies

We are thrilled to report that our ongoing contributor has once again committed to providing the Language Center with backpacks and all the age appropriate school supplies required to help kids whose family are unable to afford these expenses. We are certain that the children being helped will benefit greatly from receiving these backpacks full of supplies. Please stand by for pictures of our children receiving their gift next month.

### Fun things you can do to help

Reading aloud is a critical tool in language development that takes place even before a child can talk. Hearing sound to word connections and word to picture relationships helps the language and thinking areas of the brain to develop. It also builds a bond of fun, curiosity, and motivation between the child and their parents, grandparents and other reading partners. Children who are read to hear new words and build both the understanding of word meanings and the

ability to use words themselves.

You may not see the immediate effect, but research shows that long-term results in language development and reading skills are evidenced.

At the Orange County Childhood Language Center, reading books is an important part of therapy and enjoyment between children and their student clinicians.

### Speech & Language Therapy is Crucial

Reading and literacy skills significantly aid in communication. When you can spell, you can communicate freely. Teaching these essential skills at the Center is key to better communication. Appropriate pragmatic/social skills are also a key component to interacting with others in their community and life.

When you have limited, or have no functional speech, pragmatic language skills are often significantly delayed and disordered. As humans, we communicate with a total communication approach. We communicate via speech, facial expressions, gestures, eye contact, writing, typing and many other forms of communication.

Our speech language pathologists often teach our clients how to communicate in other ways, all to increase confidence and with time, allow our kids to overcome their challenge and graduate from our program.

### Thank you

At the Center we receive donations for supplies, water, etc., but you should know that we are also very appreciative of your financial contributions, as it keeps the center open and providing services to our children.

Please remember, our duty is to provide those without a voice, a way to communicate, so please help us bring the gift of voice to our children.

### David Frias, 32<sup>o</sup>

Chairman, President of the Board of Directors  
Orange County Childhood Language Center



## OCSR 2018 Calendar

### 2018

- October** 1st—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm  
Cap & Ring Ceremony
- November** 5th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm  
2019 Officer Candidates 1st read
- December** 3rd—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm  
2019 Officer Candidates 2nd read  
Balloting on 2019 Officers  
Valley Christmas Party

### 2019

- January** 7th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13th—Installation of 2019 Officers  
Time pending

## October Dinner Menu

**Roast Beef**

**Mashed Potatoes**

**Carrots and Salad**

**Dinner Rolls**

**Desert**



## Senior Warden *continued from page 5*

confident that they will continue to build on the solid foundation laid by the previous leaders of our Valley.

I am in the process of working out the plans for the next Masonic year as you read this. My focus will be on clear communication and a focus on returning to fundamentals. I am looking forward to sharing these plans as the new year gets closer. Until then, my brothers, get involved. You won't regret it!

Fraternally,

**Mike Gowder, 32°, KCCH**

Senior Warden

Orange County Lodge of Perfection

## Masonic Enlightenment

### HIRAM HAD TO DIE - AND SO MUST YOU

By Roger A. Kessinger

Hiram had to die - and so must you! Why? Because the fate of Hiram Abiff is the story of all mankind and of all Masons. The life of Hiram reveals many lessons but his death teaches the most significant lessons.

Listen to the story and its message for you and I.

Hiram was an initiate. This means he was a man, who, of his own free will and accord, entered upon a path of study and action which taught him how to live a proper life to be acceptable to God.

But God is unwilling to accept any man until he offers up a sacrifice; not of blood not of money, but of something far greater in value — himself.

Man must sacrifice himself if he is to permanently unite with God and remain in his kingdom from whence he was banished. How is this accomplished? Only by death.

The initiate must die to the corruptions of his outer self and be reborn to the divinity of his inner self, or soul. This means that his whole perception must be radically changed to accommodate his new life - the spiritual life.

He must realize that physical life is only a temporary phenomenon whose sole purpose is to reveal the existence of a higher state of being - spiritual immortality, and that although this spiritual existence is promised to everyone, it must be earned here and now,

The initiate accomplishes this mission by correcting his thoughts, words, and actions (or deeds). This alone makes him acceptable to God.

Hiram subdued his own passions by thinking proper thoughts, speaking acceptable words, and performing exemplary deeds. Allegorically, this happened when he was struck in the chest (the seat of the passions), throat (the place of words), and head (the center of thoughts).

The latter "killed" him. The three fellow crafts were not assassins but spiritual principles: spiritual force, spiritual power, and spiritual will.

But what was it that was killed? It wasn't the man himself, it was his outer nature. It wasn't his physical body, it was his physical nature. Death didn't send him to the cold, dark, depths of the grave but raised him to the brilliant sunshine of Light and Illumination. His "death" gave him life.

Masons! This is the true purpose of Freemasonry: To square the rough ashlar and thus attain spiritual perfection! This can only be accomplished by the death of our outer, or crude, rough animal natures, which creates a refined spiritual and mental existence.

Only by being free from debasing influences will we truly become a Freemason: free from vanity, fear, religious dogma, greed, hate, lust, jealousy, and in general, free from all of the errors that chain the spiritual existence, until you and I accomplish this most difficult task, we will only be a Mason, not a Freemason.

So you see, Hiram had to die - and so must each of us individually.

*This article was suggested by Ill. Pete Jantz, 33° Past PR of Santa Ana (now Orange County) Valley of Scottish Rite.*

## Our Honorary Hats Explained



**Knight Commander of the Court of Honour:** At the biennial session of the Supreme Council certain Masters of the Royal Secret, having held that degree for at least forty-six months prior to the session, are chosen to receive the Rank and Decoration of Knights Commander of the Court of Honour. These are chosen from the ranks of the Consistory for special service to Masonry, or to mankind, by the Deputy or Sovereign Grand Inspector General. The Knight Commander of the Court of

Honour may be recognized by the red cap they are entitled to wear. The rank of KCCH, if petitioned or asked for, must be refused.

**Thirty-Third Degree (33°), Inspector General Honorary:** The Thirty-third Degree is conferred by the Supreme Council upon members of the Rite in recognition of outstanding work in the Rite or in public life. The 33° cannot be asked for and if asked for must be refused. At its bi-ennial session the Supreme Council elects members of the Rite to receive the Degree. These 33° Masons are Inspectors General honorary and honorary members of the Supreme Council. The active members of the Supreme Council are chosen from among them.



**Grand Cross of the Court of Honour:** This is the highest individual honor that The Supreme Council bestows. It is voted very rarely to Thirty-third Degree Masons only for the most exceptional and extraordinary services. The Grand Cross cap is white with a blue band. On the front is a replica of the Grand Cross jewel, which is composed of a Teutonic Cross, with an embroidered crimson rose with green leaves at its center.

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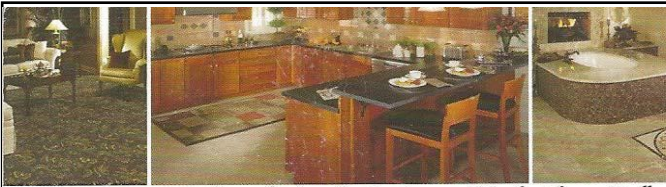
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