



Orange County Valley of the Scottish Rite

# Scottish Rite News

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## Chapter Rose Croix



Greetings my Brothers,

As Novices we are still in search of the Truth and the lost Masters Word. We journey for a period of years, learning the three virtues which are to guide us. From a place of horror and gloom, merges, at the appointed time, the sacred initials, giving glory to Masonry and light and life to the world.

The 18th Degree, like the one preceding it, is philosophical. The end of all philosophy is to free the mind from those encumbrances which hinder its progress toward perfection and to raise it to the contemplation of Immutable Truth and the knowledge of divine and spiritual objects. This effect must be produced by easy steps, lest the mind, hitherto conversant only with sensible things, should revolt at the change.

Knight of the Eagle and Pelican is one of the titles applied to a Rose-Croix H-R-D-M Freemason; yet that degree is not strictly an order of knighthood, in the commonly received sense of the term.

In the Chapter degrees, it is readily perceivable that we have now fully entered upon a long course of instruction into all the mysteries of the esoteric doctrine.

There are a number of Rose-Croix degrees differing in a measure from each other in the work and in their teachings. The Alchemical or Hermetic Masons taught a different degree in all respects from the so-called Christian, Rose-Croix; and they again a different one from the universal, tolerant, and more acceptable grade. The following words of one of the most eminent students of Masonry, and an ardent admirer of the Ancient Rite, may be quoted here.

*"If anywhere brethren of a particular religious belief have been excluded from this degree, it merely shows how gravely the plans and purposes of Masonry may be misunderstood; for whenever the door of any one degree is closed against him who believes in one God and the soul's immortality, on account of the other tenets of his faith, that degree is no longer Masonry, which is universal, but some other thing, that is exclusive, and accordingly intolerant. Each degree erects a platform on which the Israelite, the Mahommedan, and the Christian may stand side by side and hand in hand, as brethren." Whatever your religion, your birth- place, or your language, you are among brethren. One language is spoken in common, the language of the Scottish Rite of Masonry, which speaks directly to the heart".*

*(excerpts from The Web of Hiram)*

On thy bosom, mighty Lord, gently may we fall asleep trusting in thy sacred word, Keep us, O our Father keep from the terror of the grave. Save us, Judah's Lion save.

As we pass the vale of death, Round us throw the arm of love: When we yield this fleeting breath, Bear us to thy Lodge above, In the "house not made with hands," Compassed round with angel bands

In the resurrection morn, Raise us with thine own right hand. Freed from envy and from scorn, Bring us to the better land, Where from labor brethren cease, Share refreshment, dwell in peace.

Fraternally yours,

**Jay Webb, 32°**

Wise Master

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## General Secretary



### SECRETARY SEZ—

February has literally sped by. I spent five days in Washington D.C. at Masonic Week 2017. It is primarily a gathering of York Rite related bodies. There were fifteen, yes fifteen, different meetings, initiations and/or presentations that I attended. I met a lot of good Masons on the York Rite side of house.

Meanwhile back at the Scottish Rite side of the house, we have the visit of our S.G.I.G. Ill. Frank Loui, 33° at our March 6th Stated Meeting. And our outstanding Super Breakfast on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Our membership is steady at 445 but with the Spring Reunion in April, it should increase. Get those petitions in as they need to be read in March and then voted on in April. We are hoping for a good sized class.

The dues are slowly coming in. We have 128 members that haven't paid their 2017 dues and of these 44 owe for 2016 also. Remember that being two years behind can result in suspension from the Scottish Rite.

I hope those of you that have had birthdays have enjoyed the Valley birthday cards. Russ Albright, 32° has taken that area over and is doing a great job! Thanks, Russ.

I look forward to seeing you at our March Stated Meeting.

**Ill. Bob McNamara, 33°**

General Secretary

## Editor



Greetings Brothers,

We are continuing to tweek the format of our newsletter. If you see anything that you like or especially dislike PLEASE let us know. I need to know what things you would like to have in YOUR newsletter.

I am seeking any of you who have something to say to take a few minutes to put your thoughts to paper. So many of you have wonderful insights into our craft and I would like to include them in our newsletter. Please submit your contributions by the 15th of the month to [sasrnewsbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:sasrnewsbulletin@gmail.com) or [mshusaac@charter.net](mailto:mshusaac@charter.net).

Fraternally,

**Mark Hoage, 32°**

Editor

## Lodge of Perfection



Greetings from the East,

It was my honor to see some of you at our last Stated meeting and together celebrate Valentine's day, with an excellent dinner and the presentation of red roses to all the ladies in attendance.

As your Venerable Master, I would like to ask, have you looked around at the past few meetings? If you have, you have noticed that there are a few Brothers we all missed seeing. If you have their contact information, please call and let him know how much we miss seeing him and his lady at our stated meetings and events. Let him know that we are thinking about them and if they are not doing well, please let us know, so we can include them in our prayers.

As you know, our next Reunion Class is on Saturday, April 8th, so it is very important for us to address our Scottish Rite membership in our Blue Lodges. Please let them know that our next class is fast approaching and share with them how to apply for membership to our Valley. There are plenty of activities coming up, so there is always something for everyone to do. Let's not forget to mention our Master Craftsman program, which Brother James McCallion, 32°, is leading, as it offers educational opportunities to enhance your relationships and improve your knowledge in Scottish Rite Masonry.

This year, we would like to focus on enriching the member experience. I will be soliciting your input, to ensure we are all in sync with the expectations on events that can be scheduled for our Brothers and especially for our Ladies. If you have any events that you would like to discuss, please let us know.

I would like to thank Brother Mark Hoage, 32°, for doing an outstanding job in putting our Newsletter together every month. I also want to thank Brother Jay Webb, 32°, First Knight and a few other Brothers, who have contributed their time with the setup and tear down of our Stated Dinners. We all view this as a positive step toward enhancing our experience at each event, nice job!

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 Brothers!

Is it really March already? I'm always amazed by how fast the months fly by. By the end of this month the year will be a quarter over!

Please bring your pigs to our stated meeting, if you don't have one I always have them with me, just ask and I'll be happy to give you one! Remember to join us March 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am until noon, for our Spring Super Breakfast; this is an important fund raiser every year for our valley.

Now for this month's Masonic tidbit: On March 18th 1902 the Tall Cedars of Lebanon was incorporated in Trenton, New Jersey. Some famous members of the Tall Cedars are Gerald Ford, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D Roosevelt, and Arnold Palmer. The Tall Cedars of Lebanon's Tenets are to promote a stronger bond with all Freemasons, to further the goals and tenets of Freemasonry, to find a cure for Muscular and neuromuscular diseases, and to recognize mans' need for fun and relaxation among his family, friends and neighbors. The Tall Cedars of Lebanon's Creed is "Fun, Frolic, & Fellowship"

**Hon. Scott Davis 32°, KCCH**  
Senior Warden

## Commander



Greetings Brothers:

By now, you all should have your tickets for the Scottish Rite Super Breakfast on Sunday, March 26th from 9am until noon at the DeMolay Center. Any brothers wishing to buy additional tickets should call the OCSR office at 714-543-7277. So far, a good number of you have sent in checks. Thank you for your participation and support of our valley. All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to our valley for operating expenses. In the next few weeks, we will be asking brothers to help out at the breakfast. Last September, we had a great crew. Fun and camaraderie was enjoyed by all brothers and wives who participated.

Our menu includes omelets made to order, bacon, sausages, hash browns, hot rolls, biscuits and gravy, piping hot waffles as well as other culinary delights. This event is a great opportunity to introduce a worthy Blue Lodge brother to Scottish Rite Masonry in Orange County. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

**Jamie Hopkins, 32°**  
Commander

## Master of Kadosh



Brethren,

As I prepare to conclude my 4<sup>th</sup> year as a Master of the Royal Secret, this month I will use my article space in this newsletter to reflect on my April 2013 experience, and encourage you to make plans NOW to attend “The Three Centuries” Scottish Rite Reunion which will be held in Guthrie, Oklahoma; former capital of the Oklahoma Territory.

Despite rumors of other Valleys that are planning..., or other Valleys that have previously performed..., since I joined the Scottish Rite, the Guthrie Valley, Oklahoma Orient (<http://www.guthriescottishrite.org/>) is the only place in the U.S. (that I am aware of) where a Scottish Rite Candidate or Member can witness in one weekend - all of the Scottish Rite degrees (4<sup>th</sup> – 32<sup>nd</sup>) staged with special effects, magnificent scenery, exquisite costumes and are majestically performed on one of the largest indoor stages I have ever seen.



The Scottish Rite Temple (the former Oklahoma Legislative Hall) has more than 400,000 square feet of floor space to meet the fraternal needs of the Guthrie community, and sits on 10.6 acres of what was originally known as Capitol Park.

In sharp contrast to the beauty of the overall facility, to say that the accommodations were amazing would be at the least, confusing; and at the most dishonest. Never before have I paid \$10./night for a shared room with a private bed, clean sheets, and felt that I had been overcharged. This environment creates an opportunity for establishing masonic camaraderie, however I must admit that – at \$10. Per night - you get what you pay for.

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## Masonic Enlightenment

### The Legend of Hiram Abiff

*Editors note: The following is an excerpt from the Prestonian Lecture of 1956 which was delivered by Brother George S Draffen.*

During the ceremony of the Third Degree, which is so well named the Sublime Degree, you can hardly fail to have been impressed by the tragedy of Hiram Abiff. To understand it, and to appreciate to the full its profound richness of meaning, is something that will remain with you as long as you live.

Since the drama of Hiram Abiff is ritualistic, it is a mistake to accept it as history. A ritualistic drama does not pay heed to historical individuals, times or places. It moves wholly in the realm of the spirit. The clash of forces, the crises and fates of the human spirit alone enter into it, and they hold true of all men everywhere, regardless of who they are or when or where. There was a Hiram Abiff in history, but our Third Degree is not interested in him. Its sole concern is with a Hiram who is a symbol of the human soul, that is, its own Hiram Abif. If, therefore, you have been troubled with the thought that some of the events of the drama could not possibly have happened, you can cease to be troubled. It is not meant that they ever happened in ancient history, but that they are symbols of what is happening in the life of every man.

For the same reason it is an inexcusable blunder to treat it as a mere mock tragedy. Savage peoples employ initiation ceremonies as an ordeal to test the nerve and courage of their young men, but Freemasonry is not savage. Boys at school often employ ragging, which is horseplay caricature of the savage ceremonial ordeals, but Freemasonry is not juvenile. The exemplification of our ritualistic drama is sincere, solemn and earnest. He who takes it trivially betrays a shallowness of soul, which makes him unfit ever to become a Mason.

Hiram Abiff is the actual symbol of the human soul, yours, mine, any man's. The work he was engaged to supervise is the symbol of the work you and I have in the supervision, organization and direction of our lives from birth to death. The enemies he met are none other than the symbols of those lusts and passions, which are in our own breasts, or in the breasts of others, and make war on our character and our life. His fate is the same fate that befalls every man who becomes a victim to those enemies: to be interrupted in one's work, to be made outcast from

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## Master of Kadosh (cont. from page 5)

Don't let anything I have said keep you from attending. Receiving my degrees at the Guthrie Valley Reunion created a permanent and wonderful memory of my initiation into Scottish Rite Masonry. I heartily recommend attending and receiving this experience to all my Scottish Rite Brothers and Candidates. Since you have read this far, for additional information on the clown, as me, Rick Wood, Bob McNamara, or Wayne Richey about the clown.

For more information, check out the Reunion Schedule at: <http://guthriescottishrite.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/March-2017-Schedule.pdf>

Fraternally,

**Shawn Smith, 32°**  
Master of Kadosh

## Language Center News



*A Community Program of the Scottish Rite Foundation for Children  
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Center for this upcoming year!  
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Together we bring the Gift of  
Voice to our children.

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## Language Center News



### Greetings and salutations from the Orange County Childhood Language Center.

Spring Semester has begun at Chapman University which introduces a new group of graduate student clinicians to the Orange County Childhood Language Center. Our student clinicians are excited to meet their young clients. Children and families are always eager to continue receiving the valuable speech and language services we provide. Here are a couple of pictures and stories about two children who are working hard to improve their communication skills at the OCCLC.

#### Leah's story:

Leah has been working hard on her speech

sounds, in particular her /k/ sound. She is now able to produce the sound in conversational speech. Her father, who brings her to the OCCLC, is very pleased with the progress that Leah



has made on her communication skills. Her student clinician is Lindsay. Lindsay has found that Leah enjoys working on her sounds by playing Lizards and Lids and re-telling her favorite stories. As soon as Leah achieves her goal, which should be very soon indeed, she will be another proud graduate of the Orange County Childhood Language Center.

Hooray for Leah!

#### Aeron's story:

Aeron began receiving speech and language therapy at the CLC last Spring. He and his student clinician, Amy have been working on his /s/ and /z/ sounds as well as supporting his speech fluency. His parents had originally been concerned that he was possibly displaying some stuttering in his speech. Information regarding stuttering and how families

can support their children's speech at home was given to Aeron's parents early in his treatment. His whole family attended the Scottish Rite Christmas Dinner



in December and had a wonderful time. Amy was able to meet Aeron and his family at the dinner and they have continued their special connection. Aeron has done so well, that "graduation" may be in his future very soon.

Hooray for Aeron!

During our recent Christmas dinner, I enjoyed the opportunity to speak with many of the families that attend the CLC. They were all very grateful to the Scottish Rite and Chapman University for creating this special place where their children receive the Gift of Voice. The enthusiasm of the student clinicians gives them a strong sense of optimism with the care their children are receiving at the CLC.

#### Having an Impact:

Once again, a sincere Thank You for your generous support of our Language Center. As these stories testify we are changing lives and bringing the Gift of Voice to many deserving children and families in Orange County.

Sincerely yours,

**David Frias, 32°**

Vice President, OCCLC Board of Directors



## OCSR 2017 Calendar

### 2017

<b>March</b>	5th—LAMSB Breakfast LAX Hilton 7:30am – 10am
	5th—HOB Meeting 1:00pm—3:00pm
	6th— <u>Stated Meeting 6:30 pm</u>
	11th—AOR DeMolay Ctr 11:30—12:30 pm
	19th—Knights of St. Andrew Picnic Yorba Linda Regional Park 11:00am
	25th—SR Tough Mudder Glen Helen Park 8am—3pm
	26th—Spring Super Breakfast DeMolay Center 9:00am—noon
	31st—Guthrie OK Reunion Class Through April 2nd
<b>April</b>	3rd— <u>Stated Meeting 6:30 pm</u>
	8th—Spring Reunion Class DeMolay Center 7:00am—3:00pm
	13th—Renewal & Remembrance DeMolay Center 6:30—8:00pm
	15th—Advisory Council Meeting DeMolay Center 8:00—11:00am
	15th—AOR Meeting 11:30am—12:30pm
	29th—Spring Reunion Class Day 2 DeMolay Center 7:00am—3:00pm

### March Dinner Menu

Corned Beef and  
Cabbage

Irish Potatoes

Irish Bread

Tossed Green Salad

Bread Pudding

<b>April</b>	29th—AOR Meeting	3:00—4:00pm
	30th—HOB Meeting	DeMolay Center 1:00—3:00pm

## Masonic Enlightenment (cont. from page 6)

the lordship (or mastership) over one's own self and, at the end, to become buried under all manner of rubbish -- which means defeat, disgrace, misery and scorn. The manner in which he was raised from that dead level to that living perpendicular again is the same manner by which any man, if it happens to all, rises from self-defeat to self-mastery. And the Sovereign Great Architect, by the power of whose word Hiram Abif was raised, is that same God in whose arms we ourselves forever lie, and whose mighty help we also need to raise us out of the graves of defeat, or evil, and death itself.

Did you ever wonder, while taking part in that drama, why you were personally made to participate in it? Why you were not permitted to sit as a spectator?

You were made to participate in order to impress upon you that it was your drama, not another's there being exemplified. No man can be a mere spectator of that drama, because it takes place in his own soul. Likewise it was intended that your participation should itself be an experience to prepare you for becoming a Master Mason, by teaching you the secret of a Master Mason - which is that the soul must rise above its own internal enemies if ever a man is to be a Master Mason in reality as well as in name. The reality of being a Master Mason is nothing other than to be a master of one's own self.

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## Masonic Enlightenment (cont. from page 10)

Did you wonder why it was that the three enemies of Hiram Abiff came from his own circle, and not from outside? It is because the enemies to be most feared are always from within, and are ignorance and sins. As the Sacred Volume reminds us, it is not that which has power to kill the body that we need to shun, but that which has power to destroy the spirit.

Did you wonder why it was that after Hiram Abiff was slain there was so much confusion in the Temple? It was because the Temple is the symbol of a man's character, and therefore breaks and falls when the soul, its architect, is rendered helpless, because the craftsmen are symbols of our powers, and they fall in anarchy when not directed and commanded by the will at the centre of our being.

And did you wonder why the Lodge appeared to neglect to explain this ritualistic drama to you at the end of the Degree? It was because it is impossible for one man to explain the tragedy of Hiram Abiff to another. Each must learn for himself, and the most we can obtain from others is just such hints and scattered suggestions as these now given to you. Print the story of Hiram Abiff upon your mind, ponder upon it; when you yourself are at grips with your enemies recall it and act according to the light you find in it. By doing so you will find that your inner self will give in the form of first-hand experience that which the drama gave you in the form of ritual. You will be wiser and stronger for having the guidance and the light the drama can give to you.

*End*

## Century Club

The Century Club was started in 2009 to help with the administrative expenses of the Valley. The cost to become a member is \$100 per calendar year. Through the end of 2016, the total donated is \$14,000. This has helped with computer upgrades, office supplies and 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.

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## Quick News Around the Valley

### GRAND MASTER'S RECEPTION

The **Grand Master's Reception** is going to be at the LA Masonic Service Bureau's Breakfast at the Hilton Hotel, 5711 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles. at LAX on March 5th at 8:15 am. The cost is \$25. Our Valley has reserved a table for ten and we have FIVE seats left. This is an opportunity to see and hear our Grand Master as there will not be a reception in Orange County this year. Email me at [macsquest@aol.com](mailto:macsquest@aol.com) or call me at (714) 381-2949 to reserve your ticket(s). I will mail the tickets to you or have them at the breakfast. It really is a fun time.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
**Bob McNamara, 33°**  
 General Secretary

### Mark Your Calendars

Its that time again for our annual 6th Annual Celebrating the Craft broadcast and fundraiser. Please save May 20, 2017 from 6pm-midnight on your calendar for this year's gala presentation. More information on this event will be coming in the near future so keep your eyes open.



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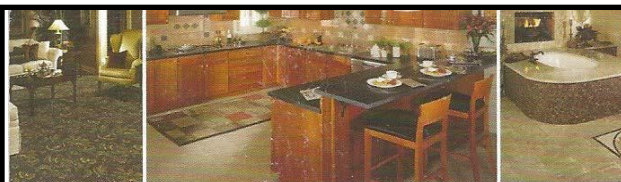
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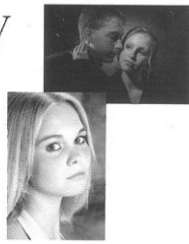
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