



Scottish Rite News

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Commander

Greetings my Brothers,

As most of you will be receiving this newsletter before Sunday March 26th, I want to remind you of the Super Breakfast from 9am until noon at the DeMolay center in Anaheim. This event is a major fundraiser for our valley its hearty, traditional American breakfast makes for a thoroughly enjoyable Sun-

day morning.

As Masons, we always end our prayers with the phrase "So mote it be." However, some of us are unclear as to the meaning of the phrase. After some research I was able to get a clear answer from a Masonic publication. Mote is an outdated word for "may" so the meaning of "So mote it be" is literally "So may it be." As with many of our traditions in Freemasonry, the phrase "So mote it be" has been used to follow prayers since the venerable beginnings of our fraternity.

Currently there are 8 hats worn by the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. They are the following: 32° Master of the Royal Secret, 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH), Fifty-year Member, 33° Inspector General Honorary, 33° Grand Cross of the Court of Honor, Deputy of the Supreme Council 33° SJ, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council 33° SJ and Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33° SJ. Our hats serve as reminders to maintain and uphold the honor and virtue exemplified in our degrees.

Fraternally,

Jamie Hopkins 32° Commander

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General Secretary



SECRETARY SEZ—

The Office is starting to calm down now that the Installations are over and the officers have settled in to their new duties and responsibilities. Collecting dues is one of our most important and ongoing activities. There are 98 members that haven't yet paid their 2016 dues and 25 members that haven't paid both their 2015 and 2016 dues. Once again please check your wallets

and see if you are one of these members.

One of the comments that I heard recently was that since the Scottish Rite is the University of Masonry, where is the light? That questioned puzzled me as I see many avenues to the "light". Let me list a few. The Knights of St. Andrew is a group within our Valley that has fellowship and information or "light". The Master Craftsman courses (there are three) sheds much "light" on Blue Lodges and Scottish Rite Masonry. There are degrees to get involved in and costumes and stagecraft that need help. And books that help with the "light"—the <u>A Bridge to Light</u> is a good one to start with. If these don't interest you, then talk to your Brothers. Remember, you only get out of the Scottish Rite what you put in!

Ill. Bob McNamara, 33° General Secretary

Editor



Greetings Brothers,

What Masonic material have you read lately? Was it any good? Why not share it with your Brothers here at OC Scottish Rite. Many people have commented to me about the Hiram article we ran last month about how much they enjoyed it. The article was given to me with the hope that others

in the Valley might enjoy it as much as they had. So please pass along interesting "Masonic enlightenment" to share with our Brothers.

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

Fraternally,

Mark Hoage, 32°

Editor

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Lodge of Perfection

Greetings from the East,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and enthusiastic about the future of our Valley.

I would like to thank Most Worshipful and Illustrious Frank Loui, 33°, S.G.I.G. for honoring our Valley with his and his wife's presence during our last stated meeting and dinner. Having both Illustrious Frank Loui, 33° and Illustrious Rick Wood 33° together al-

ways guarantees a great time by all, but we are also very grateful to both, for their leadership, ongoing support and commitment to our great Valley

History tells us that Valleys who perform great ritual, whose degree work is impressive, whose members dress for the event, prove to attract and retain brethren, and inspire prospective members to join. If that is the experience members or potential members see, they will come back for more. So please participate in our rituals and support our incoming Reunion Class. Brother James McCallion 32°, has reached out to us, seeking a men willing to participate on the April 8th and April 29th's work. Anyone willing to help will be assigned a portion of a degree to read, all you need to do is show up. Brothers, please see if you can help us make this a great experience for our new Candidates!

Membership is the element that solidifies our future. We recognize it is tough to attract good men to Freemasonry and particularly to our OC Scottish Rite Valley. We understand that we all have many demands on our time, and there are family and work commitments, but we also realize, good men (continued on page 10)

Senior Warden



Welcome to April and the first full month of spring! Thanks to everyone that joined us or volunteered at our spring super breakfast this past month! This month brings us our Spring Reunion class on April 8th from 7am to 3pm and April 29th 7am to 3pm. If you haven't been to a reunion in a while please find some time one of these dates to join us. Our Degree teams are doing awesome things. You do not have to come out for the whole day, join us for a couple of hours, this is an important way to support YOUR Valley and our candidates.

Now for this month's Masonic tidbits: On April 4, 1778 Brother Voltaire was initiated in "Les Neuf Soeurs" Lodge in Paris, Worshipful Benjamin Franklin participated. On April 5th 1886 Rudyard Kipling received his 1st degree. On April 20, 1884 Pope Leo XIII issued a famous Papal Bull against Freemasonry, titled Humanum Genus, the encyclical specifically condemned certain practices of the Freemasons one of which being the promotion of public education which denied the Church's role and where "the education of youth shall be exclusively in the hands of laymen". April 28, 1738 Pope Clement XII issued the first Papal Bull attacking Freemasonry.

Fraternally,

Scott Davis, 32° KCCH Senior Warden

Wise Master

Members, Brothers and Friends,

April 13th, is our Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony. Why do we celebrate this token of our affection? To put it simply, Honor. This occasion is important not only in allowing us to pay our respect and honor to those who are no longer present, but also in renewing our commitment to ourselves and Brethren. By doing this, we continue the noble work in which we are engaged.

As part of this celebration, we commemorate the lives all those who labored to improve mankind and were rewarded with betrayal, punishment, and even death. Whether poet, religious leader, scientist or social reformer, all who seek to elevate humankind may be considered as Brethren. Masonry is duty, and its practice, often fraught with personal sacrifice, requires the performance of duty for the good of humanity." We need all to attend. If you would like to participate in the Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony, please contact Jay Webb at jwebb@ylmasons.com.

The Spring Reunion is fast approaching and now is the time to start handing out petitions. Reunion dates are, April 8th and 29th. There are still cast parts open so anyone interested contact the Bro. James Cervantes, 32°, at <u>james.cervantes@gmail.com</u>.

Fraternally, Jay Webb, 32° Wise Master

Master of Kadosh

Brethren:

As Master of Kadosh, I encourage you to keep a watchful eye on the calendar for the upcoming OCSR Reunion Dates, April 8th and 29th.

These Reunions provide an opportunity to invite Brothers from your lodge to receive further light in Masonry as members of the OC Scottish Rite Valley and to join us in our fellowship and our work as Scottish Rite Masons. We can all be very proud of the work being performed by the students at Chapman University (my alma mater), and our contributions to the success of the Orange County Childhood Language Center.

Reach out to your Masonic brothers NOW! The Petitions for degrees are available online

Go to: www.ocscottishrite.org Click Membership Click Application for Degrees, OR

http://www.ocscottishrite.org/wp-content/uploads/OCSCR-Application-for-Degrees.pdf

Print out copies of the Petition, and invite your Brothers to Join!

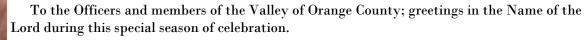
In addition, <u>PLAN NOW</u> to personally attend the degrees. Support our newest members and your current Scottish Rite brothers; perhaps you will learn something new – and receive more light.

One of the reasons I pay such close attention to these reunion dates is that on May 1^{st} , just two days after the completion of the reunion, the Valley will hold its Scottish Rite Cap & Ring Ceremony. Save the Date: May 1^{st} - More about the Cap & Ring Ceremony next month.

Fraternally,

Shawn Smith, 32° Master of Kadosh Page 6 Scottish Rite News

Chaplain



We, as practitioners of the art and craft of Sottish Rite Masonry are fortunate to be able to celebrate and share with one another two important celebrations from the various epochs of our history. Following is a brief overview of these events:

Feast of Tishri

As the children of Israel were led through the wilderness, God decreed the celebration of a seven-day feast in the Jewish month of Tishri, during which they were to live in

"sukkahs" (shelters or Booths) – He decreed that this feast be celebrated annually to forever remind the Israelites that He had rescued them from Egypt. This "Feast of Tishri" (or "Feast of Succoth") is thus a symbol of freedom.

Some 450 years after its origin, the Feast of Tishri was utilized in dedicating the newly completed King Solomon's Temple, and this association led to its adoption by Scottish Rite Masonry to symbolize our dedication to brotherly love and human accord in a peaceful world.

This adaptation is evidenced in lessons taught by the Third Degree lecture (Blue Lodge), wherein we learn that David, King of Israel, was denied the privilege of building the Temple of God due to the "many wars and much bloodshed" associated with his reign.

On his death, Solomon (his son) ascended the throne and brought peace and tranquility in the world through wisdom and righteousness – God thus chose him to perform "so great and glorious an undertaking" as that denied David. And so it was that through Solomon, construction of the Temple was seemingly guided by the hand of God – for indeed it was. Association of the Feast of Tishri with the dedication of the Temple of Solomon led to its third name – the "Feast of the Tabernacle".

The Feast of Tishri thus epitomizes the character, principles and purposes of Scottish Rite Masonry, all being consistent with the dictates of the God who spoke it into existence.

Easter

Easter, which celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, is Christianity's most important holiday. It has been called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on the same date every year, as most holidays do. Instead, Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. Therefore Easter is observed anywhere between March 22 and April 25 each year.

Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holiday a week or two after the Western churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar.

Easter is really an entire season of the Christian church year, as opposed to a single-day observance. Lent, the 40 days period leading up to Easter Sunday is a time of reflection and penance and represents the 40 days that Jesus spent alone in the wilderness before starting his ministry, a time in which Christians believe he survived various temptations by the devil.

The day before Lent, known as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday, is a last hurrah of food and fun before the fasting begins.

The week preceding Easter is called Holy Week and indicates Maundy Thursday, which commemorates Jesus last supper with his disciples; Good Friday, which honors the day of his crucifixion, and Holy Saturday, which focuses on the transition between the crucifixion and resurrection.

The 50-day period following Easter Sunday is called Eastertide and includes a celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven.

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Language Center News



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

Executive Director:

Dr. Judy Montgomery, Chapman University

Speech Language Pathologies:

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OC CLC Communication

Save the Date!

The annual Golf Tournament and Gift of Voice auction dinner will be held on

Monday July 31st.

Please plan on joining us at the Yorba Linda Country Club. More details to come.

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Language Center News



Welcome from the Orange County Childhood Language Center.

Spring is in full bloom and so are the children who attend the CLC.

This past month the CLC has evaluated 14



children to determine if the therapy we provide will help improve their communication skills. We have 64 children enrolled at the CLC to receive therapy from our student clinicians. All this effort has resulted in over 163 hours of therapy.

We are Great!

The word "Great" is being used a lot lately because it is a great word. The Orange County Childhood Language center is a Great cause. What better way to invest in America, our community and our families than by investing in children who will be our future. Children with strong communication skills have a much better chance of achieving a great future.

Every dollar that is donated to the CLC is closely managed by some of the same people you sit next to in the Lodge room. The entire Board of Directors for the CLC is focused and committed to ensuring that every donation is used to directly benefit the children and families who need help with their communication challenges. Thank you for helping to make us Great!

The Girl Scouts are Back!

Girl Scout Troop 2382 has made another great donation to our Childhood Language Center! This year they were kind enough to raise money to assist in purchasing early intervention toys, games and books for our 3 years and under clientele.

We received play food, a play register, play microwave, farm animals and a "My First Spanish Words" book. Not to mention the Fisher Price Play castle with play people to go with it!



They also made sure that our older clients had new games too. They donated "Headbands" and "Pie Face." This is the 2nd year that the girls of Troop 2382 has chosen the CLC as their place for community outreach.



Last year the girls donated the much needed cube chairs and books which we use frequently at our center for children of all ages. The children at the CLC will have even more fun during therapy with these new additions to the center. Thank you Troop 2382!

Girl Scouts do amazing things every day. The girls learn about technology, fight bullying and help to make our communities great. These young girls understand the Gift of Voice and want to help other children receive this gift. We truly appreciate the continued support of Girl Scout Troop 2382.

Sincerely yours,

David Frias, 32°

Vice President, OCCLC Board of Directors

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OCSR 2017 Calendar

2017

April 3rd—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

8th—Spring Reunion Class
DeMolay Center 7:00am—3:00pm
13th—Renewal & Remembrance
DeMolay Center 6:30—8:00pm
15th—AOR Meeting 11:30am—12:30pm
22nd—Advisory Council Meeting
DeMolay Center 8:00—11:00am
29th—Spring Reunion Class Day 2
DeMolay Center 7:00am—3:00pm

May 1st—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

29th—AOR Meeting

20th—AOR Meeting 11:30am—12:30pm 20th—Celebrate the Craft 5:00—9:00pm

Location to be announced

April Dinner Menu

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
w/gravy
Steamed Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Dinner rolls
German Chocolate Cake

Feast of Tishri and Easter (continued from page 6)

3:00—4:00pm

Finally my brethren, we have been very successful for the past several years with the several fund raising opportunities offered within our valley. There is truly something special in feeling you have participated in some small or large way in these successes. But the needs still exist and our mission is not yet completed. During this celebrated period I ask you to prayerfully consider in joining with your brethren and together we will make our mark upon our communities for future generations of Scottish Rite Masons.

God is THE giver of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17). As His image-bearers we are all called to copy His giving, to be mini-pictures of His infinitely large heart. The larger our hearts (and the wider our hands), the larger the picture we paint of God's character.

In His Service;

Rev. and Hon. David J. Kussman, 32° KCCH

Chaplain

Valley of Orange County Scottish Rite

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Lodge of Perfection (continued from page 4)

are thirsty to get involved and become active in Masonic life. We need to make a case through our actions that we are worth being part of their lives. So please, get involved and show our brethren how much fun they can have by being part of our Valley. The upcoming Super Breakfast on March 26th is a good opportunity for us to find new members and share with them what we are about. Please bring your family and Masonic friends. The bacon and biscuits and gravy are out of this world!

The Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) is well underway under the leadership of Bro. James McCallion 32°. He is actively working to make our Scottish Rite experience the best it can be. While our Valley is already doing well, I am sure there is always room for improvements. Because our brother James cannot do it alone, he will need your help. If there is an area you have expertise, or are just interested in helping, please let us know. You can contact brother James via email at: jfmc-callion@gmail.com or myself at frosario@ocscottishrite.org.

Last, don't forget about our Master Craftsman program. Books can be purchased from the OC Scottish Rite office by calling Ill. Bob McNamara, 33°. Participants who complete the program are presented with a lapel pin and certificate and can move on to Master Craftsman II and III! So, let's get going!

Until next month brethren! As always, if there is anything I can do for the benefit of our Valley, please don't hesitate to email or call.

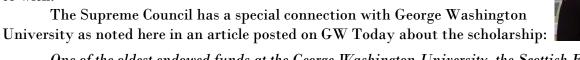
Fraternally yours,

Hon. Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH Venerable Master

Scottish Rite Scholarships at Work

By Bro. David Soliven, 32°

I am a recipient of the Scottish Rite Scholarship Program for full-time study at George Washington University where I'm currently an undergraduate studying International Affairs. The recipients of the scholarship were invited to a luncheon at The House of the Temple hosted by Sovereign Grand Commander Illustrious brother Ronald Seale, with whom I have the pleasure of taking a photo with.





One of the oldest endowed funds at the George Washington University, the Scottish Rite Endowment has helped hundreds of students with a Scottish Rite family relation pursue their academic passions while easing their financial burden. The Scottish Rite is one of several appendant groups of the worldwide fraternity known as Freemasonry.

The relationship between GW and the Scottish Rite began in 1927, when the Scottish Rite of Freemason-ry made a gift of \$1 million over 10 years to the university. In addition to providing student support, the Scottish Rite endowment, now valued at \$11.65 million, financed the acquisition of new hospital equipment and enabled the establishment of the GW School of Business (then named the School of Government).

Quick News Around the Valley

CENTURY CLUB REPORT

Our membership is at six for this year. The 2017 members are Ill. Ray Godeke, 33°, Ill. Pete Jantz, 33°, Ill. Bob McNamara, 33°, Ill. Jim Nyfeler, 33°, Ill. Rick Wood, 33° and Ill. Glen Woody, 33°. Membership is \$100 per year and you become a bronze member. After a cumulative donation of \$500 you become a silver member and a gold member after \$1000. These donations help with the Valley's administrative costs and are very much appreciated! Please consider supporting your Valley with a membership.

Mark Your Calendars

Its that time again for our 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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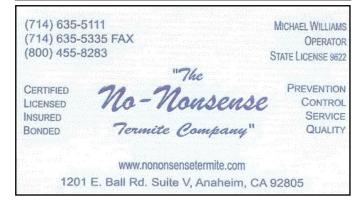
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