



Orange County Valley of the Scottish Rite

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What an Amazing Year



Brethren,

Happy Holidays to everyone!

What a wonderful year we have had at the Orange County Valley of Scottish Rite in 2017. We have presented two Reunion Classes for incoming members and conducted meaningful Cap and Ring Ceremonies to further the Scottish Rite journey for these new Brothers. Our Commander of Kadosh, Brother Jamie Hopkins, 32° and his kitchen team prepared and served two wonderful Super Breakfast fundraisers for our Brothers and guests. This year we have invested Honors upon several of our Brothers including Ill. David Kussman, 33° and Ill. Arthur Salazar, 33°. We also had four Brothers greeted into the Knight Commander's Court of Honor (KCCH); Hon. James McCallion, Hon. Ray Ramirez, Hon. Wayne Folsom and Hon. Shawn Smith. All-in-all a very successful year and yet there was more.

Venerable Master and Language Center Board President Hon. Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH along with the members of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Childhood Language Center exceeded last year's efforts in raising funding for our OC CLC Center and Students. The annual Golf Tournament and Gift of Voice Dinner and Silent Auction raised enough money to significantly off set our annual expenses. We also had several individual Brothers who made large contributions to the cause, but it's our small donors like you who have carried the day. Our OC CLC Center continues to meet or exceed all requirements for funding and our performance with our students has been recognized by several outside organizations. We have also gained the attention of the Girls Scouts who have continued their support for our OC CLC and kids on a couple of occasions this year.

So now as we now prepare for Christmas, New Years and other holiday celebrations, I hope you will reflect on this past year and feel the warmth and pride of being a part of such an amazing organization whose efforts continue to touch so many. And, most importantly, how grateful we all are for your continued support of our Valley. Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our Orange County Scottish Rite.

Fraternally

Mark Hoage, 32°

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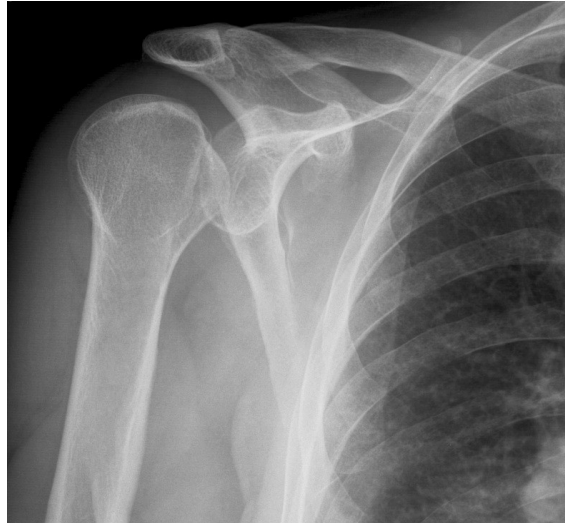
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General Secretary



SECRETARY SEZ—

Ouch! Shoulder dislocated, repaired and now healing. We'll talk later.



Ill. Bob McNamara, 33°

General Secretary

Editor



Greetings Brothers,

Thanks to all of the Brothers who got their articles submitted on time this month. Have you written or read anything interesting about Masonry lately that others might enjoy? Let me know about it.

Please submit any new contributions for the OC Scottish Rite Newsletter to me by the 15th of the month at mshusaac@charter.net.

Fraternally,

Mark Hoage, 32°

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Venerable Master



Greetings from the East my Brothers.

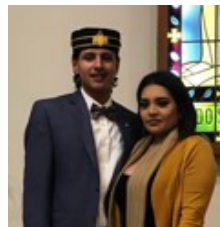
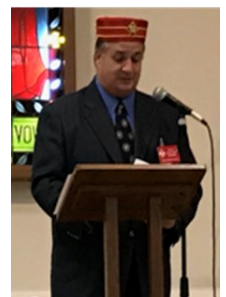
I hope this issue of our Newsletter finds you well and ready for our upcoming activities. If you were not able to attend our last Cap and Ring Ceremony you missed an incredible night.

Congratulations to brothers Doug Autenrieth, 32°, Matt Fiskland, 32°, Fares Khoury, 32°, and Cristian De Dios, 32°, for attending this very special evening. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to the ladies who came to support each of our brothers, as they were being capped with the beautifully decorated Scottish Rite 32° black hat.



Our sincere gratitude goes to Honorable David Price, 32° KCCH, who on behalf of Illustrious Rick Wood, 33° Personal Representative for our Valley assisted in putting this event together. Also, our appreciation to Honorable Mike Gowder, 32° KCCH, for being an astonishing Master of Ceremonies for the night.

Below pictures of our Brothers Doug Autenrieth, 32°, Matt Fiskland, 32°, Fares Khoury, 32°, and Cristian De Dios, 32°, wearing their new 32° Scottish Rite hat with pride and joy.



I would like to remind everyone that our Valley's Christmas Dinner is quickly approaching. On Monday December 4th, we will once again celebrate this very special season with the children of the Orange Country Childhood Language Center, their parents and the staff and grad students from Chapman University, responsible for providing speech pathology services to the kids we support. Please make an effort to join us for the night. The event starts at 6:30pm and will be hosted on the main dining room, at the DeMolay Center in Anaheim. Hopefully you are able to participate and see first-hand the number of children benefiting from your financial contributions.

As I near the conclusion of my term as the Venerable Master for our beloved Valley, I must thank you my brothers and our Personal Representative Illustrious Rick Wood, 33°, for the opportunity to serve you. It has been my honor to help our Valley in 2017 in this role, and certainly something I will always cherish. As Venerable Master and Chairman of our OC CLC, I had the privilege and opportunity to represent our Valley at special functions this year, while spending quality time with brothers of other Valleys. It also gave me the chance to meet many of the finest men anyone could ever want to know.

As Scottish Rite Masons, we all seem to have a common interest, a commitment to enjoying the benefits of being a Mason at heart. I also learned that there are so many things we can all do for this Valley and so little time to get them finished, and that what is important is not whether you are busy, but whether you are progressing towards reaching our objectives. Setting goals and a timeline for accomplishing our goals is imperative for the health and growth of our Valley, but setting and maintaining a specific time schedule to reach that accomplishment is the key. I encourage everyone to get involved and make a positive difference in our Valley, as without team work, the road ahead becomes harder to travel.

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Senior Warden



Greetings Brethren,

With December the year comes to a close and January will bring new beginning. As we head into a new year, it is also time to reflect on the past; what is your first memory of masonry? As many of you know mine is sitting on Santa Claus' lap in the East and being handed a Christmas present, I couldn't be more than 4 or 5. This is one of the enduring memories that brought me to join a lodge.

Here is your Masonic tidbit for the Month of December. As you know most lodges are either dark or pull light duty in the month of December, therefore I could find no famous Masons raised in the month of December. However on December 26, 1972 the Most Worshipful Harry S. Truman, Past Grand Master of Missouri and 33rd President of the United States, passed to the celestial lodge above. He had requested a Masonic Funeral, but instead the government, which handled the details, permitted a short Masonic ceremony during the funeral service. On December 22, 1753 the Royal Arch degree was conferred in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia, this is the first unquestioned evidence of the conferral of this degree.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, a Happy Chanukah, and Happy Holidays all around!

Fraternally,
Scott Davis 32°, KCCH
Sr. Warden

Wise Master



Brethren,

I would like to share the following excerpt from the "Cosmic Navigator" by Gahl Sasson:

Tree of Life

While astrology maps the energies of our solar system and galaxy, Kabbalah explores the entire creation—physical, astral, and whatever lies hidden and beyond. The Tree of Life blooms in the center of the mystical garden of Kabbalah. It functions as the spiritual organizer for all cosmic navigators, who can use its ever-present power to improve their lives and climb their way closer to God. Kabbalah teaches us how to transform ourselves into cables that transmit the divine to the earthly and to bridge—via the energetic magic of the Tree of Life—the above and the below.

The Tree of Life is made of ten archetypal energy spheres, or Sefirot in Hebrew. Only one of the ten spheres of the Tree of Life represents the physical existence that we can see, touch, hear, smell, and taste. The other nine all designate some form of "dark matter," the ethereal mysteries of the creation that resonate beyond our material world.

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Commander



Brethren:

Our Valley has been given the privilege of exemplifying the 27th degree in the Spring 2018 Reunion in Oakland, CA. As this is one of the Council degrees, it is appropriate to mention a few of the highlights of the 27th degree known as "Knight of the Sun." This degree teaches Scottish Rite Masons about the meanings of our symbols. Unlike the other degrees, there is no historical story to demonstrate the ideas and principals. From a series of angels who are our teachers, we learn more about our symbols and how they are directly related to numbers and geometry. We also learn more about the Masonic concept of light. We strongly urge all interested brothers to make the effort to attend this unique, statewide Reunion.

As my year as Commander is coming near the end, I want to thank the Brothers for the opportunity to serve in 2018. The level of support the Brothers gave me with the two Super Breakfasts was truly exceptional.

Fraternally,

Jamie Hopkins, 32°

Commander

Master of Kadosh



Brethren:

Welcome to winter in Southern California. Temperatures in the 90's on Thanksgiving Day remind us that we enjoy one of the best climates in the country. People from all over the world vacation where we live. By Christmas it will be possible to ski in the morning, and tan on the beach in the afternoon.

We are knee deep in the season of Thanksgiving, and moving fast toward the season marked by giving.

Let us all Be Thankful....

For our Orange County Valley Scottish Rite Masonic Brothers.

- for the philanthropic work we perform together for the benefit of those less fortunate and the truly needy.
- for the work of the Orange County Childhood Language Center, where the work we support as a body is changing young lives, and
- for the lonely brothers among us who are comforted by our fellowship.

For our Families and renewed Friendships:

- who share this season and share our table
- that remind us of the days of our youth and
- where we can give and receive love by making time to be together, to call and to travel.

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Language Center News



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

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Language Center News



Welcome from the Orange County Childhood Language Center where helping children become strong communicators is our inspiration and mission.

The CLC is operating at full speed helping the children in Santa Ana find the Gift of Voice.

The Scottish Rite Valley of Orange County is continuing to set the best example on how to help the community. The financial support that we provide is effectively used to provide the desired impact and financial stability and as a result, our Language Center is one of the best in the state. A special Thank You to all the Brothers who renewed their \$500 Presidents Club pledge this past year.

The December Stated meeting is coming soon. Each year we invite the families from the CLC to join us for dinner and a celebration of the upcoming Holiday Season. This is one of the few times each year that we can see the benefits of our charity. Please join me in welcoming these families into our lodge to enjoy our company and a delicious meal.

We will also be joined by a special guest all dressed in Red. He will greet all the excited children, pass out gifts and read them a special Christmas story.

Honorable David Price 32° KCCH read the following letter at the November Stated meeting. I've included the letter below so you can all enjoy this message from a mother whose



daughter graduated from our CLC. This is a beautiful letter that clearly shows we are changing the lives of these children for the better.

My daughter Lucille received services at the Orange County Childhood Language center from January 2015 -April 2017, when she graduated from the program. When Lucy began services, her evaluation showed that her intelligibility of words was only 60% and only 35% of her utterances were understandable to the evaluator. Upon graduation, the improvement in her speech was remarkable. We are so thankful for the services that your center provided to our daughter and continues to provide to our son Samuel.

Lucy was recently able to take part in a short film produced by our church in which she was able to voice one of the characters. I wanted to share it with you as a means of thanks for your help in improving Lucy's speech, as well as confidence. Please send our thanks to all of your staff as well as the Scottish Rite for their amazing ministry.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the December Stated Meeting.

Sincerely yours,

David Frias, 32°

Vice President, OC CLC Board of Directors

OCSR 2017 / 2018 Calendar

2017

December 4th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
OC CLC Christmas party

2018

January 8th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
14th—Officer Installation
 1:00pm Pictures
 2:00pm Installation
 Anaheim DeMolay Center

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.

December Dinner Menu

Turkey

Baked Beans

Dinner Rolls

Tossed Salad

**Pecan Pie or Chocolate
Chip Cookies with**

Ice Cream

Venerable Master *(Cont. from page 4)*

Please remember, our brother Master Masons are waiting for someone to ask them “Why don’t you belong to the Orange County Scottish Rite?”. There is always an opportunity for us to help them obtain the 32° and receive further light in masonry. A petition is available at the OCScottishRite.Org Web Site.

To the lovely ladies of our Valley, we made a sincere effort to plan some activities for you, however, I received less than 4 responses to the “Arts & Crafts Program” questioner. Maybe we will try this again in 2018, on the same dates we are holding the Reunion classes, so we can all spend a great day together.

Thank you once again for your time and for this opportunity to serve you. Also, please 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

Wise Master*(Cont. from page 5)*

The Tree of Life endures as an ancient symbol, still used by different races and cultures, as it has been throughout history. For thousands of years, people everywhere have revered trees as a source of spiritual sustenance. From the esoteric traditions of Siberia, which claim that their shamans gestate on treetops, to the Buddhists, who contend that the Lord Buddha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi tree, trees always have served as an anchor for spiritual work. A tree also links Kabbalah and astrology. This connection emerges in the ancient association between the Kabbalistic spheres of the Tree of Life and the astrological planets, as well as in the correlation between the zodiac signs and the paths that connect the spheres. Search for a deeper understanding of the ten spheres of the Tree of Life and how to use this timeless, radiant tool for practical self-improvement.

Jay Webb, 32°

Wise Master, Rose Croix

Master of Kadosh *(cont. from page 6)*

For the privilege of Giving:

- **from our abundance**
- **to accomplish things together beyond the ability to accomplish alone.**

For Lessons to be learned:

- **for greater light in Masonry**

Fraternally,

Shawn Smith, 32° KCCH

Master of Kadosh



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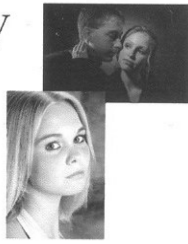
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