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Master of Kadosh



Greetings Brethren,

Membership is a prevailing theme across masonry. I have read several articles at both the local and national levels addressing the anecdote, symptom, origination, and truth arising from declining membership. To narrow scope, I attempt an ethos of virtue but clarify using Tom Wolfe's *The Painted Word* (Picador, 2008) which says, "To lack a persuasive theory is to lack something crucial...without a theory, I can't see a painting." I agree. In the spirit of transparency, I am not particularly worried about quantity but instead quality, purpose and to a larger degree truth.

Masonry offers to its membership the authentic opportunity to design and build both internally and externally. Masonic teaching uniquely enhances our internal exploration but also offers an external experience to expound upon and test the boundaries of provoking evidence. When a body of masonry expires, while sad, not all is lost and the archives of human collection deepens. How wonderful it was to receive the most recent edition of *Collectanea* which featured *The William H. Peckham 'Cerneau' Scottish Rite (10°-13°)*. This is issued by the Grand College of Rites, a Masonic organization dedicated to presenting "some of the most famous, interesting, disused Masonic and quasi-Masonic Orders" for the purpose of masonic study [Volume 24, Part 3]. Plug – Membership is open to Master Masons in good standing for a nominal fee.

The *Cerneau* ritual (now defunct) competed against the other Scottish Rite Supreme Councils. Controversy aside, what an interesting opportunity to promote echoing beyond the grave. From the Sanctum Sanctorum the reader being reminded the Lord's requirements of an everlasting life; and in such beautiful degree, the great danger undeterred by the virtuous and zealous Brother who prevails and progresses onward to Perfection.

From the Lodge of Perfection motto: Virtue unites what death cannot separate. Pride of great membership, while convenient, potentially intoxicates power neglecting the true purpose of Freemasonry.

Brandon Cook, 32°

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All articles must be submitted prior to the 15th of the month.

General Secretary



SECRETARY SEZ—

The subject is dues. I need you to check your wallets and check what your dues card says. I am concerned. We currently have nineteen Brothers who are three years in arrears with their dues. Letters have been sent to all of them requesting they bring their dues current. May 31st is the final date for them to bring their account current or they will be suspended for non-payment of dues (SNPD). There are another 32 Brothers who are two years in arrears and on the cusp of being suspended as well. Please consider bringing your dues account current. Your Valley needs you.

Ill. Bob McNamara, 33°

General Secretary

Editor



Greetings Brothers,

A big thanks to all of the Officers who submitted their material for the Newsletter on time. The job of getting our newsletter out to all of you is a big responsibility and having the material available to assemble the newsletter with is the controlling factor on how well it looks and how timely it is delivered. Again thanks to our contributors.

I'm still waiting for our first article submission from the rank and file for 2018. 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 your authors out there. Send all submissions to: mshusaac@charter.net.

Fraternally,

Mark Hoage, 32°

Editor

Venerable Master



Brethren,

Welcome to the month of May my brothers. I hope all is going well for everyone! I want to remind the brothers that we have the Orient Reunion class coming up June 29th through July 1st. This will be a fantastic opportunity to see all 29 degrees in one weekend without having to travel all the way to Guthrie Oklahoma! I'd really like to see us have a good turnout for candidates so please go visit your blue lodge and get the word out!

Per your responses to my last two articles it seems everyone is enjoying the masonic humor so, here is another one for you!

“A small valley had a rodent problem. They had tried all sorts of ways to rid themselves of the rats and mice with traps, poisons, and exterminators. They were at wits end, but when the members arrived at the next meeting, the vermin were all gone. When asked what happened, the Venerable Master said he held a reunion class for all the rats and mice, made them Masters of the Royal Secret and hadn't seen one of them since.”

adapted from: <http://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/masonic-humor.html>

Here are your Masonic Tidbits for the month of May:

May 5th, 1851 President and Brother Andrew Johnson received his 1st degree in Greenville Lodge #119, Tennessee.

May 24th, 1901 Sir Winston Churchill received his 1st degree in Studholme Lodge #1591, London.

May 31st, 1801 The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, mother council of the world declared its existence with a motto of “Ordo ab Chao” (Order from Chaos).

Fraternally,

Scott Davis, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

Senior Warden



Brethren,

As some of our new members are settling into being a part of our Valley. I found this article very informative and would like to pass it on to both our new and existing members. This is only a portion of the total article. See the link below to access the entire piece.

“.....By now you may be asking, “But how can I get active in the day-to-day work of my Scottish Rite Valley?” Lots of ways! The first and most obvious way is to attend the events and activities of your Valley. This constitutes a broad range from stated meetings, dinners, charitable functions, and degree work. There is usually some activity or function that interests you, and if one is lacking—suggest it!

Many Valleys also have chapters of the Knights of St. Andrew, a body of 32° Masons with the mission of assisting the Valley in various ways. If your Valley doesn't have a Knights of St. Andrew chapter, you could start one.

However, whether you join the Knights of St. Andrew or not, your Valley has opportunities for every member to contribute in ways their cabletow allows. Maybe you can use your accounting skills to help audit the books, perhaps you can run the lighting or sound at the next Reunion, use your drama training to participate in the degree, cook or serve dinner at the next social function, or raise money for one of many charitable endeavors. But whatever you choose to do, remember the Royal Secret that you learned in the 32nd Degree and the teaching of the 24-inch gauge. There are some who think that the True Lost Word of Masonry is the word “No.” Masons tend to be eager to serve, and this willingness can sometimes lead to overburdening ourselves. When we take on too much, something has to suffer. We must strive to never take on more than we can bear.

Through your activities you will frequently encounter the Scottish Rite's best asset: its members! Be sure you take advantage of the Scottish Rite's regional membership by developing new friendships, discovering new mentors, and increased fellowship opportunities.

No matter how active you choose to be in your Valley, remember that as a 32° Master of the Royal Secret, your obligation runs deeper and broader than ever before. Remember that in the 32nd Degree, you vowed to serve as a “True Soldier” who seeks truth and knowledge, demands freedom of voice, vote, and opinion for all people, combats spiritual tyranny with reason and truth, encourages men to be self-reliant and independent, and performs zealously his duties to God, his country, his family, his brethren, and himself. These are not idle words, but lofty ideals to be sought after and served. The best way you can contribute to the Scottish Rite is strive daily to live up to your obligation.

By doing so, you will truly deserve the title of Master of the Royal Secret.”

Excerpt from: <https://scottishrite.org/about/media-publications/journal/article/so-youre-a-32-mason-now-what/> 2011 By: Patrick C. Murphrey, Valley of Newport News, Va.

Mike Gowder, 32°, KCCH
Senior Warden
Orange County Lodge of Perfection

Wise Master



Brethren,

The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal was well attended on Monday evening, April 2nd. A big Thank you for those who made the effort to attend. Our 18th Degree team, along with the brothers who set up and took down our sets, made this ceremony truly successful. I really appreciate all of your support and assistance.

By hosting this event I learned an important lesson: Things do not always go in the way we want, but we can work together to fix the glitches and make them work. I am so proud to see brothers in our Valley constantly help each other and work together to make things happen.

Fraternally,

Yungfan "Philip" Liu, 32°

Wise Master

Commander



Brotherhood-

Google defines it as: "the feeling of kinship with and closeness to a group of people"

Being involved and "leading" the Super Breakfast gave me a real taste of the Brotherhood that exists in our Valley. The Super Breakfast is a labor of love that must be shared by many. We need people to participate either by buying tickets, attending and enjoying the breakfast and, most importantly, we need Brothers to enjoy the labor of preparing our Super Breakfast! I can't say **Thank You** enough to all of you who helped provide labor at different times and in different ways to make this Super Breakfast successful. **Thank You again!!!**

I put the word "leading" in quotes because I did see a lot of leadership and not always my own. When leadership was needed I learned that we have many Brothers in our lodge who are ready to take the lead. This was my third Super Breakfast and I still have a lot to learn about the process. Hopefully I will improve on my next attempt but I am sure I will need other Brothers willingness and leadership to ensure another successful outcome. This opportunity afforded me a wonderful opportunity to get to know many of you better and I'm very grateful to be your fraternal Brother.

The next Super Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday September 23rd. Please save the date!

Fraternally,

David Frias, 32°

Commander

Language Center News



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

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If you are not a member of the OC CLC President's Circle, please consider your participation, as your donation of \$500 will assist one child for an entire year! You can make a big difference in their life with this donation. Please don't wait, become a member of our President's Circle today!

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OC CLC Communication

On Monday July 30th, the OC Childhood Language Center will be hosting the 2018 RiteCare Classic Golf Tournament and the Gift of Voice Gala dinner at the Yorba Linda Country Club in Yorba Linda.

To register for the 2018 RiteCare Golf Classic, please visit:

<http://www.oclanguagecenter.org/golf/>

To register for our Gift of Voice Gala dinner event, please visit:

<http://www.oclanguagecenter.org/gala/>

See you there!

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Language Center News



Hello from the OC Childhood Language Center.

This month was another busy one, as we continued to have a positive impact on the children we serve. We are blessed to have 61 kids enrolled in our program and because of your kindness, we provided 52 hours of speech therapy. It is great to see first-hand how our Chapman supervisors and clinicians are able to transform the lives of our children

Congratulations to our team for a job well done, especially to you, our financial supporters for making this possible at the Center.

Student of the Month

Joseph started speech and language therapy in October 2015. Joseph's parents and pediatrician became concerned when he was not using words. Joseph was very shy, and his first language goals were to imitate animal and car sounds. He then began to use 5 functional words to complete sentences all the way to telling stories. His speech progressed from using consonants at the end of his words; producing (k) and (g) sounds in conversation. He also exhibited "stuttering like" behaviors for 6 to 8 months. Now, fast forward to March 2018, Joseph is explaining to his therapist that a boy can be a brother. Because of his cooperative behavior and good attitude to improve his speech, he has been rewarded with cars from the treasure box. Joseph explained that he will need to build more shelves for his cars and he likes them very much. His mother, Susan stated it was very important to her that Joseph received early intervention. Joseph is a beautiful example of why our Center is in a win/win situation, the graduate interns were able to diagnose and treat speech, language and fluency skills at no charge and Joseph will be able to confidently stride into pre-kindergarten ready to compete with his peers. Our gratitude to the family for letting us work with Joseph and our thanks to you, our supporters, for proving the financial assistance to make this miracle happen.

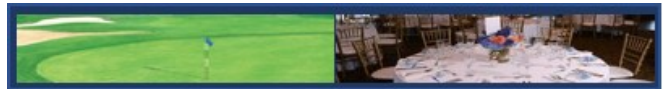
Graduations!

We are so excited to celebrate the "graduation" of one of our young clients this month. It is a very proud moment for these families, and for everyone at the Language Center.

His name is C. McCullen. He started with us in June of 2017. He has consistently attended therapy to improve his expressive language skills.



When he began at the CLC he had only a few words that he did not use regularly. Now he has an expanded vocabulary and uses 3 to 4 word sentences. C. has met all his goals and is now age appropriate with all of his skills.



Save the Date

As we mentioned last month, on Monday July 30th, the OC Childhood Language Center will be hosting the 2018 RiteCare Classic Golf Tournament and the Gift of Voice Gala dinner at the Yorba Linda Country Club in Yorba Linda. As you all know, this is our primary fundraising event of the year for the Language Center and one of the best ways our Scottish Rite Valley can support the mission of the Center.

The funding generated during this event provides the financial support required to run our award-winning program. Please remember, that for the non-golfing crowd, the Gift of Voice Gala dinner live and silent auction event at the Yorba Linda banquet facility is a great way to have fun. To register for the 2018 RiteCare Golf Classic, please visit <http://www.oclanguagecenter.org/golf/>, and to register for our Gift of Voice Gala dinner event, please visit <http://www.oclanguagecenter.org/gala/>.

Until next time and thank you once again for helping us provide the Gift of Voice to our children.

Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH

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

OCSR 2018 Calendar

2018

- May** 7th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
 Scholarship Awards Night
 19th—Celebrate the Craft 4-7:00 pm
- June** 4th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
 29th—Orient Reunion Class
 29 June—01 July Oakland, CA
- Please Note Date Change!**
- July** 9th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
 21st—Quarterly Advisory Meeting
 DeMolay Center 8-10 am
- August** 6th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

May Dinner Menu

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Toys for Covina Program

At our June 2017 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 Stated Meetings.

New Dinner Fees for 2018

It was decided at the Quarterly Planning Meeting that the cost of Stated Meeting Dinners would increase to \$14.00 for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the OC Scottish Rite Office at: (714) 543-7277.

Celebrating the Craft



Greetings my Brothers!

It's that time again! Time for our annual gathering to watch the Celebrating the Craft fundraiser program. CTC is an evening of entertainment and learning that showcases Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite, and the talents and accomplishments of Brothers throughout the Southern Jurisdiction. CTC features performances by Scottish Rite brothers and interviews with families and clinicians from our Rite Care Scottish Rite Childhood Language Centers. There will also be video chats with Valleys celebrating around the nation. Please join in the fellowship and support the renovation of our House of the Temple AND our OCSR Rite Care Childhood Language Center. Donations may be split 50/50 between these two, most worthy causes. The date is Saturday May 19th from 3:30 – 6:30 at my home – 12660 Greenwald Lane, Cowan Heights, CA 92705. Dinner will be provided, BYOB, cigars encouraged. This event is open to ALL: Brother Masons, their family, their friends, prospective Masons, CLC families and friends. Come one come all !

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or comment you may have.

Kind fraternal regards,

David Price 32° KCCH

House of the Temple Certificates

HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE CERTIFICATES HAVE ARRIVED

The House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation certificates have arrived for those who donated to the House of the Temple Preservation Fund. They will be available at the Stated Meeting and will then be stored at the DeMolay Center.

We have certificates for the following Brothers:

Gaylord Ailshie	Jack Beers	Barry Faber	Bruce Mattern	Roger Murray
Thomas Radke	Raymond Ribal	Wm. Ridenour	Kermit Rosenthal	Robert Stolhand
	Garry Taylor	George Ziegler.		

Call the office at 714 543-7277 if you would rather have them mailed. The cost is \$5.00 per certificate.

Celebrating the Craft Lineup



Your 2018 Talent Finalists!

We are thrilled to announce your 2018 Scottish Rite Has Talent finalists! Be sure to look for them during the Celebrating the Craft on May 19, 2018.

Jeffrey A. Bolstad, 33°	Valley of Helena, MT	Cowboy Poetry
Robert M. Bowles III, 32°	Valley of St. Louis, MO	Vocalist/Guitarist
Lon M. Duquette, 32°	Valley of Long Beach, CA	Vocalist/Guitarist
Jack B Hood, 32°	District of Balboa, Valley of Miami,	Banjo
Timothy L. Ishmael, 32°	Valley of Guthrie, OK	Vocalist/Guitarist
*Peter H Johnson Jr, 32°	Valley of Tucson, AZ	Tenor Sax
*Franklin L. Raines Jr, KCCH	Valley of Washington, DC	Elvis Tribute Artist
*John Walter Sayne, 32°	Valley of Knoxville, TN	Pianist
Dillon G. Smith, 32°	Valley of Seattle, WA	Electric Guitar/Vocalist
*Kenneth D. Theobald, 32°	Valley of Atlanta, GA	Vocalist

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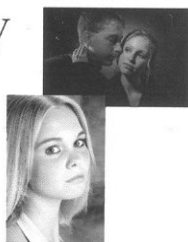
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