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## January at the Orange County Scottish Rite



Remember we now meet on the fourth Monday of the month.

Our next meeting starts off our new Masonic Year!  
on **Monday, January 26th.** See you there!



## Passing the Gavel - A Year of Service in the Valley of Orange County

**Russ Hennings, 32°, K.C.C.H.  
Venerable Master**

As my time as Venerable Master of the Valley of Orange County ends, I've been reflecting on everything we've accomplished together this year—and everything still ahead of us. It's been a full and fruitful journey. We saw record numbers of new members join our ranks, thanks in no small part to the energy, consistency, and personal outreach from our Heads of Bodies, Knights of St. Andrew, reunion teams, and those who simply brought a brother or two to an event. We hosted some truly special evenings—our Open House was one for the books. We welcomed our blue lodge guests and their spouses with open arms, celebrated the Cap and Ring ceremony with warmth and pride, and inspired a new wave of interest in our Scottish Rite Valley. Our Fall Reunion class, our largest yet, was a direct result of that work. Special thanks go to our Master of Kadosh, Josh Price, for being the catalyst behind much of that success.

Our fundraiser events stood out too. The Día de los Muertos Halloween Ball was not only a great night, it was a financial success that raised critical funds for our RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Orange County. The Summer Picnic was another high point. Barry manning the grill, families laughing together, and the smell of BBQ filling the air. It's always a beautiful thing when we can blend community with philanthropy. We also held ceremonies that remind us why we're here—the Remembrance and Renewal, the Feast of Tishri, and of course, our Honors celebrations in San Francisco where I had the incredible privilege of being knighted KCCH alongside my dad by Ill. Art Salazar. That moment will stay with me forever.

But behind every headline event, there are countless quiet acts of service. I want to thank the brothers who arrive early and stay late, those who set the tables, take out the trash, clean up the kitchen, adjust the lights, and reset the lodge room. You know who you are. Your work may not always be seen, but it is always felt. You hold the Valley together.

To our newest Scottish Rite Masons...welcome. You didn't just join a fraternity; you entered a space filled with possibility. I challenge you now to take the reins. If you see a program missing, start it. If you have an idea, raise your hand. You don't need permission to be a leader here, just initiative and heart. There is plenty of room to grow.

I'm not going anywhere. I'm excited to continue serving as the Valley's Almoner in 2026 and to take on the responsibilities that come with it. But before I shift gears, I just want to say thank you. This has been one of the most rewarding years of my Masonic journey, and it was because of all of you. We will continue building the kind of Valley that inspires, uplifts, and lasts, not because we chase titles, but because we care enough to serve one another. The legacy of our Valley doesn't live in documents or regalia; it lives in the memories we make and the values we pass on.

See you at the next stated meeting.



## What a Remarkable Year

**Alejo Velarde, 32°**  
**Wise Master**

As we close the year, I find myself filled with gratitude and pride for what an incredible 2025 it has been for our Valley.

This year was truly a remarkable experience under the leadership of Russ Hennings and our Heads of the Bodies. Their dedication, vision, and steady guidance set the tone for a year full of success, fellowship, and growth.

From our CLC fundraisers to the Super Breakfast, to the CLC Christmas Party. Every event reflected the strength of our membership and the spirit of service that defines Scottish Rite. Each gathering was not only well-organized and well-attended, but also full of genuine connection, laughter, and brotherhood.

A special note of appreciation goes to the Blue Slippers Club. What an amazing group of ladies. Your continued support, energy, and generosity play a vital role in everything we do, and we are deeply thankful for you.

Simply put, 2025 was a success because of people, Brothers and families who gave their time, talent, and hearts to our Valley. I am incredibly proud of what we accomplished together.

As we look ahead, I am excited and motivated for what is to come. I have great confidence that our newly elected officers for 2026 will continue building on this momentum, bringing fresh ideas, strong leadership, and continued growth to our Valley.

Thank you to everyone who made 2025 such a memorable year. I am honored to be a part of this Valley, and I look forward with great anticipation to all that lies ahead.

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## Together Forward - Building on Brotherhood and Purpose

**Barry McKinley, 32°**  
**Commander of Kadosh**

Dear Brothers of the Orange County Scottish Rite,

As we begin a new year, January is a time for fresh perspective and renewed purpose within our valley. The start of the year gives us the opportunity to reflect on where we have been, while also setting our sights on where we want to go together. I am encouraged by the energy and commitment I continue to see from our brothers as we move forward into this next chapter.

This year promises to be an active one, filled with opportunities for fellowship, education, service, and growth. Whether through stated meetings, ceremonies, social events, or fundraisers, each gathering strengthens the bonds that unite us as Scottish Rite Masons. Your continued participation is what makes our valley vibrant and successful, and I encourage every brother to stay engaged and involved throughout the year.

As Commander of Kadosh, it has been a privilege to serve alongside you. I look forward to working together to build upon the strong foundation already in place, to welcome new brothers into our ranks, and to continue improving the experience we offer to all who walk through our doors.

Thank you for your dedication to the Orange County Scottish Rite. I am confident that, together, we will make this a year of progress, unity, and purpose.

## 2026 Orange County Scottish Rite Calendar

**Stated Meetings are held monthly, Fourth Monday of the month, 6:00pm – 9:00pm**

Unless otherwise noted, all events are at the Orange Masonic Center, 71 Plaza Square, Orange  
Our Stated Meeting Meals are \$25 per person

**Officer Installation** – with Ill. Arthur Salazar, Jr., 33°, Deputy of the Scottish Rite, Orient of California as Installing Officer, January 18, 2025 (Sunday) - 6:00 – 9:00pm

**Honour Men's Dinner** – January 11, 2025 (Sunday) – by invitation only.



## Inner Work, Outer Good - A Year of Steady Purpose

**Joshua S. Price, 32° KSA**  
**Master of Kadosh**

Brethren,

As we step into a new year, I am grateful for the confidence you've placed in me as your newly elected Commander of Kadosh. To me, new beginnings are more than a date on a calendar; they are an invitation to reset our focus, renew our obligations, and approach our new tasks and work with fresh energy and steady purpose.

The Council of Kadosh holds a distinctive place and a specific purpose in our Valley. The degrees conferred within the Council move us beyond the study of moral philosophy and chivalric principle, and into the lived work of reflection, character, and conduct. They call us to look inward with honesty, to strengthen virtue, and to live our values consistently... at home, at work, and in the quiet moments when no one is watching. In that spirit, the very meaning of the word Kadosh reminds us that our Masonic labor is meant to refine the inner man so the outer life becomes more useful to others.

In a world that often rewards noise over substance, our work calls us to the higher road: to defend truth, to stand for justice, and to be men of integrity and compassion. When we take those lessons taught to us more seriously, we strengthen not only ourselves, but our families, our broader fraternity, and our community.

Brethren, I am honored to be able to continue this journey with you and to labor beside all of you. May this year be marked by renewed dedication, deeper fellowship, and a shared optimism rooted in what endures. Together, may we keep our standards high, our hearts open, and deepen our commitment to one another and to the work we do as Scottish Rite Masons.

## Orange County Scottish Rite: The Masonic Family That Meets Every Month

Bring your significant other or the whole family to our monthly Stated Meetings!

If you need a ride, please contact our General Secretary, Jamie Hopkins, or our Personal Representative. We can arrange transportation or give you our Lyft code to get you to our meetings at no cost to you.

**Everyone is welcome;** we'd love to see you and yours this month!



## From the General Secretary

**Jamie Hopkins, 33°**  
**General Secretary**

A Happy New Year to all of the Brothers of the Orange County Scottish Rite. We have a busy start to 2026 with our Installation of Officers and our Stated Meeting. The enthusiasm shown by Brothers taking active roles in our Valley has paid off with significantly better attendance at our meetings. Our final event of 2025, the December Stated Meeting followed by our Christmas Party for the Orange County Childhood Language Center was a great success. Every child receiving therapy received a gift that selected individually for them. Santa and Mrs. Claus made an appearance much to the delight of the children. Hearty thanks to all of the people who put in the work to make this event happen.

Our 2026 Installation of Officers will take place at Orange Grove Lodge on Sunday, January 18th at 2 pm (Officers should arrive at 1 pm for pictures). Our Deputy, Illustrious Art Salazar 33°, will be there. Also, our immediate past SGIG, illustrious Frank Loui 33°, will be participating in the ceremony. This is an event you don't want to miss.

Finally, may you and your families have a healthy and prosperous 2026!



## Passing the Chaplain's Role - Gratitude and Good Cheer

**Hon. James Olivier, 32° KCCH**  
**Prelate, Director of The Work**

Happy New Year to all of you, wheresoever dispersed!

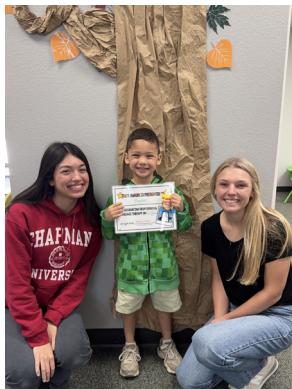
We've all completed another trip around the sun, and the Great Architect has seen fit to bless us with the time we got to spend with our families over the holidays. With the new year comes new changes and new challenges.

Speaking of changes, I am both happy to hand over the role of Chaplain for the Valley as we move forward. I've spent a long time in various officer roles in this Valley, and it has been my distinct honor to serve as Commander, Venerable Master, and, most recently, for the last several years, as the Valley's Chaplain. The role is very important to me personally since I took over for my friend, Ill. David Kussman, a man who always has the right words for the moment. Those were big shoes to fill. I thank you all for the opportunity to be of service. Let me be

the first to encourage each and every one of you to try and find a way to be of service to the Valley. We are never going to turn down help!

What will continue for me is the role of Director of The Work. And I'm happy to let you all know that we're preparing for reunions, getting our ducks in a row, and teaching them to quack in order. Hon. Soliven, Bro. DeDios and I have started assembling teams for the state-wide reunion in August, and I hope to have some test runs of the degrees presented through the year as we prepare. Sort of sneak peek for you guys first!

For now, for the last time (officially) as Chaplain, I pray the Great Architect watches over you all, wherever you may be. I pray that your year is full of love, happiness, health, and prosperity. May all the blessings of Heaven be upon you all.



## Graduations & New Beginnings - Quiet Now, Busy Soon!

**Leora Shaffer, M.A., CCC-SLP, Clinic Director**

The RiteCare Childhood Language Center is quiet now as we are on Chapman University's trimester break. It was an exciting end to our trimester because we were able to graduate several clients. Graduation from speech/language therapy means that the child no longer presents with a speech/language disorder! Sometimes we have to say goodbye to our families for other reasons, but graduation is very rewarding for everyone involved.

Although, things are quiet at the center now, there is work going on behind the scenes to get ready for January. Our supervisors are creating trainings to increase the support we provide to our graduate students, we are preparing for a new group of students, we are setting up new clients to start in January, and we are expecting to return to a center that has been refreshed with new paint!

We wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and thank you for your support in changing the lives of families and graduate students.

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## A Word of Thanks as the Year Concludes

III. Ralph C. Shelton II, 33°

As we bring this year to a close, I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank those whose leadership, commitment, and hard work have contributed so much to the success of our Valley.

My sincere congratulations and appreciation go to our Heads of Bodies—Russell Hennings, 32°, KCCH; Alejo Velarde, 32°; Barry McKinley, 32°; and Josh Price, 32°. Their dedication, steady leadership, and countless hours of service have been instrumental in guiding our work throughout the year, and our Valley is stronger because of their efforts.

I am also deeply grateful for the support of my capable assistant, Jack Hennings, 32°, KCCH, whose reliability and attention to detail make my work not only possible, but far more effective. My thanks likewise extend to our General Secretary, Illustrious Jamie Hopkins, 33°, and our Treasurer, Brother David Gilman, 32°, both of whom serve with professionalism, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to the well-being of the Valley.

There are many others who deserve recognition—every officer, staff member, cast member, and indeed every Brother who has attended a meeting, rehearsal, or event. Each of you has played a part, large or small, in shaping what has truly been an exceptional year. Together, you have made this Valley a place of fellowship, purpose, and pride.

Finally, I offer my humble and heartfelt thanks to all of you for the trust you have placed in me and for allowing me the privilege of serving in my present office. It has been an honor, and I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside such dedicated and committed Brethren.

Sincerely and fraternally,

INSPECTOR GENERAL HONORARY

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## A Knight's Winter Tale

**Sir James Cates, 32°  
Knight Orator**

It is winter time. Not here in California, but somewhere. Many places, actually. Romantically we conjure images of sitting in front of warm fireplaces, watching big snowflakes fall outside, children playing, building snowmen, making snow angels, sledding and having snowball fights. There are possibly ice sickles dangling, glistening in the light. A world of white that is beautiful to behold. Some places are like that.

Some places are not. The cold is there, the snow, the wetness, the chill that never quite goes away for some people. When we ponder the joy of the celebrations we just experienced during the holidays, let us also think about our resolutions for the new year, hoping that they will last all year. Let us also be mindful that there are many people who are not so fortunate as us. Those who don't have much, if anything at all. Even some of our own brethren might be amongst those who cannot enjoy the beauty and magic of winter.

As Knights, chivalry has always been a fundamental code of conduct, passed down through the ages. Chivalry can best be defined as that combination of qualities expected of an ideal knight, especially courage, honor, courtesy, justice, and a readiness to help the weak. Our ancestral beginnings, the Knights Templar, began as a chivalrous group protecting those in need on their pilgrimages to the holy land. This act of chivalry, at least in its beginning, incorporated what being a knight stands for. Many codes of chivalry handed down through the ages took their lead from this particular act.

I have to ask myself, as a Knight of St. Andrew, as a Scottish Rite and regular Mason, and as a man, "How am I acting chivalrously?" I like to think that in my heart, mind and through my actions I am bringing some relief to those who need it, those who are weaker and less fortunate than I am myself.

My wish for 2026, my hope, my resolution as a Knight of St. Andrew is to be more mindful of those weaker than me, to act with honor, courage and courtesy toward my fellow human beings, to try and be truly just in my choices and decisions regardless of my own prejudices, to be a better Knight, a better man, and to encourage others to do the same through my actions.

I wish you all a happy, safe, peaceful and prosperous 2026! If you are interested in learning more about the Knights of St. Andrew, please reach out to any of us. We are easy to spot with our particular regalia at all functions.





## Happy New Year from the Blue Slipper Club!

Erin McKinley

We're excited to welcome 2026 and look forward to a year filled with fellowship, fun, and memorable experiences together.

We are thrilled to announce this year's Blue Slipper Club trip—a cruise! Join us for a 3-night Royal Caribbean cruise from Los Angeles to Ensenada, sailing May 15–18, 2026. It promises to be a wonderful getaway full of relaxation, laughter, and connection.

If you're interested in receiving more information, please email me at [emckinley313@gmail.com](mailto:emckinley313@gmail.com). Space is limited, and the earlier we book, the better—so please let me know as soon as possible!

We can't wait to share this exciting adventure with you.



## A History of Freemasonry in California

Shawn E Bell, 32°

Editor

**California Historical Landmark No. 408 — Site of the First Meeting of Freemasons Held in California**  
**728 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, San Francisco County, California**  
**Registered October 20, 1948**

This is ground-zero for California Masonry: the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia issued the charter on November 9, 1849; Levi Stowell was named the first Master on November 23, 1848; and the lodge was formally organized under that charter on November 15, 1849. The meeting site—the Genella Building—was gentrified after the 1989 Loma Prieta quake and rebuilt as apartments and shops, with only the façade spared; the historical markers were removed and no plaque now marks the place where the Lodge first met. As a proud member of our fraternity, I'd like to see the plaques and markers restored to honor the first Masonic meeting in California.

**About This Landmark:** On November 9, 1849, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia granted a charter to organize California Lodge No. 13, which later became California Lodge No. 1 of the Free and Accepted Masons. This was a significant moment in the early development of Freemasonry in California. Levi Stowell was appointed as the first Master of the lodge on November 23, 1848, and the lodge was officially organized under its charter on November 15, 1849, marking the beginning of Masonic activity in the state.

The site where this first Masonic meeting took place, known as the Genella Building, was damaged during the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. The building was gutted and rebuilt to serve as apartments and stores, but only the original façade was preserved. The historical markers commemorating the site were removed."

— Excerpt from *Exploring California's Historic Landmarks - Northern Edition* by Shawn E. Bell, award-winning, Amazon #1 bestselling author. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0FTYVZD43>

## California Masonic Lodges from which our Orange County Scottish Rite Brothers hail

Alhambra No. 322, Los Angeles County  
Anaheim No. 207, Orange County  
Anchor Bell No. 868, Los Angeles County  
Andres Bonifacio No. 879, Los Angeles County  
Angels Gate No. 198, Los Angeles County  
Ararat No. 848, Los Angeles County  
Arcadia No. 278, Los Angeles County  
Archimedes No. 871, Los Angeles County  
Artesia Sunrise No. 377, Los Angeles County  
Atwater Larchmont Tila Pass No. 614, Los Angeles  
Barstow Boron No. 682, San Bernardino County  
Beach Cities No. 753, Los Angeles County  
Bellflower No. 320, Los Angeles County  
Beverly Hills No. 528, Los Angeles County  
Big Bear No. 617, San Bernardino County  
Black Mountain No. 845, San Diego County  
Blythe-Needles No. 473, Riverside County  
Brea No. 339, Orange County  
Burbank No. 406, Los Angeles County  
Chino Valley No. 427, San Bernardino County  
Chula Vista No. 626, San Diego County  
Claremont No. 436, Los Angeles County  
Clarence F. Smith Daylight No. 866, Los Angeles  
Claude H. Morrison No. 747, San Diego County  
Coachella No. 476, Riverside County  
Consuelo No. 325, San Diego County  
Cornerstone No. 659, Orange County  
Coronado No. 441, San Diego County  
Culver City-Foshay No. 467, Los Angeles County  
Destiny No. 856, Los Angeles County  
Downey United No. 220, Los Angeles County  
East San Diego No. 561, San Diego County  
El Segundo No. 421, Los Angeles County  
Elysian No. 418, Los Angeles County  
Evergreen No. 259, Riverside County  
Fallbrook No. 317, San Diego County  
Fontana No. 653, San Bernardino County  
Fox-Coates Daylight No. 842, San Bernardino  
Garden Grove No. 351, Orange County  
Gardena Moneta No. 372, Los Angeles County  
GAT Jose Rizal No. 882, Riverside County  
Glendale No. 368, Los Angeles County  
Glendora No. 404, Los Angeles County  
Golden Trowel Norwalk No. 273, Los Angeles  
Granada Hills No. 378, Los Angeles County  
Greenleaf Gardens No. 670, Los Angeles County

Heartland No. 576, San Diego County  
Hemet San Jacinto No. 338, Riverside County  
Hermes No. 891, Los Angeles County  
Hollywood No. 355, Los Angeles County  
Home No. 721, Los Angeles County  
Huntington Beach No. 380, Orange County  
International City No. 389, Los Angeles County  
Ionic Composite No. 520, Los Angeles County  
Irvine Valley No. 671, Orange County  
John D. Spreckels No. 657, San Diego County  
Joseph L. Shell Daylight No. 837, San Diego  
Kapayapaan at Pagkakaisa No. 888, San Diego  
La France No. 885, Los Angeles County  
La Jolla No. 518, San Diego County  
La Mesa No. 407, San Diego County  
Lakewood No. 728, Los Angeles County  
Lancaster No. 437, Los Angeles County  
Lautaro Lodge U.D. No. 2026, Los Angeles County  
Lemon Grove No. 736, San Diego County  
Lexington No. 104, Los Angeles County  
Liberal Arts No. 677, Los Angeles County  
Long Beach No. 327, Los Angeles County  
Los Angeles Harbor No. 332, Los Angeles County  
Los Angeles No. 42, Los Angeles County  
Los Cerritos No. 674, Los Angeles County  
Lux No. 846, San Diego County  
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Phoenix Rising No. 178, San Bernardino County  
Pilaras Del Rey Salomon No. 886, Los Angeles  
Point Loma No. 620, San Diego County  
Raven's Rock No. 870, Los Angeles County  
Redlands No. 300, San Bernardino County  
Redondo No. 328, Los Angeles County  
Reseda No. 666, Los Angeles County  
Rim of the World No. 711, San Bernardino County  
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Round Table No. 329, Los Angeles County  
S.W. Hackett No. 574, San Diego County  
Saddleback Laguna No. 672, Orange County  
San Diego No. 35, San Diego County  
San Dimas No. 428, Los Angeles County  
San Fernando No. 343, Los Angeles County  
San Marino No. 408, Los Angeles County  
Santa Maria No. 580, San Diego County  
Santa Monica-Palisades No. 307, Los Angeles  
Gate Three Stars No. 296, San Diego County  
Solomon's Staircase No. 357, Orange County  
South Pasadena No. 290, Los Angeles County  
South West No. 283, San Diego County  
Southern California No. 529, Los Angeles County  
Sunnyside No. 577, Los Angeles County  
Sunset No. 369, Los Angeles County  
Temecula Catalina Island No. 524, Riverside  
Temescal Palms No. 314, Riverside County  
The Downtown Masonic No. 859, Los Angeles  
The Thirty-Three No. 878, Orange County  
Three Great Lights No. 323, Los Angeles County  
Torrance University No. 394, Los Angeles County  
Tujunga No. 592, Los Angeles County  
Upland-Mt. Baldy No. 419, San Bernardino County  
Van Nuys No. 450, Los Angeles County  
Veritas No. 855, Orange County  
Victorville No. 634, San Bernardino County  
Vista No. 687, San Diego County  
Wayfarers No. 889, Orange County  
West Covina No. 446, Los Angeles County  
Widows Sons No. 869, Riverside County  
William Rhodes Hervey No. 767, Los Angeles  
Wisdom No. 202, Los Angeles County  
Ye Olde Cup & Ball No. 880, Orange County  
Yorba Linda No. 469, Orange County



## Personal Representative of the SGIG Orient of California

III. Ralph C. Shelton II, 33°

Our recent Christmas Party was a resounding success and a fitting way to close out the year together. Sincere thanks are due to our Language Center Board, the ladies of the Blue Slipper Club, and the many volunteers whose time, energy, and dedication made the evening such a memorable occasion. Their efforts exemplify the spirit of service and fellowship that defines our Valley.

I also recently had the opportunity to visit the Valley of Phoenix, accompanied by Illustrious Donald Tapia, 33°, GC, and Hon. Chase May, 32, KCCH. The visit was thoroughly enjoyable, marked by warm hospitality and engaging conversation, and it served as a welcome reminder of the strong fraternal bonds we share across Valleys.

As we commence the new year, we do so by honoring a truly remarkable milestone. On January 11, we will recognize Illustrious Lloyd Clayton, 33°, with the presentation of his 75-Year Pin from the Grand Lodge of Masons in California. This extraordinary achievement reflects a lifetime of dedication to Masonry and is an occasion worthy of our full support and attendance. Many of you know Ill. Lloyd, who has been a backbone member of our Valley for decades. He has served capably and diligently, and I have always been most honored to count him as a brother. Please join us in saluting him on this milestone. At the same time, wish him a very happy birthday, as he is about to turn 100, another remarkable accomplishment.

As always, I look forward to seeing each of you at an upcoming meeting or event. And if you have not been with us in a while, I am confident you will be impressed—not only by the fellowship, but also by the quality and substance of the programming we continue to offer.

Sincerely and fraternally,

INSPECTOR GENERAL HONORARY  
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Orator Christian DeDios, 32°	Orator Christian DeDios, 32°	Orator Christian DeDios, 32°	Minister of State Christian DeDios, 32°
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Master of Ceremonies vacant	Master of Ceremonies vacant	Marshall of Ceremonies vacant	Marshall of Ceremonies vacant
Expert vacant	Expert vacant	First Deacon vacant	Expert vacant
Assistant Expert vacant	Assistant Expert vacant	Second Deacon vacant	Assistant Expert vacant
Tiler Christian DeDios, 32°	Tiler Christian DeDios, 32°	Sentinel Christian DeDios, 32°	Tiler Christian DeDios, 32°