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March at the Orange County Scottish Rite



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

There are great things happening at **YOUR** Scottish Rite!

Our next meeting is on **Monday, March 23th.** See you there!



Carrying the Light: Remembrance and Renewal in Orange County

Barry McKinley, 32°
Wise Master

Dear Brothers of the Orange County Scottish Rite,

As we look ahead to the coming year, I am filled with optimism and excitement for what lies before us as a valley. A new year brings fresh opportunities—to grow stronger in our fellowship, to deepen our Masonic education, and to continue serving both our members and the wider community. I look forward to working alongside each of you as we build upon the solid foundation already in place.

Recently, I had the privilege of attending the California Scottish Rite Foundation Annual Meeting as a trustee, working alongside the board to better understand how we, as valleys, can further support the important mission of the Foundation. It was an informative and encouraging experience, providing valuable insight into the programs and efforts that directly impact our work, especially those that benefit children and families throughout our state.

These discussions reinforced the importance of our continued involvement and support. By staying engaged and informed, we can ensure that our valley plays an active role in advancing the Foundation's goals while remaining true to the values and principles of Scottish Rite Masonry.

As Wise Master, I am honored to serve and to help guide our efforts in the year ahead. I am confident that with your continued dedication, participation, and brotherly spirit, this will be a productive and meaningful year for the Orange County Scottish Rite.

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The Work That Shapes Men: The Philosophical & Chivalric Degrees

Barry McKinley, 32°
Commander of Kadosh

As our forward momentum propels us into the heart of spring, I find myself thinking about how quickly the season turns, and how useful that is to us as Masons. We take a moment to reflect, we rejuvenate, and then we resume our work with greater stability and clearer purpose.

The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal sets that tone properly, not only as a sentimental moment, but also as a practical reminder that what we inherit must be strengthened, and what we promise must be kept.

With that spirit in mind, I'm genuinely eager for our Spring Reunion, April 24 and 25. I will not steal thunder from the Brethren orchestrating the work, but I will say this, the Reunion is one of the finest chances we have to watch the Rite come alive. It is where candidates see that the Scottish Rite is not simply degrees on paper, it is a living system of lessons, men, and fellowship, moving in rhythm, with purpose.

From the Council of Kadosh perspective, it is also where a Brother begins to feel the weight of ideals in a usable way, not theoretical, not distant, but close enough to shape how he stands, how he speaks, and how he serves.

April also carries a pair of historical echoes worth holding onto. We pass the anniversary of Worshipful Brother Paul Revere's historic ride, a reminder that readiness matters, and that duty rarely arrives on a convenient schedule.

We also approach Washington's inauguration at the close of April, an example of leadership grounded in restraint, principle, and service before self. Those are not just history notes, they are working tools, and they fit the Rite perfectly.

Finally, there is something else forming on the horizon, still early, still being built, but already gaining steam. A Fellowship Breakfast, a Masonic lapel pin bazaar, a Saturday morning, good conversation, good food, and a little bit of that old Mason's magic that happens when Brethren simply gather and share the work.

So please keep your eyes open, and if you have a hand to lend, in the kitchen, on coordination, or simply as a steady presence, we can always use your help. Many hands make light work, and a stronger Valley.

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^o
General Secretary

Brethren:

The onset of Spring is a great time to reinforce your support for the Valley of Orange County by attending our Stated Meeting and special events. The March Stated Meeting will take place on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm at the Orange Grove Masonic Center in Orange. Our Stated Meetings are efficient in accomplishing Valley business in a reasonable amount of time. Our dinner and fellowship following the meeting are the best part of the evening. Please come by to catch up with your Brothers.

Our Spring Reunion will take place on Friday night, April 24th and Saturday day, April 25th. If you know of interested Master Masons in your Blue Lodge who would appreciate receiving the 4th through the 32nd degrees in the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite (SJ), please send them to our Supreme Council website (scottishrite.org) to fill out the online petition. We can vote on them at the March Stated meeting. Also, make sure you come by to watch a degree or two on Friday or Saturday. Every time a Scottish Rite Mason sees the degrees exemplified, he gains new understanding about our Craft.

There is a venerable adage in our Fraternity that the benefits you reap from Masonry are directly related to the level of your efforts. See you at our March Stated Meeting and our April Reunion. Have an outstanding Spring.



Blue Slipper Club March Notes

Erin McKinley

Hello ladies and happy March! During our meeting this month, the Blue Slipper Club will be doing a "Bring Your Favorite Drink" to share in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day. It can be either alcoholic or nonalcoholic but please make sure to bring enough for everyone to have a little taste.

The BSC is still going on cruise! We will be traveling on a 3-night Royal Caribbean cruise from Los Angeles to Ensenada, sailing May 15–18, 2026. We already have 9 ladies signed up! If interested, please email me at emckinley313@gmail.com



A Proud Moment: Celebrating Growth and Family

Danielle Pulliam M.S., CCC-SLP, Clinical Supervisor

One of the highlights at the CLC this past month was celebrating a graduation. After almost two years of hard work, one of our clients met all his goals and proudly mastered his /r/ sound. He was incredibly excited about his progress, and it was clear that this accomplishment also boosted his confidence when communicating with others. His family shared their sincere gratitude for the support their son received at the CLC and expressed how meaningful this experience has been for their entire family. Moments like these are a wonderful reminder of the impact we are making together.

The clinic has also been full of fun this month with themed therapy activities celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and St. Patrick's Day. These playful themes help keep the clients engaged while giving them meaningful opportunities to practice their speech and language skills.



2026 Orange County Scottish Rite Calendar

Stated Meetings are held monthly, Fourth Monday of the month, 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Pre-Meeting Social Mixer starts at 6:00pm – come by early!

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

March Stated Meeting - Remembrance & Renewal Ceremony
 April 24 and 25 - Reunion Class
 April Stated Meeting - Philanthropic discussion
 May Stated Meeting - Cap and Ring Ceremony
 June 20 - Fellowship Breakfast at Garden Grove Lodge
 June Stated Meeting - DGM Visit / Jeopardy!
 July Stated Meeting - Discussion with the Deputy
 August 2 - Family Picnic With El Bekal Shrine at KiwanisLand
 August 21 through 23 - Orient Reunion at Pasadena Scottish Rite
 August Stated Meeting - Selected Degree Recap
 September Stated Meeting - Feast of Tishri / Cap & Ring Ceremony
 October Stated Meeting - Scottish Rite Overview
 November Stated Meeting - Thanksgiving Feast
 December Stated Meeting - Christmas Party for CLC Families

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
 Magnolia Park No. 618, Los Angeles County
 Maya No. 793, Los Angeles County
 Menifee Valley No. 289, Riverside County
 Metropolitan No. 352, Orange County
 MW John R. Heisner No. 442, San Diego County
 MW Manuel Luis Quezon No. 874, San Diego
 Newport Mesa No. 241, Orange County
 North Hollywood No. 542, Los Angeles County
 Novus Veteris No. 864, San Diego County
 Oasis No. 854, Los Angeles County
 Oasis of Light No. 893, Riverside County
 Oasis Of Mara No. 735, San Bernardino County
 Oceanside-San Dieguito No. 381, San Diego
 Old West No. 813, Los Angeles County
 Ontario No. 301, San Bernardino County
 Orange Grove No. 293, Orange County
 Pacific Rim No. 567, Los Angeles County
 Palm Springs No. 693, Riverside County
 Palmdale No. 769, Los Angeles County
 Palos Verdes No. 883, Los Angeles County

Panamericana No. 513, Los Angeles County
 Pasadena No. 272, Los Angeles County
 Phoenix Rising No. 178, San Bernardino County
 Pilaes 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
 Rosemead No. 457, Los Angeles County
 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°

Brethren -

Our Spring Reunion will be held on April 24–25, and I encourage every member of the Valley to attend and support this important occasion. Reunions are at the heart of what we do in the Scottish Rite. They provide the opportunity to welcome new Brothers, renew our own connection to the Rite, and participate in the degree work that preserves our traditions and teachings. Your attendance strengthens the experience for our candidates and demonstrates the vitality of our Valley.

We also extend our congratulations to our Brothers in the Long Beach Valley, who will celebrate the Centennial of their building on August 25. Details are included elsewhere in this newsletter, and I hope many of us will turn out to celebrate this milestone with them.

In addition, we are proud to recognize III. Lloyd Clayton, 33°, who celebrated his 100th birthday on February 25. III. Lloyd's longevity and decades of faithful service to our Valley and to Freemasonry have made him a mentor and inspiration to many of us.

Finally, Valley leadership would like to hear from you. We have an exciting year planned with strong programs, dinners, outreach, and more, but we want to know what more we can do to bring value to our members. Please feel free to share your thoughts with me at rshelton@ocscottishrite.org. Your feedback helps us build a stronger Valley for everyone.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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