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Personal Representative's Message



Brethren,

Welcome to all of the new Masters of the Royal Secret. We are looking forward to seeing you and your family at our Stated Meeting on July 7th at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. After dinner we will present our Cap and Ring Ceremony for all our new members. Many thanks to all of the Brethren who brought in candidates for our Spring Reunion Class. To all of you that worked so very hard on all of the Degrees (whether you were in a degree, worked on the stage or set up crew, diligently worked on the costumes, or performed your duties in the classroom) this Reunion Class would not have been possible or as successful without your dedication and devotion to our Craft. Seeing the 29th Degree performed was great. My personal thanks to all of you. The class will decide who the winner of the Degree Cup will be at the Cap and Ring ceremony.

Jr. Grand Warden Ill. John Heisner, 33° was in attendance at our June Stated Meeting and gave a presentation which was very interesting and insightful. He gave each of the heads of bodies a signed copy of his book "Meditations on Masonic Symbolism", a book I have found to be most interesting and enlightening. We welcome Ill. John any time he can attend one of our meetings.

Our next Stated Meeting will be held on July 7, 2014, please call the office at 714-543-7277 for reservations for dinner so we can give the caterer a correct number attending the dinner. Our menu for the night will be hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, and cherry pie.

Once again, WELCOME to all the new Masters of the Royal Secret.

Brothers, get involved, you DO make a difference!!!

Fraternally,

Rick Wood, 33°

Personal Representative

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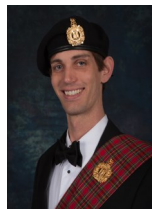


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From the Assistant Personal Representative



Brethren,

The Americanism Committee chaired by Kermit Rosenthal, 32° presented 26 ribbons, medals and certificates to 26 different ROTC and JROTC units in Southern California ranging from Lancaster to Azusa to Redondo Beach to most of Orange County. The presentations were made to 20 high schools and 6 universities.

This recognition is part of the patriotic mission that the Scottish Rite has undertaken to encourage young adults to follow a military path and to understand the beauty of this wonderful country of ours.

Most of Brother Kermit's presenters have moved on, passed on or just lost interest in these presentations. He needs help to continue this vital program. He made 16 of these presentations—sometimes two or three a day. Volunteers are needed and I assure you that it will be a very rewarding experience. The presentations are in May or June at the end of the school year.

Please contact Bob McNamara, 33°, at the Scottish Rite office, 714 543-7277 or his cell 714 381-2949 to volunteer or for further information.

Fraternally,

Bob McNamara, 33°

Asst. Personal Representative

From the Editor



I am hoping some of you out there will submit an article to be included in our newsletter. I know that there is a substantial amount of Masonic knowledge held by our members and I encourage you to put together an article to share with us. We will assist you in what ever manner you desire to bring your article to our members.

If you wish to submit articles for publication, we would like to make you aware of the requirements that have been implemented. All submissions must be received by the editor no later than the 10th of the month for the following month's publication. All articles must have 3/4" borders, double spaced in Bodoni 12 point text. If your submission is larger, please contact Ill. Rick Wood for prior approval.

If you have any other questions please contact me at: mshusaac@charter.net or (951) 743-3742.

Thanks

Mark Hoage, 32° KoSA

Assistant Secretary, Editor

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The 2014 RiteCare Charity Golf Classic

Monday, July 28th 2014

From 11:00am to 6:00pm

Aliso Viejo Country Club

Join us for an afternoon of golf at one of Orange County's premier Jack Nicklaus-designed courses. Your registration includes admission to the Gift of Voice Dinner and

Action event starting at 6:00pm.

The 2014 RiteCare Gift of Voice Dinner & Auction

Monday, July 28th 2014

From 6:00pm to 9:30pm

Aliso Viejo Country Club

Join world-renowned Master Sommelier Michael Jordan for a once-in-a-lifetime wine and dine experience. This banquet will be followed by a charity auction and live entertainment.

To Register for Each Event Please Visit:

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Language Center News



Hello from the Orange County Childhood Language Center. Summer is almost here! At The Center we have been very busy providing services to our kids.

Happiness is in the air

We are thrilled to share with you a couple of pictures of one of our most recent graduates and his proud therapist. The picture says it all: A big feeling of accomplishment as he reaches his ultimate goal. Because of our specialized treatment, he is now able to communicate and share his thoughts, aspirations and dreams. All of this becomes possible through the tireless work of our Chapman staff and because of people like you, who provide the funding necessary for us to continue on our mission. Together we celebrate their victory!



Time flies at the center

The Board of Directors of the OC CLC is happy to report that Chapman University has approved the renewal of our affiliation with the Scottish Rite Foundation and the OC CLC for another year. We are pleased to once again have Dr. Judy Montgomery as our Executive Director and the staff of Chapman, who will continue to provide our children with the very best therapeutic services.

Continuing education benefits everyone

Because Chapman University is one of the leaders in the science of communication disorders, our therapists stay ahead in their field, as they are constantly learning the latest technologies and techniques in the industry. This is something not many language centers can do.

Language is not a barrier

If you think learning to communicate is challenging, try doing so when English is not your first language. Thanks to the diversity Chapman University brings, we now provide services in Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, and Mandarin Chinese! To be understood and to learn how to speak, regardless of a child's first language, it just doesn't get any better!

Hard to say goodbye

As the new team of therapists from Chapman is being assembled, we must say goodbye to the prior team responsible for the great work and success achieved at The Center in the past year. I was invited by Chapman University to participate in the commencement ceremony for the Communication and Disorders Program, where our outgoing team of therapists received their Masters Degrees in Speech and Language Pathology. During this visit I was able to meet the President of Chapman University and share with him our success. To our 2013-2014 team, we will miss you all! To our new team, we look forward to welcoming you all.

We need you

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events.

GOLFERS: Please join us for 18 holes followed by a wonderful dinner event:

The 2014 RiteCare® Charity Golf Classic:

Monday July 28th, 11:00am to 6:00pm, Dinner at 6:30pm

DINERS: Please join us for a gala banquet and charity auction:

The 2014 RiteCare® Gift of Voice Dinner & Silent Auction:

Monday July 28th, 6:00pm to 9:30pm

To register call (714) 600-6914 or visit us online at www.OCLanguageCenter.org. On the event page you can register and pay on-line using a credit card. Better yet, "Buy a Table" (up to 8 people) and invite your family and friends!

Please remember, your support ensures our children receive the services that are so important in their speech and communication development, so come, have fun, and help us raise the funds we need to bring the gift of voice to our children. Until next time!

Sincerely yours,

Frankie Rosario, 32°
President of the Board of Directors

Lodge of Perfection



Brethren,

If you missed our June stated meeting you truly missed out on a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. We were blessed to have Ill. John Heisner 33° IGH share his recent travel experiences with our Grand Master in Europe and some thought provoking ideas on how our fraternity is viewed by brethren in foreign lands.

We were saddened at the loss of our dear friend and brother Ill. William Bottorff, 33° IGH. Brother Bill's memorial service was very well attended as our friend had touched the lives of very many in his travels throughout this great fraternity of ours. Fair winds and following seas my friend.

July we welcome back home Ill. J. Lloyd Clayton 33° IGH who visited the sites of the D-Day invasion of Europe. Ill. Lloyd was serving in the Canadian Navy and was at Juno Beach. I hope you are as honored as I am to know these men of the "Greatest Generation" and will take the opportunity to thank Ill. Lloyd for not only his service but also his sacrifice for the cause of freedom for so many.

Our Sovereign Grand Inspector General for the Orient of California, Ill. Frank Loui 33° will visit our Valley on August 4. The dress for this evening will be western attire. No Scottish Rite Caps will be worn. Ill. Frank will be making a special presentation that you won't want to miss. So break out your boots, hats and jeans y'all and join us for a fun filled evening.

Our journey continues...

Rev. David J. Kussman, 32° KCCH

Master of Kadosh



Brethren,

We will hold our next Cap and Ring Ceremonial on Monday July 7th following our July stated meeting dinner. This time honored presentation will be given to our new Brothers who received their degrees at the Santa Ana Valley Reunion class on May 30th and 31st. Please plan to attend and join with our new brothers and their wives for a great dinner and happy fellowship.

Charles Reeves, 32° KoSA

Master Of Kadosh

Senior Warden



I want to talk about: MEMBERSHIP

Did you know that this is the best time to ask someone to become a member of our Valley?

- First you can make points with your Master by having the most candidates from your Blue Lodge for the two Reunion Classes, your Master and his lady will be our guest at our November Stated Meeting;
- Second you can be the “Top Line Signer” with 10 candidates for the two Reunion Classes. All the candidates have to be initiated by our October Reunion Class to qualify for the honor of receiving your 2015 dues paid by the Valley;
- And thirdly, this is going to knock your socks off, Illustrious Rick Wood just received word that we

can lower our initiation fees and at the Quarterly Advisory Board meeting it was approved in the amount of **\$150.00**. That's a **\$100.00 savings**, the sad thing; this offer is only good until January 1, 2015.

I want everyone to mark their calendar for September 8, 2014. This is our Valley Stated meeting but most important it will be our Membership Pins Night. This is an event that hasn't been done as long as I have been a member of this Valley. We will be giving out membership pins for: 5, 10, 15 and 20 years on the Valley level and 25 year pin from the Supreme. The only catch we have to this membership awards night is that you must be **present at this stated meeting** to receive your pin. There will be no mailing of pins unless there is a special consideration.

Remember my brothers” **Change is for the good but no change is fatal”**

Yours in the Faith,

John R. Rider, 32° KCCH, PP
Senior Warden

Knights of St. Andrew



Brethren,

Here is a little Masonic history:

When an Entered Apprentice is presented his apron he is told, among other things, that it is a “...badge more ancient than the GOLDEN FLEECE or the ROMAN EAGLE.” What is the significance of these references? The GOLDEN FLEECE was an order of knighthood. It was founded by Phillip, Duke of Burgundy and ruler of Austria, on the occasion of his marriage to Isabella of Portugal in 1429. This Order used the winged golden ram for its badge, and the motto: “Wealth Not Servile Labor.” This Order was considered ancient even in 1717 when the Grand Lodge of England was founded.

The Romans used the golden figure of an eagle to stand for strength, skill, and bravery. They placed it on the tip of a spear and carried it as a standard at the head of the legion. The Romans used figures of other animals too. But, in 104 B.C. the Golden Eagle became Rome's distinctive design of Imperial power. The Roman Eagle is used in Masonic Ritual, most likely, because it represents **STRENGTH, SKILL, and BRAVERY**.

Bro. James McCallion, 32° KoSA

First Knight

SASR 2014 Calendar

July

7th—SASR Stated Meeting—6:30pm

Cap and Ring Ceremony

12th—Quarterly Planning Meeting—9:00 am

28th—OC Childhood Language Center Fundraiser

Golf Tournament—11:00 am

Gift of Voice Dinner and Auction—6:00 pm

August

4th—SASR Stated Meeting—6:30pm

Ill. Frank Loui, 33° SGIG Official Visit (Western Attire)

September

7th—SASR Stated Meeting—6:30pm

Feast of Tishery

Membership Pin Night

July Dinner Menu

Hamburgers

Hot Dogs

Baked Beans

Coleslaw

Potato Salad

Cherry Pie

Santa Ana Valley Membership

As of May 31st 448

Affiliations 0

Initiations 7

Reinstatements 1

Total gains 8

Suspensions 0

Demits 0

Deceased 4

Total losses 4

As of June 1, 2014 452

Masonic Enlightenment

The Wisdom of Words and the Proverbs of Solomon

Robert G. Davis, 33°, G.C.

We all know how important first impressions are. Who can forget the anxiety a young man feels when he meets the parents of his significant other for the first time? Who can forget the impact of one's first important job interview? How often is our first impression of a person or circumstance the most lasting? Psychologists inform us that it takes just one tenth of a second for us to judge someone and form our first impression of that person. It is the same way with perceptions. In the first few milliseconds of our perceiving something, we not only unconsciously comprehend what it is, we also decide whether or not we like it.

In the world of ideas, first impressions make words very powerful. Indeed, the language of Freemasonry has been one of its greatest strengths since its inception. As 32° Masons, we have been given the extraordinary privilege of discovering literally hundreds of first impressions gleaned from the words of our Degrees.

As one example, I will relate one of my earliest first impressions as a candidate. It was a single paragraph which was recited to me by the Venerable Master in the 4°. He requested that I take the square given me when I first entered the Lodge and place it upon the Great Light of Masonry. He then said something I would never forget:

"You have now passed from the square to the compasses, as the geometrician passes from the straight lines and angles by which he measures the surface of the earth to the great curves and circles by which he calculates the movement of stars. Strive ever to rise above the level of the mundane and to climb the skies of spiritual and philosophical knowledge. For there, and not upon the earth, is the Truth to be found."

My first impression of these powerful words was Oh My God! If the journey of the Scottish Rite is the path to spiritual and philosophical knowledge, this will surely take me beyond the

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Century Club

CENTURY CLUB UPDATE

The Century Club was started as a support group to help the Valley with expenses and to date membership in the group has provided \$11,200 to the Valley. The membership is \$100 per year. There is a bronze "100" pin that is awarded for the first \$100. When the cumulative total reaches \$500, a silver "500" pin is awarded and when the cumulative total reaches \$1000, a gold "1000" pin is awarded.

At the March Stated meeting, a bronze pin was awarded to Ill. Dave Decker, 33° and a silver pin to Ill. Ray Godeke, 33°.

We are off to a good start for 2014. The following members have supported the Century Club for 2014: **Peter Jantz, Lloyd Clayton, Ray Godeke, Bob McNamara, Rick Wood, John Rider, Kory Levoy, James Segerstrom, Frankie Rosario, Glen Woody and Steve Bass.**

Masonic Enlightenment (continued from page 9)

world of my past experience to a place I have not yet been! Little did I know at that moment that this new journey in Masonry would actually carry me to the depths of my own consciousness so that I could discover the light of truth within myself, which, in turn, would define for me the ultimate purpose of my life. It was nothing less than my own soul's great adventure!

As we all know, it turns out this first impression of the significance of the Rite was as reliable as truth itself.

What does it mean to pass from the square to the compasses; from the earth to the stars? What is required to balance the world of the physical with that of the metaphysical? In what way are we as Masons connected with the metaphor of a Grand Architect? What do the tools of architecture inform us about the nature of ourselves and God? Why is it necessary that we make a journey beyond the comfort of what we already know when we also know anything which takes us out of our comfort zone is generally a lot of work?

We find the answer to these inquiries in the 12° of the Scottish Rite—Master Architect. This Degree begins with an insight that was inspired by the Book of Proverbs, where we learn that knowledge and wisdom were the first divine attributes of creation. In the beginning wisdom was with the Great Architect, when he set his compass upon the face of the depth and appointed the foundations of the earth. The powerful words of Solomon's maxims teach us what wisdom is and how knowledge and contemplation gives access to it.

The Degree of Master Architect reminds us that we are all naturally endowed with the necessary functions to learn and think. But it is only through the path of knowledge that we acquire wisdom. We are made in God's image. We are all Master Architects. This means we are the continuation of God's creation. The task of each of us is to become the Adoniram of the world and continue the work of Hiram in building our own temple of life to the glory of God.

The journey of the Scottish Rite teaches us in so many ways that the inner work of a Freemason is his own awakening of consciousness. It is always the awakening of consciousness that awakens our will. It is the faculty of our will that distinguishes us from the brute. It is the power of the mind that gives all situations and fortunes their character. It is the glory of a Man that he can bend the circumstances of his own condition.

This truth, seemingly so obvious, was in fact one of the great secrets of antiquity, known only to a few. We can control our own destiny. We can make of the world what we choose by our own act of will. We can change the way a person treats us by the way we think about that person. Even if we fail to change that individual, we can change our own feelings by changing our perceptions. We, by our own natures, create the nature of the world in which we live. Thus, in a real sense, each man creates his own universe. That is what it means to move from the square to the compasses. Life is what we make it.

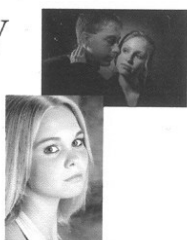
The questions we must ask ourselves then are what will we do to acquire knowledge? How will we use knowledge to achieve happiness and contentment in our life?

This is the essence of the Proverbs of Solomon and the instruction of the Master Architect. Wisdom is a gift of God, but the path to acquire it is knowledge. This process of passing from the square to the compasses is the hero's journey every brother of the mystic tie is admonished to make. The wisdom of the philosophers and the wisdom of the religious both consist of knowledge of divine things, which is the directing law for a loving humanity. And if we succeed in our quest, we will know honor, understanding, and the purpose of our life.

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