Santa Ana Valley of the Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite News

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Personal Representative's Message

Brethren,

Our September Meeting was very successful and productive. Ills. Ray Godeke did our Feast of Tishery Ceremony, with the Knights of Saint Andrews doing the toasts. It was a program done with meaning and sincerity. Thank you Ills. Ray and the Knights for a job well done. Honorable John Rider presented the Brethren with their 5, 10, 15, or 20 year pins. John thank you for all of your hard work, well done. I presented the 25 year pins to those who have been members for that amount of time or longer. My thanks to each and every Scottish Rite Member for all their time, hard work and dedication to the Orange County Scottish Rite. It was so great to see so many members and their wives attending the meeting, your support is what keeps our Valley growing, and it is just nice to see everyone and have the fellowship with them. Our Super Breakfast, as always, was a great success and everything was outstanding. My thanks to all of you that put in your hours to make the breakfast the great meal it always is. Thank you to all the cooks, set up, clean up and all the other extras that were done. A very special thank you to Brenda Ramirez for her special talent in creating my fine breakfast garment. I hope everyone enjoyed it, I know I did!!!!!

Our Stated Meeting in October will be on the 6th and I hope to see all of you there. On October 24th and 25th we will have our Fall Reunion Class at the DeMolay Center. On the 24th we will begin at 6:00 PM and on the 25th we will begin at 7:00 AM with coffee and donuts and followed later with lunch for all. We still have time to find more candidates for our class, please see if you can bring in more new members. Please come and support our Valley and show our new Brothers the love we have for each other and our deep sincerity.

At our November 3rd Stated Meeting there will be a motion made to vote to change our by-laws to read Orange County Scottish Rite and no longer Santa Ana Scottish Rite. Please come and vote on this very important by-law change.

I hope by the time we have our October Meeting things will be cooler and all can enjoy their Trick or Treats.

REMEMBER, BROTHERS, PLEASE GET INVOLVED, YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!!!

Fraternally,

Rick Wood, 33°

Personal Representative

Be sure to visit our new Scottish Rite web site at OCSCOTTISHRITE.ORG!

We need your email address so we can electronically send you the Scottish Rite News. Call the office at 714 543-7277 and give it to our Secretary or leave a message. Thanks!

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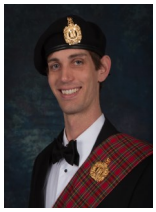

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From the Assistant Personal Representative

Brethren,

Our Fall Reunion is this month on the 24th and 25th. There is still time to add candidates to our current five. At the September meeting, each person was handed a booklet about our Valley with a petition in it. We need you to use it to duplicate yourself and add good Masons to our Valley.

There is a movement to change the name to Orange County Valley. We need to amend our bylaws and this will be voted on at our November Stated Meeting

More on our new plastic membership cards. This is the first year and there are some bumps in this new process. I hope by the time you read this that our fall 2013 Class will have received theirs. The process and communication with the Supreme Council has improved and it should be smooth sailing from here on.

The dues that individuals owe was calculated by the Supreme Council as of July 1st. If you paid your 2014 after that date, the amount owed will be incorrect. If you have any questions, please call the office as our computer has the correct amount. When your 2015 dues are paid, we will send you a sticker to place on your plastic card, so don't throw it away!

We now have inventory of Master Craftsman I, II and III in the office. I will bring one of each to the October Stated Meeting so you can look at them. If you want to purchase one, let me know and you can either stop by the office or I can bring it to the meeting. The first two go into the Scottish Rite degrees and the last one deals with the Blue Lodge. They are all well worth taking. Charles Reeves, 32° handles the first two and James Cervantes, 32° is overseeing the third one.

Fraternally,

Bob McNamara, 33°

Asst. Personal Representative

Toys For Tots

VALLEY TO PARTNER WITH NATIONAL SOJOURNERS

Santa Ana Valley Scottish Rite will be collecting toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation at our December Stated Meeting. They will be given to the National Sojourners for distribution to the Marine Corps Reserve. The National Sojourners have an annual program in December to honor the Marine Reserves and give them the toys that they have collected along with our contribution.

Our toy program has been dormant for a few years as we had difficulty distributing the toys. Now we have one!

Plan now to bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl or both. These toys bring the joy of the Holidays and the hope of a better future to the nation's less fortunate children. Let's see how much Joy we can bring!

Language Center News

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

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Leslie Sierra-Guzman, MA CCC-SLP Chris Switzer, MA CCC-SLP

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www.OCLanguageCenter.org

Please support your Orange County Childhood Language Center by making an individual, group, or company donation. Donations can also be made in honor of, or in memory of someone held in particular esteem by the donor.

Support our Center by becoming a member

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Visit www.OCLanguageCenter.org/Workshop

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Language Center News

Hello from the Orange County Childhood Language Center.

Excitement is in the air

After a well-deserved summer break, the center is once again open and ready to provide services. Preparing for this event requires coordination between the Speech Language Pathology supervisors and the great staff providing services to our children. Here is a picture of one of our SLP Supervisors, Mrs. Chris Switzer, reviewing our goals and schedules with two of our SLP Interns, Miss Jennifer Nagel and Miss Jennifer Miller.

Summer also brought some changes to our center, as we reorganized therapy areas in order to increase our therapy rooms from three to four, all to have the space needed to provide services to the increased number of children attending our center. Yes, growth is welcomed at the center, as we are now helping a greater number of children in need of our assistance. Here is Miss Jennifer Nagel shortly after providing services to one of our very special kids, and yes, her smile says it all! She is thrilled to know that her time will change the life of a child.

Great times

On Saturday September 6th we had our donors' appreciation dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Andronaco's lovely home. The gathering, which we called "A Tuscany Night" was well attended and greatly enjoyed by everyone.

It was great to see our contributors having so much fun and getting to know each other in a very relaxing atmosphere. There is no better way to thank those who support our cause than to share a family style meal together under a beautiful "Tuscany" sky.

Our dear friend and supporter Mr. Michael Jordan, Master Sommelier, spent the evening sharing his outstanding private wine "Word" and teaching everyone about this craft and the history of how Tuscany in Italy became a great wine producer. We look forward to having Michael at our next event.

All about the Classics — coming soon

Mr. Ted Segerstrom, who has been a supporter of our Center and has an extensive and very "one of a kind" Mustang collection in California, is opening the doors of his private museum to the Orange County Childhood Language Center for a fund-raising event.

The evening will be spectacular, as we will be able to enjoy Mr. Segerstrom's rare collection of automobiles while listening to the sounds of classical guitarist Mr. Flavio Apro. Imagine, classic cars surrounded by classical music! We are so ready, we cannot wait!

Flavio is a world-renowned accomplished musician in his work as guitarist, but also as a teacher. He is considered a brilliant researcher in the field of performance, with many published books and articles in the foremost academic magazines, as well as his contributions to important congresses.

We are looking forward to this great fund-raising event and to seeing you all once again.

It is now time for me to say "Until Next Time", but before I let you go, I want to sincerely Thank You for helping us make a big difference. Remember, together we bring the gift of voice to our children.

Sincerely yours,

Frankie Rosario, 32°
President of the Board of Directors

Lodge of Perfection

Brethren,

I want to personally thank you for your support of our Super Breakfast last month. Your continued loyalty to our goals and mission means a great deal to our overall success.

Congratulations to all of our members who were awarded their 5,10,15,20 and 25 years of service pins in August. Your faithful service is much appreciated by our members and officers alike. Our Senior Warden, Hon. John Ryder 32º KCCH designed these beautiful pins and I hope all will wear them with pride.

Speaking of membership, our Fall Reunion Class is just weeks away. Won't you please come out and support our wonderful degree teams for their efforts in providing the very best portrayal of our ritual and join us in welcoming our new members to our Valley.

Hopefully the heat of summer is behind us and we will begin enjoying cooler fall weather. Accordingly, the dress code for the remainder of the year will return to business causal.

Rev. David J. Kussman, 32° KCCH

Venerable Master 2014

Master of Kadosh

Salve Frater!

The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program is designed to educate our members about the teachings of our Scottish Rite degrees. In the 25th Degree, "Knight of the Brazen Serpent, or Sufi Master" we are taught that the Serpent was a symbol of wisdom and of healing, and Christ charged his disciples to be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. It is the symbol of the wise interpretation which rescues the Divine truths from the depravation which they have undergone by means of the ignorance of many interpreters. It is also the emblem of religious faith; of that wise faith which can be in equilibrium with sound reason, that faith which is conviction of the absolute truth of the highest of all verities; which conviction is revelation, the word of God uttering its voice in the human soul.

For additional information on any in the Master Craftsman series please contact Charles Reeves, 32º at **cr.gila885@gmail.com**

Charles Reeves, 32° KoSA

Master Of Kadosh

Knights of St. Andrew

Hi everyone,

I want to inform you that you are running out of time for bringing in new members and the savings of the initiation fees.

MEMBERSHIP
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That's right "**membership**". Did you know that this is the best time to ask someone to become a member of our Valley? Does this article sound like I am repeating myself? You bet I am, this can't be a better time to ask someone to be a member of our Valley. So what are you waiting for!!!

- 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;
- 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 will have additional information on the Service Awards Night in the November issue. I had to get this article in before the 8th of September and the Service Awards Night was on the 8th of September.

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

Yours in the Faith,

John R. Rider, 32° KCCH
Senior Warden

Commander of Kadosh

Dear Brothers,

Our Super Breakfast will be held on September 21st from 9am to 12pm at the Anaheim DeMolay Center located at 303 W. Lincoln Ave.

We will be having create your own omelet bar, hash browns, bacon, fruit, biscuits and gravy, and our famous waffles, hash brown casserole and chocolate fountain. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children under ten years old.

Mark your calendars for this worthwhile event to benefit our Valley.

Fraternally,

Ray Ramirez, 32°

Commander of Kadosh

SASR 2014 Calendar

October 6th—**SASR Stated Meeting**—6:30pm

24th—**Fall Reunion Class**—6:30pm sign-in

25th—**Fall Reunion Class**—7:00am Coffee and Doughnuts

November 3rd—**SASR Stated Meeting**—-6:30pm

First reading of 2015 Officer candidates

Cap and Ring Ceremony

December 1st—**SASR Stated Meeting**—-6:30pm

2nd reading of 2015 Officers candidates

Election of 2015 Officers

Christmas Party

October Dinner Menu

Meat Lasagna

Sausage

Cheese Bread

Cesar Salad

Pie

Santa Ana Valley Membership

As of July 31st	**452**
Affiliations	0
Initiations	0
Reinstatements	0
Total gains	8
Suspensions	0
Demits	0
Deceased	1
Total losses	0
As of August 31, 2014	**451**

Knights of St. Andrew

The Cable-Tow; A Symbol

The Cable-Tow is a word not found within the English Language outside of the fraternity of Masonry. It is not treated nor spoken of as a symbol in Masonry, and the use to which in case of need it was, as to be put, divests it even of a semblance of a symbol. In Hebrew, "Khabel" meant a rope, cord, or cable attached to an anchor.

The length of one's Cable-Tow means therefore the scope and intent and spirit of one's pledge, and this is hinted at, when at the altar, the candidate is relieved of the Cable-Tow on his body. The master saying "He is now bound to us by a stronger obligation [tie]." – *Albert Pike, 1877*

Gädieke says that, "according to the ancient laws of Freemasonry, every brother must attend his lodge if within the length of his Cable-Tow. " The old writers define the length of a Cable-Tow, which is sometimes called a cable's length, to be three miles for an Entered Apprentice. But the expression is really symbolic, and as it was defined by the Baltimore Convention in 1842, means the scope of a man's reasonable ability" - *Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*.

Fraternally

James McCallion, 32° KoSA

First Knight

Director of Ritual

Brethren,

Remember when…

Each and every one of us have done it. We've all been there. We show up to some place that we've been invited to; we have little or no idea what's going to happen. But we remember these words "…fear not what man can do unto you…" and we walk through the door. With those first steps we began our journey as Scottish Rite Masons. And in a few weeks, a new Class will begin their journey!

I invite you to come out on Friday October 24th and Saturday October 25th to experience what promises to be a great reunion. We are putting on degrees in a unique setting and this fall we're expanding the reunion experience by 3 additional degrees! So come out, help us welcome our new Brethren and experience degrees that we've never done before. I hope to see many of you there.

James Cervantes, 32°
Director of Ritual

Masonic Enlightenment

SECRECY AND SILENCE

These virtues constitute the very essence of all Masonic character; they are the safeguard of the Institution, giving to it all its security and perpetuity, and are enforced by frequent admonitions in all the Degrees, from the lowest to the highest. The Entered Apprentice begins his Masonic career by learning the duty of secrecy and silence. Hence it is appropriate that in that Degree which is the consummation of initiation, in which the whole cycle of Masonic science is completed, the abstruse machinery of symbolism should be employed to impress the same important virtues on the mind of the neophyte or newcomer. The same principles of secrecy and silence existed in all the ancient Mysteries and systems of worship. When Aristotle was asked what thing appeared to him to be most difficult of performance, he replied, "To be secret and silent."

"If we turn our eyes back to antiquity," says Calcott (Candid Disquisition, page 50), "we shall find that the old Egyptians had so great a regard for silence and secrecy in the mysteries of their religion, that they set up the god Harpocrates, to whom they paid peculiar honor and veneration, who was represented with the right hand placed near the heart, and the left down by his side, covered with a skin before, full of eyes and ears, to signify, that of many things to be seen and heard, few are to be published."

Apuleius, who was an initiate in the Mysteries of Isis, says: "By no peril will I ever be compelled to disclose to the uninitiated the things that I have had intrusted to me on condition of silence." Lobeck, in his Aglaophamus, has collected several examples of the reluctance with which the ancients approached a mystical-subjeet, and the manner in which they shrank from divulging any explanation or fable which had been related to them at the Mysteries, under the seal of secrecy and silence.

Lastly, in the school of Pythagoras, these lessons were taught by the Sage to his disciples. A novitiate of five years was imposed upon each pupil, which period was to be passed in total silence, and in religious and philosophical contemplation. And at length, when he was admitted to full fellowship in the society, an oath of secrecy was administered to him on the sacred tetraetys, which was equivalent to the Jewish Tetragrammaton.

Silence and secrecy are called "the cardinal virtues of a Seleet Master," in the Ninth or Select Master's Degree of the American Rite.

Among the Egyptians the sign of Silence was made by pressing the index finger of the right hand on the lips. It was thus that they represented Harpoerates, the god of silence, whose statue was placed at the entrance of all temples of Isis and Serapis, to indicate that Silence and secrecy were to be preserved as to all that occurred within.

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