



Orange County Valley of the Scottish Rite

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Personal Representative's Message



Brethren,

Many thanks to M.W. and Ill. Frank Loui, M.W. and Ill. Dave Decker, and Hon. Bob Hummel 32° KCCH for an outstanding job of installing our new line officers. It was an honor to have two Past Grand Masters working in the East and it was enjoyed by all who attended. Also, thank you to all the 2015 Officers for the outstanding year they had and to the newly installed 2016 Officers, I know you will be as dedicated and devoted as your predecessors under the leadership of Hon. Dave Price 32° KCCH, Bros. Cory Levoy 32°, James Cervantes 32° and Mark Hoage 32°. I am looking forward to working with all of them. An additional thank you to Larry Griffin, 32° for all of his hard work in photographing and touching up (some of us need all the touching up we can get) of the 2016 Officers and others. If you would like a copy of your picture call Larry at 714-273-0220 and he will see to your needs.

Brethren, PLEASE, check your Dues Card and make sure that you have a 2016 sticker on it. Dues Cards will be checked at our next Stated Meeting. If you do not have the 2016 sticker, unfortunately, you will not be admitted in. Please call the office and speak with Ill. Bob McNamara and he will take care of your dues for you (714-543-7277). I am sorry to say we will have to suspend about 35 members for non-payment of dues, so please make sure you are not one of these, we don't want to lose any of you.

We will have a new date for our Reunion Class so please mark your calendars for June 24-25, 2016. Due to a conflict, we had to change our previous dates to these new dates.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SWEETHEART ON FEBRUARY 14, VALENTINE'S DAY (YOU COULD BE IN TROUBLE IF YOU DON'T)!

In closing my Brothers, I want to remind you the money from our Berry the Pig goes to our Childhood Language Center and our Recycling Program helps our Valley, so bring your cans and bottles to our Stated Meetings. Thank you very much.

*REMEMBER, MY BROTHERS, DO GET INVOLVED,
YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!!!*

Fraternally,
Rick Wood, 33°
Personal Representative

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General Secretary



Secretary Says,

We hit the ground running in January and haven't stopped. Our office staff consists of myself, Mark Hoage, 32°, Lloyd Clayton, 33° and Russ Albright, 32°. We are in the process of reorganizing the office, including all the files, so hopefully we will be more efficient. It now looks like a mess, but it is an organized mess.

Dues are slowly coming in and we still have over 100 Brothers that haven't paid their 2016 dues. Our goal is that everyone should have a new plastics dues card by the end of the year. Check your wallet and if you have a cardboard dues card, and if you do, let me know and I will order a new one from Supreme. Our name change from Santa Ana to Orange County Valley continues to cause problems with banks, the state and vendors, but we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I just hope that is not an oncoming train!

Fraternally,

Bob McNamara, 33°

General Secretary

Asst. Personal Representative

From the Editor



Greetings All,

We are currently revising when we will be publishing our Scottish Rite Newsletter. Since we are no longer mailing hard copies, we can publish later and make our articles more timely, (not having to predict what will be happening). It may take a little time to refine the timing so when you receive the newsletter will vary for awhile. It is our goal is to have it out the week prior to our stated meeting.

As always, I am looking for any additional submissions from any of our readers. Please consider contributing to our publication. Please make your submissions to mshu-saac@charter.net prior to the 20th of the month.

Fraternally,

Mark Hoage, 32° KoSA

Editor

Lodge of Perfection



Greetings my Brothers;

I am privileged and honored to represent our Valley as Venerable Master for 2016. I am excited about the upcoming year and know with our new Valley leadership, we are well equipped for a fun and successful year. A special thank you to Hon Bob Hummel, not only for doing an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies, but for the artistic layout and printing of our Installation Program. Historical note: Brother Bob was sitting in the East when I was Entered, and my Top Line Signer on my Scottish Rite application. Thank you to MW and Ill. David and Nancy Decker for their gracious assistance as our Installing Chaplain and Registration Hostess respectively. And thank you to MW and Ill. Frank Loui for honoring me and our Valley as our Installing Officer. Thank you to all the friends, family and Brethren who made the day so special by sharing it with me. I look forward to a productive and fun year of service.

Kind fraternal regards,

David Price

Venerable Master



L-R Mark Hoage, Kory Levoy, David Price, James Cervantes

Senior Warden



Greetings from the West My Brothers,

I hope everyone had a great holiday with friends and family and a Happy New Year. As we prepare to embark on 2016, I can't help but to take the time to reflect on the growth our Valley experienced last year, in part due to our exceptional Lodge Ambassador program lead by our Hon. Mike Selix, 32° KCCH. As of now, our Valley stands at 462 members, way to go team.

I would like to thank our Ambassadors for their hard work in making this growth possible for our Valley. If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, please contact Hon. Bro. Mike at (714) 322-5950 or email mgsunlimited@gmail.com. Remember, membership is the heart and soul of our future, so I encourage you to get involved and help us become even larger this year. Our membership ensures the stability of our Valley for years to come, so please help us. Before I end, I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Senior Warden this year and promise to do my very best in helping create an exciting future for our Valley.

Well my brothers, stay safe and see you soon!

Fraternally yours,

Bro. Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH

Senior Warden

Wise Master



Greetings Brothers,

Thank you for the honor of electing me as your Wise Master for 2016. I plan on working diligently to successfully execute all of the responsibilities of my position and to support our Valley to the best of my ability.

One of my primary responsibilities is to present the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal on Thursday, March 24th at 6:30 pm. I plan on working closely with the 18th Degree Team to present this most symbolic observation. Mark your calendar and look for more details as this date nears.

I am looking forward with great anticipation to our coming year !

Kory Levoy, 32°
Wise Master

Commander



Brethren,

Welcome to 2016! I'm thrilled to be serving all of you as Commander of the Orange County Council of Kadosh. Over the course of the year, I'll be keeping you all updated on the various things that cross my path. Especially our two Super Breakfasts (coming May 15th and September 25th) and our Reunion Classes. You can expect to see tickets for the May Super Breakfast soon! Our outstanding Degree Teams will be back in their rehearsals very soon, as we prepare for our May 23/24 Spring Reunion. We're always looking for more people to help out too, so if you have any interest, please reach out to either myself or Illustrious Bob Hjorth, 33°!

Finally, a tip of the cap to Honorable Neil Simmons, 32° KCCH for the great job he did as Commander for all of us in 2015! Thank you Neil.

James Cervantes, 32°
Commander
Director of Ritual

Language Center News



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OC CLC Board

Welcome to 2016!

The Board of Directors of the OC Childhood Language Center would like to thank and recognize all donors for their financial support in 2015!

Upcoming Events

Please reserve Monday June 6th to experience an extraordinary lunch at The White House Restaurant in Anaheim. Reservations can be made by calling our board chairman, Frankie Rosario at (714) 600-6914.

The cost is \$50 per person, \$500 per table (10 people). Because we can only accommodate up to 100 people, please make your reservations right away.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Language Center News



Happy New Year wishes from the Orange County Childhood Language Center. Last year was a very busy and successful year for the Center, and because of your support, we were able to grow and help more children improve their speech and communication skills. To celebrate the holidays, the Center operated on a reduced schedule; but our mission continued as we evaluated one more child and provided 125 hours of speech therapy to our 88 children.

President's Circle Members

In December, the President's Circle was proud to welcome back and enroll for the 2016 membership Illustrious Don Tapia, Illustrious Bob McNamara, Brother Robert Pickell and Mr. Bob Olsen and welcomed our new members Hon. Mike Selix and Hon. Art Salazar. By joining or renewing membership to this inspiring club, they are guaranteeing that a child will receive the therapy needed to overcome their speech challenges. These gentlemen understand how important it is to invest in our children, so thank you once again for your generosity and continued support.

Graduations = Impact

We are so excited to celebrate the "graduation" of **four** of our young clients. It is a very proud moment for these families, our Chapman clinicians and supervisors at the Center.

Here is Damian accepting his graduation certificate from Tiffany. Damian enjoys talking to Tiffany



about "Thomas the Tank Engine". His favorite character is the Percy the Small Engine!

This next picture shows AJ receiving his graduation certificate from Ashley. His grandfather was very happy with the progress AJ achieved during therapy at the Center.



As grandpa said, "By the end of the semester, AJ was talking so much, that they (his family) couldn't keep him quiet!". What a great gift and sound to hear during this very special season.

We hope our Scottish Rite brothers feel proud of these accomplishments. By supporting our Childhood Language Center, we are having a direct impact on these young children. By graduating from our program, our kids will achieve a greater ability to use and understand language and to express themselves to the greatest extent possible.

Join us for a Great Lunch!

Please reserve **Monday June 6th, 2016** on your calendar and join us for an amazing lunch at The Anaheim White House Restaurant in Anaheim, as Bruno Serato, owner of the Anaheim White House Restaurant continues to support charitable organizations in Orange County. Bruno's generosity is well known throughout the world. He has once again selected and invited the Orange County Childhood Language center to host a fund raising lunch in the beautiful West Wing Ball Room. If you attended this gourmet lunch last time, you won't want to miss it and if not, it is your time to experience a great meal and a fund event. Please remember, all funds go towards supporting our Childhood Language Center. More information will be available soon so stay tuned.

Sincerely yours,

Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH

President of the Board of Directors

OCSR 2016 Calendar

2016

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| February | 1st—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm |
| March | 7th—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm Shrine POV 24th—Remembrance and Renewal Observance—6:30pm |
| April | 4th—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm 24th—Spring Super Breakfast— 9am-12pm |

February Dinner Menu

Roast Beef
Roasted Potatoes
Steamed Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Dinner Rolls
Apple Pie

In Memorium

*Thankfully, we
have No deaths
to report
this month.*



Important Reservation Notice

Annual Standing Reservations are available; for an advance donation of \$150 per person or \$250 per couple, paid no later than February 15th 2016. This reservation includes dinner for all 12 Stated Meetings.

If you chose to pay monthly beginning with the March Stated Meeting, the donation is \$15 per person or \$25.00 per couple, if a reservation is made by the Wednesday preceding the meeting. If you fail to make a reservation, the donation for dinner is \$20.00 per person, \$30.00 per couple.

All reservations made require payment even if you are unable to attend.

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Masonic Enlightenment



The York and Scottish Rites

J. Howard Duncan, 32, K.C.C.H.
Lecompton, Kansas



The Master Mason wishing to expand his Masonic associations should benefit from this Brother's concise comparison of the York Rite and the Scottish Rite.

What are the differences between the Scottish Rite and the York Rite, two major Bodies of extended Masonry? An answer to this question, if attempted without limitation, would soon bog you down in a myriad of details. In the intricacies of each Body's rituals, for instance, there are hundreds of differences.

An answer to the question, where it might better serve to inform the Blue Lodge Freemason considering continuation of his search for Masonic Light, requires backing away from the details and illustrating the bigger picture. My perspective is from having held most of the local offices of the two organizations without any state or national service.

First, the overriding similarities should be noted. Both groups are Masonic organizations dedicated to the benefit of society through improvement of the individual. By morality lessons and peer association, they promote behaviors which civilize the man and strengthen his society. This is consistent with the Blue Lodge lessons which teach a man to be a better husband, father, son, neighbor, churchgoer, and citizen.

It is in the focus of their objectives that the two organizations can most easily be seen to differ. Scottish Rite Masonry is the champion of individual freedoms and citizenship rights as well as responsibilities. York Rite Masonry in its concluding Degrees or Orders is the champion of Christianity. A man must pledge to defend Christianity to become a Knight Templar Freemason in the York Rite. Good men of other religions (Jews, Moslems, Hindus, etc.) believing in Deity may become Scottish Rite Masons. The Scottish Rite Mason is urged to take an active leadership role in the promotion and protection of individual rights: government by democracy, free speech and press, equitable treatment before the law, freedom of religion and the individual, and separation of church and state.

York Rite Freemasonry has three separate and autonomous Bodies: Chapter, Council, and Commandery. These Bodies each have ritual and conduct meet-

ings. The officers lines are not much different from Blue Lodge, but with differing titles. The top officer in the three Bodies are respectively formally called Excellent High Priest, Illustrious Master, and Eminent Commander. As the title Brother is used in the Blue Lodge, the title Companion is used in the Chapter and Council and the title Sir Knight is used in the Commandery.

Scottish Rite Masonry has four coordinate Bodies: Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, and Consistory. The business affairs of all four Bodies of the Scottish Rite are conducted in the Lodge of Perfection. The top officers in the four Bodies are respectively formally addressed as Venerable Master, Wise Master, Commander, and Venerable Master of Kadosh.

While some Blue Lodges use costumes, most do not. But both the Scottish and York Rites emphasize the theatrical by use of elaborate costumes, stage props, and often actual stages with scenery backdrops to heighten the dramatic impact of each Rite's morality lessons. This Degree work tends to be done by men well rehearsed in the roles they are performing rather than by the current Lodge officers.

Another noticeable difference from Blue Lodge is the attire sometimes worn by the ordinary members. Most striking of these are the uniforms worn by York Rite Commandery, complete with ceremonial swords. The uniforms are reminiscent of what was worn on formal occasions by naval officers a century ago. The chief characteristic is a large, folded-brim hat, called a chapeau, with ostrich plumes. The other two York Rite Bodies sometimes use modern blazer jackets, red for Chapter and purple for Council.

Scottish Rite limits its nonritual attire to a hat with ornamentation including the symbolic double-headed eagle and gold-colored braiding. The hat is of the pillbox type without bill or brim. Black is the basic color of the hat worn by the majority of the Scottish Rite members who are 32 Masons. The two honorary Degree classes have different identifying colors. Red is used for the man recognized as a Knight Commander

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Masonic Enlightenment (cont. from page 9)

of the Court of Honor and labelled as a 32° K.C.C.H. Mason. The supreme honorary recognition of 33 Freemason is titled Inspector General Honorary and includes the identification of a white hat. The white Scottish Rite hat is rare, representing slightly over 1% of the membership. In even smaller numbers are the purple or magenta hats worn by the 33 Active Members of The Supreme Council.

Both of the Rites practice charity and have their favorite projects. York Rite Masons have several charities, among them the Royal Arch Masons Auditory Research Assistance Program and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation which makes it possible for needy persons with sight problems to get medical help. The Knights Templars also support a Holy Land Pilgrim

age program which sends ministers on tours dedicated to the locales important to Jews, Christians, and followers of Islam. Scottish Rite Freemasons support their 122 Childhood Learning Disorders Clinics, Centers, and Programs and their hospitals in Dallas, TX, and Atlanta, GA, treating children with orthopedic, neurological, and learning disabilities. All groups practice local charity and usually sponsor educational scholarships.

Polity also differs. The Scottish Rite is hierarchical and oaths of loyalty are required to the Order's national leaders whereas the York Rite is democratic in its polity.

In the final analysis, both groups are champions, like Blue Lodge Masons, of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.



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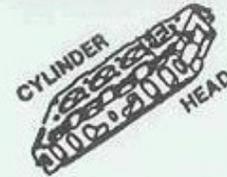
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