



Orange County Valley of the Scottish Rite

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Personal Representative's Message



Brethren,

I can't tell you how wonderful it was to see four of our Past Personal Representatives participating in our Stated Meeting in May. Each of these men represents an important period in the life of our Valley. They each brought their own wonderful and unique style of levity to the evening as well. Venerable Master John Rider, 32° KCCH presented each of these past PRs with a trophy recognizing their contribution to our Valley as part of our dinner program.

If you haven't already heard, the California Rainbow Girls selected the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Centers as their charity for 2014. Their fundraising efforts resulted in the collection of \$72,152 of which our own OCCLC received \$5,184. This presentation was made at our Stated Meeting with the assistance of Illustrious Frank Loui, 33° SGIG of California. We also used the occasion of Ill. Frank's visit to present a Scottish Rite Foundation scholarship award to Ms. Lisa Bombarda one of the clinicians at our OCCLC. We thank Ill. Frank for attending and being a part of these important presentations.

I would like to welcome all of our new Members who received their degrees at our Spring Reunion. These new Brothers were part of one of the largest Reunion classes in our Valley for many years. Also a big thank you to all of the cast members and Degree Masters of the various degree teams for all of their hours of rehearsals to ensure a quality program for our Candidates. Finally, a special thanks to all of the Brethren who have been attending our Stated Meetings which amounts to more than 40 sideliners at each of our past few meetings.

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

Fraternally,

Rick Wood, 33°
Personal Representative

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General Secretary



Brethren,

We are at the half way point in 2015 and we have made good progress with collecting our dues. At this point we have less than 50 out of our 455 members with outstanding dues and we hope that those accounts will be brought current soon.

As you know, each year Supreme makes the first appeal followed up by our own Valley again in the Spring. This year we hope that sending dues notices following the initial notices from Supreme will be sufficient to motivate our Brothers to send their dues in. So... please check your dues card to ensure that your 2015 dues are current.

Please contact Bob McNamara, 33°, at the Scottish Rite office, 714 543-7277 for any additional information or assistance.

Fraternally,

Bob McNamara, 33°

Asst. Personal Representative

From the Editor



Greetings All,

Well it started off to be a terrible month for me. Sometime after our May Stated Meeting I lost my flash drive with over 10 years of work as well as all of my Scottish Rite records and templates. I only had a portion of the material backed-up so the remaining material was either lost or had to be recreated. Fortunately, my son Chris found my flash drive, but not before I had recreated the newsletter template. This is the reason for the delay in the printing of the hard copies of this month's bulletin. For all of you thinking that I should back-up my files, it's now done and in two different locations.

I am still looking for any additional article submissions from the Brothers for inclusion in our OC Scottish Rite News. Please make your submissions to mshusaac@charter.net prior to the 10th of the month.

Fraternally,

Mark Hoage, 32° KoSA

Editor

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Summer Classical Music Concert

Saturday June 20th, 7:00pm

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OC CLC 2015 RiteCare Golf Tournament

Monday August 10th, 11:30am

This year the Yorba Linda Country Club will be hosting our golf tournament with a shotgun start at 11:30am followed by a dinner at 6:00pm. Please visit our web site for additional information and to pay for registration.

OC CLC Gift of Voice Gala Dinner

Monday August 10th, 6:00pm

Enjoy an elegant dinner and silent auction event at the Yorba Linda Country club. Come and spend time with world renowned Master Sommelier, Mr. Michael Jordan, while listening to great music. Please visit our web site for additional information and to purchase your reservations.

**Remember, all proceeds go towards the support of the
 Orange County Childhood Language Center**

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Language Center News



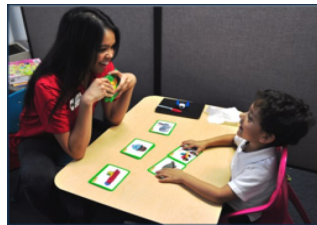
Hello from the Orange County Childhood Language Center. May proved to be a busy month for us, so let us begin by providing you, our great supporters with an update on our labor.

Hard work pays off

Because of your financial assistance and the great work of our staff, we have surpassed all prior records. This month we evaluated 12 children, provided 286 hours of therapy and are now serving 102 children! Yes you heard it right; the number is 102! All because of YOU! We would like to thank everyone for helping our center reach this goal. Getting to this level was not easy, it took commitment and hard work, but seeing the results of our effort makes it all worthwhile.

Pride in what we do

It is my pleasure to introduce Lisa Bombarda. Here you see a big smile on her face and the happiness she brings to this child, as she knows very well the difference she is making in his life helping him gain the ability to talk and communicate with the world. Lisa loves her work and being at the OC CLC. We are so proud and so lucky to have Lisa and many others like her at the Center. Because of Lisa's energy and outstanding work, she became the winner of the 2015 California Scottish



Rite Foundation Baldwin Scholarship.

A Beautiful Rainbow

In June of 2014, the International Order of the Rainbow Girls in our state chose the California Scottish Rite Language Centers as their annual service project for 2014-15. Their projects throughout the year culminated in a gift presented to the OC CLC in the amount of \$5,154.11. Overall the Rainbow Girls raised \$72,157.57 for the language centers in California.

On May 4th, Ill. Frank Loui, 33° SGIG and Ill. Rick Wood, 33° presented a certificate to Ms. Lauren Hicks, Past Grand Worthy Advisor and to the International Order of the Rainbow Girls for demonstrating a profound commitment and playing a key role in our success. We are inspired by the perseverance and thoughtfulness of this wonderful organization. On Behalf of our Center and the OC Scottish Rite, Thank You!

Congratulations

At the event, Ill. Frank Loui, 33° SGIG, Ill. Ray Godeke, 33° VP of Finance for CASRF and Dave Price, 32° CASRF Board Member presented Lisa Bombarda the 2015 California Scottish Rite Foundation Baldwin Scholarship. Way to go Lisa! Your hard work plays a big role in our success. Until next time, thanks again for supporting the OC CLC and allowing us to bring the gift of voice to our children!

Sincerely yours,

Frankie Rosario, 32°

President of the Board of Directors



Lodge of Perfection



Hi Everyone,

What a great time we had at the May stated meeting, we honored the Past Personal Representatives and boy was there some history at that meeting.

I want to thank all the brothers who have been attending our stated meetings and staying for dinner. I also want to thank our brothers for ensuring that our guests are served dinner first, after the blessing is offered by our Chaplain.

Our monthly attendance is now up to about 40 plus members. At our May Stated Meeting we had 4 new petitions read for the first time and voted on 8 new members and 1 affiliation. It is nice to see that our Valley is growing.

Our June Stated Meeting will be "Right Worshipful Night" in honor of Ill. John Heisner, 33° and the Deputy Grand Master of California who in just a few short months will be our next Grand Master. Let's all plan on attending this meeting. The dress code for the evening will be a coat and tie. I want to thank all the members of our Valley who attend our stated meetings in dress attire. Most all who attend are in a coat and tie with their cap. This is what Scottish Rite is about for me. It is how I was trained as a young new Mason, Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner.

Just a reminder, we need to keep our stated meetings short and to the point. If you have a report to give, please keep it brief, our meetings lately have been running over the one hour mark.

I would like you to mark these three important dates on your calendar, Monday, July 6th which is our July stated meeting; Saturday, July 18th which is the next Advisory Council meeting from 8-12pm at the DeMolay Center and Monday, July 27th for the Learning Center Annual Golf Tournament with a 10am shotgun start.

Finally, remember to sign up for the Quakes baseball game on Saturday July 18th at 7pm. I will have the signup sheet available before and after the next stated meeting. I have reserved 50 tickets for this event so invite a friend.

Remember, "Change is for the Good, but no change is fatal"

John R. Rider, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

Senior Warden



Greetings my Brothers !

We had the pleasure and honor of presenting one of our Scottish Rite Foundation 2016 Scholarship to Ms. Lisa Bombarda. She is a graduate student at Chapman University majoring in Speech Disorders and Pathology. She has worked with our children at our Orange County Childhood Language Center.

As a special addition, Ill Frank Loui, President of the CSRFB, was on hand to make the presentation. Lisa shared with our Brothers and guests a bit about her educational path and vocational goals. She is a very impressive young lady.

CONGRATULATIONS LISA !

David Price 32° KCCH
Trustee, CSRFB Board



L-R: Ill. Frank Loui, Lisa Bombarda,
Ill. Ray Godeke, Hon. Dave Price

Wise Master



Fraternal Greetings Brethren,

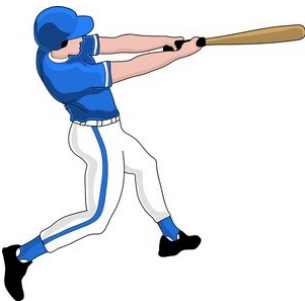
To all of our new Scottish Rite Brethren, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your next step in Masonry, and welcome you to “YOUR” Orange County Valley of Scottish Rite. I hope you enjoyed the degrees which were both performed and communicated as much as our degree teams enjoyed performing them for you. I hope these degrees have sparked in you, an interest to learn as well as to challenge and encourage you to get involved and to seek more light in Masonry.

I’m sure you’re asking yourself what’s next? I can assure you that we have many ways for you to get involved. We have positions in our degree teams who can always use your help and support. We have everything from, small non-speaking parts, to principal roles, even positions as Degree Masters. If you enjoy working behind the scenes, we could use your assistance with stage set-up, costumes, sound, and lighting.

If you are seeking more light in masonry, I would suggest enrolling in one of our Master Craftsman Programs. Do you have a desire to serve the Valley? You can join the Knights of St Andrew. I would also encourage you to visit our OC Childhood Language Center and see the great work we are doing with our kids. Once again I welcome you to our “Orange County Valley of Scottish Rite” and remember working together we do make a difference!

Bro. Mike Selix, 32°
Wise Master

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OCSR 2015 Calendar

June 1st—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm
 Right Worshipful Night
 Knights of St. Andrew
 Initiation

July 6th—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm
 Cap and Ring Ceremony

August 2nd—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm
 Ill. Frank Loui, 33° SGIG Night

September 14th—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm
 *NOTE: Second Monday
 Service Pin Night

June Dinner Menu

Pork Roast
Apple Sauce
Mashed Potatoes
Dinner Rolls
Salad
Desert

In Memorium

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



Orange County Valley Membership

As of April 1st	455
Affiliations	1
Initiations	0
Reinstatements	0
Total gains	<u>1</u>
Suspensions	0
Demits	1
Deceased	0
Total losses	<u>1</u>
As of April 30, 2015	455

Masonic Education

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 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.

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Masonic Education (cont.)

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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Short Bits

Cedars of Lebanon



From time immemorial, the timbers of the cedar tree have been considered of unusual value because they never decay nor rot. The cedar tree was in ancient times a symbol of eternity, and the cedar wood was sacred among the Hebrews. The Ark of the Covenant for the Tabernacle was made of cedar. For these reasons King Solomon used exclusively cedar timbers in the

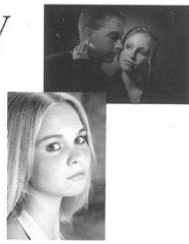
building of the Temple.

Since the most excellent cedar forests of the world have always existed in Mt. Lebanon, Solomon formed an alliance with Hiram, King of Tyre, and secured from these forests the necessary timbers for building the Temple. And Solomon sent to Hiram King of Tyre saying, now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of the Forest of Lebanon, so Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire. 1 Kings 5:2-10 - Ps. 92:12 - 1 Kings 5:2-10 - Ezra 3:7

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