



**Orange County Valley of the Scottish Rite**

# Scottish Rite News

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## Master of Kadosh



Greetings Brothers,

As many of you know, this year has been a rough one for me and hopefully the day after our July Stated Meeting, I will finally have the melanoma surgery on my cheek that has been postponed twice. With all of this drama going on in my life, I finally looked up and realized that we had arrived at July.

July always brings to mind the celebration of the birth of our great Nation. It always brings to mind the Declaration of Independence and that causes me to think of this painting depicting the signers whom most of us know. I have always imagined being in the room, in talking with the participants and maybe even contributing to the discussion. This year my thoughts took me to a new realization. I and all Masons were in the room. You might ask how, that was 240 years ago how could we have been in the room.



Our Brothers William Ellery, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Joseph Hewes, William Hooper, Robert Treat Paine, Richard Stockton, George Walton and William Whipple, all Masons were in the room. Each of them had passed through the same rites of initiation and all believing in the same ideals and ethics as each of us were represented us in that room. It is in this regard, that I propose that while we may not have been present in body we were present in spirit and ideals. We Masons all participated in the discussions and decisions with that great assemblage of our founding fathers.

I ask the next time you view this painting take a moment to reflect on your participation in the forming of our great nation. Additionally, remember to maintain those ideals which assisted in forming our nation and ensure that they endure for our future generations to believe in and follow.

Fraternally,

**Mark Hoage, 32°**  
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## General Secretary



Secretary Says,

June was a very busy month! Preparation and participation in the Reunion on top of our regular work made it whiz by. I am constantly surprised by the talent and commitment of our members. We are a very fortunate Valley.

Our annual audit was headed by Bob Hjorth, 33° and was assisted by Gene Harp, 33° and Dave Price, 32° KCCH. A few minor procedures need to be changed, but all in all we are in good shape.

Collecting dues is progressing slowly, but we have most of them collected. I am concerned about 20 of our Brothers who are two years behind. Please check your dues card and see if says 2016. If not, send your dues in. Any questions, call me on my cell 714 381-2949.

And don't forget to have a safe and sane, Fourth of July!

Fraternally,

**Ill. Bob McNamara, 33°**  
General Secretary

## Wise Master



Greetings Brethren,

July brings us the celebration of our Independence and our separation from Great Britain. The result was the formation of this amazing country and a new and unique form of government. At least two members of the committee set up to draft the Declaration of Independence were Freemasons. Thomas Jefferson, the author of the declaration, was "probably" a Freemason. Evidence certainly points to his at least having Masonic connections. Benjamin Franklin made several draft changes in the copy sent to him by Jefferson, and was certainly a well known Freemason. Brother Franklin served as Grand Master of the province of Pennsylvania in 1749. Robert Livingston is the other member of the committee who was a Freemason and went on to become the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York in 1785.

Times have changed, and with them, values and moral values have been diminished. We have a duty as Scottish Rite Masons to live the values that we teach. Demonstrating by example how men should live and how men should be. Coming together helps to continually reinforce the lessons being with "like minded" individuals that live to this higher standard.

Please get in the habit of regularly attending Scottish Rite Meetings. The difference it makes will not only be to your life, but to the lives of others whom you come in contact with!

Fraternally,

**Kory Levoy, 32°**  
Wise Master

## Personal Representative's Message



Greetings my Brothers:

Six months of the year are already gone, can you believe it! Summer is here and we will celebrate the independence of our great nation this month. My special thanks to all of my country men for supporting our nation and especially those that served in our military. Happy Fourth of July!!!!

We had another successful reunion class in June and I extend my thanks to all of you for your hard work and to all of you that went out and talked to people and shook the bushes and got us more candidates. A special thank you to James Cervantes for the fabulous job he did on our program. To all of you that did the degree work, you did an outstanding job. From the Director of Ritual to the Director of the Work and all that worked in the classroom a job well done. Remember this is your Valley and you are the only ones that can make it grow and prosper. I thank you for all you have done and for your support.

In honor of the Fourth of July, dinner at the Stated Meeting on July 11 will be hot dogs and hamburgers and all that goes with this special celebration. This is in honor of our great country, we are very fortunate to live in this wonderful country. If you can read English thank a teacher, if you live free thank a service man. PLEASE call the office and make your reservations for dinner 714-543-7277. We need to have a head count for dinner that we can give to our caterer. Thanks.

How about those new jewels our Officers were wearing? I know they will all wear them with pride.

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## Lodge of Perfection



Greetings my Brothers !

As this newsletter hits the press we are holding our Spring 2016 'Jim Prather Reunion Class'. Our degree teams have been working diligently to provide an unparalleled Reunion Class experience for our new initiates. Our Classroom Director, Bro James McCallion and Ritual Director, James Cervantes are taking our Valley's Spring Reunion to new heights. The candidates will experience not only the required 5 degrees (4,14,18,30 & 32) but additionally 7, 21, 29, & 31 for a total of 9 exemplified degrees. We will exemplify all 29 degrees over a 4 year period. That is a very worthy endeavor and what I call engagement and dedication among our Valley's brothers. I am VERY proud of ALL our Brothers for their commitment. I want to encourage all brothers to be part of this Reunion. Please stop by for fellowship and the rekindling of your Scottish Rite obligation. The Friday session: 6-10 PM, Saturday session: 7AM-4 PM at the Anaheim DeMolay Center.

Fiat Lux !

Kind Fraternal Regards,  
**David P. Price, 32° KCCH**  
 Venerable Master

## Senior Warden



Greetings from the West My Brothers,

On Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of visiting Orange Grove Lodge #293 and sharing with Worshipful Master, Hon. Mike Selix and our brethren in attendance, how well our Charity, the OC Childhood Language Center is doing thanks to your ongoing support. As I spoke, I reflected upon the importance of fellowship and our responsibility as Masons, to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection, which unites our lodges and temples all around the world and one which makes us brothers and friends. It also reminded me, that many of you reading this newsletter are not receiving our membership report and as such, are unaware of how our Valley is doing when it comes to membership recruitment and retention.

As of June, we started with 461 brothers, accepted 3 affiliations, had one death and ended with 463 members. Year to date, we started with 461 brothers, lost 30 members and gained 32. Of the 463 members, 379 have paid their 2016 dues and 84 have not yet paid. Furthermore, of the 84, 24 members owe more than one year and as a result can be suspended in 2016.

I am mentioning this because without your help, it is extremely difficult for this Valley to grow or retain their members. If you know of a brother who wants to be more involved in our Valley but doesn't know how, or if you know of a brother who is not receiving their communication as a result of a relocation, etc., please let Ill. Rick Wood or Ill. Bob McNamara know as soon as possible, so we can find ways to get those wanting to do more involved and also find other ways to get critical information to brothers who are not able to receive our mail or calls.

Please, the next time you see a brother of our Valley, take the time to see how he is doing and ask for ideas on how he and his lady can assist in creating events to attract and retain our members, as united we will make our Valley a great home for all of us.

Fraternally yours,  
**Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH**  
Senior Warden

## Commander



Brethren,

Another month down and half the year is now over, where has it gone? Well, my Brothers, the good news is we had a great Reunion Class where we welcomed our new Brethren by exemplifying 9 of the 29 Degrees of the Scottish Rite, and we're looking forward to our Cap and Ring Ceremony this month! I'd like to personally thank our Degree Masters, Bro. Jay Webb, 32°, Bro. Jeff Kimble, 32°, Bro. Shawn McCuen, 32° and Bro. James McCallion, 32° for their hard work in getting their casts ready! And speaking of the casts, hats off to the work they all put in to making all of this happen.

Remember to join us again on October 1st and 22nd as we begin a new expanded format Reunion allowing us to perform even more Degrees!

**James Cervantes, 32°**  
Commander - Council of Kadosh  
Director of Ritual



## Language Center News



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### Upcoming Events

**The 2016 RiteCare Golf Classic**

Join us on Monday August 8th for a great day of golf at one of Orange County's premier Jack Nicklaus-designed courses. The Yorba Linda Country Club will provide the site for this event. Registration includes admission to Gift of Voice dinner and auction event immediately following. Reservations can be made by calling our board chairman, Frankie Rosario at (714) 600-6914 or by visiting the OC CLC Website: [www.OCLanguageCenter.org/golf](http://www.OCLanguageCenter.org/golf)



**The 2016 Gift of Voice Gala Dinner**

Join us on **Monday August 8th** for a great dinner and auction event to help raise money for a worthy cause, the Orange County Childhood Language Center, recipient of the 2016 Program of the Year from the California Speech-Language Hearing Association, at the Yorba Linda Country Club. Join world-renowned Master Sommelier Michael Jordan for a wine and dine experience you will not forget. Reservations can be made by calling our board chairman, Frankie Rosario at (714) 600-6914 or by visiting the OC CLC Website: [www.OCLanguageCenter.org/gala](http://www.OCLanguageCenter.org/gala)



**We look forward to seeing you all soon!**

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## Language Center News



Greetings from the OC Childhood Language Center. I have some exciting news to report, so without further delays here we go!

### White House Celebration Lunch



The Orange County Childhood Language Center conducted a fund raising luncheon at the famous Anaheim White House Restaurant. This was a fabulous event where we raised money to support our Center and celebrate three years of award winning therapy services with Chapman University. Our CLC was one of the charities that was selected by Bruno Serato to have a luncheon at his beautiful restaurant. Bruno and the CLC both have a long tradition of helping children and families in Orange County.



Our Brother Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH was the master of ceremonies. He graciously thanked all of the attendees for their support of the Center. He also used this opportunity to present Dr. Montgomery and the Chapman Speech Language Supervisors at the Center with the

Service Excellence Award, which the Orange County Scottish Rite Valley presents to people who have been instrumental in our success at The Center or in our Valley.

### They Bring the Magic

Part of our magic at the Center is our strong relationship with Chapman University, Dr. Judy Montgomery and her very talented Speech Language Pathology Supervisors, who work directly with the student clinicians from Chapman.

This magical mix of student clinicians, children receiving excellent therapy and expert Supervisors earned the Orange County Childhood Language Center the "2016 Program of the Year Award" from the California Speech Language Hearing Association.



### Faithful Supporters

Brother Frankie also recognized the President Club members that were in attendance at the luncheon. These are fellow Brother Masons and members of the public that donate \$500 each year to the Center. The \$500.00 number is significant because this donation will provide free therapy to one child for the year. Like our Valley, these President Club members believe in the mission of the Center and go the extra mile to ensure our children receive the therapy they need to overcome their speech challenges.



### Chapman University



The partnership between the OC CLC and Chapman University has dramatically changed the quality of services we are able to provide our children. Our CLC is considered to be one of the best performing Childhood Language Centers in the state, so our special "Thank You" to our Valley, our Staff and to Chapman University for their dedication to our community!

Fraternally yours,

**David V. Frias, 32°**

Vice President, Board of Directors

**OCSR 2016 Calendar****2016**

- July**      4th—Independence Day
- 11th—Stated Meeting 6:30pm  
                            Cap and Ring Ceremony
- 14th—Quarterly Advisory  
                            Meeting, DeMolay Center  
                            8:00am
- August**    1st—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

**June Dinner Menu****Hamburgers &****Hotdogs****Potato salad****Baked beans****Cherry pie****Important News****In Memorium****Brother James G. Prather, 32°**

Brother Prather was born on May 31, 1947 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was a member of Yorba Linda Lodge No. 469 in Yorba Linda, California. He was made a Master of the Royal Secret in 1983 and transferred to Orange County Valley in 2013, where he was a Life Member. He entered the Celestial Lodge above on June 1, 2016

**Brother Irvine A. Purdy, 32°**

Brother Purdy was born on August 13, 1928 in Butte, Montana. He was a member of Saddleback-Laguna Lodge No. 672 in Lake Forest, California. He was made a Master of the Royal Secret in 1980 and was a member of Orange County Valley. He entered the Celestial Lodge above in 2014.



## Masonic Enlightenment

The 4th of July is a very important date for Freemasons and is celebrated by members of the craft all over the world. Freemasons and the fourth of July are interconnected by the events that took place on that date, which would not have been possible or would have taken place very differently if it weren't for Freemasons.

The Declaration of Independence was signed and accepted into Congress on the fourth of July 1776, marking the birth of the United States. This date is important to Freemasons because they have influenced greatly the Declaration of Independence, and the founding fathers of the United States were Freemasons. Five of the men on the committee to draft the declaration of independence were believed to be Freemasons and of those who signed the Declaration the majority were Freemasons.

This shows that one of the most influential voices shaping the nation of the United States was a masonic voice. In fact, the Declaration of Independence marks a fraternal achievement and one can notice various ideals of Freemasonry in the declaration. Freemasonry is at the very base of the United States, the country which has allowed the union of different races and which has mutual respect and good will at its heart. These are all principles found in Freemasonry.

The Constitution of the United States was most seriously influenced by Washington, Franklin and Rudolph who were active Freemasons. Freemasonry therefore had a certain power in the making of the nation, and the fact that the first president of the United States was a freemason is further proof of the role they played in shaping the United States.

The influence of Freemasonry is one of the elements that has enabled the United States to become so strong, as the nation is based on the individual's social responsibility and his freedom under the country's law. The United States' government also focuses on the sense of common good between all citizens, who are all equal. This makes the United States a fraternity, just like Freemasonry, and all this started thanks to the Declaration of Independence which was admitted into Congress on the 4th of July.

The 4th of July is an important date for all Americans as it marks the birth of their country. However, it is also celebrated by Freemasons, who have influenced greatly the making of the United States and have contributed through their beliefs and principles to making it what it is today.

*Reprinted from Masonic Find website, author unknown*

## Personal Representative's Message *(Cont. from page 4)*

Reminder, in July wear western attire, in August wear business casual (no coats or ties) and in September wear Hawaiian (Knights, please don't wear grass skirts). In September, the Ills Frank Loui and Jeanie will be our guest.

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

Fraternally,  
**Rick Wood 33°**  
 Personal Representative

## Name Badges

### NAME BADGES NEED TO BE PICKED UP

The following Brothers have name badges that have not been picked up. They will be brought to the July Stated Meeting and can be picked up when you check in. The Brothers are:

**Jake Davis**

**Brian Huynh**

**Wes Green**

**Larry Griffin**

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**Shawn McCuen**

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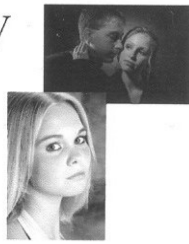
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