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Personal Representative's Message



Greetings to all, I hope this message finds you in good spirits.

March is special month. Why you ask? Well let me tell you why. The Republic of Texas declared its independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836. (Excuse me will I overcome the emotion of mentioning the Great State of Texas.) It was also the 43rd birthday of Brother Sam Houston who served as the Republic's first President. That same date, 137 years later, the Vietnamese Peace Treaty was signed in Paris. On March 3, 1931, the Star Spangled Banner became the official national anthem of the United States of America. The Constitution of the United States of America went into effect on March 4, 1789. The Alamo fell on March 6, 1836. The U.S. Ninth Armored Division captured the Bridge at Remagen on March 7, 1945. On March 9, 1790, Brother Benjamin Franklin, in a letter to Reverend Ezra Stiles, wrote what became known as Benjamin Franklin's creed..."I believe in one God, Creator of the Universe. The he governs it by His Providence. That he ought to be worshipped. That the most acceptable Service we can render to him is doing good to his other children." Brother Franklin D Roosevelt's first radio fireside chat aired on March 12, 1938. March 19th the Swallows return to San Juan Capistrano, Ca. King George III succeeded to the throne of England on March 20, 1751. On March 23, 1775 Brother Patrick Henry spoke the following at the Virginia. "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" I'm sure you noted that so many of our Brothers made the month of March special. Let's honor their memory and Guard with our Lives, their legacy.

Brothers and friends, you may recall that our Childhood Language Center has a special recognition program. It is called the "365" Club. For a donation of that amount, you will become a member of the special group of people who contribute a dollar a day to support our number one charitable undertaking. Please make your check payable to Santa Ana Childhood Language Center and turn it in at the office..

If you have not had the opportunity to visit the Valley web site lately, I encourage you to do at your earliest convenience. The web site address is www.ocscottoishrite.org. You will find the results of lot of hard work by Andrew Todd 32°. Brother Todd has really taken the bull by the horns on this project. We owe him a serious debt of gratitude for his efforts on our behalf.

Have you given that petition for membership to your buddy yet? Time is running out to include him in the June Reunion class. (Continued on Page 4)

**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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DONATIONS WITH 2012 DUES

My Brothers, the 2012 dues are starting to come in and the Valley thanks you. Along with the dues payment, some of our Brothers are finding it in our hearts to add donations to the Almoner's Fund, Language Center and our Orange County Memorial Foundation. We would like to recognize them here. These are for donations recorded through November 9, 2011.

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Personal Rep Continued

His petition must be received by the Stated Meeting in May to eligible to be included in the June Class.

By the way, have you considered becoming a member in the Century Club? For a gift of \$100 or more, you can become a member and help the Valley. WE have recently been most fortunate to have received the support of so many of our Brothers and Friends. We honored a few of them at our February Stated Meeting and will honor more at the March Stated Meeting. I must mention one at the risk of alienating others but Honorable John Rider 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honor continues to go the extra mile for our Valley. I mentioned at the February meeting that he had donated almost \$200 worth of table cloths for our use. In addition, Brother Rider has increased his financial support to the level of Silver Membership in the Century Club. Thank you, Honorable Brother, for your ongoing support.

Get involved, my Brother; you can make a difference!

Fraternally,

Ray Godeke

Something to ponder.....

Personal Edifice

Considerable confusion may be avoided by keeping clearly in mind the fourfold use which Masonry makes of the metaphor of architecture.

1. The universe is viewed as one vast structure, which owes its existence to the Supreme Architect.
2. Man, too, is a builder. He is engaged in the construction of personal character. For this sublime task he is supplied with abundant materials, worthy patterns and explicit instructions.
3. Man is also commissioned to build an ideal social structure. The nature of the social order depends on the quality of the individuals composing it. Masons must, therefore, qualify as "living stones" of society to contribute to its betterment.
4. There is still another structure that Masons are engaged in building - "that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

To keep these different projects clearly distinct is to avoid confusion. For the present, we must confine ourselves to the personal edifice. Masons are under obligation to build out of the material at their disposal a character worthy of the fraternity whose confidence and fellowship they enjoy. This is no simple undertaking.

Human personality is a compound of many elements which, if effectively used, make for harmony and happiness; conversely, for discord and grief.

[From: What Masonry Means, by William E. Hammond,

1930]

Sourced by Norm Leeper, PMMission Statement

Language Center 365 Club

My Brothers, the 2012 Language Center “365” Club was off to a good start. We had five members that joined early in January. They are **Neil Simmons, Peter Jantz, Ray Godeke, Bob McNamara and Don Tapia**. This represents 20% of our goal of twenty-five members for 2012. However, since that time we have not had any additional members join. My Brothers, see if you can find it in your heart to join this important support group.

The work that the Center does with young children is extremely important in their development as they learn to communicate and speak properly. That is a skill that most of us take for granted, but think for a minute if you had trouble communicating and speaking. It would make your life a lot harder. These are the skills that the Center imparts to their clients.

This is our main Santa Ana Scottish Rite charity. **Let’s support it!** And remember it is tax deductible. Membership is \$365 per year. Checks should be made out to California Scottish Rite Foundation (CSRF) with a memo Childhood Language Center of Santa Ana (CLC of SA). Thank you, my Brothers, for supporting this worthy cause.

Bob McNamara, 32^o KCCH

Treasurer, CLC of SA

Barry the Pig!



Allow me to introduce, Barry...the Pig. Barry is the new fundraiser of your Childhood Language Center.

You can get your own Barry at the Scottish Rite Office (see Bros. Bill or Bob) or at our Stated Meetings (See Bro. Dave) just note your name, phone # and # of Pigs taken.

You may take Barry home with you, or to your place of work, or wherever pocket change is plenty. Just drop those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters into Barry and watch his tail wag! Barry accommodates folding money too...

Once Barry is full, just take him to the SR Office or Stated Meeting and exchange him for another.

Upon each exchange of a full pig, you will receive an entry into a drawing for a beautiful gourmet gift basket. The basket contains various wines, cheeses, crackers, olives and other goodies. The more pigs filled and exchanged, the more opportunities to win.

Barry, the Pig donations are tax deductible 501c (3).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have.

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aka Pig Czar
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You Are Invited!

SPRING SUPER BREAKFAST CHANGE CHANGE CHANGE

And for the better my Brothers!

CHANGE IN DATE: ***APRIL 22nd***

CHANGE IN LOCATION: DeMolay Center in Anaheim

CHANGE IN MENU: We are adding fresh fruit to our extensive menu of made to order omelets, biscuits and gravy, eggs, waffles, juices, hash browns, bacon and coffee.

NO CHANGE IN COST: \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids under 12

NO CHANGE IN TIME: 9 am to 12 pm

NO CHANGE IN PURPOSE: Fund raising for the Valley

2012 Valley Century Club

The 2012 Century Club is off to a roaring start! We have twelve members and are almost half way to our goal of twenty-five. David Kussman was the first member to receive the silver Century Club pin when his cumulative total reached \$500. David, thank you for your support!

Eleven Brothers were presented with the bronze Century Club pin and we have more to present. Those unable to make a Stated Meeting will have theirs mailed to them as we want them to know we really appreciate their support.

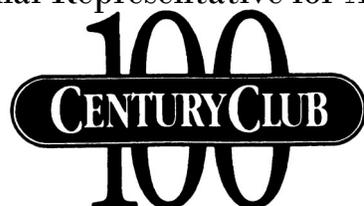
The 2012 members are Bill Bottorff, Darrell Brawley, Wade Faircloth, Jr., Pete Jantz, David Kussman, Bob McNamara, George Morton, John Rider, Neil Simmons, Andrew Todd, Elwin Wolcott, and Glen Woody.

John Rider and Bob McNamara have qualified for the silver pin and it will be awarded at the March Stated meeting.

The Century Club is an easy way to support your Valley and it really helps with our administrative costs.

Bob McNamara, 32^o KCCH

Assistant Personal Representative for Administration



If any brother knows of another brother that is ailing, please let us know by calling our Almoner Illustrious Lloyd Clayton 33^o at 714-998-7773

Scottish Rite Calendar

March

5th—March Stated Meeting—Shrine Night—El Bekal

April

2nd—April Stated Meeting

5th—Maundy Thursday—Deputy Grand Master

8th—Relighting the Lights and Continental Breakfast

14th—Advisory Council Meeting—El Bekal Oasis Room—9:00 am

22nd—Super Breakfast at DeMolay Center 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

May

7th—May Stated Meeting

June

1st-2nd—Reunion Class

4th—Stated Meeting—Cap and Ring Ceremony

July

2nd—July Stated Meeting—SGIG visit—A Salute to America

14th—Advisory Council Meeting—El Bekal Oasis Room—9:00 am

August

6th—August Stated Meeting—Salute to the Santa Ana Language Center

19th—Annual Picnic with El Bekal at El Bekal Center

September

10th—September Stated Meeting—Salute to the Veterans

16th—Super Breakfast at El Bekal 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

From the Venerable Master

Greetings from the Lodge of Perfection. This is wonderful month for the Irish as we get to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Also, almost every Masonic dinner will have corned beef and cabbage. Is that good?

Our Stated Meeting this month will honor EL Bekal Shrine and their members. Our Secretary, Bill Sizemore, 32^o KCCH, is this years' Potentate, so he will become Illustrious Bill Sizemore at our meeting. Plan to attend and honor our Shrine Nobles.

The February Stated meeting had the first presentation of the Century Club pins and that was highlighted by David Kussman, 32^o KCCH, receiving a silver one designating his cumulative donation of \$500. At dinner, Jack Slagle, 32^o KCCH, presented a brief presentation on the 32^o that was informative and well received. After dinner, the Knights of St. Andrew lead by First Knight, James Segerstrom, 32^o, knighted four of our brothers.

For those enrolled in the Master Craftsman program or those who are interested, were are going to start a Master Craftsman group here that will be able to teach, help, mentor and administrate the course. John Rider, 32^o KCCH and I are going to co-chair the group. It will initially meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Shrine Center. If that is a conflict for some of the participants, other times will also be available. This will start in March. Let me know at of your interest at macsquest@aol.com or call the Office for additional details.



And last, but not least, this will be the last Scottish Rite News edited by Gary Whitlock, 32^o. A job change necessitates this move. He has done an excellent job and made many changes that have improved the SR News. Our new format was his idea and his help with the emailing the publication has reduced our costs. We wish Gary well and we will still see him as a member of Santa Ana. Our new editor will be Daniel Willerton, 32^o and you can email him information for the April SR News at danielwillerton@yahoo.com.

See you on March 5th,

Bob McNamara, 32^o KCCH

Venerable Master



Mar Menu: Roast Beef Au Jus, Peas and Mushrooms, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Spinach Salad, Roll & Butter, Cherry Pie Make your reservations now to insure you have a meal ready!

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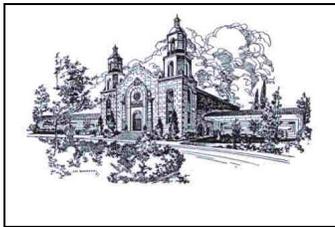
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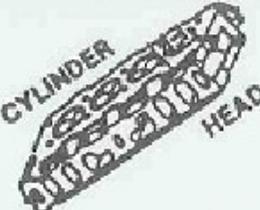
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