



**Orange County Valley of the Scottish Rite**

# Scottish Rite News

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## Venerable Master



My last greetings from the East my Brothers.

It is hard to believe that my year as Venerable Master of the Orange County Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection has come to an end. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for your help and encouragement, your dedication and open-minded thinking and for helping me make our Valley a very special place.

I was extremely humbled to have received unbelievable assistance from the brethren, but especially from Ill. Rick Wood, 33°, our Personal Representative, who continually challenged all officers to advance in our recruiting efforts, and come up with new ideas to improve fellowship in our Valley. It was so impressive to see everyone provide more support than I thought possible, so I respectfully would like to thank each and every one of you for all that you did for me during this exciting time.

I could mention all the brethren that worked so hard to keep this Valley working in 2017, but it would take multiple pages, so I am going to do my best and mention a few who made my year as Venerable Master memorable.

I would like to start with Ill. Rick Wood, 33°, who we are very fortunate to have as our Personal Representative. Ill. Bob McNamara, 33° who does so well as our Asst. PR of Administration and as General Secretary. Hon. David Price, 32° KCCH who as our Asst. PR of Operation kept everything ticking exquisitely. Brothers Mark Hoage, 32° Assistance Secretary, Ill. Lloyd Claton, 33° Almoner, Ill. Robert Hjorth, 33° Asst. Almoner, Ill. David Kussman, 33° Chaplain, and Hon. Shawn Smith, 32° KCCH Master of Kadosh and Treasurer. You all helped keep our Valley in tip top shape and financially solvent.

To Bro. Jay Webb, 32° Wise Master who also served his first year as First Knight of the Knights of Saint Andrew for maintaining our KSA membership. My appreciation to Bro. Jamie Hopkins, 32° Commander in the Council of Kadosh, Hon. Scott Davis, 32° KCCH for his work as Senior Warden and Hon. Mike Gowder, 32° KCCH for serving as Junior Warden. I could not have asked for better company or line of officers.

My recognition to Hon. James McCallion, 32° KCCH and Bro. James Cervantes, 32° for their leadership in the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP), and for

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## General Secretary



### SECRETARY SEZ—

I hope that everyone had happy holidays! I know that I did. I had a lot of help in the Secretary's Office in 2017 that made things run smoothly. The Brothers that helped are Lloyd Clayton, 33°, Mark Hoag, 32°, Russ Albright, 32° and Jeff Kimble, 32°. Thank you for your help! I'm looking forward to an even better 2018. Be sure to pay your 2018 dues so you can attend our meetings. As I look forward the Scottish Rite reminds me more and more of our government-- more requirements, reports and assessments but never any reductions. Oh well, we will handle it cheerfully.

Finally, please check your wallets for the 2018 dues card. If it's not there and you are planning to come to the January Stated Meeting, get your 2018 dues in or bring your dues payment to the Stated Meeting. The Tyler will be checking all dues cards and we don't want to exclude anyone.

**Ill. Bob McNamara, 33°**

General Secretary

## Editor



Greetings Brothers,

As the new year arrives each year it is always fun to change the publication information on the masthead on the front page. This is Volume 4 for this incarnation of the Orange County Scottish Rite Newsletter. It is also my 6th year acting as your newsletter editor and hope that you have enjoyed reading the information provided for you each month.

I wish a very Happy New Year to each and everyone of you and I will see you soon.

Please submit any new contributions for the OC Scottish Rite Newsletter to me by the 15th of the month at [mshusaac@charter.net](mailto:mshusaac@charter.net).

Fraternally,

**Mark Hoage, 32°**

Editor

## Venerable Master *(cont. from page 1)*

creating a new framework, to ensure that our Valley provides the very best experience to our new members during the presentation of our Degrees and during the degree conferral ceremony. Gentleman, you are second to none! Finally, to all my brothers, I wish to thank you all for making my tenure as Venerable Master an exciting time, and for assuring a bright future for our Valley.

Last but not least, I want to thank Most Worshipful Ill. John Heisner, 33°, Most Worshipful Ill. David Decker, 33°, Most Worshipful Ill. Melvyn B. Stein, 33°, Hon. Steve Miller, 32° and Ill. Randy Brill, 33°, for taking the time to be part of my installation. I will forever remember that special day and will never forget the trust given.

On to greater news. The new year has begun well for our Valley, as the new Masters are hard at work putting together the labor required to keep us moving forward. Congratulations to Hon. Scott Davis, 32° KCCH for being selected as our new Venerable Master. I am certain brother Davis will be hard at work to assure the sustainability of our Valley in 2018. If you have ideas or would like to make this Valley even more exciting, please approach your new leadership team, as I am sure they will appreciate the help.

Thank you once again for your time and for opening this door of opportunity to me and for giving me the strength I needed to persist and succeed. With that said, it is time for me to say goodbye as your Venerable Master, but I look forward to seeing you all at the sidelines of our great Lodge for many more years to come.

Thank you for everything, with blessings for a Happy and prosperous 2018.

Fraternally yours,  
**Hon. Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH**  
Venerable Master

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## Senior Warden



Greetings Brethren,

Well another year has flown by and 2017 is over. I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday. Happy New Year brethren, and welcome to 2018!

Congratulations to all the newly installed blue lodge officers around the county and state! Speaking of installations, we have one coming up this month, please join us on Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, at the DeMolay center, for our annual installation of officers. Masonry has been a part of my life for almost as long as I can remember. My grandfather, George Proper, was not only one of the best men I have ever know but was extremely involved in many branches of masonry. He was my first glimpse into the fraternity that is so dear to us all. Some of my earliest memories include events held at my grandfather's lodge. I vividly remember being a small child and sitting on Santa's lap when we attended Azure Lodge's (now Anaheim No. 207) annual holiday party which by the way was at the DeMolay Center.

Here's your Masonic tidbit for the Month of January, on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1785 the famous composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. On January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1887 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was initiated an Entered Apprentice.

Fraternally,  
**Scott Davis 32°, KCCH**  
Sr. Warden

## Wise Master



Brethren,

Thank you for the opportunity to be the Wise Master of the Orange County Rose Croix for 2017, it has been a delightful year and look forward to serving with Brother Phillip Liu as the new Wise Master. A big thank you to all who helped make my year a successful one.

I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to 2018 being just as successful as the last.

**Jay Webb, 32°**  
Wise Master Orange County Rose Croix

## Commander



Brothers:

It was both a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Commander in 2017 for the Orange County Valley. When I was involved with a project that required a large number of brothers participating such as the Super Breakfasts, the brethren turned out in full and gladly stayed until the job was completed. Secondly, many brothers bought tickets and supported our Valley when they knew they could not attend the events due to distance or another commitment.

By the time that you read this, Brother David Frias 32° will be installed as the new Commander, Council of Kadosh, for 2018. Brother Frias did a great job as Lieutenant Commander in 2017. I am sure that he will do a superb job as Commander and receive the same high level of fraternal assistance that was given to me.

Thank you and have a rewarding 2018.

Fraternally,  
**Jamie Hopkins 32°**  
Commander 2017

## Master of Kadosh



No article submitted



## Language Center News



*A Community Program of the Scottish Rite Foundation for Children  
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## Language Center News



Welcome from the Orange County Childhood Language Center where we remain focused on helping children become strong communicators.

We had a strong finish the last months of the year with over 25 children evaluated to determine if enrollment at the CLC would help im-



prove their communication skills. A monthly average of 50 children were enrolled in our programs which resulted in over 461 therapy hours completed!

This year the Orange County Scottish Rite Valley invited the families who attend the CLC to join us for our Christmas dinner at the December Stated meeting. To many of these families we are an enigma that supports a charity that helps their children. They might look at us and think who are these generous men who are also so bold as to wear those hats in public. Luckily, Honorable Frankie Rosario 32° KCCH,



welcomed the families and helped them to understand who we are. people closer together.

The inspirational Rachael Ranney was present at the Christmas Dinner. She was able to see all the children that are now able to enjoy our new library. Rachael is the Girl Scout who achieved her Silver Award by turning the library at the CLC into a beautiful learning place where children can get excited about reading. Honorable Frankie presented her with an award to recognize her outstanding achievement.



A Christmas celebration isn't complete without a visit from Santa Claus. In keeping with tradition, the children were able to meet Santa, discuss their dreams and desires for Christmas, and receive a present. Santa Claus is always a towering presence at our Christmas celebration.

Even Honorable Frankie could not resist the chance to talk to Santa and tell him how good he has been all year. I overheard him talking to Santa about a fancy electronic gadget that he is hoping will be under his tree come Christmas morning.



We hope your Holiday season is filled with the love and joy that comes with being a champion for our community.

Sincerely yours,  
**David Frias, 32°**

Vice President, OC CLC Board of Directors



## OCSR 2018 Calendar

### 2018

**January** 8th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm  
 14th—Officer Installation  
 1:00pm Pictures  
 2:00pm Installation  
 Anaheim DeMolay Center

**February** 5th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

### Toys for Covina Program

At our June 2017 Stated Meeting we adopted the Child Advocacy Program at the Covina Masonic Home. In support of this action, Ill. Rick Wood has asked that each Brother bring a toy valued at \$10+ for kids ages 4-17yrs to the next few Stated Meetings.

### January Dinner Menu

**Roast Pork**  
**Mashed Potatoes & gravy**  
**Steamed Vegetables**  
**Dinner Rolls**  
**Green Salad with assorted dressings**  
**German Chocolate Cake**

## DONATIONS WITH DUES 2017

The 2017 donations accompanying your dues submissions were very helpful for our Almoner, Language Center and Masonic Memorial Foundation. The amounts donated were to the Almoner: \$945.00, the OC Language Center \$2061.00 and to the Masonic Memorial Foundation \$1920.00. The amounts given for the Language Center (501 (c)(3) 94-6078728) and the Masonic Memorial Foundation (501 (c)(95-3804502) are tax deductible. There were a total of 69 Brothers that donated with their dues. The financial help is appreciated! Next year the names will be published in the OC News on a monthly basis.

## YEAR END REPORT FOR THE CENTURY CLUB

The Century Club had a very successful year with eleven Brothers contributing--two new and nine continuing members. The contributions of \$100 from the members allowed us to purchase a new printer for the office which we really needed. Membership is \$100 per year and goes to our office improvement Fund.

## YEAR END RECYCLING REPORT

The amount the recycling program collected from your donations during 2017 was \$713.85. This goes into the Valley general fund and is big help for our budget. We have set a goal of \$1000 for 2018 and should be able to make it with your continued help. Hon. David Price, 32° KCCH will continue to pick up the bottles and cans at our Stated Meetings and take them to the recycling center. And for this we thank him.



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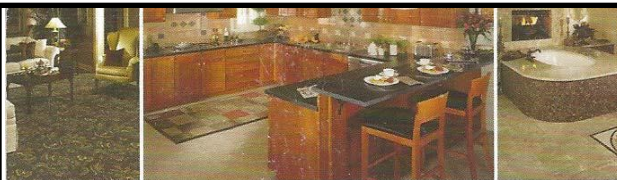
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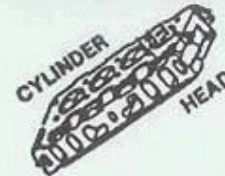
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