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From the Apartment of the Chaplain



To my Brethren of the Valley of Orange County, greetings;

During a recent plane flight to yet another Masonic event, I had the thought to review our founder's great work of study; Morals and Dogma, to see if I could locate something to share with my friends in our Valley for enlightenment or reflection. After prayer and contemplation, the Great Architect led me to this reexamination of our twenty-seventh degree, The Knight Commander of the Temple. I pray it will be of some value to those who partake.

XXVII Degree KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE.

THIS is the first of the really Chivalric Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. It occupies this place in the Calendar of the Degrees between the 26th and the last of the Philosophical Degrees, in order, by breaking the continuity of these, to relieve what might otherwise become wearisome; and also to remind you that, while engaged with the speculations and abstractions of philosophy and creeds, the Mason is also to continue engaged in the active duties of this great warfare of life. He is not only a Moralist and Philosopher, but a Soldier, the Successor of those Knights of the Middle Age, who, while they wore the Cross, also wielded the Sword, and were the Soldiers of Honor, Loyalty, and Duty.

Times change, and circumstances; but Virtue and Duty remain the same. The Evils to be warred against but take another shape, and are developed in a different form.

There is the same need now of truth and loyalty as in the days of Frederic Barbarossa. The characters, religious and military, attention to the sick and wounded in the Hospital, and war against the Infidel in the field, are no longer blended; but the same duties, to be performed in another shape, continue to exist and to environ us all.

The innocent virgin is no longer at the mercy of the brutal Baron or licentious man-at-arms; but purity and innocence still need protectors.

War is no longer the apparently natural State of Society; and for most men it is an empty obligation to assume, that they will not recede before the enemy; but the same high duty and obligation still rest upon all men. Truth, in act, profession, and opinion, is rarer now than in the days of chivalry. Falsehood has become a current coin, and circulates with a certain degree of respectability; because It has an actual value. It is indeed the great Vice of the Age--it, and its twin-sister, Dishonesty. Men, for political preferment, profess whatever principles are expedient and profitable. At the bar, in the pulpit, and in the halls of legislation, men argue against their own convictions, and, with what they term *logic*, prove to the satisfaction of others that which they do not themselves believe, Insincerity and duplicity are valuable to their possessors, like estates in stocks, that yield a certain revenue: and it is no longer the *truth* of an opinion or a principle, but the net *profit* that may be realized from it, which is the measure of its value.

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General Secretary



SECRETARY SEZ—

Congratulations on our two new Masters of the Royal Secret, Darren De Leon, 32° and Dawood Khoury, 32°. They went to the Oakland Valley Reunion. It was a special reunion as they were able to see all 29 degrees. This is a good start for the year and we already have two petitions for the fall reunion. Speaking of membership, remember that there are two parts to it—recruitment and retention. Recruitment has a lot of emphasis to it but retention sometimes slips to the back of our mind. Every member of the Valley is responsible for retention. We need to make new members welcome and comfortable. See if they are interested in an activity and get them involved. Members who are active in the Valley will become long time members and our most active members. See you at the August Stated Meeting!

Ill. Bob McNamara, 33°
General Secretary

Editor



Greetings Brothers,

I haven't heard any comments from our rank and file Brothers about the newsletter lately I hope this is because you are all enjoying the message. Please always feel free to drop me a note if you would like to see different content included.

Please remember that if you have written something for another body or have read something that you think others would appreciate, please send it to me for inclusion in an upcoming edition. Remember that the deadline each month is the 15th so let's hear from your authors out there. Send all submissions to: mshusaac@charter.net.

Fraternally,

Mark Hoage, 32°
Editor

Venerable Master



Brethren,

Welcome to the month of August, the eighth month of the year and the sixth month of the Roman calendar. The Romans called the month Sextilis, which means sixth. Eight years before Jesus was born the name of the month was changed to Augustus in honor of the Roman Emperor Augustus Caesar; not because it was his birth-month, but because it was the month in which he entered upon his first consulship, celebrated three triumphs, received the oath of allegiance from the legions which occupied the Janiculum, reduced Egypt, and put an end to the civil wars. The Anglo-Saxons called August Weod monath, which means Weed month, because it is the month when weeds and other plants grow most rapidly. (paraphrased from Wikipedia)

July 30th was our annual golf tournament, dinner, and silent auction. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this fundraiser possible. Especially thank you to Honorable Frankie Rosario without whom our language center would not be what it is today!

Here is your Masonic tidbits for the month: August is an interesting month for Freemasonry; on August 14, 1826 William Morgan obtained the copyright for his book which lead to the “Morgan Affair”, many scholars still debate the facts behind the event. Many similar books had been published before, however this one caused great excitement, and lead to the founding of the Anti-Masonic Party of the 1820s and 1830s. August is also the Month the Worshipful George Washington received his Master Mason degree in Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia on the 4th in 1758. On the 27th of August in 1920 the 29th president of the United states Brother Warren G. Harding was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Marion Lodge #70 in Ohio.

Fraternally,

Scott Davis, 32° KCCH

Venerable Master

Senior Warden



Brethren,

“If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

These days my life has been an exercise in balance. I have been working diligently to be the best I can be in every aspect of my life but I had been unable to keep up. I had to slow down, refocus and re-prioritize. Certain parts of my life required more attention and as a result, others suffered. I am pleased to say that I have worked through this imbalance and now I am back to “normal”.

This interlude has helped me appreciate those things that are most important in life and come to grips with those that aren't. I am back on the correct path. I am grateful for my brothers in Masonry and for the lessons I have learned in the degrees. These tools have enabled me to grow as a person and to deal rationally and methodically with life's challenges. As one illustrious in our history once said after prayer and when faced with a seemingly overwhelming situation, “My mind is now clear...”. It was the good council of a brother that led him to that place of peace and clarity.

We, as masons, are so fortunate to have the council of so many good brothers to call on when needed. It's like insurance; you hope you never have to use it, but if you do, you are glad you have it. This month I enjoy you, my brothers, to reflect on one of our truly masonic ornaments of Brotherly Love. Take to heart that admonition you received in the First Degree to aid, support and protect each other.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the next meeting.

Mike Gowder, 32°, KCCH

Senior Warden

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Wise Master



My Brothers,

I can't believe that I have been the Wise Master of Orange County Chapter of Rose Croix for eight months already. Time flies, doesn't it? I really appreciate all your support, and I look forward to working with you for the rest of my term.

In July we had some very hot weather. New all-time record high temperatures were set throughout Southern California especially on Friday, July 6th due to a monster heat dome positioned over the region. I am glad to see everybody is okay. But brethren, please be aware that the summer is not over yet. Let's stay alert and make sure to keep yourselves hydrated. And I wish you all have a wonderful August.

Fraternally,

Yungfan “Philip” Liu, 32°

Wise Master

Commander



Brethren,

At the July Stated Meeting I was really impressed to hear the results of the Oakland Reunion class. I am very impressed that our Valley was able to assemble such a great Team to perform the Degrees and represent our Brothers. Congratulations to those Brother Masons who made the journey and came back victorious!

The September Super Breakfast will be here soon, September 23rd, so I'll be looking for volunteers to help with the preparations. I've been very proud to work the last three Super Breakfasts and be part of such a great team. Everyone works so hard to make this event a success and people who attend enjoy a great breakfast and enjoy the company of our Brothers with their families. With Brother Ray Ramirez retiring to Texas I need to borrow or purchase another Chocolate fountain. Ray made that part of the breakfast easy so if you have a fountain we can use or want to volunteer please send me an email. Brother Ray also has the secret recipe to the tasty cheesy potato casserole. I know I'm going to miss Ray in September. Any volunteers can email me at david@davidfrias.com.

Fraternally,

David Frias, 32°
Commander

Master of Kadosh



Greetings Brethren,

The state wide Scottish Rite Degree weekend up in Oakland went off without a hitch. Besides the obvious opportunity at seeing all 29 degrees performed by almost every valley in the state, brethren from all over had a chance to meet, greet and extend the hand of brotherhood. Personally, I fully enjoyed exploring the incredible architecture of the Oakland Scottish Rite home. Orange County specifically was not only well represented but also performed in excellence the teachings of the 27th degree.

On a side note, I am incredibly grateful the opportunity bestowed as your Master of Kadosh. Getting involved with the Valley and joining the progressive officer line proved entirely to me that one's commitment and contribution to the Valley cannot be more easily accomplished than by jumping right into the fold and meeting any challenges presented head on and by tapping the extended wisdom and experience of the brethren and leaning on them for comfort and support. It is obvious to me that the leadership from Illustrious Wood and Honorable Price (which extend beyond yearly officer-ships such as mine) are what truly shape the long term effectiveness of our core principles and Scottish Rite goals. Simply put, I will reflect upon this year with great satisfaction and a wide smile.

Looking out, I cannot attend our August 6th nor October 1st stated meetings and have thoroughly warned Brother Kimble of his required presence. I've had to temper my several commitments to Masonry as the birth of my second child approaches (eta 9/26/18) and the needs of the family grow more in urgency. See ya'll in early September!

Fraternally & Sincerely,

Brandon Cook, 32°
Master of Kadosh

Language Center News



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OC CLC Communication

On Monday July 30th, the OC Childhood Language Center will be hosting the 2018 RiteCare Classic Golf Tournament and the Gift of Voice Gala dinner at the Yorba Linda Country Club in Yorba Linda.

To register for the 2018 RiteCare Golf Classic, please visit:

<http://www.oclanguagecenter.org/golf/>

To register for our Gift of Voice Gala dinner event, please visit:

<http://www.oclanguagecenter.org/gala/>

See you there!

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Language Center News



Hello from the OC Childhood Language Center.

It is gratifying to communicate the latest news with everyone, especially knowing that our team once again did an awesome job this year, in performing the evaluations of prospective clients and providing outstanding services at the Center. So, without further delays, let's do this!

Hard work pays off

From September of 2017 to June of 2018, our great Speech Language Pathologists from Chapman University evaluated 62 new children, provided 1,328 hours of individual speech therapy, 1,352 hours of combined speech therapy and served an average of 60 children per month, and all this was done at an average cost of about \$25 per hour.

To understand how remarkable it is to run a Center, which is doing so much with so little, take the time and Google this sentence: "*typical cost of speech language pathologist*", and you will get the following statement: "*For patients not covered by health insurance, speech therapy typically costs \$200-\$250 for an initial assessment, then about \$100 to almost \$250 per hour.*"

Knowing that we have transformed the lives of so many children **for free**, especially in families who could not simply afford these services is just astonishing. Please keep your financial support coming, without you, we are not able to provide these critical services. Please give these children a chance in life, please help us.

New Proud Graduates

The story on this young child who we will call "L.", began at the CLC shortly after his second birthday. At that time, he was a very active little boy with no language and a mind of his own. With the help of his CLC therapists and his dedicated parents, he became interactive, and now communicates



in one to two-word sentences. His parents followed the advice of having him tested by his school, which he will begin attending 5 days a week, and having him participate in a comprehensive language and speech program. The parents expressed sincere gratitude for the help he received at the CLC. Another great success story! But why stop there, let's read about our next graduate!

The story of our next child, who we will know as "V.", is also amazing. A child who was a reluctant communicator. With the help of his CLC therapy, he is now able to speak in complete sentences and is on track to begin 1st grade with all the language skills he requires. His mother feels like we at the OC CLC are family and is sad to see his time at our Center end, though she knows that he is ready to move on!



Summer has arrived

As we do every July, the Center closes its doors until August, to provide our clients a nice summer break and our Chapman University supervisors and staff the time to enjoy with their families and to prepare for the new academic term.

Please join us!

On Monday July 30th, the OC Childhood Language Center will be holding its annual Charity Golf Tournament and the Gift of Voice Gala dinner at the Yorba Linda Country Club in Yorba Linda. The funding these events generate is vital to the success of our award-winning therapy program. Please sign up for Golf and Dinner by visiting: www.oclanguagecenter.org/golf or for just dinner by visiting www.oclanguagecenter.org/gala. You will have a great time!

Well, it is time for me so say goodbye, but not without thanking you once again for helping us provide the Gift of Voice to our children.

Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH
Chairman, President of the Board of Directors
Orange County Childhood Language Center

OCSR 2018 Calendar

2018

- August** 4th—Quarterly Advisory Meeting
8am—10am DeMolay Center
- 6th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
SGIG Ill. Frank Loui, 33°
Visitation
- September** 8th—Fall reunion Class 7am—3pm
DeMolay Center
- 10th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
- 23rd—Fall Super Breakfast 9—noon
DeMolay Center
- 29th—Fall reunion Class 7am—3pm
DeMolay Center
- October** 1st—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm



Good Epicurean News, Brothers !

Beginning with our August Stated Meeting, we will have a new purveyor of our dinners. This change has been a long-needed change and we can look forward to many new quality meal choices. There will be options for vegetarian diets upon request as well. The cost of our dinners will remain the same at \$14.00 per person. Please be sure to stay after our Stated Meetings for the dinner fellowship and entertainment programs. See you all at the dinner !

August Dinner Menu

Chicken Fajitas

Cheese Enchiladas

Rice & Beans

Salad

Flan

2018 Fall Super Breakfast Coming Soon

Mark your calendars the Fall Super Breakfast (Bacon Fest) is coming back for your morning dining delight. Sunday, September 23rd from 9:00am until noon the members of our OCSR Kitchen staff will be serving up all of your favorites. We look forward to seeing you there.

Oakland Hosts Orient Wide Reunion



On June 29,30 and July 1 an Orient Wide Reunion Class was held at the Oakland Scottish Rite. The Valleys from across the State brought 131 Candidates that were able to witness all 29 Scottish Rite degrees live on stage. This is the first time that we have come together for such an event. Several of our California Valleys brought Degree teams and presented 1 or 2 of their best Degrees. As for our contribution to the program Orange County Scottish Rite presented the 27th and 31st Degrees.

Thanks to Brother Brandon Cook for serving as Degree Master for the 27th Degree and portraying Brother Truth. Assisting him in the Degree were: Hon. James McCallion as Father Adam, Hon. Mike Selix as Hanael, Hon. Scott Davis as Gabriel, Brothers Philip Liu as Cassiel, Jamie Hopkins as Sachiell, Sean McCuen as Zamael, Mike Sekera as



Michael and Wes Green as Raphael. Hon. James McCallion and Brother Mike Sekera presented the 31st Degree. It should be noted that our 27th Degree team received a standing ovation from many of the Candidates and they were offered food and lodging to present the Degree to the Santa Barbara Valley.



Our Valley was also represented by several members who attended in support and fellowship of our candidates they were: Ill. Rick Wood, Hon. Dave Price, Brothers Diego Verduzco, Matt Ward, Jerry Merza and Fares Khoury. A hearty congratulation and thanks to the members of our Degree teams and our gracious hosts from the Valley of Oakland for hosting such an amazing event. It should be noted that Ill. David Kussman assisted our attendees in making this trip possible. Without his vision and generosity this weekend would not have been possible for many of our members. Thank you, Ill. Dave.

Our Newest Masters of the Royal Secret



Brother Darren DeLeon, 32°

As a result of the 131 new Masters of the Royal Secret initiated in Oakland, we have two new members. Brother Darren DeLeon, 32°, from Yorba Linda Lodge No. 469 and Brother David Khoury, 32°, from Irvine Valley Lodge No. 671. Both of these Brothers were “capped” during our Cap & Ring Ceremony held at our July Stated Meeting. Master of Kadosh Brother Brandon Cook, 32° had the honor of capping and welcoming these two new Brothers. Please make an effort to greet these two new Brothers at our next meeting.



Brother David Khoury, 32°

From the Apartment of the Chaplain *(continued from page 1)*

The Press is the great sower of falsehood. To slander a political antagonist, to misrepresent all that he says, and, if that be impossible, to invent for him what he does *not* say; to put in circulation whatever baseless calumnies against him are necessary to defeat him,--these are habits so common as to have ceased to excite notice or comment, much less surprise or disgust. There was a time when a Knight would die rather than utter a lie, or break his Knightly word. The Knight Commander of the Temple revives the old Knightly spirit; and devotes himself to the old Knightly worship of Truth. No profession of an opinion not his own, for expediency's sake or profit, Or through fear of the world's disfavor; no slander of even an enemy; no coloring or perversion of the sayings or acts of other men; no insincere speech and argument for any purpose, or under any pretext, must soil his fair escutcheon. Out of the Chapter, as well as in it, he must speak the Truth, and *all* the Truth, no more and no less; or else speak not at all.

To purity and innocence everywhere, the Knight Commander owes protection, as of old; against bold violence, or those, more guilty than murderers, who by art and treachery seek to slay the soul; and against that want and destitution that drive too many to sell their honor and innocence for food.

In no age of, the world has man had better opportunity than now to display those lofty virtues and that noble heroism that so distinguished the three great military and religious Orders, in their youth, before they became corrupt and vitiated by prosperity and power.

When a fearful epidemic ravages a city, and death is inhaled with the air men breathe; when the living scarcely suffice to bury the dead,--most men flee in abject terror, to return and live, respectable and influential, when the danger has passed away. But the old Knightly spirit of devotion and disinterestedness and contempt of death still lives, and is not extinct in the human heart. Everywhere a few are found to stand firmly and unflinchingly at their posts, to front and defy the danger, not for money, or to be honored for it, or to protect their own household; but from mere humanity, and to obey the unerring dictates of duty. They nurse the sick, breathing the pestilential atmosphere of the hospital. They explore the abodes of want and misery. With the gentleness of woman, they soften the pains of the dying, and feed the lamp of life in the convalescent. They perform the last sad offices to the dead; and they seek no other reward than the approval of their own consciences.

These are the true Knights of the present age: these, and the captain who remains at his post on board his shattered ship until the last boat, loaded to the water's edge with passengers and crew, has parted from her side; and then goes calmly down with her into the mysterious depths of the ocean:--the pilot who stands at the wheel while the swift flames eddy round him and scorch away his life:--the fireman who ascends the blazing walls, and plunges amid the flames to save the property or lives of those who have upon him no claim by tie of blood, or friendship, or even of ordinary acquaintance:--these, and others like these:--all men, who, set at the post of duty, stand there manfully; to die, if need be, but not to desert their post: for these, too, are sworn not to recede before the enemy.

To the performance of duties and of acts of heroism like these, you have devoted yourself, my Brother, by becoming a Knight Commander of the Temple. Soldier of the Truth and of Loyalty!

Protector of Purity and Innocence! Defier of Plague and Pestilence! Nurser of the Sick and Burier of the Dead! Knight, preferring Death to abandonment of the Post of Duty! Welcome to the bosom of this Order!

Yours in Knightly Courtesy,

Ill. David J. Kussman, 33^o

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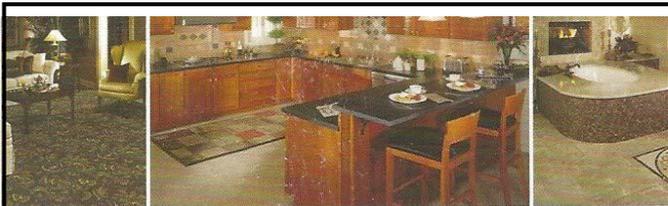
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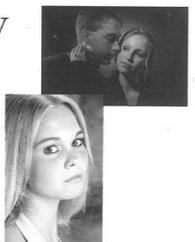
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