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Personal Representative's Message



Dear Brethren,

On behalf of the Orange County Valley, I would like to welcome you to 2019! First, it is important to recognize and thank our 2018 officers for devoting many hours of their time and treasure for the good of our Valley and our fraternity. To each of them, we wish to convey our sincere gratitude for their efforts. Please make the time to personally reach out and thank them for their dedication.

In 2019, we welcome a new line of leaders who are excited to make a significant impact in our Valley. First, congratulations to Hon. Michael Gowder, 32°, KCCH, for being elected as our Venerable Master. I am certain Hon. Mike will do a superb job in leading our Valley this year. Also, salutations to brother Sean McCuen, 32°, for being elected as Wise Master, Hon. David Price, 32°, KCCH, for being elected as Commander and Brother Jeff Kimble, 32°, for being elected as Master of Kadosh. We look forward to your good work and continuing dedication to our craft.

Starting this year, a few changes are being introduced so we can bring additional value to our brethren and ease some of the weight required to support our mission. As such, we have made the choice to re-schedule all HOB meetings to Wednesdays at 5:30pm prior to Stated meeting. These meetings will take place via conference call unless a physical attendance is required. Also, due to quarterly meetings on Saturday mornings not being well attended and because the business of the Valley is being addressed during stated meetings, I have made the decision to adjourn our quarterly meetings and, in its place, utilize this time for Masonic education, so we can provide further light in Masonry to our brothers.

With education taking front stage, I have made the decision to appoint Brother Andrew Todd, 32°, to be the Director of the Masonic Education Program. Brother Todd will be responsible for the creation of a new education program, the introduction of a web site with social media capacities, the scheduling of education resources to provide enrichment prior to stated meetings, the scheduling of well-known speakers for stated meeting dinners, and more. Brother Todd along with others, will establish and roll out this program in 2019. More information will follow soon.

We are also excited to announce that we are starting our Ladies Program this year. The first event has been confirmed. We will be offering a full scrapbooking day on

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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General Secretary



Brethren:

A very Happy New Year to all of the Brothers of the Valley of Orange County. Winter 2019 is busy in our Valley beginning with our Stated Meeting on Monday, January 7th at 6:30pm. Next, we have our annual Installation of our new slate of officers on Sunday, January 13th at 2pm followed by a meal. Officers wear tuxedos and Members wear suits. The Scottish Rite Installation is one of the most impressive ceremonies in Masonry. Our Installing Officer is Illustrious Frank Loui 33° SGIG in California. Our Installing Chaplain is Illustrious Melvyn Stein 33° PGM and our Master of Ceremony is Illustrious John Heisner 33° PGM. Please make a point of attending our Installation, you will not regret it.

When attending our Stated Meeting, please make an extra effort to sign in at the Tiler's register. The General Secretary prepares a monthly meeting report for the SGIG and attendance figures can only be reported by the number of Brothers who have signed the Tiler's register. Dues payments for 2019 have been steadily coming in to the office. Many of these have been accompanied by donations to our Childhood Language Center, the Almoner's fund and the Orange County Scottish Rite Foundation (formerly known as OCMMF). Brothers, thank you for your generosity. Be sure to bring your new 2019 dues card to the January Stated Meeting as you will need it.

Fraternally,
Jamie Hopkins 32°
 General Secretary

Editor



Greetings Brothers,

Very sorry for the delay in getting this months edition out. I had some difficulties securing some materials early on, then Christmas, then another problem with my leg, another perfect storm. I am glad to be able to change the masthead to Volume 5. I think this makes it 7 years that I have been at the helm of the newsletter. I hope you are able to find useful information this month and as always if you have suggestions by all means let me know.

Remember that the deadline each month is the 15th so let's hear from you authors out there. Send all submissions to: mshusaac@charter.net.

Fraternally,
Mark Hoage, 32°
 Editor

Wise Master



Well another year has flown by and 2018 is over. I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday. Happy New Year brethren, and welcome to 2019!

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 13th at 2pm, at the DeMolay center, for our annual installation of officers. We have a great group of officers coming in this year, I couldn't be leaving the Valley in more capable hands! Thank you again for giving me the honor of serving as your Venerable Master in 2018.

The fact that we meet at and our installation will be at the DeMolay Center has a special meaning to me. 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 also at the DeMolay Center.

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

Scott Davis, 32 KCCH
Venerable Master 2018

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Saturday March 23, 2019. Additional information along with who to contact in order to register for this fun event will be provided shortly.

As we continue to work on our future, these initiatives remain central to our effort of making our Valley stronger. Brethren, I encourage you to consider involving yourself in some aspect of the improvement for our Valley. If you are interested in being part of this exciting effort, please contact Ill. Brother David Kussman, 33°, or myself. I know you will have a great time helping make these Strategic Initiatives successful.

For those of you who are active in Blue Lodges, please continue to enthusiastically promote the Orange County Scottish Rite every time you visit your Blue Lodge. Keep working with non-Scottish Rite Masons by presenting petitions, especially knowing that our education program is on its way. We all know new membership has been a challenge for many Valleys, but if we make the effort to speak to our Blue Lodges and reach out to the Worshipful Master for permission to post or leave petitions, I am certain that we will make a big difference in our membership.

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Senior Warden



Fraternal Greetings from the West,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season.

I want to thank all of you for electing me to serve as your Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection next year. I am very excited to serve the Valley and I have high expectations for a fruitful year. I have been working very closely with our Personal Representative to plan some new programs while expanding on some of our existing ones.

In December, I presented the Valley with an operating budget for 2019. One of the key items in this budget is that we are able to subsidize the Stated Meeting dinner prices and starting with the January stated meeting, the meal cost will be reduced to \$10.00 per person. I hope this will encourage you to stay for dinner and enjoy a meal together.

Bro. Andrew Todd has also graciously agreed to expand our education programs. Please look for announcements coming soon about Masonic Education programs also happening on Stated Meeting nights.

Finally, the Installation of Officers will be held on Sunday January 13th at 2:00 pm at the DeMolay Center with a meal to follow.

I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,

Mike Gowder, 32°, KCCH

Senior Warden

Orange County Lodge of Perfection

Wise Master



Greeting Brothers,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a delightful New Year. This is my last article as your 2018 Wise Master. First, I want to personally thank each of you for your support for me throughout 2018, and I know that you will continue this support for my successor.

At the end of my term I would like to make a special thanks to Brother Mark Hoage, 32° our newsletter editor. Not only for his hard work to make the newsletter look great and publish on time. But also, for being my personal editor (kind of). As many of you already know, English is not my primary language, and yes, I did experience some language issues while writing my articles. Mark has helped me throughout this past year to make my articles easier to read. I can never thank him enough.

Finally, I want to again encourage you to get involved in our Valley's activities. Stated meetings, reunion classes, super breakfasts, and the many other special events we have. Any assistance you can provide will make our Valley stronger. Remember, the Valley needs your support, and our new Brothers need your guidance.

Fraternally,

Yungfan "Philip" Liu, 32

Wise Master

Commander



Hello my Brothers!

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Commander this past year. My primary responsibility was conducting the two Super Breakfasts in the spring and fall. Both of these events were profitable and raised a good amount of money for our Valley. My favorite part of these breakfasts are when a Brother is willing to volunteer his time and energy to help. This team effort is really the reason we succeed. Next year it will be my pleasure to give back to our next Commander by volunteering at his Super Breakfast events!

The past couple of Stated Meeting dinners have been fantastic. Our new caterer is providing a high-quality meal, and everyone is raving about the food. I hope this enthusiasm continues into the new year and more Brothers will join us at our next Stated Meeting and enjoy the great dinners and the great company.

Fraternally,

David Frias, 32°

Commander

Master of Kadosh



Greetings Brethren,

Monday, January 7th, will be the last time I serve you as Master of Kadosh and it has been an honor representing the Valley at stated meetings, head of body discussions and up in Oakland earlier in the year. Brother Jeff Kimble, 32° will take over the reins and lead us into 2019 starting with installation on Sunday January 13th.

I encourage our new team to dedicate themselves by giving something to society, something to the Valley and something to ourselves. Those contributions will undoubtedly carry the torch forward and strengthen the solid foundation of Scottish Rite practices in Orange County.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Brandon Cook, 32°

Master of Kadosh

Language Center News



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Language Center News



Hello from the OC Childhood Language Center.

Christmas is in the air and the spirit of giving is alive and well at the Language Center. The Chapman University fall semester is ending so the Language Center will take our winter break. We will resume therapy in early January.

Christmas Celebration

Although we could not celebrate our Christmas Stated Meeting Dinner with the families from the Language Center this year, the children did get to celebrate Christmas with a gift from the Scottish Rite.

Every child who attends our Language Center received a gift-wrapped present to kick off this joyous season of giving.



Chapman University always provides us with the gender and age of the children, so we can match them with the right toy.

Inside the wrapping paper the children found toys such as the Spiderman action figure, My Little Pony doll, set of Hot Wheel cars or a collection of Playdoh. Based on the smiles we see in these pictures, I think the gifts were a big hit.



Graduation Announcement!

Here is Ezequiel and his student therapist Idalia. Ezequiel has attended the Orange County Language Center since September 2017. Initially, he attended two therapy sessions per week. At the beginning of this semester in the Fall of 2018, we noticed that his language skills had improved dramatically! The Supervisor & Student Clinician recommended that

Ezequiel only needed to come to the Center one time a week. Ezequiel is such a quick learner that he met his Semester goals of using grammatically correct sentences and using plurals. He was re-evaluated by Idalia in his home language



of Spanish and found that his language skills are now within normal limits! Ezequiel graduated from speech and language therapy despite some absences due to his heart condition. We are so proud of Ezequiel.

David Frias, 32^o

Chairman, President of the Board of Directors
Orange County Childhood Language Center

Masonic Enlightenment

Did U Know?

PLUMB

Plumbum was the Latin for lead, and was used also of a scourge with a blob of lead tied to it, of a line with a lead ball at its end for testing perpendicularity, etc., the source of our plumb, plumber, plunge, plump, plumbago, plummet, etc. A plumb-line is accordingly a line, or cord, with a piece of lead at the bottom to pull it taut, used to test vertical walls with the line of gravity, hence, by a simple expansion of reference, an emblem of uprightness. Up means up, right means straight; an upright man is one who stands straight up and down, doesn't bend or wobble, has no crooks in him, like a good solid wall that won't cave in under pressure.

- Source: *100 Words in Masonry*

PLUMB-LINE

A line to which a piece of lead is attached so as to make it hang perpendicularly. The plumb-line, sometimes called simply the line, is one of the working-tools of the Past Master. According to Preston, it was one of the instruments of Freemasonry which was presented to the Master of a Lodge at his installation, and he defines its symbolism as follows: "The line teaches the criterion of rectitude, to avoid dissimulation in conversation and action, and to direct our steps in the path which leads to immortality." This idea of the immortal life was always connected in symbology with that of the perpendicular-something that rose directly upward. Thus in the primitive church, the worshipping Christians stood up at prayer on Sunday, as a reference to the Lord's resurrection on that day. This symbolism is not, however, preserved in the verse of the prophet Amos (vii, 7) which is read in the United States as the Scripture passage of the Second Degree, where it seems rather to refer to the strict justice which God will apply to the people of Israel. It there coincides with the first Masonic definition that the line teaches the criterion of moral rectitude.

- Source: *Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*

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