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Venerable Master



Fraternal Greetings,

Welcome to the new Masonic year in our Valley. I would like to thank everyone who attended our Installation of Officers on January 13th. If you couldn't make it, you missed a great time with a wonderful reception. It was quite an honor for our Valley to have our SGIG and Past Grand Master, Ill. Frank Loui serve as our Installing officer again. We were also fortunate to have M.W. and Ill. John Heisner serve as our Master of Ceremonies and M.W. and Ill. Mel Stein serve as our Installing Chaplain.

Our new year is getting off to a quick start. We have our Spring Reunion coming up at the end of March. Please let your blue lodge brothers know about it. Now is the time to have them submit their applications. We will be hosting a ladies Scrapbooking event on the same Saturday as our Reunion (March 23rd). So be sure to get more information from our Personal Representative who has the details. What a great opportunity to share some time with your wife while also supporting our Valley!

I also want to call your attention to the new LOWER meal prices for Stated Meeting Dinners. When working on our operating budget for 2019, we were able to find a way to help lower the meal costs. Now your meal will only cost \$10/pp. That's a great value. I hope to see more of you soon.

Please check the Valley website at: www.ocscottishrite.org for an up to date calendar. Our events for the year are already in there. Save those dates now for the Reunions and Super Breakfasts and other special events.

I am very excited and humbled to serve you and our Valley this year. Thank you again for allowing me this truly distinctive privilege.

Fraternally,

Mike Gowder, 32°, KCCH
Venerable Master
Orange County Lodge of Perfection

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General Secretary



Brethren:

Our new Officers are now hard at work and implementing positive changes for our Valley. Our administrative office staff consists of myself, Mark Hoage 32°, Illustrious Lloyd Clayton 33° and Russ Albright 32°. Dues payments keep coming in to our office at a steady pace. We currently have 96 Brothers who haven't yet paid their 2019 dues. Please contact me via phone or email if you are unsure if you are current. If you have a 2019 dues card in your possession, you are current.

We can use new members in our Valley. Our next Reunion is coming up in March. When you attend your Stated Meeting at Blue Lodge, please go out of your way to introduce the Valley of Orange County A.A.S.R. to any Master Mason who is not currently a Scottish Rite Mason. Opportunities are abundant for any prospective members interested in ritual degree work as well as other forms of Masonic service. We have an outstanding Valley, but prospective candidates will never know that if we don't tell them about it.

Venerable Master Honorable Mike Gowder 32° KCCH, along with our Personal Representative Frankie Rosario 32° KCCH, instituted a major reduction in the cost of dinner to each Brother at our monthly stated meeting. The new price is \$10 per dinner versus our \$14 previous price for the same meal. Please take advantage of this new benefit and come to our Stated Meetings and stay for the meal and fraternal fellowship.

Fraternally,
Jamie Hopkins 32°
 General Secretary

Editor



Greetings Brothers,

A new year and new pictures of all of our 2019 Officers. Big thanks to Bro. Larry Griffin, 32° for this and all of his photography support that he has provided to our Valley. This February's edition is always a challenge to ensure that all of the annual changes are made and everyone's titles are correct.

I am looking forward to hearing from our new Director of Masonic Education , Andrew Todd, 32°. I am looking for new Masonic material for inclusion in our newsletter so please let me know if you or someone you know has an article to include. Remember the publication 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

Director of Masonic Education



Greetings Brothers,

As some of you have heard, Hon. Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH our Personal Representative, has appointed me the Director of Masonic Education for the Orange County Scottish Rite Valley. I am excited to embark on this process of creating an engaging program to provide masonic enlightenment for our members and help promote our Valley to our Blue Lodges. Keep your eye on this column in the coming months, as I have some exciting programs and events in the works for 2019 focusing on not only the Master Craftsman program but also distinguished speakers and bringing masonic education into our Stated Meetings.

I strongly encourage all of you to get involved.

My learned brothers: If you would like to participate in these programs either as an instructor or facilitator, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

I look forward to an exciting year. I'll catch you next month!

Fraternally yours,

Andrew Todd, 32°

Director of Masonic Education



Senior Warden



Brethren,

First and foremost, let me express what an absolute pleasure it is to serve you all as Senior Warden in 2019. We've got an exciting year ahead together, and I cannot wait to see what we, as a Valley, are able to achieve as a team!

I'm reminded of the saying we so often hear around the turn of the year "New year, new you." As cliché as the idea may be that somehow, we are going to change in a new year can be... get that new job, work out more, eat healthier, read 500 books... whatever the goal may be, it's actually not that odd. Especially in the context of Freemasonry. The goal of the Fraternity is one of self-improvement. We learn of things like the Rough Ashlar and the Perfect Ashlar. We are taught to be industrious, to live morally upright lives. To show charity and kindness to all mankind regardless of their station in life. There are so many opportunities for us to find ways to continually improve ourselves as Men and Masons. How will you strive in this new year to continue to grow? This is my challenge to all of you. Find ways to continually improve yourself, not just at the change of the year, but every day. In doing this, we are practicing our Masonry and ever perfecting our proverbial Ashlar.

James Cervantes, 32°

Senior Warden

Orange County Lodge of Perfection

Director of the Work

Wise Master



To all the Brethren of the Valley,

I would like to thank you for the honor and privilege to be of service as the Wise Master for the Chapter Rose Croix. I am very excited for the coming year. I would like to thank all of the Brothers who were involved in the Officer Installation Ceremonies. I am including my mobile number below, should any Brothers of the Valley need to contact me for any reason.

We have two reunion classes this year that will require us to fill positions, both as Degree Members as well as Support Staff. These two weekends are an excellent opportunity for Masonic Fellowship as well as further light in Masonic education. These events are our Valley's prime occasions to motivate new, as well as existing members. I highly encourage all Brothers to participate in any capacity possible. After all, I believe it was Honorable David Price, 32° KCCH who said: "Ask not what your Valley can do for you, but what you can do for your Valley."

Fraternally Yours,

Shawn Michael McCuen, 32°

Wise Master

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Commander



Greetings Brothers.

It is with gratitude and humility that I fill the position of Commander for 2019. Thank you to the installing team for the fine ceremony and to the Gowders in particular for a tasty reception.

Please mark March 24 in your calendar for our Super Breakfast fundraiser. I promise you it will be epic! (with lots o' bacon) Tickets will be mailed to you in early February.

Kind fraternal regards,

Dave Price, 32° KCCH

Commander

Master of Kadosh



Greetings Brethren,

The Installation on January 13th was excellent and the start to what will be a fruitful year for the Valley. I would like to start by thanking the installation team, brothers in attendance and audience for supporting the Valley and its officers, because without that support the Valley would not be where it is at currently. Thank you to the 2018 officers for their contributions to the Valley, and a thank you for the wonderful meal after the installation.

It will be a pleasure serving as your Master of Kadosh for 2019.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jeff Kimble, 32°

Master of Kadosh

Language Center News



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Language Center News



Hello from the OC Childhood Language Center.

Now that the traditional winter break is over, the Childhood Language Center is back in full swing. Chapman University is ready with over 13 student clinicians assigned to the center to provide excellent therapy services to over 60 children who are currently registered.

The Orange County Childhood Language Center continues to be responsible for providing diagnostic and therapeutic services to children from 2 to 16 years of age who exhibit a wide range of speech, language and learning challenges. Services include diagnosis and treatment of speech, language and hearing issues.



Consider joining the Presidents Circle, a group of influential and generous donors who believe in our mission. A donation of \$500 to the Center will help ensure that the Childhood Language Center is able to fulfill our promise to provide speech and language



services to the children of Orange County for one year.

Children love to visit the Center not only for the services they receive,

but because they know once they step through our doors, they are valued, encouraged and loved; something we are able to provide because of these generous donations.

Joining The President Circle is as simple as visiting www.oclanguagecenter.org/Donate and clicking on the donate button.

Be a part of helping children to overcome a disability by giving the Gift of Voice.



David Frias, 32°

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

OCSR 2019 Calendar

2019

- February** 4th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
- March** 4th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22nd—Spring Reunion Class 5:30 pm
- 23rd—Spring Reunion Class 8:00 am
- 23rd—Ladies Scrapbooking Class
10:00 am until 9:00pm
- 24th—Spring Super Breakfast 9:00 am
until 12:00 noon
- April** 1st—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
Remembrance and Renewal
Observance.

February Dinner Menu

Chicken Dijon
Italian Rice
Vegetable Medley
Garden Salad
Dinner Rolls
Desert

New Reduced Dinner Prices

Have you noticed that the prices for Stated Meeting dinners have dropped? Well they have from \$14 to \$10. How many other things in your life can you say the same thing about? Please be sure to come out to our next Stated Meeting and enjoy something that has gone down in price for a change!

Attention Ladies of the Valley

Brothers please let your Ladies know that on Saturday, March 23rd, the Reunion Class weekend, our new Scrapbooking Program for the Ladies will begin. Beginning at 10:00 am and going until 9:00 pm this new opportunity for our Ladies will available. Beginners and seasoned scrapbooking veterans are welcome, costs and additional information will be forthcoming.

Masonic Enlightenment

A Reflection on the Two Major Rites in the Family of Freemasonry

Robert G. Davis, G.C.

Not long ago, a fellow Mason asked me why the higher Bodies of Masonry (Scottish Rite and York Rite) are not active in the same way as the Craft Lodges. Why don't they have regularly scheduled meetings, put together a variety of programs, undertake community projects, host family get-togethers, etc. just as in the Blue Lodges? My first response was that I wasn't aware most Blue Lodge did all these things. But the more honest answer is that, like our Craft Lodges, some Scottish Rite and York Rite organizations do the same kinds of things; some do not.

Masonic activity of any kind is largely a function of the vision of those who are actively steering the organization. But there are other important reasons why the Appendant Bodies should not be perceived as duplicates of the Craft Lodge. I do not believe these bodies serve the same purpose as the Blue lodges; thus, they do not need to meet as regularly. We all get our fraternal bonds from our Blue lodge. This is facilitated by our ritual ceremonies, but it is cemented through regular fraternal association with our local group. The Masons in any given community have a sense of identity with other Masons in their group that is unique from their associations with the remainder of the community. This identity is constantly reinforced through the regular meetings and activities of the lodge.

In the Scottish Rite, the mission is totally different. Above all else, it is an educational institution. Its function is to bring more light in Masonry to those who are already Master Masons. It provides the university course in Freemasonry teachings. Its purpose is quite specific although its tasks are broad. It offers a course in Situational and Principles Ethics, Comparative Religion, the Ancient Mysteries tradition, Gnosticism, the Kabbalah, Hermetic philosophy, and Knighthood. And, for the serious student of Masonry, it is entirely centered on the psychology of being.

Since its membership comes from a much larger member base than any one lodge, it can serve its purpose through infrequent group settings which not only teaches, but expands the fellowship of Masonry. Its success does not depend on its fraternal nature; but rather on the attention it gives to serving its purpose in the family of Masonry. When the Scottish Rite does its job well in introducing more light in Masonry through its degrees and education programs, it excites attention and attracts volunteers to its purpose. As its success increases, interest groups within the larger group tend to embrace its services, charities and education; along with its philosophy. These groups often choose to meet more regularly to pursue the intellectual, charitable, and fraternal quests in Masonry. Thus, in the Scottish Rite, there can be active and committed groups within the larger group.

In the York Rite, the ritual experience of Craft Masonry is extended by a more direct association with the Craft Degrees themselves. It also provides a companion role to the Judeo-Christian faith systems in reinforcing the spiritual development of the individual. This Body tends to meet with the same regularity as a Blue lodge, but it does not need to have as broad an agenda. For instance, it does not need to duplicate the many introductory facets of Masonry, nor facilitate a public image about Masonry; or offer charitable endeavors in the name of Masonry, nor create social outings that involve spouses and families. Many York Rite Bodies do all of these things, but they are not the reason the York Rite exists. The York Rite embraces the earliest traditions of Masonry and offers many avenues for member involvement through its various smaller and extant Christian orders of fraternity. Its adherents have little time for social and family activities. Like the Scottish Rite, it concerns itself with the transformative nature of initiation. Both Rites can specialize much more than a Craft Lodge because they do not have to perform the many tasks a lodge must perform to be successful.

So how are the Rites similar? And how do they differ from each other?

The Scottish and York Rites have shared traditions which greatly add to a Mason's understanding of the essential themes of Freemasonry. Both Rites share the Royal Arch, Sacred Vault, and the Knighthood traditions. In the Scottish Rite's Royal Arch of Solomon (13°), the emphasis is placed on the descent through nine arches, the discovery of the Ineffable Word, and its meaning. In the Royal Arch of the York Rite, the emphasis is on the journey which led to the discovery of the Word, and how the Word is communicated.

Both Rites have three degrees which relate to the Knighthood tradition in Freemasonry. In the Scottish Rite, these include the 28°, 29°, and 30°. In the York Rite, the Knighthood degree are called Orders, and include the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, the Order of the Knights of Malta, and the Order of the Temple. The York Rite's Order of the Temple, and the Scottish Rite's Knight Kadosh are the Templar degrees of Freemasonry. It is very compelling to see how the two Templar traditions vary in their teachings. More important, being a knight is one of the archetypes of manhood. Every Freemason has

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