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Master of Kadosh



Greetings Brethren,

April showers bring May flowers. This saying is an allegory for washing away the old self and blooming a new self. “Shyly the silver-hatted mushrooms make soft entrance through, and undelivered lovers, half awake, Hear noises in the dew. Yellow in all the earth and in the skies, the world would seem faint as a widow mourning with soft eyes and falling into dream. Up the long hill I see the slow plough leave furrows of brown; dim is the day and beautiful: I grieve to see the sun go down. But there are suns a many for mine eyes day after day: delightsome in grave greenery they rise, red oranges in May.”- John Shaw Neilson, “May”. I would also like the brethren to remember that Memorial Day is coming up on Monday, May 27th. We should remember those who have fought for and died for the freedoms, we enjoy every day.

I would like to also mention that our Cap and Ring Ceremony has been moved from the May stated meeting to the June stated meeting. This is due to the guest speaker that we will be hosting at the May meeting.

I would just like to touch on this topic of the Knights of St. Andrew (KSA). For those brothers who do not know what the KSA is or does. The KSA does the little things around the valley from cleaning up after stated meetings to helping at Reunion classes to just overall service to the Valley. Brother Frias was elected as our First Knight. I am the Secretary of the Knights, so I would just like to extend a warm welcome to those brothers who may be interested or would like to return. Please feel free to reach out to me or Brother Frias about how to become a member or how to get involved again and we can provide further details or answers to any questions, you may present to us. I will be mentioning this message on the KSA each month.

“Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear.” -Illustrious Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States.

Facts about Illustrious Truman: Brother Harry S. Truman was initiated on February 9, 1909, at Belton Lodge No. 450, Belton, Missouri. In 1911, several members of the Belton Lodge separated to establish the Grandview Lodge No. 618, Grandview, Missouri. Brother Truman served as its first master. At the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in September 1940, Brother Truman was elected by a landslide to be the ninety-seventh Grand Master of Masons of Missouri. He served

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General Secretary



Brethren:

Our new Masonic Speaker series starts on May 6th with Arturo Covarubias speaking on the topic of Exploring the Masonic History of Mexico. The talk will begin at 7:15 pm following our Stated Meeting. Please encourage your Blue Lodge Brothers and any non-Masons who are interested in attending. Wives are always welcome. There is a dinner charge for attending the event. This is the first speaker that Bro. Andrew Todd, 32^o has scheduled and we want a strong turnout to encourage more events that shine further light on the Craft. Call the office to reserve your spots.

Current 2019 dues cards are required to attend OCSR Stated Meetings. The Brothers of our Valley have been very good about staying current with dues. At this time, there are around 40 members who haven't yet paid their 2019 dues. Give me a call at the office if you believe that you are paid up and have not received your dues card. The reputation of our Valley is very good in Orange County Masonry. Each of us should speak to potential candidates for membership at Blue Lodge meetings and other Lodge functions. The continuing growth and success of our Valley depends upon every active Brother educating other Masons about the positive benefits of OCSR membership. Lastly, we should continue to have fun at all Valley events. See you on May 6th.

Fraternally,

Jamie Hopkins 32^o

General Secretary

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Editor



Greetings Brothers,

Please let me know if you or someone you know has an interesting article to include, we need new material. 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^o

Editor

Venerable Master



Fraternal Greetings,

I hope everyone is enjoying the mild weather of Spring. We had a successful Reunion and a wonderful Super Breakfast in April. Our May Stated launches the first initiative of our Education Committee headed by brother Andrew Todd. We have a very special meal planned along with a very distinguished guest speaker. I am expecting it to be very informative and engaging. I hope to see you all there.

In June, we will have our Cap and Ring Ceremony for our Spring Class. I hope you all can come and support our new brothers who are beginning their journeys as Scottish Rite Masons. Now is also a great time to connect with your Blue Lodge Brothers and invite them to learn more about Scottish Rite Freemasonry. We have two great opportunities to invite them to our meetings to see two exceptional programs. Our Fall Reunion class is right around the corner and we need your help to fill the class.

Your leadership team is working very hard to bring you informative and engaging reasons to be a part of our Valley. If you have any comments or suggestions, we welcome your input. I would love to hear from you.

Fraternally,

Mike Gowder, 32°, KCCH

Venerable Master

Orange County Lodge of Perfection

Senior Warden



Aloha, my Brothers!

As you read this I find myself somewhere in the middle of the Pacific Ocean on a well-earned vacation. However, just because I'm away, doesn't mean I stop the work of Masonry. In fact, on this trip, I've brought along a few books as I prepare myself to assist Bro. Andrew Todd in the education program we're putting on in our Valley! I'm looking forward to returning and helping those of you who are taking on the task of learning more about not only Scottish Rite Freemasonry, but Freemasonry in general. I would urge you, if you've yet to do it, to purchase the Master Craftsman History and Rituals program. It is available from the Scottish Rite store for \$40 and is a great way to enhance your knowledge of our history and degrees. Other programs go much deeper into the philosophy of both the Blue Lodge and the Scottish Rite, but this is the place to start! For \$40 you get the Scottish Rite ritual monitor, and the program itself. I'm looking forward to speaking with some of you in June about the things you might have learned!

James Cervantes, 32°

Senior Warden

Director of The Work

Wise Master



Greetings from the Rose Croix Brethren.

At April's stated meeting I had the honor of participating in my fifth Remembrance and Renewal ceremony. I find it to be a simple yet very beautiful and rewarding experience. In years past the ceremony was held on the Thursday before Good Friday as is the custom in most Christian traditions.

This Thursday is called Maundy Thursday. Maundy is derived from the Latin word Mandatum, meaning commandment. Other terms used for this day are, Holy Thursday, Covenant Thursday, Great and Holy Thursday, Sheer Thursday, and Thursday of Mysteries. In earlier times, this time of year was a sign of the vernal equinox and was considered the beginning of the new year. It has always been an important day to those who work the land because it signifies the beginning of the season of regeneration and growth. We can empathize with the ancients' joy at the resurrection of the sun god from the underworld.

To me the ceremony and dinner put on by our Valley are a wonderful reminder of all aspects of this season. As well as a solemn and respectful tribute to the life and work of the Brothers who have passed away this year. The ceremony instills in me the message nature has for all of us regarding death being a part of life and yet life always being reborn ad infinitum. I strongly encourage all brothers to attend next year's ceremony and celebration. It is through ceremony and ritual that we pay respect. It is through ritual that we experience the lessons and lives of our forefathers. It is through ritual that we reprogram our thoughts and actions.

Warmest regards.

Shawn McCuen 32°

Wise Master



Master of Kadosh *(cont. from page 1)*

until October 1, 1941. While President, Truman was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary Member, Supreme Council in 1945 at the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons Southern Jurisdiction Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He was also elected an Honorary Grand Master of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. On May 18, 1959, the Illustrious Brother Truman was presented with the fifty-year award—the only U.S. President to reach that golden anniversary in Freemasonry. While President of the United States, Brother Truman once said, “The greatest honor that has ever come to me, and that can ever come to me in my life, is to be the Grand Master of Masons in Missouri.” -Selected excerpts from Famous American Freemasons: Volume I by Todd E. Creason



Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jeff Kimble, 32°

Master of Kadosh



Language Center News



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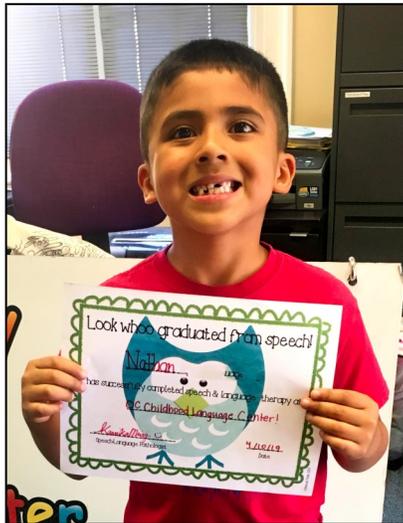
Language Center News



Hello from the OC Childhood Language Center.

Like the Spring Super Bloom throughout Southern California the Childhood Language Center is having a bloom of graduating students.

As children complete their Speech Language goals, we celebrate this achievement with a small celebra-



tion and a Graduation Certificate.

All children are evaluated on their first visit to the CLC. At the CLC the Chapman staff use their expertise to determine if our services are appropriate to help the child.

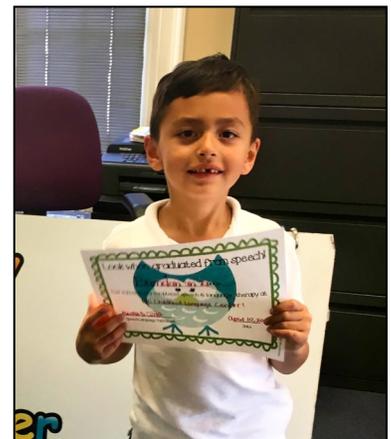


Once accepted they plan a therapeutic approach that will lead to improvements in the child's speech and communication skills.



On Wednesday these students had a blast celebrating their graduation by decorating Easter cookies.

The Student Clinicians enjoyed watching the children pile on as many sprinkles as possible on their cookies.



Sincerely yours,
David Frias, 32°
President, OC CLC Board of Directors

OCSR 2019 Calendar

2019

- May** 6th—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
 Guest Speaker: **Arturo Sevilla Covarrubias**
 “Exploring the Masonic History of Mexico”
- June** 3rd—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm
 Cap and Ring Ceremony
- July** 1st—Stated Meeting 6:30 pm

May Dinner Menu

Prime Rib
Stuffed Chicken
Green Beans
Baked Potato
Salad
Desert

Special one time INCREASED Dinner Price!

As part of our special evening with guest speaker Brother Arturo Covarrubias, an up-scale meal will be served. To allow us to cover the cost of the meal the price for the May Stated Meeting dinner is \$14.00.

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The Importance of Mentoring

This is an older article provided to me by a good friend of my wife and me, Ill. Harold Kennedy, 33° who is a member of Long Beach Valley of Scottish Rite. He wrote this piece describing his early experiences as a Mason and I believe it is an important and timeless lesson that we should reflect upon a regular basis.



When I first joined Freemasonry I did not know anyone at Upland-Mt. Baldy Lodge. The person I asked about becoming a Mason did not show up to Lodge until I received my Third Degree. As I drove into the parking lot to receive my First Degree I was excited and apprehensive. After that night my excitement did not end. However, my unease was quickly replaced by the welcoming I received from my mentor. That person was my coach Jim Thomas.

Brother Jim taught me a great deal about the Fraternity. His firm yet assured manner in coaching me through my three proficiencies gave me the desire to learn more about Freemasonry. I could always call him for answers to any questions I had. And he always has had time at Lodge for any concerns I may have. Jim has taught me the value of this organization. I have read books in the Library to enable me to get a greater understanding of our craft. After becoming a Master Mason I got into line and began learning the work. Degree work is enjoyable to me. It is also serious business. Ritual, well performed, demonstrates to the candidate the depth of the ethical truths we learn in Lodge.

My participation in Freemasonry, from officer involvement to continued Masonic education is because of the support and encouragement I received from my coach. Without the mentoring I received from Brother Jim Thomas I do not believe I ever would have become very involved in this order. I have been Worshipful Master in my Blue Lodge. I have also served as head of other York Rite bodies. I am currently in line at the Long Beach Scottish Rite. My continuous support of Masonry is all because of the time that was given to me when I first became an Entered Apprentice. An interest was shown toward me when I first walked into Lodge. I, in turn, have continued to show my support by helping to assist the Fraternity.

Brothers, when you meet a new member of our craft, please take the time and show an interest in him. Talk with him and make him feel welcome. Offer to coach him and be his mentor. It takes time. But it will be time well rewarded. I will always be grateful for the time and effort shown to me by Brother Jim.

Fraternally,

Harold Kennedy, 33°
Long Beach Scottish Rite

As you can see from the 33° IGH hat that Ill. Harold wears, these early mentoring experiences paid off well not only in Scottish Rite but Ill. Kennedy has held many important positions and has won multiple awards in York Rite as well.

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