

Orange County Valley of the Scottish Rite

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General Secretary

Brethren:



We have a big change coming for our Valley administrative office. As of August 5th, the OCSR office will transition to our new location in Santa Ana. Our phone number will remain the same and the Childhood Language Center is still next door. We will announce the new address and all pertinent information at our August Stated Meeting. The new facility is in an office building

that should fit the needs of our Valley for many years to come.

SGIG Frank Loui 33° has announced selections of three of our members for Biennial Honors to be awarded in San Diego in the Fall. Our Personal Representative, Frankie Rosario 32° KCCH, has been selected to receive the 33°, Inspector General Honorary. Brother Ted Segerstrom 32° and Brother David Frias 32° have been selected to become Knights Commander Court of Honor. The Honors weekend will be held on September 20th-21st at the San Diego Scottish Rite Center. The KCCH ceremony will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, September 21st, and is open to Masons, family and friends. Please contact the office for further information if you are interested in attending. We are proud of these three Brothers and the due recognition they are receiving for their contributions to our Valley.

We want to get all petitions for candidates for our October Reunion in during August. We need to consider each candidate for 2 stated meetings to complete our process. There are plenty of Master Masons in Orange County Blue Lodges who would be interested in joining the OCSR if only we make them aware of the opportunities we have in ritual work, Masonic education and supporting our Childhood Language Center. Please do your best to enlighten your Lodge Brothers about our Valley. Our Fall Reunion will take place on Friday, October 25th and Saturday, October 26th. Please come out on Friday night or Saturday morning to support your Valley and our newest Brothers. Brethren, remember that your active participation is what makes the difference in our Valley.

Fraternally,

Jamie Hopkins 32° General Secretary 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:

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Mrs. Prue Jantz, beloved wife of Illustrious Pete Jantz, 33° on June 1, 2019. She was well-known and highly appreciated by our Brethren for her participation in Valley activities. Illustrious Jantz 33° served as Personal Representative for the Santa Ana Valley (now

Orange County Valley) from January 1999 until June 2004. Prue's support helped the Valley grow and prosper during her husband's tenure. In addition to our Valley, she was also very well-liked and appreciated for her work and support at the Huntington Beach Kiwanis and Huntington Beach #380 Masonic Lodge. Prue's outgoing friendliness made many a new Brother feel welcome. She will be greatly missed.

Fraternally,

Jamie Hopkins 32° General Secretary 714-543-7277

Editor

Greetings Brothers,

Congratulations to our new Honormen. First to our Personal Representitive Hon. Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH for his selection as our newest 33rd Degree Mason and to Brothers Ted Segerstrom, 32° and David Frias, 32° on their selection to the Knight Commander Court of Honor. Brother Segerstrom has been a longtime supporter of our OCCLC both financially as well as making his facilities available for some of our fundraisers.

Brother David Frias as many of you know is not only a tireless worker for our Language Center but also he has taken over the role of President of the Board of Directors upon Hon. Frankie's promotion. Please congratulate these Brothers next time you see them.

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: <u>mshusaac@charter.net</u>.

Fraternally,

Mark Hoage, 32° Editor

Venerable Master



Fraternal Greetings,

This month I would like to speak to you about identifying a brother who you think might want to join the Scottish Rite. It is our duty, as members of this Valley, to help promote membership and expand our ranks. In fact, during the Cap and Ring Ceremony for newly made Masters of the Royal Secret you are directed to this end. Each new member is given two petitions. One to replace himself and one to grow the Valley. So how do we fulfill this directive?

The most obvious place to find new members is in your Blue Lodge. Do you know which members of your Blue Lodge are already Scottish Rite Masons? Do you admire and respect a member of your Blue Lodge who you think might make a good Scottish Rite Mason? Why not ask them about becoming a member of our Valley? Speak to them about why you joined and how your experience has been. Find out if any of what we do might interest them. Invite them to a Scottish Rite Stated dinner to meet the brethren.

The other source of membership is the newly made Master Masons in your lodge. They should already know about Scottish Rite by the time they are raised to Master Mason. The Valley offers pins to them after each degree. Your lodge should have an Ambassador for the Valley that should be presenting this gift to them and speaking about Scottish Rite Masonry. We need to be careful with not moving too fast with new Master Masons. We want them to be comfortable in their Blue Lodge and spend some time there learning how to be a mason before they jump into the ranks of the Scottish Rite. But that doesn't mean that we can't engage them with information about the Valley. Invite them to public ceremonies and social events so that when they are ready, they can submit their petition and join our family.

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Senior Warden



Brethren,

August... summer heat, the tail end of vacation season for some, getting ready to take the kids back to school... and for us? The beginning of reunion rehearsals! It's time for us to go back to school too! Over the last several years, I have, along with an amazing team of brethren, have worked to increase the number of degrees performed during our reunions on a rotational basis. And I am happy to announce that it looks like we're going to add a new one this fall! Our newest class has agreed to put on the 23rd Degree! Along with the rest

of us putting on the mandatory five degrees, I am very thankful for our new brothers putting the effort in to expand the work we're able to do as a Valley! So please mark down October 25th and 26th to join us for our fall reunion! And if you're able to lend a hand either in the degree teams or on the sidelines, please let me know!

James Cervantes, 32°

Senior Warden - Lodge of Perfection Director of The Work

Wise Master



Greetings and salutations from the Chapter Rose Croix Brethren.

We find ourselves in the heart of summer. As it would be in the greatest section of the most fantastic State in the Union to experience and enjoy this wonderful season. It's hot, but not humid. We have hundreds of miles of wonderful beaches to explore and enjoy. I must admit that in the day to day trenches of adult life I find it all too easy to forget to take advantage of this wonderful part of the globe in which we live. I'm grateful that my

family has committed to spending every Sunday in July and August at Crystal Cove State Park. I invite every Brother and his family to come join us on any Sunday at PCH and the Reef Point entrance. Parking is \$15 and it's well worth it for a Sunday at the cove. I find it to be extremely decompressing while it returns me to that much needed attitude of gratitude.

I would also like to voice an extremely exuberant congratulations to the brothers who will be receiving Honors this year. Brother David Frias, 32° and Brother Ted Segerstrom ,32° for KCCH. Also, Honorable Francisco Rosario, 32° KCCH who will be receiving the 33°; in Washington DC no less. I can't imagine a more amazing experience. I am honored and proud to call all three of these gentlemen my Brothers. Several years ago I was having a conversation with an elderly gentleman and he was kind enough to let me in on a secret. It was a secret to the way in which true white magic works. He informed me that real magic happens when you can do good for other people and not tell anyone else about it. The minute you do that, the good deed becomes an ego feeding proposition. Anonymity and humility while being of service and fulfilling duties are when true magic happens. In my opinion these three Brothers are prime examples of this.

Fraternally,

Sean McCuen, 32° Wise Master

Commander



Greetings Brothers;

Our Fall Super Breakfast is going to be on Sunday October 6 at the DeMolay Center in Anaheim. It will be from 9AM until Noon. There will be the usual omelet station making delicious custom dishes. Waffles, biscuits & gravy, hash browns, cheesy potatoes, sausage and...wait for it...BACON ! Coffee, milk, juice, water and all the condiments will complete your epicurean delight ! Info and tickets will be mailed to the Valley membership in early

August...so be on the look out ! Please feel free to reach out to me with any question or comments you may have.

Fraternal regards, **David Price 32º KCCH** Commander, Council of Kadosh



Greetings Brethren,

This month is August and we are almost done with this year, it is going by fast. "Once upon an August dreamy. I saw a flat plane very sphery. I could not imagine the simple. Deck ducks danced in a drizzle. I dreamed of the impossible. The perceptible invisible. Paris moved to Guatemala. Goethe wrote the Kalevala. Once upon a winter bleary. I saw the world seamy, creamy. The yellow a purple colour. The mirror in misdemeanour. I

dreamed of the impossible. The pope became infallible. Vendors sold plenty of things. Rag rings and American kings." - Paul Hartal, " Once Upon an August Dreamy"

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.

"Nothing can illustrate these observations more forcibly, than a recollection of the happy conjuncture of times and circumstances, under which our Republic assumed its rank among the Nations; The

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Director of Masonic Education

Greetings Brothers.

I'm excited to announce that we've lined up our next guest speaker for our Distinguished Speaker Series. **Most Worshipful R. Stephen Doan** -- former grand master of the Grand Lodge of California and venerable master of the Los Angeles Lodge of Perfection -will be joining us after the Stated Meeting on September 9th to discuss Scottish Rite Masonry, its history and significance. It promises to be an enlightening evening.

Also, our **Master Craftsman Program** is in full swing, and it's never too late to join. If you are interested in joining us, plan on arriving early for the next Stated Meeting to participate in the discussion. The study session starts at 5:30pm in the "board room" of the Anaheim DeMolay Center.

You can get more information about the program at our website:

www.ocscottishrite.org/master-craftsman-program

I look forward to seeing you in the classroom...

Andrew Todd, 32° Director of Masonic Education atodd@ocscottishrite.org

Language Center News



A Community Program of the Scottish Rite Foundation for Children with Speech and Language Challenges

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OC CLC Communication

Save the Date! September 7th 2019

Gala Fundraising Dinner At Highway 39 to benefit the Orange County Childhood Language Center

> OC Childhood Language Center Office: 714-972-2646 Email: info@oclanguagecenter.org

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Language Center News



Hello from the OC Childhood Language Center.

This past year we have had so much fun helping the children become great communicators. The CLC is on our traditional summer hiatus and we will be back in the fall fully recharged to accept all challenges.



The Board of Directors is currently busy planning our Gala Gift of Voice Dinner and Auction at Highway 39 in Anaheim. This event will be a lot of fun and a great way for everyone to support this great cause. Helping children become great communicators is their passion and they hope you will all join them to make this event a great success. Please visit this link to register:

https://www.oclanguagecenter.org/news/gala/

Some of the Auction items with be:

Suite at the Staples Center Xbox DJI Osmo Pocket 55-inch Television Apple iPad Phantom of the Opera tickets The Language Center is officially moving to a new location in Santa Ana. Our new address will be 2001 E. 4th Street in Santa Ana Suite 202. The lease has been signed and the landlord is making some minor renovations to the office. Everything in the new office will be



ready for the student clinicians and children to return in the fall.

The next steps will be packing up all of our posses-

sions, so we are ready for the movers on August $1^{\mbox{\scriptsize st}}.$

Everyone is very excited to have our children walk through these new doors to their new beginning.



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

OCSR 2019 Calendar

2019

August 5th—<u>Stated Meeting 6:30 pm</u>

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!

<u>9th</u> — <u>Stated Meeting 6:30 pm</u>				
6th— Fall Super Breakfast 9am-Noon Anaheim DeMolay Center				
7th— <u>Stated Meeting 6:30 pm</u> 25th—Fall Reunion Class 5:00 –9:00pm				
26th—Fall Reunion Class 8:00am— 4:00pm Anaheim DeMolay Center				
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August Dinner Menu

Roast Pork Parsley Potatoes Steamed Vegetables Salad Dinner Rolls Desert

Reduced Dinner Prices

We are once again be back to our reduced meal cost for our Stated Meeting dinners. They are once again \$10 down from our regular \$14. How many other things in your life can you say the same thing about? Please be sure to call in your dinner reservations to the OCSR Valley office.

Venerable Master (continued from page 4)

The Valley can always use new members. However, we need new members that are willing to engage and participate. This must be part of your vetting process. Having new members that just pay dues and never participate does not do the Valley or the individual Brother any good. The Valley offers something for every kind of Mason. The charity of the Language Center, the ritual of our degrees, our social gatherings, the leadership opportunities of serving as an officer in one of the four bodies, the Master Craftsman program, stagecraft in our reunions, etc. . Bringing one new member to our Valley can have a significant impact. He may be our Venerable Master or even our Personal Representative down the road. You can make a difference if you try.

Fraternally,

Mike Gowder, 32°, KCCH

Venerable Master

Orange County Lodge of Perfection

Master of Kadosh (cont. from page 6)

foundation of our Empire was not laid in the gloomy age of Ignorance and Superstition, but at an Epoch when the rights of mankind were better understood and more clearly defined, than at any former period, the researches of the human mind, after social happiness, have been carried to a great extent, the Treasures of knowledge, acquired by the labours of Philosophers, Sages and Legislatures, through a long succession of years, are laid open for our use, and their collected wisdom may be happily applied in the Establishment of our forms of Government; the free cultivation of Letters, the unbounded extension of Commerce, the progressive refinement of Manners, the growing liberality of sentiment... have had a meliorating influence on mankind and increased the blessings of Society. At this auspicious period, the United States came into existence as a Nation, and if their Citizens should not be completely free and happy, the fault will be entirely their own."

[Circular to the States, 8 June 1783 - Writings 26:484--89]" — Worshipful George Washington, Writings

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jeff Kimble, 32° Master of Kadosh

Masonic Enlightenment

Cedars of Lebanon



From time immemorial, the timbers of the cedar tree have been considered of unusual value because they never decay nor rot. The cedar tree was in ancient times a symbol of eternity, and the cedar wood was sacred among the Hebrews. The Ark of the Covenant for the Tabernacle was made of cedar. For these reasons King Solomon used exclusively cedar timbers in the

building of the Temple.

Since the most excellent cedar forests of the world have always existed in Mt. Lebanon, Solomon formed an alliance with Hiram, King of Tyre, and secured from these forests the necessary timbers for building the Temple. And Solomon sent to Hiram King of Tyre saying, now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of the Forest of Lebanon, so Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire. 1 Kings 5:2-10 - Ps. 92:12 - 1 Kings 5:2-10 - Ezra 3:7

Reprinted from Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

Knight Commander Court of Honor KCCH



The first of the honours of the Court of Honour is the Knight Commander. It was a designation conceived by Grand Commander Albert Pike to honor men of outstanding ability and commitment. A Brother must have been a 32° Mason (a Master of the Royal Secret) for at least 46 months before the Supreme Council can vote on his nomination for the honour. In order to nominate a Brother, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General or the Deputy of

the Supreme Council in whose Orient the Brother has his primary membership fills out a form, giving the Brother's name, Masonic and other history, and the reasons for his nomination. He then submits the form in advance of the Biennial Session to the Supreme Council. The vote of the Supreme Council must be unanimous.

Masters of the Royal Secret who distinguish themselves by extraordinary services to humanity and/or the Fraternity may be elected to receive the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. The number of those who can be admitted to the Court of Honour at any Session of the Supreme Council is limited in accordance with the rule laid down in the Statutes, which expressly provide that more than twice as many Knight Commanders of the Court of Honour may be elected than the number Knights Commanders elected to receive the Thirty-third Degree.

The designation Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (almost always abbreviated as KCCH) is not a Degree. The KCCH is not conferred upon a Brother; he is invested with it. Neither is it a promise nor hint that the Knight Commander will thereafter receive the Thirty-third Degree.



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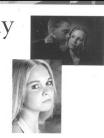
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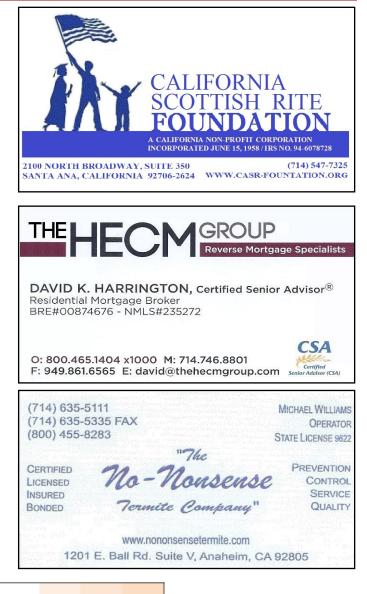
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