



# Orange County Scottish Rite

Orient of California, Southern Jurisdiction

## Commander of Kadosh



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I found this snippet from an unknown author ([masonicshop.com/masonic-articles](http://masonicshop.com/masonic-articles)) It really brought it home when we think of the word "Brother".

*“What does the word Brother mean, Masonically? It means the adoption of a man into an inner circle of friendship, by a moral and spiritual tie as close and binding as the tie of common birth and blood between two brothers in a family. Nothing else, nothing less and this implies a different attitude the one to the other - related not distant, united not opposed, natural and unrestrained - wherein are revealed what the old writers used to call “The Happy and Beneficial Effects of our Ancient and Honorable Institution.”*

**Diego Verduzco, 32°**  
 Commander, Council of Kadosh

## OC Scottish Rite 2021 Upcoming Calendar

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| <b>Monday<br/>April 5th</b>  | Catching up with the Valley<br>Zoom meeting 5:30pm<br>In-person Stated Meeting, CANCELED |
| <b>Monday<br/>April 12th</b> | Master Craftsman Study<br>Zoom meeting 5pm - 6pm   |
| <b>Saturday<br/>TBD</b>      | Spring Reunion<br>Zoom meeting, time to be announced                                     |
| <b>Monday<br/>May 3rd</b>    | Catching up with the Valley<br>Zoom meeting 5:30pm<br>In-person Stated Meeting, CANCELED |
| <b>Monday<br/>May 10th</b>   | Master Craftsman Study<br>Zoom meeting 5pm - 6pm   |



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## Director of the Work



Happy April, Brethren! As we hear more and more encouraging news about the vaccines and the fact that it looks like we'll all be eligible by May... it would stand to chance that we might even be getting closer to having in-person meetings sooner rather than later! And it is my hope that we might actually be able to hold an in-person reunion in November as well. What does this mean for you?

Well, first off, until we're given the all clear, we cannot have practices. So I'll be contacting those of you who have already been on our degree teams. Secondly, we will definitely need more help. The plan right now is to perform the 5 mandatory degrees over the course of a Friday night and Saturday morning/afternoon class. The other degrees will be communicated by Hon. James McCallion and Bro. Jeff Kimble. As soon as we can, I'll start working with those Brothers in the various degrees to arrange practices... lord knows the last 18 months since our last reunion has left us a little rusty and I want to make sure we put on the best possible experience for our new Brethren.

I'd also like to encourage all of you to come out and witness the reunion. It is truly important that we take the time to come out to these events. It's a great way to show support to our degree teams but also to our new Brothers, and reconnect with those we might not have seen in a while... now more than ever! We'll have more news soon, and once we get guidance from the Grand Lodge of California and the Supreme Council, we'll be able to give you all more information on how we plan to proceed.

I hope you're all happy and healthy, and I cannot wait to see you again at our meetings and reunions very soon!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

**James Cervantes, 32°**  
Prelate, Director of the Work

## Wise Master



*"All beginnings have an end, as all ends have new beginnings."*

The material world is in a continual state of change, nothing ever stays the same. From time immemorial the Phoenix has stood, a symbol of renewal and rebirth, rising from the ashes of its previous form into a more exalted state.

As we commemorate and celebrate the lives of our brothers who have passed from this realm, I'm reminded of that immortal and mythical bird. In remembrance and renewal, let's bow our heads to them who came before to serve the greater good and cherish their good works. Impossible trials they endured, sacrifices they all made that won't vanish in thin air, an example to us all.



May they live forevermore in the hearts and minds of those who loved them most and those who knew them well. "

Warmest fraternal regards,

**Anthony Arismendi, 32°**  
Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix

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## General Secretary



Brethren: April is here and we have our Spring Reunion coming up within the next 8 weeks. This will be our second virtual Reunion on Zoom. For the Brothers who missed the Fall Reunion, online attendance at this Spring Reunion is highly recommended. The professionalism of the presenters communicating our 29 degrees is very impressive. At every Reunion that you attend, you gain further understanding about the degrees. As soon as we have a confirmed date for the Spring Reunion, we will inform the Brethren. By the time of our Fall Reunion, we should back to our physical Reunions with exemplification of degrees.

Please let your fellow Master Masons who are not currently Scottish Rite Brothers about our upcoming Reunion. If you or the potential candidate have any questions about the specifics of becoming a candidate, please call or email me at the Valley office. We have an outstanding Valley with great opportunities for involvement of new Brothers.

Finally, I want to thank the Brethren for good and steady dues payments in this challenging year. If you have any concerns or questions about your dues status, please contact us at the Valley office. We thank Illustrious Lloyd Clayton 33° for his help in updating our dues payments. May you and your families have a healthy Spring.

## Language Center News



Welcome back to the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Orange County. Our Language Center continues to provide excellent care for the children in our community who need help with their communication skills.

Children who visit the Language Center often arrive with various difficulties with their speech, language, fluency and pragmatic development are some of the challenges we see and sometimes a child will need to learn new skills to overcome all three.

Hailey is working on “g”. She is presenting with a phonological process disorder in which there is difficulty organizing the patterns of sounds in the brain which results in an inability to correctly form the sounds of words. Her clinician, Stephanie, is providing Hailey with a “multisensory” approach use their hands to represent “g”; a picture of the letter “g” and, an animated photo of tongue positions using a new iPad. The iPad is a gift from Danny Dunn, a board member. The children and clinicians are very thankful to have another tool in the toolbox to help these children talk.



Maddox is focusing on saying his “back sounds” – “k” and “g”. He too is experiencing a phonological process disorder, but he is now able to use a “k” and “g” at the word level. Practice, practice, practice and feedback from his clinician, Kimmi, helps the brain to “re-organize.” The key to success is making practice fun and carryover with his parents at home.



Luke, with help from his father, is working on fluency. A fluency disorder is an interruption in the flow of speaking characterized by atypical rate, rhythm, and disfluencies (e.g., repetitions of sounds, syllables, words, and phrases; sound prolongations; and blocks), which may also be accompanied by excessive tension, speaking avoidance, struggle behaviors, and secondary mannerisms. Stuttering, the most common fluency disorder, is an interruption in the flow of speaking characterized by specific types of disfluencies. Our lucky little leprechaun is working hard with his dad to make his “bumpy” speech go away.



Early intervention includes children from birth to 3 years, can make a difference in their futures. One of our goals at the Language Center is to start working with children at an early age so they may not need support services when they enter school. Be watching for their smiling faces when they graduate!

**David Frias, 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH**

Chairman

RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Orange County

### **Please Donate!**

If you have the ability to give, please consider donating to our Language Center during the new year. We are very thankful for all your support. To donate, visit:

<https://oclanguagecenter.org/donate>

### **In-Person Stated Meetings Canceled; Valley Updates via Zoom**

It is with an abundance of caution and concern for the health and welfare of our brethren and their families that we are canceling upcoming Stated Meetings until further notice.

Please join us Monday, March 1st at 5:30pm to catch up with your brothers on Zoom. Stay tuned for an email invite with the link and password!



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

## Speech Language Pathologists

**Leah Beekman**, PhD CCC-SLP

**Chris Switzer**, MA CCC-SLP

**Laurie Lennon-Thompson**, MS CCC-SLP

**Francine Wenhardt**, MS CCC-SLP

[www.oclanguagecenter.org](http://www.oclanguagecenter.org)

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**David Frias 32° KCCH**

Senior Warden

Orange County Lodge of Perfection



Brotherhood is not just a Bible word. Out of comradeship can come and will come the happy life for all.

— Heywood Brown —

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## Remembering Illustrious Peter Jantz, 33°

*The following is a tribute to brother Pete Jantz, written by a longtime friend of his, Mike Boyd. We include it here for you:*

### In Memoriam

#### **Peter H. Jantz**

*April 3, 1930 to February 14, 2021*

One of our dear Landmark colleagues, Peter H. "Pete" Jantz passed away at the age of 90 on February 14, 2021.

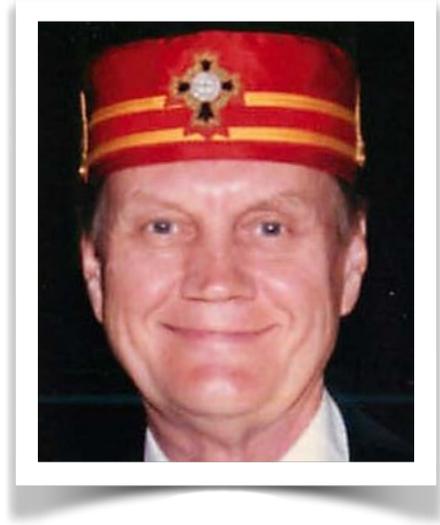
Those of us who knew Pete will start smiling when they think of him. I will explain shortly. If you did not know Pete, think of a tall, lean man, who with his good friend, Frank Disparte, traveled the entire United States on a bicycle. You will think of a man who was a great friend, who set lofty goals and achieved them and enjoyed interacting with what life had to offer.

Yes, he was a great friend. In fact, he was the first to befriend me when I came to Landmark in 2011. Through extensive involvement in association committees, he was a strong, quiet friend and gentleman to all he encountered.

He was in charge of the Architectural Committee and willingly spent hours monitoring the standards of our facilities. Then he got involved with the Finance



Committee finally working his way onto the Board and became President. He was a gentle and questioning leader, wanting Landmark to always be outstanding in every way. Under Pete's Leadership, Our Mission and Vision Statements and Values Statements were developed through the involvement of almost two hundred members. He was concerned that everyone had a chance to voice an opinion in the development of these important statements.



One of Pete's great joys was being involved in the Woodshop and Toymakers Clubs. For ten plus years he provided leadership services to these highly regarded organizations.

Although he volunteered hundreds of hours for Landmark, he spent even many more hours in community service - 60 continuous years of service in Kiwanis and an equal amount of time with the Masons and the Scottish Rite Freemasonry. He also was deeply involved with the Chamber of Commerce and Salvation Army. He received many awards from these groups - they reflected his service, generosity and time given to the community. Few people can be as proud as Pete was to be involved in these groups. He beamed a smile that showed how much he cared to share his time making the lives of others better.

Pete was not just a volunteer; he was a 60-year husband of Prue, father of daughter Lia and son Dennis and their families. He and Prue brought enjoyment to each other and to their many friends. Prue's passing was a great loss to Pete.

As a young man growing up in Montana, he attended a one-room school house, rode a horse to school and learned the value of taking care of farm equipment and solving problems. Joining the U.S. Paratroops -11th Airborne Division in 1948, Pete found himself as secretary to



Generals Smith, Mathewson and Lemnitzer. In 1951, after his Army service, Pete got involved in the insurance business and trained younger men in sales. He had high standards and was a great leader of the sales force.

Remember the bike! Well Pete often could be seen riding around Landmark on his bike. Eventually Pete migrated to daily exercise on stationary bike in the community gym. He was religious at this activity. I was always fascinated that Pete read a small book about philosophy as he rode. As zealous as he was about riding the bike, he was equally zealous about discussing philosophy. He loved to expound on his ideas of God's role for us now and in the hereafter.

Pete was my friend and the friend of many others. I thank you Pete for sharing your life and friendship with me.

*Photos and another tribute can be found online at: <https://www.fhwebhosting.com/XFK/tributes/Peter-Jantz>*

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## Masonic Education ◦ Editor

### Master Craftsman Program



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#### New Study Session Format

Starting in February, we're going to change the format of the Master Craftsman Study group a bit. Instead of meeting for ½ hour prior to the monthly "Keeping up" Zoom call, we're dedicating an entire hour the following week. **Master Craftsman Study sessions will now be held on the second**

**Monday of the month, from 5-6pm.** As in the past, these sessions will take place via Zoom.

Venerable brother **James Cervantes** and I are here to answer any questions and guide you. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to either of us by e-mail:

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If you'd like to participate or are looking for information about the program, please prepare by visiting the website for information about the books and other information to get you started:

<https://scottishrite.org/scottish-rite-master-craftsman-program/>

## The Master Craftsman Program

For those unaware, the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program is an exciting, correspondence course designed and administered by staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC, under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the A&A Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA. All three courses are available as mail-in courses or online.

Starting in February, we will begin covering the quizzes from both the **Symbolic Logic** and the **Scottish Rite History and Ritual** programs, alternating each month. This will allow you to get through both programs in a timely fashion, and help ensure that all bases are covered.

## Study with us on Zoom

We will be meeting in the “virtual classroom” on Zoom this month. **Join us on the second Monday of the month at 5:00pm** as we continue our progress through the Master Craftsman program. Stay tuned for an email invite, coming soon.



If you're just getting started we can also help you with Quizzes #1 - 3. You can also reach out to me directly for information and access to our Facebook group.

Thanks to all our brothers for your interest and participation. I'll see you in the classroom!

## From the Editor

I'd like to express my thanks again to the heads of body for contributing their excellent and thoughtful articles this month and for doing so in a timely fashion.



## Calling All Writers!

You don't have to be a head of body or a member of the line to contribute to this newsletter! If you have something to say from a masonic perspective — perhaps insights into your masonic ruminations, scholarly endeavors you'd like to share, or general news for the brethren — this newsletter is your conduit for those ideas. I encourage any and all brothers who'd like to contribute something to this newsletter to send their ideas to:

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[editor@ocscottishrite.org](mailto:editor@ocscottishrite.org)

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I'll work with you on getting your article together for the next issue.

Fraternally,

**Andrew Todd, 32°**

Editor, The Orange County Scottish Rite News  
Director of Masonic Education

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## Venerable Master



Greetings Brethren, I hope this message finds that you and your family are doing well, for those of you who weren't aware, Michelle and, I were diagnosed with COVID-19 three weeks ago.

It's been a long three weeks, to the road to recovery. We've been carefully monitored by our doctors and prescribed several different medications to help with congestion, cough, fatigue fever and oxygen levels. This virus is no joke! Even after being seriously treated for these three weeks, we continue to have a problem with shortness of breath and exhaustion in the slightest things we normally take for granted in our day-to-day activities.

We have come a long way in these three weeks! Thanks to everyone's support and prayer chains that we have been added to for our speedy recovery. We also want to give a special thank you to those who took the time to send us a special get-well card or message.... they really brightened our day.

I just got his re-swabbed this morning and it was negative! Michelle will be getting her re-swabbed on Tuesday I'm sure she will be negative as well- although we are still recovering from this little set back, we are looking forward to getting back to some sort of normalcy.

Our message to everyone is to please be safe and continue to wear your mask & sanitize, sanitize, sanitize!!!

## Fundraising Update

Brothers, thank you, for those who have supported our see's candy fundraiser, we ended up with **34 orders** \$1908.75 in total sales, making a **profit of \$591.05**.

**Mike Selix, 32° KCCH**

Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection



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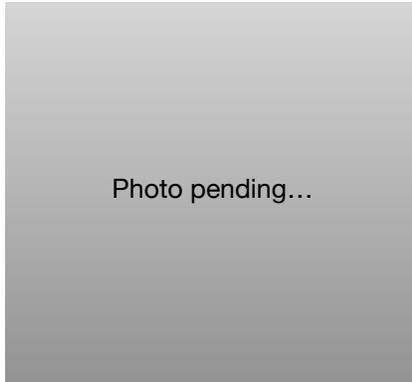
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