



Orange County Scottish Rite

Orient of California, Southern Jurisdiction

General Secretary



Brethren: As you may be aware, we will be honored with the visit of our Grand Commander Jim Cole 33° at our Valley virtual meeting on June 7th. This will be a meeting that no Brother wants to miss. You will receive an email with a Zoom link before the meeting. In early November, we will be having our first physical Reunion in 2 years. Please tell your Blue Lodge Brothers who are not members of our Rite about our upcoming Reunion. Call or email the office if you need a petition or if you or a potential candidate have any questions.

In Masonry, we take our obligations very seriously. In addition to our obligations, we each have responsibilities to the Craft and to each other. One of these responsibilities is to create and present opportunities for individual development of our fellow Brothers. Inviting a Brother to become a member of the Orange County Valley of the Scottish Rite is a great way to present an opportunity for further Masonic development of that Brother. The Degrees and teachings of the Scottish Rite offer a Brother further exposure to Masonic light.

And, we provide a highly favorable platform for acquiring more light with participation in ritual work in our degrees, Master Craftsmen courses, and four Bodies with lines of available offices. Each new member of our Valley brings new energy to our Valley. He may have a great idea or practice from his Blue Lodge which may be beneficially adapted to our Valley. As our respective Blue Lodges begin to meet again, please make your Brethren aware of our Fall 2021 Reunion. It is our collective responsibility.

At the Valley office, we continue to receive dues payments. Thank you for your conscientious payments in a tough year. Have an excellent Summer.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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OC Scottish Rite 2021 Upcoming Calendar

Monday June 7th	Catching up with the Valley Zoom meeting 5:30pm In-person Stated Meeting, CANCELED	
	HONORED SPECIAL GUESTS: Ill. James Cole, 33° Ill. Frank Loui, 33° MW Brother Arthur H. Weiss	
Monday June 14th	Master Craftsman Study Zoom meeting 5pm - 6pm	

Venerable Master



Greetings Brethren, I hope this message finds that you and your family are doing well. I would like to personally invite you to our June Keeping up with the valley meeting we have a very special meeting planned. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

On Monday June 7th, at 5:30pm, our Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. James Cole, 33°, will be visiting with the Orange County Scottish Rite Valley via Zoom.

Along with Grand Master of Masons in California, Most Worshipful Brother Arthur H. Weiss, and our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Southern Jurisdiction, Orient of California, Ill. Frank Loui, 33°.

Join the Zoom Meetings using the link below:

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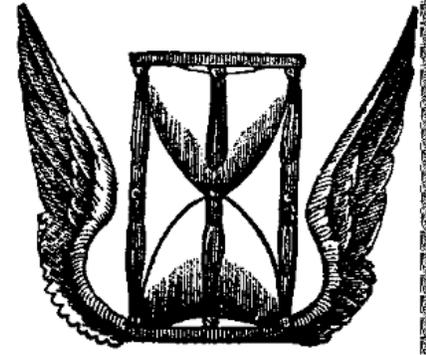
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This month's theme is Time. In keeping with this theme, I present:

The Meaning of the Hourglass

By Harold Meij

The Hourglass is mentioned in the Third-degree lecture, where it is explained that it is an emblem of human life. It symbolizes the eternal passage of time, the sand slipping away until there is no more, and therefore a continual reminder that life is finite, and that therefore we should make the most of it while we can. However, the hourglass is also used in other ways. With its two containers, the hourglass is an analogy between the upper and the lower, and the need to turn the hourglass from top to bottom at times to continue the process symbolizes the continual cycle between life and death, heaven, and earth. However, if no action is taken, the sand can only flow one way. This symbolizes our need to reverse, at times, our attitudes, and actions for continuity, or we shall always be drawn to one side - the base. This symbolism is also seen in the Temperance card of the Tarot. One part of the hourglass is always full, the other empty and this cycle of emptiness and fullness follow each other - just like in life, where joy and sadness for example often follow each other in cycles. It is also interesting to note that the ascetics St. Ambrose (Patron saint of learning) and St. Magdalene (the first to see Jesus after the resurrection) are each depicted with an hourglass. In European lodges, the chamber of reflection where the candidate is placed prior to initiation, has an hourglass for the candidate to reflect on.



Mike Selix, 32° KCCH
 Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

Wise Master

Weaving its way in the fabric of space, tying it all the present and past, the future unknown. In every direction exactly it goes, keeping a pace, ticking away and moving us all, like it or not we have to oblige and do what we must, every action and thought.

Eternal we are, spirits in human design, the moment we are born our bodies finite, in a hurry we are to get it all done. It was time, there the whole time.

Don't waste it away, use what you've got to do a good deed and think a good thought.

Warmest fraternal regards,

Anthony Arismendi, 32°
Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix



The Celestial Lodge

Please join our Valley in remembering the brothers we've lost this year. Though their presence will be missed, their legacies will not be forgotten.

- Illustrious Peter Henry Jantz, 33°**February 15, 2021
- Jack Gordon Beers, 32°**February 25, 2021
- Kermit E. Rosenthal 32°**March 4, 2021
- Dennis William Morris, 32°**March 14, 2021

Please also keep brother **Rob Rappaport, 32°** in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to fight their recent health issues.

Master of Kadosh



Hello brethren! This month we're discussing Time. First, there isn't a more poignant article for me as I've been battling time over the past several weeks. It started innocently with an opportunity that presented itself far away from home. Within ten days of receiving confirmation of this opportunity, I left my home, my family, and any/all security to pursue the opportunity. While I went all in, I maintained constant communication and planning with my family. This is something that I need to seek each of my brothers' approval on because admittedly, I did not communicate with enough of you that are important to me regarding this. My sincerest apologies, brethren.

Time is something that waits for no man – I am no exception. While I'm still experiencing the initial wave of this, I can say that there is something called an opportunity cost. An opportunity cost is essentially anything you give up to pursue one opportunity over another. We face this multiple times each day without thinking about it. When you decide to get dressed and go to work,



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you're giving up the opportunity to stay home with your family. When you elect to go on vacation to Hawaii, you give up the opportunity to go to Bali. There are countless examples of this, including executing a particular route to get somewhere. Each turn presents itself with an opportunity cost for its alternative.

This is why time is so precious. We are forced to make so many decisions and often question if we made the best decision without immediate feedback. While technology in today's world allows us to fail quickly, we should remember that "time nourishes all things" as described on page 830 in The Scottish Rite Ritual and Manual.

While it's easy to see this with celebrities or well-known names in the news cycle, it's more difficult to see in our own lives. We must remember that the further we get from something, the less relevant it becomes. At the same time, the further we get from each decision, the more it determines our options.

Time is something that passes us each second of each day – we have a limited time here on Earth and should make decisions that allow us to pass to our celestial lodges unobscured.

Be well my brothers,

Stephen Carney, 32°
Master of Kadosh, Consistory

Language Center News



Welcome back to the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Orange County. Our Language Center is passionate about helping children and families achieve their communication goals.

Chapman University has started the summer trimester, so the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Orange County is back in operation. We have 16 children enrolled for in

person therapy while the other children attend Teletherapy with a total enrollment of 41 children.

This the time of year when we work with the California Scottish Rite Foundation to look ahead and plan for the next year. The Foundation is allowing all the Language Centers in the state to resume in person therapy this summer. We know that some of our families will still prefer Teletherapy, so we will continue to offer these services along with expanding the number of in person therapy days. It seems like life is getting back to normal!



Fundraising and asking for donations are how we keep the lights on and support the fantastic work that is happening at our Language Center. We hope you will continue to be a part of this great organization with your generous donations.

Thank you for all your support!

David Frias, 32° 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>

Visit Your Valley Online

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!



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

Speech Language Pathologists

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Chris Switzer, MA CCC-SLP

Laurie Lennon-Thompson, MS CCC-SLP

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Senior Warden



My favorite quote about time is from Benjamin Franklin , “Never leave ‘till tomorrow which you can do today”. If I had read this quote any earlier, I would not have missed so many tomorrows waiting to write this article. The coolest quote came from Miles Davis when he said, “Time isn’t the main thing. It’s the only thing.”.

“The way we spend our time defines who we are”. My favorite part of being a Mason is spending time with my brothers at the lodge. It is great to learn about everyone and see what they have done with their time. These conversations help me better understand how I should spend my time. It is so great when a brother decides to share his time with us.

“Having fun time is a good use of your money”. My wife and I love to travel, and we have so much fun together. We have so many great memories traveling together and with our family. A friend of mine gave us the international travel



*“Do not squander time,
for that is the stuff life is
made out of.”*

Benjamin Franklin

bug and now we've been going farther and farther away from home. When we both are retired and have more control of our time, I know that we will enjoy all the new experience's that are available out there in our world.

William Penn said, "Time is what we want most, but what we use worst". I hate the feeling of being late and having to rush. That is when I know that I wasted so much time being lazy instead of getting prepared. Steve Jobs would have told me, "It's really clear that the most precious resource we all have is time."

I am sure that someone said something brilliant about time being precious. You notice this the most when you look back at your children and family. How much people change over time! Kids grow up and the rest of us grow old. This is when I usually say I wish I had more time. I hope that the time I spent with my children was quality time.

Good luck with your time and I hope you'll spend some of it with me.

Best wishes,

David Frias 32° KCCH
Senior Warden
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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 Monday, February 8th 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:

editor@ocscottishrite.org

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

Fraternally,

Andrew Todd, 32°

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