



Orange County Scottish Rite

Orient of California, Southern Jurisdiction

Personal Representative



Dear Brothers,

I hope this communication find you and your family in good health. As I stated during my last communication regarding the increase in numbers of the Delta (and possibly Lambda) COVID-19 variants among vaccinated and unvaccinated people, the decision was made to cancel our indoor Super Breakfast event in September, mainly to protect the health and safety of everyone we love.

As you know, our Valley depends on the funds generated by the Super Breakfast event to support our operations, so we are asking you to please consider purchasing some of the tickets coming your way or make a personal contribution to the Valley of whatever amount you feel comfortable with at this time. Please remember that anything you donate will make a significant difference for our Valley. With your donation and continuing support together, we will continue to thrive.

Please stay well my brothers, and thanks once again for helping our Valley during this difficult time.

Fraternally yours,

Ill. Frankie Rosario, 33°

Personal Representative of the
Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California
Orange County Scottish Rite Valley

Editor's note: Please be aware that those who contributed articles to this month's newsletter did so prior to the events of the COVID-19 Delta variant. As such, some of the information conveyed in the following articles is outdated.

Thanks for your understanding,

Andrew Todd, 32°

Editor

OC Scottish Rite 2021 Upcoming Calendar

**Monday
September 6th** Catching up with the Valley
Zoom meeting 5:30pm
In-person Stated Meeting, CANCELED

**Monday
September 13th** Master Craftsman Study
Zoom meeting 5pm - 6pm

**Monday
October 4th** Catching up with the Valley
Zoom meeting 5:30pm
In-person Stated Meeting, CANCELED

**Monday
October 11th** Master Craftsman Study
Zoom meeting 5pm - 6pm



Senior Warden



Fraternity

Websters defines this word as “a group of people associated or formally organized for a common purpose, interest or pleasure”. Brotherhood is a synonym for Fraternity. This is why you are my Brother and based on the definition we must share some common interests or beliefs.

What are our beliefs? At a basic level I think we all believe or hope that men in our fraternity stand for something more than most men we know. When I come to the lodge I expect to find men who maintain a certain level of decency and have a strong moral compass. I don't want to know people who cheat, steal and lie. I want to hang out with people who love their families, obey the laws of our country and pay their taxes. This is a very simple explanation for a long list of Masonic beliefs but that is my take on the whole thing.

Let's take the Super Breakfast as a good fraternal example. I've worked a few of them and the best part is when brothers show up to lend a hand. Bob and Anthony are in the kitchen cooking up some great bacon, Mike and Shawn are making some tasty omelets and Bob or Jeff are manning the waffle station just to name a few. Everyone who shows up to eat breakfast is also very appreciative of our efforts. At the end of the day it feels good to work with these men to help raise money for our fraternity. Even though I like to sleep in on a Sunday morning I'll always be there to help my brothers put on a great breakfast.

David Frias 32° KCCH

Senior Warden

Orange County Lodge of Perfection

General Secretary



Brethren: Hope you are enjoying the summer. For the time being, we are allowed to hold physical meetings again and we urge all members to attend. Our Fall Super Breakfast will be held on September 19th. This is our only fundraising event for the Valley and very popular. You will be receiving tickets in the mail soon.

We also have an organization in our Valley called the Century Club. The proceeds from the Century Club donations go entirely to our Valley. As our Valley office is made up entirely of volunteers, all funds go to Valley overhead such as office rent, office supplies and fraternal supplies. Membership is \$100 per year. Please contact the Valley Secretary if you are interested in joining.

Don't forget that our Fall Reunion is coming up in November. This is the first physical Reunion in 2 years. We are looking for good candidates for membership. Please talk to your worthy Lodge Brothers about the Orange County Scottish Rite. Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Jamie Hopkins, 32°
General Secretary
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Venerable Master



Greetings Brethren, again I hope you and your families are doing well. Most of our Blue Lodges have begun to hold regular meetings, which is great news for our fraternity. I would like to remind you that we have our fall reunion class scheduled in November, and during your travels to lodge, be on the lookout for new candidates. If you have a candidate in mind please get those applications in to our Brother Secretary, to allow us to have time to vote on them at our upcoming stated meeting.

We are in need for some new ritual team members. If you are interested in joining one of our ritual teams, please reach out to Brother Cervantes or myself.

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.

We have a variety parts available. Some with very small speaking parts, to some that are bit more challenging. Looking forward to your participation.

At this time, we are planning on holding our first in person stated meeting of the year. To be held Monday August 2nd, at 6:30pm, no meal is planned for our first meeting. Illustrious Frankie has sent out a survey, to all members looking for your input on how we would like to meet in the future. Your participation is appreciated. Remember your thoughts and opinion count.

Be on the lookout for your Supper Breakfast tickets in the mail, the Supper Breakfast will be held on Sunday September 19th. Please mark your calendar, invite your family and friends. What a great way to support our Valley, and enjoy an incredible meal along with some amazing fellowship.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

Director of the Work



Brethren,

Welcome back! By the time many of you read this, there's a good chance many of our Blue Lodges have already had their first in-person meetings. And now it's our turn! I can't wait to be with you all (as I'm sure I'm speaking for all the Valley leadership) as we get back to business after 15 months apart.

This month's theme is Fraternity, and what better month than to celebrate our Brotherhood as we all come back together!

Think back to your first experience in a lodge. As we've all moved through the degrees of Freemasonry, we have all gone through a wonderful shared experience. The time now approaches when we will all gather again and start to welcome new candidates into our Scottish Rite Fraternity! In November, we will be holding our first in-person reunion in (at that point) two years. I'm calling on all of you, not only to take part as participants in degrees along side our dedicated degree teams, but also as side-liners. Now is the time to remind ourselves... all of us, collectively, of the beauty of the Scottish Rite ritual. I can't wait to see you all again as we all share that experience again, together. After all, why do we call it a reunion?

I'll close with this. I'd also like to express both my gratitude and thanks. As Ill. Frankie Rosario announced at our July meeting, a few folks were elected to be honored next month by the Supreme Council. The work done by those selected

to receive honors isn't a selfish endeavor... nor should it ever be. The color of one's cap means nothing if it's only for yourself alone. And I'm continually reminded of the maxim from our passed Illustrious Brother Albert Pike in the House of The Temple's Albert Pike Library: " What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal."

So congratulations to our Brethren... KCCH-elect Brother Jamie Hopkins. Brother Hopkins and I joined this Valley in the same class and I have been truly honored to have him by my side on degree teams and now as our Valley Secretary for this whole journey. The work he does every day for all of you should never be forgotten. And also to our Inspector General Honorary-elect Honorable Ralph Shelton. Ralph is a man of so many hats, I'm not sure where he'll find a spot for his new white hat. But he's served Freemasonry and so many other organizations with distinction, I'd have to take over the whole newsletter to pay proper tribute. Just know that as a friend, a mentor and just a general good dude, it's nice to see this honor conferred.

This work... all of it. It's for you. And like my other elected Brothers. I am truly, profoundly humbled. I promise all of you, the newest among us to those who have been members for over 50 years. This only means more work, for the sake of work... for the sake of the Fraternity.

Onward and upward!

James Cervantes, 32° - KCCH-elect

Prelate

Director of The Work

Language Center News



Welcome back to the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Orange County. While our children and families are enjoying the beautiful Southern California summer we are planning our return in the fall.

The Language Center is closed through the end of August as we follow the Chapman University academic calendar. We will resume our activities on August 30th with the center

open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Therapy sessions will start on September 7th with our great supervisor team of Dr. Leah Beekman, Laurie Lennon-Thompson and Francine Wenhardt. The first week is always orientation and training for our new group of Chapman University graduate student clinicians. This first week gives the student clinicians a chance to learn more about the center and review all the necessary health and safety practices we always follow. We are looking forward to hearing the excited sounds of children learning

Please keep Saturday November 6th open on your calendar. We are planning a fundraising event at the Highway 39 Event Center which will start around 6:00pm. Highway 39 has an incredible collection of classic American cars with vintage neon signs and other classic exhibits. This will be a fun night that you won't want to miss.

I have been a member of our Presidents Club for many years now. Illustrious Frankie Rosario started this club to help raise money for our award winning RiteCare Childhood Language Center or Orange County. Besides generously supporting the efforts of the Language Center, President Club members also receive a quarterly update on the activities at the Language Center. We run a very tight ship so your donations are only used to support the therapy we provide. Everything else is accomplished by volunteers and more donations. Please visit our website where you can join this great club and support a great organization that is focused on helping children become great communicators. "Www.oclanguagecenter.org/donate/" 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>



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

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Master Craftsman Program



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As a reminder, **Master Craftsman Study sessions are now being 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°

Editor, Director of Masonic Education

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