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Personal Representative's Message



Brethren,

It's that wonderful time of year with Christmas just around the corner. We endured the heat and now we can enjoy the chill in the air. It makes us realize that that rotund little man will soon be here. I have heard from a very good source that we can expect a visit from that special man in the red suit. Please remember to bring a new unwrapped toy for the *"Toys for Tots"* drive to our Stated Meeting on Dec. 7th. We are looking forward to an outstanding evening with our special guests the children and staff from the Language Center.

My personal thanks to all of you who have worked so hard and accomplished so much for our Orange County Valley this year. Our Super Breakfasts, Reunion Classes, all of our Stated and Quarterly Meetings, VMAP, and our Knights of St. Andrew. Each and everyone of you have gone above and beyond and it is truly appreciated. To all our new Honor Men, congratulations and thank you. We will now push forward to make next year even better.

There are so many of you behind the scenes, way too many to list but I especially want to thank Ill. Bob McNamara, Ill. Lloyd Clayton, Honorable Dave Price, Brother Mark Hoage, Ill. Bob Hjorth, Ill. Gene Harp and Brothers James Cervantes, and James McCallion.

Our Stated Meeting Dinner will be Christmas Ham and all the fixings. Please remember to call the office for reservations 714-543-7277, we will especially need to have a count for our big event. The ladies and our guests will be eating while we conduct our meeting. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated at the meeting and the dinner to show our support of the Language Center. We thank you Honorable Frankie Rosario and Dr. Judy Montgomery for all you do for the Language Center you have made it a great success.

Don't forget January 10th, 2016 will be our Installation of Officers for the coming year. Pictures will be at 1:00pm and the Installation at 2:00pm. MW Ill. Frank Loui, MW Ill. David Decker will be present for our Installation and all guests are welcome. Please mark your calendar for this important day and come and support your Valley.

One final reminder that if you have a Brother interested in joining Scottish Rite let him know that the initiation rates go up January 1st. Petitions for Membership received, *and paid*, prior to the end of the 2015 calendar year, for 2016 Reunion Classes, will remain at \$150. After the first, membership fees will increase to \$200.

Kristi and I wish all of you a very blessed Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

REMEMBER, MY BROTHERS, DO GET INVOLVED,
YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!!!

Fraternally,
Rick Wood, 33°
Personal Representative

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General Secretary



Secretary Says,

This has been a stressful year in the Secretary's Office. Not only did we have to deal with members that haven't paid their dues (we are down to 41 that are almost two years in arrears) but the changing of our Valley's name. This name change caused all of our membership cards to be changed from the Valley of Santa Ana to the Valley of Orange County. We have finally received most of our new cards and are sending them out as dues come in.

Please take a moment to check your dues card and see if it says 2015. If it doesn't please send in your delinquent dues. Remember that your 2016 dues become delinquent if they are not paid before December 31, 2015. If you find that you are having trouble making your dues payment, contact our Almoner, Lloyd Clayton, 33° in the Secretary's office and inquire if he can help. If we don't know about your difficulties, we can't help.

This year we are one of the few Valleys that are on the "plus" side in membership and would like to keep it that way. Please speak to all of the new Master Masons in your Blue Lodge and tell them about Scottish Rite Masonry.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year!

Fraternally,

Bob McNamara, 33°

General Secretary

Asst. Personal Representative

From the Editor



Greetings All,

This edition of the Orange County Scottish Rite News marks the end of its first Year. We have attempted this year to not only cover events within our Valley but to bring you interesting articles from other Scottish Rite Valleys around the country. If there are additional things that you would like to have included in our publication please let me know.

As always, I am looking for any additional article submissions from the Brothers for inclusion in our OC Scottish Rite News. Just because you are new to our Valley, don't assume you don't have anything to say. Please make your submissions to mshusaac@charter.net prior to the 10th of the month.

In closing, Shannon and I would like to wish each of you an enjoyable holiday season and happy New Year.

Fraternally,

Mark Hoage, 32° KoSA

Editor

Language Center News



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OC CLC Events

**Orange County Scottish Rite and
Childhood Language Center
2015 Christmas Dinner**

Please join us on Monday December 7th

At the Anaheim DeMolay Center
at 6:30pm

for the 2015 Christmas Dinner

for Reservations
please contact the

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We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Language Center News



Hello from the Orange County Childhood Language Center and welcome back to our latest newsletter. I am excited to report what has taken place lately so without further delay here we go!

The impact we make

This month we have achieved great results at the Language Center. Because of your generosity and the great work from the Chapman staff we have:

- Diagnosed 20 children
- Provided 33.5 hours of evaluation services
- Provided 274.5 hours of therapy

I hope you are proud of our accomplishments. Because of you, our center is able stay ahead in providing the best speech and language therapy services, so thank you for supporting our mission.



A backpack for every child

Our Language Center admirer has once again come through for us! We are happy to share with you that every child returning to our center this school year, has received a new and gorgeous backpack or a tote bag full of age appropriate school and art supplies. Because of this donation, each child is now better prepared to face life at school and know we have their “backs”. Thank you secret donor!

ASHA Here we are

Our Language Center Director, Dr. Judy Montgomery will be attending the next ASHA convention in



Please enjoy the pictures of some of our children receiving their supplies.

Denver. At the table reserved for Chapman University everyone will see a lovely poster with our logo! Yes, besides speaking about her wonderful college, Dr. Montgomery will be representing and telling everyone about the work being done at the Orange County Childhood Language Center. We believe this will bring awareness to our great work here in Orange County and about the support the Orange County Scottish Rite Valley provides to make this possible.

Santa is coming to town

On Monday Dec. 7th, the Orange County Scottish Rite will be hosting the annual OCCLC Christmas Dinner Event at the DeMolay center in Anaheim. We can't wait to see the smiles and hear the laughter of our kids! It is going to be so much fun! Once again, we will celebrate with a wonderful dinner, while Santa Claus distributes presents to all the children attending our Center. We will also hear from the Staff and yours truly, as we share with you our progress, our vision and our future.

Please remember us

Dear brothers, please don't forget our Language Center when you renew your annual Scottish Rite dues. We truly appreciate and depend on your generosity.

Well, time for me to say until next time, but please remember that you are our corner stone! THANK YOU so much for supporting this charity, as together we bring the gift of voice to our children.

Sincerely yours,

Frankie Rosario, 32° KCCH
 President of the Board of Directors
 Orange County Childhood Language Center

Lodge of Perfection



Hi Everyone,

Our December meeting is December 7th starting at 6:30pm. The dress is Christmas, so wear your red sport coat with a Christmas tie or a Christmas sweater or a Christmas shirt with a nice pair of dress slacks. It is hard to believe that the holidays are here.

Our Christmas party for our OC Childhood Language Center is also on the same evening as our stated meeting. A change from last year will be that while we are in our meeting our guests will be having their dinner so that when we are finished we will be able to sit down and eat and watch Santa reading "The Night Before Christmas" and passing out gifts.

Just a reminder: Sunday, December 6th planning meeting at David Price's house 1-3pm, Monday, December 7th, voting for our 2016 Officers and Christmas Party. Please remember that there will be many cars on the road during the holidays along with people drinking too much, please be extra careful during this special weekend.

Finally, I want to thank the members of our Valley for the outstanding job they did with membership this year, our Valley is in the black with the membership numbers, this is our second year in a row with growth.

Remember, "Change is for the Good, but no change is fatal"

John R. Rider, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

Senior Warden



Greetings My Brothers !

On Nov. 29th our Valley was honored to host a VMAP Forum presented by Supreme Council. This event was to promote and reinforce the components of our Valley Membership Achievement Program. An informative presentation about the VMAP program was made by Ill. Stan Dodd, 33°. Bro. Ron Martin, 32° shared with us the upcoming Tough Mudder team building event held in Temecula on October 11th. Following some refreshments, an informal Q&A was conducted with M.W. Ill. Rex Hutchens, 33° GC and M.W. Ill John Cooper, 33° providing the "A"s.

This was a fascinating and informative discussion which left all in attendance enlightened. MW Ill. Frank and Jeanne Loui graced the festivities with their always congenial attendance. Our OC Valley's VMAP Committee members are Ill. Rick Wood, Ill. Bob McNamara, Hon. Mike Selix, Bro. James McCallion, Bro. James Cervantes and yours truly. Our Valley is well on its way to exceed the VMAP requirements for recognition. This will be a feather in our collective Valley's cap. Thank you all for your continued efforts...YOU are making a difference.

Any questions regarding this event may be directed to me at (714) 454-8265

David Price 32° KCCH
Senior Warden



L-R: MW Ill. Frank Loui, MW Ill. Rex Hutchens, Ill. Stan Dodd, MW Ill. John Cooper III, Bro Ron Martin

Wise Master



Greetings Brethren,

I would like to welcome our new Reunion Class to our Orange County Valley Scottish Rite. I want to personally thank you for the video projector your class donated to our Valley. I know we will get many years of use out of it! I encourage you to attend our stated meetings, get involved with one of the degree teams, become a member of the Knights of St Andrew, and seek more light in masonry. You will always get out of Scottish Rite Masonry what you are willing to put into it.

Brethren we are still in need of some Lodge Ambassadors. The duties consist of presenting pins at your Blue lodge to your new, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Masons, also speaking a little about our Valley, and inform them about the Master Craftsman Programs. The Master Craftsman III Program spreads more light on the first three degrees of Masonry. Please feel free to give me a call if you are interested, I can be reached at 714 322-5950 or by e-mail at mgsunlimited@gmail.com

Bro. Mike Selix, 32° KCCH
Wise Master

Master of Kadosh / Knights of St. Andrew



Brothers,

We didn't have much time to discuss Masonic Education during the reunion and as such I wanted to inform you about the Master Craftsman series. There are currently three programs available. Master Craftsman I: Using Bridge to Light summarizes the Scottish Rite Organization, its bodies and degrees contained therein. Master craftsman II Scottish Rite Philosophy: Uses Morals & Dogma and covers the 1st-32nd degrees, and Master Craftsman III Symbolic Lodge: using Albert Pike's Esoterika covers the antiquity of Blue Lodge symbolism of the 1st 3 degrees. We hold monthly roundtable discussions on the concepts found in these courses and for enrollment. Our next meeting is Saturday, November 21st, 11am-12pm at the Anaheim DeMolay Center.

Academy of Reflection:

Our next meditation session is scheduled for Sat., November 21st at 10:30am @ the Anaheim DeMolay Center

Please contact me if you plan to attend either of these events: (949) 547-5459 / jmc-callion@ocscottishrite.org

James McCallion, 32°
Master of Kadosh
1st Knight, OCSR KSA

OCSR 2015 / 2016 Calendar

December 7th—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm
 Second reading of 2016
 Officer—selectees
 Election of 2016 Officers
 Christmas Party

2016

January 4th—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm
 10th—Officer Installation—2:00pm

February 1st—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm

March 7th—OCSR Stated Meeting—6:30pm

December Dinner Menu

Honey Glazed Ham

Scalloped Potatoes

Green Beans

Green Salad

Pecan Pie - Cookies

Vanilla Ice Cream

In Memorium

Bro. Forrest K. Werner, Jr. 32°

Born

March 14, 1929

Master of the Royal Secret

November 9, 1996

Entered Celestial Lodge

September 26, 2015



Orange County Valley Membership

As of November 1st	457
Affiliations	1
Initiations	13
Reinstatements	0
Total gains	<u>14</u>
Suspensions	0
Demits	0
Deceased	1
Total losses	<u>0</u>
As of November 30, 2015	469

More Light in Scottish Rite Masonry

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY?

My Brothers, there are many ways. Let me list some of them.

First, there is the Master Craftsman series of correspondence courses. Brother James McCallion has the information on these courses and also conducts seminars monthly.

Secondly, for those of you that would like to see all 29 degrees done in full costume and on a stage complete with excellent props, there is the annual presentation at the Valley of Guthrie, Oklahoma. It is a Friday, Saturday and Sunday presentation that is an excellent Scottish Rite experience. It is presented every Spring in Guthrie. They have lodging facilities in their building on a first come basis. There is no charge for the degrees if you are a Scottish Rite Mason. The Spring classes in 2016 are April 1, 2 and 3. Travel would be on Thursday, March 31 and return on Sunday, April 3. I have attended their degrees twice and plan on going again in 2016.

Thirdly, there is the Academy of Reflection which deals with Masonic information through a peaceful meditation environment. We have one of the only chapters outside of Guthrie, OK here in our Valley. Contact James Cervantes for information on this unique and interesting experience.

Fourth is the College of the Consistory. This is thru the Valley of Guthrie and their web site has information. It also is a correspondence course and goes deeply into each Scottish Rite degree.

So, you see my Brothers, there are many ways to add to your Scottish Rite knowledge and experience. It is up to you to allocate and prioritize your time so you can take advantage of these opportunities.

III. Bob McNamara, 33°

Asst. Personal Representative

General Secretary

Century Club

There hasn't been much activity in the Century Club for the second half of the 2015 year. I hope this means you are all saving up to zealously participate in 2016. We will, however, continue to accept donations for 2015.

Please make your check out to "OCSR" with Century Club in the memo section. Your \$100 contribution will get you credit for this year. The Valley thanks you for your continued support.

Director of Ritual



Brethren,

We recently completed our Fall Reunion welcoming our new Masters of The Royal Secret (and in doing so, brought our gains to 43 new members on the year, great work guys) with a great time of fellowship and education. If you weren't there, you really missed out on some fantastic degree work. Particularly, for the first time, our Valley put on the 28th Degree "Knight Commander of The Temple" and it was chosen by the class as their favorite degree! Hats off to Bro. James McCallion, 32° KSA for his leadership and the rest of the degree team for all their hard work!

The 28th Degree Cast were: Bro. Jay Webb, 32° KSA, Hon. Mike Gowder, 32° KCCH, Bro. Alejo Velarde, 32° KSA, Bro. Wes Green, 32° KSA, Hon. Mike Selix, 32° KCCH, Bro. James McCallion, 32° KSA, Bro. Robert Wellington, 32°, Bro. James Cervantes, 32° KSA, Hon. Jeff Dotson, 32° KSA, Bro. Darren Gress, 32°.

Doing these Reunion Classes is a lot of fun, educational and benefits the Valley and our new Brothers as well as those of you who have been around a while. So make an effort to come out and watch as we put on more and more Degrees! You might even see something you've never seen before! See you in the Spring!

James Cervantes, 32°
Director of Ritual

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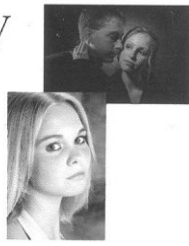
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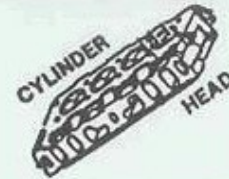
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