



# Orange County Scottish Rite

Orient of California, Southern Jurisdiction

## Personal Representative



Greetings my brothers, I hope this article finds everyone healthy and in good spirits.

First, and as many of you know, Honors took place in Oakland, CA on Saturday September 11th. It was great to see among many, our SGIG Ill. Frank Loui and brothers not only from California, but also from Nevada, who assembled at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center to receive their respective Honors. Both, the 33° Coronation and KCCH Investiture ceremonies were well presented and attended.

From our Valley, brother **Ill. Ralph Shelton, 33°** was coronated with this 33° degree and **Honorable brothers Jaime Hopkins, 32°KCCH and James Cervantes, 32° KCCH** were invested with their Knight Commander of the Court of Honor.

It was a pleasure to spend time with my brothers at such an enjoyable and honorable event. Sincerest congratulations to our newly anointed brothers!

Enjoy some photos of our brothers wearing their new caps:



Honorees Hon. Jamie Hopkins, 32° KCCH; Hon. James Cervantes, 32° KCCH; and Ill. Ralph Shelton, 33° (left to right)



Hon. James Cervantes, 32° KCCH; Hon. James McCallion, 32° KCCH; Hon. Jamie Hopkins, 32° KCCH; Ill. Frank Loui, 33° SGIG; Ill. Ralph Shelton, 33°, and Ill. Art Salazar, 33° (left to right)

## OC Scottish Rite 2021 Upcoming Calendar

**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

**Thursday**  
**October 14th**      Segerstrom Shelby Event Center  
Grand Opening 3pm - 7pm

**Monday**  
**November 1st**      Catching up with the Valley  
Zoom meeting 5:30pm  
**In-person Stated Meeting, CANCELED**

**Monday**  
**November 8th**      Master Craftsman Study  
Zoom meeting 5pm - 6pm



## Announcing the Segerstrom Shelby Events Center!

It is my pleasure to announce the Grand Opening of the Segerstrom – Shelby Event Center – taking place on **October 14th, 2021, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm** at the following address:

**5 Whatney, Irvine, CA.**

Hon. Brother, Ted Segerstrom has extended a special invitation to our Valley, so that you can experience this venue and its rare one-of-a-kind collection of Shelby cars in existence only at this building!

If you would like to attend, please RSVP ASAP:

Phone: [949.969.4362](tel:949.969.4362)

Email: [raeliz56@ssecoc.com](mailto:raeliz56@ssecoc.com)

I hope you can attend this very special event and enjoy this beautiful collection of vehicles owned by our honorable brother.

Fraternally yours,

**Ill. Frankie Rosario, 33°**

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



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## General Secretary



Brethren: Autumn Greetings to all of the Brothers of our Valley.

We will be having one more on-line Valley meeting via the Zoom platform on Monday, October 4th. You will receive an email with a link and all pertinent info to participate by the day of the meeting. Please sign in and participate in this virtual meeting. This Fall, we are hoping to resume in-person meetings.

On November 5th and 6th, we will be having our first physical Reunion in 2 years to initiate new candidates as Masters of the Royal Secret. We will be holding a joint Reunion with the Valley of Long Beach. It will be held at the Long Beach Temple where there is a an outstanding theater for exemplification of our degrees. This will be a very special Scottish Rite event. If you come by on one of the days to observe degrees and meet our candidates, you will find it very worthwhile. You can still submit petitions for membership for candidates for the November Reunion. Please call or email the office if you have any questions.

The Valley office wants to thank the Brethren for the many 2022 dues payments that we have received. If you no longer use checks, you can make an easy payment with your credit or debit card at our [AASR Supreme Portal](#). We have a great Valley and we look forward to initiating new Brothers in November. Enjoy your October.

Fraternally,

**Jamie Hopkins, 32°**  
General Secretary

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## Venerable Master



Greetings Brethren, I hope this message finds that you and your family are all doing well. This year seems to be flying by, and it's hard to believe the Holidays are rite around the corner. I hope to see you at our October meeting and share with you our plans for our upcoming reunion class, and the events we have planned for the remainder of the year.

I would like to personally invite you to our October Keeping up with the valley meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan to join the Orange County Scottish Rite Valley Zoom meeting. Monday October 4th, at 5:30pm. Via Zoom.

Join the Zoom Meetings using the link below:

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/9531283942>

The Meeting ID is: **953 128 3942**

The password for entry is: **Mason32**

### Who Loves Chocolate?

Seriously, who *doesn't* love chocolate? The O.C. Scottish Rite is asking for your continued support! We're selling yummy See's Candies for our latest fundraiser. Just in time for those Thanksgiving and the Holyday season's treats. Click on the link below to shop in our O.C. Scottish Rite store front, to pick and choose your

favorites and buy your candy online. Your order will be shipped direct to you, your family, and friends, It's that easy!

I would like to encourage you to share and post our fundraiser on face book and your social media accounts, along with your co-workers, friends and family. Thank you for your continued support, to our O.C. Scottish Rite Valley.

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Happy shopping, and thanks for your support!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

### Visit Your Valley Online

Be sure to visit our Scottish Rite web site at [OCSCOTTISHRITE.ORG](http://OCSCOTTISHRITE.ORG). You'll find the official calendar of events and an archive of all our newsletters.

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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## Senior Warden

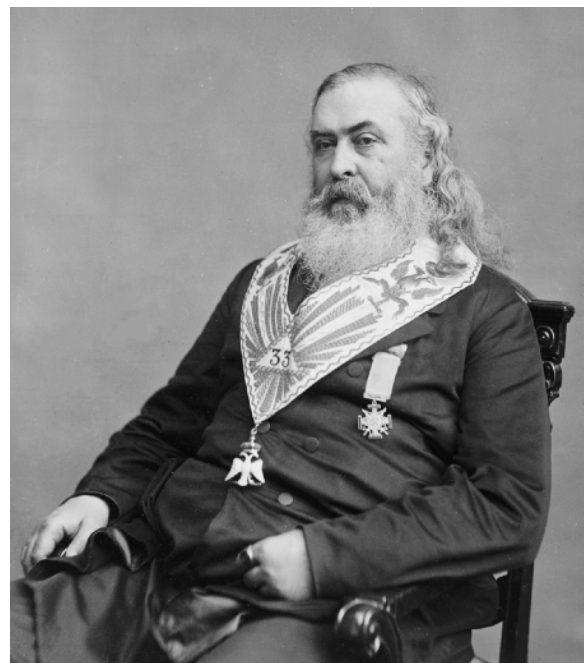


### Contemplation!

It seems appropriate to me that this topic comes up in October, the month of Halloween and everything scary. The idea of contemplating is scary for me. Probably because it usually comes at the worst time, around 3:00am in the morning when your brain forces you to wake up and deal with the stresses of your life. work, family, and relationships. All of these require us to stop and contemplate the best choices for our future. A decision must be made and sometimes you just need time to think and ponder the options. It always feels good to come away with some clarity and a decision.

In the Scottish Rite, men like Albert Pike must have been great at contemplating complex topics. We certainly have some modern-day deep thinkers in the Scottish Rite, but Pike is the classic example to which we compare. Anybody who writes a book like *Morals and Dogma* must have been good at contemplating. I would imagine that he spent many long days deep in thought dwelling on complex topics and weigh out the best decisions. I wonder if he had a special place that helped him get into the zone where his ideas could be developed.

In truth it is very important for all of us to spend some time contemplating our future. We should take some time to dig deeper into some heavy topics that might



*Albert Pike*

challenge our beliefs and knowledge. For myself, I hope to clear some space in my head to take on the challenge of reading and comprehending at least one Pike’s magnum opus. I need to make this commitment to myself and see it through so I can continue to grow and develop my brain.

Wish me luck...

**David Frias, 32° KCCH**  
Senior Warden  
Orange County Lodge of Perfection

**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.

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

Please also keep brother **Rob Rappaport, 32°** in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to fight his recent health issues.



## Language Center News



RiteCare® Childhood Language Center  
Orange County

Welcome back to the RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Orange County. Fall is in the air which always brings a new level of excitement to the children. They start to look forward to the great holidays that we have coming up in the next few months. So much to celebrate.

During the pandemic, like so many others, we provided speech and language services via telehealth. But, on September 7, we opened our doors for 3 days a week with live kids! Everyone was so ready for this change to see each other in person. But this one little person was so very ready to be back. This precious bundle of joy was very glad to be back!

Frankie, age 2 years and 11 months is our breath of fresh air at the Center. She has smiles and hugs for all – especially her supervisor, Dr. Leah Beekman. Frankie has been receiving services at RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Orange County for approximately 1 year. When Frankie first started, she was not talking and at times, was very reluctant to



*Frankie likes her time at the Language Center and is making great progress!*

participate. As her ability to communicate improved, first with sign language and gestures, then with using single words, her reluctance disappeared. She is now able to communicate many of her basic needs. And she shows her joy by running into the therapy room for each session “ready to work.” We often want to bottle her energy and enthusiasm, although speaking on behalf of the 3 supervisors, and 10 Chapman graduate students, they are as excited as Frankie is to be back.

### **Please Donate!**

If you want to help kids like Frankie and 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>

**David Frias, 32° KCCH**

Chairman

RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Orange County



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

## Speech Language Pathologists

**Leah Beekman, PhD CCC-SLP**

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

**Francine Wenhardt, MS CCC-SLP**

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

Please support your RiteCare Childhood Language Center by making an individual, group, or company donation. Support our Center by becoming a member:

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## Masonic Education ◦ Editor

### 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** is 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:

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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

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