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Personal Representative's Message



Greetings to all, I hope this message finds you in good spirits.

Your Valley held a Maundy Thursday program on April 5th. We were most fortunate and blessed to have the Deputy Grand Master of Masons in California, Right Worshipful John Lowe, as our speaker for the evening. We are indebted to him for his inspirational presentation. This year we were able to have a formal Relighting of the Lights Ceremony on Easter morning. My compliments to our Venerable Master, Director of the Work and Chapter Rose Croix cast for the efforts put into the program.

The month of May brings our annual observance of Memorial Day. Here is a little background I found interesting on the Wikipedia.

“Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed annually on the last Monday of May (May 28 in 2012). Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union soldiers of the Civil War. (Southern ladies organizations and southern schoolchildren had decorated Confederate graves in Richmond and other cities during the Civil War, but each region had its own date. Most dates were in May.) By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. As a marker it typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.

By the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family gatherings, fireworks, trips to the beach, and national media events such as the Indianapolis 500 auto race, held since 1911 on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend

The preferred name for the holiday gradually changed from "Decoration Day" to "Memorial Day", which was first used in 1882. It did not become more common until after World War II, and was not declared the official name by Federal law until 1967. On June 28, 1968, the Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which moved four holidays, including Memorial Day, from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a convenient three-day weekend. The change moved Memorial Day from its traditional May 30 date to the last Monday in May.

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From the Venerable Master

Greetings from the Lodge of Perfection. April was a very busy month with Maundy Thursday, Easter, Super Breakfast, and Advisory Council Meeting along with our Stated Meeting. Everyone came together as a team and it certainly demonstrated what our Valley can do.

I would like to salute the volunteers that help make all of this work. First, let me commend the Stage Craft crew that consists of Bob Hjorth, Gene Harp, George Morton and Rick Wood. They come in early before our Stated Meeting and set up the rooms. They also set up and get the costumes ready of our degrees and programs.

Next are the servers or Wayne's Boys. This group consists of John Rider, Gene Harp, Charles Reeves, Waine Richey and others as needed. They serve our meals, pass out deserts, and they always have a smile on their faces.

The Knights of Saint Andrew, headed by First Knight James Segerstrom, handle our check in table and help clear the dinner tables following the meal. They also do the Bingo for the ladies. These volunteers and their dedication are valued and appreciated. If you get a chance, thank them, for the Valley could not function without them.



Our program for May will be a presentation by Wayne Folsom, 32° on personal computer security. He is very knowledgeable and the program should be very interesting. It will be after dinner, so the ladies can attend. He will have a question period after the presentation.

May is also going to be a preparation month for our Reunion Class in June. The dates are June 1st and 2nd. I understand that the new 14° team will be trying to unseat the 18° team as the outstanding degree team. This is the kind of competition that I like. This will be followed by a cap and ring ceremony at our Stated Meeting on Monday June 4th. This is a busy start to the month of June. As we approach the end of the first half of the year, I would like to know how we can do better for the last half of the year. If you have a minute, let me have your suggestions to improve our Valley. You can contact me at the Valley Office at 714 543-7277, my cell at 714 381-2949 or email macsquest@aol.com. Thank you for your interest and dedication to our Valley.

Bob McNamara, 32° KCCH



May Menu: Enchilada Casserole, Refried Beans, Mexican Salad, Sour Cream, Chips and Salsa, Desert Bars. Make your reservations today!

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The law took effect at the federal level in 1971. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) advocate returning to the original date, although the significance of the date is tenuous. The VFW stated in a 2002 Memorial Day Address:

Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed a lot to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day.

Since 1987, Hawaii's Senator Daniel Inouye, a World War II veteran, has introduced a measure to return Memorial Day to its traditional date.

After some initial confusion and unwillingness to comply, all 50 states adopted Congress's change of date within a few years. Memorial Day endures as a holiday which most businesses observe because it marks the unofficial beginning of summer."

Get involved, my Brother; you can make a difference!

Thought to live by.... Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.

Fraternally,

Ray

From a Fellow

On March 9 and 10th a group from Santa Ana Scottish Rite attended the 2012 Leadership Conference; Mission Possible, in San Diego put on by the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Mike Selix 32°, James Segerstrom 32° and Daniel Willerton 32° attended the Fellows workshop where we discussed the lessons of the 4th degree of the Scottish Rite and new ways to communicate, share ideas, and improve the Valley membership experience.

The Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Ronald A. Seale, 33° led the class of 28 fellows through a series of exercises to increase awareness of Valley needs. After the class had chiseled away the excess of the Scottish Rite all that remained were the **relationships** of Valley members. It is the relationships that must be improved upon if a Valley is to grow. Our Valley, Brothers, increases and decreases based on the relationships we choose to build. Who best can work and best agree has always been the key to the success of Freemasonry.

So how do we improve our relationships? We implement more opportunities for newly made Scottish Rite Masons to get involved. By creating new events and improving programs we can break up the mundane cycle of stated meeting, dinner, meeting, dinner. We can choose to actively engage the lessons of the Scottish Rite. We must also create more educational events that are open to all Masons in the area. Find time to visit the Childhood Language Center, your presence alone can prove to a child that Scottish Rite Masons care about their success.

In the last two months we have created two new Facebook pages for the Valley and the Knights of St. Andrew. These pages are open to every one and will keep the younger members of the Valley engaged as they come in. The Knight's of St. Andrew have also begun taking steps to form their own line of officers and will be holding separate meetings in the near future. These meetings will give the younger members of the Valley an opportunity to become involved right away while the Valley will see an increase in support from the Knights.

Help us create a Valley that others turn to for guidance,

Daniel Willerton 32°

Stated Meeting Program

Personal Computer Security:

Our May Stated Meeting program will be on personal computer security. It will be presented by Wayne Folsom 32°, who works for a major corporation where he writes and markets cyber security to our government and other major businesses.

His cutting edge insight into this fascinating world of electronic technology and communication is something you won't want to miss. His presentation will be at 8:00p.m., after our dinner, so the ladies can also attend. There will be a question and answer period after the presentation.

Another Master Craftsman Completion

James Segerstrom 32° received his Master Craftsman I certificate and pin at the April Stated Meeting. He is one of many that have completed the first course and is now working on Master Craftsman II.

There is an availability to start a Master Craftsman workshop on a monthly basis to help and encourage progression and completion of both I and II. It seems difficult to find a night or morning to hold a workshop as everyone seems to be committed to something. If you are interested in a workshop, let me know of the times that you are available and I will try to put it together. We will be able to go over the test questions, grade them and then send them in for a faster turnaround time.

You can contact me at the Scottish Rite Office 714 543-7277, my cell 714 381-2949 or my email, macsquest@aol.com.

Scottish Rite Masonry is known at the University of Masonry and this, my Brothers, is one of the opportunities for further light.

Bob McNamara, 32° KCCH

Spring Super Breakfast

The Spring Super Breakfast was a very successful event. The Council of Kadosh, headed by Commander Waine Richey 32°, moved it to the DeMolay Center in Anaheim for the first time and although our attendance was down slightly, so was our overhead and a nice profit (final figures are not available at this time) was made. The addition of fresh fruit and sliced ham expanded the menu and made it more enticing. No one went away hungry!

The next Super Breakfast will be Sunday morning, September 16th. Mark it on your calendar now.

2012 Valley Century Club

The 2012 Century Club is off to a great start! With the membership of **Frankie Rosario and Wayne Butterbaugh**, we now have fifteen members, this represents sixty percent of our goal of twenty-five. We also awarded Bronze Pins to Frankie Rosario and James Segerstrom.

Those joining in 2012 are: Bill Bottorff, Wayne Butterbaugh, Darrell Brawley, Wade Faircloth, Jr., Pete Jantz, David Kussman, Bob McNamara, George Morton, John Rider, Frankie Rosario, James Segerstrom, Neil Simmons, Andrew Todd, Elwin Wolcott, and Glen Woody.

The Century Club is an easy way to support your Valley and it really helps with our administrative costs. Our membership fees now total \$2400 and that equates to four months' rent.

Thank you, my Brothers, for supporting our Valley!

Bob McNamara, 32° KCCH



If any brother knows
of another brother
that is ailing, please
let us know by
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Illustrious Lloyd
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Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday Morning

These are two special dates for Scottish Rite Masons. Maundy Thursday commemorated the last supper and the extinguishing of the lights. Traditionally, Freemasonry remembers this special day, and the Brethren have gathered throughout the world to reaffirm their faith in the universal fraternity of mankind.

Our Valley commemorated this with a dinner, a talk by our Deputy Grand Master John Lowe, and the extinguishing of the lights by the 18th degree cast directed by Jack Slagle, 32° KCCH.

On Easter Morning, we celebrated the resurrection with a Continental Breakfast followed by the relighting the lights by the 18th degree cast again directed by Jack Slagle, 32° KCCH.

All attendees were able to observe these two special occasions on the days that the Supreme Council suggested and good fellowship was had by all.

2012 Language Center 365 Club

My Brothers,

The 2012 Language Center “365” Club is off to a good start. We have six members that have joined. They are **John Rider, Neil Simmons, Peter Jantz, Ray Godeke, Bob McNamara and Don Tapia**. This represents 24% of our goal of twenty-five members for 2012. My Brothers, see if you can find it in your heart to join this important support group.

The work that the Center does with young children is extremely important in their development as they learn to communicate and speak properly. That is a skill that most of us take for granted, but think for a minute if you had trouble communicating and speaking. It would make your life a lot harder. These are the skills that the Center imparts to their clients.

This is our main Santa Ana Scottish Rite charity. **Let's support it!** And remember it is tax deductible. Membership is \$365 per year. Checks should be made out to California Scottish Rite Foundation (CSRF) with a memo Childhood Language Center of Santa Ana (CLC of SA). Thank you, my Brothers, for supporting this worthy cause.

Bob McNamara, 32° KCCH

Treasurer, CLC of SA

Delinquent Dues

My Brothers,

The monthly check of our paid and unpaid dues roster revealed that there are still 134 active members of our Valley that have not paid their 2012 dues. Of this 134, there are 23 members that are arrears two years or more. These unpaid dues represent \$14,830 or 18% of our budgeted income for 2012. Please look in your wallets and see if you have a 2012 dues card and if not, please send in your dues. I hope this is a simple error on your part.

If you have any problems or questions regarding your dues, please call the Secretary's office at 714 543-7277 and see if can help. We are all brothers and it's sad when we lose a brother and don't know why.

Bob McNamara, 32⁰ KCCH

Assistant Personal Representative

Language Center News

Did You Know?

Early childhood health intervention could save billions!

Early childhood health interventions could **save between \$65 – 100 billion** dollars in long-term health costs, suggest researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

According to Dr. Bernard Guyer, lead author of the study, "Early life tobacco exposure, unintentional injury, obesity and mental health constitute significant burdens on the health of preschool age children and are antecedents of health problems across the life span. These health problems affect approximately one-third to one-half of children born in the U.S., and we estimated that the total lifetime societal cost could be about \$50,000 per child – which translates to \$65 – \$100 billion for an entire birth cohort of children."

This study, taken together with another which argues that every dollar spent on early intervention saves between \$3 – \$7 in long-term health costs (Rosetti, 1996), makes an extremely good case for heavy investment in childhood health promotion. This is especially timely given the ongoing debate about health-care reform that our US members, among others, are quite familiar with!

YOU MAKE THIS POSSIBLE FOR SO MANY CHILDREN!!!!!!

Come over and lend a hand. Some help is badly needed at the Center. Answering phone calls, taking messages, and greeting parents who stop by for information would be a wonderful help and keep therapy from being interrupted. There are also those "courtesy/reminder calls" to be made each day. So, if you have a spare hour or so on Tues., Wed., or Thurs. - come by the Language Center anytime between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Thank you for your support for your community's children!

Your staff: Gina Nimmo, MA, CCC-SLP; Ruth Honer, SLPA; Fardowsa Mohamed, SLPA

Scottish Rite Calendar

2012 Calendar

May

7th—May Stated Meeting—Program: Personal Computer Security

June

1st and 2nd—Spring Reunion Class

4th—Stated Meeting—Cap and Ring Ceremony

July

2nd—July Stated Meeting—SGIG visit—A Salute to America

14th—Advisory Council Meeting—El Bekal Oasis Room—9:00 am

August

6th—August Stated Meeting—Reception for Most Illustrious Raymond D. Godeke, the Illustrious Grand Master of the Cryptic Masons of the State of California

19th—Annual Picnic with El Bekal at Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove

September

10th—September Stated Meeting

15th—Feast of Tishri

16th—Super Breakfast at El Bekal 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

October

1st—October Stated Meeting—Salute to the Childhood Language Center.

13th—Advisory Council Meeting-- El Bekal Oasis Room--9:00 am

19th and 20th—Fall Reunion Class

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