



# Orange County Scottish Rite

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## O.C. Scottish Rite - Fellowship!



### Ladies Night

Every month we host an event during our Stated Meeting. All ladies and partners are invited to attend and participate.

**Dinner is included!**





## 8th Moon Cycle: Fate, Destiny, and Seeing beyond the Illusion of Finality

Hon. James McCallion, 32° KCCH  
Venerable Master, Director of Education



*"She Who Heals - Shaman Healer"*

In August, during the 8th Moon Cycle, we focus on Clan Mother "She Who Heals," the guardian of Serving the Truth. According to Shaman Sams, She Who Heals embodies the stewardship of the healing arts, matron of all Rites of Passage, protector of the mysteries of life & death, and chanter of the final melody, the Death song. She is closely connected to all plant spirits, and as a steward of life and death, ushers souls to and from this world. She teaches us the cycles of the great medicine wheel of life, when to resist, when to surrender, when to allow our spirits to decide, and how to embrace death as a pathway to new beginnings. She Who Heals instills in every individual the capacity to release the fear of death and embrace change as a new journey during our Earth Walk. Ultimately, she shows us how to see beyond the illusion of finality and prepares us for rebirth in the Spirit World.

ØRLÖG

Ørlög ("Fate") written in Younger Futhark, a Scandinavian runic alphabet, circa 9<sup>th</sup> century AD

Norse Shamanism speaks to Creation as having no beginning or end. Parallels can be drawn to the foundational concepts of existence embodied in Norse and Proto-Germanic terms like Ørlög and Wyrð. Ørlög (pronounced "wore-low") has typically been viewed as primal, and inflexible laws of nature that do not change over time, and to which all things are bound regardless of whether we like it or not. It has sometimes been associated as part of our legacy, passed down to us by our ancestors, a kind of genetic karma. This has traditionally been accepted as Fate.



In conjunction with Fate, we have Wyrð (pronounced “weird”), Old Norse in Origin, from Urðr (pronounced OH-thur), which has been used loosely to mean Destiny. In July’s article, I spoke of the never-ending nourishment of Creator’s Love, referring (at one point) to the Urðarbrunnr, the well or water source that gives eternal life to the forever green Yggdrasil, the Norse “Tree of Life.” This water spring in its entirety, is the totality of all potential. It is then an interesting connection that this “pool of potential” has a relationship with Destiny. Anything made here, becomes manifest in the World. Wyrð, used in the context of destiny describes how life is shaped within the predetermined framework of the Ørlög (wore-low). To the individual, it is the process of choice and evolution.

In a game of Poker, “Wyrð” would be working with the hand that has been dealt, while in Pool, or Billiards, it’s assessing the table after the break, and making-due with that articulate chaos of spherical topography.

Another enjoyable connection is the Web of Wyrð and the number 9 in Numerology. The Web of Wyrð represents all the shapes that can be expressed in the Scandinavian Runes (Viking Age Alphabet) and includes the countless ways we can mold the boundless possibilities of destiny in our physical reality. In other words, we can look at Ørlög (wore-low) and Wyrð (weird) as Fate and how we respond to it.



“Web of Wyrð”

Numerology is said to be the study of the spiritual and mystical significance of numbers. In its most primitive form, numerology considers the numbers 1-9. Directing your attention to the Web of Wyrð, you’ll observe 9 staves or branches. The number 9 in Numerology depicts wholeness, completeness, death, and preparations for a new beginning. It is the end of a cycle, preparing for the transition into a new cycle (the number 1, Life, birth, beginnings, etc.). Whereas Urðr, the water spring of Fate (represented by the number 9) holds potentiality, Destiny manifests in the physical world (symbolized by the number 1).

So what is the difference between Fate and Destiny? A simple search online revealed that “Fate” implies a lack of control or inevitability, while “destiny” suggests a sense of purpose or direction that can be influenced by personal agency. I can’t help but think of how this relates to the 5th Degree, Perfect Master.



Jewel of the 5th Degree –  
Perfect Master

In the 5th Degree, Perfect Master, we are no longer in deep mourning of the death of Master Hiram Abiff, but still remain in a state of sorrow. Among many of the lessons imparted, the primary instruction of this degree is based on the certainty of Death: “While we think, we die... Death is the portion of every man.” In this degree, we are instructed on the importance of overcoming the fear of death, and of keeping our houses in order. “We should ask God’s aid to live well, that we may die well.” It has been said that there are many ways to overcome the fear of death. Some purport living a life filled with meaning and purpose, whereas others suggest living your life to the fullest, following your heart, and minimizing regret. They say at the end of your life, you’re more likely to regret the things you didn’t do, than the things you did.

I ask that in the month of August, you meditate on how you can work towards serving the truth, by honoring all forms of life. Make a conscious effort to be more present and in the moment with every person you engage and every action you set forth. Embrace those you love with an overwhelming bounty of love and gratitude (as if it were your last). Find your deceased loved ones represented in nature. Speak to them.

Aho,

Hon. James McCallion, 32° KCCH  
Venerable Master, Director of Education



## The Power of Participation: Strengthening Our Brotherhood in the Orange County Valley

**Russ Hennings, 32°  
Wise Master**

As the Wise Master of the Orange County Valley, I've had the pleasure of seeing how our involvement makes a difference in our Masonic community. Whether it's taking part in degrees, helping with meals, or attending meetings, every act of participation helps strengthen our brotherhood.

Participating in the degrees is more than just a ceremonial duty; it's a chance for personal growth and enlightenment. Each degree teaches us important lessons and deepens our understanding of Freemasonry. By being active in these rituals, we not only enhance our own knowledge but also support the experience of our fellow brethren. Watching candidates progress through the degrees reminds us of the value of our teachings and the bonds we share.

Another key part of our community is the fellowship we enjoy over shared meals. There's something special about eating together, whether it's before or after our meetings. Helping to prepare these meals is a simple yet meaningful way to serve our Valley. It's a time to connect, share stories, and build friendships. Volunteering in the kitchen creates a warm and welcoming environment that defines our gatherings.

Service to the Valley includes many things beyond degrees and meals. It's about organizing events, supporting charitable activities, and helping with meeting logistics. Every act of service matters. Your involvement ensures that our Valley runs smoothly and continues to make a positive impact. Through these efforts, we uphold our tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Simply showing up to our meetings is a fundamental yet powerful act of participation. Your presence shows your commitment to our fraternity and your brothers. Regular attendance fosters a sense of stability and support, creating an environment where all members feel engaged. When you attend meetings, you benefit from shared knowledge and fellowship and contribute to the strength of our Valley.

I encourage each of you to take part in our Valley activities. Engage in the degrees, help with meals, offer your service, and attend our meetings. Every act of involvement, no matter how small, makes a significant impact on our brotherhood. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant, supportive, and enlightened Masonic community.

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## Scottish Rite Super Breakfast

Alejo Velarde, 32°  
Commander of Kadosh

Summer is a season of pure joy and excitement. The sun shines brighter, and the world seems to come alive with vibrant energy. The warm weather invites us to spend time outside, soaking up the sunshine and enjoying the beauty of nature. Whether it's splashing in the pool, going on a road trip, or simply relaxing in a hammock with a good book, summer offers endless opportunities for fun and adventure. It's a time to create memories, laugh with friends and savor the simple pleasures of life.

Mark your calendars for October 13th, as we gear up for our exciting Super Breakfast! Keep an eye out for flyers and updates on social media for more details about this fantastic event, which is open to everyone. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. We look forward to seeing you there!

Don't forget to stay hydrated, and we look forward to seeing you at the OC Scottish Rite stated meeting on August 12th 6:30pm!!!





## Midpoints and Fellowship

**Barry McKinley, 32°  
Master of Kadosh**

Dear Brothers of the Orange County Scottish Rite,

As we reach the midpoint of the year, I find myself reflecting on the remarkable progress and growth we have achieved together. It is truly inspiring to see how our valley has flourished over these past six months, and I am filled with pride and gratitude for the dedication and commitment of each and every one of you.

The first half of the year has been marked by numerous memorable events, from the cap and ring ceremony for our newest Masters of the Royal Secret to the engaging Blue Slipper Club activities that have brought our community closer together. Each meeting and event has demonstrated the unwavering strength of our brotherhood and our shared commitment to the principles of Freemasonry.

I am particularly proud of the way our attendance has steadily increased, reflecting the enthusiasm and engagement of our members. This includes the active participation of our ladies, whose involvement enriches our gatherings and strengthens the bonds within our Masonic family. As we look ahead to the remainder of the year, I am excited about the opportunities that lie before us. We have many more occasions to come together, learn from one another, and continue building a strong and vibrant valley. If you have not yet.

I would like to give a big thank you to Commander Alejo Velarde, Brother Matt Schrader and Brother Ryan Gonzales in assisting with the physical move of our General Secretary's office. Also a big thank you Honorable Jamie Hopkins in packing up the office as well.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication. Together, we are creating a bright and promising future for the Orange County Scottish Rite.

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**All articles for publication must be submitted prior to the 10th of the month.**





## From the General Secretary

**Jamie Hopkins, 32° KCCH**  
**General Secretary**

Hope you are enjoying the summer. Our next Stated Meeting will be on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Orange Grove Masonic Center. Our Stated Meeting in July was a big success with an outstanding meal of BBQ food. At dinner, we had Brother Dru Wood 32° of the Pasadena Valley give a fascinating presentation. If you haven't attended a Stated Meeting this year, please attend in August. You will be pleasantly surprised.

Our Supreme Council will start sending out 2025 dues notices this month. If you receive your dues notice and you believe it is incorrect (such as you recently made an online dues payment and the notice states you owe), please contact the Secretary at the Valley office by email or phone. If you have any questions whatsoever about dues, please contact us.

Don't forget that our Fall Reunion is coming up in October. Now is the time to get petitions in for Lodge Brothers who are Master Masons and interested in joining our Rite. You will never know if a Brother has an interest in the Scottish Rite if you don't ask him.



### August Meal - Asian Cuisine!

Garlic Ginger Beef and Broccoli, Orange Chicken, Kung Pao Chicken & Veggie Stir-Fry, Creamy Herb-Baked Alaskan Salmon, or Pork Asparagus stir-fry with rainbow potatoes.  
 Served with white rice!



## Special Event: Featured Speaker for September

We are honored to welcome His Excellency, the Illustrious Donald R. Tapia, 33°, Grand Cross, as our featured speaker for September. Ill. Tapia is one of our Valley's founders and formerly served as the United States Ambassador to Jamaica. You may also know him as a key supporter of our Language Center, and we are most pleased to welcome him back to the Valley.

This is a rare opportunity to hear from and fellowship with this esteemed Scottish Rite Mason, skilled diplomat, and philanthropist whose portrait adorns the Pillars of Charity at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C.

Join us on September 9 for this special event, and bring your spouse or partner. It will be an evening to remember.





## Fall Reunion - Call for Cast and Stagecraft

Hon. James Olivier, 32° KCCH  
Prelate, Director of The Work

Fall is nearly upon us, so it's time to prepare for our upcoming reunion. I've been very encouraged in recent months to have new Brothers stand up and offer to participate in ritual and stagecraft, but remember, there's always room for more!

This fall, we will be performing the mandatory 5 degrees, the 4th, 14th, 18th, 30th, and 32nd, along with the 31st. So what does this mean for you, the mason who might have been curious about what it takes to be involved in the reunion?

**Cast members:** This is pretty self-explanatory. You take a role in a degree (or two if you're feeling adventurous) and perform the degrees for the candidates. Don't worry; suitable assistance will be provided in the form of a degree master who oversees the logistics of the degree and rehearsals. So collectively, as a cast, get to know the ins and outs of the degree to ensure a successful performance.

**Stagecraft:** In this role, you'll assist in setting up and tearing down before and after the degrees. For larger degrees that require scene changes, you'll be in the room to help move props and set pieces around. The stagecraft crew is also responsible for making sure costumes are out and ready for the cast and generally assists in making sure everything is ready as it is needed.

These roles are essential to the experience of our members, new and old. Think back to when you attended your first reunion as a candidate, all the work that was done for you to bring you the best experience possible. Now, it's time to continue to pay it forward for those who come after us. So please reach out to me if you're interested and I promise, we'll find a place for you! For those interested, my email is listed below. I look forward to hearing from you!

Hon. James Olivier, 32° KCCH  
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## 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](mailto:editor@ocscottishrite.org)







## Scottish Rite Dearborn Valley, Northern Jurisdiction

Angelo Q., PM, 32°

Dear Scottish Rite Brothers,

I am new to the Orange County Valley but joined the Scottish Rite in 2012 in the Dearborn Valley of Michigan. Moved to southern Cal in 2014 and became a member of the S.R. here in 2016. However, due to heart bypass surgery, Covid-19, my wife's shoulder surgery etc. etc., I have been inattentive from both my blue lodge and the Scottish Rite. I returned to my blue lodge, Orange Grove 293, about 6 months ago and recently began attending the Scottish Rite here in Orange.

If you attended the June Orange County S.R. business meeting, you heard me speak a little about my experiences in the Michigan Scottish Rite. I was asked by Venerable Master James McCallion to speak about a conversation we had a few weeks ago when I mentioned to him how the degrees were performed in Michigan. I inquired if he might be interested in visiting a Reunion of the Michigan Valley. As I was not sure of the relationship between the Northern & Southern Jurisdictions, I emailed the Secretary, Tim Marshbanks, at the Michigan Valley and ask if some of us from Orange S.R. could attend their next Reunion. He responded that they would be honored to host some of our brothers from Orange County. He said their next Reunion will be March 29, 2025, and they are scheduled to confer the 4°, 6°, 15°, 28°, 29°, & 32°. Tim also said he can have a room block setup at the Hampton just up the street as well, and to let him know if we firm anything up so he can reserve rooms.

I am excited to tell you that in the Dearborn Valley of the Northern Jurisdiction, all 29 degrees are performed live. It is possible for a newly made member to complete all 29 degrees in four years or less by attending the Reunions of neighboring Valleys. That said, many brothers will travel to far reaching Valleys to help complete their Passport.\* In 2013 three other S.R. brothers and I traveled to the Valley of Marquette, Michigan, Upper Region Valley of Marquette, (the Upper Peninsula of Michigan) to attend a Reunion and partake in degrees we had not yet attended. I believe our Brothers here in the Orange County Valley would gain much by visiting our Northern Brothers and attending their reunion. It is my hope that the Southern Jurisdiction might adopt the policy of having all 29 degrees "performed" bi-annually among ourselves and the neighboring Valleys.

If you are interested in attending the Reunion in the Dearborn Valley on March 29, 2025, please inform Venerable Master James McCallion of your interest.

Fraternally,  
Angelo Q., PM

*\*Passport: Similar to a U.S. traveling passport in size, shape, and color (blue), it is a book with pages for each of the 29 Degrees to be stamped after completing a Degree. You receive your blue Passport at your first Reunion. Once you've seen all 29 degrees, you are eligible for a Gold Passport. To receive your Gold Passport, your Valley Secretary validates your passport by completing the last page in the book. The validated passport is sent to the Supreme Council, which recognizes your accomplishment and sends a certificate and Gold Passport to your Valley to be presented to you.*



## SHAWN Talk; Like a TED Talk, only ... Shawnier

Shawn E Bell, 32°

TED Talks started 40 years ago as presentations at the now venerable TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) conferences, a global set of conferences run by the private non-profit organization Sapling Foundation. They organized these presentations to share "*ideas worth spreading*" and cover many topics, usually centering on science and culture, often told through storytelling. These talks have evolved in format over time: typically they are now delivered in 18 minutes or less, and are designed to be engaging, informative, and thought-provoking. These presentations aim to inspire, educate, and provoke conversations on important and innovative ideas.

I believe the Scottish Rite stands out as one of these "important and innovative" ideas as it promotes lifelong learning, ethical leadership, and a deep sense of community. Its teachings, rooted in centuries-old traditions, emphasize virtues such as integrity, justice, and charity, which are crucial for addressing contemporary global challenges. By fostering open-mindedness, cultural preservation, and social responsibility, the Scottish Rite offers a framework for personal and societal improvement, making it a timeless beacon of wisdom and moral guidance in the modern era. Here is my SHAWN Talk breakdown:

### Unveiling the Mystique of the Scottish Rite

#### Introduction (1 minute)

Good afternoon, everyone. Today, I invite you on a journey into a world filled with history, mystery, and profound symbolism—a world that has intrigued many and remained enigmatic to most—the world of the Scottish Rite.

#### The Origin and History of the Scottish Rite (3 minutes)

The Scottish Rite is an appendant body of Freemasonry, offering advanced degrees beyond the primary three of Craft or Blue Lodge Freemasonry. Like all things Masonic, the Scottish Rite's origins are somewhat murky. The Scottish Rite was formally established in the early 19th century, building on older traditions and degrees imported from 18th-century Europe.

Historians and scholars alike believe that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry - the full name of the organization - evolved from Jacobite sympathies in Scotland, where many exiled supporters of the Stuart kings used Masonic lodges to gather and plot their return to power.

#### Structure and Degrees (4 minutes)

The Scottish Rite is structured into 33 degrees, starting from the 4th degree to the 33rd, and was significantly influenced by the high-degree systems developed in France during the mid-18th century, with notable contributions from figures like Chevalier Andrew Michael Ramsay. These degrees are divided into four distinct bodies:

**Lodge of Perfection (4° - 14°):** These degrees delve into moral lessons and the symbolic representation of the rebuilding of King Solomon's Temple.



**Chapter of Rose Croix (15° - 18°):** The degrees explore themes of faith, hope, and charity and contain significant Christian symbolism.

**Council of Kadosh (19° - 30°):** This segment focuses on the philosophical aspects, the struggles between good and evil, and the pursuit of truth and knowledge.

**Consistory (31° - 32°):** These final degrees in the Scottish Rite offer a synthesis of the previous degrees' lessons, culminating in achieving a deeper understanding and mastery of oneself.

The 33rd degree is honorary and is awarded for exceptional service to the fraternity or humanity.

### **The Symbolism and Teachings (4 minutes)**

Freemasonry, including the Scottish Rite, is rich in symbolism and allegory. The degrees of the Scottish Rite use elaborate rituals to teach moral and ethical lessons. These rituals involve dramatic enactments, symbolic costumes, and carefully crafted scripts.

For instance, the 18th degree, Knight of the Rose Croix, explores themes of redemption and the quest for spiritual enlightenment. The degrees emphasize virtues such as integrity, humility, and the pursuit of knowledge. They encourage members to reflect on their personal development and contributions to society.

### **Impact on Society and Culture (3 minutes)**

The Scottish Rite's influence extends beyond its current contemporary members. Many prominent figures in history, including statesmen, artists, and intellectuals, have been members of the Rite. Their contributions to society were often informed by the principles and values they learned through Freemasonry.

Moreover, the charitable activities of the Scottish Rite are noteworthy. The Rite supports various philanthropic endeavors, including hospitals, educational scholarships, and programs for childhood language disorders.

### **The Scottish Rite Today (2 minutes)**

In today's world, the Scottish Rite continues to thrive, adapting to contemporary needs while preserving its rich heritage. It remains a place where individuals from diverse backgrounds come together to seek personal growth and contribute, as brothers, to the greater good.

Membership in the Scottish Rite offers a unique journey of self-discovery, brotherhood, and service. It provides a sanctuary for those who wish to explore more profound philosophical questions and strive for a better understanding of themselves and the world around them.

### **Conclusion (1 minute)**

In conclusion, the Scottish Rite is more than just an organization; it is a path to personal enlightenment and societal contribution. It teaches us to look beyond the surface, to seek the hidden truths, and to live by principles that uplift not only ourselves but also our communities.

Thank you for joining me on this exploration of the Scottish Rite. I hope it inspires you to seek your own path of enlightenment and service.





## OC Scottish Rite's Future: Take the Survey!

Ill. Ralph C. Shelton II, 33°  
Personal Representative

As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence and growth, we are once again reaching out for your valuable input. Understanding your perspectives, ideas, and priorities is key to achieving our goals.

Your feedback will be instrumental in enhancing our social and fraternal actions, ensuring our programs and initiatives meet the needs and expectations of all our members. This survey is essential; your opinions will help shape our future. Your contributions will have a lasting impact on the direction and success of the Orange County Scottish Rite.

Our Valley is growing, and engagement is flourishing. To sustain this momentum, we must have your feedback. Your responses will be kept confidential and used solely for planning purposes.

Thank you to all the members who have already contributed to the survey. Your input is greatly appreciated and crucial to our shared success.

For those who haven't yet, please take a few minutes to complete the survey here: <https://bit.ly/OCSR-Survey>

Thank you for your time, input, and dedication to the Orange County Scottish Rite. Together, we build a brighter future for our Valley.

### The Fiat Lux Society - Fall 2024 Speaker Series

#### Rosicrucians in America

August 17, 2024, 3:00pm

Orange Grove Lodge #293, Orange CA

The Fiat Lux Society is proud to present an engaging exploration of the history, philosophy, and teachings of the Rosicrucians, shedding light on their profound influence throughout American history.

From its mysterious origins to its enduring legacy in modern esotericism, this panel of speakers will clarify myths and illuminate the essence of the Rosicrucian philosophy, providing various perspectives of its historical and spiritual significance.

Book your seats now and start your journey of discovery into the profound realms of Rosicrucianism—where history and spirituality converge to illuminate paths of personal transformation!

<https://thefiatluxsociety.com/events/>





## Personal Representative of the SGIG Orient of California

III. Ralph C. Shelton II, 33°

It's a good time to be a member of our Valley. On July 27, we will host our first Setting Maul Dinner - something new to the Valley. We have invited the Masters and new Master Masons of the Blue Lodges in Orange County, along with their spouses, to congratulate them all and to encourage our new brothers and their spouses as they embark on their Masonic journey. I am excited to see how this turns out.

Our Valley is truly the crossroads of Orange County Masonry, and in the coming months you'll see the implementation of a new initiative for our brothers who are physically unable to join us at our monthly meetings or to enjoy the programs that are presented - the hybrid remote meetings. Now, this isn't an excuse to not make the drive, but a means for brothers who really can't otherwise be present to engage with the Valley.

Recently we have been pleased to have several visitors from other Valleys who have become regular attendees. They have expressed how much they enjoy the welcoming atmosphere of brotherhood here at Orange County Valley, and several are affiliating. Now, if you haven't been to a meeting in a while, consider coming on by. Scottish Rite Masons from other Valleys have found us to be an active, vibrant Valley, and if it appeals to them, you may be surprised by what you find here as well.

We are currently evaluating the responses we have received to our recent survey, and I'm hoping to see some more responses before we conclude this effort. The more voices we hear from, the more responsive our programming can be, so add your input to this effort. You'll find the link elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am most pleased to see your Heads of Bodies truly taking on the leadership of the Valley. The job of the Personal Representative should be less like "Master of the Valley" and more like its inspector. Your leaders have proven that they can and want to really run the show, and I am proud of what they're doing. I'm here to provide guidance and support, and to keep things on track. As we progress through the year, I think you'll be impressed with what good leaders with clear expectations and consistent support can accomplish.

## The Orange County Scottish Rite Valley

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Stated Meetings on the second Monday of the month, 6:30 pm; dinner follows at 7:15 pm (reservations requested) at the Orange Grove Masonic Center, 71 Plaza Square, Orange, California.

## Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction



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Sovereign Grand Commander



**III. Frank Loui, 33°**  
Sovereign Grand Inspector  
General, Orient of California



**III. Ralph Shelton, 33°**  
Personal Representative of the  
Sovereign Grand Inspector  
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**Jack C. Hennings Jr., 32°**  
Assistant to the Personal  
Representative

## Orange County Valley Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Lodge of Perfection	Chapter Rose Croix	Council of Kadosh	Consistory
<b>Venerable Master</b> Hon. James McCallion, 32° KCCH	<b>Wise Master</b> Russ Hennings, 32°	<b>Commander</b> Alejo Velarde, 32°	<b>Master of Kadosh</b> Barry McKinley, 32°
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<b>Orator</b> Christian DeDios, 32°	<b>Orator</b> Christian DeDios, 32°	<b>Orator</b> Christian DeDios, 32°	<b>Minister of State</b> Christian DeDios, 32°
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<b>Secretary</b> Hon. Jamie Hopkins, 32° KCCH	<b>Secretary</b> Hon. Jamie Hopkins, 32° KCCH	<b>Recorder</b> Hon. Jamie Hopkins, 32° KCCH	<b>Registrar</b> Hon. Jamie Hopkins, 32° KCCH
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<b>Assistant Expert</b> Keith Jones, 32°	<b>Assistant Expert</b> Keith Jones, 32°	<b>Second Deacon</b> Keith Jones, 32°	<b>Assistant Expert</b> Keith Jones, 32°
<b>Standard Bearer</b>	<b>Bearer of Beauseant</b>	<b>Bearer of White Standard</b>	<b>Bearer of Black Standard</b>
<b>Captain of the Host</b>	<b>Guardian of the Temple</b>	<b>Lieutenant of the Guard</b>	<b>Captains of the Guard</b>
<b>Tiler</b>	<b>Tiler</b>	<b>Sentinel</b>	<b>Tiler</b>