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New England Summer Picnic



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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite sitting in the Valley of Ventura, Orient of California acknowledge the authority and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Why a July Newsletter

For the last few years we have not had a newsletter for July since we have been dark that month and plans for our big event of the summer, the New England Summer Picnic, were already pretty much finalized. However, this year the New England Summer Picnic, on July 30, is somewhat later and we have several other events, including the pot-luck dinner planning meeting July 11 and the Child ID Program at the County Fair, August 3-14, and we want to make sure that everyone gets the word.

From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 32° KCCH

Hello and welcome to the Valley of Ventura. I bring you greeting from the Illustrious William F. Stovall, 33 Degree, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Orient of California, whom I had the fortunate opportunity to have dinner with during the 150th Anniversary of the Los Angeles Valley Scottish Rite in May. I wish to make special note of the wonderful hospitality I was given by this Valley, from the special seating to the recognition to the delightful wine and dinner. This was truly a wonderful evening.

Valley News Flash: The New England Picnic is still on for July, so I encourage all of you to get out there and sell those tickets, time is running



out. I will also ask of you, when someone asks for your help with some part of this event, please offer your assistance. It takes the hands and efforts of many to make this event happen, we need your HELP! To those of you, who year in and year out offer your assistance, I say thank you for all you do, and I will do my best to give you as much recognition as possible as the days go by. I have spoken with The Grand Master last month along with the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Senior Warden, our Very own, 'The Right Worshipful John Lowe', and they are looking forward to joining us for this Festive Fund Raising Event.

On to some other business at hand: Our Director of the Work has resigned due to work and education commitments, so our Valley is in need of someone to take on this task! I am looking and will be asking for support in this matter. We have one candidate and I have another potential candidate on the horizon. It will probably come that we have to take them to Pasadena for the degrees this year, which bothers me somewhat, but I want to take this opportunity to start working on getting our degree teams back together, filling your teams and learning the NEW Ritual. I am encouraging all Degree Masters to start re-building your ritual teams so that next year we will be able to again put on our fine and professional ritual. I have found two candidates this year and I will find some more for next year. I would also encourage you to do the same.

We need to build our valley with active new Masons to carry us into the future.

Some other dates to remember: Monday, July 11 Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm, please contact Brother Tom Fanslow (call (805) 482-3604 or email lakeside.thomas@gmail.com) for reservations and coordination of food; July 16 Highway clean up, no meeting in August but do not forget to help with the Highway Clean up again on August 20; and of course back to our normal meeting night on September 12. I will be off to attend the Biennial Session in Washington DC on August 20th, returning on the 24th. This will be my first session, and am looking forward to this session and opportunity to represent our Valley.

This being a special bulletin I am trying to keep my comments brief, but I hope to see many smiling faces at our potluck as well as the New England Picnic! There is nothing that brings more joy to a brother than to sit and break bread as well as enjoying some friendly conversation with each other. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to Breaking Bread with many of you in the coming months.

Finally I heard a commentary on the radio the other day by Michael Josephson, which I felt very appropriate to Masonry and am including it here for your enjoyment:

Making Bricks or Building Cathedrals

*According to an old parable, three
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men were working hard cutting stone from large blocks of granite. When asked what they were doing, the first fellow said, "I'm making bricks." The second said, "I'm creating a foundation for a large building." The third person answered, "I'm building a cathedral."

They are doing the exact same job, and all three responses were accurate, but they reveal the huge difference attitude makes. It's the difference between tolerating or enjoying one's life, between thinking small or large.

Mindset matters.

Just like the stone cutters, most of us have a habitual or characteristic mental attitude that determines how we experience and interpret situations. It's pretty clear that the fellow who saw himself playing an important role in building a grand cathedral is much more likely to feel good about his work and his life than the guy who defines his job as making bricks.

A bookkeeper for a school may think

of herself as someone who just works with numbers or as part of an enterprise that educates children. A math teacher can characterize himself as someone who teaches long division, someone who seeks to make all math interesting and understandable, someone who teaches students how to learn difficult concepts, or, larger yet, someone who helps young people develop attitudes and skills that will help them lead worthy and successful lives.

What do you do?

Don't minimize yourself by just describing the tasks you perform, think big,

There is no job that can't be meaningful and gratifying, if not because of how it fits into a larger picture of producing human happiness, then at least in terms of the gratification you can feel simply from a job well done.

So I leave you with this thought:
"As a Mason- Are you Building Bricks or Cathedrals?"

Jerry E. Gonzales
KCCH

Child ID Program

Again this year we will be participating of the Child ID program at the Ventura County Fair, August 3 to 14. Brother Chuck Batterson, 32° KCCH, will again be coordinating this effort, and he will need a lot of

help covering all the shifts. If you can lend a hand please contact Chuck (phone (805) 647-8669 or email nereus2006@sbcglobal.net). No experience necessary – we will train you. Chuck has some free passes available to the workers. Come out and represent the best of Masonry.

FROM THE KITCHEN STAFF

Contact Information for Reservations

Please make your reservations with Tom Fanslow, preferably by email to lakeside.thomas@gmail.com, otherwise 482-3604 (leave a message), no later than the Friday before the dinner.

New Policy for Dinner Reservations Jerry Gonzales, 32° KCCH Personal Representative of the SGIG

As promised here is my new Dinner policy:

Annual Standing Reservations are available; for an advance fee of \$100.00 per person, paid by no later than January 31st of the effective year.

This reservation will include 10 dinners (all 9 stated meeting dinners for the year plus Remembrance and Renewal). It will not include the dinner for our Annual Installation of Officers which is a special catered dinner.

If you choose to pay monthly; the fee will continue to be \$10.00 per person, paid at the door, with a reservation in place, made 7 days in advance.

If you fail to make a reservation and wish to, pay at the door, the fee for dinner will be \$15.00 per person.

(Special Guests and Visitors will be exempted from non-reservation price.)

***The Standing Reservation for the remainder of the year is \$40.00 payable no later than July 31, 2011.

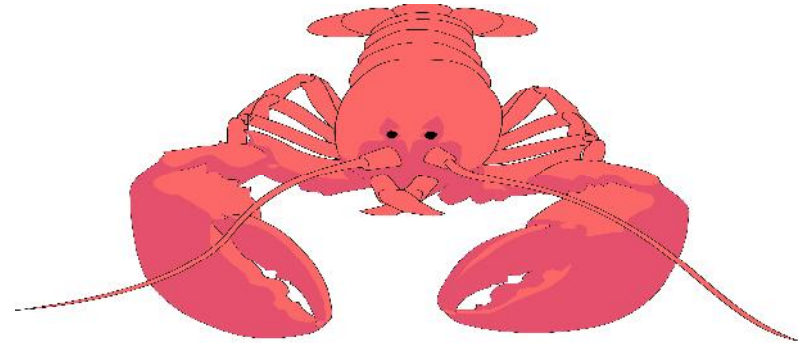
Effective the Month of June 2011

July 11, 2011, Planning Meeting

Potluck Dinner

Show off your culinary talents!

Please coordinate your contributions through Tom Fanslow (contact information at top of page)



The Twenty First Annual New England Summer Picnic Sponsored by Ventura County Scottish Rite Bodies

July 30, 2011

NOTE NEW LOCATION + College Park, Oxnard CA

Serving Time: Noon - 1 p.m., Come Early!

Reduced prices! **LOBSTER DINNER: \$25.00 OR**

STEAK DINNER: \$20.00

MENU:

1 1/2 lb. BOILED MAINE LOBSTER

1 LB. NEW YORK STEAK

**STEAMED CLAMS OR MUSSELS IF
AVAILABLE,
FRESH CORN ON THE COB WITH
MELTED BUTTER,
COLESLAW, TOASTED GARLIC
BREAD,
COFFEE, LEMONADE AND OTHER
REFRESHMENTS.**

FREE HOT DOGS FOR THE KIDS.

**Only 320 Tickets Available, Buy
Early!**

All Profits go to Santa Barbara Scottish
Rite Clinic For Childhood Language
Disorders

Bring Your Own Nutcrackers!

College Park is at 3250 South Rose
Avenue between Oxnard College and
Channel Islands Boulevard

Chapter of Rose Croix

Augusto Garcia, 32°, Wise Master

Masonic Lodge Jewels

Masonic Lodge Jewels
history:

In England in the 1400s, under the reign of King Edward III, local (city) governments grew out of the merchant and craft industries in each city or town. After an operative *Master stonemason* created his *Master's Piece* to the satisfaction of the Master of his craft, or guild, he was considered a *Master Mason*.

Heads of the guilds became heads of their town councils, mayors, sheriffs, etc. During this time, *one of the ways which a local official proclaimed his rank was by wearing a badge of office, or jewel, on a chain around his neck.* The practice is still in use today in England.

If you have ever watched a ceremony wherein a Lord Mayor (regular mayor in the United States) attends a formal ribbon cutting event, you would see an ornate necklace which is the medallion, signature of his office, around his neck. *Masonic Lodge Officers carry over this ancient guild tradition, today, in the form of the symbolic "jewels" of their offices.*

CRAFT LODGE / BLUE LODGE JEWELRY

Within craft lodge Freemasonry, there are 3 degrees, Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason. Once a



man becomes a Master Mason, he may choose to purchase a Master Mason ring from a reputable jeweler.



Craft lodge jewelry often displays the square and compasses symbol, however Masonic lapel pins display a vast array of Masonic symbols, such as the Masonic trowel, Euclid's 47th Proposition, officer pins with their officer jewels upon them, the Masonic apron and many, many others.

PAST MASTER JEWELRY

Most (not all) Past Masters wear Past Master pins, and/or Past Master rings signifying their having held the



rank of Worshipful Master of their lodge. Past Master jewelry is always in high demand and nice, vintage or antique pieces, especially those made with 10 karat gold or higher, sell quickly.

APPENDANT BODIES JEWELRY:

Members of Freemasonry's many appendant bodies such as Scottish Rite, York Rite, DeMolay, Shrine and others proudly display their affiliations by wearing Masonic lapel pins, Masonic watches, rings, pendants and keychains which signify the degrees they have passed and the ranks and titles they have attained within the fraternity.

Scottish Rite: After becoming a Master Mason, some Freemasons choose to join the Scottish Rite, one of the appendant bodies. After passing the 32nd degree of the Scottish Rite, (Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry), members typically wear Scottish Rite rings which display the double-headed eagle.



York Rite/Knights Templar: After becoming a Master Mason, some Freemasons choose to join the York Rite, one of the appendant bodies. Upon becoming a Knights Templar, members may wear Knights Templar rings. In some countries, Knights Templar is part of the York Rite. In others, it is a separate order



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which stands on its own.

DeMolay: DeMolay, is a Masonic youth group for boys between the ages of 12 and 21, which was founded in 1919 in Kansas City, Missouri by Frank S. Land, a Freemason. Members of DeMolay wear DeMolay pins and other DeMolay jewelry.



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Rainbow Girls: The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, founded in 1922 as a Masonic youth group for girls between the ages of 11 and 21, wear Rainbow Girls pins, pendants and earrings.



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Eastern Star: The Order of the Eastern Star, O.E.S., was created by Dr. Rob Morris, a Boston lawyer, in 1850. In 1866, Dr. Morris turned the work over to Robert Macoy,



who went on to establish its chapters and ritual. *Eastern Star members are both men and women who have a Master Mason within their immediate family.* They wear Eastern Star jewelry such as earrings, pendants and Eastern Star rings or lapel or breast pins representing the title they have attained (past or present) within the O.E.S. organization.

Shrine: The Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, commonly called Shriners, was established in 1870 in the United States by Dr. Walter M. Fleming, M.D. and William J. Florence. Shriners wear fez pins, shiner rings and shrine pins.



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For Those Who Need our Prayers

*We seek in prayerful words, dear friend,
Our heart's true wish to send you,
That you may know that, far or near,
Our loving thoughts attend you.*

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Please give these brethren a call, pay them a visit, or drop them a card or letter, to let them know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

If you know of a distressed brother, please contact our Prelate, Jim Daniels, 32° KCCH, (gardengreen2@verizon.net or 984-7272) or one of the other officers.



Chapter Rose Croix
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Since in most jurisdictions it is a requirement of membership within the Shrine that the man first be a Master Mason, it is also quite common to see a *Shriner with a Shrine ring on one hand and his Master Mason ring on the other.*

"A.A.O.N.M.S". stands for The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. *A.A.O.N.M.S. is an anagram for "A MASON".* The Shrine is a uniquely American organization. To Freemasons in other parts of the world, Shrine membership is not available.

The "Shrine Temple", the building in which Shriners meet, is dedicated to

Deity. Members of the Shrine are called "Nobles". Their wives are called "Ladies", e.g.: Noble John Jones and his Lady Samantha.

Shriners are the social "arm" within Freemasonry. This organization hosts balls, golf tournaments, ice cream socials and other events. Nobles wear fezzes and you will often see them in parades or volunteering for the many charitable causes both local and national that the Shrine supports.

There are many more appendant bodies within Freemasonry than are listed above. Each have their own symbolic emblems upon their Masonic jewelry.

Freemasonry Builds Its Temples in the
 Hearts of Men and Among Nations.

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"What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." – Albert Pike

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Mark Your Calendar

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Mon	Jul	11	Potluck dinner 6:30 PM, Planning Meeting for New England Summer Picnic and Kids ID Program at Ventura County Fair
Sat	Jul	16	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Sat	Jul	30	New England Summer Picnic, College Park in Oxnard (New Location), Serving at 12 noon - 1 PM
Mon	Aug	10	DARK
	Aug	3-14	Child ID booth at Ventura County Fair. If you can help please contact Chuck Batterson, 647-8669 or nereus2006@sbcglobal.net
Sat	Aug	20	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Saticoy
Sat	Sep	10	Fall Fast Class (Part 1), 7:30 AM, Lunch 12:00 Noon
Mon	Sep	12	Stated Meeting: Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (<i>Reservations</i>), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
Sat	Sep	17	Fall Fast Class (Part 2), 7:30 AM, Lunch 12:00 Noon
Sat	Sep	24	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Saticoy
Mon	Oct	10	Stated Meeting, <i>Feast of Tishri Celebration, Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), ceremony 7:20 PM</i>

