

*Ventura Lodge of Perfection in the Orient of  
California, Valley of Ventura, Scottish Rite*

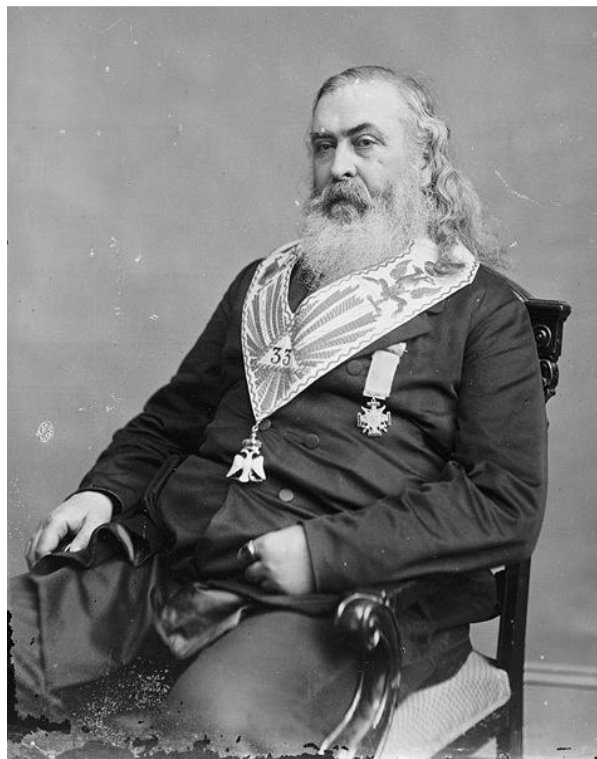
# *Views from Ventura Valley*

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## **Albert Pike**



**born December 29, 1809**

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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.

### **Cover: Albert Pike**

*A letter from Grand Commander Ronald A. Seale, 33°, dated December 29, 2009:*

Two hundred years ago today, our Illustrious Brother Albert Pike, 33°, was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He was an explorer, a teacher, a lawyer, a general, and a Freemason. His accomplishments in any of these areas would make him worthy of respect, but it is as a Freemason that we in the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite most remember him.

In 1853 Ill.:. Albert G. Mackey, 33°, Grand Secretary General, conferred the 4° through 32° on Bro. Pike. Only two years later in 1855 the Supreme Council appointed him to serve on a committee to revise our rituals. His advancement in the Scottish Rite was nothing short of amazing: in 1857 he was coroneted an Inspector General Honorary; in 1858 he became an active member of the Supreme Council; and in 1859 he was elected Sovereign Grand Commander.

While Bro. Pike is best known for revising our rituals and writing "Morals and Dogma," we cannot forget that the Southern Jurisdiction operates today under his administrative reorganization of the Supreme Council.

Ill.:. Pike's sublime command of language and his intricate layers of symbolism transformed Scottish Rite ritual in a way no one else has ever accomplished. Our Reverend Brother Joseph Fort Newton may have said it best:

"Albert Pike found Freemasonry in a log cabin and left it in a Temple."

However, when we think of our former Grand Commander and his many accomplishments, I believe we should consider his own words:

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

I ask that you take a moment today to pause and consider what Ill.:. Albert Pike, 33°, did for others and for the world. As his heirs, we continue to fulfill his legacy.

## Officers for 2010

On January 11, 2010, we will hold our annual Installation of Officers. Right Worshipful John Lowe, 32° KCCH, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of California, will be the Installing Officer. Assisting him will be Ill.: Fred 'Tiny' Potter, 33°, as Master of Ceremonies, and Ill.: E. Floyd Griffin, 33°, as Installing Prelate. The following officers will be installed to serve our Valley this coming year. Please give them your support.

### Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master... Michael Metzler, 32° KCCH  
 Senior Warden..... Thom K. Piper, 32°  
 Junior Warden ..... J. Raul Cifuentes, 32°  
 Expert..... Jesse Escamilla, 32°  
 Assistant Expert..... Gonzalo B. Hernandez, 32°

### Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master..... Robert L. Sills, 32° KCCH  
 Senior Warden..... Thomas E. Fanslow, 32°  
 Junior Warden ..... Augusto A. Garcia, 32°  
 Expert..... Paulo K. Santos, 32° KCCH  
 Assistant Expert..... Daniel C. Poff, 32°

## Upcoming Events

See our proposed calendar for the coming year on pages 8 and 9. Our Installation of Officers will be on January 11. On Sunday, February 7 we will join Oxnard Lodge #341 for a Super Bowl Party at the Oxnard Masonic Center. Kickoff time is 3:00 PM. That will be followed by our stated meeting on February 8.

March will be a busy month with the Spring Class scheduled for Saturday, March 6 and Saturday, March 13. Current plans call for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> Degrees to be conferred in Oxnard on March 6 and

### Council of Kadosh

Commander..... Harold W. Bogner, 32° KCCH  
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 Expert..... Gregg W. Whitesell, 32°  
 Assistant Expert .... Ill.: Orvene S. Carpenter 33°

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the 30<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees to be conferred in Santa Barbara on March 13. Stay tuned for details. Our stated meeting will be March 8, at which time we will present the 25 and 50 year pins. And on March 22 we will have our annual Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony. These events require a lot of work – please pitch in wherever you can.

Our next highway cleanups will be on January 16<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Café 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 am for breakfast. New comers are always welcome.

## From the PR's Quill

*Ill.: Tom Melugin, 33°*

**H**appy New Year! May the coming year be your best ever. We are anticipating some changes in the Valley for 2010 and hopefully things will start to turn around. We will be putting on the degrees in the new format and it is going to take a lot of work for all concerned. Steve Bestwick, Director of the Work, has been talking with the Director from the Santa Barbara Valley, Ill.: J.C. Knapp. It has been suggested that we join forces in putting on the degrees. Ventura would do the 4<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Degrees here and Santa Barbara would do the 30<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> up there. Hopefully we can get this worked out. It would provide some relief to the casts from each Valley.

The biannual Leadership Academy will be held in New Orleans in April 2010. We will try and send some of the newer officers to that.

Oxnard Lodge will again host the Super Bowl Party in February. More information is forth coming.

Just in case you're interested, December 29<sup>th</sup> was the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Ill.: Albert Pike.

We are looking for a different venue for the New England Summer Picnic. Soule Park is a very nice place but it is rather inconvenient and at times has been unbearably hot. We have looked at Arroyo Verde in Ventura, Camarillo Springs, and the Oxnard Park on Rose Avenue. The Oxnard Park is the nicest of the three but they do not allow any alcoholic



beverages. That would put a crimp on our Almoner's Fund. All the donations for the beer and wine go into that fund. If we cannot get a waiver from Oxnard we will probably go to Camarillo Springs.

You may notice that the incoming heads of the four Lodges are all from Oxnard Lodge. This is not by design. We have been unable to get brethren from the other Blue Lodges in the Valley to step up and take an office. This has changed. We now have officers in the lines from all the Lodges in the Valley.

The installation dinner will feature the kitchen crew from Anacapa Lodge and their fantastic Filipino cuisine. **Reservations for this dinner are an absolute must!!!!** Contact me at 805-395-0600 or by e-mail at [melugit@aol.com](mailto:melugit@aol.com) no later than Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Honours 2009



(Above) New Inspectors General Honorary (33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Members) Illustrious Tom Melugin (left) and Russell Charvonia.

(Below) Tom joins new Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor (KCCH's) Larry Morris (left), Bob Sills, and Steve Bestwick.



## Thoughts from Our Prelate

Walt Bragulla, 32° KCCH

I cannot know what I will find  
Now as I leave this year behind...  
I cannot know what paths I'll take,  
What choices I will have to make,  
The friends I'll meet, the sights I'll see,  
The changes that may come to me...  
I only know I want to try,  
To travel far and reach up high,  
To open every beckoning door,  
To do things I've not done before...  
I only know I want to give,  
My very best each day I live.

Rachel Turner

As this New Year comes  
into being let us try to make  
each day the best we can. And  
be thankful for every  
blessing. For new friends or  
old, and new challenges that  
come our way.



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO  
ONE AND ALL.

*Walt*

## News of the Valley

Brother Norm Griffaw, 32°, has been elected Mayor of Port Hueneme, continuing a long line of public service by members of our Valley. Congratulations, Brother Norm.

Brother Craig McNabb, 32°, now lives in Antelope Valley where he fabricates UL signs. Last year Brother Craig took on the job of fabricating a Mobile Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, a half-scale replica of the one in Washington, D.C. The task involved engraving

the 58,261 names on Nevamar Formica. As veterans and family members learned of the project, many made arrangements to come and witness the engraving of names then trace the names of their loved ones. It was a very emotional experience for all involved, and continued throughout the six months of production. The wall debuted on November 21, 2009. Congratulations, Brother Craig, on a job well done.

Prior to our November stated meeting we were entertained by the  
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**LODGE OF PERFECTION**

Michael Metzler, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master

Welcome to the second decade of 'Y2K'. Remember that phrase, 'Y2K'? The threat of the world's computer system falling apart, the utter chaos, and panic that would follow worldwide. Did it happen? No, the big blue planet kept turning. With a little work and preparation we survived. The Valley of Ventura Scottish Rite can do the same, with a little work. We are about to embark into a new phase of history, with a new Personal Rep, Ill.: Tom Melugin, and a new working direction for our Degrees. I know that with a little work, and full support of the brethren, we as a Valley can meet this goal and succeed, as we have in the past, with pride.

Just saying "thank you" to Ill.: Tiny Potter for all his work and sweat he put into this Valley as the PR, would not be enough. There are not enough words that can describe



the devotion and effort he gave us during his Tenure. Tiny, know that we as a Valley will never forget. Thank you.

Both my Lady Terrie and I wish you all the best in the coming year and may 2010 be a great and better year.

**News of the Valley***(continued from page 6)*

piano music of Mr. Scott McDonald. At the meeting we elected our officers for 2010.

On December 5 several members of our Valley attended the Honours festivities in San Diego. In the morning the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree was conferred on Ill.: Tom Melugin and Ill.: Russ Charvonia. In the

afternoon Brothers Steve Bestwick, Bob Sills, and Larry Morris were invested as Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor (KCCH). See pictures on page 5.

On December 14 we held our Fourth Annual St. John's Festive Board. The toasts, the food, the songs, and the fraternal spirit all contributed to a most enjoyable evening.

**FROM THE KITCHEN STAFF**

Please make your reservations with Tom Melugin at: (805) 395-0600 or email to melugit@aol.com no later than 6 PM Sunday evening before each of the dinners. We no longer have a standing reservation list. You MUST call in your reservations.

**Menu for January and February****January 11, 2010, Installation Dinner**

Filipino Cuisine prepared by the Anacapa Kitchen Crew.

Price: \$15.00 per person

**February 8, 2010, Stated Meeting Dinner**

Tossed Salad  
Salmon Fillets  
Rice Pilaf  
Steamed Fresh Vegetables  
Dinner Rolls  
Dessert  
Usual Libations

Price: \$10.00 per person

**Reservations are an absolute must. Please call or e-mail a confirmation. We no longer have a standing reservation list.**

**Ventura County Scottish Rite Schedule for 2010*****Save this page for reference!***

(Watch the newsletter for updates.)

Dates:			Events:
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Social 5:30 PM, Filipino Dinner 6:30 PM (<u>Reservations</u>), <u>Installation of Officers &amp; Program 7:20</u></b>
Sat	Jan	16	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Sun	Feb	7	Super Bowl Party, Oxnard Masonic Center, 3:00 PM
Mon	Feb	8	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM ( <u>Reservations</u> ), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
Sat	Feb	13	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Spring Fast Class (Part 1), 7:30 AM; Lunch 12:00 Noon</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (<u>Reservations</u>), 25 &amp; 50 Year pins</b>



			<i>presented, 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following</i>
Sat	Mar	13	<b>Spring Fast Class (Part 2), 7:30 AM; Lunch 12:00 Noon</b>
Sat	Mar	20	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>22</b>	<b><u>Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony 7:30 PM (Open to all)</u></b>
Mon	Apr	12	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM ( <i>Reservations</i> ), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
	Apr	16-17	Scottish Rite Leadership Conference in New Orleans
Sat	Apr	17	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Mon	May	10	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM ( <i>Reservations</i> ), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
	May	12-16	Southwest Scottish Rite Regional Reunion, Scottsdale, Arizona
Sat	May	15	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Mon	May	31	Avenue of the Flags at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park Memorial Day, 10 AM, Laying of wreath by Ventura County Scottish Rite Bodies
Mon	Jun	14	Social 5:30 PM, Flag Day, Dinner 6:30 PM, ( <i>Reservations</i> ), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
Sat	Jun	19	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Mon	Jul	12	Potluck dinner 6:30 PM, Planning Meeting for New England Summer Picnic and Child ID Program at Ventura County Fair
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>24</b>	<b><u>New England Summer Picnic, Soule Park Areas I &amp; II (or other location), Serving at 1-2 PM</u></b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>DARK</b>
Sat	Aug	21	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Fall Fast Class (Part 1), 7:30 AM, Lunch 12:00 Noon</b>
Mon	Sep	13	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM, ( <i>Reservations</i> ), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Fall Fast Class (Part 2), 7:30 AM; Lunch 12:00 Noon</b>
Sat	Sep	25	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (<i>Reservations</i>), <i>Feast of Tishri Celebration 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following, (Reobligation of the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree, Nominating Committee appointed)</i></b>
Sat	Oct	16	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (<i>Reservations</i>), Cap and Ring Ceremony 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following (<i>Report of Nominating Committee</i>)</b>
Sat	Nov	13	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>13</b>	<b><u>Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (<i>Reservations</i>), St. John's Festive Board; (5:00 PM, Short Business Meeting, Election of Officers)</u></b>
Sat	Dec	18	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

## Chapter of Rose Croix

Robert Sills, 32° KCCH, Wise Master

What is a Wise Master? He is of course the elected head of a body in a Valley of Scottish Rite Masonry. The title and the definition are, however, meaningless unless we work at understanding them in context of the oft stated "Masonry is a progressive science taught by degrees only." Since ours is a fraternity of learning and knowledge, one in which we strive to expand our understanding of ourselves and how we relate to the world around us, a Wise Master must humbly endeavor to cause the lessons of Masonry, primarily Scottish Rite Masonry those of the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> degrees, to be brought to the brethren. In future columns I will try to share my thoughts about those degrees and the symbols found in them. I will do this for a selfish reason. I want to learn more about the degrees; by studying the lessons of the degrees and writing about them I can better come to understand them. It will be up to you to evaluate my thoughts and to share your thoughts with me and with the rest of our brethren; in that way we all will learn.

The first lesson I will look at is not from the degrees, but is from the Installation Ceremony. The Installing Officer instructs the Wise Master in his duties and demands a promise from him that he will commit to the responsibilities of the office. The Wise Master is admonished that in leading he must



do so with dignity, not haughtily, rudely or arbitrarily and that he must act with courtesy "... as befits one who has been elected by his equals." This is the first lesson and should guide the Wise Master in the execution of his job. It is also a lesson we all can learn from and adopted as a lesson of how we approach others; that is, we should deal with everyone with dignity and courtesy, not haughtily, rudely or arbitrarily.

The Wise Master has some specific responsibilities. He is charged with causing a meeting in the spring of the year to see that a ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal is held. This is a ceremony in which we remember those who

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## THE COUNCIL OF KADOSH

Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, Commander of Kadosh

I would like to wish a Happy New Year to all of the members of the Ventura Valley Scottish Rite. It will be my pleasure to serve you as Commander of the Council of Kadosh for 2010.

Brother Jerry Gonzales, 32° KCCH, our most recent Past Venerable Master, had shared with the members of Oxnard Lodge #341, during his year as Senior Warden (2009) a very important comment. In one of his most recent trestle board articles – “It has been said many times, no man can do it alone, but together he can accomplish many things. ....; together we will work as a team to accomplish great things for Oxnard Lodge and Masonry in General.” I would like to paraphrase this comment, “for together we will work as a team to accomplish great things for Ventura Valley Scottish Rite and Masonry in general.” We have a strong group of line officers and heads of bodies who want the best for the Scottish Rite. I know that they will work together as a team to encourage members of the Rite to become more involved and have fun. All of the heads of bodies and officers of our Valley want the best for the Valley and its members. Come out and support YOUR Valley.

I would like to personally thank each one of the officers in the lineup of the Council of Kadosh – David Lieberthal, 32°, 1st Lt Commander; Kelly Sharp, 32°, 2nd Lt Commander; Tony Ramos, 32°,



Expert. We do not have an Assistant Expert at this time. If you want to get involved in the lineup for the Council of Kadosh, please give me a call.

“The Mason who stops studying will never become an educated person, no matter how much knowledge he may acquire.”

“Every Mason needs some source through which he can associate with his fellows under circumstances that will enable him to exchange thought(s) with them for the sake of mutual understanding and friendship.”

Notes from “*Masonic Information for Stated Meetings*”, compiled by Jack R. Levitt, Past Grand Master of California.

## The Consistory

Steve Bestwick, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh

Greetings Brethren and welcome to the New Year!

I am thankful to the Brethren for electing me as the Master of Kadosh of the Consistory. I am also humbled to be elected to the head of a body of such a fine group of men, and, also, because I am still far from understanding the basic lessons, let alone the deeper meaning, of the 31<sup>st</sup> & 32<sup>nd</sup>, Consistory Degrees. Let me introduce you to the others who were elected and appointed to severe, but most of all they volunteered to answer the call to duty to help lead the Ventura Valley, Scottish Rite. So without further ado:

Roy Balfour – Prior  
Eric Lyke – Preceptor  
Gregg Whitesell – Expert  
Orvene Carpenter – Assistant Expert

I commend each of these fine men for accepting their leadership positions in this Valley, and I am sure that the Officers of the Consistory will aid us in a better understanding of the lessons we are taught, as we all work together through this year. The Consistory, along with the other bodies, will also be dedicated to improving the future of this Valley. Now is the time for all of us to answer that call to duty, if even in a small way. Just a little bit of effort from the masses will far outweigh the maximum effort of a



few. We all look forward to serving you this year.

### The Consistory

The Consistory comprises the final two Degrees that may be conferred in the Scottish Rite. One must pass the final trials of the 31<sup>st</sup> Degree to prove oneself fit for the great duties assumed, and the profound lesson taught, in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

### 31st Degree, Inspector Inquisitor, or Initiate of the Egyptian Mysteries

One might find that one of the lessons of the 31<sup>st</sup> Degree teaches  
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## Consistory

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that the weak who struggle to resist and overcome temptation, are more deserving of reward than the strong

who easily resist. To rise and fall is more heroic than by greater strength never to fall. To do wrong and make amends, to sin and repent, belongs to a nobler nature.

## Chapter Rose Croix

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have journeyed on to the Celestial Lodge, and where we renew our commitment to our own life's journey. The lesson of that program is that we should not lose sight of what and who has gone before, but that we have an opportunity to renew and reaffirm commitments so, like the flowering bush which renews its blossoms each year, we can renew and rejuvenate our lives each year.

The Wise Master also commits that when the business of the Chapter Rose Croix is concluded and we are called from labor that he will collect a contribution for charitable purposes. This lesson here that we all must remember the direction found in Leviticus 19:10, "And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger." Scottish Rite Masonry reminds us that we must allow for the "urban gleaner"

by giving to charity and leaving something for the less fortunate.

These are some, but not all the duties I was charged with and which I committed to undertake. These promises were made by me, but they are the commitment of all Scottish Rite Masons. I promised the installing officer that I would commit to certain responsibilities, but there was an unstated and unwritten condition to my promise; that all the Brethren of the Ventura Valley of the Scottish Rite also commit to helping me and the other elected officers by supporting our efforts. I write this column as the Wise Master, but I believe I can say on behalf of the Venerable Master, the Master of Kadosh, and the Commander of the Council of Kadosh as well; "Without your support we cannot succeed. Being active means attending meetings, asking questions, providing thoughts, being a part of this thing we call the Scottish Rite." See you in Lodge.

## Scholarships Offered by the California Masonic Foundation

To help with the expenses of higher education, the California Masonic Foundation provides educational opportunities for high school seniors who demonstrate high academic achievement, financial need, and the greatest potential for using education to improve their lives. Complete information is available at <http://www.freemason.org/scholarshipCenter/index.htm>.



## 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.*

**Peter Bokron**

**Ken Hower, 985-3294**

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**Clarence Jackson, 524-1141**

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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, Walt Bragulla, 32° KCCH, (644-2055) or one of the other officers.

## For Those Who have Crossed the Bar

*Sunset and evening star,  
 And one clear call from me,  
 And may there be no moaning of the bar  
 When I put out to sea.*

*For tho' from out our bourne of time and place  
 The flood may bear me far,  
 I hope to see my Pilot face to face,  
 When I have crossed the bar.*

**Richard Eyman Smith crossed on December 14, 2009**



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Mon Jan 11 Social 5:30 PM, Filipino Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), Installation of Officers & Program 7:20 PM  
Sat Jan 16 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Saticoy

Sun Feb 7 Super Bowl Party, Oxnard Masonic Center, 3:00 PM

Mon Feb 8 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following

Sat Feb 13 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Saticoy

Sat Mar 6 Spring Fast Class (Part 1), 7:30 AM; Lunch 12:00 Noon

Mon Mar 8 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), 25 & 50 Year pins presented, 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following

Sat Mar 13 Spring Fast Class (Part 2), 7:30 AM; Lunch 12:00 Noon

Sat Mar 20 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Saticoy

Mon Mar 22 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony 7:30 PM (Open to all)

Mon Apr 12 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following

Apr 16-17 Scottish Rite Leadership Conference in New Orleans

Sat Apr 17 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Saticoy

