

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

Views from Ventura Valley

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Cap and Ring Ceremony



Our Newest Members: James C. Clay 32° (L) and Eric M. Hansen 32°

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Cover

Pictured here are our two newest members, Brother James C. Clay, 32°, and Eric M. Hansen, 32°, at our Cap and Ring ceremony in November. See additional pictures on page 8. Welcome aboard, brethren.

We Are On the Web!

Thanks to the diligent efforts of Brother Kelly Sharp, 32°, our web site is now a reality. Check it out at

<http://venturascottishrite.com>

It contains basic information about the Scottish Rite and our Valley along with our calendar, contact information, and recent newsletters. Watch it for updates. New additions are planned including a picture gallery. Stay tuned.

Officers for 2011

On January 10, 2011, we will hold our annual Installation of Officers. Brother William F. Campbell, 32° KCCH, will serve as Installing Officer.

The following officers will be installed to serve our Valley this

coming year. Please give them your support.

Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master.....Thom K. Piper, 32°
 Senior Warden.....J. Raul Cifuentes, 32°
 Junior Warden.....Jesse Escamilla, 32°

Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master.....Augusto A. Garcia, 32°
 Senior Warden.....TBD
 Junior Warden.....Thomas E. Fanslow, 32°

Council of Kadosh

Commander..... Kelly Sharp, 32°
 1st Lt. Cmdr..... Antonio C. Ramos, 32°
 2nd Lt. Cmdr..... Melvin Young, 32° KCCH

Consistory

Master of Kadosh.....Roy J. Balfour, 32°
 Prior..... Ill.: E. Floyd Griffin, 33°
 Preceptor..... Jamal N. Saman, 32°

Officers of All the Bodies

Treasurer..... Roger Rider, 32° KCCH
 Secretary..... Ill.: W. Andrew Little, 33°
 Almoner..... Walter W. Bragulla, 32° KCCH
 Orator..... Robert L. Sills, 32° KCCH
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President..... Terrie Metzler
 Vice President..... Mary Elizabeth Sharp
 Secretary..... Nola Bragulla
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 Member at Large..... Lois Marrs

Upcoming Events

The centerfold (pages 6 and 7) contains our calendar for 2011. Please keep it for reference.

January 10th will be our annual Installation of Officers. Anacapa will prepare a Filipino dinner for us as they did last year. Dinner will be a 6:30 PM. Come out, enjoy a great dinner, and meet our officers for 2011.

For our February 14th stated meeting Roger Rider, 32° KCCH, and Mel Young, 32° KCCH, will be back to preparing dinner for us.

Prior to our March 14th stated meeting we will be presenting 50 year hats, pins, and certificates, and 25 year pins and certificates to those members who have reached these milestones.

Our Spring Class will begin on March 19th. Think about your Masonic brethren who are not Scottish Rite masons who may enjoy the experience of our Rite. Give them the opportunity to partake in what we have.

Our next highway cleanups will be on January 15th, February 19th, and March 19th. Meet at the Café 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 AM for breakfast. Newcomers are always welcome.

News of the Valley

On January 10th Brother Jerry Gonzales, 32° KCCH, will succeed Ill.: Tom Melugin, 33°, as the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General

for our Valley. See announcement on page 9. Thank you, Ill.: Tom, for your leadership and hard work. Best wishes, Brother Jerry, for success in this vital role.

On Saturday, January 8, Brother Marc A. Newman, 32°, will be installed as Master of Conejo Lodge #214. The event will begin at 3:00 pm and be held at the Conejo Valley Masonic Center, 2786 Crescent Way, in Thousand Oaks. Also to be installed are Brothers Raul Cifuentes, 32°, as Senior Warden, and Roy Balfour, 32°, as Junior Warden. Two of our other members are also serving this year as masters of their lodges: James C. Clay, 32°, of Channel Island Lodge #214 and Michael G. Metzler, 32° KCCH, of Oxnard Lodge #341. It is great to see so many of our members taking leadership positions in our local lodges.

Congratulations are due to our 2010 Master of Kadosh Brother Steve Bestwick, 32° KCCH, on being presented the Hiram Award by Oxnard Lodge #341.

Congratulations are also due to Ill.: W. Andrew Little, 33°, who recently completed the Master Craftsman course. The Venerable Master, Brother Michael Metzler, 32°, presented Brother Little with his certificate and pin at our December stated meeting. Other brethren who wish to learn more about the Scottish Rite should consider taking this course. Information can be found at <http://www.scottishrite.org/mastercraftsman.html>.

From the PR's Quill

Ill.: Tom Melugin, 33°

This past November Andy Little, Jerry Gonzales and I attended the 58th Annual Scottish Rite Foundation meeting in Long Beach. I would like to share some of what you, as Scottish Rite Masons in the Orient of California, accomplished the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

The 14 Childhood Language Centers provided over 37,000 total hours of speech/language services to approximately 600 children per month at an expenditure of over \$3,600,000. Additionally, 457 children were discharged which means they either completed their training or their parents did not bring them back to the clinic. 775 hours were spent evaluating new applicants for the speech/language services.

The Foundation awarded 80 scholarships with a total funding of \$140,000. In addition the Valleys of



Santa Barbara, San Francisco and Bakersfield awarded 30 scholarships totaling \$34,000.

Well done brethren!

Brotherhood

by Brother Edwin Markham

The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star, is Brotherhood;
For it will bring again to earth
Her long-lost Poesy and Mirth;
Will send new light on every face,
A kingly power upon the race.
And till it comes, we men are slaves,
And travel downward to the dust of graves.

Come, clear the way, then, clear the way:
Blind creeds and kings have had their day.
Break the dead branches from the path:
Our hope is in the aftermath –
Our hope is in heroic men,
Star-led to build the world again.
To this event the ages ran:

Make way for Brotherhood – make way for Man!

Lodge of Perfection

Thom Piper, 32°, Venerable Master

Greetings, Brethren, from Thom Piper, this year's Venerable Master for the Lodge of Perfection. The holiday season is drawing to a close as I pen this. I want to wish each of you a very prosperous and joyous 2011.

I would like to thank the out-going heads of the bodies; Mike Metzler - Venerable Master, Bob Sills - Wise Master, Harold Bogner - Commander, Steve Bestwick - Master of Kadosh and our Personal Representative, Tom Melugin, for all their hard work last year and ask for their continued participation and guidance as I navigate through all the new things we have in store this year for Valley of Ventura Scottish Rite.

I am putting it on each of you, as my brothers, to attend meetings and to reach out to other brothers and ask them to attend. Participate in the Brother-to-Brother program. You'll be surprised how enriching it is. I believe everyone will also benefit from



and enjoy the programs we've planned thus far. This year's goal is to make Valley of Ventura Scottish Rite fun, educational, entertaining and surprising.

Always feel free to contact me with suggestions, questions or information.

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FROM THE KITCHEN STAFF

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RESERVATIONS

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS WITH TOM FANSLAW, PREFERABLY BY EMAIL AT FANTOM1938@YAHOO.COM, OTHERWISE CALL 482-3604 (LEAVE A MESSAGE), NO LATER THAN THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE DINNER.

We no longer have a standing reservation list.

You MUST email or call in your reservations.

Menu for January and February

January 10, 2011, Installation Dinner

Filipino Cuisine prepared by the Anacapa Kitchen Crew.

February 14, 2011, Stated Meeting

Open-faced Meatloaf Sandwich with
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Beef and Vegetable Soup
The Usual Libations
Cherries in the Snow for Dessert

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 2011

Save this page for reference!

(Watch the newsletter for updates.)

Dates:	Events:
Mon Jan 10	Social 5:30 PM, Filipino Dinner 6:30 PM (<i>Reservations</i>), <u>Installation of Officers & Program 7:30</u>
Sat Jan 15	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Mon Feb 14	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (<i>Reservations</i>), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
Sat Feb 19	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 12

- Sat Mar 12 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
- Mon Mar 14 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations*), 25 & 50 Year awards presented, 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following**
- Sat Mar 19 **Spring Fast Class (Part 1), 7:30 AM; Lunch 12:00 Noon**
- Mon Apr 11 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations*), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
- Sat Apr 16 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
- Mon Apr 25 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations*), Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony 7:30 PM (Open to all)**
- Mon May 9 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations*), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
- May 11-15 Southwest Scottish Rite Regional Reunion, Oakland, CA
- Sat May 14 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
- Mon May 30 Avenue of the Flags at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park Memorial Day, 10 AM, Laying of wreath by Ventura County Scottish Rite Bodies
- Mon Jun 13 "Flag Day" Social 5:30 PM, Flag Day, Dinner 6:30 PM, (*Reservations*), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
- Sat Jun 18 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
- Mon Jul 11 Potluck dinner 6:30 PM, Planning Meeting for New England Summer Picnic and Child 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, Soule Park Areas I & II (or other location), Serving at 1-2 PM**
- Mon Aug 8 DARK**
- Sat Aug 20 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
- Sat Sep 10 **Fall Fast Class (Part 2), 7:30 AM, Lunch 12:00 Noon**
- Mon Sep 12 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM, (*Reservations*), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
- Sat Sep 24 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
- Mon Oct 10 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations*), Feast of Tishri Celebration 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following, (Reobligation of the 14th Degree, Nominating Committee appointed)**
- Sat Oct 15 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
- Mon Nov 14 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations*), Cap and Ring Ceremony 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following (Report of Nominating Committee)**
- Sat Nov 19 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
- Mon Dec 12 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations*), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following, (*Election of Officers*)
- Sat Dec 17 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

Cap and Ring Ceremony

Top Left: Venerable Master Mike Metzler, 32° KCCH, congratulates James Clay, 32°.

Top Right: MC Thom Piper, 32°, addresses the audience.

Bottom Left: Thom Piper presents James Clay, 32°, with his materials.

Bottom Right: Thom Piper presents Eric Hansen, 32°, with his materials





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January 2, 2011

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE VALLEY OF VENTURA, ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA,
A.:A.:S.:R.:**

By virtue of the authority in me vested, the undersigned, WILLIAM F. STOVALL, 33°, Active member of the Supreme Council of the 33°, (Mother Council of the World) A.:S.:S.:R.: and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Orient of California, is pleased to inform you that I have appointed BRO.: JERRY E. GONZALES, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:, as my Personal Representative in the Valley of VENTURA, effective JANUARY 10TH, 2011.

I commend this distinguished Brother to the allegiance and obedience of all Scottish Rite Members of the Valley of VENTURA, California, wherein he will represent the Sov.:Gr.:Insp.:Gnl.:in California, and I invest him with all of the powers and authority of a Valley Personal Representative as prescribed in the Statutes of the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

You will please give this appointment suitable publicity so the Brethren may be properly notified.

Witness my Signature
This 5th day of December, 2010

William F. Stovall
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in California



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, 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.*

- Charles Marshall Foster crossed on 4/17/2008**
- John Joseph Crossan crossed on 3/15/2009**
- Thomas Andress Medlen III crossed on 3/15/2009**
- Simon Gershon crossed on 1/6/2010**
- Albert Canales Juarez crossed on 4/11/2010**
- John Glenn Templeton crossed on 10/5/2010**



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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