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# **New Members**



**Cap & Ring Ceremony** 

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Honored at our recent Cap and Ring Ceremony (L-R): Brother David Klein, 32°, and his lady Nenita, Brother Jeffrey Pittle, 32°, and Brother Ronald Robinson, 32°. Not able to attend: Brother Paul Santiago, 32°. See pictures on Pages 12 & 13.)

#### **Upcoming Events**

Our next major event is our Installation of Officers, to be held January 12, 2015. Dinner is at 6:30 PM, and is being prepared by Anacapa Lodge #710. You MUST make reservations by January 8 if you plan to have dinner with us – this dinner is NOT included in the annual meal plan. Contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at harold55@juno.com or (805) 218-1648. The Installation program will follow at 7:30. Brother David Contreras, 32°, will be installed at Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, John Argue, 32° KCCH as Wise Master of the Chapter Rose Croix, Jose Valencia, 32°, as Commander of the Council of Kadosh, and James Craig, 32°, as Master of Kadosh for the Consistory. Come out and show your support for our new leaders

If you would like to purchase an annual meal plan for 2015 the deadline is January 31. See page 8.

Our February stated meeting will be on February 9, with dinner reservations due by February 5.

Our next highway cleanups will be on Saturdays, January 17<sup>th</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup>. 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**

Congratulations to Ill∴ Paul MacQuiddy, 33°, on being installed Master of Menifee Valley Lodge #289 in Sun City, CA, and to Brother Earl Williams, 32°, on being installed Master of Oxnard Lodge #341. We know that these lodges will thrive under their able leadership.

At our November stated meeting we held a Cap and Ring Presentation for our newest members. See cover and pages 12 and 13.

On November 16 we hosted a remote viewing center for the Enriching History Conference in San Francisco.

At our December stated meeting we elected our new officers. See Upcoming Events on our installation of officers.

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#### **Dues! (And Related Items)**

(From the Secretary)

Brethren, it's that time of the year again. I need to remind you that your 2015 dues are due by December 31, 2014. If you have not as yet paid your dues for 2015, please take care of it right away. You dues are the principal source of income for our Valley and support our programs.

A note about membership cards: If you are a life member you should have a gold plastic membership card. This is a permanent card and does not need to be updated every year. However, in order that we may keep better track of our life members I will be sending you a letter showing the current information that we have for you. If any of it is incorrect or incomplete please update us.

If you are not a life member then you should have a silver plastic membership card with a date of 2014 on it. When you pay your 2015 dues I will send you a sticker to put on it to indicate that your dues are current through 2015. I will also enclose a letter showing the current information we have for you.

If you are unable to pay your dues at this time due to financial stress please let us know so that we can take appropriate action.

If you are two or more years behind in your dues and have not made an effort to catch up or provided an explanation we will have no recourse but to suspend you. We regret this and hope not to have to do so, but we also must pay expenses such as per capita and mailings based on our overall membership and we cannot afford to keep you on our rolls indefinitely. Please do not let it come to this. Either bring yourself current or contact us to discuss your situation.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### HISTORY OF THE ORDER OF THE ROYAL SECRET

(This is an excerpt from a series of recent articles written by Brother Nigel Gallimore on the Scottish Rite. We plan to include more in future issues.)

#### Introduction

Like so much early Masonic history, the origins of the Scottish Rite are hidden in mist. There's evidence that by the early 1730s in England there were "Scotch Masons" or "Scots Master Masons," a step after the Master Mason Degree (and apparently unrelated to Scotland). By 1742 in Berlin there was talk of "higher or so-called Scottish Masonry." In 1743 the Grand Lodge of France adopted a regulation limiting the privileges of "Scots Masters" in lodges.

It's clear from these few mentions that something was going on behind the scenes with "Scottish Masonry," but we are not quite sure what.

The Council of the Knights of the East, Sovereign Prince Masons, was organized in 1756, and included in its government middle-class Masons who had been excluded in previous High Degree ventures. It is not known how many degrees the Knights worked, but they seem to have faded out around 1768–1779. Coming on the heels of the Knights of the East in 1758 was the *(continued on page 5)* 

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#### From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 32° KCCH

reetings to all our Masonic **▼**Brethren and their families, I hope everyone enjoyed a very Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. As the Holiday season comes to an end so another Masonic year has come and gone, with many fond memories of things past and plans of things to come. Many new Scottish Rite Masons have been brought into our Valley and Elections have been held and we are on our way to our 2015 Installation. I am hopeful as the New Year brings new hopes and desires as well as new members, we hope, to our elected officers; it will also bring new ideas and programs. We also are very blessed to have the Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of California Most Worshipful Russ Charvonia as member of our Valley and our guest speaker in the near future Illustrious congratulations and we are here to support you in your year as Grand Master.

For those who do not know our Annual installation will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Reservations will be REQUIRED and can be made with Sir Knight Harold Bogner. Please make your reservations no later than the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, in order that we may have the proper number of meals prepared. I know this subject will be addressed somewhere else in this letter but I do want to remind everyone how important reservations are. Dinner will be prepared by Anacapa Lodge 710 for



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us and as always their food is top notch. Please plan to join us as we make ready to bring in our new officers.

Some other good news this past vear, we were able to put on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> Degrees and plan to do it again, working towards doing all 5 mandatory degrees by the end of the year. As always we will work with other valleys to find a location to do any missing degrees for our candidates. We also, or should I say; ILL: Andy Little has our new web site up and running, please link below and have a look, our calendar is posted there as well. I would also thank ILL: Andy for taking the lead on getting our degree teams together and moving our Valley along on providing these degrees. As many know all valleys are struggling to do

degrees and put together degree teams. I am very proud to say we have 3 of 5 and we are working on the other two in the coming years. As always we need volunteers.

Another great item to report, we now have an in-place caterer to prepare our stated meeting dinners, Brother Ron Robinson, who received the degrees of the Scottish Rite this past year, is now putting on dinners for a special price and has allowed us to reduce the fee for our dinners.

Finally I wish to thank every one of you for all your support this past year to our officers and myself. As always if you have an idea for a program or speaker, please bring it to our attention. Comments, both positive and critical, are always welcome as this is your Rite and we

wish to provide you with the programs and service you desire. There are some new programs on the horizon and our SGIG ILL.: Frank Loui is diligently moving all of the California Valleys in a positive direction. These are exciting times for Scottish Rite Masonry and I look forward to working for him and with all of you, in the coming year to bring our Valley and California Scottish Rite Masonry back to life.

I look forward to all your smiling faces at our Annual Installation of Officers.

# Gerry E. Gonzales, KCCH

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#### **The Royal Secret**

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Sovereign Council of Emperors of the East and of the West, Sublime Scottish Mother Lodge. The Emperors attracted the upper class and nobility and competed with the Knights in the number of degrees they offered. (Consider that from a marketing point of view the newer group bested the older: "Emperors" are more powerful than "Knights," and "East and West" is twice as extensive as only "East").

# The Invention Created by Etienne Morin

On August 27, 1761 Etienne (Stephen) Morin of Bordeaux received a patent from the Grand Lodge of France "authorizing and empowering him to establish perfect and sublime Masonry in

all parts of the world, etc., etc." He arrived in Jamaica in 1762 or 1763 and soon appointed six Inspectors General, including Henry Andrew Francken as a Deputy Inspector General. Francken in turn established a Lodge of Perfection in Albany, New York, in 1767 and created six other Deputy Inspectors General. He also prepared at least three books with the rituals translated into English. Eventually fifty-two Inspectors descended from Francken, and at least seventy-five Inspectors were appointed in American before 1801.

While we know that Morin had a patent of authority over the High Degrees, we do not know how many or which High Degrees he controlled! There is growing evidence that Morin took whatever degrees he had received in France and refashioned them into the Order of the Royal Secret, creating additional degrees as (continued on page 6)

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## **Lodge of Perfection**

David F. Contreras, 32°, Venerable Master - elect

As I assume the privilege and honor of the Office of "Venerable Master" I do so with a humble spirit. My Masonic Journey started many years ago as a young man, even though being very young in masonry (officially).

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Having learned and continuing to learn on this journey that is a step by step walk in the "light", being aided by many brothers who knowingly and unknowingly have guided me to the light.

I find that the journey entails many aspects of tangible works, and personally of highly spiritual relevance rooted deeply in both science and each Man's relationship to his own Creator.

Respecting the office with dignity, honor and remembering all Masonic Brothers throughout time and respecting all aspects of every brother's Masonic journey.



Thank You David F. Contreras

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needed. However the 25-degree Order of the Royal Secret came into being, it proved popular. The governing document, the "Constitutions of 1762," discovered by a Masonic scholar was found to be a slightly modified version of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of France. Morin apparently acted to create a new Masonic body with himself as the only "Grand Inspector."

These French high degrees, unlike the English York Rite, were spread by traveling Inspectors who conferred them for a fee. It

was not necessary to wait for enough Masons in a town to receive the high degrees somewhere else and for them to apply for a charter; the itinerant Inspector could take care of everything as soon as he arrived. Eight bodies of the Royal Secret were formed in America before 1800, from New Orleans to Albany. The weakness of the Order proved to be the unchecked system of Inspectors General. Each Inspector General could confer the degrees on Master Masons, establish local bodies, and create new Inspectors—all for an appropriate fee. There were no guidelines

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# **Chapter of Rose Croix**

John Argue, 32° KCCH, Wise Master - elect

he degrees of the Chapter of Rose Croix consist of Knight of the Sword or of the Eagle, Prince of Jerusalem, Knight of the East and West, and Knight Rose Croix. These degrees are very complex and attempt to lead the candidate to a deeper understanding of Religion, Philosophy, Ethics and History. The intellectual ideas these degrees present are, at times, overwhelming. A thorough reading of the Legenda is essential to a basic understanding of their meaning.

The 18<sup>th</sup> degree, Knight Rose Croix, teaches that life and its strengths come from God. The rose signifies the dawn and the cross is a sacred symbol from antiquity in many cultures. It teaches us to be tolerant of others' errors and faults. The emblem consists of a rose-cross between the legs of a set of compasses. Under it is a Pelican



tearing its breast to feed its seven young. On the arc of the compasses are the letters I.N.R.I.

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on cost, no limitation on numbers, and no restriction on how many more Inspectors an Inspector could create. By 1800 there were over 75 Inspectors General, and the system was moving toward chaos.

The Inspectors and Deputies did more than reproduce themselves; they conferred the Ineffable (4°–14°) and Sublime (15° and above) Degrees upon Master Masons and occasionally established bodies. Again records are scarce, but at least eight bodies were established before 1801.

# Development of Scottish Rite

Thus the Scottish Rite, evolved from the Order of the Royal Secret, or as it is commonly known, the French Rite of Perfection, by 1786. On May 31, 1801, the first Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree, the Mother Council of the World, declared its existence with a motto of "Ordo ab Chao" (Order from Chaos). It announced a new 33-degree system of high degrees that incorporated all 25 of the Order of the Royal Secret, and added 8 more, including that of 33°, Sovereign Grand (continued on page 11)

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#### FROM THE KITCHEN STAFF

#### **Dinner Reservations**

#### **2015 Dinner Reservation Policy:**

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Annual Standing Reservations are available; for an advance fee of \$140.00 per person or \$240.00 per couple, paid by no later than January  $31^{st}$  of the effective year.

This reservation will include dinner for all (9) stated meeting dinners and (1) Remembrance and Renewal Dinner, for the year. 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 be \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple, paid at the door, with a reservation in place, made 5 days in advance.

If you fail to make a reservation by the stated deadline and/ or wish to pay at the door, the fee for dinner will be \$25.00 per person.

If you make a reservation and fail to attend, the appropriate thing to do is to send your money to the Valley as we will have paid for your dinner reservation in advance.

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

<u>Be sure to make your reservations with **Harold Bogner**, preferably by email to harold55@juno.com</u>, otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).

## **January 12<sup>th</sup> Installation Dinner**

Pancit Adobo Lumpia Fried Rice Dessert

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Cost \$17.00 Per Person RSVP by Thu, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with Harold Bogner. *Please note we will not take any reservations after this date!* 

## February 9<sup>th</sup> Dinner Menu

Carrot Salad or Mixed Greens
Swedish Meatballs in Mushroom Sauce
Butterfly Egg Noodles
Mixed Vegetables
Dinner Rolls
Cinnamon Apple

Cost \$15.00 Per Person/\$25.00 Per Couple RSVP by Thu, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with Harold Bogner *Please note we will not take any reservations after this date!* 

## Ventura County Scottish Rite Schedule for 2015 Please save this page for reference!

(Watch the newsletter and web site for updates.)

Dates:			Events:	
Mon	Jan	12		
Sat	Jan	17	Installation of Officers & Program 7:30 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126	
Mon	Feb	9	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM ( <i>Reservations by Feb 5</i> ), Stated meeting following	
Sat	Feb	14	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 12	
Mon	Mar	9	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM ( <i>Reservations due by Mar 5</i> ), 25 & 50 Year awards presented, 7:20 PM. Stated meeting following	
Mon Sat	<b>Mar</b> Mar	<b>9</b> 14	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM ( <i>Reservations due by Mar 5</i> ), 25 & 50 Year awards presented, 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126	
		14	50 Year awards presented, 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following	
Sat	Mar	14	50 Year awards presented, 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126	
Sat	Mar	14 23	50 Year awards presented, 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations by Mar 19),	

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Sat	Apr	25	SPRING FAST CLASS (part 1), Setup at 7:00 PM Fri, Apr 24, Class starts at 8:00 AM Apr 25
Mon	May	11	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM ( <i>Reservations by May 7</i> ), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following (Mothers Day)
Sat	May	16	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Mon	Jun	8	Social 5:30 PM, Flag Day, Dinner 6:30 PM, ( <i>Reservations by Jun 4</i> ), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
Sat	Jun	13	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Mon	Jun	22	Pizza Dinner 6:30 PM, Planning Meeting for New England Summer Picnic and Child ID Program at Ventura County Fair
Sat	Jul	11	New England Summer Picnic, Camarillo Grove Park, Serving 12
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Mon Sat	<b>Jul</b> Jul	13 18	DARK Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
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Mon	Aug	10	DARK
Sat	Aug	15	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Mon	Sep	14	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM, ( <i>Reservations by Sep 10</i> ), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
Sat	Sep	19	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Sat	Sep	26	Fall Fast Class, Part 1, Setup at 7:00 PM Friday, Sep 25, Class starting at 8:00 AM Sep 26
Mon	Oct	12	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM ( <u>Reservations by Oct 8</u> ), Feast of Tishri Celebration 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following, (Reobligation of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Degree, Nominating Committee appointed)
Sat	Oct	17	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Mon	Nov	9	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations by Nov 5), Program 7:20 PM, (Veterans Day), Stated meeting following (Report of
			Nominating Committee)
Sat	Nov	14	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Mon	Dec	14	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations by Dec 10), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following, (Election of Officers, Cap and Ring Ceremony)
Sat	Dec	19	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Mon	Jan 1	1, 2	016 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations by Jan 7),

# Mon Jan 11, 2016 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations by Jan 7). Installation of Officers & Program 7:30

Please note the Scottish Rite Class dates are under review and pending degree teams and practice dates. Alternate to Classes are to travel to other Valleys such as Long Beach, Los Angeles or Pasadena!

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## **The Consistory**

James Craig, 32°, Master of Kadosh - elect

appy New Year Brethren!
I'm so honored to be elected Master of Kadosh for the ensuing year and hope it will be most prosperous for us all.

Please feel free to offer any advice and give me ideas you may have to make our Valley grow and prosper.

I look forward to welcoming new members as they embark on their Scottish Rite adventure and seeing all of you at our January dinner and Installation.

> James L Craig Master of Kadosh



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Inspector General. This new organization declared control of high-degree Masonry in America. This is the most significant date in the history of high degree Masonry in the United States. The Mother Supreme Council was opened by John Mitchell and Frederick Dalcho in Charleston, South Carolina, and in the course of the year "the whole number of Grand Inspectors General was completed agreeably to the Grand Constitutions." By this act the Order of the Royal Secret of twenty-five degrees (often called the Rite of Perfection) was transformed into the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of thirty-three degrees.

The new Supreme Council had a written constitution and a plan for organizing and managing the bodies under its control. The problem it faced was how to rein in the roving Inspectors General. The solution was shrewd and depended upon convincing the Inspectors to

voluntarily yield allegiance to the Supreme Council. Any Inspector of the 25° would be given authority to confer up to the 32° (the extra seven degrees would make his product more attractive), if he turned in his old patent and agreed to follow the rules of the Supreme Council. This strategy was reasonably successful, and independent Inspectors General soon disappeared.

#### The Albert Pike Era

In 1857, Albert Pike (1809-1891), completed his first revision of the 4°-32° ritual, and printed 100 copies. This revision, which Albert Mackey (1807-1881), dubbed the "Magnum Opus" was never adopted by the Supreme Council. According to Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, the current Scottish Rite's Grand Historian, the Magnum Opus became the basis for future ritual revisions. In March 1858, Pike was elected a member of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, and in January 1859 he became (continued on page 12)

#### **Cap and Ring Ceremony**





Above left: The Heads of the Bodies, Wise Master Earl Williams, 32°, acting Master of Kadosh James Craig, 32°, Commander Robert Dee Matson, 32° KCCH, and Venerable Master Raul Cifuentes, 32° KCCH, who presided at the ceremony.

Above right: Our Orator, Brother Bob Sills, 32° KCCH, who gave a presentation on Scottish Rite hats.

Opposite page: Top: Brother David Klein, 32°, and his lady Nenita, being presented their certificates by PR Jerry Gonzales, 32° KCCH.

Center: Brother Jeffrey Pittle, 32°, being presented his 32° hat by acting Master of Kadosh James Craig, 32°.

Bottom: Brother Ronald Robinson, 32°, being presented a rose by Wise Master Earl Williams, 32°

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its Grand Commander. Pike was immediately faced with a task which challenged even his intellect and resources. He found the Scottish Rite in chaos. Many of the Degrees made little or no sense; the meanings of most of the symbols had been lost, and there was not order or pattern to the work. Pike undertook the task of completely revising the Ritual and structure of the Scottish Rite. He studied hundreds of Degrees, stripped away the nonsense which the years had accumulated around the Work, and emerged with a pure and shining

work which was to be adopted around the world. He infused the Work with a deep sense of philosophy which makes it the study of a lifetime, yet retained its essential humanness and power. Rewritten and organized by Pike, Scottish Rite Ritual became the avenue of intellectual and moral refinement for hundreds of thousands of brethren. Similarly, his leadership strengthened the administration of the Rite and allowed it to prosper. The Work you will see in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is Albert Pike's legacy to you. About 1870 he, and the Supreme Council, moved to Washington, DC, and in 1884 his revision of the rituals was complete.

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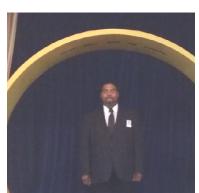


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# For Those Who Need our Prayers

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.

Donald Wright, 642-6621 Tom Melugin, 483-3092 Jerry Carpenter, 419-4101 John Klopfstein, 486-0602

Please give these people 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, Chuck Batterson, 32° KCCH, (746-0844 or nereus2006@sbcglobal.net) 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.

John Kenneth Elrod crossed on 12/24/2014 Ernest Howard Nichols crossed on 12/24/2014

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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

Social 5:30 PM, Filipino Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Jan 8*), Installation of Officers & Program 7:30 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Feb 5*), Stated meeting following Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy 6 Feb Jan Mon

(Reservations due by Mar 5), 25 & Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM

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50 Year awards presented, 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following

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Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM Remembrance and Renewal (Reservations by Mar 19), Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126 Mon Mar 23 Social 5:30

Ceremony 7:30 PM (Open to all)





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For Reservations email harold55@juno.com, or call (805) 218-1648