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*Views from
Ventura Valley*

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**Happy
New Year**

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POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to the address above. 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

We wish all of our members a Happy New Year. May you experience success, good health, and happiness in the coming year.

We are looking forward to many exciting events this year and hope that you will be able to participate. See pages 6 and 7 for this year's calendar.

Officers for 2019

On January 14th we will install our officers for the coming year. They are:

- Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection.... Steven R. Goad, 32°**
- Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix.....Ryan A. Phillips, 32°**
- Commander, Council of Kadosh Roy G. Price, 32°**
- Master of Kadosh, Consistory James L. Craig, 32° KCCH**

Officers in all the Bodies

- TreasurerIII. Russell E. Charvonias, 33°**
- Secretary..... III. W. Andrew Little, 33°**
- Almoner..... Salvador J. Lopez, 32°**
- OratorJ. Raul Cifuentes, 32° KCCH**
- Prelate Francis Villareal, 32°**
- Tiler Mark T. Torrez, 32°**
- Class DirectorMichael D. Blodgett, 32°**
- Historian.....III. Frederick J. Potter, 33°**

Upcoming Events

Our Installation of Officers will be on Monday, January 14, 2019. Come out and help us get the year off to a good start. Our installing team will consist of Ill. Fred 'Tiny' Potter, 33°, as Installing Officer, Ill.: Tom Melugin, 33°, as Master of Ceremonies, and Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCCH, as Installing Chaplain. Dinner reservations are required; contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCCH, at hbogner@smartsourcellc.com, or (805) 218-1648, no later than Thursday, January 10th. Cost is \$15 per person. Note that this dinner is NOT included in the Annual Dinner Reservation. If you are coming for dinner you MUST make a reservation!

Our next stated meeting will be on February 11th. Program is to be announced. This will also be the last meeting to turn in petitions for the Spring Class. We already have one petition. If you will be joining us for dinner, reservations are due to Harold by Thursday, February 7th (see address above). Cost is \$15 per individual or \$25 per couple.

Our highway cleanups will be on Saturdays, January 19 and February 16. Meet at the Café 126, 11033 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 am for breakfast.

News of the Valley

At our November stated meeting

we celebrated Veteran's Day. We were also honored to have several active military personal as our guests. A big 'thank you' to Francis Villareal, 32°, for organizing the event.

Also, in November we took Brother Mark Torrez, 32°, to Pasadena to receive the rest of his degrees. Then at our December meeting we presented Mark with his cap and ring. Below, PR Jerry Gonzales presents Mark with his 32nd Degree patent. (More pictures on page 5.)



Mark is already taking an active role in our Valley, agreeing to serve as our Tiler.

At our December stated meeting we elected our officers for the new year. See opposite page for our new officers.

From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 33°

Greetings to our Scottish Rite family!

Another Year has come and gone. I hope all of you had a joyful Holiday season. As we move into the New Year, I wish to thank all of you for your continued support. To our new officers I thank you for stepping up to the challenges of your respective offices. I have provided each of you with the annual calendar with the Head of Body who will be in charge for the month noted. Please make plans to insure you are prepared for your month of being in charge.

Installation will again be catered by Anacapa Lodge 710, and I wish to thank them for their continued hospitality. Please take time to thank our fellow brothers in the kitchen after dinner.

We will continue to keep our dinner prices the same, with the exception of Installation, which will be \$15.00 per person. Annual purchasing of Dinner Reservations is still available, which allows you not to have to make reservations. I will also note the deadline for installation dinner is earlier than normal so please make sure your reservations are in on time. This is necessary for purchasing and preparation of food for installation.

We have met with some success this past year in bringing in new members and as a result our membership is growing. I encourage



each of you to talk to your fellow Masonic Brothers who are not Scottish Rite Masons and encourage them to join our ranks. Invite them to dinner or a program, almost all of our presentations are open to everyone. As you can see from our four bodies who only have the head of bodies and not complete lines, we are in need of additional members. Our lack of active membership is hurting us in filling the lines and I need all of you current members, new members, and potential members to become active in order that we may again restore our valley bodies back to having full lineups. In an effort to maintain Transparency of our Valley Funds I am happy to announce the ILL ∴. Russ Charvonja has volunteered to assume the position of Valley Treasure to separate the duties of Secretary and

Treasurer. *“Thank you, Illustrious Sir.”*

Our successful participation in the Valley Membership Achievement Project, (VMAP) is improving each year and we hope in the coming year to enhance our programs and membership as a result of this program, providing the Valley with enhanced education & entertaining programs.

Please be reminded this past year the Orient of California successfully put on a 29-degree Reunion. A very rich and rewarding event in which our valley was able to participate as well as have some candidates attending. The Orients’ plan for the coming years are to do an annual Reunion with half of the degrees being conferred in the Northern Valleys and the other half in the Southern Valleys, alternating each

year, providing an opportunity for more attendance locally and the ability to attend all 29 degrees over a two-year period in a near proximity to our respective valleys. Please watch for further notice on these events.

I thank you all for your continued support, and guidance. Please join us for Dinners and special events. As the New Year arrives there is much work to be done, and the assistance from everyone is monumental. Please offer your support and assistance both in Degrees and everyday functions.

God Bless You and Happy New Year.

III. *Jerry E. Gonzales* 33°

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<http://www.scottishritecalifornia.org/>

Cap and Ring Ceremony



VALLEY SCHEDULE 2019 EVENTS

Keep this schedule for the coming year. Note that all dates are tentative. Watch this newsletter and our web site, <http://www.venturascottishrite.org>, for updates.

**Mon Jan 14 Social 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (Reservations by Jan 10),
Installation 7:30 pm. [VM, PR, Installing Team]**

Sat Jan 19 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon Feb 11 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Feb 7*),
Program 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following. [VM]

Sat Feb 16 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

**Mon Mar 11 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Mar 7*),
Program 7:30 pm, 25/50 Year Awards, Stated Meeting
following. [CoK]**

Sat Mar 16 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

**Mon Mar 25 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Mar 21*)
Remembrance and Renewal. [WM]**

**Sat Apr 6 Spring Fast Class (Part 1), (Setup at 7:00 pm Friday),
8:00 am Saturday, Conferral of 4th, 14th, and 18th Degrees.**

Mon Apr 8 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Apr 4*),
Program 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following. [MoK]

Sat Apr 20 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon May 13 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by May 9*),
Program 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following. (Mother's Day).
[VM]

Sat May 18 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon June 10 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (*Reservations by Jun 6*),
Program 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following. [WM]

Sat June 15 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon July 8 Pizza Dinner 6:30 pm, Planning Meeting for New England Picnic

Sat July 20 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

**Sat July 27 NEW ENGLAND SUMMER PICNIC, Serving Time 12 Noon
- 1 pm**

VALLEY SCHEDULE 2019 EVENTS

AUGUST DARK:

Sat Aug 17 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon Sep 9 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Sep 5*), Cap & Ring Ceremony 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following, [CoK]

Sat Sep 21 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Sat Sep 21 HONOURS Conferral in San Diego,

**Sat Oct 5 or 12 Fall Fast Class (Part 1), (Setup at 7:00 pm Friday),
8:00 am Saturday, Conferral of 4th, 14th, and 18th Degrees.**

Mon Oct 14 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, Feast of Tishri Celebration, (*Reservations by Oct 10*), Stated Meeting following (Reobligation of 14th Degree, Nominating Committee Appointed) [VM]

Oct 18-20 Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Sat Oct 19 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon Nov 11 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (*Reservations by Nov 7*), Program 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following (Report of Nominating Committee) (Veterans Day) [MoK]

Sat Nov 16 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon Dec 9 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Dec 5*), Cap & Ring Ceremony 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following (Election of Officers) [VM]

Sat Dec 21 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon Jan 13, 2020 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Jan 9*), Installation 7:30 pm

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!

([VM] – Venerable Master presiding, [WM] – Wise Master presiding, [CoK] – Commander of Kadosh presiding, [MoK] – Master of Kadosh presiding)

From The Kitchen Staff

Dinner Reservations

2019 Dinner Reservation Policy:

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 31st of the effective year. After this date Prorated Annual Reservations are available at the rate of \$15.00/\$25.00 per remaining Dinner meetings.

This reservation will include dinner for all (9) stated meeting dinners and (1) Remembrance & Renewal Dinner, for the year. It will not include any Special Dinners of the Dinner for our Annual Installation of Officers which is a special catered Event.

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 4 days in advance.

If you make a late reservation, the fee for dinner will be \$20.00 per person.

If you fail to make a reservation and show up asking to eat the fee will be \$25.00. (Providing there is enough food to accommodate your lack of Reservation.)

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

As always Widows are guests of the Valley with or without reservations! (Special Guests and Visitors will be exempted from non-reservation price.)

Be sure to make your reservations with Harold Boqner, preferably by email to hboqner@smartsourcellc.com, otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).



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Dinner Menu

January 14, 2019 Installation of Officers

Lumpia
Pancit
Fried Rice
Adobo
Dinner Rolls
Salad
Dessert

Cost \$15.00/Individual

RSVP by Thursday, January 10th, 2019

*(Note this is a Special Installation Dinner not a part of
the Annual Dinner Reservation!)*

Please note we will NOT take any reservations after January 11th!

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner, preferably by email to
hbogner@smartsourcellc.com, otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).

February 11th Stated Meeting Dinner

Meat Lasagna
Broccoli
Garlic Cheese Bread
Strawberry Pound Cake

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple

RSVP by Thursday, February 7th, 2019

Late reservations after this date will be \$20.00 Per Person!

Please note we will NOT take any reservations after February 8th!

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner, preferably by email to
hbogner@smartsourcellc.com, otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).



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, (805) 642-6621**
- John Klopstein, (805) 486-0602**
- Robert S. Kennedy, Jr., (805) 987-2164**
- Salvador J. Lopez, Jr., (805) 649-8177**
- William R. Wood**

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 the Secretary (alittle93012@gmail.com, (805) 415-3776) 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.*

Victor Dwain Sanderfer crossed on 11/14/2017



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HEARTS OF MEN AND AMONG NATIONS.**

Useful Contacts

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Recent changes are underlined. All phone numbers in area code 805 unless noted.

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Web site: <http://venturascottishrite.org>

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OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL.” – Albert Pike**

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Mark Your Calendar

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