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Presiding Officers



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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

Our cover shows our presiding officers, in the Zoom environment in which we have now become used to seeing them. Top Left: Mark Torrez, Venerable Master; Top Right: Roy Price, Wise Master; Bottom Left, Ryan Phillips, Commander; and Bottom Right, Steve Goad, Master of Kadosh.

Officers for 2018

On January 11, 2021, our Valley will hold our annual Installation of Officers over Zoom. The officers to be installed are:

Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master..... Mark Torrez, 32°
Senior WardenJavier Hernandez, 32°
Junior Warden..... Eduardo Austria, 32°

Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master.....Roy G. Price, 32°
Senior WardenRay Broomfield, 32°
Junior Warden.....Aaron Purther, 32°

Council of Kadosh

Commander Ryan A. Phillips, 32°
1st Lt. Commander Rodrigo Kammer, 32°
2nd Lt. Commander Pat Riggs, 32° KCCH

Consistory

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PriorDavid Contreras, 32°
Preceptor.....Tony Ramos, 32°

Officers of All the Bodies

Treasurer..... Ill. : Russ Charvonja, 33°
Secretary Ill. : W. Andrew Little, 33°
Almoner..... Salvador J. Lopez, Jr., 32°
Orator J. Raul Cifuentes, 32° KCCH
Prelate..... Fred Ervast, 32° KCCH

In order to attend you will need to access the installation through Zoom. Because of security issues we are not able to put the access information here since our newsletters are posted to the internet. Therefore, we will email the information to our mailing list a few days before the installation. If you want to attend but don't receive the email, contact the Secretary, Ill. : Andy Little, at 805-415-3776.

From the Secretary

I want to thank all the members who have sent in their dues payments for 2021. As you should be aware, this year, unlike previous years, your membership card is being sent to you along with your invoice rather than after your payment is received.

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From the PR's Quill

Greetings to the Members and Family of Ventura Valley.

John F. Lowe, 32° KCCH

With 2020 now behind us, let us be thankful for blessings we may find going forward. Indeed, the past year was a trial for us all; even if you did not lose a family member, friend, or neighbor. We all had to learn to shelter at home, wear masks, and wash our hands often (and then wash them again!)

In addition to the lockdown of our county in attempting to quell COVID-19 infections, all in-person masonic meetings remain closed off. During 2020, we became accustomed to virtual meetings – even holding a virtual degree communication across our Orient of California. Our monthly virtual meetings have continued to maintain our ties and friendship.



The distribution of vaccine has begun, yet the wisest know not how soon enough people in the country are inoculated to provide some notion of this idea called herd immunity. Is that a “light at the end of the tunnel,” or only wishful thinking? You may recall that “time, patience, and perseverance will accomplish all things...” This is indeed such a time and requires all our collective patience.

Join with us virtually on January 11th for installation of officers; it will be our first completed virtually. Then please join us each month for our meetings... Yes, virtual for now but wait a time with patience until we are approved for in-person dinner and meeting.

Please continue to stay safe, social distance, wear your mask, and be a model of behavior to your friends and colleagues. Scottish Rite Masons must show the world we care – for one another, for all mankind.

Fraternally,

John

VALLEY SCHEDULE 2021 EVENTS

Given our current situation there are many uncertainties that will no doubt affect our activities for 2021. However, it is necessary for us to lay out a tentative schedule so that we can start planning, even though we know that changes will necessarily occur. While future dates are always tentative, that is especially true this year.

Watch this newsletter and our web site,

<http://www.venturascottishrite.org>, for updates. We owe Ill. : Jerry Gonzalez a BIG thank-you for putting this together.

MON. JAN. 11: 7:00 PM Zoom Stated Meeting & Installation (VM, PR, INSTALLING TEAM)

MON. FEB. 8: 7:00 PM, Zoom Stated Meeting (VM)

MON. MAR. 8: 7:00 PM, Zoom Stated Meeting & 25/50 Year Awards (CoK)

MON. MAR. 22: 7:00 PM, Zoom Meeting & Remembrance & Renewal Program (WM)

MON. APR. 12: 7:00 PM, Zoom Stated Meeting (MoK)

MON. MAY 10: 7:00 PM, Zoom Stated Meeting (VM)

MON. JUNE 14: 7:00 PM, Zoom Stated Meeting (WM)

CA NORTHERN REUNION PART 1: JUNE ??? in VALLEY OF OAKLAND

CA SOUTHERN REUNION PART 2: JUNE ??? in VALLEY OF LONG BEACH

JULY & AUGUST DARK IN RESPECT TO MEETINGS

MON. JULY 5: PIZZA DINNER 6:30PM, PLANNING MEETING FOR NEW ENGLAND PICNIC

SAT. JULY 17: NEW ENGLAND SUMMER PICNIC, --- CAMARILLO GROVE PARK, CAMARILLO. SERVING TIME 12 NOON – 1 PM

MON., SEPT: 13: SOCIAL 5:30PM, DINNER 6:30PM (RESERVATIONS), 7:30PM, STATED MEETING FOLLOWS PROGRAM, CAP & RING CERMONY (CoK)

MON. OCT. 11: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30PM (FEAST OF TISHRI CELEBRATION IN DINING ROOM), (RESERVATIONS), 7:30 PM, (FEAST OF TISHRI CELEBRATION), FOLLOWED BY STATED MEETING (REOBLIGATION OF 14 DEGREE, NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED). Present Check to SB Language Clinic and have clinician speak about clinic. (VM)

SAT. October ???, FALL FAST CLASS (PART 1), Setup AT 7:00 PM, FRIDAY, 8:00 AM SATURDAY. (PART 2) IN PASADENA:

MON. NOV. 8: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM, (RESERVATIONS), 7:30 PM STATED MEETING (REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE) (VETERANS DAY) (MoK)

MON. DEC. 13: SOCIAL 5:30PM, DINNER 6:30 PM (RESERVATIONS), 7:30 PM STATED MEETING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS, (CAP & RING CERMONEY) (VM)

MON. JAN. 10, 2022: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM (RESERVATIONS), INSTALLATION 7:30 PM

Presiding Officers: (VM) – Venerable Master, (WM) – Wise Master, (CoK) – Commander of Kadosh, (MoK) – Master of Kadosh), (PR) – Personal Rep.

Some dates to remember & put on your calendar:

Grand Lodge Annual Communication: Oct. 8 – 10, 2021

PR & General Secretary's Meeting: May 15 &16, Location TBD

PR & General Secretary's Meeting: December 3, Orange County

Foundation Meeting Dec 4, Orange County DeMolay Center

Orient Reunion: Oakland: June ???, Long Beach: June ???

From the Secretary

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If you are suffering from financial stress (as we know many of you may be), let us know and we will make accommodations.

If you need help please do not hesitate to contact one of us. We are all here to support each other.

Please keep us updated on your contact information. We don't want to lose track of you.



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.*

- John Klopstein, (805) 486-0602**
- Thom Piper, (805) 208-8004**
- Mike Satumba, (210) 557-9721**
- Ron Brown, (805) 796-1886**
- Jim Daniels, (805) 984-7272**

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.*

- Jasper A. Shoemaker crossed on 8/4/2020**
- Henry Hebron Rushing crossed on 12/17/2020**



**FREEMASONRY BUILDS ITS TEMPLES IN THE
HEARTS OF MEN AND AMONG NATIONS.**

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

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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