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In Memoriam



Edmund W. Heath

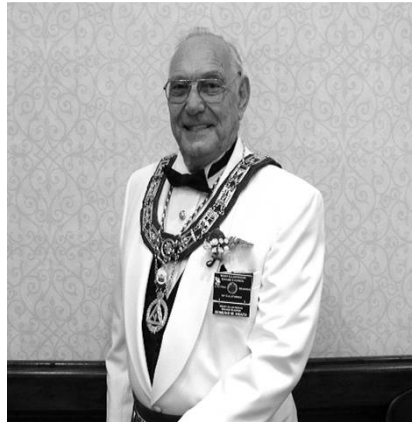
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POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to the address above. The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite sitting in the Valley of Ventura, Orient of California acknowledge the authority and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother 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.

In Memoriam Edmund W. Heath

It is with the deepest sorrow that we report the passing of Ill. :. Edmund W. Heath on November 24, 2021.

Edmund was originally from New England, born in Concord, New Hampshire on January 31, 1927, and attending high school in Massachusetts. He joined the Navy in April, 1944, and during World War II served as a combat air crew member performing anti-sub patrols in the North Atlantic. He then became a communications specialist while serving on aircraft carriers and was awarded the Navy Cross. He served in the Navy for 33 years, retiring as a Commander. He then worked in the aerospace industry, retiring in 1986.



Edmund was active in many branches of Masonry. He was raised in Camarillo Lodge #824 in 1979 and served as Master in 1986, followed by Treasurer for 2 years. He served the York Rite as Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in 2003. He served several terms as Worthy Patron of OES. He was also a Past President of National Sojourners.

Edmund joined the Scottish Rite in 1980. He served as Master of Kadosh in 1997, Wise Master in 1999, and Venerable Master in 2004. He was designated a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1999 and coronated a 33 Degree Mason in 2003. For many years he worked on the Kitchen Crew, helping preparing our meals.

Edmund passed away 10 days after his wife, Joann Ann Lipking, who was very active with him in Eastern Star.

Edmund touched us in many ways, and we will all miss him greatly.

Officers for 2022

On January 10, 2022, our Valley will hold our Annual Installation of Officers. Dinner will be at 6:30 with the Installation starting at 7:30. If you will be joining us for dinner, reservations are required; contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at

hbogner@smartsourcellc.com

or (805) 218-1648, no later than Friday, January 7th. Cost is \$20.

The officers to be installed are:

Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master.....Roy G. Price, 32°
Senior Warden.....Pat Riggs, 32° KCCH

Chapter Rose Croix

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

We still have several holes in our officer lines. If you are willing to take an office, please let the current officers know.

From the Secretary

I want to thank all the members who have sent in their dues payments for 2022. If you paid your 2021 dues then your 2022 membership card should have been sent to you along with your invoice rather than after your payment is received.

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.

News of the Valley

On January 10 we will install our officers for 2022. Details may be found on page 3.

Our stated meeting for February will be on February 14. If you will be joining us for dinner, reservations are required; contact Sir

Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at

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or (805) 218-1648, no later than Friday, February 11. Cost is \$20.

From the PR's Quill

Ill John F. Lowe, 33°

It is often said that the Scottish Rite is the “university of masonry.” But moving into 2022 our Rite endured trials never before seen during 2020 and 2021. As in established universities, pandemic requirements held that we could not hold in-person meetings. Zoom meetings became necessary and commonplace in fraternities as well as commercial businesses.

While it is a truism that a sailor is never tested on calm waters, on the rough and rugged seas of pandemic we nonetheless prevailed. Our Orient held for the first time a virtual reunion with slides and text provided by Scottish Rite leadership. Our Valley continued monthly virtual meetings to provide, in some small measure, that personal connection to our brethren. We have prevailed.

While the pandemic itself carries on, and the wisest know not when (or if) it will end, our need for fellowship, learning, and brotherhood continues to require constant nurturing via physical meetings.

Our Valley began several months ago holding monthly stated dinners and meetings. The



attendance has been small, perhaps owing to caution in being in groups; our individual health requires caution in all that we do. But coming into 2022, hope remains immediately before us. We may again hold reunions and welcome new candidates into our fold. Other activities will need your help in planning and bringing to fruition.

While Ventura County is still under a requirement for mask-wearing indoors, the good news as of this writing is that the C.D.C. has shortened isolation time to 5 days from 10. Early data is suggesting the Omicron Variant will be mild if contracted

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VALLEY SCHEDULE 2022 EVENTS

As the last two years have shown us, even the best made plans can be scrambled with minimum notice. 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 likely occur. We have not as yet set dates for degree classes. 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.

**MON. JAN. 10: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM,
(RESERVATIONS), 7:30 PM STATED MEETING & INSTALLATION
(VM, PR, INSTALLING TEAM)**

**MON. FEB. 14: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM,
(RESERVATIONS), 7:30 PM STATED MEETING (VM)**

**MON. MAR. 14: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM,
(RESERVATIONS), 7:30 PM, STATED MEETING (CoK)**

**MON. MAR. 21: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM,
(RESERVATIONS), 7:30 PM, REMEMBRANCE & RENEWAL
PROGRAM (WM)**

**APR 8-10, SUPREME COUNCIL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP, SAN
DIEGO, CA**

**MON. APR. 11: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM,
(RESERVATIONS), 7:30 PM, STATED MEETING & 25/50 YEAR
AWARDS (MoK)**

**MON. MAY 9: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM, (RESERVATIONS),
7:30 PM, STATED MEETING (VM)**

**MON. JUNE 13: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM,
(RESERVATIONS), 7:30 PM, STATED MEETING (WM)**

JULY & AUGUST DARK IN RESPECT TO MEETINGS

**SAT. JULY 16, NEW ENGLAND SUMMER PICNIC, SERVING NOON –
1 PM**

**MON., SEPT: 12: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM
(RESERVATIONS), 7:30 PM, STATED MEETING FOLLOWS
PROGRAM (CoK)**

**MON. OCT. 10: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM (FEAST OF
TISHRI CELEBRATION IN DINING ROOM), (RESERVATIONS),
FOLLOWED BY STATED MEETING (REOBLIGATION OF 14
DEGREE, NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED) (VM)**

**MON. NOV. 14: SOCIAL 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:30 PM,
(RESERVATIONS), 7:30 PM STATED MEETING (REPORT OF
NOMINATING COMMITTEE) (VETERANS DAY) (MoK)**

**MON. DEC. 12: SOCIAL 5:30PM, DINNER 6:30 PM (RESERVATIONS),
7:30 PM STATED MEETING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS (WM)**

**MON. JAN. 9, 2023: 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. 21 – 23, 2022

PR & General Secretary's Meeting: Nov 18, Pasadena Scottish Rite.

From the PR's Quill

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by those fully vaccinated.

With the above being stated, is now not the time to renew your attendance at our meetings? Historically, while easy to miss a meeting or two, it does break the important habit of heading to meeting on each second Monday of the month. After such a long break under the pandemic, our

“muscle memory” needs refreshing through a new commitment. On January 10th we will be installing the officers elected to serve in 2022. May I count on your attendance? You are important as a Scottish Rite Mason, and we want to greet you in person.

Salve Frater,

John

Echoes

By Douglas Mallock

Fine men have walked this way before, whatever Lodge your Lodge may be;
Whoever stands before the door, the sacred arch of Masonry,
Stands where the wise, the great, the good, in their own time and place have
stood.

You are not Brother just with these, your friends and neighbors; you are kin
With Masons down the centuries; this room that now you enter in
Has felt the tread of many feet, for here all Masonry you meet.

You walk the path the great have trod, the great in heart, the great in mind,
Who looked through Masonry to God, and looked through God to all mankind
Learned more than word or sign or grip, learned Man's and God's relationship.

To him who sees, who understands, how mighty Masonry appears!
A Brotherhood of many lands, a fellowship of many years,
A Brotherhood so great, so vast, of all the Craft of all the past.

And so I say a sacred trust is yours to share, is yours to keep;
I hear the voice of men of dust, I hear the step of men asleep;
And down the endless future, too, your own shall echo after 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

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.*

Edmund Walter Heath crossed on 11/24/2021



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

Useful Contacts

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Chapter Rose Croix

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Junior Warden			

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Recent changes are underlined.

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**“WHAT WE DO FOR OURSELVES DIBS WITH US. WHAT WE DO FOR OTHERS AND
THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL.” – Albert Pike**

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Mark Your Calendar

For Reservations email hbogner@smartsourcellc.com, or call (805) 218-1648

- Mon Jan 10 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm** (*Reservations by Jan 7*), Installation of Officers, stated meeting to follow.
- Mon. Feb 14 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm**, (*Reservations by Feb 11*), 7:30 pm Stated Meeting **(VM)**
- Mon Mar 14 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm**, (*Reservations by Mar 11*), 7:30 pm Stated Meeting **(CoK)**
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