

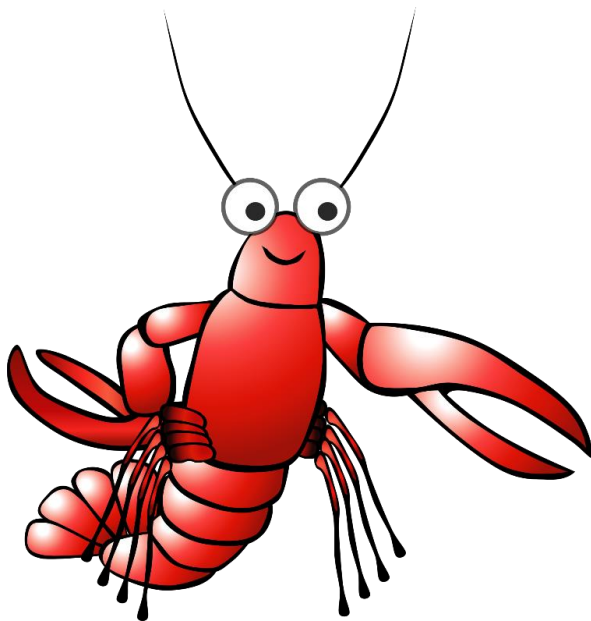
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Get Ready for Steak and Lobster



**New England Summer Picnic
July 15, 2023**

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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.

Upcoming Events

Our next stated meeting is on Monday, June 12. It will be at Oxnard Masonic Center. Dinner is at 6:30 pm and the stated meeting is at 7:30 pm. Because of the asbestos problems we will not be using the lodge room. The dinner and the stated meeting will both be held in the dining room. 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, June 9. Cost is \$20. See page 4 for the menu.

New England Picnic

On July 15 we will hold our annual New England Summer Picnic. As previously, it will be at Camarillo Grove Park, off the Camarillo Springs exit in Camarillo. Purchase tickets by July 7. *See flier on page 5.*

We will do inventory on June 17 at 8:00 am, and we will have our planning meeting on June 26 at 6:00 pm. Both events will be in Oxnard.

We are looking forward to working with the different volunteers.

Anyone who wants to work the “lazy lobster” line with Harold - please let us know.

The Camarillo Grove Park has had maintenance on the restrooms adjacent to the event.

Volunteers for the different positions include: Cooking Lobsters, Cooking Steaks, Corn Station, Bread Station, Hot Dog and Condiment Station. Heads of bodies will provide the volunteers for the serving lines.

Please provide donations for the Silent Auction/Raffle to David and Annette Beaver (805-535-8028).

News of the Valley

As most of you know, Master of Kadosh Mark Torres recently suffered a very bad fall, resulting in numerous injuries. We are happy to report that Mark’s recovery is proceeding well. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

In the meantime, the planning for the asbestos cleanup is progressing, but it is expected to take several months.

Congratulations are in order for Brothers **Robert Dean Pritchett** and **James Ray McPherson**, who recently became 50 year members of the Scottish Rite. We are currently working on recognizing them.

From the PR's Quill

Ill John F. Lowe, 33°

As we begin the summer of 2023, I hope you are aware of issues at our home, the Oxnard Masonic Center. When the building was wrought, between 1959 and 1960, asbestos was still an appropriate insulation material for commercial buildings. Over the past year, the insulation over the stage area began to fall onto the stage floor. At first it appeared to be normal insulation; testing found it to be asbestos. Of course, remediation of building spaces filled with asbestos only happens quickly on television remodeling shows. Both of the blue lodges as well as ourselves must deal with alternate meeting methods. When we met at the Ventura center in May, the members present decided we should continue meeting in the dining room of the Oxnard center.

So, for June, and again as we restart meeting in September, we will have dinner and then reset the dining room for our stated meeting. I ask that all in the area continue to attend and maintain our bonds of friendship.

Of course, summer being here also brings the annual New England lobster feed, again at Camarillo Springs Park. I know that Harold Bogner and his able crew will once again provide a great lunch of either lobster or steak. Scheduled to attend is the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Randy Brill, as well as many of his officers and their families. Be sure to ask Most Worshipful Randy if he has



any tricks up his sleeve... (he is a magician.)

This annual barbecue will for the first time benefit our own Ventura Valley Rite Care. This is an important milestone as we continue the process of establishing and “building” our own Care Center. Buying tickets and enjoying the barbecue becomes even more meaningful as you are directly supporting our efforts. You may find ticket information in this month’s issue (see page 5).

Indeed, please have a great summer and enjoy our Southern California weather. If you are travelling, please be safe and bring your family back home with wonderful memories.

And a shameless plug... please mark your calendar for the third weekend of August. The annual
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PR's Quill

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Wings over Camarillo show will again fill the sky with historic aircraft, and the STEM pavilion will highlight multiple activities for the youngsters.

Following the show, proceeds go back to the non-profits that assisted, including our own local Jobs Daughters and DeMolay. Make it a family day!

Salve Frater,
John



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From The Kitchen Staff

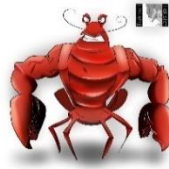
Be sure to make your reservations with Harold Bogner, preferably by email to hbogner@smartsourcellc.com, otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).

Dinner Menu

June 12, 2023, Stated Meeting Dinner

Broiled Montreal Steak
Garlic Potatoes
Peas and carrots
Brownies

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Friday, June 9th, 2023
Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above)



For Information & Tickets

Cut-off date for tickets – July 7, 2023

Checks can be made out to: Ventura County Scottish Rite

Roy Price, 32° 805/276-8946 | venturaprice@yahoo.com

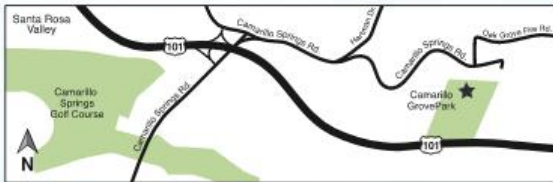
Available to Members & Family & Friends

"No Refunds"

The Thirty First Annual New England Summer Picnic Saturday, July 15th, 2023

Place: Camarillo Grove Park – 6968 E. Camarillo Springs Road
(101 Exit – Camarillo Springs Road)

Location of Event: Area #1 – Open around 10:00AM to 4:00PM
Parking Fee Paid



"Bring Your Own Large Platters"

- Serving Time:** 12:00PM to 1:00PM
- Serving:** 1 ½ lb. Maine Lobster – Cost \$55.00
- Serving:** 1 lb. New York Steak – Cost \$45.00
- With:** Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Garlic Bread, Mussels (if available), Free Hot Dogs for Kids, Coffee, Water & Lemonade
- Entertainment:** DJ & Silent Auction

**Contact David Beaver ASAP 805/535-8028
to donate items for the silent auction.**



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ritecare@venturascottishrite.org



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.*

Robert 'Dee' Matson, (805) 647-6728
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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.*

Fredrick Felix Skill crossed on 3/15/2023
James Wilson Newton crossed on 3/20/2023



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Mark Your Calendar

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

- Mon Jun 12 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Jun 9*), 7:30 pm Stated Meeting in the Oxnard dining room, *Wise Master presiding*
- Sat Jun 17 Take inventory for New England Summer Picnic, 8:00 am, Oxnard Conex box
- Mon Jun 26 Planning meeting for the New England Summer Picnic, 6:00 pm, Oxnard dining room
- Fri Jul 7 Last Day to purchase tickets for the New England Summer Picnic!**
- Sat Jul 15 New England Summer Picnic, Camarillo Grove Park, serving 1:00 – 2:00 pm**

DARK for rest of July and for August

