

*Ventura Lodge of Perfection in the Orient of  
California, Valley of Ventura, Scottish Rite*

# *Views from Ventura Valley*

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## Officers for 2011



**Also: Special March 14<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting:  
Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner, *FREE* (reservations required!)  
Irish Dancers!  
25 and 50 Year Presentation!  
and more**

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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

From our Installation of Officers here is a group picture of our officers for 2011, along with the installing officers.

### In Memoriam

**Louis Edward Vann, 32°  
KCCH**



Brother Lou Vann left us on January 24, 2011.

Lou was originally from North Carolina and served in the U.S.

Navy for 29 years, retiring with the rank of Commander. He served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam and earned the Navy Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart.

Lou was a resident of Port Hueneme for 54 years and served on the Planning Commission and the Board of Directors of the Point Mugu Credit Union. He was President of Toastmasters and a long time member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Lou and his wife Mary were married for 56 years and raised four daughters. After Mary's death Lou married Lennie.

Lou served our Valley as Wise Master in 1993 and as Venerable Master in 2006. He was made a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1999. He was in charge of our Valley's Jr. ROTC program for many years and was a steadfast supporter of our service men and women and our veterans. He worked on stagecraft and managed the lighting for our degrees.

A service was held for Lou on January 29 at his church.

Lou was a tireless worker in our Valley and we will miss him.

## Big Doings March 14: Irish Dinner Free of Charge Irish Dancers to Perform Special Lady to be Honored 25 & 50 Year Presentations

Yes, it will be a big evening for us on March 14.

We will begin the evening with a traditional Irish corned beef and cabbage dinner which will be FREE OF CHARGE, but in order to attend you MUST make a reservation. Email Brother Tom Fanslow, 32°, at [lakeside.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:lakeside.thomas@gmail.com) or call him at (805) 482-3604 and let him know that you will be there. In keeping with the theme we will have a performance by the Claddagh Dance Company of Ventura, who among other honors won the North American championship in 2009. Check out their web site at <http://claddaghdance.com>.

As a **surprise** (*please don't tell her!*) we will be honoring Lady **Lois**

### Our Lady of the Centerpieces (Thank you, Lynn Piper, for this article.)

Every monthly meeting our dinner tables are decorated with seasonal, or otherwise appropriate centerpiece decorations by one lovely lady, Lois Marrs. Lois is a staple at Valley of Ventura Scottish Rite and we thought it was about time we shared a little about her. She was born February 21, 1919 and married a Superintendent of Ocean View School in Oxnard.

Lois had three children - two boys and a girl.

One son holds a Doctorate in

Marrs, who has been a mainstay of our Ladies' Association and is responsible for the lovely table decorations that adorn our dinner tables (see story below).

We will also be passing out 25 and 50 year awards to our eligible members. Our 50 year recipients are Brothers **Donal Ziemer**, 32°, and **William Milham**, 32°. Our 25 year recipients are Brothers **Charles Batterson**, 32° KCCCH, **Ray Broomfield**, 32°, **Augusto Garcia**, 32°, **Edward Golden**, 32°, and **Glenn Nielson**, 32°. Congratulations to all of these brothers on reaching these milestones.

### Web Site

Our website continues to evolve. Check it out at

<http://venturascottishrite.com>

We are also on Facebook.

Journalism and was an Editor of a newspaper in Alaska. He was also Managing Editor of a newspaper in San Luis Obispo and served as City Editor and Sports Editor of the Star newspaper in Ventura.

The other son is the oldest mailman in Lancaster, serving at the B. A. Chapman Post Office. He has the largest route in town.

Lois' daughter was a wonderful wife and mother, but unfortunately, passed away several years ago.

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Lois was a school teacher for 23 years, serving at Ocean View School in Oxnard, Mound and Juanamaria Schools in Ventura. One can only imagine how her students must have enjoyed her as she has retained such a love of life and playful spirit all these years.

After retiring, and being unwilling to rest on her laurels, she began selling Avon products.

Lois also has a long Masonic history. She joined the Eastern Star in 1938 and played organ for their meetings for a number of years. She became a Daughter of the Nile in 1979, and joined the Scottish Rite Women's Association in about 1984. Every month, along with planning, setting up and packing up the table decorations, she also opens the women's group with an inspirational poem or two.

As of this writing, Lois has ten grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

She is a shining example of making the most of one's life and we appreciate her very much.

### Upcoming Events

The big doings at our March stated meeting are discussed above. Remember, dinner is free, but you MUST make reservations.

Our stated meeting for April will be on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The other big event of the month will be our annual Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our next highway cleanups are scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 16<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 are in order for Ill.: Russell Charvonia, 33°, on his being recommended to serve the Grand Lodge of California as Junior Grand Warden.

At our January 10<sup>th</sup> stated meeting we installed our officers for 2011. Brother Bill Campbell, 32° KCCCH, served as Installing Officer, assisted by Ill.: Tom Melugin, 33°, and Ill.: Fred 'Tiny' Potter, 33°. Also, Brother Jerry Gonzales, 32° KCCCH, began his tenure as the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General for our Valley. See cover and pictures on pages 12 and 13.

### Freemasonry: It's English Origins and History

(The following is from a series of emails your editor recently received on the history of Freemasonry.)

England is the oldest European country (1500 years old) and London itself was founded by the Romans in 53 AD.

The history of Freemasonry is generally separated into two time periods: before and after the formation of the Premier Grand Lodge of England in 1717. Before this time, the facts and origins of Freemasonry are not absolutely known and are therefore frequently  
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## From the PR's Quill

*Jerry E. Gonzales, 32° KCCH*

**H**ello and welcome to the Valley of Ventura. I would like to express my personal thank you to our members and ladies for your support as your New Personal Representative. Before I say another word let me bring you greetings from the Illustrious William F. Stovall, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Orient of California. As the new PR for Ill. Stovall, I am pleased to say our newly elected and appointed officers are off to a great start. I am pleased and encouraged by their eagerness and enthusiasm in which they are moving forward with the tasks at hand. I hope you will continue to support them as we all work together to improve our Valley and bring you quality and rewarding programs.

At this time I would like to share a few programs and comments on some upcoming events, which I feel



are of interest to us all. I intend to only summarize these items but promise you we will be providing more detailed information from time to time.

### ABOUT THE SCOTTISH RITE:

#### 1. OUR MISSION:

- a. It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and Country.

#### 2. STRATEGIC PLAN:

- a. **Objective 1:** Fulfill the promise of additional Masonic knowledge through education and training.
- b. **Objective 2:** Establish a Public Relations Department
- c. **Objective 3:** Support and expand our philanthropic activities

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- d. **Objective 4:** Provide a framework for effective leadership to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity
- e. **Objective 5:** Provide a financial process to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity

### WAYS TO GIVE:

The Supreme Council established two foundations that support the preservation of the historic House of the Temple and fulfill the philanthropic ideals emphasized in Freemasonry. We offer several ways for brethren and friends to contribute to these charities.

1. CASH GIFTS
2. PLEDGED GIFTS
3. LEGACY GIFTS

The House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc. was established to maintain and preserve the House of the Temple, the historic national headquarters of the Southern Jurisdiction. This foundation also supports the maintenance of the exhibits and artifacts in our Museum collections, as well as funding our extensive Library.

The Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. provides funding for three programs. One of the programs this foundation funds is the RiteCare Childhood Language Centers nationwide, helping to provide training and education to children with language disorders. Through this foundation the Supreme Council has established several scholarship opportunities for deserving young men and women so they may attend college or vocational school. We also provide relief to victims of disasters, such as 911 and Katrina.

Our spring class has been canceled due to no candidates! I am hopeful that we will seek out and find some new candidates for our fall class. It has been a year since our valley has put on the degrees so I am encouraging the Director of the Work and the degree heads to get your casts together and take this time to hone up your ritual before September when our fall classes are scheduled. With this thought in mind, please note that the Southwest Regional Reunion is being held in Oakland, CA this year. This is an opportunity to observe all the Scottish Rite Degrees, and with that in mind I would like to get a list together of those who are planning to attend this event.

Some additional upcoming events I hope you will watch your calendar for are: Remembrance and Renewal, a Scottish Rite Required Commitment, as well as Memorial Day Laying of Wreath, and of course our Annual New England Picnic Fund Raiser, as well as Child ID and our monthly Highway Clean Up.

I encourage you to attend, support and get involved in some or all of your Valley's functions. At our upcoming dinner meeting, we are having something very special, a FREE, yes you heard me right; "FREE" as in ON THE HOUSE dinner. This dinner is RSVP only, and we will be having a special entertainment program, we will also be honoring a very special person in our valley and presenting our 25 and 50 year awards. This is going to be an event to remember so I encourage you to either call in your reservation or go to face book and get your name on the list. This will be a sit down, served dinner so please come early if you want a good seat.

Finally I would like to report that Venerable Master Thom Piper has launched the Brother to Brother program and has all the heads of bodies making contact with our missing brethren around the county in an effort to get them back to our meetings and functions.

To all of you I again say thank you for your trust and confidence in me, and your continued support to myself, the Valley and your officers, who are working hard to serve you the members of this great Valley of Ventura. I look forward to your smiling faces, as well as sharing your brotherly love and affection at our upcoming dinner meeting.

*Jerry E. Gonzalez, KCCH*

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explained by theories or legends.

After the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, the history of Freemasonry is extremely well-documented and can be traced through the creation of hundreds of Grand Lodges that spread rapidly worldwide.

English Masonic historians place great importance on 24 June 1717 (St. John the Baptist's day) when four London lodges came together at the Goose and Gridiron Ale House in St. Paul's churchyard and formed what they called The Grand Lodge of England. Although Freemasonry had existed in England since at least the

mid-1600s and in Scotland since The Schaw Statutes were enacted in 1598 and 1599, the establishment of a permanent Grand Lodge in London in 1717 is traditionally considered the formation of organized Freemasonry in its modern sense.

A credible historical source asserting the antiquity of Freemasonry is the Halliwell Manuscript or Regius Poem – believed to date from *ca.* 1390. This makes reference to several concepts and phrases similar to those found in Freemasonry. The manuscript itself seems to be an elaboration on an earlier document, to which it refers.

There is also the Cooke Manuscript, an undated manuscript constitution

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## Lodge of Perfection

Thom Piper, 32°, Venerable Master

I was reflecting upon events taking place this year in the Middle East and it dawned on me what a great country this really is and how lucky I am to have been born here. Brother Tom Melugin, 33°, recently gave me a short book to read entitled 'Dynamic Freedoms'. It contains freedom documents and was published by the Supreme Council 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, as a public service. I would like to share a brief excerpt from the forward in this booklet:

Truth is forever, and there is no greater truth than man must be free. The documents presented in this book capture moments in the history of America when our forebears took giant steps toward liberty. By preserving this living record of our Nation's past, the Scottish Rite brings to ever new generations the principles of freedom that, as Thomas Jefferson said, "form the bright constellation which has guided our steps through an age of revolution and transformation."

Today, too, is "an age of revolution and transformation." It is necessary now as it was over two centuries ago to understand and fight for the ideals that carried America to independence and that still keep us free today. The political rights and civil liberties of 42% of the world's population are severely limited or totally repressed. Unless Americans remember and preserve our rich heritage of liberty, a new Dark Age of tyranny could lock the majority of mankind into the harsh chains of



totalitarian slavery.

The choice is ours. We are free. Given the action of good men, we will remain free. No society is stronger than the sum of its individual citizens. Consequently, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is dedicated to making good men better, to building each individual's inner temple of moral character and spiritual achievement. And freedom in all its forms – speech, press, assembly, petition, religion – is essential to this work.

This is from the forward, by Past Sovereign Grand Commander III.: C. Fred Kleinknecht. It was first published in July, 1980. It's so timely it could just as well have been written today.

There are a few copies of this booklet available. If you want one, please see Brother Andy Little, 33°.

## FROM THE KITCHEN STAFF

### ***CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RESERVATIONS***

***PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS WITH TOM FANSLAW, PREFERABLY BY EMAIL AT [LAKESIDE.THOMAS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LAKESIDE.THOMAS@GMAIL.COM) (NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS), OTHERWISE CALL 482-3604 (LEAVE A MESSAGE), NO LATER THAN THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE DINNER.***

***We no longer have a standing reservation list.***  
***You MUST email or call in your reservations.***

### **Menu for March and April**

#### **March 14, 2011, Stated Dinner Honoring a Special Lady, 25 & 50 Year Presentations, Irish Dancers**

Traditional Irish **Corned Beef and Cabbage** dinner.  
The Usual Libations  
Desert

Price: **FREE!**  
But you **MUST** make reservations!

#### **April 11, 2011, Stated Meeting**

**Chicken Dinner**  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
The Usual Libations  
Dessert

Price: \$10.00 per person

**Reservations are an absolute must. Please call or e-mail a confirmation. We no longer have a standing reservation list.**

## Chapter of Rose Croix

Augusto Garcia, 32°, Wise Master

**H**appy New Year to all, hope this year will be fruitful in our rite and guide us to the right direction. Since this is my first article, I would like to thank everybody for putting your trust in me. Brethren, thank you very much. I know I have a lot to learn, with your help and confidence in me, we will accomplish all things.

From *Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*:

How we define **UNWORTHY MEMBERS**. That there are men in our Order whose lives and characters reflect no credit on our institution, whose ears turn coldly from its beautiful lessons of morality, whose hearts are untouched by its soothing influences of brotherly kindness, whose hands are not opened to aid in its deeds of charity is a fact which we cannot deny, although we may be permitted to express our grief while we acknowledge its truth. But these men, though in the Temple, are not of the Temple; they are among us, but are not with us; they belong to our household, but they are not of our faith; they are of Israel, but they are not Israel. We have sought to teach them, but they would not be instructed; seeing, they have not perceived; and hearing they have not understood the symbolic language in which our lessons of wisdom are communicated. The fault is not with

us, that we have not given, but with them, that they have not received. And, indeed, hard and unjust would it be to censure the Masonic Institution, because, partaking of the infirmity and weakness of human wisdom and human means, it has been unable to give strength and perfection to all who come within its pale. The denial of a Peter, the doubting of a Thomas, or even betrayal of a Judas, could cash no reproach on that holy band of Apostles of which each formed a constituent part.

“Is Freemasonry answerable,” says Dr. Olivar (Landmarks, page 148) “for the misdeeds of an individual Brother? By no means. He has had the advantages of Masonic instruction, and has failed to profit by it. He has enjoyed Masonic privileges, but has not possessed Masonic virtue.”

Such a man it is our duty to reform, or to dismiss; but the world should not condemn us, if we fail in our attempt at reformation. God alone can change the heart. Freemasonry furnishes precepts and obligations of duty which, if obeyed, must make its members wiser, better happier men; but its claims no power of regeneration. Condemn when our instruction is evil, but not when our pupils are dull, and deaf to our lessons; for, in so doing, you condemn the holy religion which you profess. Freemasonry prescribes no principles that are opposed to the

sacred teachings of the Devine Lawgiver, and sanctions no acts that are not consistent with the sternest morality and the most faithful obedience to the government and the laws; and while this continues to be its character it cannot, without the most atrocious injustice, be made responsible for the acts of its unworthy members.

Of all human societies, Freemasonry is undoubtedly under

all circumstances, the fittest to form the truly good man. But however well conceived may be its laws, they cannot completely change the natural disposition of those who ought to observe them. In truth, they serve as lights and guides; but as they can only direct men by restraining the impetuosity of their passions these last too often become dominant and the Institution is forgotten.

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from the mid-15th century, the oldest of the Gothic Constitutions. The first statutory use of the word "Freemason" in England appears in the Statutes of the Realm enacted in 1495 under Henry VI, although the archaic term "frank mason" had been used fifty years earlier. Prior to that, the earliest use of the term "frank Masons" was in a 1376 reference to the "Company of frank Masons," one of the numerous craft guilds of London.

By 1583, the date of the Grand Lodge manuscript, the documentary evidence begins to grow. These are described as Head and Principal respectively. As a side note, following a dispute over numbering at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (GLS) – Kilwinning is numbered as Lodge Mother of Kilwinning Number 0 (pronounced 'Nothing'), GLS. Quite soon thereafter, a charter was granted to Sir William St. Clair (later Sinclair) of Roslin (Rosslyn), allowing him to purchase jurisdiction over a number of lodges in Edinburgh and environs. This may be the basis of the Templar myth surrounding Rosslyn Chapel.

The Regius Poem and Cooke manuscript, about 1390 and 1410 respectively, are written in the dialects of

the west and southwest of England, and may have been written for the school of masonry associated with Salisbury Cathedral in Wiltshire.

Early operative Freemasons, unlike virtually all Europeans except the Clergy, were Free – not bound to the land on which they were born. The various skills required in building complex stone structures, especially churches and cathedrals, allowed skilled masons to travel and find work at will. They were lodged in a temporary structure – either attached to, or near, the main stone building. In this lodge, they ate, slept and received their work assignments from the master of the work. To maintain the freedom they enjoyed required exclusivity of skills, and thus, as an apprentice was trained, his instructor attached moral values to the tools of the trade, binding him to his fellows of the craft.

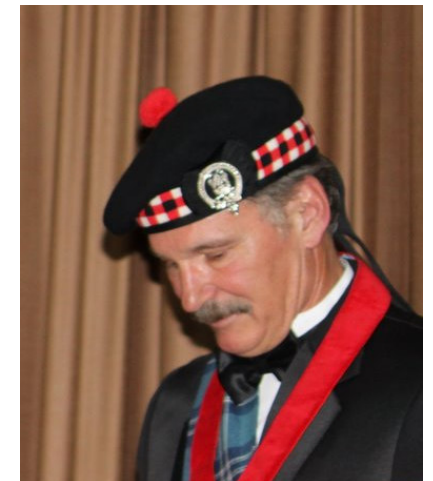
Freemasonry's transition from a craft guild of operative, working stonemasons into a fraternity of speculative, accepted, gentleman Freemasons began in Scottish lodges during the early 1600s. The earliest record of a lodge accepting a non-operative member occurs in the records of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), 8 June 1600, where it is shown that John Boswell, Laird of Auchinleck,

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## Installation Pictures



Top – Installing Officer William F. Campbell, 32° KCCH (L) and Installing Chaplain III.: Fred 'Tiny' Potter, 33°. Lower left – Installing Master of Ceremonies III.: Tom Melugin, 33°. Bottom Right – Venerable Master Thom Piper, 33°. Opposite Page – Ladies' Association: (back) Lady Terrie Metzler, (front L-R) Ladies Mary Elizabeth Sharp, Lois Marrs, Nola Braugula. and Ires Sutton.





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was present at a meeting. The first record of the initiation of a non-operative mason in a lodge is contained in the minutes of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) for 3 July 1634, when the Right Honourable Lord Alexander was admitted a Fellowcraft. The first record of the Initiation of a non-operative on English soil, was in 1641 when Sir Robert Moray was admitted to the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) at Newcastle.

From the early 1600's references are found to Freemasonry in personal diaries and journals. Elias Ashmole was made a Mason in Warrington, England, in 1646 and notes attending several Masonic meetings. There appears to be a general spread of the Craft, between Ashmole's account

and 1717, when four English Lodges meeting in London taverns joined together and founded the Grand Lodge of London (now known as the United Grand Lodge of England). They had held meetings, respectively, at the Cheshire Cheese Tavern, the Apple-Tree Tavern, the Crown Ale-House near Drury Lane, the Goose and Gridiron in St. Paul's Churchyard, and the Rummer and Grapes Tavern in Westminster.

With the foundation of this first Grand Lodge, Freemasonry shifted from being an obscure, relatively private, institution into the public eye. The years following saw new Grand Lodges open throughout Europe. How much of this growth was the spreading of Freemasonry itself, and how much was due to the public organization of pre-existing private Lodges, is uncertain.



**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.*

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
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Please give these brethren 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, Walt Bragulla, 32° KCCH, (644-2055) 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.*

- Thomas Andress Medlen III crossed on 3/28/2009**
- Robert Lee Hamm crossed on 12/29/2010**
- Louis Edward Vann crossed on 1/24/2011**



Freemasonry Builds Its Temples in the  
 Hearts of Men and Among Nations.

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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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| Sat | Mar   | 12 | Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Saticoy   |
| Mon | Mar   | 14 | <b>Irish Themed Stated Meeting: Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), Irish dancers, 25 &amp; 50 Year awards presented, 7:30 PM, Stated meeting following</b> |
| Mon | Apr   | 11 | Stated Meeting: Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following   |
| Sat | Apr   | 16 | Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Saticoy   |
| Mon | Apr   | 25 | <b>Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony (open to all): Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), ceremonies begin at 7:30 PM</b>                                      |
| Mon | May   | 9  | Stated Meeting: Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following   |
| May | 11-15 |    | Southwest Scottish Rite Regional Reunion, Oakland, CA  |
| Sat | May   | 14 | Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Saticoy   |
| Mon | May   | 30 | Avenue of the Flags at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park Memorial Day, 10 AM, Laying of wreath by Ventura County Scottish Rite Bodies   |

