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Leaders for 2018



(from left)

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Steven Goad, 32°, Wise Master

James Craig, 32° KCCH, Commander

Roy Price, 32°, Master of Kadosh

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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 depicts our new Heads of Bodies for 2018, who were installed on January 8. Please give them your support as they lead our Valley through this year.

Upcoming Events

NOTE: new date for Remembrance and Renewal. Due to conflicts we have rescheduled this event for Monday, March 19th. As usual the program will include the Remembrance of Departed Brethren, an explanation of the Last Supper, the Mystic Banquet, and the Extinguishing and Relighting of the Lights. Please join us for this inspiring event. Dinner reservations are required; contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at hbogner@smartsourcellc.com, or (805) 218-1648, no later than Thursday, March 15th.

Our next stated meeting will be on March 12. We will be honoring our 25-year members that evening. Those members are: Aitken Birdsall, 32°, Jingo G. Dimalanta, 32°, Edward C. Jones Jr., 32°, John R. Klopstein, 32°, Claude W. LeMond, 32°, Richard Marquez, 32° KCCH, Robert W. Napp, 32°, Dallas A. Petersen, 32°, James H. Port, 32°, Alan R. Riekkki, 32°, Javier G. Rosales, 32°, John C. Wear III, 32°, and Bruce A. Woodling, 32°. We hope to have a program as well. If you will be joining us for dinner, reservations are due to Harold by Thursday, March 8.

For April our stated meeting will be on April 9. The program is yet to be determined. If you will be joining us for dinner, reservations are due to Harold by Thursday, April 5.

Our Spring Class will start on Saturday, April 21, at 8:00 am. We will confer the 4th, 14th, and 18th Degrees on that date. We can

always use help with the degrees, or if you just want to come and watch them, we would love to have you.

Our highway cleanups will be on Saturdays, March 17th and April 14th. Meet at the Café 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 AM for breakfast.

News of the Valley

On January 8th we installed our new officers for 2018. (See cover.) We thank the installing team, Ill.∴ and MW Russ Charvonia, 33°, Ill.∴ G. Thomas Melugin, 33°, and Ill.∴ Orvene Carpenter, 33°, for an excellent job. As usual, Anacapa Lodge served us a fabulous meal.

Prior to our February stated meeting our Orator, Sir Knight Raul Cifuentes, 32° KCCH, presented a slide and video show on the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., including footage of his own visit there. At the meeting we read four petitions, which brings us up to five for our Spring Class.

Scholarships

(We are repeating this information from our previous newsletter. If you know of someone entering or continuing college next year, please pass this on to them.) For those entering college next year, or continuing their college or graduate school educations, Masonic sources offer a variety of opportunities. You can learn about scholarship offerings by the California Scottish Rite Foundation at <http://www.casr-foundation.org/scholarships/ruppert-scholarship/>.

The Grand Lodge of California also has an active scholarship program. You can find information at <http://www.freemason.org/scholarships/index.htm>.

From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 33°

Greetings to our Scottish Rite family!

Wishing each and every one of you a blessed Easter Season. I hope you enjoyed our Valentines Day Dinner and presentation, and I am happy to report our newly elected officers are off and running with the upcoming year. As we enter into March please note we have not only our stated meeting dinner on the 12th but will have the Remembrance and Renewal Dinner the following Monday on the 19th. This date had to be moved up one week due to a conflict with some other Masonic Function Bodies with which some of our officers are involved. I hope this will not inconvenience you too much and hope you join us for our Special Program on the 19th.

There are many events going on in the coming months. Just to name a few we have our Spring Reunion Class coming up towards the end of April for which we have 5 candidates with a couple other perspectives. Please get those petitions in by next stated meeting so we may vote on them before the class. We have also attended our VMAP orientation and Bro. Raul is off and running with this program. We were very close to completing all the events this past year and are working hard to achieving a complete program in the future. Also remember the State-wide 29-degree reunion planned for the end of June at which our valley will be conferring the 18th Degree, which we are working on both for our own reunion as well as this major production planned for June. As we continue to move on our officers are busy working on programs for our meetings, and if anyone has any input or suggestions they are most welcome. We would love to hear what would be of interest to our active members during our monthly meetings.

I encourage everyone to attend our dinners and programs, bring a friend if you



desire, but I will remind you reservations are a must for dinners to keep our costs to a reasonable price. Late or lack of a reservation as well as no shows cost the valley as we pay for a fixed number of dinners as planned by the numbers who make reservations. If we can get everyone to just be thoughtful enough to call for your reservation then we can continue to keep our price of dinner reasonable. One simple way is to pay for an annual pass, something I enjoy and have provided to make your reservations simple.

As always, I look forward to dining with you and for your continued support of the officers of the Valley.

God Bless You All Throughout the Year!

III. Jerry E. Gonzales 33°

Personal Representative to the SGIG

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

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From The Kitchen Staff

Dinner Reservations

2018 Dinner Reservation Policy:

Standing Reservations are available; for a rate of \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple per remaining dinner meetings of 2018. There are currently nine remaining dinner meetings including Remembrance and Renewal.

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, but no reservations will be accepted the day of the event!

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 (but reservations are required)!

(Special Guests and Visitors will be exempted from non-reservation price.)

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

March 12th Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Steamed Potatoes, Sourdough Bread & Cookies

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

RSVP by Thursday, March 8th, 2018

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

Please note we will not take any reservations after March 11th!

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

March 19th Dinner Menu Remembrance and Renewal

Baked Chicken, Seasoned Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Chocolate Cake

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

RSVP by Thursday, March 15th, 2018

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

Please note we will not take any reservations after March 18th!

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

April 9th Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Assorted Pudding

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

RSVP by Thursday, April 5th, 2018

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

Please note we will not take any reservations after April 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, 642-6621 William R. Wood
John Klopstein, 486-0602

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 our Prelate, Chuck Batterson, 32° KCCH, (746-0844 or nereus2006@sbcglobal.net) 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.*

Craig Robins MacClean passed on 4/23/2017
William Herbert Anderson Jr. passed on 1/20/2018
Edward Ernest Golden passed on 1/23/2018



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

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Mark Your Calendar

For Reservations email harold55@juno.com, or call (805) 218-1648

Mon Mar 12 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 pm (Reserve by Mar 8), 25 Year awards presented, 7:30 pm, Stated meeting following (MK)
Sat Mar 17 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy
Mon Mar 19 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (Reserve by Mar 15), Remembrance & Renewal Ceremony 7:30 pm (Open to all) (WM)

Mon Apr 9 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm
(Reserve by Apr 5), Program 7:30 pm, Stated meeting following (CoK)
Sat Apr 14 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 am
Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus, Saticoy
Sat Apr 21 SPRING FAST CLASS (part 1),
Setup at 7:00 pm Fri, Apr 20, Class
starts at 8:00 am Apr 21

Mon May 14 (Mothers Day) Social 5:30 pm, Dinner
6:30 pm (Reserve by May 10), Program
7:30 PM, Stated meeting following

