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Leaders for 2022



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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

The heads of the bodies for 2022, installed on January 10, are: (TL) Brother Roy Price, 32°, Venerable Master; (TR) Brother Mark Torrez, 32°, Wise Master; (BL)

Sir Knight Steve Goad, 32° KCCH, Commander; and Sir Knight Ryan Phillips, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh.

From the Secretary

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

Our stated meeting for March will be on March 14. *Be sure to set your clocks ahead on March 13 so that you will be on time!* 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, March 11. Cost is \$20.

We will celebrate Remembrance and Renewal the following Monday, March 21. We hope all of you can

join us for this inspirational ceremony. If you will be joining us for dinner, reservations are required; contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, (see above) no later than March 18.

Our stated meeting for April will be on April 11. At that time, we will hand out 25- and 50-year awards to those members who have achieved these milestones. If you will be joining us for dinner, reservations are required; contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, (see above) no later than April 8.

Rite Way Conference

We hope that many of our members, especially our up-and-coming leaders, will take advantage of the upcoming conference in San Diego. The Valley will consider covering expenses for those members attending, contact us for details.

The 2022 Rite Way Conferences are an exciting learning opportunity for Scottish Rite Masons and will feature a variety of powerful topics, including:

- Mentoring Mystique
- Philanthropies at the Supreme Council, Orient, and Valley Levels
- Master Craftsman Education
- Membership Opportunities, Incentives and Engagements
- Leadership Transition to the Next Generation

Keynote Speaker, Most Worshipful & Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder, 33°, will lead off each of these two-day conferences

with his presentation "*Developing and Empowering New Leaders*". Grand Archivist Arturo de Hoyos will lead a Friday evening *Scottish Rite Q & A*, and the weekend will conclude with a 1-hour Town Hall-style meeting with Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. James D. Cole, 33°.

One of the Rite Way Conferences will be held in San Diego, CA, April 8-9, which is most convenient to us.

To register, go to

<https://scottishrite.jotform.com/213264101460037>

First-time attendees will receive the special rate of \$88. The fee for other attendees is \$175.

Fulfill your New Year's Resolution to *Improve Yourself In Masonry* by registering and attending a 2022 Rite Way Conference! You will be glad you did.

Rite Way Conference Agenda

FRIDAY ITINERARY

1:00—1:25pm	Welcome & Introductions
1:25—2:15pm	Keynote Address- <i>Imperial Sir Jeff Sowder, 33°</i>
2:30—3:50pm	Mentoring Mystique- <i>Mark S. Oldknow, 33°</i>
4:00—5:00pm	RITE CARE- <i>Ms. Sheri Mistretta</i>
7:00—9:00pm	<i>Open dialogue with Ill. Arturo DeHoyos</i>

SATURDAY ITINERARY

8:00—8:55am	Philanthropies- <i>Rich Nowacki, 32° KCCH</i>
9:00—10:15am	Master Craftsman Education- <i>Lane Dossett, 33°</i>
10:30—11:30am	VMAP During COVID- <i>Mark S. Oldknow, 33°</i>
1:00—1:15pm	Scottish Rite Research Society Discussion
1:15—2:00pm	Membership Incentives- <i>Ill. Bill Sloan, 33°</i>
2:00—2:50pm	Live Mentoring Discussion
3:00—4:00pm	<i>Town Hall with Sovereign Grand Commander Cole</i>

From the PR's Quill

Ill John F. Lowe, 33°

As we are now into the month of March, hope always springs eternal for a glorious springtime as nature wakes from winter and shows us her wonderful colors. But this March feels different than so many instances of March fleetingly past. After nearly two years of struggle against the pandemic of COVID-19, of lockdowns, of losing loved ones and friends alike, we are beginning a slow return to normal... albeit a likely different normal than but a few years ago.

Yet it is important that we allow friends and brothers, family and guests, to move back towards social activities at their own pace. While face coverings may no longer be mandated, some still feel safer masked; we should practice kindness to all with whom we may come into contact. We should understand those who may not feel safe in crowds, especially indoors.

As this article is written our nation is suffering effects from the matter between Russia and Ukraine. Regardless of your particular position, we must support our brethren in those affected areas as we would support our brethren at home. No doubt Scottish Rite masons will answer appeals for assistance, each to his own ability.

These thoughts lead me to a passage in *Morals and Dogma*, written by Albert Pike:

Masonry teaches, that, of all the events and actions that take place in the universe of worlds and the eternal succession of ages, there is not one, even the minutest, which God did not forever foresee, with all the distinctness of immediate vision, combining all, so that man's free



will should be His instrument, like all the other forces of nature...

We know that God is good, and that what He does is right. This known, the works of creation, the changes of life, the destinies of eternity, are all spread before us, as the dispensations and counsels of infinite love. This known, we then know that the love of God is working to issues, like itself, beyond all thought and imagination good and glorious; and that the only reason why we do not understand it, is that it is too glorious for us to understand. God's love takes care for all, and nothing is neglected. It watches over all, provides for all, makes wise adaptations for all; for age, for infancy, for maturity, for childhood; in every scene of this or another world; for want, weakness, joy, sorrow, and even for sin. All is good and well and right; and shall be so forever. Through the eternal

ages the light of God's beneficence shall shine hereafter, disclosing all, consummating all, rewarding all that deserve reward. Then we shall see, what now we can only believe... We must pass through the darkness, to reach the light.

We hope that you will return to our March stated meeting and may you continue with good health.

Salve Frater,

John

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

March 14, 2022, Stated Meeting Dinner

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

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Thursday, March 11th, 2022

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above)

March 21, 2022, Remembrance & Renewal

Baked Chicken, Seasoned Rice, Mixed Vegetables, and Chocolate Cake

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Thursday, March 21th, 2019

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above)

April 11th 2022, Stated Meeting Dinner

(tentative) Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Succulent Corn, and Assorted Pudding

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Thursday, April 8th, 2022

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above)



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

Jim Daniels, (805) 984-7272

Wes Reed, (805) 390-8758

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.*

Harvey Arling Munn crossed on 12/3/2020

Irman M. 'Skip' Evans crossed on 6/10/2021

Edward Frank Paul crossed on 1/16/2022



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HEARTS OF MEN AND AMONG NATIONS.**

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

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Mark Your Calendar

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

Sun Mar 13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS! Set your clocks forward one hour!

Mon Mar 14 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (Reservations by Mar 11), 7:30 pm Stated Meeting (CoK)

Mon Mar 21 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (Reservations by Mar 18), Remembrance & Renewal Program (WM)

Fri-Sun Apr 8-10, 2022 Rite Way Conference, San Diego, up and coming leaders urged to attend.

Mon Apr 11 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (Reservations by Apr 8), 7:30 pm 25- and 50-Year Awards, Stated Meeting following (MoK)

Mon May 9 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (Reservations by May 6), 7:30 pm Stated Meeting (VM)

