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Cover: Officers for 2023

[TL] Venerable Master Roy Price;
[TR] Wise Master Salvador Lopez;

[BL] Commander Ray Broomfield;
[BR] Master of Kadosh Mark Torrez

Upcoming Events

Our next stated meeting is on Monday, March 13. 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 10. Cost is \$20. See page 5 for the menu.

The next stated meeting after that will be April 10. Reservations are due to Harold by Friday, April 7.

This year we will celebrate Remembrance and Renewal on April 17. Reservations are due to Harold by Friday, April 14.

News of the Valley

As many of you are already aware, Brother Mark Torrez, our Master of Kadosh, was recently severely injured in a fall while out

hiking. He will need weeks of recovery. Mark has been a great presence in our Valley, often handling lodge room and dining room setup, barkeeping duties, and coordination of our dinners. Please keep Mark in your thoughts and prayers, and if you are able, help fund his recovery.

On Saturday, March 18, Oxnard Lodge will hold a fundraising dinner to help Mark with his recovery. The dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. Cost of the dinner is \$20. Please come out and support Mark. See the flier below.

And more bad news: asbestos contamination has been discovered backstage in the lodge room. The Oxnard Hall Association is currently addressing the issue, but until further notice, **no one is allowed to go behind the curtains for any reason.** Safety is their top priority, and they appreciate our cooperation as they work to resolve this issue. Thank you for your understanding!

On a happier note, we have reserved Camarillo Grove Park for



our annual New England Summer Picnic, which will be on July 15.

Over the last few months Oxnard Masonic Center has accumulated a lot of *junk*. On March 25 a cleanup day has been set, starting at 12 noon. A dumpster will be ordered, and we plan to dispose of old kitchen utensils,

some broken tables, and try to free some space in the storage rooms. Any non-functional or unused objects will be disposed of on that day. To ensure that any items that should be kept are not disposed of, please mark them with blue tape.

The pandemic threw a monkey wrench into our degree work. Over the last three years we lost many members of the teams to illnesses, relocations, resignations, etc. We need to start rebuilding our degree teams. Please consider taking part. In addition to cast members we need various stagecraft workers, class directors, and degree directors.

We recently lost one member who, although not recently active, was a key figure during the formative years of our Valley. C. Richard 'Dick' Marshall was in the oil business. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1965 and was invested as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH) in 1975. He was a charter member of our Valley. After working out of the area for a few years, he returned and became a rancher in Santa Paula. He was also a 50-year member.

From the Secretary

I want to thank all the members who have sent in their dues payments for 2023. If you paid your 2022 dues then your 2023 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

From the PR's Quill

Ill John F. Lowe, 33°

Just a few months ago, did any of us think that now, in March, we could receive so much rain and snow that the water-use restrictions are now being backed down? Lake depths are up and snowpacks are over 200 percent of normal.

Also, as we move through March, we mark three years since the pandemic began. Now after mask wearing and social distancing, we are moving into the endemic stage of COVID, which will continue long term. It is up to each of us whether to wear a mask in public, on airplanes, or even cruise ships. It is a personal choice.

So now the big ask: is it time to bring Scottish Rite back to your monthly routine and attend our meetings? Our regular attendees feel you should join us at dinner for conversation and camaraderie.

Blue lodges are now gaining new members, which in turn means our Valley can welcome new members. We need you to help welcome them to our Valley and the University of Freemasonry.



Our Valley's work to open a Rite Care center continues. We are to build a board of directors and soon begin the process of advertising for clients. The Foundation office will provide marketing products such as brochures and other information. We hope you will be part of this important effort for the Valley of Ventura.

See you at dinner on March 13th?
We'll have a place set for you.

Salve Frater,
John



RiteCare Childhood Language Centers of California
a program of the
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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

March 13, 2023, Stated Meeting Dinner

Corned Beef, Cabbage/Carrots, Steam Potatoes, Sourdough Bread, Cookies

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Friday, March 10th, 2023
Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above)

April 10, 2023, Stated Meeting Dinner

Meat Lasagna, Italian vinaigrette dressing salad, Vegetables, Pound Cake

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Friday, April 7th, 2023
Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above)

April 17, 2023, Remembrance & Renewal

Baked Chicken, Seasoned Rice, Mixed vegetables, Chocolate Cake

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Friday, April 14th, 2023
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.*

Mark Torrez, (805)290-3200
John Klopstein, (805) 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 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.*

C. Richard 'Dick' Marshall crossed on 1/1/2022
Thomas Eugene Fanslow crossed on 1/26/2023



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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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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Mark Your Calendar

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

- Sun Mar 12 Daylight Savings Time. Set your clocks forward one hour
- Mon Mar 13 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (*Reservations by Mar 10*), 7:30 pm Stated meeting, *Commander of Kadosh in charge*
- Sat Mar 18 Dinner to benefit Mark Torrez' s recovery, 6:00 pm, Oxnard Masonic Center
- Sat Mar 25 Cleanup Day, Oxnard Masonic Center, 12:00 noon.
- Mon Apr .10 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (*Reservations by Apr 7*), 7:30 pm Stated Meeting. *Master of Kadosh in charge*
- Mon Apr 17 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (*Reservations by Apr 14*), 7:30 pm Remembrance & Renewal Program, *Wise Master in charge*
- Mon May 8 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (*Reservations by May 5*), 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting, *Venerable Master in charge*

