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Remembrance & Renewal



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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

This year we will celebrate Remembrance and Renewel on April 25, beginning with dinner at 6:30 pm. Come out and join us for these inspiring ceremonies. See page 6 for information.

In Memoriam Ed Sutton, 32° KCCH



Brother Edward Lloyd Sutton left us on March 15, 2011.

Ed was born April 18, 1924 in Detroit to Edward and Margaret Sutton, and lived in Ventura County for 65 years, coming from Rockford, Michigan. Ed graduated from

Trenton High School in Trenton, Michigan, and then went to work at a manufacturing plant. Later, he spent 20 years as a welder for the Gas Company, and five years as operations manager at Bank of America, before becoming a sheet metal worker. He retired from R.P. Richards Inc. Construction in 1987.

Ed proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II, where he was a corporal. The Army decided to make him a pilot but found out he was color blind. Therefore he became a flying crew chief in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was sent to Burma and flew the "hump" in C45s. One interesting or rather scary experience happened when he was kicking and pushing packs out of the door to the troops below. He went out the door with some of the equipment they were dropping and, luckily, he had a safety rope on and the other fellows pulled him back in. Ed was discharged in 1946. He joined the Naval Reserve Construction Battalion Corps 15 years later and served for 17 years, retiring as a Chief Petty Officer Steel Worker.

Edward married Ires Mott July 2, 1949, in the Wee Kirk O' the Heather Chapel at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale. The couple

celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary last year.

Ed was a member of Channel Islands Lodge #214 F.&A.M. and the Order of the Eastern Star, Channel Islands Chapter #78, where he served as associate patron. He was also a member of Al Malaikah Shrine.

Ed served our Valley as Master of Kadosh in 2003 and was invested as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor that same year. He was a member of, and active participant in, our Valley for over 25 years.

Ed was a delightful fellow and we all miss his company.

Upcoming Events

On Monday evening April 25 we will hold our annual Remembrance and Renewal ceremony, starting with dinner at 6:30. The ceremonies are open to everyone and include the Last Supper Tableau, Remembrance of Departed Brethren, the Mystic Banquet, and Extinguishing and Relighting of the Lights. See page 6 for details.

Our next stated meetings will be on May 9th and June 13th, the latter being designated as Flag Day. For those who haven't been out for awhile, Brother Bob Sills, 32° KCCH, has been presenting our Further Light in Masonry program consisting of short talks on subjects of interest to masons.

Under the able guidance of Brother Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, and Illustrious Tom Melugin, 33°, plans are well under way for our 21st Annual New England Summer Picnic to be held Saturday, July 30th, at College Park in Oxnard. This will be our first time at this location but we feel that it is an excellent facility and is more centrally located for our membership. Ticket prices have been reduced this year to \$25 for lobster and \$20 for steak. Tickets

will be available at our May stated meeting. See flyer on pages 8 and 9.

In place of our stated meeting for July we will have a potluck dinner on July 11th starting at 6:30. The ladies are also invited. Bring a dish to share. This will be followed by a planning meeting for the upcoming New England Summer Picnic and the Kids' ID program at the Ventura County Fair in August.

We will NOT have a stated meeting in August, we are dark that month.

Our next highway cleanups are scheduled for Saturday May 14th, June 18th, July 16th, and August 20th. 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

At our March stated meeting, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, we enjoyed a dinner of corned beef and cabbage, free of charge, while being entertained with Irish dances by the award-winning Claddagh Dance Company of Ventura. We also honored Lady Lois Marrs for her many years of service to our Valley. Next we presented 25 year awards to

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From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 32° KCCH

Hello and welcome to the Valley of Ventura. First I bring you greeting from the Illustrious William F. Stovall, 33 Degree, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Orient of California. Second I would like to congratulate Brother Thom Piper on a very nice meeting in March for Lady Louis Marrs. What a wonderful idea to recognize such a fine member of our organization. I would also like to thank our Orator for his fine presentations in Masonic Education over the past months. Brother Sills Thank you.

Sad news, as far as I can tell the Southwest Scottish Rite Regional Reunion, which was to be held in Oakland, CA in May, has been canceled. So for all of you like me who were planning to go see all the Degrees of Scottish Rite this year, well we will have to wait.

Good news, The New England Summer Picnic is still on for July, so I encourage all of you to get out there, sell those tickets, and when someone asks for your help with this event, please offer your assistance. It takes the hands and efforts of many to make this event happen and to those of you who year in and year out offer your assistance I say thank you for all you do, and I will do my best to give you as much recognition as possible as the days go by.

Now for some good news, I am please to say that under the direction of our Wise Master and his assistants



the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal will be performed on the 25th of April. This is a special meeting, one which is a required meeting for all Scottish Rite Masons. So with that said, I hope I will see all of you, no I did not say some of you; I said ***“ALL OF YOU”*** at this very colorful and meaningful event.

This being a special bulletin I will keep my comments brief, but I hope to see many smiling faces at our next special meeting as well as our regular meetings. There is noting that brings more joy to a brother than to sit and break bread as well as enjoy some friendly conversation with each other. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to Breaking Bread with many of you, in the coming months.

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Thom Piper, 32°, Venerable Master

It's amazing what happens when you offer a FREE meal to a Mason. March 11th's dinner was as packed a house as I have seen in a long time. Being so close to St. Patrick's Day, Bros. Roger Rider and Melvin Young and their crew prepared a most delicious meal of corned beef, cabbage and all things Irish...except haggis, 'nuff said about that dish.

While we ate we were entertained by a troupe of Irish dancers. This group has won many competitions through-out the state. They are popular performers and it is easy to understand why; they were exceptionally talented and quite charming.

Speaking of charming, there was a special person we came together to celebrate. The evening was dubbed Lady Lois Marrs night and it was proclaimed that every March would hereafter be known as 'Lady Marrs' month. We honored her with a certificate, flowers and spoken remembrances of fond memories of times spent with her over the years.

Since it was a night of special honors, free food, and delightful entertainment we decided it was the perfect time to recognize those Masons who had been members of the Scottish Rite fraternity for 25 and 50 years. There were four honorees: Chuck Batterson, 25 year member, Gus Garcia, 25 year member, Edward Golden, 25 yr member and Donal Ziemer, a 50 year member!



Thank you, gentlemen, for your many years of service and friendship. You are an inspiration to newer members who seek you out for your wisdom and experience.

As positive as all this is, and it was a very wonderful evening, there were faces missing, faces that should have been there to share in these events. To those of you who were not there, or those who left before the meeting took place, may I ask you why? I understand things come up, people fall ill, life happens but I would like to reach out to each of you individually and ask you to contact me if you will be unable to attend future meetings. If you are ill or having problems, I would like to know so we can send our best wishes. If you are too busy I would like to

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Chapter of Rose Croix

Augusto Garcia, 32°, Wise Master

Remembrance and Renewal

This year again we will celebrate the Remembrance and Renewal, this month on April 25, 2011 at Oxnard Masonic Temple and as usual the Chapter Knights Rose Croix is in charge of ceremony, which will start just after our dinner.

The Chapter of Rose Croix traditionally observed Maundy Thursday in the middle of Holy week. It has been called, variously, Holy Thursday, The Day of the Last Supper of the Lord and the Day of Mysteries. If we desire we have the liberty to celebrate Maundy Thursday if we choose to.

Confusion reigns in the Valley as to why we changed from Maundy Thursday to Remembrance and Renewal. In the past Freemasonry has observed this special day and the Brethren have gathered throughout the world to reaffirm their faith in the universal fraternity of mankind. The first written record of such observance is a ritual of the 18th degree which Charles de Ladebat prepared and published in 1856 in New Orleans.

The Code of Statutes adopted in 1866 list Maundy Thursday as a feast day and as of 1878 the statutes named its observance as obligatory. However, in deference of the rites of churches in 1994 it was deemed appropriate that the Maundy



Thursday observance be ruled non obligatory for the Scottish Rite.

A Celebration of Remembrance should then replace the traditional Maundy Thursday observance and be held near the Vernal Equinox. The ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal including the Mystic Banquet is not a religious observance. It is neither the Feast of the Passover nor a Sacrament of Holy Communion although it commemorates the spirit of both days. What this program does recognize is the passing of our Brothers in the past year and the renewal of life. As the hills change
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FROM THE KITCHEN STAFF

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RESERVATIONS

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS WITH TOM FANSLAW, PREFERABLY BY EMAIL AT 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.***

April 25, 2011, Remembrance & Renewal

Salad Bar Buffet Dinner
with all the usually ingrediants
The Usual Libations
Dessert

Price: \$10.00 per person

May 9, 2011, Stated Dinner

Meatloaf
with salad, potatoes, vegetables, etc.
The Usual Libations
Dessert

Price: \$10.00 per person

June 13, 2011, Stated Dinner

Stuffed Bell Peppers
with salad, potatoes, vegetables, etc.
The Usual Libations
Dessert

Price: \$10.00 per person

Reservations are an absolute must. We need an accurate count to assure having enough food for everyone. Please call or e-mail a confirmation. We no longer have a standing reservation list.



*The Twenty First Annual
New England Summer Picnic
Sponsored by Ventura County
Scottish Rite Bodies*

July 30, 2011

**NOTE NEW
LOCATION**

📍 College Park Oxnard CA

**Serving Time: Noon - 1 p.m., Come
Early!**

**LOBSTER DINNER: \$25.00 OR
STEAK DINNER: \$20.00**

MENU:

**1 1/2 lb. BOILED MAINE LOBSTER
1 LB. NEW YORK STEAK**

**STEAMED CLAMS OR MUSSELS IF
AVAILABLE,
FRESH CORN ON THE COB WITH
MELTED BUTTER,
COLESLAW, TOASTED GARLIC
BREAD,
COFFEE, LEMONADE AND OTHER
REFRESHMENTS.**

FREE HOT DOGS FOR THE KIDS.

**Only 320 Tickets Available, Buy
Early!**

All Profits go to Santa Barbara Scottish
Rite Clinic For Childhood Language
Disorders

Bring Your Own Nutcrackers!

College Park is at 3250 South Rose
Avenue between Oxnard College and
Channel Islands Boulevard

Chapter of Rose Croix

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from brown to green, the peach blossoms appear, our spirits lift as we see the end of winter.

We as Scottish Rite Masons are dedicated to renewal and continuation of life both individually and for the Scottish Rite. We will always remember our Brethren, the contribution they made to the Scottish Rite, and the impact that

they had on our lives. The ceremony will not only honor them and preserve their legacy, but will also focus on renewal which is what they would want us to do.

As Wise Master for this year I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all Brethren for their untiring support for this special occasion of Remembrance and Renewal. Thank you all, Brothers, my hat is off to you. May the GAOTU be always upon us.

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know so others may be prepared to take your part. As masons we all agreed to put our best foot forward and support Scottish Rite to the best of our ability. I want to help you achieve that goal so if something is causing you not to give your all I need to know what it is before I can hope to address it and possibly resolve it.

We are trying to make changes this year to improve interest in Scottish Rite and to keep the

enthusiasm level as high as it should be. This is a fantastic organization of magnificent men. I value each one of you and I would welcome the opportunity to get to know you better and tailor programs that suit your needs and offer further light.

So, again, I would ask that if you will miss a stated meeting for any reason, especially if you are a current officer or in the line, you do me the courtesy of notifying me ahead of time at (805) 208-8004.

Brother Thom Piper

News of the Valley

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Brothers Charles P. Batterson, 32° KCCH, Augusto Garcia, 32°, and Edward Golden, 32°, and a 50 year award to Brother Don Ziemer, 32°. See pictures on page 11, 12, and 13.

Brothers Ray Broomfield, 32° and Glenn Nielson, 32°, also have earned 25 year awards but were unable to be with us. Brother

William Milham, 32°, has also earned his 50 year award but was unable to attend. We plan to present Brother Ray with his award at an upcoming event. The materials have been shipped to Brothers William and Glenn. Brother William sent us a nice acknowledgement and noted the importance of masonry to him and his family.

March 14 Stated Meeting

Entertainment provided by the Claddagh Dance Company of Ventura



March 14 Stated Meeting



(above left) Irish dance move; (above right) Roger Rider, 32° KCCH, prepares the Corn Beef and Cabbage.

(below) Lady Lois Marrs is honored for her many years of service.





(above, L-R), Venerable Master Thom Piper, 32°, 25 Year Members Gus Garcia, 32°, Edward Golden, 32°, and Charles Batterson, 32° KCCH, and Personal Representative Jerry Gonzales, 32° KCCH.

(below), Jerry Gonzales and Thom Piper make a 50 year presentation to Brother Donal Ziemer, 32° (center).





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, Jim Daniels, 32° KCCH, (gardengreen2@verizon.net or 984-7272) 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.*

- Edward Lloyd Sutton crossed on 3/15/2011**
- Ralph Tignel Moore crossed on 3/22/2011**



**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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Mark Your Calendar

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Mon Apr 25 Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony (open to all): Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), ceremonies begin at 7:30 PM

Mon May 9 Stated Meeting: Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following

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, 10 AM, Laying of wreath by Ventura County Scottish Rite Bodies

Mon Jun 13 Stated Meeting: "Flag Day", Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM, (Reservations), Program 7:20, Stated meeting following

Sat Jun 18 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Saticoy

Mon Jul 11 Potluck dinner 6:30 PM, Planning Meeting for New England Summer Picnic and Kids ID Program at Ventura County Fair

Sat Jul 16 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

Sat Jul 30 New England Summer Picnic, College Park in Oxnard (New Location), Serving at 12 noon - 1 PM

Mon Aug 10 **DARK**

Sat Aug 20 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Saticoy

