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In Memoriam



Louis R. Gabrielsen

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In Memoriam Louis R. Gabrielsen

On April 4, 2012 Ill.: Lou Gabrielsen, 33°, passed away. Lou was one of the key member of our Valley for many years.

Lou was born July 18, 1913 in New Jersey and spent much of his youth in San Diego. His early career included working as an auditor on the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge and operating a hotel in San Diego. In 1941 he enlisted in the US Navy and served as store master on several ships. In 1946 he came to Ventura County where he enjoyed a long career as a public accountant.

Lou became a Mason at age 21 and was awarded his 75-year pin by the Grand Master. He was also a member of Al Malaikah Shrine. He joined the Scottish Rite in 1966 in Santa Barbara and became a charter member of our Valley in 1978. He was an outstanding ritualist and had a major role in several degrees. He served as Master of Kadosh in 1986 as Venerable Master in 1992, and as Orator for several years. He became a KCCH in 1993 and received the 33rd Degree in 1997.

His other activities included working with the Sheriff's mounted rescue posse.

As we went to press a memorial service had been scheduled for him on April 28 at Fillmore Santa Paula Masonic Center.

Upcoming Events

At our May 14th stated meeting Brother Michael Bradbury, 32°, former District Attorney of Ventura County, will speak to us on one of his favorite topics, Cowboy Poetry. Wear your Western duds.

On the evening of Saturday, May 19th, the Supreme Council will host a Celebrate the Craft Web Event from 3:00 to 9:00 PM PDT, on their web site, <http://scottishrite.org>. The event will be hosted by comedian Norm Crosby, 33°. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for the preservation and restoration of the House of the Temple.

On Memorial Day, May 28th, at 10:00 AM, representatives of our Valley will participate in Ivy Lawn Memorial Park's Avenue of Flags ceremonies in Ventura by laying a wreath in honor of our service men and women. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Prior to our June 11th stated meeting we will hold a Cap and Ring Ceremony for our two newest members, Brothers Jim Brady, 32°, and

and Jay Peterson, 32°. Please come out and welcome these new brothers to our Valley. Also at that meeting Brother David B. Wehmeyer, 32°, the 114th Illustrious Potentate of Al Malaikah Shrine, will be on hand to bring us news of Shrine activities. Brother David is also a Past Master and Hiram Award recipient of Downey Lodge #220, a Past High Priest of Downey Chapter #157, RAM, and a member of Los Angeles Valley, Scottish Rite. We look forward to having him visit us.

On Monday, June 25th we will have a pot luck dinner, starting at 6:30 PM, followed by a planning meeting for the New England Picnic, the Child ID booth at the Ventura County Fair, and anything else those attending want to discuss. All interested people are welcome to attend. Prepare your culinary specialty and join us.

This year's New England Picnic will be held on July 14th, with serving starting at noon. The location is Camarillo Grove Park, the same place we held it two years ago. Take the Camarillo Springs exit, go north on Camarillo Springs Road, and follow it to the end. See details on page 8.

Our next highway cleanups are scheduled for Saturday, May 19th, and June 16th. 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 we presented a number of awards.

Brother Raymond L. McCalister, 32°, and Ill.: Harry L. Maynard, 33°, received their 50 year pins, hats, and certificates. These presentations were made by Ill.: Fred 'Tiny' Potter. Next Brother Larry Morris, 32°, who recently became the first member of our Valley to complete the Master Craftsman Program Part II, received his pin the certificate. Next our newest member, Brother Earl Williams, 32°, was honored with our Cap and Ring ceremony. Finally our Orator, Brother Bob Sills, 32° KCCH, explained the significance of the different Scottish Rite hats. See pictures on pages 6 and 7. (Thank you, Lynn Piper, for the photos.) It was a memorable evening.

On March 26 we held our annual Remembrance and Renewal. We tried some variation of the format, which seemed to be well received.

Prior to our April stated meeting Brother Gonzalo Hernandez was presented with his 25 year pin and certificate. Following that Lady Lynn Piper gave a very enlightening talk about loans and mortgages.

On March 30 and 31 two new members joined our Valley, Brothers Jim Brady, 32°, and Jay Peterson, 32°, both of Channel Islands Lodge #214. Due to scheduling conflicts they received their degrees as a courtesy from the Valley of Los Angeles. Welcome to our Valley, brethren.

We recently received a petition for degrees from Brother Michael Blodgett of Channel Islands Lodge and look forward to his becoming a member.

From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 32° KCCH

Hello Valley of Ventura, hope all is well with everyone. As for the valley we are off to a good start. I must say the officers are doing a fine job with our meetings and programs. I am especially thankful to both Thom, the Venerable Master, for all his leadership this year, and to Paulo Santos who did a fine job with our Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony, as well as all the officers who helped to put together the two awards nights and the Cap and Ring ceremony.

I must also thank ILL.: Tiny Potter who volunteered to do the presentations for our two 50 year award members. Tiny, thank you and as always you were true to form with well presented awards. Finally on the subject of thank you notes; there are a few others worthy of my praise.

Sir Knight Harold Bogner who has taken over our dinner reservations, wow, what a great job. All you have to do is look around the dining room and you see the results of Harold's efforts, a room full of people. Great Job! Next is our kitchen and bar crew, ILL.: Tom Melugin, Sir Knights Roger Rider and Mel Young, thank you all for your diligence in quality meals and a well-stocked social counter.

This past month we also had the opportunity to take two Master Masons to Los Angeles Valley to receive the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry. I welcome these two new



brothers and hope you will make them feel welcome in our Valley.

We will soon be having their Cap and Ring Ceremony pending the arrival of their credentials. I hope you will join us,

Please note the menu for the next two months, and on June 25th we will have a pot luck planning meeting dinner. We will be dark in July for the annual New England Summer Picnic, an event which is our major fund raising event for the Santa Barbara Language Clinic. I hope you will all support this event as well, as so many of you do; from coordinating to ordering, purchasing, setting up, or selling and buying tickets. We hope to make this year even bigger than before so please

come out and help with this major undertaking by our valley.

Now on to my comments about our short comings: first it saddens me that we had to take our two candidates to Los Angeles to get the degrees when we should have been able to do them in our own valley. With that said I am going to start to look to the degree masters to get your teams together and get ready to do the degrees either in the Fall, or at worse be prepared for next year's Spring call. Los Angeles was a very warm and welcome host but that is not how we should do degrees, it should be done in our own valley, so if a degree master asks for your help with a role in one of the degrees please say YES! My other concern is the RSVP policy; it is imperative that all reservations be in one week prior to the dinner. Sir Knight Bogner has been allowing for late reservations without the \$5.00 penalty fee. Please

read the dinning reservation policy in this bulletin (see below), for after summer is over, we are not going to make any exceptions to this rule. This rule is imperative in order that our kitchen staff can purchase the correct amount of food without wasting our valley's money on over spending. I thank you for your cooperation and compliance with this policy. Lastly I must say thank you to all who are attending our dinner meetings. It brings great joy to me and the officers who are working so hard to make your valley a success. I hope you will continue to join us for dinner over the summer.

I am looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces at our dinners and programs.

Jerry E. Gonzales
KCCH

Ventura Valley Dinner Reservations

As promised here is my new Dinner policy:

Annual Standing Reservations are available; for an advance fee of \$100.00 per person, paid by no later than January 31st of the effective year.

This reservation will include dinner for all (9) stated meeting dinners for the year. It will not include the dinner for our Annual

Installation of Officers which is a special catered dinner.

If you choose to pay monthly; the fee will continue to be \$10.00 per person, paid at the door, with a reservation in place, made 7 days in advance.

If you fail to make a reservation by the stated deadline and/or wish to, pay at the door, the fee for dinner will be \$15.00 per person.

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

Presentations, March 12



(left) PR Jerry Gonzales presents Larry Morris with his pin and certificate on his completion of the Master Craftsman Program Part II.
(below) New 50 year members III.: Harry L. Maynard (l) and Raymond L. McCalister in their new blue hats.



(left) 50 Year Members present: (back row from left) Orvene Carpenter, Donald Wright, Jim Daniels, Jay Shoemaker, Robert Kennedy (front from left) Harry L. Maynard, Raymond L. McCalister

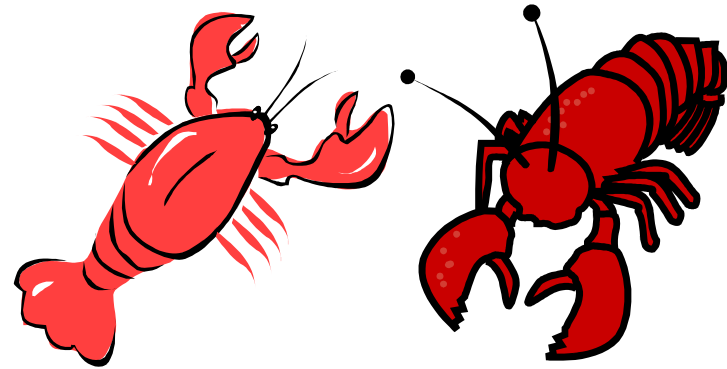


Newest member Earl Williams (r) and his family at the Cap and Ring Ceremony.



(left) Earl Williams and his Lady Shalen.

(below) Heads of the bodies, (from left) Wise Master Paulo Santos, Master of Kadosh Ill.: Floyd Griffin, Commander Tony Ramos, and Venerable Master Thom Piper, present Cap and Ring Ceremony.



22nd Annual New England Picnic

SAVE THE DATE - July 14th, 2012

Location – Camarillo Grove Park
Area #1
6968 E Camarillo Springs Road,
Camarillo CA

Camarillo Grove Park is located off of Camarillo Springs Road near the base of the Conejo Grade.

Do you have your suntan lotion ready, a hearty appetite(s) and thinking about different friends and family you can invite to the New England Picnic? We want to have a "full" house for the 22nd annual event. Think about different people who you would like to invite to this great event.

We are working on getting the tickets printed and ready for dispersal and will get a batch of tickets to you if you contact Earl Williams @ 626/367-7954 (cell). If you get tickets, get out there and sell them. Don't put them on a shelf or desk.

It is up to **US** as members of this Valley to encourage as many people to attend and support the clinic.

The whole purpose of this fund raising event is to support the center for childhood speech and language disorders in the Masonic Center in Santa Barbara. If you would like further information on the clinic – please call 805/962-8469 or visit www.sbspeech.com.

FROM THE KITCHEN STAFF

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner, preferably by email to harold55@juno.com, otherwise 484-7657 (leave a message), no later than **7 DAYS** before the dinner.

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New number

May 14, 2012 Stated Meeting

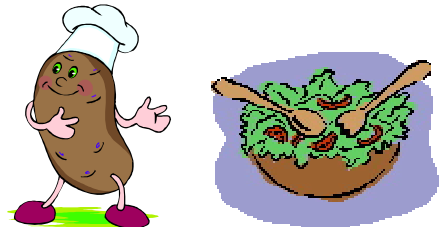


Soup and Salad
Salad Bar
Soup
dessert

Price: \$10 with reservation, \$15 otherwise

June 11, 2012 Stated Meeting

Cap & Ring Ceremony



Spuds and Salad
Salad Bar
Baked Potatoes with all the trimmings
dessert

Price: \$10 with reservation, \$15 otherwise

Lodge of Perfection

Thom Piper, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master

We are only one quarter of the way through but it has already been a blockbuster year with both membership and attendance growing each month. Thank you to those who have worked so hard to achieve this and thank you to those who have cleared your schedules for our meetings.

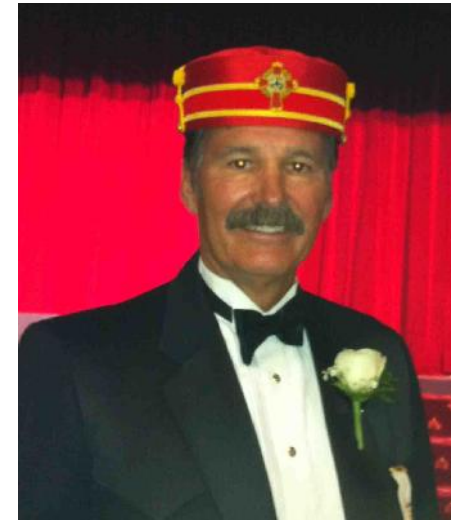
On that note I wish to welcome our newest members, Jim Brady and Jay Peterson. Seek them out and introduce yourselves if you have not done so already.

Coming up in May is a speaker who should be highly entertaining. Michael Bradbury is a 32 degree Mason, former District Attorney for Ventura County and, as you would probably expect, a Cowboy Poet. I am assuming this will offer something for everyone so it's a great time to round up some friends or family and have them break bread with us and enjoy the evening.

For June's stated meeting we will be visited by the Illustrious Potentate of Al Malaikah Shrine, Dave Wehmeyer. He is also a 32 degree Scottish Rite. I will remind you all again at the next meeting but I want to get this info out as early as possible to encourage the amazing attendance we have been having.

On June 25 we will have a potluck dinner and planning meeting for the New England Picnic and the Child ID program at the County Fair.

July is LOBSTER MONTH! We will have our New England



Picnic July 14th at Camarillo Grove Park. That location seemed to suit everyone the best. Start talking it up to friends, neighbors, co-workers and other lodges. Tickets go on sale the end of April. Let's blow the lids off the lobster pots with our attendance this time around.

Brethren be sure and invite your ladies to join our ladies group either as a member or just for an evening. They are working on some ideas for a Bake Sale at the Picnic and a Scrapbook of our Valley over the years. They would be very appreciative of anyone who has old photos, old programs, or any other Valley of Ventura Scottish Rite memorabilia they would be willing to share or donate. Photos can be copied and return if requested. Please bring these starting with the next meeting.

THE COUNCIL OF KADOSH

Antonio "Tony" Ramos, 32°, Commander of Kadosh

FATHER'S DAY

The above article is reprinted from Panati's Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things by Charles Panati, Perennial Library, Harper & Row, Publishers, New York.

Originating in 1910 in Spokane, Washington, Father's Day did not become a national holiday until 1972.

The idea for an official Father's Day celebration came to a married daughter, seated in a church in Spokane, Washington, attentive to a Sunday sermon on Mother's Day in 1910 — two years after the first Mother's Day observance in West Virginia.

The daughter was Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd. During the sermon, which extolled maternal sacrifices made for children, Mrs. Dodd realized that in her own family it had been her father, William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran, who had sacrificed — raising herself and five sons alone, following the early death of his wife in childbirth. For Mrs. Dodd, the hardship her father had endured on their eastern Washington farm called to mind the unsung feats of fathers everywhere.

Her proposed local Father's Day celebration received strong support from the town's ministers and members of the Spokane YMCA. The date suggested for the festivities, June 5, Mrs. Dodd's father's birthday — a mere three weeks away — had to be moved back

to June 19 when ministers claimed they needed extra time to prepare sermons on such a new subject as Father.

Newspapers across the country, already endorsing the need for a national Mother's Day, carried stories about the unique Spokane observance. Interest in Father's Day increased. Among the first notables to support Mrs. Dodd's idea nationally was the orator and political leader William Jennings Bryan, who also backed Mother's Day. Believing that fathers must not be slighted he wrote to Mrs. Dodd, "Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the relation between parent and child."

Father's Day, however, was not so quickly accepted as Mother's Day. Members of the all-male Congress felt that a move to proclaim the day official might be interpreted as a self-congratulatory pat on the back.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson and his family personally observed the day. And in 1924, President Calvin Coolidge recommended that states, if they wished, should hold their own Father's Day observances. He wrote to the nation's governors that "the widespread observance of this occasion is calculated to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children, and also to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations."

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From Lynn Piper, Vice President of our Ladies Association

Thank You for the Warm Welcome!

I appreciated the opportunity to speak at your last meeting. I know having someone talk to you about numbers, regardless of what they are related to, can be as fascinating as watching paint dry, yet somehow, despite full bellies from a delicious dinner, you all managed to stay awake as I rambled on. I enjoyed being able to share a little about the current state of affairs on the home front, no pun intended.

Sincerely,
Lynn Piper

View From the Kitchen



Ernie's Tex Chili

3 lbs. Ground Sirloin or Round	2 tblsp salt
1 stick butter	1 ½ tsp pepper
1 lb lean ground pork	3 tsp cumin
3 green bell peppers, chopped	½ tblsp cayenne pepper
3 onions chopped	3 1-lb cans tomatoes, chopped (include liquid)
3 garlic cloves, minced	¼ c chili powder

In a large pot, brown the meat in butter. Pour off ½ c liquid from meat. Use it to sauté peppers, onions, and garlic in a separate skillet until tender. Add to meat mixture and stir in chili powder, salt, pepper, cumin, and cayenne pepper. Add tomatoes. Simmer, covered, for 1 hour. Remove lid and simmer for at least 30 more minutes. Makes 10 servings

Actor and Oscar winner Ernest Borgnine's recipe.

Brother Borgnine is a 33 degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Abingdon Lodge No. 48, Abingdon, Virginia and, I believe, Hollywood Lodge No 355 in Los Angeles.

**From Our Almoner, Walt Bragulla, and his wife,
Secretary of our Ladies Association, Nola Bragulla**

The definition of Almoner is varied. It means to help, give assistance, funds and a lot other things by means of charity.

It's an honor to serve as Almoner and to be able to assist in emergencies when called upon.

The Brethren are most generous and this makes my work a rewarding experience.



Thanks
Walt

HII!

Spring is here and with it comes a whole lot of wonderful flowers in bloom and the opportunity for outdoor activities, and sometimes a lot of sneezes. Like Spring, Scottish Rite affords lots of activities and most important the opportunity of friendships.

The gracious giving of the members has allowed the Women's Association to be able to donate to the Language Clinic far more than before and with it goes our grateful thanks.

As always
Nola

Council of Kadosh
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Many people attempted to secure official recognition for Father's Day. One of the most notable efforts was made in 1957, by Senator Margaret Chase Smith, who wrote forcefully to Congress that "Either we honor both our parents, mother and father, or let us desist from honoring either one. But to single out just one of our parents and omit the other is the most grievous insult imaginable."

Eventually, in 1972 – sixty-two years after it was proposed – Father's Day was permanently established by President Richard Nixon. Historians seeking an ancient precedent for an official Father's Day observance have come up with only one: The Romans, every February, honored fathers – but only those deceased.

In America today, Father's Day is the fifth-largest card-sending occasion, with about 85 million greeting cards exchanged.



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 Clarence Jackson, 658-4859
Jerry Carpenter, 419-4101**

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, Chuck Batterson, 32° KCCH, (nereus2006@sbcglobal.net or 647-8669) 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.*

Louis R. Gabrielson crossed on 4/4/2012



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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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Mon	May	14	Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (<i>Reservations</i>), Speaker: Michael Bradbury, Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following
Sat	May	19	Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Satcoy
Sat	May	19	Celebration of the Craft Web Event, 3:00 – 9:00 PM PDT, www.scottishrite.org , donations to benefit Rebuilding the Temple Campaign
Mon	May	28	Avenue of the Flags at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park Memorial Day, 10 AM, Laying of wreath by Ventura County Scottish Rite Bodies
Mon	Jun	11	Cap & Ring ceremony, Social 5:30 pm, Flag Day, Dinner 6:30 pm, (<i>Reservations</i>), Program 7:20 pm, Stated meeting following
Sat	Jun	16	Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 am
Mon	Jun	25	Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm, Planning Meeting for New England Picnic & Child ID at Ventura County Fair.

Sat Jul 14 New England Picnic, Serving at 12 noon, Camarillo Grove Park, Camarillo Springs Rd, Camarillo

