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Spring Class



Candidates & 18th Degree Cast

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Cover:

Spring Class: The candidates and the cast of the 18th Degree. The candidates are (L-R) Ryan A. Phillips, 18°, Salvadore J. Lopez, Jr., 18°, Hector V. Lopez, 18°, and Ronald Laureano, 18°. Welcome to our Valley, Brethren.

See page 3 for more pictures of the class.

Upcoming Events

At our May 9th stated meeting Brother Joseph F. Tischler of the Valley of Pasadena will speak to us on “Decoding the Sacred Name and Unlocking the Civility Within Ourselves”. Plan to attend this interesting talk.

On May 21 from 3 to 9 PM (our time) the Supreme Council will hold their annual Webathon. See page 10 for details.

Our stated meeting for June will be on June 13th. Program is to be announced.

On July 11th we will have an informal meeting to finalize plans for the New England Summer Picnic. Pizza will be served. All are invited.

Speaking of the New England Summer Picnic, that exciting event

will be on Saturday, July 30th. See details on pages 6, 7, and 8. The deadline to purchase tickets is July 22. Contact Earl Williams at (626) 367-7954. As in previous years we will be doing a raffle. Donations for the raffle should be in by July 15.

We are dark in August.

It's not too early to start thinking about our Fall Class, to be held on September 24.

Our highway cleanups will be on Saturdays, May 14th, June 18th, July 16th, and August 13th. 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 Ill. Jerry Gonzales, 33°, was presented with his 25 year pin and certificate. Harpist Xavier Raul Montes provided music during dinner.

On March 28 we held our annual Remembrance and Renewal ceremony, under the direction of Wise Master Dave Del Dosso, 32°.

The following evening we took part in a “Men’s Night Out”, organized by Venerable Master Michael Schaller, 32°.

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Spring Class



4th Degree Cast with Candidates



14th Degree Cast with Candidates



**Classroom
Instruction**

From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 33^o

Greetings to our Scottish Rite family!

Hope you are enjoying the Masonic Year. As we approach spring and summer and warmer weather I look forward to your attendance and support at our dinner meetings and special events.

We just completed conferring the 4th, 14th, and 18th degrees and are working with our four new candidates on where to attend to complete their education. Pasadena or Long Beach are both looking good. I wish to thank those who came out and supported, with stage craft, wardrobe and cast of the degrees. Overall things went very well.

Now on to the future. The New England Picnic is just around the corner with Tickets and flyers ready for print and sales. (See pages 6 - 8) Harold has a goal this year to exceed our past numbers, so we will need all of you to sell, sell, sell as well as come out and help set up, cook, or serve. Our planning meeting will be on Monday, July 11th this year, with the picnic being held on Saturday, July 30th.

Our dinner attendance has been declining, while the quality of service and food has been enhanced. May is Mother's Day



and complimentary dinner and flowers for the ladies, so I hope to see many of you in attendance with your ladies.

As always please make dinner reservations to assist us in keeping the cost of dinners at a minimum.

I thank you all for your continued support, and guidance. Please join us for Dinners and special events. I would also ask you to please offer your support and assistance, both in Degrees and everyday functions.

God Bless, and Hope to See You at Dinner!

III. Jerry E. Gonzales 33^o

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Lodge of Perfection

Michael Schaller, 32°, Venerable Master

Grandpa's Wooden Chest

(author unknown)

I hated to hear the lawyer say
The things my grandpa gave away.
Like his old truck to Dad and Mom
And world war medals to Uncle
John

My name was called
And something was said
About an old wooden box
Underneath his bed.

Just a worn out chest
With a rusty hinge
But I knew Grandpa kept
Something special within.

When I opened the lid
All I could see
Were some unused tools
And a letter to me.

A large fancy cloth
With two long strings
A small wooden hammer
Among other things.

He wrote "a man's job is to be a
good
Husband, father and a friend.
I built my life as best I could
By the tools laid here within."

He said the compasses remind me
that life has boundaries
So live your life within.
The square proves true and so
should you
When dealing with all your friends.



Be an honorable man and walk
uprightly
According to the plumb.
The level teaches us treat all men
equal
Instead of only some.

And now it's your turn
To start your journey for
knowledge, love and faith
So live your life by the Square and
Compasses
And tools of your trade.

Many years have passed by since I
first opened
Grandpa's wooden chest
The tools he gave me, the words he
wrote
The challenge to be my best.

Today I'll visit Grandpa
At the place where he was laid
To let him know he can be proud
I'm a Master of my trade.

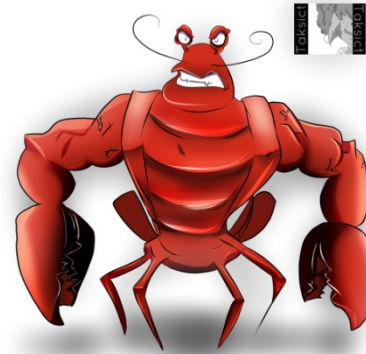
The Consistory

Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh

(Sir Knight Harold is devoting
this issue's space to the picnic.)

The 26th Annual New England Summer Picnic

Are you hungry for lobster or
steak? Just think, in three months
you will be able to satisfy that
urge with either a 1 ½ lb. Lobster or
a 16 oz Steak. Please invite other
members, family and friends to this
event to enjoy a great meal and
support the Childhood Language
Center in Santa Barbara.



Date of the event – Saturday, July
30th, 2016

Serving – 1 ½ lb. Maine Lobster –
Cost - \$40.00

Serving – 1 lb. New York Steak –
Cost - \$30.00

Serving time – 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
With Corn on the cob, Coleslaw,

Garlic Bread, Mussels (if available)
Refreshments – Coffee, Water &
Lemonade

No Host – Beer and Wine Bar
Entertainment – SheriMerry ADD,
Raffle and Bake Sale

The event will be open around 10:00
AM to about 4:00 PM.

Parking included in the cost of the
ticket

Location – Camarillo Grove Park –
6968 E. Camarillo Springs Road
BRING YOUR OWN LARGE
PLATTERS!!!!

We are looking for raffle
donations for this event. Last year
we had 100 items for the raffle.
Please reach out to different people
that you know who could provide
such things as a gift basket, gift
cards, toys, movie tickets, etc. etc.

This year we will have a MUST/CUT OFF date for the raffle items. The date will be July 15th, 2016. Jan Bogner has accepted to be the lead again for this year but will be out of town until the day before the picnic. PLEASE contact Jan at 805/701-8898 for any items that you would like to donate. Bring them to the May 9th or June 13th stated meetings. This will allow Jan to get the items ready for the raffle. Remember the cut off to provide the items will be the 15th of July. If someone would like to take over as lead for the raffle this year, please contact Jan.

Tickets will be available through Earl Williams. We would like to break the 300 attendee mark this year. Help make this happen by getting out there and selling tickets. Earl can be contacted at 626/367-

News of the Valley

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At our April stated meeting Mr. Joe Garces of the Oxnard Fire Department gave us a presentation on Disaster Preparedness. He stressed the importance of planning and having emergency supplies because we may be on our own for days following a major disaster.

On April 23 we held our Spring Class. We have four new members: Ryan Phillips, Salvatore J. Lopez, Jr., Hector V. Lopez, and Ronald Laureano, on whom we conferred the 4th, 14th, and 18th Degrees. (See Cover and page 3.) The other

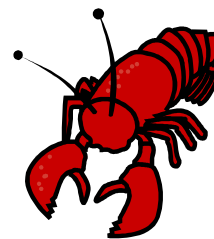
7954. Checks for tickets can be mailed to 711 Nile River Drive, Oxnard, CA 93036. The cutoff date is July 22, 2016. Please make the checks payable to the Ventura County Scottish Rite. This event is available to members, family and friends. No refunds.

Sponsored by the Ventura County Scottish Rite Bodies. All profits go to the Santa Barbara Scottish Rite "Childhood Language Center". We will be fortunate to have some of the staff from the Center at the event this year.

If you would like to work as part of the cooking crew, please let us know!! We had about THIRTY people help with this event last year. Please call Harold at 805/218-1648 for further information.

degrees through the 29th were communicated to them. A big Thank You to the many people who worked to make the class a success. We are planning to take our candidates to Long Beach on June 11 to receive the remaining degrees. Any interested members are welcome to join us.

Dues card stickers are being discontinued. The change was based on the unpopularity of the date stickers. Next year those who are not life members will receive plastic dues cards. The cards will be a thinner plastic, and you will receive a new card each year. (Life members will keep their current, permanent gold cards.)



Call for Information & Tickets:
Earl G Williams, 32° 626/367-7954

Checks can be mailed to:

711 Nile River Dr., Oxnard, CA 93036

Cut-off date for tickets - July 22, 2016

Checks payable to: Ventura County Scottish Rite

Available to Members & Family & Friends

"No Refunds"

The Twenty Sixth Annual New England Summer Picnic Saturday, July 30, 2016

Place: Camarillo Grove Park – 6968 E. Camarillo Springs Road
(101 Exit – Camarillo Springs Road)

Location of event - Area #1 - Open around 10:00AMish to 4:00PMish
Parking Fee Paid



"Bring Your Own Large Platters"

Serving Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Serving: 1 ½ lb. Maine Lobster – Cost - \$40.00

Serving: 1 lb. New York Steak – Cost - \$30.00

With: Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Garlic Bread,

Mussels (if available)

Coffee, Water & Lemonade

Entertainment: SheriMerry ADD, Raffle & Bake Sale

Contact Jan Bogner ASAP 805/701-8898 for Raffle Donations



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Dinner Reservations

2016 Dinner Reservation Policy:

The standard cost of dinner is \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple, paid at the door, with a reservation in place, made 5 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 \$25.00 per person.

If you make a reservation and fail to attend, the appropriate thing to do is send your money to the Valley as we will have paid for your dinner reservation in advance.

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

Be sure to make your reservations with **Harold Bogner**, preferably by email to harold55@juno.com, otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).

From The Kitchen Staff

May 9th Dinner Menu

Grilled Chicken Breast
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Seasoned Green Beans
Balsamic Venerate Salad
Dinner Rolls
Pecan Pie with Topping

Cost \$15.00/Individual, Ladies Complementary
RSVP by May 5th, 2016

Please note we will not take any reservations after this date!

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner,
preferably by email to harold55@juno.com,
otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).

June 13th Dinner Menu

Roast Pork
Rice Pilaf
Pork Gravy

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Steamed Peas
Hot French Bread
Salad
Fruit/Apple Sauce

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple
RSVP by June 9th, 2016

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THE ESOTERICALLY INCLINED FREEMASON

By Nigel Gallimore

Freemasonry could possibly be in decline in some places because our lodges may not be giving new members what they seek. Many join thinking it to be little more than a social club and give little thought to the work or the traditional history of the craft, it unfortunately deludes the esoteric nature of the craft. However, we know that many new members join seeking enlightenment! Like members of any group, if they do not find what they are looking for they stop attending and leave. This can be corrected by putting more emphasis on the lodge work; all it takes is one person to be a ray of light and others will follow. That is really what caused the need for the creation of Traditional Observance Lodges in the United States.

You have probably read *"The Secret Teachings of All Ages"* along with other works by Manly Hall, along with Leslie Wilmshurst, Arthur Waite, Paul Foster Case and Albert Pike and any other esoteric book on or related to Freemasonry or anything else esoteric. Perhaps you studied and discovered new jewels of thought and philosophy that just "lit" your mind like never before. Perhaps, like me, as you pour over this information you dutifully highlight phrases and passages that speak to you, ever preparing for that time when you will be able to exchange these pieces of light with someone of a like mind.

Freemasonry draws more men who have an esoteric interest than other groups because of the secret nature of our order. The symbols and ritual act like a beacon drawing the esoterically inclined to the West Gate of the craft. Unfortunately for the few whose interest lies in the esoteric they are just that, *a few*. Far more men are drawn to the fraternity out of family history, comradeship, or simple curiosity than a yearning for a deeper meaning in life. So men enter the West Gate expecting a group of enlightened sages and usually wind up in a sort of fancy Rotary Club.

The principal task of the Freemason, which is to improve his own character, eliminating those negative traits that might exist in his personality and developing his moral and spiritual resources (what is known as "polishing the raw stone") is in great measure the result of the interaction among brethren within and without the Lodge. However, the most important means to advance this work is necessarily introspection and meditation, that is, reflection and self-awareness.

The Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite expands on the first three degrees of Freemasonry, and covers esoteric thought and practice. Within the Lodge of Perfection you will be introduced to the concepts of the Kabbalah, the Tree of Life, finding the Lost Word, and many other esoteric concepts. In the Chapter of Rose Croix you will be introduced to Rosicrucian thought and will learn about the concepts of religious, historical, moral and philosophical ideals. In the Council of Kadosh you will be introduced to mystical, chivalric and philosophical systems. Lastly, the Consistory reveals the dynamic relationship between human law as a means of achieving justice and divine justice as an ideal, and you will finally learn the Royal Secret and become a Master of the Royal Secret. The teachings of the Scottish Rite are not sacramental, so far as they go beyond the realm of Morality into those of other domains of Thought and Truth. Thus the Scottish Rite uses the word "Dogma" in its true sense, of doctrine, or teaching; and is not dogmatic in the odious sense of that term.

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THE ESOTERICALLY INCLINED FREEMASON

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Like the mystery schools of ancient times, the many degrees imparted in the Scottish Rite system introduce thoughts and lessons not available to Masons in craft lodge degrees. As Masons we are always looking for more light, and the Scottish Rite serves as an extension on what we have learned in the first three degrees and builds upon those degrees to enhance and enrich our life. The Scottish Rite degrees are rich in symbolism causing each Mason to study, reflect, and deliberate on his own. Every brother is on varying levels of their journey through life, and no matter where we are on that path we can benefit by Masonic education.

Freemasonry as it evolved in the 18th century was influenced by the Enlightenment and, as we know, it incorporated the emerging ideas of brotherhood, freedom of thought and freedom of association. Some types of Freemasonry employ symbols common to the esoteric schools and to alchemy. There is a question as to how, and whence it derived its esoteric symbolism.

Our Masonic forefathers were familiar with the interests of their day, and as well as the popular contemporary literature. Freemasonry is both eclectic and organic. It uses symbols to teach lessons in a way very similar to the books of "Choice of Emblems" published throughout its formative years in the 17th and 18th centuries. These books assigned moral meanings to the square, compasses, skull and cross bones, pelican, and other familiar symbols. They taught virtues like constancy, zeal, brotherly-love, and even used the bee hive as an emblem of industry. It seems probable Freemasonry must have borrowed symbols from them as well as from alchemical texts.

Freemasonry is "occult" in the sense that its mysteries are hidden or concealed, which is the literal meaning of the word. Masonic ritual conceals its truths in unique ways which are esoteric. It is not an occult school though as Albert Pike makes clear in his writings. Pike's ideas did change with time, as explained in Ill. Arturo de Hoyos – Grand Archivist and Grand Historian of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, book Albert Pike's "Esoterika: The Symbolism of the Blue Degrees of Freemasonry." As he matured, [Pike] discarded some of the popular but unfounded notions on the origins of Masonry, and realized that Freemasonry's practical value lay in its ability to transform lives for the better, but he believed it also assured us of a future existence after this life.

The esoteric work is spoken because men have believed for centuries that speech is the best way to impart a secret. "Esoteric," like the term "occult," has a common meaning of something hidden or obscure. It is often used to refer to knowledge or teachings that are restricted to a special circle of initiates. Thus Masonry sometimes refers to the "esoteric" portions of its rituals, which means the signs, tokens, and words that are not supposed to be written down, even in a cipher book. However, "esoteric" can also refer to an inner meaning or the essence of a religion or a body of wisdom. Although speech and secrecy seem inherently related, speech as such is also important to Freemasons because of the way in which it announces presence. Unlike writing, speaking to another imparts a degree of personal intimacy and emotion in ways that writing cannot. In Masonic ritual, speech paradoxically becomes a kind of writing in sound when it is inscribed upon the mind as a promise, otherwise known as the speech pact.

It could be said that General Albert Pike is the single most influential leader in the history of the Scottish Rite (Southern Jurisdiction). Pike was, in many ways, a latter-day Renaissance man. He was, in the course of his life, a Confederate General, a newspaper man, a lawyer, an avid amateur scholar, and a devoted Mason. He was also an advocate

of the notion that Freemasonry was the preserver of the Ancient Mysteries. Pike stated clearly the principles of Freemasonry as a universal philosophy, allowing the faithful of various religions to sit together and work in harmony for the progress of Humanity as a whole.

Pike was the man who rewrote the degrees of the Scottish Rite into symbolic dramas that drew upon the myths and symbols of various spiritual traditions, some of them esoteric. These belief systems, often called religions, all basically subscribed to the idea of one powerful overarching Deity Who transcends all idolatry and man's ability of expression. Was Pike right or wrong? Whether he was correct or not in this belief, the point is that he found this esoteric idea echoed in Masonry's insistence that the believers of different religions could share a brotherhood, despite their theological differences — as long as they believed in God, Who was neutrally called the Great Architect of the Universe.

Albert Pike's masterwork, *Morals and Dogma*, was presented to all Scottish Rite Masons upon their 14th degree, from its publication in 1871 until 1974. Since then, condensed commentaries on *Morals and Dogma*, first by Henry Clausen and then by Rex Hutchens, have been given to all Scottish Rite members instead. In other words, Pike's ideas — whether we agree with them or not — have been shared with Scottish Rite initiates, in one form or another, both in *Morals and Dogma* and its commentaries, and in the degree rituals themselves, since the 19th century. No one is required to agree with them. Despite the name of *Morals and Dogma*, Pike's ideas are not treated as Masonic dogma.

As Freemasonry entered the 20th century, the culture at large was continuing to change. The 19th century Masonic appreciation for initiatory ritual, and its fascination with ancient origins, gave way, after World War One, to a preoccupation with 100% Americanism and an emphasis on public charity. The romantic approach to Masonic history, which took it for granted that Masonry came down through the ages from Noah or even Adam, gave way to the Realistic School of Masonic history, which discouraged such speculations. In these changes in emphasis, Masonry still preserved its rituals, its symbols, its memorization, and its links with its past.

In 1904 the Scottish Rite (Southern Jurisdiction) started a monthly magazine for its members and the title was "The New Age". This was the start of a new century. The Scottish Rite maintained the magazine with this same title all the way until 1989, when "the New Age" had become a popular name for the post-60's and 70's search for alternative spirituality. Then the same fundamentalists and paranoids who were attacking Freemasonry were also going after the New Agers, and the Scottish Rite apparently then decided to change the name of *The New Age* in 1989 to the *Scottish Rite Journal*.

Freemasonry still has much to offer to those who become members in the 21st century. We possess one of the few ritual initiations available that provides a true rite-of-passage for men today. Through our initiations, every Master Mason becomes symbolically in charge of building his own inner temple — "that house not made with hands" — in which to hold the "holy of holies," symbolized by the Ark of the Covenant in the inner chamber of Solomon's Temple.

I have tried to learn about every aspect of Freemasonry: its history, symbolism, and ritual. I have tried to read and study something about the history and rituals of every Masonic organization there is in order to understand how they are interrelated, and attempt to grasp their inner teachings. This is not always an easy task, but stubbornness is useful!

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 John Klopstein, 486-0602
Jerry Carpenter, 419-4101 Dwayne Marquardt

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.*

Dale Verian McCracken crossed on 3/21/2016

**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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Mon May 9 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations by May 5), Program 7:30 PM, Joe Tischler will speak on “Decoding the Sacred Name and Unlocking the Civility Within Ourselves”, Stated meeting following (Mothers Day)

Sat May 14 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Satcoy

Sat May 21 **Celebrating the Craft Webathon, 3:00 – 9:00 PM, www.scottishrite.org**

Mon Jun 13 Social 5:30 PM, Flag Day, Dinner 6:30 PM, (Reservations by Jun 9), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following

Sat Jun 18 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up

Mon Jul 11 Pizza Dinner 6:30 PM, Planning

Meeting for New England

Summer Picnic

Sat Jul 16 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up

Fri Jul 22 Deadline for picnic tickets

Sat Jul 30 New England Summer Picnic,

Camarillo Grove Park,

Serving 12 noon – 1:00 pm

Mon Aug 8 DARK

