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Spring Class Members with 18th Degree Team



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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

Our cover shows the members of our Spring Class with the cast of the 18th Degree, Knight Rose Croix.

Upcoming Events

We have a very busy few weeks coming up this Spring and Summer.

Our next stated meeting will be Monday, May 14. Worshipful Jeriel Smith, Master of the Southern California Research Lodge, will speak on "*SCRL: Restoring Masonic Education and Observant Practices.*" He will also have information on Research Lodge membership and publications. Dinner reservations are required; contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at hbogner@smartsourcellc.com, or (805) 218-1648, no later than Thursday, May 10th. Tickets will also be available for the New England Summer Picnic.

We will be taking our Spring Class candidates to Pasadena Scottish Rite to receive the 30th and 32nd Degrees, on Saturday, May 19. Any others who are interested in attending are welcome.

May 19 is also the day of the annual Celebrating the Craft

Webathon. Tune in at <https://scottishrite.org> from 3:30 to 8:30 pm (PDT) to see our talented brethren and learn more about what the Scottish Rite is doing.

Our stated meeting for June will be on June 11. The program is yet to be determined. If you will be joining us for dinner, reservations are due to Harold by Thursday, June 7 (see address above).

The California Scottish Rite Foundation will hold its Diamond Jubilee (60th Anniversary) on June 16 at the San Francisco Scottish Rite Center. Dress is Black Tie and tickets are \$125 per person or \$200 per couple. Contact Kim Smith at (714) 547-7325 or ksmith@casrf.org for reservations.

On June 18 we will have a planning meeting for the New England Summer Picnic (on July 7). We will start with pizza at 6:30, then go over the tasks to be performed. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

The 2018 Orient-wide Reunion will be held on June 29 – July 1 in Oakland. At that time all 29 Scottish Rite degrees will be portrayed by different valleys. Our Valley will portray the 18th Degree on Saturday morning, June 30. We will be taking a couple of candidates

who cannot make the Pasadena date, to Oakland for the 30th and 32nd Degrees. Everyone is welcome to join us in Oakland for the degrees. Contact the Personal Representative or the Secretary concerning transportation and hotel arrangements if needed. See the flyer on page 6.

The New England Summer Picnic will be on Saturday, July 7.

As in recent years it will be held at Camarillo Grove Park, off the Camarillo Springs exit of the 101 Freeway in Camarillo. You can enjoy lobster for \$45 or steak for \$35. Last day to purchase tickets is June 29; many of the officers will have tickets or you can contact Earl Williams, 32° KCCH, at (626) 367-7954. The food will be served from 12 noon to 1 pm. Come earlier and enjoy live entertainment. We will also have a large silent raffle and a bake sale. (If you have raffle items to donate, please contact Erik Cortez, 32°, at (805) 760-5085.) See flyer on page 7 for more details.

The National RiteCare Conference will be held August 8-10 just down the road from us in Los Angeles. Information is available from Kristin Hoffman at khoffman@casrf.org.

Note that as far as stated meetings are concerned we will be dark for July and August, starting up again on September 15.

Our highway cleanups will be on Saturdays, May 19th, June 16th, July 14th, and August 18. Meet at the Café 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 AM for breakfast.

News of the Valley

Congratulations are in store for Sir Knight Emilio Reynoso, 32° KCCH, who recently received his Golden Veterans Award from Anacapa Lodge #710 for having been a Master Mason for 50 years.

At our stated meeting on March 12 we honored our 25-year members. Brothers Edward C. Jones, 32°, and John R. Klopstein, 32°, were in attendance and received their pins and certificates, which were presented by Ill. Frank Loui, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General for California, who paid us a visit that evening. We also had a speaker, Brother Doug Russell, who spoke on meditation as it relates to Masonry.

On March 19 we held our annual Remembrance and Renewal program. All the officers did a fine job with the ceremonies that evening.

At our stated meeting on April 9 Mrs. Kai Hoye, a gerontological social worker at Masonic Outreach Services, spoke on the resources available to the Brethren, widows and family through the Masonic Homes of California. The information was very valuable as many of our members and their families may someday need help.

April 21 was the first part of our Spring Class. We welcomed six new members into our Valley: Richard M. DePalma II, Taylor A. "Tag" Gilbert, Rodrigo Kammer, Barry J. Lampke, Evgeny "Mark" Pashkevich, and Francis Villareal. We portrayed the 4th, 14th, and 18th Degree. Everything went well and we received many compliments on the degrees and the classroom instruction. See pictures on the cover and page 9.

Our VMAP (Valley Membership Achievement Program) committee met on April 28 at a barbeque hosted by Sir Knight Raul Cifuentes, 32° KCCH to go over ideas to improve our Valley and provide a better experience to our members.

From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 33°

Greetings to our Scottish Rite family!

Wow, this has been a busy year so far with much work still to be done. I hope all of you in attendance at our dinner meetings have enjoyed the Masonic Information/Education programs our Leaders have been providing, and they promise more to come. Please see the notes for the May speaker, as well as our other programs.

This past month we started our Spring Reunion, with the conferral of the 4th, 14th, and 18th degrees on our newest candidates, and we will be following up with the remaining two degrees either in Pasadena on the 19th of May, or in Oakland on the 1st of July. I am really proud of our newest class, all of whom are very attentive and supportive of Masonic Programs. I also wish to thank all those involved in putting on the reunion from Wardrobe, Stage Craft, music, lights, videos, class director/education and the members of each degree cast. I think this is one of the best performances we have produced in a very long time. Good Job guys and thank you for all your hard work. As some may know this year the Orient of California is going to have a 29-degree reunion in Oakland Valley on June 29, 30 and July 1, of which our valley will be putting on the 18th degree. I am very proud of all the work the cast has been putting in to make this event a success and I



know our valley will put on a very good degree in Oakland. In light of the Spring Class, we are planning to preform our Cap and Ring ceremony at our September stated meeting so please make plans to attend. Other notes of importance are the July New England Picnic to be held on July 7th with a planning meeting scheduled for June 18th. As most of you know this Picnic is a major undertaking for our valley and requires lots of support as well as ticket sales. Please support on both ends, Tickets and Set up/Serve and Clean up. With the effort of all our active members I know this will again be a huge success.

I am also pleased to announce thanks to the hard work of the Officers from 2017. Under the guidance of Raul Cifuentes as VMAP Chairman, we successfully completed the requirements for the

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From The Kitchen Staff

Dinner Reservations

2018 Dinner Reservation Policy:

Standing Reservations are available; for a rate of \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple per remaining dinner meetings of 2018. There are currently six remaining dinner meetings.

If you choose to pay monthly, the fee will be \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple, paid at the door, with a reservation in place, made 4 days in advance.

If you make a late reservation, the fee for dinner will be \$20.00 per person, but no reservations will be accepted the day of the event!

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

As always Widows are guests of the Valley (but reservations are required)!

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

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

See Page 8 for Menu

OAKLAND, HERE WE COME!

2018-Orient-wide-Reunion¶

On June 29th, 30th, and July 1st of 2018 ¶
every Scottish Rite Valley in California will come together at the Oakland
Scottish Rite Center to host the first Orient-wide Scottish Rite Reunion. ¶

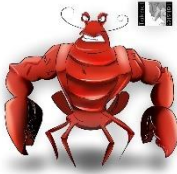
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20 Valleys will each focus on their own set of degrees, meeting to exemplify ¶
all 29 Scottish Rite degrees for new Candidates and members alike. ¶

¶
Every new 2018 Master of the Royal Secret will receive: ¶

- Personalized 32nd Degree Black Scottish Rite Cap ¶
- Fitted Ceremonial 14th Degree Gold-plated Ring ¶
- New Annotated Morals and Dogma Book ¶
- A Bridge to Light Book ¶

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Now is the time to get your candidates pre-approved for membership! ¶
All 2018 Spring Candidates will complete their degrees during this ¶
Orient-wide Reunion. ¶





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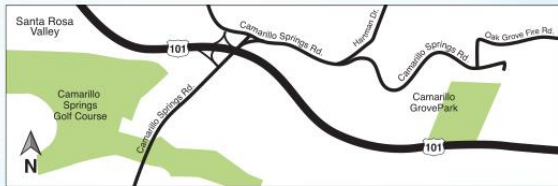
For Information & Tickets

Checks can be mailed to:
NEP, 711 Nile River Dr., Oxnard, CA 93036
Cut-off date for tickets – June 29, 2018
Checks can be made out to: Ventura County Scottish Rite
Earl G Williams, 32° 626/367-7954
Available to Members & Family & Friends
"No Refunds"

The Twenty Eighth Annual New England Summer Picnic Saturday, July 7th, 2018

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 - \$45.00
Serving: 1 lb. New York Steak – Cost - \$35.00
With: Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Garlic Bread,
 Mussels (if available), Free Hot Dogs for Kids
 Coffee, Water & Lemonade
Entertainment: SheriMerry ADD, Raffle & Bake Sale

Contact Erik Cortez ASAP 805/760-5085 to donate raffle prizes.



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"Childhood Languages Center"
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Dinner Menu

May 14th Stated Meeting Dinner Menu Mother's Day

Chicken Enchiladas Casserole
Mexican Rice
Refried Beans or Black Beans
Mixed vegetables
Pound cake

Cost \$15.00/Individual

Ladies Complementary w/ reservation

RSVP by Thursday, May 10th, 2018

Late reservations after this date will be \$20.00 Per Person!

Please note we will not take any reservations after May 13th!

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

June 11th Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Broiled Montreal Steak
Garlic Potatoes
Peas and carrots
Bread
Brownies

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple

RSVP by Thursday, June 7th, 2018

Late reservations after this date will be \$20.00 Per Person!

Please note we will not take any reservations after June 10th!

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SPRING CLASS

FOURTH DEGREE TEAM AND CANDIDATES



PR's Quill

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year and received a special certificate from Supreme Council which I will be placing on the wall for display. This was a major accomplishment as we have not completed all the tasks in the past years. Our new Committee has met for the coming year and we have mapped out a plan for a second year of success. I hope if asked to assist on one of the 11 required tasks you will offer your support.

Finally, the California Scottish Rite Foundation will be celebrating their 60th year Jubilee on June 16th at the San Francisco Valley. If anyone is interested in attending please

contact myself or look at the foundation web site for information.

I wish to say "Happy Mothers' Day" to all our ladies and invite you to dinner on the house in May. As always, I look forward to visiting with you during social hour and dinner.

God Bless, and Hope to See You at Dinner!

III. Jerry E. Gonzales 33^o

<http://www.venturascottishrite.org/>
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<https://scottishrite.org/>
<http://www.casr-foundation.org/>



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, (805) 642-6621
John Klopstein, (805) 486-0602
Robert S. Kennedy, Jr., (805) 987-2164
William R. Wood

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.*

Jay Leslie Peterson passed on 4/3/2018



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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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Mark Your Calendar

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Mon May 14 (Mothers' Day) Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reserve by May 10*), Program 7:30 PM, Stated meeting following (VM)
 Sat May 19 **SPRING FAST CLASS (part 2), in Pasadena.** (Pasadena will also be doing degrees on May 11, May 12, and May 18 which we may attend but these are not mandatory for our candidates.)

Sat May 19 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy

Sat May 19 Celebrating the Craft Webcast, 3:30 – 8:30 PM PDT

Mon Jun 11 Social 5:30 PM, Flag Day, Dinner 6:30

PM, (*Reservations by Jun 7*), Program

7:20 PM, Stated meeting following (WM)

Sat Jun 16 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM,

Cafe 126, Saticoy

Mon Jun 18 Pizza Dinner 6:30 PM, Planning Meeting

for New England Summer Picnic

Fri-Sun Jun 29-Jul 1 Oriental Reunion, Portrayal of 4th through 32nd Degrees in Oakland, CA,

Sat Jul 7 New England Summer Picnic, Camarillo Grove Park, Serving 12 noon – 1 pm

