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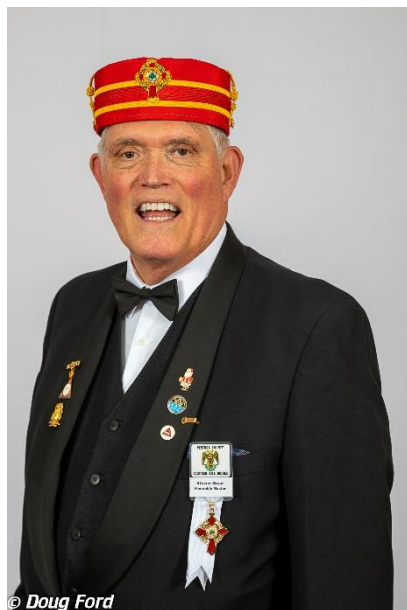
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New Honor Men



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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

Congratulations to our two newest Honourmen, Sir Knights Michael Blodgett, 32° KCCH, and Steven Goad, 32° KCCH, who were knighted on September 21 in San Diego. (More pictures on page 8.)

Upcoming Events

Our next stated meeting will be on Monday, November 11, at which time we will salute our veterans. At the meeting we will have the report of the Nominating Committee recommending our officers for next year. If you are willing to take an office, please let the Heads of the Bodies or the Personal Representative or Secretary know. (Contact information is on page 12.) Under Masonic Education III.: Andy Little will speak on "The Royal Secret". 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 Thursday, November 7th. Cost is

\$15 per individual or \$25 for couple with reservation.

Monday, December 9, will be our last stated meeting of 2019. At that time we will elect our officers for 2020.

Our Installation of Officers is scheduled for January 13. More information will be provided in our next newsletter and on our web site.

Several major events are planned for 2020. The **Scottish Rite Leadership Workshops** next year include one scheduled for April 24-25 in San Diego, CA. (Others will be on March 13-14 in Charlotte, NC and March 27-28 in St. Louis, MO.) This year's theme is Passing the Tools of Leadership. These workshops provide an excellent opportunity for leaders of different valleys to get together and exchange ideas. Given the relative closeness of the workshop we hope many of our members can attend.

Looking a little further ahead, on June 26-28, 2020, the valleys of Southern California are planning a reunion, to be held at Long Beach Scottish Rite, at which the 5 mandatory degrees plus 12 additional degrees will be exemplified. Earlier that month in Oakland the 5 mandatory degrees plus the other 12

degrees will be exemplified. The plan is to switch the optional degrees between the North and South the following year. This will allow candidates (and members) who desire to see all 29 degrees to do so either by attending both reunions next summer, or by attending reunions in Southern California two years in a row. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity then be sure to put these dates on your calendar. Our Valley is scheduled to do the 18th Degree. We will no doubt need cast members and stage crew for this event so please plan to give us a hand.

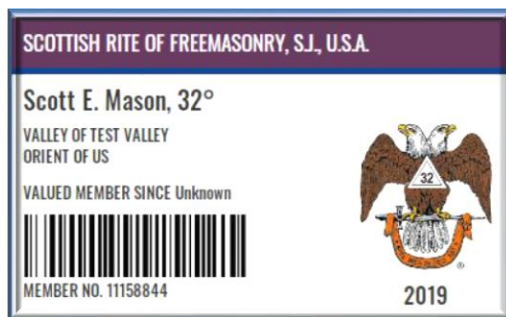
The **Scottish Rite Builders** will hold its 8th annual event on July 31 to

August 3, 2020, in Lake Tahoe. (This is related to the Tough Mudders events previously held, but that activity will not be part of this event.) This is a chance for work on building teams, improving participation, Masonic education, fund-raising and public awareness, and plan for 2021. It will include a complete list of speakers and topics. There will be recreational events such as hiking, nature trail walks, swimming, kayaking, jet skiing, etc. Most of the meals will be provided.

We will have more information on these events as the time draws nearer but please take this opportunity to put them on your calendar.

Online Dues Card

The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, has authorized and created a new online Member ID card!



Available NOW, this virtual card may be presented in place of your regular Member ID card. It is optimized for mobile devices, and completely secure.

To see your new online dues card, visit scottishrite.org, log in to your account and click on "Member ID Card". (If you do not currently have an account you can create one. Most of the fields are self-explanatory. Select "Ventura" for your valley.)

From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 33°

Greetings to our Scottish Rite Family!

Hello Brethren, Friends and Families, hope this newsletter finds you in good health and ready for the holidays. As you know the holiday season is upon us, with many things to do. As the year comes to a close, let us not forget we in the Scottish Rite, as well as other Masonic Bodies, have much work to do to close out the year; from election of officers, to final celebrations, to sharing with our families our love and joy for the blessings we have encountered throughout this past year. I would ask in all these joyous celebrations that we forget not those less fortunate than ourselves and please try in your hearts to find time to give to them in some way, be it, 'Toys for Tots', 'Salvation Army', Inviting a Service Person into your home for dinner, or whatever charity you find fitting in your heart to support. Please remember what Masonry is about; not only "Brotherly Love and Affection, but Faith Hope and Charity. The most important of these is Charity; caring for our fellow man, so I would ask you to give from your heart to those in need.

Your election committee, composed of the four heads of bodies, are busy working on the nominations for the upcoming year. They will make a presentation of the nominees at the November stated meeting, followed by voting in



December. There are still vacancies in the lines and committees and we may be calling upon you to consider a chair in the valley. Please support your valley and think about a position to support our craft. We are truly in need of men who desire to hold a chair in our bodies, not a lot involved but some effort and attendance is needed. Please think about taking a position in our line. There is still time to step up before our installation in January.

Please note that our November Dinner is a Salute to our Veterans as we pay homage to those who are serving and who have served our great county with their sacrifices, that we may live freely. Please plan to attend either to be recognized or to help show our love and respect to those who have or are currently serving.

Finally, December will be our final dinner before we close out the

year and present our new officers in January for 2020. I encourage all to come and support your valley as we finish out the Masonic Year.

One final note as we approach the end of year 2019: I wish to announce that this will be the end of my service as the Personal Representative to the SGIG. I have spoken with ILL ∴ Frank Loui on the subject and will see him again in mid-November to finalize my last day and the new appointment. I have no indication as to who the next P.R. of our Valley will be but will share that information once it has been made formal. It has been an Honor and a Pleasure to hold this position for the past several years and I am so grateful to so many for your support and guidance. I look forward to working with the new incoming P.R. for a smooth transition and relinquishment of duties. I know you will continue to give your love, support and guidance to whoever

assumes the position over our Valley. There is yet much to be accomplished with the State Wide Reunion coming in June, as well as the future of our Valley. I'm sure the coming year will be an exciting one for all those who wish to engage the health of our Valley.

Our next meeting is approaching and I am looking forward to having dinner with all of you. Please make your reservations in a timely manner or plan to pay an additional fee for dinner.

I truly thank you for your continued support.

God Bless, and Hope to See You at Dinner!

III. *Jerry E. Gonzales* 33°

<http://www.venturascottishrite.org/>
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News of the Valley

On September 9 we got back to work from our August recess with a Cap and Ring ceremony for our newest members, Ron Brown, 32°, Javier Hernandez, 32°, and Robert Sturgeon, 32°. See pictures on page 9.

At our October stated meeting Sir Knight Steven Goad, 32°, led the Valley in a celebration of the Feast of Tishri.



Several members of the Valley led the traditional toast for the evening.

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Summer Picnic. A big Thank You to everyone who worked to make that event a success.



Ill. : Jerry Gonzales presented certificates to our two new KCCH's, Michael Blodgett and Steven Goad.



The two clinicians, Julie and Summer, were present and gave us information on the great work they are doing.



Ill. : Jerry also presented a check on behalf of our Valley for \$6500 to Ill. : Maurice Sourmany for the Santa Barbara Language Clinic. The donation was from the profits of the New England



Our thanks to Sir Knight Raul Cifuentes, 32° KCCH, for taking the excellent pictures that accompanied this article. You can find more pictures on our web site.

From The Kitchen Staff

Dinner Menu

November 11 Stated Meeting Dinner, Salute to Our Veterans

Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce
Baked Italian Sausage
Seasoned Green Beans
Garlic Cheese Bread
Frosted Yellow Cake

Cost \$15.00/Individual, or \$25.00 Couples
RSVP by Thursday, November 7, 2019

*Please note late reservations after this date
will be at the cost of \$20.00 Per Person!*

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

December 9, 2019, Stated Meeting Dinner

Roasted Pork
Bread Dressing
Pork Gravy
Steamed Peas
Hot French Bread
Apple Pie

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple
RSVP by Thursday, December 5, 2019

*Please note late reservations after this date
will be at the cost of \$20.00 Per Person!*

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

Dinner Reservations

2019 Dinner Reservation Policy:

Prorated Annual Reservations for the remainder of 2019 are available at the rate of \$15.00/\$25.00 per remaining dinner meeting. At the time of this writing there are 2 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 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 with or without reservations! (Special Guests and Visitors will be exempted from non-reservation price.)

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

KCCH Knighting

Michael Blodgett

Steven Goad



Cap and Ring Ceremony



Ron Brown



Robert Sturgeon



Javier Hernandez





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.*

- John Klopstein, (805) 486-0602**
- Larry Toumi, (805)987-1738**
- Thom Piper, (805)208-8004**
- Orvene S. Carpenter, (805) 985-2076**

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.*

- William R. Wood crossed on 2/27/2019**
- Richard Eugene Stroup crossed on 7/27/2019**
- John Patrick Newton crossed on 9/29/2019**



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HEARTS OF MEN AND AMONG NATIONS.**

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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

Mon Nov 11 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (*Reservations by Nov 7*), Program 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following (Report of Nominating Committee) (Veterans Day) [MoK]

Mon Dec 9 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Dec 5*), Stated Meeting following (Election of Officers) [WM]

Sat Dec 14 Oxnard Lodge Christmas Party, 5:00 pm

Mon Jan 13, 2020 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm
(*Reservations by Jan 9*), Installation of
Officers 7:30 pm

