

# *Ventura Valley*

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## Newest Honor Men



**Harold Bogner, 33° (L)**  
**Roy Price, 32° KCCH**

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## Cover

Our cover shows our two newest Honourmen, Illustrious Harold Bogner, 33°, and Sir Knight Roy Price, who received their honors on September 9 at Long Beach Scottish Rite, just before these pictures were taken. Congratulations, Brethren, and Thank You for all you do for our Valley and for Masonry.

## Upcoming Events

Our next stated meeting will be on Monday, November 13. It will be at Oxnard Masonic Center. Dinner is at 6:30 pm, followed by a Cap and Ring Ceremony at 7:30 for our three newest members, then by the stated meeting. Because of the asbestos problems with the lodge room, all of our activities will be held in the dining room. If you will be joining us for dinner, reservations are required; contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 33°, at

hbogner@smartsourcellc.com

or (805) 218-1648, no later than Friday, November 10. Cost is \$20. See page 5 for the menu.

Our December meeting will be on December 11, and will include the election of our officers for 2024. We will also make a 50-year presentation to Brother Robert Frost. Congratulations, Brother Rob. As above, please contact Illustrious Harold for dinner reservations by December 8. We anticipate that the dinner and the stated meeting will both be held in the Oxnard Dining Room.

Looking further ahead, the installation of our 2024 officers will be on January 8, 2024. Please put that date on your calendar and plan to attend to show your support for the new officers.

## News of the Valley

On September 9 our two newest Honourmen, Ill.: Harold Bogner, 33° (L), and Sir Knight Roy Price, 32° KCCH, were invested with their Honors. See cover. The ceremonies were

performed at Long Beach Scottish Rite.

On September 29 and 30 the Los Angeles Scottish Rite presented the degrees to three of our candidates, Brothers John ('Tony') Thomas, Ruben Cabrera, and Gary Adkinson, creating them 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree members of our Valley. We welcome our three new members, and appreciate the help of the Valley of Los Angeles.

Work is proceeding with our roof repairs, although we do not have a firm date yet as to when we

can again use the lodge room. Hopefully that will happen in the very near future.

We are getting closer to kicking off the Ventura RiteCare, in order to provide speech and language treatment. We need people to serve on our board. Please consider lending us a hand. We can also include members on our board who are not affiliated with our Fraternity. If you know anyone in the community who might be interested and willing to get involved, please let us know.

## Adieu, A Heart-warm, Fond Adieu

*Robert Burns*

Adieu, a heart warm, fond adieu,  
Dear brothers of the mystic tie!  
Ye favored, ye enlightened few,  
Companions of my social joy!  
Tho' I to foreign lands must hie,  
Pursuing fortune's sliddery ba'  
With melting heart and brimful  
eye,  
I'll mind you still, though far awa'.  
Oft have I met your social band,  
An' spent the cheerful, festive  
night;  
Oft, honored with supreme  
command,  
Presided o'er the sons of light;  
And by that Hieroglyphic bright,  
Which none but Craftsmen ever  
saw,  
Strong memory on my heart shall  
write  
Those happy scenes, when far  
awa'.

May freedom, harmony and love  
Unite you in the grand design,  
Beneath th' omniscient Eye  
above,  
The glorious Architect divine;—  
That you may keep the unerring  
line,  
Still guided by the plummet's law,  
Till order bright completely shine,  
Shall be my prayer when far awa'.  
And you farewell, whose merits  
claim  
Justly that highest badge to  
wear,—  
Heaven bless your honored,  
noble name,  
To Masonry and Scotia dear!  
A last request, permit me here;  
When yearly ye assemble a',  
One round,— I ask it with a tear  
To him. the Bard. that's far awa'.

## From the PR's Quill

*Ill John F. Lowe, 33°*

**A**s we move into November and the holiday season, I ask each of you to reflect on the part you play in the Valley of Ventura.

Now is the time... to support your Valley by attending our meetings. The asbestos remediation of the lodge room in Oxnard is still some time away from completion. And yes, we hold both dinner and stated meetings in the dining room. But that said, we still offer friendship and fellowship we all need so much. Will you join us? Mark down November 13th to attend and be an active part of your Valley.

Now is the time... to step up and join the Board of Ventura Rite Care. We are close to beginning operation, offering care to children here in our county. We have funding provided by our last New England Lobster Feed. We have Sir Knight Roy Price in place as president of the board, bringing his experience from serving on the Santa Barbara board. We need several good men and true to offer experience and enthusiasm to this new opportunity of the Valley of Ventura. Will you dedicate yourself to this service of helping others?

Now is the time... for year-end donations. By giving your dollars to our RiteCare Childhood Language Center, you begin empowering children as they navigate the world with confidence. Yes, unlocking their



full potential to grow into adulthood. Your donation is more than just a gift; it's a powerful tool that helps children find their voice and write their own stories of success.

Now is the time... to clean your working tools and again be the exemplar of Scottish Rite Masonry. We have so much to offer in this, the University of Freemasonry. You petitioned Scottish Rite for membership for one or more reasons. Surely that reason still exists, certainly now joined by other just as important reasons. We look forward to meeting upon the square once more.

Salve Frater,  
John



# From The Kitchen Staff

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

## Dinner Menu

### **November 13, 2023, Stated Meeting Dinner, Cap and Ring Ceremony**

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

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above)

### **December 11, 2023, Stated Meeting Dinner, 50 Year Presentation**

Chicken Parmesan  
Seasoned Buttered Noodles  
Broccoli  
Cookies  
Toasted Bread

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above)



## 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.*

**Robert 'Dee' Matson, (805) 647-6728**

**Mark Torrez, (805) 290-3200**

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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](mailto: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.*

**Michael Allen Brown crossed on 7/3/2023**

**Thomas M. Morgan crossed on 8/23/2023**



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HEARTS OF MEN AND AMONG NATIONS.**

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THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL.” – Albert Pike**

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## CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

## Mark Your Calendar

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- Mon Nov 13 **Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm** (*Reservations by Nov 10*), 7:30 pm Cap and Ring Ceremony, in the Oxnard dining room, Stated Meeting following, *Commander presiding*
- Mon Dec 11 **Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm** (*Reservations by Dec 8*), 50 Year presentation for Robert Frost, Stated Meeting in the Oxnard Dining room, *Venerable Master presiding*
- Mon Jan 8, 2024 **Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm** (*Reservations by Jan 5*), **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOLLOWING**

