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### **New England**



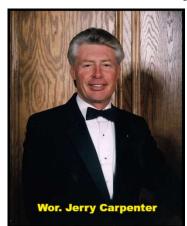
### **Summer Picnic**

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### IN MEMORIAM JERRY CARPENTER

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that Wor. Bro. Jerry Carpenter, 32° KCCH, was called from labor. He passed peacefully in his Camarillo home on May 26, 2016 after a long battle with Parkinson's. Jerry served our Valley as Wise Master in 2003 and was made a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor of the Ventura Scottish Rite in the same year. Wor. Jerry also served our valley as the Degree Master of the 32° Degree Team for many years. Among other Masonic accomplishments, Jerry served as Master of Oxnard Masonic Lodge in 1994 and was a Past Master Counselor of the Oxnard DeMolay Chapter. Jerry was also a Hiram



Award Recipient of the Oxnard Masonic Lodge. Jerry was the son of Ill  $\therefore$  Orvene Carpenter, 33°, and the brother-in-law of Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH.

Jerry was born on April 21st, 1947 in Ventura, CA. He graduated from Hueneme High School in 1965. Jerry attended Ventura Junior College and Northridge University. He worked as an orderly at the St. John's Hospital on F Street and the Townhouse Senior Home. He attended USC for Band and ROTC. He received the rank of Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserves. Jerry then joined the Marine Corp at MCRD San Diego and trained as an Avionics Technician at MCAS Yuma, AZ. He attended Arizona Western College and received an Associates Degree in Broadcasting.

He was married on May 22, 1971 to the love of his life, Judith K. Foster at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Port Hueneme, CA. In their forty-five years of marriage they had the opportunity to live in many places making lifelong friends.

Jerry's fire service includes the Rural Metro Fire Department in Yuma, AZ, Yuma City Fire Department, and the California Department of Forestry (Cal Fire). His last assignment was as Captain, at the Ventura Camp in Camarillo, CA where he fought wild land fires.

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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:

Goodies from the New England Summer Picnic.

See pages 11 and 12 for more pictures of this event.

### From our SGIG Concerning Flood Relief

### Brethren:

By now you have heard or watched the news about the flooding in the area in and around Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Baton Rouge Scottish Rite had over four feet of water. Most of the Masonic lodges in the area have suffered flooding. They have brothers who are without homes, cars, clothes, food, work places, churches, and do not know what today or tomorrow will bring - many have lost almost everything. As the water begins to go down slowly, we need to remember who we are as Masons. Caring for each other, offering assistance and stretching forth that hand of charity. The Supreme Council is placing an appeal nation-wide that will very likely result in financial contributions and offers to assist in many ways. This is an appeal from me to our members in California to help, aid and assist. All donations (small or large) should be made payable and sent to the Louisiana Scottish Rite

Foundation, PO Box 64, Shreveport, LA 71161 and noted that it is for "Flood Relief". If you know of any brothers living in the Baton Rouge area that may need assistance - let me know and I will pass the name(s) to them. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

### Frank

### **Frank Loui** Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California

### **Upcoming Events**

After the great effort on the New England Summer Picnic and some time for relaxation in August, we are back to the grind this month.

Our next stated meeting is Monday, September 12. (Remember to get your dinner reservations in by September 8 to Sir Knight Harold Bogner. 32° KCCH. at harold55@juno.com, or (805) 218-1648.) At our stated meeting we will be performing a Cap and Ring Ceremony for our four newest members: Ronald Laureano, 32°, Hector V. Lopez, 32°, Salvadore J. Lopez, Jr., 32°, and Ryan Phillips,  $32^{\circ}$ . Come out and officially welcome them to our Valley. Also that evening, as a special treat, Sir Knight Fred Ervast, 32° KCCH, will present a paper on "SHEKINAH, or DIVINE PRESENCE". It should be an interesting meeting.

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The September stated meeting is also the last meeting before our Fall Class, which start on Saturday, September 24, at 8:00 AM. As of this time we have one petition but if you have any Masonic friends interested in joining our Valley, try to get their petitions in at our stated meeting. To all, we can always use help with the cast and the stage craft, and vou are always welcome, in fact encouraged, to come down and see the degrees performed. Cast members, please look over your parts. We will try to schedule some practices, and we will set up for the Friday evening, degrees on September 23.

At our October  $10^{th}$  stated meeting we will also celebrate the Feast of Tishri. Dinner reservations are due to Sir Knight Harold by October  $6^{th}$ .

The following paraphrases the excellent description of the Feast of Tishri by editor Scott Doyle in the Santa Barbara Masonry at Work:

"As the children of Israel were led through the wilderness, God decreed the celebration of a sevenday feast in the Jewish month of Tishri, during which they were to live in 'sukkahs' (shelters or Booths) - He decreed that this feast be celebrated annually to forever remind the Israelites that He had rescued them from Egypt. This "Feast of Tishri" (or "Feast of Succoth") is thus a symbol of freedom. Some 450 years after its origin, the Feast of Tishri was utilized in dedicating the newly completed King Solomon's Temple, and this association led to its adoption by Scottish Rite Masonry to

symbolize our dedication to brotherly love and human accord in a peaceful world.

"This adaptation is evidenced in lessons taught by the Third Degree lecture (Blue Lodge), wherein we learn that David, King of Israel, was denied the privilege of building the Temple of God due to the 'many wars and much bloodshed' associated with his reign. On his death. Solomon (his son) ascended the throne and brought peace and tranquility in the world through wisdom and righteousness - God thus chose him to perform 'so great and glorious an undertaking' as that denied David. And so it was that through Solomon, construction of the Temple was seemingly guided by the hand of God – for indeed it was. ... The Feast of Tishri thus epitomizes the character, principles and purposes of Scottish Rite Masonry, all being consistent with the dictates of the God who spake it into existence."

On October 26 at 7:00 pm Oxnard Lodge #341 is hosting another Murder Mystery Dinner. Those who attended the one last year know that it is really a riot. You will be guaranteed a good time (even if you end up being the murderer!). See the flyer on page 9 for details.

Our highway cleanups will be on Saturdays, September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Café 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 AM for breakfast. Our ranks have dwindled and we are looking for more members to participate in this valuable civic minded activity. Newcomers are always welcome. 2016

### From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 33°

reetings to our Scottish Rite family!

Hello brethren, friends and families. Summer is coming to an end and we are moving on to the finality of our Masonic year. Grand Lodge is approaching as well as many other events as the year ends. I hope the past year has been a pleasant one for all of you.

Recently we had our New England Picnic and I can not thank all who attended and supported this event. We had a great turnout and the ladies did a great job with their auction event. Jan, I can not thank you and your supporters enough for vour efforts. Moe and the staff from the Clinic, thank you so much for attending and talking about your programs. To the Grand Lodge Family, always wonderful to have you attend and support. There are so many to thank for making this event happen I am not going to attempt to list them here, but there are two key players who make this event happen and I feel it is my duty to mention them, ILL .: Tom Melugin and Sir Knight Harold Bogner. These are the two men who make this event happen. To both of you and all the others who worked to make this event a success, I worship your efforts. Thank you all for your support.

To our Grand Master of Masons in California, Most Worshipful Perry: the Blocks you gave to me



have offered much conversation, both that day, and in the days to follow at my home. What a thoughtful way to introduce Masonry to non masons. They have proven to be most productive in this conversation. Thank You for your support, kind words and all you do for our Craft.

As this year comes to an end we still have much to do in the coming months. September we will be having the Cap and Ring Ceremony for the Spring Class members, with a short educational presentation by Sir Knight Fred Ervast titled Shekinah or Divine Presence. We still have a Fall Class or at least a candidate, as well as elections among a few things to finalize. Still not too late to get a candidate in; if you have one bring your petition to the upcoming meeting.

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### From the PR's Quill

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One final note: we have had a couple of officers resign and need to elect or appoint these positions. Walter Bragulla has stepped down as the Almoner, and we need to fill that position. Also Bob Sills has asked to be relieved on the Rite Care Foundation board and I would like to move Sir Knight Jose Raul Cifuentes into that position, but we will need to vote on it, in September.

We may have a Fall Class in September or early October and finish up in Pasadena in November. We need your support for these events. Elections are announced in November and voted in December. I

### News of the Valley

At our May stated meeting Brother Joseph F. Tischler of the Valley of Pasadena gave an interesting talk on "Decoding the Sacred Name and Unlocking the Civility Within Ourselves".

On June 11 we took our newest members down to the Valley of Long Beach to receive the 30<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees. As always, the degree casts did an excellent job and performed very impressive degrees, and the class room presentation was very thought provoking.

At our June stated meeting we were honored by the surprise visit of our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ill :. Frank Loui, 33°, and his lady. He explained to us some of may be out of town for one of those days at a wedding, but I am sure you will all carry on without me. 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.

Our next meeting is approaching and I am looking forward to having dinner with all of you. 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/ http://www.scottishritecalifornia.org/ https://scottishrite.org/

the workings of the California Scottish Rite Foundation.

On July 11<sup>th</sup> we had an informal meeting to finalize plans for the New England Summer Picnic.

On July 30<sup>th</sup> we held our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Summer Picnic. The event was well attended and very successful. See Harold's column, page 10, and pictures on the cover and pages 11 and 12.

During this period we also made Junior ROTC presentations to outstanding cadets at Oxnard High School and Pt. Hueneme High School.

We were dark for the month of August but are rev'd up and ready to go for September.

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### Lodge of Perfection

Michael Schaller, 32°, Venerable Master

The Bee Hive, Masonically, is an emblem of industry. The ritual recommends strongly that industry be practiced by all created beings. It tells us that we should never be content to be idle, especially when we can help our fellowman by exerting a little effort. The bee definitely is industrious. He works hard and tirelessly, not for himself, but for the swarm. He has a strength and knowledge of materials that cannot be duplicated. He works in complete cooperation, and without dissention, with his fellow bees.

What bees do can be compared with the cathedral builders of centuries ago. The builders worked as a unit. No man worked for himself, but with his fellowmen to achieve a common goal. They worked under conditions that would stop modern architects and engineers. Every man had to do his part, his share, to take pride in his assignment, large or small. One man alone could accomplish little or nothing. Undoubtedly, the operative masons



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saw their duplicate in the bees. They could readily see in the honey producers the symbol of the industry they, as builders of cathedrals, practiced.

As July came to an end, the brothers of not only the Ventura Valley, but many many volunteers as well, produced once again, a fantastic New England Summer Picnic. Thanks to all the wonderful Bees, that participated in the success of the event.

### ADD TO OUR HERITAGE

"I want to challenge each of you to do your personal part in adding to the wonderful heritage that is ours as Freemasons. We are prone to be complacent and to take things for granted. Freemasonry must never be stagnant; rather, it must always be advancing. We must be always striving for improvement in all that we do. Whose responsibility is this? It is clearly the responsibility of each Master Mason, for he alone is the one who must each day apply the teachings of our Craft in and to his life. Freemasonry is an individual matter, an individual responsibility, and an individual opportunity. Make that opportunity and the responsibility yours and you will be adding to our great heritage."

- Theodore Meriam, PGM, California

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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.)

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

### From The Kitchen Staff

### September 12<sup>th</sup> Dinner Menu

Roast Pork Loin South Western Rice Savory Brown Gravy Seasoned Carrots Seasoned Green Peas American Bacon Ranch Salad Hot Dinner Rolls Ice Cream

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple RSVP by September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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).

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### October 10<sup>th</sup> Dinner Menu Feast of Tishri

BBQ Chicken Cheesy Mac Southern Style Green Beans Salad American Thousand Island Apple Crisp Corn Bread

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple RSVP by October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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).

### Brethren, you should check out the following. The last one we had was a FANTASTIC amount of fun!



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### The Consistory Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, Master of Kadosh Information on the New England Picnic

uring our "break" in the summer months we had a briefing meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> with about 25 people who provided information and input for the 2016 event. We so appreciate all of the people who volunteered to help make this event a success. This yearly event cannot be put on by one person. It took a total of 38 people to make this event happen. Mv personal thanks to each person who worked passionately to help support the Ritecare Clinic. I would like to make special mention of Walter Bragulla, 32° KCCH, and his wife Nola, who have stepped down tending the bar this year but stepped up to help take care of other items for the Picnic. Your service to our Valley has made leading this event much easier. THANKS so much to all who made such a strong effort to get out and sell tickets for this event. To each person who prepped, cooked, and scrubbed for this event thanks again so much to ALL!

Here is a small breakdown of the event:

- Sold 106 Steak tickets
- Sold 136 Lobster tickets
- Total number of people served 242
- Total number of donated items 116
- Raffle & Bake Sale Donations of \$ 1623.50

A complete breakdown of the event costs and revenue will be



provided during the September stated meeting of the Valley on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please attend to get the details.

Conejo – DeMolay Chapter Dad Brandon Lippincott, DeMolay Members and Family were there to assist in all around duties this year. The young men helped with everything from shucking corn to helping attendees of the event carry their trays to the tables. You are building lifelong relationships with these young men. Continue to support and encourage them.

Sherri and Merry were not able to attend the New England Picnic this year, but helped us arrange to get another band to help us out. Check this out - Ken Hower from the band is the grandson of a former member of our Valley – Ken Hower, 32°

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KCCH. Ken Hower really enjoyed playing for the group this year.

Ill. Maurice Sourmany, 33°, Personal Representative of the Santa Barbara Scottish Rite Valley, had asked to serve the corn to both sides of the serving lines. It was a pleasure to have you help us with the event, along with bringing Julie and Summer, our Clinicians from the Ritecare Clinic in Santa Barbara. I would like to give mention to Bruce Rick, 32° KCCH, who has been a great contact within the Santa Barbara Valley in getting the word out and selling tickets.

Ill. Jerry Gonzales, 33°, Personal Representative for Ventura Valley made introductions of Ill. Sourmany, 33°, who shared a few thoughts on the Ritecare Clinic and the work that is being done for the Santa Barbara and Ventura County area. Ill. Gonzales then introduced Worshipful Lynn Wallingford, AGL for our district, who in turn introduced the Grand Lodge officers in attendance and their wives. It was a pleasure to have the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge family support our function.

Please take your phones out and input next year's event date of July 29th, 2017. The 2017 New England Picnic will be held in the same location with the Grand Lodge family along with having the honour of having Mike Metzler, 32° KCCH, of our valley being part of our event as the Potentate of the Al Malaikah Temple for 2017.

> Fraternally, Harold W. Bogner, 32° KCCH Master of Kadosh Consistory



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### **New England Summer Picnic**



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### **Making Your Mark of Distinction**

III .: Frank Loui, Chairman, California Scottish Rite Foundation

We have all heard the expression, "out of the mouths of babes," referring to the fact that sometimes innocent children can "cut to the chase" and be brutally honest when making an observation or asking a question.

As Scottish Rite Masons, honesty and integrity are virtues that we strive to make part of the cadence in every step we take in life. So, as the Chairman of the Board of the California Scottish Rite Foundation, I want to ask each of you a question and it is my hope that you answer without hesitation:

"Are you willing to make your Mark of Distinction by becoming an Honor Roll Donor this year?"

This is the challenge I am giving to each of our members and supporters. To put your values first and foremost and vow to help boys and girls learn to communicate with a charitable gift of \$100 or more to fund the vital work at our 14 RiteCare® Childhood Language Centers during the important back-to-school season.

Let me "cut to the chase"— our Foundation cannot help more children at our RiteCare® Language Centers without your generous donations. Your Honor Roll Gift of \$100 or more between now and the end of October will help us:

• Take kids off waiting lists at our 14 CLCs

• Provide expert treatment by RiteCare® Speech and Language Therapists without charge to the families of the boys and girls we serve all across California

• Help children receive the skills and confidence to succeed in the classroom and live productive lives

• Fund Parent Training to reinforce therapy at home

Brethren and Friends — are you ready to Make Your Mark of Distinction as an Honor Roll Donor today? That is my question. What will be your answer?

### Make Your Mark of Distinction as a CSRF Honor Roll Donor

- Donate \$100 or more between Sept 1st to Oct31st
- Your gift will elevate you to Honor Roll Membership

• Your donation will be recognized and appreciated with an Honor Roll Certificate suitable for framing and your name will be displayed on the 2016 Honor Roll of Donors at the Annual Communication of Masons and be published in both a future issue of "Speaking Up" as well as being prominently featured in the CSRF Annual Progress Report

Become an Honor Roll Donor at:

www.casr-foundation.org/how-to-help/ways-to-give or call CSRF at 714-547-7325

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### 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 Klopfstein, 486-0602 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.

Gerald Wayne Carpenter crossed on 5/26/2016

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### FREEMASONRY BUILDS ITS TEMPLES IN THE HEARTS OF MEN AND AMONG NATIONS.

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Mon	Sep	42	Mon Sep 12 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM, (Reservations by Sep 8), Program 7:20 PM, Cap and Ring Ceremony,
			Stated meeting following
Sat	Sep	17	Sat Sep 17 Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
Sat	Sep	24	Sat Sep 24 Fall Fast Class, Part 1, Setup at 7:00 PM Friday, Sep 23, Class starting at 8:00 AM Sep 24
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			( <u>Reservations by Oct 6)</u> , Feast of
			<i>Tishri Celebration</i> 7:30 PM, Stated





Reservations by Nov 10), Program

:30 PM, (Veterans Day), Stated

meeting following

Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM

Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up,

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meeting following, (Reobligation

of the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree, Nominating

Committee appointed)