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New England Summer Picnic

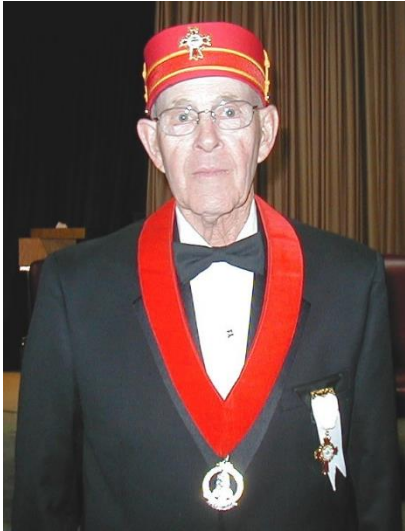


**Grand Master Jeffery M. Wilkins
Prepares the Lobster**

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In Memoriam James Frank Daniels



We regret to report the passing of Sir Knight Jim Daniels, 32° KCCH, on July 24, 2022.

Jim was born March 9, 1926 in West Virginia. In 1942 he enlisted in the Navy as one of the original Seabees. Jim served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. After retiring from the Navy in 1969 he worked for the Hueneme School District, retiring as head of maintenance after 17 years. He was elected to the City Council in Port Hueneme where he served eight years, two as Mayor Pro-Tem. He was an active member of the community, and was involved with many service groups. He was an avid supporter of Navy Base Ventura County.

Jim was a member of Anacapa Lodge #710 and Oxnard Lodge #341 and received the Hiram Award in 2012. He joined the Scottish Rite in Guam in 1956 and affiliated with our Valley in 1988. He was honored as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH) in 2005 and served as Wise Master in 2006. He was a 50-year member. He kept track of the Navy Junior ROTC Program for our Valley for many years. He was a regular at our stated meeting dinners along with his good friend Kitty Hurliman.

A service was held for Jim on August 4 at First Presbyterian Church in Oxnard, followed by a graveside service at Conejo Mountain Memorial Park.

Cover

Grand Master Jeffery M. Wilkins prepares the lobster for the

cooking pot.

Upcoming Events

Our next stated meeting is on Friday, September 12. At that time Ill. Frank Loui, Sovereign Grand Inspector General for California, will be visiting us. We hope to have a good turnout for that event. 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 Friday, September 9. Cost is \$20. See menu on page 4.

The following month our stated meeting will be on October 10, at which time we will hold our annual Feast of Tishri celebration. Again, if you will be joining us for dinner, let Harold have your dinner reservation by Friday, October 7.

On Saturday, September 10, Oxnard Lodge #341 will hold its second annual End of Summer BBQ. (See flier above.) Families are welcome. Please contact Mark Torrez at mark.torrez0983@hotmail.com or (805) 290-3200 for tickets or more information.

On Saturday, September 17, the Scottish Rite Research Society will hold its 2022 Symposium. The event is being held in Oakland, but is available free of charge for access using Zoom. The event will run from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Featured presenters include Ill. C. James Graham, Ill. Arturo de Hoyos, G. C., Ill. Rex Hutchens, G. C., Hon. Adam Kendall, and Bro. Josef Wages. Please contact the Secretary, Ill. Andy Little, at (805) 415-3776 or vcscottishrite@gmail.com, for information on access over Zoom.



News of the Valley

Our New England Summer Picnic was a big success this summer. Although not all the numbers are final, we had a great turnout and made a near record profit to support the Santa Barbara Childhood Language Clinic. A big Thank you to Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, and to all of the many people who helped with this event.

From The Kitchen Staff

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

Dinner Menu

September 12, 2022, Stated Meeting Dinner

Shrimp Scampi, Parmesan Noodles, California Blend Vegetables, Frosted Apple Sauce Cake, and Soft Serve Ice Cream

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Friday, September 9th, 2022
Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above)

October 10, 2022, Stated Meeting Dinner, Feast of Tishri

Chicken Alfredo, Lightly Toasted Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Strawberry Poundcake

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Friday, October 7th, 2022
Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above)

Master Craftsman Is Now Online

For those interested in learning more about Masonry and the Scottish Rite, the Master Craftsman program has provided that opportunity through a correspondence course. Recently, this program has been moved online. You can now register to take three online courses, and more are being added. Some study resources are also

provided, but you will be responsible for obtaining primary textbooks.

You can get started by going to www.scottishritestore.org and clicking the Masonic Education tag.

If several people are interested in taking the course, we can set up a study class. There are also volume discounts available in that case.

From the PR's Quill

Ill John F. Lowe, 33°

To the Members of Scottish Rite:

Welcome back from the Summer of 2022! Well, we think summer is over as we swelter in the early days of September with record-breaking temperatures and water restrictions.

But this summer was different; while we seemed to have moved past the pandemic of COVID-19, its variants remind us that, as now an endemic virus, it will be with us for many years. We may face yearly booster vaccinations to at least minimize the effect on ourselves and loved ones.

Yet, this summer also brought the New England Summer Picnic back after a two-year hiatus. It was a success, feeding our members and guests a long-awaited outdoor meal. The entire crew that worked diligently from weeks in advance until the last pot was cleaned are commended and deserve our heartfelt thanks. The Santa Barbara clinic is a deserving recipient of hard work by many hands.

As we begin anew this season, remember to find those worthy of the Scottish Rite and encourage their membership. Explain that



the “University of Freemasonry” awaits, and the benefits of the journey are immeasurable.

Finally, our own Illustrious Frank Loui, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Orient of California, will join us for our September Stated Meeting. Several years have passed since Illustrious Frank last visited, so please come to dinner and meeting to show our support.

May your health allow your desire for fellowship and fraternal bonds continue bringing you back to our regular meetings.

Salve Frater,
John



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

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.*

**Jacob Alfred Swartwood crossed on 8/25/2021
James Frank Daniels crossed on 7/24/2022**



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HEARTS OF MEN AND AMONG NATIONS.**

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

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Mark Your Calendar

For Reservations email hbogner@smartsourcellc.com, or call (805) 218-1648

- Sat Sep 10 Oxnard Lodge End of Summer Celebration, 1:00 pm
- Mon Sep 12 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (*Reservations by Sep 9*), 7:30 pm Stated Meeting (CoK)
- Sat Sep 17 Scottish Rite Research Society 2022 Symposium, 2:00 – 5:00 pm, Oakland Scottish Rite Temple (cost \$15),
or over Zoom (no charge), (contact Secretary for link)
- Mon Oct 10 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (*Reservations by Oct 7*), 7:30 pm Stated Meeting (VM)
- Mon Oct 21-23 Grand Lodge of California Annual Communication, San Francisco
- Mon Nov 14 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (*Reservations by Nov 11*), 7:30 pm Stated Meeting, *Report of the Nominating Committee* (MoK)

