

# *Ventura Valley*

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## Harold Bogner



**33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Designate**

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## New Honour Men

We are happy to report we have two new Honour Men. Sir Knight Harold W.

Bogner (see cover) has been elected to receive the 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Brother Roy G. Price (below) has been designated as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH).



The awards ceremony will be held on September 9 at Long Beach Scottish Rite, 855 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90813. See pages 4-6 for detailed schedule and registration requirements.

We hope that many of you will be able to attend these ceremonies, to honor these two outstanding brothers.

## Upcoming Events

Our next stated meeting is on Monday, September 11. It will be at Oxnard Masonic Center. Dinner is at 6:30 pm and the stated meeting is at 7:30 pm. Because of the asbestos problems we will not be using the lodge room. The dinner and the stated meeting will both be held in the dining room. If you will be joining us for dinner, reservations are required; contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 33° elect, at

hbogner@smartsourcellc.com

or (805) 218-1648, no later than Friday, September 8. Cost is \$20. See page 9 for the menu.

Our October meeting will be on October 9, and will include the Feast of Tishri. Again, contact Sir Knight Harold for dinner reservations. Again, the dinner and the stated meeting will be held in the Oxnard Dining Room.

## New England Picnic

The 2023 New England Picnic is now history. We had a great turnout, and many people worked very hard to make the event a success. This included quite a few people who are not members of our Valley, and we are especially grateful to them. Although the numbers are not complete at this time, it appears that we had a record profit on the event.

## News of the Valley

The planning of the roof repairs and the asbestos cleanup is progressing, but it is expected to take several months.

We currently have three candidates waiting for their degrees. Since we are currently unable to use our lodge room and to get to our props and costumes, we are looking into taking them to Los Angeles Scottish Rite, which will be doing the degrees on September 29 and 30. We don't want to hold up their Masonic education while we sort out the mundane problems of a leaky roof and contaminated facility.

**VALLEY OF LONG BEACH, ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA  
ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE  
OF FREEMASONRY  
2023 BIENNIAL HONORS CEREMONIES  
SATURDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Long Beach Scottish Rite Cultural Center  
855 Elm Avenue, Long Beach CA 90813  
Telephone (562) 436-3983  
Email: [secretary@lbscottishrite.org](mailto:secretary@lbscottishrite.org)

## SCHEDULE

- 7:00 a.m.      33° Registration and Continental Breakfast (in the Lounge – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)
- 8:15 a.m.      33° Candidates report to classroom (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) with cap and jewels in hand - sign Book of Gold
- 8:45 a.m.      All tableau participants assemble in the foyer of the Cathedral (2<sup>nd</sup> floor).  
Grand Herald leads procession of candidates to seats (less designated candidate).
- 8:50 a.m.      Officers and S.G.I.G. assemble for entry procession. All other participants line up for entry.
- 9:00 a.m.      33° Conferral in Tiled Sanctuary (2 hours).  
Only 33° IGH may be present.
- 11:00 a.m.      33° Pictures
- 11:30 a.m.      33° Light Lunch. (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom) Open to all 33°, IGH and KCCH cast members and their Ladies  
**\*\*\* RESERVATIONS REQUIRED \*\*\***
- 11:30 a.m.-      Breakdown of 33° Conferral Stage and setup of KCCH Investiture Stage
- 1:00 p.m.
- 12:45 p.m.      KCCH postulants report to Classroom (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) with caps in hand and wearing jewels.  
All participants in KCCH tableau take positions – Classroom (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
“Arch of Steel” guards with swords in assigned seats, front center aisle.  
All families and friends are invited to witness the ceremony.

1:30 p.m. Investiture of Knights Commander of the Court of Honour  
in the Cathedral

(1-1/2 hours).

3:30 p.m. Social followed by the 2023 Biennial Honors Banquet in  
the Ballroom.

❖ Banquet reservations are \$75.00 per person (choice of Fish or  
Beef)

❖ No tickets will be sold at the door ❖

DRESS: Tableau casts, Honorees and officers are to wear black  
tuxedos, white shirts, black bow ties, caps and jewels.  
33<sup>o</sup> Candidates bring (but do not wear) new caps,  
jewels, rings when they assemble in designated  
classrooms. KCCH candidates wear red caps and  
jewels to all events.

ABSENTEES: Notify the Long Beach Scottish Rite office at (562)  
436-3983 of participants in the tableau, 33<sup>o</sup> designates,  
or KCCH electees who will not be able to attend as  
soon as possible.

LUNCHEON: A Complimentary luncheon will be served in the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
floor Classroom at 11:30 a.m. (by reservation only) to all  
33<sup>o</sup> attendees, KCCH cast members and their ladies.

**\*\*\*RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DEADLINE: TUESDAY,  
September 5, 2023\*\*\***

HONOURS: Honors Banquet tickets are required for everyone and  
must be prepaid at \$75.00 per person. Pick up prepaid  
tickets at the Long Beach Scottish Rite upon  
registration.

There will be no refunds for non-attendees.

**\*\*\*NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER THE  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 DEADLINE.\*\*\***

RESERVATIONS: Ticket order forms will not be mailed. Deadline  
for reservations is Tuesday, September 5 and must  
be paid by that time. Please call the Long Beach  
Scottish Rite office at (562) 436-3983. Please mail

your check payable to: Long Beach Scottish Rite,  
855 Elm Avenue, Long Beach CA 90813

KCCH INVESTITURE: Ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m. and is open to family, guests, members, and non-members.

HOTELS: Below is a list of hotels in downtown Long Beach within ½ mile from the Long Beach Scottish Rite Center. Please contact the hotel directly for reservations. There is no special discount for this event.

1. Hilton Long Beach
2. Westin Long Beach
3. Renaissance Long Beach
4. Hyatt Regency
5. Courtyard by Marriott

DIRECTIONS TO LONG BEACH SCOTTISH RITE CULTURAL CENTER:

From I-405:

Take Long Beach Blvd south to 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Go east on 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Elm Avenue

Go south on Elm Avenue to 855 Elm Ave.

PARKING: Ample parking available at the Long Beach Scottish Rite Center.

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## **FREEMASONRY IS A PERSONAL JOURNEY**

*From an email distributed by Nigel Gallimore*

Freemasonry is a personal journey. Yes there is brotherhood bonding and yes there are family gatherings under the square and compass. But the Lodge is not a men's social club dedicated to curing the ills and failings of society. Freemasonry is a personal journey to better a man's life. The focus must be on increasing membership the right way.

When Freemasonry is practiced poorly you end up with a retention problem. You can bring candidates in by the ton but unrealized expectations won't convince them to stay. The answer is not to try to market Freemasonry but instead improve the product, the practice of Freemasonry, to the point where it sells itself. Don't put the cart before the horse. You can't talk about

how great Freemasonry is until you do a good job of practicing it. Don't spend all your time and money trying to market a poor product, spend your time and money on making the product better. With a superior product, something they cannot find elsewhere, people will beat down doors to get in.

When Freemasonry either uses the community for cheap publicity or parades itself about in the public eye for the purpose of hyping membership, it not only cheapens itself but it takes away from the practice of Freemasonry itself. Spending an inordinate time and money on marketing the Craft makes for a diminished and cheapened product, the product we are trying to sell being Freemasonry. Will it continue to try to market the Craft in order to bring in new members? We must not corrupt Masonic charity by making it a tool of Masonic awareness and publicity.

We should put on great degrees, insure good mentoring, provide extensive Masonic education, see to it that there is great fellowship and perform some meaningful community service or individual aid without expecting anything in return.

Even then Freemasonry may not sell itself. The path to success in building membership is to be pro active as an individual, one on one with those whom you come in contact with that are worthy. Don't try to mass sell Freemasonry!

## SMIB



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**CALIFORNIA SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION**

## From the PR's Quill

*Ill John F. Lowe, 33°*

**W**ith summer now receding, it is time to congratulate our two new honor men from our Valley. The Supreme Council has approved the following:

**Roy Price, 32°**, to the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor. Our Brother Roy is an important member serving in the officer line in our Valley. Additionally, Roy has been admirably serving on the board of the Santa Barbara Rite Care. I am confident Roy will be important in the establishment of Rite Care in our Valley. His service to our Craft is indeed an example of selfless service.

**Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH**, to the rank and dignity of 33° Inspector General Honorary. Brother Harold has many achievements, not the least of which is guiding our annual New England Lobster Feed each year. He has served as Master of his Blue Lodge and provides quiet leadership in our Valley. Harold never hesitates to volunteer whenever work needs to be accomplished.

I now ask each of you to support our two honor men by attending the honors ceremonies, close by in Long Beach, on September 9th. You will find the detailed schedule here in the bulletin (see pages 4-6), but suffice to say that carpooling to Long Beach for the day is an easy trip. The ceremonies themselves are enjoyable and I know Roy and Harold will



appreciate your company. While only 33° I.G.H. members may attend the morning session, all are welcome to the KCCH investiture. Please just make reservations in time for meals as shown in the schedule.

As we move through September and into fall, please plan on attending our stated meetings and supporting our Valley. If you have ideas for presentations meaningful to our members during upcoming meetings, please email your thoughts directly to me.

I thank you for your support, and please congratulate and welcome both Brother Roy, and now Illustrious Harold. We share in each other's happiness, and the 9th of September will indeed be a happy day to remember.

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

### September 11, 2023, Stated Meeting Dinner

Shrimp Scampi  
Parmesan Noodles  
California blend Vegetables  
Frosted Apple Sauce Cake  
Soft Serve Ice Cream

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

### October 9, 2023, Stated Meeting Dinner Feast of Tishri

Chicken Alfredo  
Lightly toasted Garlic Bread  
Mixed Vegetables  
Caesar Salad  
Strawberry Pound Cake

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Friday, October 6<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**

**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](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.*

**Richard Sherwin Tubbs crossed on 4/20/2019**

**Marvin L. Wergeland crossed on 5/31/2023**



**FREEMASONRY BUILDS ITS TEMPLES IN THE  
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**

## CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

## Mark Your Calendar

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

- Sat Sep 9 **2023 Biennial Honors Conferral**, Long Beach Scottish Rite, 855 Elm Avenue, Long Beach CA 90813. Reservations required by Tues, Sep 5 to Long Beach Scottish Rite, (562) 436-3983. 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree 9 to 11 am, (33<sup>rd</sup>s only). KCCH Investiture 1:30 pm (open to all). Social and Honors Banquet 3:30 pm.
- Mon Sep 11 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Sep 8*), 7:30 pm Stated Meeting in the Oxnard dining room, *Commander presiding*
- Sat Sep 16 Memorial Service for Rees Padfield, 33°, 11 am, Pasadena Scottish Rite  
Sep 29-30 Los Angeles Scottish Rite degrees.
- Mon Oct 9 **Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Oct 6*)**, **Feast of Tishri 7:30 pm**, Stated Meeting in the Oxnard Dining room, *Venerable Master presiding*

