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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.

Upcoming Events

Our next stated meeting will be March 9. The program will be the rest of the video we watched last month, which explains the differences between the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite. (The 25 and 50 year presentations usually done in March have been postponed because most of the recipients were unable to join us that day.) Dinner reservations are due by March 5, to Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at

hbogner@smartsourcelc.com

or (805) 218-1648. The cost is \$15 for individuals or \$25 for couples with timely reservations.

We will hold our annual Remembrance and Renewal Observance on Monday, March 23. It will include the remembrance of departed brethren, the Passover / Last Supper explanation, the Mystic Banquet, and the Extinguishing and Relighting of the Lights. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm; reservations are due by March 19, to Harold Bogner, (see contact information above).

Our April stated meeting will be April 13. The program is to be announced. Dinner reservations are due by April 9, to Harold Bogner (see contact information above). The cost is \$15 for individuals or \$25 for couples with timely reservations.

The **Scottish Rite Leadership Workshops** this 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 near proximity of the workshop we hope many of our members can attend.

Because of a number of scheduling conflicts we will not have a Spring Class this year but rather take our candidates to the Oriental Reunion to be held in Long Beach on June 26-28. At that time the valleys of Southern California will exemplify the 5 mandatory degrees plus 12 additional degrees. On June 5-7 in Oakland the 5 mandatory degrees plus the other 12 degrees will be exemplified by the valleys of Northern California. 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 this 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 confer the 18th Degree. We are starting to line up cast members and stage crew for this event and could use your help.

From the PR's Quill

John F. Lowe, 32° KCCH

As we complete February and begin March, many people are reminded, "Beware the Ides of March." It actually only refers to the first full moon in the Roman calendar month of March – around the 15th of the month. Our friend William Shakespeare writing his play *Julius Caesar*, used the warning to the dictator-for-life, who was assassinated on the Ides in 44 B.C.

In this century with computers in wide usage, people are accustomed to date numbers being separated by periods. Given that, while we not so much celebrate the Ides, we now celebrate *Pi Day*, or 3.14 each March.

Scottish Rite Masons though, should remember that it was in March 1853 when Albert Pike received his degrees – and also appointed Deputy Inspector in Arkansas. Surely this rather modest beginning began his work to reframe all our rituals.

Since there is no need to be afraid of Ides or other dates,



can you agree to renew attending our dinners and meetings? The leaders of each of our bodies are enthusiastic to hold meaningful meetings and bring growth back to our Valley.

Please make note of the meeting dates in this newsletter. Then, put a big, red circle around them as a reminder. Our meetings are not the same without YOU in attendance!

From The Kitchen Staff

Dinner Menu

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

March 9, Stated Meeting Dinner

Corned Beef
Cabbage/Carrots
Steamed Potatoes
Sourdough Bread
Cookies

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple
RSVP by Thursday, March 5, 2020

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

March 23

Remembrance and Renewal

Baked Chicken
Seasoned Rice
Mixed Vegetables
Chocolate Cake

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple
RSVP by Thursday, March 19, 2020

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

April 13, Stated Meeting Dinner

Baked Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Succulent Corn
Assorted Pudding

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple
RSVP by Thursday, April 9, 2020

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

Dinner Reservation Policy

Annual Standing Reservations are available for the rest of 2020 for a prorated amount of \$15.00 single or \$25.00 couple for the remaining dinner meetings. Including the March stated meeting there are 8 remaining dinners so the cost is \$120 single or \$200 couple.

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 late reservation, the fee for dinner will be \$20.00 per person.

If you fail to make a reservation and show up asking to eat, the fee will be \$25.00. (Providing there is enough food to accommodate your lack of a Reservation.)

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 the non-reservation price.)

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email to hbogner@smartsourcellc.com,
otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).

News of the Valley

In January we welcomed MW John Lowe, 32° KCCH, as our new Personal Representative, and installed our officers for this year: James Craig, 32° KCCH as Venerable Master, Roy Price, 32°, as Wise Master, Steve Goad, 32° KCCH, as Commander, and Ryan Phillips, 32°, as Master of Kadosh.

They are busy planning exciting programs for the year.

At our February stated meeting we watched the first part of a video on the differences between the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite. We will watch the rest of the video at our March 9 Stated Meeting.



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**
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- Orvene S. Carpenter, (805) 985-2076**
- John A. Argue, (805) 498-4831**

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.*

(Thankfully we have no brethren to report this issue.)



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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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Mon Mar 23 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Mar 19*) Remembrance and Renewal. [WM]

Mon Apr 13 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Apr 9*), Program 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following. [MoK]

Fri-Sat Apr 24-25 Supreme Council Scottish Rite Workshop in San Diego

Mon May 11 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by May 7*), Program 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following. (Mothers Day). [VM]

Fri May 15 PRs, General Sec, etc., Oriental Meeting, Palm Springs

