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# Grand Reopening



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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

After a long period of Zoom meetings, we are hopeful that we will soon be able to resume in-person meetings. The Grand Master has outlined a plan to accomplish that, as detailed below.

## Re-Opening Plans

Most Worshipful Arthur H. Weiss, Grand Master of Masons in California, has laid out a plan for re-opening lodges and other Masonic organizations like ours. We will be working toward meeting the requirements which will allow us to finally resume in-person meetings.

In order to re-open several things must happen, and several requirements must be met for in-person meetings. These include:

- 1) The hall association must prepare and implement a written COVID-19 prevention plan, which must be approved.
- 2) For each event they must maintain a guest list. This will require members to inform us ahead of time that they will be attending.

- 3) Based on the guest list an assigned seating chart must be drawn up. The chart must provide physical distancing between attendees.
- 4) All people attending must either be fully vaccinated (last shot in the series administered at least 2 weeks prior), or have a negative test result during the last 72 hours. Documentation is required in either case. Two officers will be assigned to check the documentation.
- 5) Masks MUST be worn by all attendees.
- 6) We must also monitor and conform to any requirements of local health departments.

Those who are interested may read the entire directive at

<https://freemason.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/GM-Weiss-Reopening-Guidance-FINAL-04-13-2021.pdf>

What does that mean for us?

The Oxnard Masonic Center Board will first need to prepare its Prevention Plan and have it approved. We do not anticipate this and other

necessary tasks being accomplished in time for our May 10 stated meeting, so that meeting will be a virtual meeting on Zoom. However, if all goes well, we may be able to do our June meeting in person! We will need to set up a reservation system for our guest list. We can adapt our dinner reservation system for this purpose, but we need to have separate lists for dinner and the stated meeting. If you will only be attending the stated meeting, you must still let us know. All attendees **MUST** bring documentation showing that they have been fully vaccinated or that they have received a negative result for a Covid test within the last 72 hours. All attendees **MUST** wear face masks (except while eating or drinking).

If we decide to go ahead with an in-person June stated meeting, we will also need to decide whether to try to include a dinner with it.

We will use email and possibly snail mail to keep our membership informed as these plans solidify.

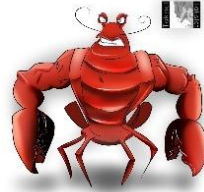
## Upcoming Events

As discussed above, we will hold our May 10<sup>th</sup> stated meeting as a virtual meeting on Zoom. Access information will be distributed by email when available. If you want to attend but don't receive the email, contact the Secretary, Ill. Andy Little, at [alittle93012@gmail.com](mailto:alittle93012@gmail.com) or 805-415-3776.

At this time, we cannot say for certain whether our June 14 stated meeting will be online or in-person, and if in person, whether it will include dinner. We will take steps to

inform everyone once the plans are solid.

Save the date! On Sunday, July 11, Channel Islands Lodge #214 will celebrate its 150 Year Anniversary. More information will be available closer to the event's date.



Our New England Summer Picnic is now scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>. (This is a change from the date announced at the beginning of the year.) We are currently working out the details. More information will be available next month.

## “A MASON’S RESPONSIBILITIES”

The most valuable contribution of Freemasonry to the world is to be found in the lives of its individual members. If Masonic ideals are eventually to reach the legislative halls of our country, the houses of commerce and trade, and the shops of industry, they must be carried there by individual Masons; and whatever good Masonry may accomplish in the world will be the sum of the worth of its individual members. Look not at a brother's failure to live up to our high ideals - look well to thyself!

- From the Grand Lodge of Minnesota

## From the PR's Quill

**Greetings to the Members and Family of Ventura Valley.**

*John F. Lowe, 32° KCCH*

**T**o Our Scottish Rite Family:

We begin May with perhaps the best outlook in many, many months. Californians are being vaccinated and COVID infections are trending down. The Governor of California is targeting June 15 as the reopening of our state. This is all good news after a year of quarantine.

The positives happening here are now allowing our Valleys, Lodges, and other bodies to begin meeting in person, following very specific guidelines and protocols. The information is provided in this newsletter regarding the attendance rules from our California Grand Master of Masons. Each meeting place must develop a plan to be followed to keep each of us safe as well as meet state requirements.

I must stress to you the importance of adherence to the entrance protocol. To be admitted to either a dinner or a meeting you must be fully vaccinated and show your card as evidence, or show written proof of a negative COVID test within



the previous 72 hours. The monitors at the door cannot let you pass without meeting one or the other qualification just listed. Please save embarrassment; do not ask to be admitted without a vax card or test results. We cannot jeopardize our ability to meet.

We must remember those who lost their lives to this disease, and their families likely still grieving. But let us now look forward to meeting again as brothers and friends of the Scottish Rite.

Stay safe,  
John

## News of the Valley

Since our last newsletter we have said "Good-bye" to two active members of our community.

We remembered Georgia Carpenter, wife of Ill. Orvene, at a service April 9 at Conejo Valley Memorial Park in Camarillo. Georgia was always at our dinners and other events, and we will all miss her.

We also remembered Brother Mike Satumba, who had taken an

active role in our Valley until he became ill about a year ago. A service was held for him at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park in Ventura on April 15. Carpinteria Lodge #444 performed a Masonic ceremony. Carpinteria Lodge and Carpinteria Shriners also provided the banner shown.

April 29 is the birthday of Brother James Craig, who one year ago, while serving as our Venerable Master, became ill on that date and succumbed to Covid19. To commemorate his life, James' family has created a video in remembrance of him. You can view it at

[http://venturascottishrite.org/images/James\\_Craig\\_Memorial.mp4](http://venturascottishrite.org/images/James_Craig_Memorial.mp4)

(Online users should be able to simply click on the above link. There is also a link to it on our web site.) This video is very well done and we found it quite touching.

## Results And Roses

*Edgar Albert Guest*

The man who wants a garden fair,  
Or small or very big,  
With flowers growing here and there,

Must bend his back and dig.  
The things are mighty few on earth  
That wishes can attain.

Whate'er we want of any worth  
We've got to work to gain.  
It matters not what goal you seek  
Its secret here reposes:  
You've got to dig from week to week  
To get Results or Roses.





# 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.*

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- Fred 'Tiny' Potter, (805)484-4150**

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 Merle Chase crossed on 7/13/2020**
- Michael Balangon Satumba crossed on 3/17/2021**



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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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## CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

## Mark Your Calendar

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

- Mon** May 10 7:00 PM, Zoom Stated Meeting (VM)  
**Mon** Jun 14, Either 7:00 PM, Zoom Stated Meeting, or **IN PERSON Stated Meeting** (WM)  
**Mon** July 5 7:00 PM, Planning Meeting for New England Summer Picnic  
**Sat** July 24 New England Summer Picnic, (details to follow)

