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Our Newest Honor Men



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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

Our cover shows our newest Honor Men: (left) Sir Knight Earl G. Williams, 32° KCCH, (right) Sir Knight James L. Craig, 32° KCCH, with our Personal Representative III ∴ Jerry E. Gonzales, 33°. Earl and James were invested on September 23 in San Diego. Congratulations, Brethren.

Upcoming Events

Our next stated meeting will be on November 13. The program will be a presentation on III ∴ Manly P. Hall, 33°, author of numerous books including *The Secret Teachings of All Ages* and *The Lost Keys Of Freemasonry*. Brother Hall was an authority on mysticism and esoteric philosophies, and founder of the Philosophical Research Society. If you will be joining us for dinner we need your reservations by November 9th. Contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at (805) 218-1648 or hbogner@smartsourcellc.com.

Our last meeting of the year will be on December 11, at which time we plan to have a speaker, topic to be

announced. Again dinner reservations are needed by December 7th, to Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at (805) 218-1648 or hbogner@smartsourcellc.com.

We are working on our officer line-up for next year. If you are willing to serve in an office please let one of the current Heads of the Bodies (or the Personal Representative or Secretary) know. Our Valley can use your help.

Mark your calendars for January 8, 2018, which will be our Installation of Officers for 2018.

From June 29 – July 1, 2018 the Orient of California will confer all 29 Scottish Rite degrees at a special Reunion in Oakland. All members are invited to this unique opportunity to witness all the degrees. Our Valley will confer the 18th Degree. We will need to fill some parts and may also need help with the other areas such as props and stagecraft. If you are interested in participating please let us know.

Our next highway cleanups will be on Saturdays, November 18th and December 16th. Meet at the Café 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 AM for breakfast. Newcomers are always welcome.

From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 33°

Greetings to our Scottish Rite family!

Hello Brethren, Friends, and Families, hope this news letter finds you in good health and ready for the holidays. As you know the holiday season is upon us, with many things to do. As the year comes to a close, let us not forget we in the Scottish Rite as well as other Masonic Bodies, have much work to do to close out the year; from election of officers, to final celebrations, to sharing with our families our love and joy for the blessings we have encountered throughout this past year. I would ask in all the joyous celebrations that we forget not those less fortunate than ourselves and please find in your hearts to find time to give to them in some way, be it, 'Toys for Tots', 'Salvation Army', Inviting a Service Person into your home for dinner, or whatever charity you find fitting in your heart to support. Please remember what Masonry is about; not only "Brotherly Love and Affection", but caring for our fellow man, so I would ask you to give from your heart to those in need.

Your election committee, composed of the four heads of bodies, has completed the work on the nominations for the upcoming year which will be presented at the November stated meeting for voting in December. There are still vacancies in the lines and committees and we may be calling upon you to consider a chair in the Valley. Please



support your Valley and think about a position to support our craft. 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. There is still time to step up before our installation in January.

We have had minimal support or interest in either VMAP or the future of the Valley. Without the support of our members the future of our Valley may be in for some change or perhaps even folding. I encourage all those who care to please be forth coming in your ideas and support to keep our Valley alive. We have but a few options left, either find members willing to lead, or reduce our Valley to a Club which only operates in the 14th degree, or fold and merge with a neighboring valley. The choice is ours to make, not mine but ours as a

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group. I am looking for guidance and interests into where our valley will be in the coming years.

Our next meeting is approaching and I am looking forward to having dinner with all of you. Please make your reservations in a timely manner

or plan to pay an additional fee for dinner.

I truly thank you for your continued support.

God Bless, and Hope to See You at Dinner!

III. *Jerry E. Gonzales* 33°

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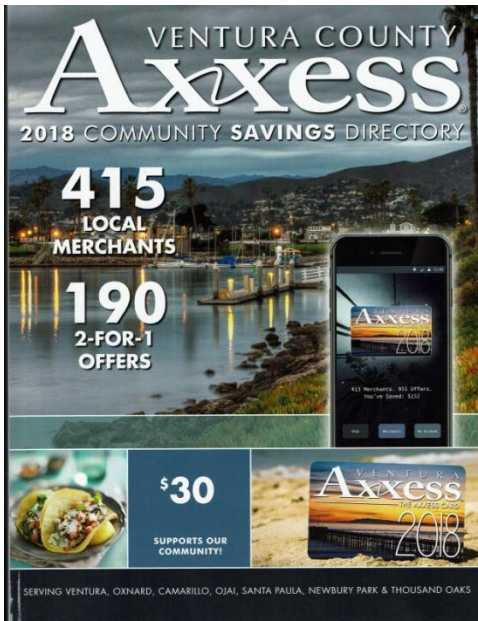
News of the Valley

Two of our members have been invested as Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor: Brothers James L. Craig, 32°, and Earl Williams, 32° (see cover). They received their

honours on September 23 in San Diego.

We have a new member, Michael B. Satumba, who received his 4th and 14th Degrees on October 20, courtesy of the Valley of San Fernando. Welcome, Brother Mike.

Buy an Axxess Book, Enjoy Bargains, while Supporting the Language Clinics



The image shows the cover of the 'Axxess 2018 Community Savings Directory'. The top half features a scenic view of a coastal town at dusk. The text 'VENTURA COUNTY Axxess' is prominently displayed in large, white, serif font. Below it, '2018 COMMUNITY SAVINGS DIRECTORY' is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. The cover highlights '415 LOCAL MERCHANTS' and '190 2-FOR-1 OFFERS'. A smartphone is shown displaying the Axxess app interface. At the bottom, there are three smaller images: a plate of food, a '\$30 SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY!' badge, and another copy of the Axxess 2018 directory. The bottom of the cover lists the service areas: 'SERVING VENTURA, OXNARD, CAMARILLO, OJAI, SANTA PAULA, NEWBURY PARK & THOUSAND OAKS'.

Everyone loves their Axxess Card! Save money at restaurants, wineries, kids education & activities, zoos, museums, pet care - the list keeps going!

With an average savings of \$300 per family per year, a \$30 Membership is well worth it!

And one third of your purchase price goes directly to the Santa Barbara Childhood Language Center to help cover the cost of providing free speech therapy sessions.

These books are specifically for Ventura County and are good from now through the end of 2018.

Get yours at the November stated meeting or contact the secretary at (805) 415-3776.

From The Kitchen Staff

Dinner Reservations

2017 Dinner Reservation Policy:

Prorated Annual Reservations are available at the rate of \$15.00 for individuals or \$25.00 for couples per remaining dinner meetings. This reservation includes all remaining dinners for the year (2 if starting with the November stated meeting, 1 if starting with December).

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, but no reservations will be accepted the day of the event.

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 attended meeting, as we will have paid for your dinner reservation in advance.

As always Widows are guests of the Valley!

(Special Guests and Visitors are exempt from non-reservation price.)

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

November 13th Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce, Baked Italian Sausage, Seasoned Green Beans
Garlic Cheese Bread, and Frosted Yellow Cake

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple
RSVP by Thursday, November 9th, 2017

Late reservations after this date will be \$20.00 Per Person!

Please note we will not take any reservations after November 12th!

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above).

December 11th Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Chicken Parmesan, Seasoned Buttered Noodles, Broccoli
Toasted Bread, and Cookies

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple
RSVP by Thursday, December 7th, 2017

Late reservations after this date will be \$20.00 Per Person!

Please note we will not take any reservations after December 10th!

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.*

Donald Wright, 642-6621 John Klopstein, 486-0602
Rick Marquez, 487-9710 William R. Wood

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.*

Charles Emery Wilcox crossed on 9/16/2017



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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**

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Mon Nov 13 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Nov 9*), Program 7:30 PM, topic: Manly P. Hall, (Veterans Day),
Stated meeting following (*Report of Nominating Committee*) (MoK)

Sat Nov 18 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy

Mon Dec 11 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Dec 7*), Program 7:30 PM, Stated meeting following, (*Election of
Officers*) (WM)

Sat Dec 16 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00
AM, Cafe 126

Mon Jan 8, 2018 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30

PM (*Reservations by Jan 3*),
Installation of Officers &
Program 7:30

