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Cap and Ring Ceremony



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IN MEMORIAM CHARLES CARROLL

We regret to announce that Brother Charles Carroll, 32° KCCH, passed away on September 3, 2018.

Charles was born June 22, 1925, in Minneapolis, MN. He enlisted in the Marine Corp at age 17 and served in the Pacific during World War II. In 1948 he married Garnet Morey, his bride of 70 years. They have twin daughters, Teri and Nancy.

The family moved to Ventura in 1953. Given his experiences in WWII, Charles wanted to serve others in their greatest time of need, after the loss of a loved one, which led him to open and operate five mortuaries in Ventura County, one of which still bears his name. He also served on the Ventura City Council from 1961 to 1965, and was a member of the Ventura Downtown Lion's Club.

Charles was a member of Poinsettia Lodge #633 (later Channel Islands Lodge #214). He joined Santa Barbara Scottish Rite in 1960, then affiliated with the Valley of Ventura in 1978 as a charter member. In our Valley he was especially active in stagecraft, heading up the make-up department for many years and helping with wardrobe. He was designated a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2001.

Charles was loved and respected by all who knew him and we will miss him.



IN MEMORIAM

EMILIO BONERGES REYNOSO

We regret to announce that Brother Emilio Reynoso, 32° KCCH, passed away on September 25, 2018.

Emilio was born on June 30, 1924, in the Philippines. He was one of the first Filipinos to join the U.S. Navy just as WWII was ending. He was aboard the USS Wisconsin on its first cruise after it was built. He served in the Navy for over 20 years, retiring in 1965 as a Senior Chief Disbursing Clerk. He then served in the U.S. Civil Service from 1966 to 1986. He was a charter member of the Fleet Reserve Organization at El Centro, CA. He also served in many other civic organizations.

Emilio became a Mason in Cavite Lodge #2 in the Philippines in 1968. He affiliated with Anacapa Lodge #710 in 1980, served as its master in 1985, and received the Hiram Award in 1995.

Emilio joined Ventura Scottish Rite in 1999 and was designated a Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2003, only four years later. He served as Master of Kadosh for the Consistory in 2001 and as Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix, in 2009. He was active in the ritual work of our Valley, including taking the lead part in the 30th Degree.

Emilio was especially active in the York Rite bodies, being a member of, and receiving honors in, numerous organizations. These include serving as High Priest of Oxnard Chapter Royal Arch Masons, as Illustrious Master of Ventura Council of Royal and Select Masters, as Eminent Commander of Ventura Commandry Knights Templar, as Sovereign Master of Channel Coast Council of Allied Masonic Degrees, as Pre-Eminent Governor of Saint Albans York Right College, and as the first President of Channel Islands York Rite Association. He was also knighted a Knight of the York Cross of Honour. He served in more roles, and received more other honors, than we are able to list.

He also served as President of the Oxnard Shrine Club, as Puissant Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, Pacifica Conclave, as President of the Ventura County Chapter, National Sojourners, Inc., and as Camp Commander of West Point Camp, Heroes of 76.

Emilio was a tireless worker and a friend to all, and all of us will miss seeing him and his lady Sally at our events.



Cover

Our cover shows members of our Spring Class with their ladies at the Cap and Ring Ceremony in September. From left to right: Richard DePalma, 32°, and his lady Shirley, Taylor Gilbert, 32°, Rodrigo Kammer, 32°, and his lady Rebekah, Michael Satumba, 32°, and Francis Villareal, 32°.

Upcoming Events

Our next stated meeting will be on Monday, November 12th. As that also happens to be Veterans Day, we will take the opportunity to honor all active duty military and veterans that evening. Please see the flier on facing page. Dinner reservations are required; contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at hbogner@smartsourcelc.com, or (805) 218-1648, no later than Thursday, November 8th.

On November 3 we will take our candidates from the Fall Class who are available to Pasadena Scottish Rite to receive the rest of their degrees. Anyone else who is interested is invited to come along.

Our December stated meeting will be on December 10th. The program is to be announced. We will also elect our officers for next year. If you will be joining us for dinner, reservations are due to Harold by Thursday, December 6th (see address above).

Our highway cleanups will be on Saturdays, November 17 and December 15. Meet at the Café 126,

11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 am for breakfast.

News of the Valley

At our September stated meeting we held a Cap and Ring Ceremony for the members of our Spring Class. See pictures on the cover and pages 12 and 13.

On September 15 we held the first part of our Fall Class. (See pictures on page 7.) Many thanks to all those who served as cast members, classroom instructors, and/or statecraft, who were responsible for a very impressive program. We welcomed two new members, Ron Brown and Mark Torrez. Schedules permitting, they will receive the rest of their degrees in Pasadena on November 3

At our October stated meeting we celebrated the Feast of Tishri, including the ceremonial toasts. We were also honored to have Ill. Frank Loui, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General for California, and his lady Jeanie as our guests for the evening. Our Personal Representative, Ill. Jerry Gonzales, 33°, appointed the current heads of the bodies as the nominating committee for 2019. If you are willing to serve as an officer this coming year please contact them and let them know. They are looking for volunteers to serve our Valley in various capacities.

Our Tyler, Brother Robert S. Kennedy, Jr., has left our area and relocated to Boise, Idaho. We wish Bob the best as he adjusts to his new home.

Special Program to Honor Our Veterans

VETERANS DAY

*Observance & Appreciation Dinner
in Honor of our Military Veterans*

HOSTED BY
**THE VALLEY OF VENTURA SCOTTISH RITE
ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA**



NOVEMBER 12, 2018 @ 630PM



341 SOUTH K STREET, OXNARD CA 93030

Attire: TYPE III or NSU for Active Duty Service Members
and Veterans are requested to wear their military uniform

From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 33°

Greetings to our Scottish Rite family!

Hello Brethren, Friends and Families, hope this newsletter 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 blessing we have encountered throughout this past year. I would ask in all these joyous celebrations that we forget not those less fortunate than ourselves and please find it 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.

Please look for the notice of our November Veterans Day Program and Dinner. We plan to honor those military persons who are currently serving on Active Duty, as well as recognize those members who have served in the past, at our upcoming stated meeting dinner. Please plan to attend either to be recognized or to help show our love and respect to those who have or are currently serving. This should be an event to remember.

Finally, December will be our final dinner before we close out the

year and present our new officers in January for 2019. I encourage all to come and support your valley as we finish out the Masonic Year.

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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Fall Class



4th
Degree
Team



14th
Degree
Team



18th
Degree
Team

VALLEY SCHEDULE 2019 EVENTS

Keep this schedule for the coming year. Note that all dates are tentative. Watch this newsletter and our web site, venturascottishrite.org, for updates.

**Mon Jan 14 Social 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (Reservations by Jan 10),
Installation 7:30 pm. [VM, PR, Installing Team]**

Sat Jan 19 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

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

Sat Feb 16 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

**Mon Mar 11 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Mar 7*),
Program 7:30 pm, 25/50 Year Awards, Stated Meeting
following. [CoK]**

Sat Mar 16 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

**Mon Mar 25 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Mar 21*)
Remembrance and Renewal. [WM]**

**Sat Apr 6 or 13 Spring Fast Class (Part 1), (Setup at 7:00 pm Friday),
8:00 am Saturday, Conferral of 4th, 14th, and 18th Degrees.**

Mon Apr 8 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Apr 4*),
Program 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following. [MoK]

Sat Apr 20 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon May 13 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by May 9*),
Program 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following. (Mother's Day).
[VM]

Sat May 18 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon June 10 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (*Reservations by Jun 6*),
Program 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following. [WM]

Sat June 15 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon July 8 Pizza Dinner 6:30 pm, Planning Meeting for New England Picnic

Sat July 20 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

**Sat July 27 NEW ENGLAND SUMMER PICNIC, Serving Time 12 Noon
– 1 pm**

VALLEY SCHEDULE 2019 EVENTS

AUGUST DARK:

Sat Aug 17 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon Sep 9 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Sep 5*), Cap & Ring Ceremony 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following, [CoK]

Sat Sep 21 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Sat Sep 21 HONOURS Conferral in San Diego,

Sat Oct 5 or 12 Fall Fast Class (Part 1), (Setup at 7:00 pm Friday), 8:00 am Saturday, Conferral of 4th, 14th, and 18th Degrees.

Mon Oct 14 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, Feast of Tishri Celebration, (*Reservations by Oct 10*), Stated Meeting following (Reobligation of 14th Degree, Nominating Committee Appointed) [VM]

Oct 18-20 Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Sat Oct 19 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon Nov 11 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (*Reservations by Nov 7*), Program 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following (Report of Nominating Committee) (Veterans Day) [MoK]

Sat Nov 16 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon Dec 9 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Dec 5*), Cap & Ring Ceremony 7:30 pm, Stated Meeting following (Election of Officers) [VM]

Sat Dec 21 Highway Clean Up, Breakfast 7:00 am, Café 126

Mon Jan 13, 2020 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm (*Reservations by Jan 9*), Installation 7:30 pm

Please note the Scottish Rite Class dates are under review and pending degree teams and practice dates. Alternate to Classes are to travel to other Valleys such as Long Beach, Los Angeles or Pasadena!

([VM] – Venerable Master presiding, [WM] – Wise Master presiding, [CoK] – Commander of Kadosh presiding, [MoK] – Master of Kadosh presiding)

from The Kitchen Staff

Dinner Reservations

2018 Dinner Reservation Policy:

Standing Reservations are available, for a rate of \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 per couple per remaining dinner meetings of 2018. There are currently two remaining dinner meetings.

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

As always Widows are guests of the Valley (but reservations are required)!

(Special Guests and Visitors will be exempted from non-reservation price.)

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

Dinner Menu

November 12th Stated Meeting Dinner Veterans Day

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

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple

RSVP by Thursday, November 8th, 2018

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

Please note we will not take any reservations after November 11th!

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

December 10th Stated Meeting Dinner

Chicken Parmesan

Seasoned buttered noodles

Broccoli

Toasted Bread

Cookies

Cost \$15.00/Individual or \$25.00/Couple

RSVP by Thursday, December 6th, 2018

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

Please note we will not take any reservations after December 9th!

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

One Lodge

Tommie Closson

Grandfather's lodge is gone now,
The charter pulled down from the wall.
The mortar has found some new
purpose,
The Master's within a new hall.

To most it's a joyful occasion,
A merger of Brothers and friends.
But the number that made him a
Mason
Has scattered to history's winds.

What if my Lodge should pass from
existence?
I'll see with the passing of time,
If my son joins the Order as I did,
Will he kiss the same Bible as I?

With so much left to do for our
neighbors,
And a trestle board full of to do's,
I must say that it's terribly petty
To argue the price of my dues.

Beside my Lodge altar a flag flies,
Of a place where a person can go,
To freely help Brothers and neighbors
In the length of his cable tow.

So Brothers, let's work for tomorrow,
And read from a braver man's tome,
May fraternity e'er be our focus,
No matter what Lodge we call home.

CAP AND RING CEREMONY SPRING CLASS



(From top) Richard DePalma and his lady Shirley; Taylor Gilbert, Rodrigo Kammer and his lady Rebekah, (opposite page) Michael Satumba, and Francis Villareal.





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, (805) 642-6621
John Klopstein, (805) 486-0602
Robert S. Kennedy, Jr., (805) 987-2164
Salvador J. Lopez, Jr., (805) 649-8177
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 Calvin Carroll crossed on 9/3/2018
Emilio Bonerges Reynoso crossed on 9/25/2018

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Useful Contacts

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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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