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## Orient Virtual Reunion

We are currently not permitted to hold reunions to confer degrees in person, but the Orient of California will hold a Virtual Statewide Communication covering all 29 degrees on Friday, November 6, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, and Saturday, November 7, 9:00 – 11:00 am and 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Any current member of any of the Scottish Rite Valleys may join the Virtual Reunion as an *Attendee* by registering following the link below. All *Attendees* will have access to view the event as a Webinar only. This registration may be shared with all members of our Valley, and may be distributed.

[https://scottishrite.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RbVjCFpyREOpzJ65-9DsZA](https://scottishrite.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RbVjCFpyREOpzJ65-9DsZA)

– Or –

Go to Zoom.com and click “Join A Meeting”. Enter meeting code **879 1468 4831**

Our Valley has been assigned to communicate the 19<sup>th</sup> Degree, Grand Pontiff. Sir Knight Steve Goad, 32° KCC, and Brothers Ryan Phillips,

32°, and Mark Torrez, 32°, will lead the effort. We have one candidate in the class, Nee Quaison-Sackey.

We hope many of our members will take advantage of this opportunity to review the degrees.

## News of the Valley

Although we are all very tired of being stuck at home, we are continuing our virtual meetings until it is deemed safe for us to meet again in person.

We will have a virtual stated meeting on Monday, November 9, starting at 7:00 pm. A big Thank You to Brother Javier Hernandez, 32°, for setting it up for us on his Zoom platform. The link and sign on information are:

Topic: Ventura County Scottish Rite Virtual Stated Meeting

Time: Mon, Nov 9, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86930757282?pwd=MHB5UzIvNkVxZGIHeE9ndDFjJdGNhQT09>

Meeting ID: 869 3075 7282

Passcode: 304233

One tap mobile:

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We hope that you can join us then. In addition to checking up on how everyone is doing, we will be discussing officers for next year. If you are willing to take an office, please let the officers know.

Our December stated meeting will be on December 14, at which time we are scheduled to elect our officers for next year. At the present time we do not know whether we will have a virtual meeting or be able to get together in person.

We are continuing with our fundraiser for the Childhood Language Clinic, to replace the New England Summer Picnic this year. (*See flier on page 5.*) The speech technicians have done a fantastic job of restructuring their programs to use online techniques and other innovations to keep the therapy going for our children who need help, and we want to support them as much as we can.

We are asking all those who normally would support the picnic to make equivalent donations to help the Language Center this year. We also invite all members and supporters to make similar donations to the extent that you are able. Donations may be sent to

Ventura Scottish Rite  
487 Appletree Ave.  
Camarillo, CA 93012-5148

For those who prefer to donate online, Brother Rodrigo Kammer, 32°, has created a GoFundMe page. The link is

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ventura-valley>.

This event will continue through December 1, 2020.

## Grand Master Art Weiss

Congratulations to our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Arthur H. Weiss. Art is a member of Conejo Valley Lodge #806 and lives in Newbury Park, Ventura County, making him our neighbor.

## From the Secretary

I want to thank all the members who have sent in their dues payments for 2021. As you should be aware, this year, unlike previous years, your membership card is being sent to you along with your invoice rather than after your payment is received.

If you are suffering from financial stress (as we know many of you may be), let us know and we will make accommodation.

If you need help please do not hesitate to contact one of us. We are all here to support each other.

Please keep us updated on your contact information. We don't want to lose track of you.

## From the PR's Quill To our Scottish Rite Family:

*John F. Lowe, 32° KCCH*

As I write this, the deaths from COVID-19 have surpassed 215,000. Perhaps a bright spot is here in Ventura County most everyone continues to be mindful of neither being exposed nor exposing others as the death rate here remains low.

Nonetheless as businesses and schools slowly are reopened, we must do our individual parts to remain safe. As members of the Scottish Rite family, we should model safety and encourage others to also follow guidelines in a gentle, friendly manner. There is arguably no stronger case for the practice of civility towards others than in these trying times. While we all wish for the return to normal it remains a distant notion, as if trying to find an undiscovered country. Perhaps a welcome sign will be when we are allowed to once again meet upon the level in person rather than virtually.

As reported in the last bulletin, a virtual reunion



across our Orient will take place Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7. Our officers will communicate the 19th Degree as our part of the ceremonies. I encourage your attendance as you can view from comfort at home. Please see the sign-in details in this newsletter (*see page 2*).

In closing, please stay safe and vigilant. We are all in this together and offering help to those suffering is a hallmark of the Scottish Rite.

Fraternally,  
John

NEW ENGLAND

# SUMMER PICNIC

## THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL

Saturday, August 22nd, 2020 (Cancelled)

### "DON'T BRING YOUR OWN LARGE PLATTERS THIS YEAR"

As the support of the Childhood Language Centers is important, the Ventura County Scottish Rite Valley will be promoting a donation fundraiser in lieu of the New England Summer Picnic this year. We are asking the volunteers and the attendees to generously donate monies that they would have spent on tickets for the event for the support of the Language Center.

### HOW TO DONATE!

- Cut-off date for Donations – December 1, 2020
- Checks can be made out to: **Ventura County Scottish Rite**
- ILL. Andy Little 33", 805/415-3776
- **Mail to:** 487 Appletree Ave. Camarillo, CA 93012-5148
- The link for our gofundme campaign is: [www.gofundme.com/ventura-valley](http://www.gofundme.com/ventura-valley)



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All profits go to the:  
**Santa Barbara RiteCare**  
Childhood Language Center  
[www.sbspeech.org](http://www.sbspeech.org)



**Santa Barbara RiteCare**  
is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit center that provides screenings, evaluations, and therapy services to preschool-aged children.  
Tax ID: 94-6078728

Prepare for the 31st Annual New England Picnic:  
July 17th, 2021



## 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**
- Thom Piper, (805) 208-8004**
- Mike Satumba, (210) 557-9721**
- Ron Brown, (805) 796-1886**
- Jim Daniels, (805) 984-7272**

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.*

- Larry Jack Tuomi crossed on 5/28/2020**
- Ray Howard Burchette crossed on 9/14/2020**



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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 Nov 6-7 Virtual Oriental Reunion: Zoom meeting, All 29 Degrees communicated, Nov 6, 7 - 9 pm; Nov 7, 9 am – 3 pm

**Mon Nov 9** Virtual Stated Meeting, 7:00 pm [WM], Zoom Meeting ID: 869 3075 7282, Password: 304233

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86930757282?pwd=MHB5UzlvNkVxZGIHeE9ndDFJdGNhQT09>

(Report of Nominating Committee) (Veterans Day)

[MoK]

Fri Dec 4 PRs, General Sec, etc., Oriental Meeting,

Sat Dec 5 California Foundation Annual Meeting,

**Mon Dec 14 Stated Meeting (Virtual?)**

(Election of Officers) [VM]

**Mon Jan 11, 2020 Installation of Officers, 7:30 pm**

