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FOR OUR

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Upcoming Events

Our next stated meeting is on Monday, November 14. No promises but we are hoping to have a short video for you. If you will be joining us for dinner, reservations are required; contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at

hbogner@smartsourcellc.com

or (805) 218-1648, no later than Friday, November 11. Cost is \$20. See menu below.

The following month our stated

meeting will be on December 12. At that time, we will hold our election of officers for 2023. Again, if you will be joining us for dinner, let Harold have your dinner reservation by Friday, December 9.

News of the Valley

We are planning to establish our own RiteCare clinic. We will start off with something small and plan to grow it. Ill ∴. John Lowe, 33°, has outline the process; see his article on page 3.

From The Kitchen Staff

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

Dinner Menu

November 14, 2022, Stated Meeting Dinner

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

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Friday, November 11th, 2022

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above)

December 12, 2022, Stated Meeting Dinner

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

Cost \$20.00, RSVP by Friday, December 9th, 2022
Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above)

From the PR's Quill

Ill John F. Lowe, 33°

To the Family of Ventura
Scottish Rite:

As presented at the October Stated Meeting, our Valley has an opportunity before it that is both new and exciting. The California Scottish Rite Foundation amended the requirements for opening and sustaining Rite Care health offerings in California valleys.

Thus, with Foundation assistance, our Valley may begin the pathway to providing Rite Care, right here. Several months of work lie ahead, but Masons never shy from hard work.

Additional information will be forthcoming at the annual meeting of Secretaries and Representatives with our Sovereign Grand Inspector General in November. But to set the stage, so to speak, is information presented at the last Stated Meeting...

- Funds from our annual Lobster Feed we provide to the Santa Barbara Center as you know. Under the new concept, the amount can underpin a new Ventura Center. The approximately \$6,500 net each year will then stay local.

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- *In reality, the Santa Barbara Center utilizes grants and donations to support their mission. These sources will no doubt backfill the loss of our contribution.*
- With a budget this small we will need to start as a teletherapy location only.
 - *During the Pandemic, all our California Care Centers began using teletherapy (think, Zoom) to maintain services while the state was shut down. This method continues to be a cost-effective way to provide service.*
- This budget allows us to provide 1 to 2 hours per week of services.
 - *It may not sound like much, but as a beginning it is imperative. Actively providing services will assist us in writing grant proposals for funding to expand.*
 - *In using the tele-services model, we have opportunity to use therapists from other centers, rather than immediately hiring for our center.*
- Establishing services then allows us to begin writing grant requests for more funds so that we can grow the center over time.
 - *Grants and donations not only fund operations of the language centers, but they also build linkages between the center and community organizations.*
- The Foundation will create the website and all marketing collateral for the language center.
 - *This assistance provides a standard look for a new website as well as proven marketing material that we do not need to develop on our own.*
- The Foundation will begin a paid marketing campaign on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Google; and will include a commercial shared message through YouTube. This will benefit all language centers.
 - *As with the webpages, centralized marketing campaigns are very effective, and we benefit from professional messaging.*
- Our Valley needs to create a local Language Center Board. At the annual meeting in November, the Foundation will release guidance including board member roles and responsibilities. Recommended is beginning with 5 -- nor less than 5 members.
 - *Best practices show that this board should be comprised of both Scottish Rite members as well as community (non-Mason) members. If you know of persons who can provide expertise, funding sources,*

and a commitment to services provided by Rite Care, please provide the information to any officer.

- *Of course, any member of our Valley wishing to serve in this important capacity is encouraged to add their name for consideration.*

The following are Strategic Planning items that have served our Fraternity well in planning. I offer them here as we begin the process to open a Rite Care in the Ventura Valley.

1. **Mission statement:** A statement that concisely summarizes what the organization does, presenting the main purposes for all its major functions and operations.
2. **Long-term goals:** A specific set of policy, programmatic, and management goals for the programs and operations covered in the strategic plan. The long-term goals should correspond to the purposes set forth in the mission statement and develop with greater specificity how an organization will carry out its mission.
3. **Strategies to achieve the goals:** A description of how the goals contained in the strategic plan and performance plan are to be achieved, including the operational processes; skills and technology; and the human, capital, information, and other resources required to meet these goals.
4. **External factors that could affect goals:** Key factors external to the organization and beyond its control that could significantly affect the achievement of the long-term goals contained in the strategic plan. These external factors can include economic, demographic, social, technological, or environmental factors, as well as conditions or events that would affect the organization's ability to achieve its strategic goals.
5. **Stakeholder involvement:** Consideration of the views and suggestions-- solicited during the development of the strategic plan-- of those entities potentially affected by or interested in the organization's activities.
6. **Use of metrics to gauge progress:** A set of metrics that will be applied to gauge progress toward attainment of each of the plan's long-term goals.
7. **Evaluations of the plan to monitor goals and objectives:** Assessments, through objective measurement and systematic analysis, of the manner and extent to which programs associated with the strategic plan achieve their intended goals

I hope that you will share in the excitement and planning as we work to establish a Ventura center!

Salve Frater,

John



RiteCare Childhood Language Centers of California
a program of the
CALIFORNIA SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION



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

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.*

Paul Burton Cooper crossed on 9/8/2022



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Mark Your Calendar

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Sun Nov 6 Daylight Savings Time, move clocks back 1 hour

Mon Nov 14 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (Reservations by Nov 11), 7:30 pm Stated Meeting, Report of the Nominating Committee (MoK)

Mon Dec 12 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (Reservations by Dec 9), 7:30 pm Stated Meeting, Election of officers (WM)

Mon Jan 9 Social 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm, (Reservations by Jan 6), 7:30 pm Installation of Officers

