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THE SCOTTISH RITE MYSTERIES
AN ESOTERIC JOURNEY



September 11 & 12, 2020

VIA ZOOM

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Cover:

As part of their 125th Anniversary, the Valley of Sacramento is hosting a special, online program, *The Scottish Rite Mysteries: An Esoteric Journey*, on Sep 11 and 12. They have assembled an all-star panel of speakers for this event. See information on page 4.

News of the Valley

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

We will have a virtual stated meeting on Monday, September 14, starting at 7:00 pm. A big Thank You, 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, Sep 14, 2020 07:00 PM
Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84414709796?pwd=dXhUVWFjTU9FaEh0cJlwQ2lMMjJuZz09>

Meeting ID: 844 1470 9796

Password: 473497

We hope that you can join us then.

We are continuing with our fundraiser for the Childhood Language Clinic, to replace the New England Summer Picnic this year. 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. Please see flier below for details.

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>.

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



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www.sbspeech.org



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


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They have assembled an all-star panel of speakers for this event. If you would like to participate you need to register in advance at:

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0odOigqzMpG9eYcZs9EmxyIFh2CabNwusZ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.




**THE SCOTTISH RITE MYSTERIES
AN ESOTERIC JOURNEY**



**September 11 & 12, 2020
VIA ZOOM**

We will have Ill Brent Morris, 33rd present on Friday September 11 at 6 PM CA time
Ill Art De Hoyas, 33rd will present at 11 AM CA Time on Saturday September 12th followed by
A special panel discussion with Ill Brent Morris, 33rd, Ill Art De Hoyas 33rd,
Ill John Cooper, 33rd PGM and Ill Steve Doan, 33rd PGM
Which starts at 1:30 PM and ends at 3:30 PM
All Moderated by Ill John Heisner, 33rd PGM

Information: 916-452-5881 or E-mail Ill Mario Balbiani, 33rd:
MBALBIANI@SACRAMENTOSCOTTISHRITE.ORG



Because we are unable to have reunions to confer degrees, the Orient of California is planning an online degree conferral, tentatively for November 7, when all 29 degrees

will be communicated. Candidates will still be required to take the mandatory degrees once we are again able to confer degrees. More information to follow.

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

John F. Lowe, 32° KCCH

We now end a summer that none shall forget due to the COVID-19 effects to our daily lives. Only now are some businesses deemed “non-essential” being allowed to open. Many restaurants, where able, have opened outside seating areas on sidewalks and parking areas. Some cities have even blocked off downtown streets for business to conduct commerce in the outside air.

The point of this is that due to virus safety requirements, new and different ways of continuing life have been found (or, maybe just rediscovered). Our Scottish Rite has now found and approved a way for our Valleys to move forward with new members.

Scheduled for Saturday, 7 November, is a virtual Reunion Class for the Orient of California. Our S.G.I.G., Illustrious Frank Loui, will communicate the mandatory



(4, 14, 18, 30 and 32) degrees while volunteers from up and down our Orient will communicate the remaining degrees.

I highly recommend putting this event on your calendar and attending via Zoom from your own home. Our General Secretary will in due time provide firm details. Needless to say, our Valley will not have in-person meetings at least until the new year.

Until we meet again upon the level, stay safe and healthy.



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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- Larry Toumi, (805) 987-1738**
- Thom Piper, (805) 208-8004**
- Mike Satumba, (210) 557-9721**
- Ron Brown, (805) 796-1886**
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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.*

Neal Lavern Glisson passed on 8/17/2020



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Fri-Sun Oct 9-11 Grand Lodge Annual Communication,
(Online)

**Mon Oct 12 Feast of Tishri Celebration, Stated Meeting
following** (Online)

**Sat Nov 7 Oriental Reunion – all 29 degrees
communicated online.**

