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In Memoriam



Fred J. 'Tiny' Potter

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In Memoriam Frederick James 'Tiny' Potter

It is with the deepest sorrow that we report the passing of Ill ∴ Fred 'Tiny' Potter.

Tiny joined the Scottish Rite in 1967 in Santa Barbara. He affiliated with Ventura in 1978 as a charter member. He served as Commander in 1981, Master of Kadosh in 1995, and Venerable Master in 1997. He was awarded the KCCCH in 1985, and elevated to the 33rd Degree in 1995. For many years he was in charge of wardrobe, cooked our dinners, acted as Class Director and as Historian. He was largely responsible for instituting our annual New England Summer Picnic. He served on the board of the Santa Barbara Language Clinic. He was a 50-year member.

Tiny was active in many aspects of Masonry. He served as Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in California in 2008-09. He served as Worthy Patron in the Order of Eastern Star. He was an advisor to the DeMolay Chapter in Camarillo. He served as Worshipful Master of Camarillo Lodge #824 twice, including the last term before its merger into lodge #214. In 1976 he established the New England Steak and Lobster Dinner for the lodge, and chaired the event until 1996. He was the lodge's first Hiram Award recipient in 1979. He was an accomplished cook and, with his crew, provided the food for many Masonic events. He was a member of the famed Brownie's Cook Crew from 1982 until it disbanded. He also served on the Masonic Homes Endowment Board from 1998 to 2003.

However, most of us will remember that he was always there to help when needed, that he mentored many a member, and fostered a warm feeling of fellowship for everyone present.

There is a planned Memorial Service for Tiny, to be held on Sunday, August 29, at 1:00 pm at the Oxnard Masonic Center, 341 S. K Street, Oxnard.

In Memoriam Walter William Paul Bragulla



We regret to report the passing of Sir Knight Walt Bragulla, 32° KCCH, on June 19, 2021.

Walt served our Valley as Prelate for eight years, then as Almoner for six years. He was instrumental in establishing our Knights of St. Andrew group. He served as Commander of the Council in 2002 and he was honored as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 2005. For many years he took charge of setting up the meeting room for our stated meetings. He and his wife Nola were regulars for dinner. He was also an active member of our highway clean-up crew for many years.

Walt served with the U.S. Navy in the Aleutian Islands. In 1949 he joined the Los Angeles Police Department, retiring in 1976 with rank of Sergeant. He then worked in banking until his retirement. After retirement he drove a school bus for a few years.

Walt joined Masonry in 1960, and served as Master of Mizpah Lodge in 1973. He also affiliated with Camarillo Lodge #824 in 2002 and served as Marshal in 2005. He was a 60-year member. He also served as Worthy Patron of Reseda Chapter 3505, Order of Eastern Star, in 1974 and 1999.

A Masonic service was held for Walt on July 10 at Channel Islands Lodge. Unfortunately, a few days after the service his wife, Nola, passed away.

Re-Opening Plans

This has been a most frustrating time for us. Many lodges and appendant bodies are now holding in-person meetings, at least for some functions. Various rules have been applied depending on the location, the organization, and the current state

of the pandemic. We have not yet had any in-person meetings. We watched the infection rate go nearly to zero, then quickly climb again. Also, we are finding that the new Delta variant has different characteristics from the varieties we had previously experienced, making it hard to quantify the risks.

It has been especially frustrating because it seems that, no sooner do we announce something than it has to be significantly altered or canceled. It makes it very difficult to plan anything. Of course, this does not just affect us. Schools, businesses, and transportation providers, among others, are struggling to determine how they can safely operate.

Our next stated meeting is scheduled for September 13. At this time we cannot predict whether we will hold an in-person meeting and go back to Zoom. Please watch for email updates or check our web site, venturascottishrite.org.

Honours

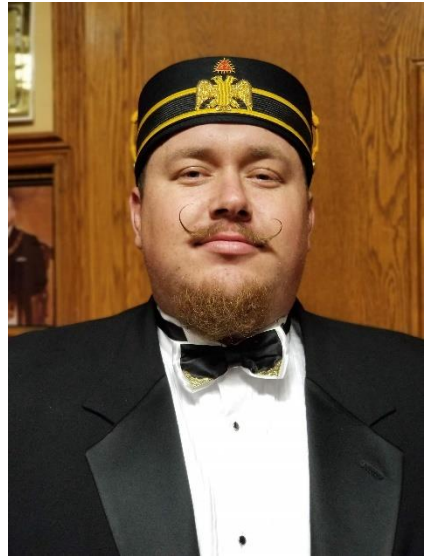
We are happy to announce that three of our members have been selected to receive honours at the biannual Supreme Council settings.

Our Personal Representative,



Most Worshipful John Lowe, 32° KCCH, has been elected to be coronated with the 33rd Degree.

Past Venerable Master and current Master of Kadosh, Brother



Ryan Phillips, 32°, has been selected as a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH).

Our Almoner and Director of



Stage Craft, Brother Salvador Lopez, Jr., 32°, has also been selected as a KCCCH.

We congratulate these brothers on the recognition of their hard work on behalf of our Valley. Their honours will be conferred at ceremonies at the Valley of Oakland on September 11.

Upcoming Events

As discussed above, we do not know whether our September 13th stated meeting will be in-person or a virtual meeting on Zoom. Access information will be distributed by email when available. If you want to attend but don't receive the email, contact the Secretary, Ill.: Andy Little, at alittle93012@gmail.com or 805-415-3776 (leave message). The same is true of our October 11th stated meeting.

Other News

Ill.: Tom Melugin, 33°, is stepping down as coordinator of the kitchen crew. We need someone to take on that responsibility, which includes coordinating our meals, seeing that payments are made to the preparer, and keeping track of the checking account.

Any volunteers?

Just a reminder, we are continuing to collect donations in lieu of the New England Summer Picnic, (which we were unable to hold this summer), to support the

Santa Barbara Language Clinic. Donations may be made through our GoFundMe page at

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

Or you may mail donations to the Secretary at 487 Appletree Ave, Camarillo, CA 93012-5148 (which will save a service fee).

Dues notices have been sent out. You should have received yours in the last couple of weeks. Please be prompt with your payments. As always, if you are having financial or other problems which interfere with your ability to pay, let the Secretary know and we will work it out.

Normally when we receive a dues payment, the Secretary sends out an acknowledgement letter within a few days. However, the Secretary will be out of town for a couple of weeks in late August and early September, so these letters will be sent out when he returns.

END OF SUMMER BBQ
HOSTED BY
OXNARD LODGE #341
September, 18th @1pm
**Tri tip, hotdogs, burgers
chicken, and more.**

**Jolly jumper for the
kiddos**
**Lets end the summer
Right !!**
Tickets \$ \$20.00

**LET'S CELEBRATE
FRIENDSHIP
&
BROTHERLY LOVE
WITH THE FAMILY**

**CALL OR TEXT
BRO. MARK TORREZ
805-290-3200**

**@the oxnard masonic center
341 s k st oxnard ca 93033**



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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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.*

- Christopher Bazacos crossed on 5/27/2020**
- Mike Zuniga crossed on 12/28/2020**
- Walter William Paul Bragulla crossed on 6/19/2021**
- Frederick James 'Tiny' Potter crossed on 8/4/2021**



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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, or call (805) 218-1648

- Sun Aug 29 Memorial Service for Fred ‘ Tiny’ Potter, 1:00 pm, Oxnard Masonic Center
Mon Sep 13 Either 7:00 PM, Zoom Stated Meeting, or IN PERSON Stated Meeting (CoK)
Mon Sep 18 Oxnard Lodge End Of Summer BBQ, 1:00 pm, Oxnard Masonic Center
Fri-Sun Oct 8-10 Grand Lodge 172 Annual Communication, San Francisco
Mon Oct 11, Either 7:00 PM, Zoom Stated Meeting, or IN PERSON Stated Meeting, Feast of Tishri **VM**

