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Our Newest Member



Jesse Jacobs and his lady Brittany

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Officers for 2017

On January 9, 2017, our Valley will hold our annual Installation of Officers. The following officers will be installed to serve our Valley this coming year. Please give them your support.

Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master.....David Del Dosso, 32°
Senior Warden Steven R. Goad, 32°

Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master.... Harold W. Bogner, 32° KCCH
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Master of Kadosh.Ill .: Jerry E. Gonzales, 33°
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Let us know if you encounter any problems with this.

Upcoming Events

Pages 6 and 7 contain a schedule of events for the coming year. Please keep it for reference. (Of course, over the course of the year some events and dates may change, so also watch this bulletin and check our web site for the latest information.)

Our Installation of Officers will take place on Monday, January 9. Dinner is at 6:30 and is being catered by Anacapa Lodge #710. The cost is \$15 per person. We need your reservations no later than January 4th, to Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at harold55@juno.com, or (805) 218-1648.

Our next stated meeting is Monday, February 13th. Program is to be announced. We need your dinner reservations to Sir Knight Harold by February 9th.

Our highway cleanups will be on Saturdays, January 14th and February 18th. Meet at the Café 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 AM for breakfast. Our ranks have dwindled and we are looking for more members to participate in this valuable civic minded activity. Newcomers are always welcome. This past month Ill ∴ Russ Charvonia, 33°, came out and helped with this program, picking up three bags of trash. Thank you, Russ, for your support.

News of the Valley

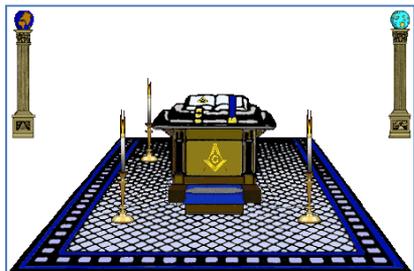
Our new officers are working with members of our Valley to develop a strategic plan, including a more structured membership program as well as entertaining and

educational programs. We are also looking at the VMAP program for more ideas on how to improve our Valley. Watch this newsletter in the coming months for more information. Also, please let us have your thoughts and ideas.

Scholarships

For those entering college next year, or continuing their college or graduate school educations, Masonic sources offer a variety of opportunities. You can learn about scholarship offerings by the California Scottish Rite Foundation at <http://www.casr-foundation.org/scholarships/ruppert-scholarship/>. The Grand Lodge of California also has an active scholarship program. You can find information at <http://www.freemason.org/scholarships/index.htm>.

If you know of anyone who might benefit please pass this information along to them.



From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 33°

Greetings to our Scottish Rite family!

Another year has come and gone. I hope all of you had a joyful Holiday season. As we move into the New Year I wish to thank all of you for your continued support. To our new officers I thank you for stepping up to the challenges of being a head of body. I will provide each of you with the annual calendar with the Head of Body who will be in charge for the month noted. Please make plans to insure you are prepared for your month of being in charge.

Installation will again be catered by Anacapa Lodge 710, and I wish to thank them for their continued hospitality. Please take time to thank our fellow brothers in the kitchen after dinner.

We have been somewhat slow in bringing in new members and as a result our membership is dwindling. I encourage each of you to talk to your fellow Masonic Brothers who are not Scottish Rite Masons and encourage them to join our ranks. As you can see from our four bodies, membership is hurting us in filling the lines. I would really like to see us back to having all four bodies with full lineups.

We will continue to keep our dinner prices the same, with the exception of Installation, which will be \$15.00 per person. Annual purchasing of Dinner Reservations is still available (see page 5), which



allows you not to have to make reservations. I will also note that the deadline for installation dinner (January 4) is earlier than normal so please make sure your reservations are in on time. This is necessary for the purchasing and preparation of food for installation.

I thank you all for your continued support and guidance. Please join us for dinners and special events. As the New Year arrives there is much work to be done, and the assistance from everyone is monumental. Please offer your support and assistance both in Degrees and everyday functions.

God Bless You and Happy New Year.

III. Jerry E. Gonzales 33°

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From The Kitchen Staff

Dinner Reservations

2017 Dinner Reservation Policy:

Annual Standing Reservations are available; for an advance fee of \$140.00 per person or \$240.00 Per Couple, paid by no later than January 31st of the effective year. After this date Prorated Annual Reservations are available at the rate of \$15.00/\$25.00 per remaining Dinner meetings.

This reservation will include dinner for all (9) stated meeting dinners and (1) Remembrance & Renewal Dinner, for the year. It will not include the dinner for our Annual Installation of Officers, which is a special catered dinner.

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.

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

As always Widows are guests of the Valley!

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

Be sure to make your reservations with Harold Bogner,
preferably by email to harold55@juno.com,
otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).

See Menu on Page 8!

VALLEY SCHEDULE 2017 EVENTS

- Mon Jan 9 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Jan 4*),
Installation of Officers & Program 7:30**
- Sat Jan 14 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

- Mon Feb 13 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Feb 9*),
Stated meeting following (CoK)
- Sat Feb 18 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 12

- Mon Mar 13 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Mar 9*), 25
& 50 Year awards presented, 7:30 PM, Stated meeting
following (VM)**
- Sat Mar 18 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
- Sat Mar 25 Tough Mudder Event at the Glen Helen Raceway in San
Bernardino
- Mon Mar 27 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Mar 23*),
Remembrance & Renewal Ceremony 7:30 PM (Open to all)
(WM)**
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- Mon Apr 10 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Apr 6*),
Program 7:30 PM, Stated meeting following (MoK)**
- Sat Apr 15 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
- Sat Apr 22 SPRING FAST CLASS (part 1), Setup at 7:00 PM Fri, Apr
21, Class starts at 8:00 AM Apr 22**
- *****
- Mon May 8 (Mothers Day) Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations
by May 4*), Program 7:30 PM, Stated meeting following (WM)
- Sat May 13 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126
- Sat May 20 SPRING FAST CLASS (part 2), in Pasadena.** (Pasadena
will also be doing degrees on May 12, May 13, and May 18
which we may attend but these are not mandatory for our
candidates.)
- Sat May 20 Celebrating the Craft Webcast, 3:00 – 9:00 PM PDT

- Mon Jun 12 Social 5:30 PM, Flag Day, Dinner 6:30 PM, (*Reservations by
Jun 8*), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following (VM)
- Sat Jun 17 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

- Mon Jul 10 Pizza Dinner 6:30 PM, Planning Meeting for New England
Summer Picnic & Summer Events
- Sat Jul 15 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

**Sat Jul 29 New England Summer Picnic, Camarillo Grove Park,
Serving 12 noon – 1:00 pm**

Mon Aug 14 DARK

Sat Aug 19 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

Sat-Tue Aug 19-22 Supreme Council Biennial Session in Washington, D.C.

Mon Sep 11 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM, (Reservations by Sep 7),
Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following (CoK)

Sat Sep 16 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

**Sat Sep 23 Fall Fast Class, Part 1, Setup at 7:00 PM Friday, Sep 22,
Class starting at 8:00 AM Sep 23**

Sat Sep 23 Southern California Honours in San Diego

**Mon Oct 9 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations by Oct 5),
*Feast of Tishri Celebration 7:30 PM, Stated meeting
following (VM), (Reobligation of the 14th Degree,
Nominating Committee appointed)***

Fri-Sun Oct 13-15 168th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in San
Francisco

Sat Oct 14 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

Sat Oct 28 FALL FAST CLASS (part 2), in Pasadena. (Pasadena will
also be doing degrees on Oct 20, Oct 21, and Oct 27 which we
may attend but these are not mandatory for our candidates.)

**Mon Nov 13 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations by Nov 9),
Program 7:30 PM, (Veterans Day), Stated meeting
following (*Report of Nominating Committee*) (MoK)**

Sat Nov 18 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

**Mon Dec 11 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations by Dec 7),
Program 7:30 PM, Stated meeting following, (*Election of
Officers, Cap and Ring Ceremony*) (WM)**

Sat Dec 16 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

**Mon Jan 8, 2018 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations by Jan
3), Installation of Officers & Program 7:30**

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)

Dinner Menu

Be sure to make your reservations with Harold Bogner,
preferably by email to harold55@juno.com,
otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).

January 9th Installation Dinner Menu

(Anacapa Lodge #710 hosting)

Lumpia
Pancit
Fried Rice
Adobo
Dinner Rolls
Salad
Dessert

Cost \$15.00/Individual

RSVP by Wednesday, January 4th, 2017

Please note we will not take any reservations after this date! No Exceptions!

(Note this is a Special Installation Dinner

and is not a part of the Annual Dinner Reservation!)

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above).

February 13th Stated Meeting

Dinner Menu

Meat Lasagna
Garlic Cheese Bread
Salad
Strawberry Pound Cake

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

RSVP by Thursday, February 9th, 2017

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

Please note we will not take any reservations after February 12th!

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner (see above).

Cap and Ring Ceremony



(above)

Jesse Jacobs and his lady Brittany

(below)

Dee Matson presents Jesse with the scroll.



(top) Raul Cifuentes presents Jesse with his 14th Degree Ring.

(above) Harold Bogner presents Jesse with his 32nd Degree Hat.

(below) Jerry Gonzales presents Jesse with his patent & copy of Morals & Dogma.





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, 642-6621 John Klopstein, 486-0602
Dwayne Marquardt

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.*

James Morrison White crossed on 1/19/2016



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OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL.” – Albert Pike**

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