

*Ventura County Scottish Rite Bodies*

# *Views from Ventura Valley*

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## **The Scottish Rite Creed**

Human progress is our  
cause, liberty of thought  
our supreme wish, freedom  
of conscience our mission,  
and the guarantee of equal  
rights to all people every  
where our ultimate goal.



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## Officers for 2018

On January 8, 2018, our Valley will hold our annual Installation of Officers. Most Worshipful Russ Charvonias, 33°, will serve as Installing Officer, and will be assisted by Ill. : Tom Melugin, 33°, as Master of Ceremonies and Ill. : Orvene Carpenter, 33°, as Installing Chaplain. The following officers will be installed to serve our Valley this coming year. Please give them your support.

### Lodge of Perfection

Venerable Master.....Ryan A. Phillips, 32°

### Chapter Rose Croix

Wise Master.....Steven R. Goad, 32°

### Council of Kadosh

Commander .....James L. Craig, 32° KCCH

### Consistory

Master of Kadosh.....Roy G. Price, 32°

### Officers of All the Bodies

Treasurer.....Ill. : W. Andrew Little, 33°

Secretary .....Ill. : W. Andrew Little, 33°

Almoner .....Salvador J. Lopez, Jr., 32°

Orator.....J. Raul Cifuentes, 32° KCCH

Prelate.....Charles P. Batterson, 32° KCCH

Tiler .....Robert S. Kennedy, Jr., 32°

Class Director .....Ill. : Fred J. Potter, 33°

Asst. Class Director .Michael D. Blodgett, 32°

Historian .....Ill. : Fred J. Potter, 33°

## Cover

The official Creed of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, displayed over a picture of the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C.

## 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 8. 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 Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, to Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at [harold55@juno.com](mailto:harold55@juno.com), or (805) 218-1648.

Our next stated meeting is Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Program is to be announced. We need your dinner reservations to Sir Knight Harold by Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our highway cleanups will be on Saturdays, January 13<sup>th</sup> and February 17<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Café 126, 11003

Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 AM for breakfast.

## 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 continuing with, and expanding on, the VMAP program to improve our Valley. Watch this newsletter in the coming months for more information. Also, please let us have your thoughts and ideas.

At our November stated meeting our Orator, Raul Cifuentes, 32° KCCH, gave us a presentation on Manly P. Hall, 33°, the author of *The Secret Teachings of All Ages* and *The Lost Keys of Freemasonry*.

At our December stated meeting we elected our officers for 2018. We were also happy to see Brother Hector Lopez, 32°, who was visiting

from Colorado. Prior to his visit many of Hector's Masonic brothers in Colorado, hearing about the local fires, loaded down Hector's car with toys and other items for the fire victims. Their generosity was very much appreciated.

## 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 others who might benefit please pass this information along to them.

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## The Freemason's Creed

To look, in the light of reason,  
to the gracious Being above  
As the infinite source of wisdom,  
and the source of infinite love  
To follow in full submission  
wherever His will may lead.  
Such is the Mason's mission,  
and such is the Mason's Creed.  
To trust in His infinite justice,  
in the light of His word, which saith:  
"I am thy Father in heaven,"  
such is the Mason's faith.  
That the spirit of love may guide him,  
wherever his feet may fare.  
Such is the Mason's wish and hope,  
and such is his constant prayer.

## From the PR's Quill

*Jerry E. Gonzales, 33°*

**G**reetings 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 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 8), which allows you not to have to make reservations. I will also note that the deadline for installation dinner (Wednesday, January 3) 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.

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.

In the coming year we will continue with our Valley Membership Achievement Project, (VMAP), as well as work on bringing our members into the organization and operation of our valley programs in an effort to maintain an active valley filled with interesting programs.

Please be reminded that this year will be the first year the Orient of California has put on a 29-degree Reunion. This is to be held in June at the Valley of Oakland, CA, with all California Valleys participating. The Grand Master of Masons in California and the Grand Head of

York Rite Bodies will be in attendance as well as visitors from other states. More details to follow but please make plans to attend if at all possible.

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°

<http://www.venturascottishrite.org/>

<http://www.scottishritecalifornia.org/>

## At Journey's End

The temple has fallen to dust and decay;  
The spirit departed, and flown away.  
As the waves are silent along the shore,  
Your voice is still forevermore.

The wondrous beauty of the sky and tree  
In the morning glow, no more will you see.  
No more to hear the bird on the wing,  
Or with rapture listen to all nature sing.

To smell the rose that perfumes the air  
Will never more be yours to share.  
The sun has set low in the west,  
And now you sleep in eternal rest.

The heart is still within the breast,  
No more to love the ones held best.  
No, never again will you feel the grip  
Of a Master Mason in good fellowship.

This mortal coil you have set aside  
For the Celestial Lodge where you now abide.  
Your destiny now has been fulfilled,  
And you are Home as God has willed.

But still you live in the heart and mind  
Of the brethren here that you left behind.  
So, rest you well, your labor is o'er,  
And we'll meet again on that distant shore.

## **VALLEY SCHEDULE 2018 EVENTS**

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

Sat Jan 13 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

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Mon Feb 12 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Feb 8*),  
Stated meeting following (VM)

Sat Feb 17 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 12

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**Mon Mar 12 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Mar 8*), 25  
& 50 Year awards presented, 7:30 PM, Stated meeting  
following (CoK)**

Sat Mar 17 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

Fri-Sat Mar 23-24 Scottish Rite Workshop in Seattle, WA

**Mon Mar 26 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Mar 22*),  
Remembrance & Renewal Ceremony 7:30 PM (Open to all)  
(WM)**

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**Mon Apr 9 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Apr 5*),  
Program 7:30 PM, Stated meeting following (MoK)**

Sun-Tue Apr 8-10 Rite Care Conference in Los Angeles

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

**Sat Apr 21 SPRING FAST CLASS (part 1), Setup at 7:00 PM Fri, Apr  
20, Class starts at 8:00 AM Apr 21**

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Mon May 14 (Mothers Day) Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations  
by May 10*), Program 7:30 PM, Stated meeting following (VM)

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

Sat May 19 Celebrating the Craft Webcast, 3:30 – 8:30 PM PDT

**Sat May 26 SPRING FAST CLASS (part 2), in Pasadena.** (Pasadena  
will also be doing degrees on May 11, 12, and 25 which we  
may attend but these are not mandatory for our candidates.)

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Mon Jun 11 Social 5:30 PM, Flag Day, Dinner 6:30 PM, (*Reservations by  
Jun 7*), Program 7:20 PM: **Cap and Ring Ceremony**, Stated  
meeting following (WM)

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

Mon Jun 18 Pizza Dinner 6:30 PM, Planning Meeting for New England  
Summer Picnic & Summer Events

**Fri-Sun Jun 29-Jul 1 Oriental Reunion Class, Portrayal of 4<sup>th</sup> through  
32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees in Oakland, CA, our Valley doing 18<sup>th</sup> Degree.**

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**Sat Jul 7 New England Summer Picnic, Camarillo Grove Park,  
Serving 12 noon – 1:00 pm**

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

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**Mon Aug 13 DARK**

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

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Mon Sep 10 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM, (Reservations by Sep 6),  
Program 7:20 PM: Santa Barbara Language Clinic  
presentation, Stated meeting following (CoK)**Sat Sep 15 Fall Fast Class, Part 1, Setup at 7:00 PM Friday, Sep 14,  
Class starting at 8:00 AM Sep 15**

Sat Sep 22 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

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**Mon Oct 8 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (Reservations by Oct 4),  
*Feast of Tishri Celebration 7:30 PM, Stated meeting  
following (VM), (Reobligation of the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree,  
Nominating Committee appointed)***

Sat Oct 13 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

**Sat Oct 27 FALL FAST CLASS (part 2), in Pasadena.** (Pasadena will  
also be doing degrees on Oct 19, Oct 20, and Oct 26 which we  
may attend but these are not mandatory for our candidates.)

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**Mon Nov 12 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Nov 8*),  
Program 7:30 PM, (Veterans Day), Stated meeting  
following (*Report of Nominating Committee*) (MoK)**

Sat Nov 17 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

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**Mon Dec 10 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Dec 6*),  
Program 7:30 PM, Stated meeting following, (*Election of  
Officers, Cap and Ring Ceremony*) (WM)**

Sat Dec 15 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126

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**Mon Jan 14, 2019 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (*Reservations by Jan  
9*), Installation of Officers & Program 7:30**

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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)

# From The Kitchen Staff

## Dinner Reservations

### 2018 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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, but no reservations will be accepted the day of the event!

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

As always Widows are guests of the Valley (but reservations are required)!

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

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



## Dinner Menu

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preferably by email to [harold55@juno.com](mailto:harold55@juno.com),  
otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).

### January 8<sup>th</sup> Installation Dinner Menu

(Anacapa Lodge #710 hosting)

Lumpia  
Pancit  
Fried Rice  
Adobo  
Dinner Rolls  
Salad  
Dessert

Cost \$15.00/Individual

RSVP by Wednesday, January 3<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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, preferably by email to [hbogner@smartsourcelc.com](mailto:hbogner@smartsourcelc.com), otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).

### February 12<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

Please note we will not take any reservations after February 11<sup>th</sup>!

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner, preferably by email to [hbogner@smartsourcelc.com](mailto:hbogner@smartsourcelc.com), otherwise (805) 218-1648 (leave a message).

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## 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**  
**Rick Marquez, 487-9710**

**John Klopstein, 486-0602**  
**William R. Wood**

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.*



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### Useful Contacts

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

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**(Reservations by Mar 8), 25 & 50**

**Year awards presented, 7:30 PM,**

**Stated meeting following (VM)**

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**Mon Mar 26 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM**

**(Reservations by Mar 22),**

**Remembrance & Renewal**

**Ceremony 7:30 PM (Open to all)**

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