

*Ventura Lodge of Perfection in the Orient of California, Valley of Ventura, Scottish Rite*

# *Views from Ventura Valley*

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## 50 Year Presentation



**Edward F. Paul, 32°**

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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite sitting in the Valley of Ventura, Orient of California acknowledge the authority and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

### Cover:

Our cover depicts the presentation of a 50 year pin and certificate to Brother Edward F. Paul, 32°, at our March stated meeting. Pictured (l-r) are Ill.: Frank Loui, 33°, Deputy for the Supreme Council in California; Edward F. Paul, 32°, 50 Year Recipient; Ed's Lady Diana, and Jerry Gonzales, 32° KCCH, Personal Representative. See more pictures on pages 12 and 13.

### Upcoming Events

Our next stated meeting is May 13. Dinner reservations are due to Brother Harold Bogner (harold55@juno.com or 484-7657) by May 9.

On May 18 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm our time the Supreme Council will host their Celebrating the Craft webcast. Please see pages 3 and 4 for details. We will discuss this at our May stated meeting and if there is enough interest we will have a get-together at the Lodge to view it.

On Memorial Day we will again participate in the Avenue of Flags at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park in Ventura. The Heads of the Bodies will place a wreath to honor our fallen service

men and women. The program begins at 10:00 am.

Prior to our stated meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> we will present caps and rings to our newest members. Please come out and welcome them to our Valley. Dinner reservations are due to Harold by June 6.

On Monday, June 24, we will have a pot luck dinner and planning meeting to discuss the upcoming New England Summer Picnic, as well as the Child ID program at the Ventura County Fair and possibly other topics. Please let Harold know what you will be bringing by June 21.

The New England Summer Picnic will be on July 13 at Camarillo Grove Park, off the Camarillo Springs exit. Prices are \$35 for lobster or \$25 for steak, the same as last year, and parking is included. Tickets should be available at our May stated meeting. This is our big fund raiser for the Childhood Language Clinic so let's work to make it a success.

Our next highway cleanups are scheduled for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Café 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 AM for breakfast. Newcomers are always welcome.



Tune in and join in Celebrating the Craft!

May 18 \* 6pm to Midnight edt

The Live Celebrating the Craft webcast will feature:

- \* Never before seen footage from the House of the Temple
- \* Musical performances by winners of Scottish Rite Has Talent
- \* Video entries highlighting local Valleys and their members
- \* Masonic scholars, leaders, and celebrities
- \* And so much more!

Our show will bring together Brothers for a night of laughter, entertainment, and learning that pays homage to Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.



Proceeds raised from Celebrating the Craft will be split between local Scottish Rite charities and the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation.

Want to know more?

Visit [ScottishRite.org](http://ScottishRite.org) or contact Allison Godfrey at 202-777-3196 or [agodfrey@scottishrite.org](mailto:agodfrey@scottishrite.org). Scan the QR code to the right to visit the Celebrating the Craft website.

See write-up, next page.



## Celebrating the Craft

Celebrating the Craft (CTC) is the one and only webcast that pays tribute to the Scottish Rite and its members, while also supporting the Fraternity's charitable endeavors. Join us for this year's live show on May 18, 2013 from 6 pm to Midnight, EDT (3 pm to 9 pm PDT).

Viewers will be encouraged to make a donation via phone or online to be split 50/50 between the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc. and Scottish Rite philanthropies in the donor's Orient as directed by his SGIG or Deputy. The show will focus on Freemasonry, the Scottish Rite, and the vast talents and accomplishments of Brothers throughout the Southern Jurisdiction. CTC will honor members, what they bring to the Fraternity, and how the Scottish Rite has enriched their lives.

To tune in, visit [www.scottishrite.org](http://www.scottishrite.org) the day of the event on your computer, laptop, or iOS device (iPhone or iPad). PC and Mac users will need to make sure that flash is enabled on their computer or laptop in order to view the show.

CTC 2013 will feature:

- Comedian Norm Crosby as our host
- Don Wildman of the Travel Channel as our co-host
- Musical performances by winners of Scottish Rite Has Talent
- Video submissions from our Scottish Rite Heroes program
- Never before seen footage from the House of the Temple
- Content highlighting local Valleys and their members
- Masonic scholars, leaders, and celebrities
- And so much more!

For more information visit: [www.scottishrite.org/giving/celebrate](http://www.scottishrite.org/giving/celebrate).



News of the Valley

Prior to our March stated meeting we presented 25 year pins and certificates to Brothers Antonio M. Caballero, 32°, Frederick W. Ervast, Jr., 32°, and Larry R. Morris, 32° KCCCH, and a 50 year pin and certificate to Brother Edward F. Paul, 32°. Ill.: Frank Loui, 33°, the new Deputy of the Supreme Council for California, was on hand and assisted in the presentations. See cover and pages 12 and 13.

At the meeting Ill.: Fred 'Tiny' Potter, 33°, was elected as a trustee to the California Scottish Rite Foundation and Brother Bob Sills, 32° KCCCH, was elected as a member of the board, representing our Valley. We were also honored to have Ill.: Frank Loui in attendance.

On March 22 and 23 we took five candidates to receive their degrees at the Valley of Los Angeles, which most cordially welcomed us. Please welcome the following new members to our Valley: Clinton Williams, 32°, David Contreras, 32°, James Craig, 32°, David Beaver, 32°, and Jimmy Telan, 32°. We are planning a Cap

and Ring Ceremony for them at our June 10 stated meeting.

March 25 was our annual Remembrance and Renewal Observance. Thank you to all who helped with this inspiring event.

Prior to our April stated meeting we were entertained by The High Road, a country-western band. That was followed by two videos on Freemasonry, Masonic Awareness by Brother Jason Eddy, and Is Freemasonry Relevant in Today's World, created by the Supreme Council.

We are attempting to restart our degree teams so that we can do at least some of our own degrees. If you have worked in the degrees in the past, as a cast member, stagecraft, or other role, and are willing to continue please let us know. If you have not had a part recently but are willing to take one on, also please let us know because we have several openings to fill.

Our next highway cleanups are scheduled for Saturday, March 16th and April 13th. Meet at the Café 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 AM for breakfast. Newcomers are always welcome.

DEADWOOD – AND WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT

"For there is hope of a tree if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, but man dieth and wasteth away and where is he?"

Unfortunately for Masonry, there is in the Order a certain amount of deadwood. The Mason in name only is known to all of us. He wears a Masonic pin and pays his dues and calls himself a Mason, but that is all. You know such a brother. Remember that he is your brother. As such, you have an interest in his welfare. He will be better off if Masonry becomes an active, rather than a (continued to page 7)

From the PR's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 32° KCCCH

Greetings My Scottish Rite Family, Hope you are all in good health and anxiously awaiting warmer weather. As we move closer to summer we have much work to do, and I am hopeful many of you will be joining us for both dinner meetings as well as functions.

As many of you know we have five new members who went to Los Angeles Valley to receive their degrees. I wish to welcome them to the valley, and we all had a wonderful time in Santa Monica, but it saddens me we had to go there, for we should be doing the degrees in our own valley! With that I am Happy to announce that we will be honoring them with the Cap and Ring Ceremony at our June Meeting; to finalize their membership. I along with the Secretary, are still working towards putting together a degree team for at least a couple of degrees, so I am open to anyone interested. I also have one signed and paid for petition, let's hope we can get a few more before the fall class as well as put on some if not all of the degrees.

There is notice of a special program being put on by the House of the Temple, called "Celebrating the Craft"; it is a 6 hour program, which is a live webcast at www.scottisrite.org on the 18th of May. The program is kind of a fund raiser for the Rebuilding of the Temple and support of the Scottish Rite Philanthropies. Entertainment and phone in pledges, all the gala of a high-end telethon. If anyone has an



interest in putting something together at the Lodge, we could view this on the wide screen TV or projection TV. I am sad to say I will be out of town but will help make arraignments to set this up if there is enough interest. I believe there are more details in this bulletin or you can send me an e-mail and I will be happy to send you the details.

As we approach the summer months, I remind you we have the New England Picnic coming up on July 13; this is our Annual Fund Raiser in support of the Scottish Rite Language Clinics. I encourage you to watch for the details, sell some tickets, buy some tickets, and by all means come and help us out. This function does not happen without the support of many personnel, and we can use all the help we can get. The

price is the same as last year and we have included free parking. Please come and join us for this special event.

I also wish to remind everyone, help is needed, in our adopt a highway program, whose workers meet for breakfast once a month, then spend the morning cleaning a portion of the 126 freeway. Dates of clean up are May 18th, and June 15th. Please come and join our brethren in this noble and civic task!

I would encourage you to look at the menu, the price, and the RSVP date, as we need a good head count to try to keep our dinners within a reasonable price. Please note the price for the next two dinners increased to \$14.00, this due to the fact we are not breaking even with our dinner expenses, due to several factors: people making reservations and not showing up, people showing

up without reservations, and complimentary dinners to special guests. We can not continue in this manner, so if you wish to see our dinner program continue, please make your reservations on time, or perhaps one of you would be willing to take on the function of arranging dinners for the Valley?

Finally, I wish to say Happy Mother's Day to all our ladies, and hope that you will join us, for dinner, as the May dinner is complementary to all Ladies with a reservation!

ILL. Floyd Griffin will be in charge in May for both entertainment, and conducting the events for the night.

Thank you and I look forward to dining with you in the coming months.

*Jerry E. Gonzales, KCCH*

DEADWOOD

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passive, force in his life. Perhaps the uninterested Mason has never grasped the real meaning of his lodge, of its work, of Masonry. There are men so unimaginative as not to be able to see, even when they are told, that there is a hidden, inner meaning to every form and ceremony in the lodge. There are men who are wholly eye-minded, just as there are those wholly ear-minded; the eye-minded man takes nothing in Masonry from the ritual, only from the form of the ceremony; the ear-minded chap sees the ceremony and doesn't comprehend it, all he has of Masonry is what he heard. Will you translate for these that which is seen into words; that which is spoken into acts, and see if you cannot make plain to them that there is more to Masonry than either the form of the ceremony or the words of the ritual?

What is good for you, my brother; what is to your interest, your education, your happiness, is also good for your brother. IF YOU DO NO OTHER PIECE OF MASONIC WORK DURING THE YEAR THAN TO INTEREST ONE MAN NOW NOT INTERESTED, MAKE ONE MASON IN NAME ONLY A REAL MEMBER OF THE LODGE, YOU HAVE INDEED SQUARED A GOOD STONE IN THE QUARRY AND EARNED A MASTER'S WAGES!

*Condensed from an article in Vol. IV of the Little Masonic Library*

## FROM THE KITCHEN STAFF

Please make your reservations with Harold Bogner, preferably by email to [harold55@juno.com](mailto:harold55@juno.com), otherwise 484-7657 (leave a message).

Reservations must be made by the Date indicated!

### May 13, 2013, Stated Meeting

Roasted Chicken  
Vegetables  
Rice  
Beans  
Salad  
Dessert

Price \$14, reservation required by Thu, May 9!

### June 10, 2013, Stated Meeting

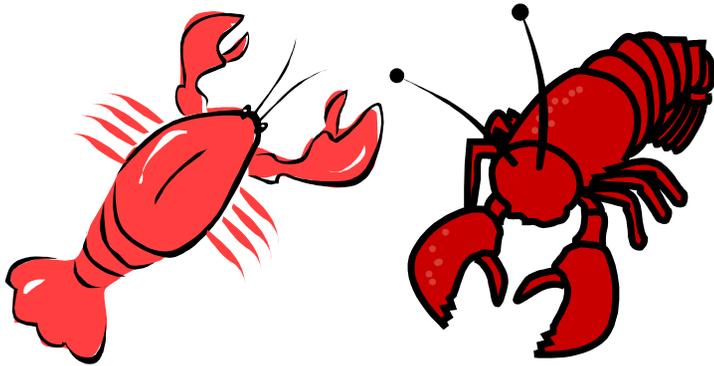
Chicken Parmesan  
Pasta  
Salad  
Dessert

Price \$14, reservation required by Thu, June 6!

### June 24, 2013, New England Picnic Planning Meeting

Potluck or Committees Choice  
Donations RSVP by Fri., June 21

**We cannot emphasize enough to  
GET THOSE RESERVATIONS IN!**



## 23rd Annual New England Picnic

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Location – Camarillo Grove Park  
Area #1  
6968 E Camarillo Springs Road,  
Camarillo CA

**Camarillo Grove Park** is located off of Camarillo Springs Road near the base of the Conejo Grade.

Do you have your suntan lotion ready, a hearty appetite(s) and thinking about different friends and family you can invite to the New England Picnic? We want to have a “full” house for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual event. Think about different people who you would like to invite to this great event.

We are working on getting the tickets printed and ready for dispersal and will get a batch of tickets to you if you contact Earl Williams @ 626/367-7954 (cell). If you get tickets, get out there and sell them. Don't put them on a shelf or desk.

It is up to **US** as members of this Valley to encourage as many people to attend and support the picnic.

The whole purpose of this fund raising event is to support the center for childhood speech and language disorders in the Masonic Center in Santa Barbara. If you would like further information on the clinic – please call 805/962-8469 or visit [www.sbspeech.com](http://www.sbspeech.com).

## Lodge of Perfection

J. Raul Cifuentes, 32°, Venerable Master

**B**rethren,  
I would like to start by congratulating and welcoming our newest members of this Valley of Ventura who recently attended the Scottish Rite Spring Class conducted by the Valley of Los Angeles. As Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, I would like to welcome you to the Scottish Rite Family, my brothers.

Now, I would like to leave you with a more detailed explanation of what the Lodge of Perfections consists.

The Lodge of Perfection confers the Ineffable Degrees, from the 4th to the 14th inclusive. They are called "Ineffable" because they are concerned with the ineffable or unutterable Name of God and with man's eager quest for the true Name. In these eleven degrees there is a profound unveiling of the character and purposes of God, “that high and holy One who inhabits eternity but dwells with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit.”

In formal ritual and in drama, ten of these degrees, based upon Old Testament Scripture and legends from the era of King Solomon, elaborate the teachings of Symbolic Masonry and apply them to practical situations which are faced in everyday life. The Fourteenth Degree summarizes what has been taught and is a moral and philosophical climax.

Important practical lessons are taught in the eleven Ineffable



Degrees: secrecy and silence in all confidential relationships; reverence and obedience to God; faithfulness to family and country; justice tempered by mercy; universal brotherhood; honesty in business relations; forgiveness of past injustices; and perseverance in overcoming the difficulties encountered in our progress toward Perfection. The honor of Masonry is placed in the hands of those who seek Perfection in character and who reverence the Ineffable Name of God.

We are planning on organizing a class in the fall where you will have the chance to see and re-experience the beautiful teachings and allegory of some of these degrees, here in our Valley. We will need the help and support of all of you, my brothers. Expect more news about this event shortly.

## THE COUNCIL OF KADOSH

Robert "Dee" Matson, 32°, Commander of Kadosh

**B**rethren:

Here is an article that I just came across which I had enjoyed in the past. Some of you may have already seen it, but I am certain a great many have not.

### Freemasonry's Dream - Reflections on the Future -

I sometimes wonder what it would have been like to a mason in late 1500's in Scotland when the rebirth of masonry as a speculative craft from the operative was happening. What must a craggy old warden of a lodge have thought when he saw men joining who had never set one stone atop another in their entire lives?

It must have been hard on the operative Masonic warden. It must have seemed to him that the whole world was turning upside down. How could a man call himself a Freemason and not have worked stone?

But this was masonry about to emerge with renewed strength and life. Speculative Masonry was about to change the emotional and cultural world as surely as operative Freemasonry had changed and shaped the physical world by building cathedrals, fortifications and castles.

The operative masons had dreamed of faith, security and safety



and worked with skill to bring those dreams to reality. The speculative masons would dream of humanity, liberty and fairness and they would labor with skill to bring those dreams to reality.

The operative mason had only a little ritual – enough to define the few officers of the lodge, set basic rules of conduct and instruct in the practical work-place rules which kept people from getting hurt. The speculative masons seized upon ritual as a means of instruction and thought and expanded it to meet their needs.

In some way the two masonries were very different – but in all the important ways they were the same; they were the means by which dream-

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## 25 & 50 Year Presentations



(left) Brother Fred W. Ervast, Jr., 32°, is presented with his 25 year pin by Ill. Frank Loui, 33°, and PR Jerry Gonzales, 32° KCCH.



(left) Brother Larry R. Morris, 32° KCCH, receives his 25 year presentation from Ill. Frank Loui, 33°.



(left) Brother Antonio M. Cabellero, 32°, receives his 25 year presentation from Ill. Frank Loui, 33°.



(above) Brother Edward F. Paul, 32°, is presented with his 50 year certificate by PR Jerry Gonzales, 32° KCCH, and Ill. Frank Loui, 33°, congratulates him.

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driven men could accomplish those dreams. As those dreams have changed over the centuries, masonry has changed. Freemasonry has always been a living, breathing, dynamic thing. The Light masonry celebrates is the light that shines in the eyes of dedicated and thoughtful men engaged with life, not the chilled glint of light reflected from the dusty glass of a museum display case. And so masonry changed again, after the battles and revolutions which reshaped society. It became essentially, a charity. We found new philanthropic causes and devoted time and energy to them. We solved problems for society and culture.

Philosophy became less important and ritual more so. It was very comfortable and very rewarding. And we hardly saw that the comfort was that of a well made coffin. That is the masonry into which I was initiated, passed and raised. And so I have a certain fellow-feeling with that old Scots operative warden because Freemasonry is changing again. I rejoice in that because I know the alternative is death and I love Freemasonry too much to watch it die. I know that any organization which does not reflect the need of its members is not long for us. When was the last convention of the National Association of Buggy Whip Makers?  
  
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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 Charley Rudd, 646-7758
- Jerry Carpenter, 419-4101 John Klopstein, 486-0602
- Elmer Stringer, 487-3078 David Allen, 983-7666

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, (nereus2006@sbcglobal.net or 647-8669) 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.*

**Robert Bolton Cornett crossed on 3/1/2013**



**Freemasonry Builds Its Temples in the  
Hearts of Men and Among Nations.**

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 Web site: <http://venturascottishrite.com>

**“What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for  
others and the world remains and is immortal.” – Albert Pike**

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| Mon | May | 13 | Social 5:30 PM, Mothers Day Dinner 6:30 PM ( <u>Reservations</u> ), Program 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following                         |
| Sat | May | 18 | Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Satcoy   |
| Sat | May | 18 | <b>Celebrating the Craft live webcast, 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm, <a href="http://www.scottishrite.org/">http://www.scottishrite.org/</a></b> |
| Mon | May | 27 | Ave of the Flags at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park, Memorial Day, 10 AM, Laying of wreath by VC Scottish Rite Bodies                          |
| Mon | Jun | 10 | Social 5:30 PM, Flag Day, Dinner 6:30 PM( <u>Reservations</u> ), Cap and Ring Ceremony 7:20 PM, Stated meeting following              |
| Sat | Jun | 15 | Scottish Rite Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126   |
| Mon | Jun | 24 | Potluck dinner 6:30 PM, Planning Meeting for New England Picnic and Child ID at VC fair   |
| Sat | Jul | 13 | <b><u>New England Summer Picnic, Camarillo Grove Park, Serving from 1-2 PM</u></b>  |

