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Cover

Our cover shows our newest Masters of the Royal Secret: (top left) Michael Anatole, 32°, (top right) Ben Bengtsson, 32°, (bottom left) Erik Cortez, 32°, and (bottom right) Roy Price, 32°, after they were presented with their black hats at our Cap and Ring Ceremony in June. More pictures on page 9.

Upcoming Events

September will be a busy month for us. Our next stated meeting will be September 11th. We will present the Santa Barbara Childhood Language Clinic with the proceeds of the New England Summer Picnic and the clinicians will give a presentation of the clinics programs. If you will be joining us for dinner we need your reservations by September 7th. Contact Sir Knight Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, at (805) 218-1648 or hbogner@smartsourcellc.com.

Our Fall Fast Class is scheduled for September 16th from 8:00 AM until the early afternoon. As of today it looks like we will have at least one candidate, and hopefully we will have more. Please get any petitions in by our September 11th stated meeting.

September 23 will be the Honours conferral in San Diego. Two of our members, Earl Williams, 32°, and James Craig, 32°, have been designated as Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor (KCCH) and will be invested with that honor at 4:00 PM. This will be followed by the Honours Banquet at 6:00 PM. If you plan on attending the banquet please let the secretary know so that we can make reservations for you. The cost is \$60 per person.

At our stated meeting on October 9th we will celebrate the Feast of Tishri, commemorating the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. The occasion will also include several traditional ceremonial toasts. Dinner reservations are needed by October 5th.

We are starting to look at our officer line-up for next year. If you are willing to serve as an officer please let one of the current Heads of the Bodies (or the Personal Representative or Secretary) know.

Our highway cleanups will be on Saturdays, September 9th, (to accommodate the Fall Fast Class) and October 14th. Meet at the Café 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd., Saticoy, at 7:00 AM for breakfast. Newcomers are always welcome.

News of the Valley



James Craig, 32°, (above), KCCH Designate

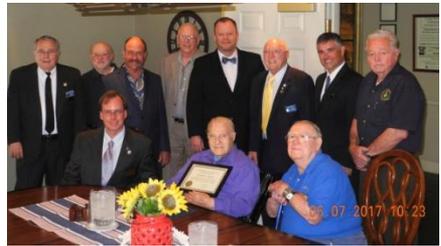


Earl Williams, 32°, (above), KCCH Designate

Two of our members have been selected to be invested as Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor: Brothers James Craig, 32°, and Earl Williams, 32°. They will receive their honours on September 23 in San Diego.

We congratulate Brother Don Wright, 32°, who was recently recognized for having been a Master Mason for 75 years! Brother Don was raised in St. Peter's Lodge #31 F&AM, Bradford NH, on March 18,

1942. He was born on November 11, 1914 and is currently living at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura. He is 103 years young. At the request of the New Hampshire Grand Lodge, Wor. Luke Keith, PM (who was a member of St. Peters Lodge #31) of New Port-Mesa Lodge #604 and several members of Channel Islands Lodge No. 214 met to celebrate Bro. Donald's 75 years as a mason. Our Valley was represented by MW Harry Maynard, PGM, 33°; Andy Little, 33°; Dee Matson, 32° KCCH; and Roy Price, 32°.



Brother Don Wright, 32°, receives his 75th anniversary award from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire

At our June stated meeting we held a Cap and Ring Ceremony for our newest members, Michael Anatole, 32°, Ben Bengtsson, 32°, Erik Cortez, 32°, and Roy Price, 32°. Special thanks to Steve Goad, 32°, Harold Bogner, 32° KCCH, Ryan Phillips, 32°, and John Argue, 32° KCCH, who acted as the heads of the bodies, along with Class Director, Fred Potter, 33°, and Jerry Gonzales, 33°, who served as Master of Ceremonies. See pictures on page 9.

Well, the New England Summer Picnic is now behind us, and a BIG thank you goes out to the many
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From the Secretary's Quill

Jerry E. Gonzales, 33°

Greetings to our Scottish Rite family!

As summer comes to an end it is time for us to get back to work in Masonry as well as looking at closing out the Masonic year. We had a well-supported New England Picnic and I wish to thank all who helped out, but especially our Chairman Brother Harold Bogner. There is still much work to be done this year as we prepare for 2018. Only four months left or 115 shopping days 'till Christmas. Our next Dinner meeting will be on September 11th at 6:30 followed by the Stated meeting; please ensure you make dinner reservations with Sir Knight Harold Bogner. Our Fall Class will be held on September 15th and 16th followed by completion at a date to be determined in Pasadena or Long Beach. This date was selected to fit in around other events as well as religious holidays. If you have a candidate please ensure you bring his petition to the stated meeting. I have at least one pending, please try to support this effort.

Honors Ceremonies are to be held the following weekend in San Diego on September 23rd followed by the Gala Banquet. Please make your reservations ASAP if you plan to attend. October 9th is our Annual Feast of Tishri Celebration followed by the re-obligation of the 14th degree. Highway cleanup will be on the 14th of October, again same time and location as always.



I am proud to announce and congratulate our Honor men for 2017, Brothers Earl Williams and James Craig, who will be invested with the Investiture of the Rank and Decoration 'Knight Commander of the Court of Honor'.

As we begin to close out this year we still have a few items left unattended. We should be finalizing the New England Picnic profits and presenting the check to Santa Barbara Clinic, nominate and hold elections, and most importantly, October is our Feast of Tishri Celebration. We also have to finish up our VMAP program and work on our continuing project of improving the future of our valley. Please plan to attend all events as scheduled, in order to wrap up this year.

If anyone has any ideas for events, entertainment or programs, please talk to the heads of bodies or

our Orator who is always looking for new and interesting things to present.

Thank you all for your continued support and looking forward to having dinner with you soon.

III. *Jerry E. Gonzales* 33°

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News of the Valley

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people who made it happen, including all who worked on the food preparation, set up, serving, clean up, purchasing supplies, donating to the Raffle and the Bake Sale, and doing

all the behind the scenes things the make this event a success. We hope everyone attending had a great time. See pictures below and on page 8.

Brother Anthony Cole, 32°, has re-instated his membership in our Valley. Welcome back, Anthony.

New England Summer Picnic

(Thank you Raul Cifuentes and Bruce Rick.)



(right) Jerry prepares breakfast for the workers, Mikie, Sal, Erik, Fred, and Steve get ready to serve.

More pictures on page 8.

From The Kitchen Staff

Dinner Reservations

2017 Dinner Reservation Policy:

Prorated Annual Reservations are available at the rate of \$15.00 for individuals or \$25.00 for couples per remaining dinner meetings. This reservation includes all remaining dinners for the year (4 if starting with the September stated meeting, 3 if starting with October).

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 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 are exempt from non-reservation price.)

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

Dinner Menus

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September 11th

Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Shrimp Scampi
Parmesan Noodles
California Blend Vegetables
Frosted Apple Sauce Cake
Soft Serve Ice Cream

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

RSVP by Thursday, September 7th, 2017

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

Please note we will not take any reservations after September 10th!

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

October 9th Feast of Tishri and

Stated Meeting Dinner Menu

Roasted Pork
Bread Dressing
Pork Gravy
Steamed Peas
Apple Pie
Hot French Bread
Salad

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

RSVP by Thursday, October 5th, 2017

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

Please note we will not take any reservations after October 8th!

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

New England Summer Picnic (Thank you Raul Cifuentes and Bruce Rick.)



Honored Guest Mike Meltzer,
Potentate of Al Malaikah Shrine.



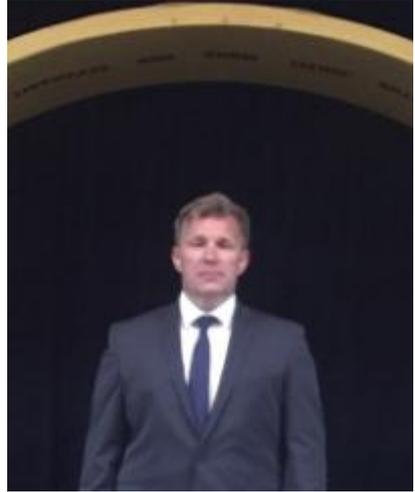
Staff of Santa Barbara Childhood Language Clinic



Chairman Harold Bogner recognizes Fred
'Tiny' Potter who originated the picnics



Cap and Ring Ceremony



(TL) Michael Anatole, 32°, and his lady Deborah, (TR) Ben Bengtsson, 32°, (BL) Erik Cortez, 32°, and his lady Danely, (BR) Roy Price, 32°, and his daughter Kendra





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
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.*

Dwayne Albert Marquardt crossed on 5/22/2017
Glenn Foster Nielsen crossed on 6/19/2017



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**“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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- Sat Sep 9 Highway Clean-up, Breakfast 7:00 AM, Cafe 126, 11003 Citrus by Wells Rd, Saticoy
- Mon Sep 11 Social 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM, (*Reservations by Sep 7*), Program 7:20 PM, MW Presentation on the Santa Barbara Childhood Language Clinic, Stated meeting following (CoK)
- Sat Sep 16 Fall Fast Class, Part 1, Setup at 7:00 PM Friday, Sep 15, Class starting at 8:00 AM Sep 16**
- Sat Sep 23 Southern California Honours in San Diego (Rehearsal Friday, Sep 22)

- 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),
- 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

