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2009 Fourth Annual Southwest Reunion



It is almost here!

The 4th Annual Scottish Rite River Reunion is just around the corner. This year's event will be held at the Long Beach Scottish Rite at 835 Elm Street, Long Beach, California, from June 11-14. The program and additional information are also posted on the official Reunion website at www.srrr.org. (Cont'd on page 3)

From The Venerable Master

BY S.K. DONALDO ROBINSON, SR., 32° KCCH
Venerable Master

By the time you receive the message in this bulletin, the Southwest Regional Reunion Class will be almost here. There is a chance that you may still get that last minute candidate you have been thinking about to register. Make your move today! Our Valley is behind its projected quota, so please

do not hesitate. Call our Secretary, Gordon Alexander at (323) 937-2566 right away.

Our Valley is very appreciative for the efforts of S.K. Mahmoud Ghaffari, 32° KCCH, Co-Chairman of this event, Bro. Fred Shooshani, 32°, who have been working very diligently to make this Reunion a success. Please give them your support. (Cont'd on page 6)

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ALLEGIANCE

The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Los Angeles, 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 and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose See is at the Grand Orient of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, now sitting at Washington, D.C., of which Illustrious RONALD A. SEALE, 33°, is Sovereign Grand Commander.

Editor's Note

BY S.K. WESLEY G. PITTS, 32° KCCH

Times and seasons, years and cycles. The work of the astronomer reminds us that there is a perpetual ebb and flow.

Our global economy illustrates how dependant we are all on one another. We're in an era of big changes, and facing even bigger challenges to come as our populations age and leadership is passed to a new generation. The projected state of Social Security and Medicare continues to look grim as we anticipate the skyrocketing demand for these services in the coming years.

How excellent it is that Masons have committed to helping one another, and those less fortunate. It distresses me to think that the wonderful services we offer through our Childhood Language Center are in jeopardy of being compromised. It's time to retrench, rethink and rededicate ourselves to the principles we admire in Masonry.

I commend Bro. Jonathan Dille, 32°, for his work in forming the new Master Craftsman study group. We need new ideas to foster growth in our Valley. Now more than ever we should remind ourselves what we can accomplish collectively is far greater than what we do alone.

When times are tough, we're given the gift of clarity. We focus on the fundamentals. What are we doing right? What can we improve? It's up to us—right now—to make our Valley what we want it to be for future times and seasons, years and cycles. ☞

THE LOS ANGELES SCOTTISH RITE *Cordially invites you, your lady and friends to our* **6TH ANNUAL FESTIVE BOARD**

Friday evening, July 10, 2009



GUEST OF HONOR

Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson
Grand Master of Masons in California

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FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER

(Cont'd from page 1)

On the 24th of April, we enjoyed the presentation of the 26th Degree, directed by Degree Master Brandon Milan, 32°. As usual, the conversation and explanation by Ill. Ron Hopkins, 33°, following the Degree was enjoyed by all. This brings to mind that as we obtain knowledge through our teachings, it is our duty to pass that knowledge on. Please keep in mind that membership is the life line of all organization today and in the future. Come help us pass on our tradition by attending our Degree conferrals.

To manage the affairs of our Valley, requires constant dedication and

planning. Ill. Gordon Alexander, 33°, our General Secretary, has been requesting emergency funds for the Children's Clinic to continue operating. We are almost in need of a miracle, so if you have a bright idea of how we can raise more funds ASAP, please let us know. Many of our members actually contribute, but it is not sufficient to cover the cost of maintaining our Clinic. You may please call Ill. Gordon, 33°, at the office and contribute or offer your suggestions. It will be appreciated and acknowledged.

Make a commitment today! Attend our monthly meetings bringing your Lady, plus a Lodge Brother. What is difficult for one man is easy for several together. ❖❖❖

2009 FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION

(Cont'd from page 1)

The first three days will be full of Degree conferrals. Los Angeles will be performing the 4th and the 15th Degrees and the remaining 14 Degrees will be exemplified by various valleys and Orients, from Northern California eastward to Phoenix and Denver, all of whom will be participating. We will conclude with a presentation by Ill. Rex Hutchens, 33° G.C., on Sunday morning. Brethren, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see other Orients exemplifying Degrees. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of one of the few times such a Reunion has been attempted across our Nation.

We have quite a number of programs and trinkets prepared for all who register and attend. As a Scottish Rite Member, your registration will entitle you to a bag full of goodies and three days of enchanted Degrees inside the beautiful Long Beach Sanctuary. You can use this opportunity to "tick mark" all of the Degrees you had wanted to see and never had the time to attend. You can also pick and choose between which days and which Degrees you are excited about. All in all, the program gives you the flexibility to schedule your time and attendance.

Nor have we forgotten about the ladies. We have three days of activities planned for them as well. Three, four and five star hotels nearby have rooms available at attractive rates for those who plan to stay the duration or who come from longer distances.

I urge you to pass this information along inside your Blue Lodges and to invite all interested Brethren to join this event. Upon the completion of the Degrees we will have a feast on Saturday night which will be attended by several Grand Masters, SGIGs, Past Grand Masters, Personal Representatives and last but not least two long time Scottish Rite Masons and Grand Cross Brethren, Norm Crosby, 33° and Ernest Borgnine, 33°.

It will be a long time before an event like this will gather all of these distinguished Brethren again. So, don't forget to sign up for the Saturday Night Banquet as well. The night will be filled with music as we are planning a performance of Cuban Salsa music by an 11 piece band which will perform all night long! I hope to see many of you at this event. We are looking forward to a successful show! ❖❖❖

— Mahmoud Gahffari, 32° KCCCH

REUNION CO-CHAIRMAN

Southwest Reunion Act Now!

This is your last chance to register for the upcoming Regional Reunion. If you've been working for years to fill up your Degree card, this is a great way to make some serious progress. This is a rare opportunity—take advantage of it and support our Brothers who have worked so hard to make it a success!

Call our Secretary today to make your reservation! Visit www.srrr.org.

CALENDAR

ALL MEETINGS AT THE
Santa Monica Masonic Center
926 Santa Monica Boulevard
Santa Monica, California
LASR OFFICE (323) 937-2566

JUNE

Thursday 11th – Sunday 14th

Southwest Regional Reunion
At Long Beach Scottish Rite

Please register now!

Complete details are at:

www.srrr.org

Tuesday, 16th ... 6:00 PM

Advisory Council
Riviera Room

Friday, 19th* ... 7:00 PM

Stated Meeting

*Special date due to Reunion

Reservations required for dinner.

Dinner at 7:30 PM

Chicken breast, salmon or veggie

Friday, 26th ... 7:15 PM

Master Craftsman Study Group
Riviera Room

JULY

Friday, 10th ... 7:00 PM

Festive Board

At Taix Restaurant

SPECIAL GUEST M.W. Adamson

See page 7 for details

Friday, 17th ... 8:00 PM

28th Degree

Knight Commander of the Temple

Dinner at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, 21st ... 6:00 PM

Advisory Council

Riviera Room

Friday, 24th ... 7:15 PM

Master Craftsman Study Group

Riviera Room

Get the latest calendar updates:
www.la-sr.org

Secretary's Desk

FROM ILL. GORDON ALEXANDER, 33°

Before you know it we will be in July and as the Supreme Council has decided to mail the dues notices earlier this year, you will soon be receiving your notification. Any early payment is greatly appreciated. As you know, the only source of income for the Scottish Rite comes from the dues.

As a result of our declining funds in our Childhood Language Center portfolio the Board has decided to make some changes. We will not be renewing the contracts for two of our Pathologist in the upcoming year. We hate to see them go but in the interest of liquidity it was really the only solution. If at all possible I urge you to send a contribution for our Center.

Don't miss our upcoming Festive Board. As usual your ladies and friends are invited and everyone will be receiving a commemorative "Cannon" which is an engraved glass made strictly for toasting. It makes a handsome addition to any collection of Masonic memorabilia. Our Grand Master will be joining us and it will be a fun evening for all.

If you have a Candidate or if you are planning on attending the Scottish Rite River Reunion, I urge you to get your paperwork to me now. We need a Petition for Candidates to the Los

Angeles Scottish and an application for the event sent to our office with checks made to LASR with funds for the Initiation and for any additional events you wish to sign up for at Long Beach. You may download a Petition from our web site at www.la-sr.org, and the application for the Reunion at www.srrr.org. **Again, act now!**

If you have not attended a Stated Meeting in a while I urge you to join us on a second Friday evening. We have a new chef who is preparing the best meals we have had in years complete with appetizers, tasty salad, extremely generous portions and always a yummy desert. Remember, we need your reservation by noon on Thursday preceding the Meeting. ◇◇◇

Master Craftsman Fourth Fridays

Starting this June, our Valley will form a new group to study the Supreme Council, 33° Master Craftsman program, a correspondence course designed and administered by the Supreme Council. We'll meet as a group to encourage and support a discussion of the materials. Our first meeting is June 26 at 7:15 PM in the Riviera Room. Please join us!

PLEASE NOTE:

Automatic reservations are for Dinner Club Members only.

RSVP by noon the day prior to event.

Call (323) 937-2566, or make your reservations online at: www.la-sr.org.

Web reservations must be made at least 48 hours in advance.

Ill. Rex Hutchens, 33° GC, Seminar #2

"Scottish Rite Esoteric Elements"

At the Southwest Scottish Rite Reunion in Long Beach

Sunday, June 14th, 10 am - 12 noon

See page 7 for details