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Venerable Master's Message

Hello Brethren,

Now that the heatwave is over, I hope everyone is enjoying this cool weather! First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who attended our recent reunion and congratulations to our new members.

November is a time when I have to start watching out for my dadbod figure with Thanksgiving soon approaching, It is one of my favorite holidays, filled with family time and delicious food.

Thanksgiving has its roots in early 17th-century colonial America, particularly the 1621 feast shared between the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag people. After a harsh winter, the Pilgrims celebrated their first successful harvest with a three-day feast that included venison, fowl, and corn, emphasizing themes of gratitude and cooperation. Over the years, similar harvest celebrations became common in various colonies, but it was not until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday, designating the last Thursday in November as a day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

Thanksgiving is celebrated with family gatherings, feasting, and various traditions. As for our kids, they look forward to the modern tradition which began in the mid-20th century. It involves the President of the United States "pardoning" a live turkey before Thanksgiving, allowing it to live out its days instead of being cooked for the holiday.

On that note, November 5th is the sacred honor every American has, to vote and select our new president. I have noticed over the past several years that political division has become worse and worse, not only among political parties but also among friendships. Let me remind everyone that while the views of our country may differ from person to person, we as Masons are charged with being the rudder of the ship, keeping civility at the forefront of our daily actions and conversations with one another. Afterall, we are all brothers. Last but certainly not least, on November 9th, the brethren of San Diego Scottish Rite will be performing the Traitor Play. A lot of work has been put into making this event as memorable as possible. Also, the proceeds are going to the Childhood Language Center. Please come and support this event and invite anyone you know to come as well, since this event is open to the public. That is all for now, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Stated Meeting on November 6th.

Sincerely, Mike Thibodeaux Venerable Master

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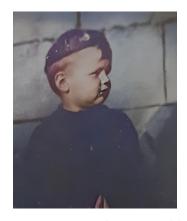
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Can you name this Scottish Rite Mason?







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News From the Center From Tino Burns, MA, CCC-SLP

National RiteCare Conference

Jenn Gallagher, Dave Bean, and I recently had the opportunity to attend the 2024 National RiteCare Conference from September 25-27th in Omaha, Nebraska This gathering included professionals and leaders from across the United States. Continuing education courses were offered for Speech-Language Pathologists and Reading Specialists, while leadership sessions were offered for Administration and Board members. Session topics included: Speech and Language Disorders, Literacy and Dyslexia, Supervision, Telepractice, Brand Development, Fundraising, and Leadership.

In addition to enhancing our knowledge, we were also able to spend time with individuals from other RiteCare Centers. This provided us with the opportunity to share ideas, learn about various centers, and connect over our common goal of helping children. At the end of the event, it was announced that the next National RiteCare Conference will be in SAN DIEGO! We look forward to welcoming everyone to our city in 2026!



Celebrating the Knights of the Double Eagle Award



(L to R) The Venerable Master, Bro. Michael Thibodeaux welcomes M\W. Ayax Cassian, Past Grandmaster of Durango, Mexico; In a very rare occasion, the person behind the camera finally gets his picture taken, Hon. Doug Ford, KCCH, KDEA Chairman; Hon. Gary Creason, KCCH, KDEA Committee, and his lovely wife Mia; and Bro. Fernando Lopez, KDEA Committee.



(L to R) III:. JoJo Quimpo, 33°, General Secretary, performs the knighting of the newest Knights of the Double Eagle Award as he knights Bro. Christian Bodo, Bro. Emiliano Guilas, and Bro. Edgar Faralan.



(L to R) III:. JoJo Quimpo, 33° continues the knighting with Bro. Art Smart, and Bro. Paul Chouinard. Hon. Lowell Mercer, KCCH and Hon. John Goodloe, KCCH being recognized by Bro. Michael Thibodeaux for their support in the Perfect Donor Program.

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Amen.

III:. Davis Winesett, 33°



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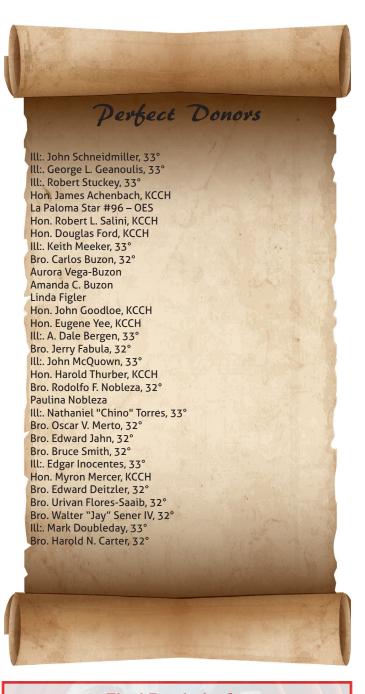
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