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Venerable Master's Message

The Robert Burns Supper was an enormous success, thanks to the brethren and ladies who made it possible, including the office staff who assisted in making it a real success. The children of our CLC thank you for your support!

The new officers of the Scottish Rite, Valley of San Diego were introduced to a well-attended stated meeting dinner last month. It was great to see all these officers who have and will give their time and talents in leading our Valley in 2025! We all need your continued support!

As we embark on a new month, March brings with it a sense of renewal and rebirth. It is a time when nature awakens from its winter slumber, reminding us of the cyclical nature of life. It is a month filled with cultural celebrations, important historical events, and environmental awareness. It marks a transition in seasons, encourages reflection on social issues, and often inspires new beginnings.

In our Valley, the month begins with our Stated Meeting on <u>March 5th</u>, which happens to be Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent for those of the Christian faith. We will be honoring the members who lead our many committees that make our Valley one of the greatest in the Orient! Our dinner menu is corned beef and cabbage, in celebration of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day on the 17th. I think the color of the day is green so wear something green that day!

This is followed by our annual *Coffee and Doughnuts with the Venerable Master* on <u>March 8th</u>. Due to popular demand, there will be some bagels, too, for those who cannot eat doughnuts. This is a casual get-together with our Masonic brethren. It is also a suitable time to invite your brethren who might be interested in joining Scottish Rite. It will start at 9:00 in the morning...maybe earlier.

Also, don't forget that <u>March 9th</u> is the start of **Daylight Savings Time**, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. Do not forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late to everything!

Lastly, our Spring Class/Reunion is on <u>May 30th-31st</u>, and it is not too early to start looking for candidates for this class. Please start contacting your blue lodge brethren if they would like to join Scottish Rite. Invite them to our upcoming events so they can meet the other members and see what we are about.

You may have heard the weather proverb, "If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb." Let us change this and come into March like a lion and continue the entire year as a lion. May the beginning of spring bring you joy and happiness. God Bless.

Rudy Nobleza, 32° Venerable Master

IN MEMORIAM Edgardo T. Paguyo Black Mountain #845 Soft and safe to thee, my Brother, be thy resting place!

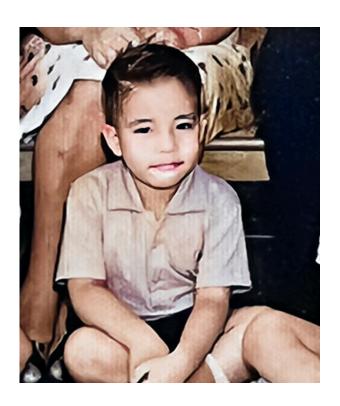
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Who Are You?

Can you name this Scottish Rite Mason?







Last month's picture was: Bro. Sammy Cashman, 32°

If you would like to submit younger pictures of yourself for this fun section of the Bulletin, please send them to:

JoJo Quimpo - Email: jojo@sd-src.org

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WELCOME ABOARD JACKIEL

This January, we welcomed a new face to the RiteCare Childhood Language Center. Jackie is joining us as a graduate student clinician from San Diego State University.

It is a lengthy process to become a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist. Part of that process includes obtaining a master's degree in the field. Graduate students in the program must complete a variety of externships to gain experience in various settings, working with and learning from Speech-Language Pathologists. This allows graduate student clinicians to obtain real life experience, while under the guidance and supervision of a licensed SLP. It also allows Jenn and I the opportunity to give back to the community and our field by helping to train the next generation of Speech-Language Pathologists.

Jackie is in her second year in the program and is expected to graduate this Spring. She has previously participated in placements working with adults, as well as middle and high school students in the public school system. Jackie is at our Center Monday through Thursday, and she will be here until early May. Welcome, Jackie!

2025 Scottish Rite Officers



(L to R) Bro. Michael Thibodeaux, Rodolfo F. Nobleza, 32°, the Venerable Master, and III:. JoJo Quimpo, 33° singing "Happy Birthday". The Venerable Master recognizing III:. Arnold Meloche, 33°, for being a Perfect Donor. Visiting from the Valley of Youngstown in Ohio, Charles D. Johnson III, 32° MSA. Also visiting that evening Bro. Russ Hennings, from the Orange County Valley, and his lady, Christina.



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(L to R) III:. Keith Meeker, 33° recognizing the actors that were present who participated in the Traitor play, and was kind enough to have a souvenir book made of the experience for them.



























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Lord of All Seasons.

We are grateful for the seasons that bring many changes to our lives. With Spring, we look forward to our Scottish Rite Reunion and bringing in new members.



Through growth, our charity with the services of the Ritecare Childcare Language Center can expand toward filling the needs of the community.

Amen

III:. Davis Winesett, 33°

PRELATE'S MESSAGE

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Each year, the San Diego Scottish Rite Community Foundation awards scholarships to one or more eligible seniors who will graduate from a high school in San Diego County or Imperial County.

Scholarship recipients are chosen based on a variety of factors, including academic achievement, leadership, character, capability, citizenship, and need.

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Wed 5 Stated Meeting (6:00 PM Corned Beef and Cabbage)
Wed 26 Exec Comm/Cathedral Board

April

Wed 2 Stated Meeting/ Honoring Al Bahr Shrine * Extinguishing of the Lights* Wed 16 Sat 19 175th Grand Lodge Anniversary Celebration 20 Relighting of the Lights* Sun Exec Comm/Cathedral Board Wed 30 Wed 30 Masonic Information Night

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