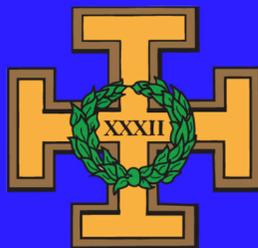




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## Venerable Master's Message

It has been almost six months since the last meeting we had. I am hoping that we will get past this social distancing scheme. I definitely have missed seeing you at our Stated Meeting dinners and events. I was hoping that we can get over this pandemic by now but I am more concerned that we all stay healthy and strong. A lot of our lives have changed in the last few months and I pray that it won't be long before we can get together again. Please make sure to hang in there as we would like to see you all soon.

This year we will attempt something new. We are planning on celebrating the Feast of Tishri online for the very first time ever. We are going to have our toasts performed by our select brethren and we hope that you can join us during this special event. The significance of the Feast of Tishri in Scottish Rite Masonry has to do with the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. By the wisdom of King Solomon, the temple was erected at a time of peace. At this time of trials in our country, I hope and pray that we, as Masons, be the stewards of peace and betterment of our community, our state, and our country. Under the Statutes of the Supreme Council, it is obligatory that we celebrate the Feast of

Tishri to foster the spirit of fellowship among our fraternity. May the spirit of peace and goodwill radiate from each one of us, so we may show our brethren and fellowmen what we, as Masons, are all about.

I would also want to inform you that the Orient of California is still planning on having a Fall Class. More information regarding this will follow as soon as we are able to get the details. Please see who you might be able to invite for this upcoming unique class.

Praying that next month may be different, and at the same time, I am hoping that all of you stay healthy and well until the time that we are able to congregate and see each other like we used to. May the blessings of heaven rest upon us all.

The year is 2020. What came you here to do?

Hon. Nathaniel "Chino" Torres, KCCH  
Venerable Master

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Brethren and Friends,

As we all continue to navigate the uncertainty brought upon by COVID-19, the health and safety of our members, employees, and customers remain the priority. The San Diego Scottish Rite Masonic Center remains closed until such time the Grand Master, together with the state, county, and local governments, allow us to open for normal business.

I am sure you are as tired as I am with this "new normal" way of living. We have to wear a mask almost everywhere; we can't travel around as much without risking our health; we can't eat out together with many of our friends and family; and most of all, we can't have our Masonic events! So much change to contend with. However, as the Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, said, "The only constant in life is change." So, change we must.

In light of that "Change Philosophy" ...

Brethren, I invite you to our very first virtual Stated Meeting on September 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM Pacific Time. On the agenda will be the Feast of Tishri celebration with Illustrious Mel Stein, 33° as the opening act. Also, we will have Hon. David Rathgeber, KCCH deliver his oration. You don't want to miss that. We will have the Personal Representative speak and hope that he will be able to provide us with updates on what has been going on in our valley. We will have time for some Q & A at the end.

As you may surmise, we will not be able to strictly follow our normal stated meeting agenda. I guess, you may consider this more of a fellowship meeting than a stated meeting. We will be using the Zoom platform (like everybody else it seems). This will be our first foray using Zoom for such a large audience so please bear with us if we run into some hurdles and difficulties.

If you want to join us, please contact the office with your email address so that we will be able to send you the details of this meeting. If we already have your email on file, then you will have already received the details of the meeting so please check your inbox.

Until we see you again, continue to watch out for one another, read your monthly bulletin or visit our website for the latest news. Stay safe.

Fraternally,

JoJo Quimpo, 33°  
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## News From the Center

From Tina Burns, M.A., CCC-SLP

# The Perks of Telepractice

Now that we have all settled in to teletherapy for our speech-language sessions, I am beginning to appreciate some of the advantages of using this service delivery method. Last week, we did "pizza" as our weekly theme. The children worked on speech sounds in between turns of making a pizza on the computer, we read a book about a dog who made pizzas, we followed directions to complete pizza orders, and we used some toy foods and props to make our own pizzas. We rolled the dough, spread it in a pizza pan, added toppings, baked it in the oven, then fed it to some stuffed animals. This targeted sequencing, vocabulary, action verbs, and giving directions. The children were amazed when their pizzas went into the oven looking like this



and came out looking like this!



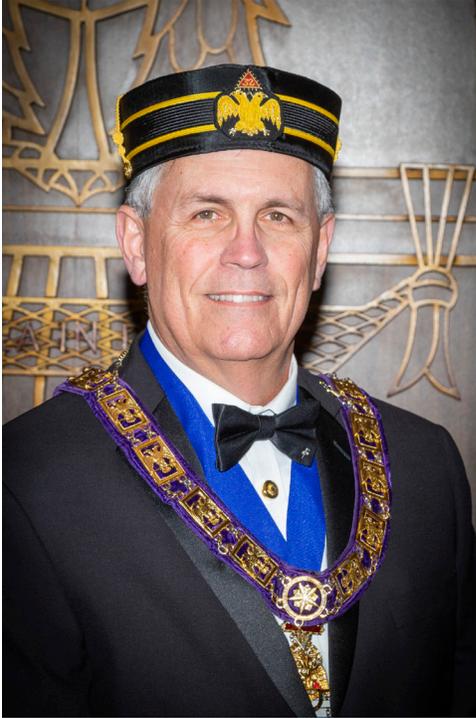
You can imagine the amazed words that they spoke commenting on and asking how their pizza came out looking like that! I have learned to appreciate the "magic" that can happen out of their view on my computer screen.

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# Meet Your Wise Master

## About Mike

Michael James Singer, Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix was born in South Bend, Indiana in 1957. As a child, his family moved to Jackson, Michigan then on to Pittsburgh, PA where he lived until he was 33. Considering Pittsburgh home, Mike was a Pittsburgh Steelers fan during the 70's and 80's. Mike graduated high school and technical school in 1976. His technical school training was in welding and metal fabrication. His first job was as a production welder and fitter at a local steel mill. Mike was laid off during the fall of the steel industry and ended up in research and development for a specialty materials manufacturer that produced metal powder for powder metallurgy, thermal spray, and filters. They also produced clad metal for high end cookware, refinery pressure vessels, and sterilizers. Mike's career continued with inside sales in his early 20's and field sales at 33. He was transferred to San Diego to manage the Western United States, Canada, and Tijuana. He also did some business in Japan. Mike is currently a sales manager for a manufacturer representative company and sells electronic components to Department of Defense contractors and industrial companies in Southern California.

In 2005, Mike started to contemplate what he wanted to do when he retired. His daughter was soon to move out and his son was leaving for college. He remembered that as a child he enjoyed the CB radio and had always wanted to become a ham radio operator. Mike achieved the highest FCC license available to the amateur radio operator. Mike is licensed to the "Extra" level and has communicated all over the world with other radio operators. Mike's call sign is N6MJS. Give him a call if you ever hear him on the air.

Knowing he would not be able to keep busy just doing ham radio operating after he retired, he thought about Masonry. He had a box in his closet with his grand uncle's fez and decided to find out what it was all about. The first thing he found out was that you had to ask to join and that you will never be invited.



# Michael J.

# Singer

In 2007, Mike filed his application with Consuelo Lodge #325 in Escondido and became a Master Mason in December of that year. Worshipful Michael T. Sherman convinced Mike that being treasurer of the Temple Board was an easy job. Just write a couple checks a month he said and you're done.....well, Mike learned a valuable lesson...stand clear of Worshipful Masters. Mike spent 6 years as treasurer where he wrote the justification for the lodge's \$135,000 solar power project. Mike founded the Saturday Morning Coffee and Donuts Get-Together and ran it for 6 years before other brothers took it over. In 2011, Mike was Master Mason of the Year and in 2012 he received the Hiram Award.

Mike is currently the Senior Warden of Novus Veteris Lodge #864 and hopes to be elected to Worshipful Master for the years 2021 and 2022. Novus is based out of Oceanside Lodge #381's building and is considered a traveling lodge, holding meetings at different lodges throughout San Diego County. They have traveled and held lodge in the dungeon at the Holiday Wine Cellar in Escondido, Hotel Cosmopolitan in Old Town, and the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum in Carlsbad.

Mike joined the Scottish Rite looking for more knowledge in Masonry. He has been active in a couple of degrees and even won the Albert Pike award for Excellence in Acting in a Supporting Role. Mike has been part of the Knights of the Rose Croix line for 6 years and is the current Wise Master for 2020. Mike enjoys working with the brothers and helping organize different events. Mike recently assisted the Scottish Rite committee in sending out homemade masks to the Honored Ladies. He mentioned this was a very enjoyable experience. Mike has also been active for 6 years as a member of the Grand Lodge Public Schools Advisory Council.

In 1975, Mike went to his high school junior prom with Marsha and they started dating that same year. They fell in love, got married and had two children. His daughter, Michele lives in Oceanside and his son Sam, resides in Orange County with his wife Katie and Mike's grandson, Wally. After starting his family in Pittsburgh, Mike and his family moved to San Marcos, CA where they lived for 27 years. After the kids moved out, Mike and Marsha moved to Oceanside to a small beach cottage they purchased back in 2002 and love living the "downsized" life.

The people that have made the most profound impact in Mike's Masonic life are: Worshipful Thomas R. Handel, Worshipful Michael T. Sherman, Worshipful William Allen, and Worshipful Pete Legata. In addition, the Masonic Outreach Services (MOS) team has had an extra special impact on him in his Masonic life. Mike appreciates the Brethren of the San Diego Scottish Rite and thanks them for their support during his years in the Rose Croix line.



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Lord of the Universe,

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Guide us as we labor to meet the challenges of the pandemic we face each day, and help us to provide the assistance and comfort that we can make available.

O Lord, grant us courage and discernment in all of our doings.

Amen.  
**Hon Davis Winesett, KCCH**

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