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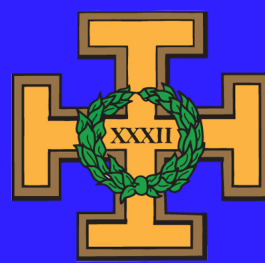
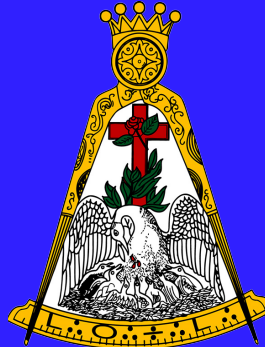
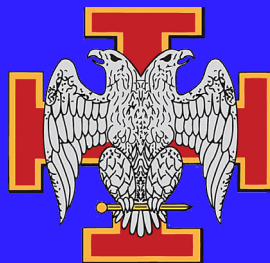
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Venerable Master's Message

Greetings Brethren!

How good and how pleasant it is to meet... even if it is by Zoom! Yes, I have to agree. This is getting a little tiring. However, we are able to meet and greet brethren who are far away like Hawaii, North Carolina and other places. Hopefully, when we are finally able to meet, we will be able to do hybrid meetings so we can still see brothers from far away. Only time will tell. On another note I would like to thank the following brothers for helping me move a 1,400 lb. plus upright piano: Hon. Tom Handell, Bro. Michael Singer, and Hon. Doug Ford (could not have done it without you).

May was a good month in Masonry. We had our second SGIG Advisory Conference of the year. It was great to see everyone. With the directives from our GM Art Weiss, along with state, county, and city restrictions, some Blue Lodges were able to meet and enjoy meeting in person. It is a start of great things to happen. In York Rite, Hon. Dick Bullard, KCCH was able to fulfill his term as the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons and pass the torch to another (Raymond Broomfield). I was installed as the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California; and a new Grand Commander with REGC David Studley. We are unique in San Diego that as Masons we can recognize all Masonic bodies.

Also in May, the San Diego City Council met to deliberate on our Home Depot/Scottish Rite project. It has been a long time in the making and hopefully Ill.: John Schneidmiller, 33°, will have some great news for us at our June Stated Meeting.

June is not as busy as the other months. We don't really have too much going on but we do have our June 2nd Stated Meeting, Flag Day on June 14th and Father's Day on June 20th. I remember as a kid, my father would make my mother a lobster dinner and then on Father's Day my mother would make a huge breakfast of potato & eggs with bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy. Fun times! What do you do for your parents?

Please remember our "Perfect Donors" program. As of date I believe we have 17 donors and more coming in. The Childhood Language Center deeply appreciates the donations. It helps with some of the costs in running it.

Thank you again for your support and assistance this year. It is very much appreciated.

Hon. Michael T. Sherman, KCCH
Venerable Master

CARING FOR YOUR BROTHERS

submitted by Bro. Michael Singer, 32°

My Brothers, I found this poem on the internet and it made me feel proud to be part of our fraternity. I am sure this is an old poem that lives strong to this very day. Many of us are part of the Masonic Outreach Services group that assist Brother Masons in need, whether it is just checking on them, cutting their grass, putting the trash out or walking with them in the parking lot after meetings.

This Brotherly activity didn't just start in 2010 when MOS formed the lodge level program, but has always been an on-going activity, I imagine for 200 years. Please take the time to read this poem and think of the people you have helped and who have helped you. Let's keep this tradition strong. Please, if you are not active in MOS Masonic Outreach Services ask your lodge secretary how you can get involved. And at least continue doing what you do for your Brothers.

The Masonic Ring

Those men who help my dad each day,
They wear those mason rings.
A Square and Compass set in gold,
The praise of which I sing.

My dad, he hurt his back you know,
One cold and wintery day.
He slipped and fell upon the ice,
The insurance would not pay.

And since that time those rings I see,
On hands that help us much.
With mowing lawns and hauling trash,
Each day my heart they touch.

They even built a house for me,
Amid our backyard tree.
Where all the neighbor kids,
Would play with laughter full of glee.

My Mom she cried from happiness,
The time the Masons came.
To aid our family in distress,
Without a thought of gain.

And when I'm big, just like my dad,
Of this it must be told.
I want to wear a ring like his,
A Square and Compass gold.

Long years have passed since when
My dad was in that plaster cast.
And since I swore that Solemn Oath,
Which unites us to the last.

But more than that I'm proud to say,
I wear his Mason ring.
The one dad wore for many years,
Until his death this spring.

And one last time his comrades came,
To aid my weeping mother..
They praised and bid a fond farewell,
To our fallen Brother.

And after which MY son did ask,
About their Aprons white.
And of the rings upon their hands,
Of gold so shiny bright.

With tearful eyes I said with pride,
They're men of spirit pure.
Those men who wear those Mason rings,
Of that you can be sure.

And before he went to bed that night,
The family he foretold.
Someday I'll wear a ring like dad's,
A Square and Compass gold.

-Author Unknown



Who Are You?

**Can you name this
Scottish Rite Mason?**



Last month's picture was:
Hon. Doug Ford, KCCH!

If you would like to submit younger pictures of yourself for this fun section of the Bulletin, please send them to:
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News From the Center
From Tina Burns, M.A., CCC-SLP

Better Hearing & Speech Month

During the month of May, Speech-Language Pathologists across the country recognized Better Hearing and Speech Month. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's designated theme for this year was "Building Connections." The realities of living through a pandemic highlighted our need for human interaction and challenged us to find new ways to connect in nearly every aspect of life.

This past year, we have all found different ways to build connections. The children receiving therapy through our Center continue to do so through teletherapy. We have learned to build connections over the internet as we work to improve their communication to help change their lives for the better.

Here at the San Diego RiteCare Childhood Language Center, I provide services to children with delays and disorders in the following areas:

- Articulation - errors in the production of speech sounds
- Stuttering - disruptions in the fluency of speech
- Phonology - patterns of sound errors
- Receptive Language - difficulty understanding what is said
- Expressive Language - difficulty using spoken language to express thoughts
- Childhood Apraxia of Speech - motor speech disorder where the child knows what he/she wants to say, but the brain has difficulty coordinating the muscle movements needed.
- Voice - unusual vocal quality

This year has taught us the importance of human interaction, communication, and connection. I feel privileged to be able to help children gain and improve the skills need to achieve these.

Better Hearing & Speech Month



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Meet Your Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection

About Michael

Michael Thomas Sherman was born on July 27, 1955 in Colorado to James and Sophia Sherman. His father, a Captain in the Army Corp of Engineers, was stationed in Fort Carson in Colorado Springs. His mother was a nurse. As an army brat, Michael lived in different places around the world although he grew up mostly in San Luis Obispo, California. Here, he learned how to swim and surf at Avila Beach. He remembers hitch hiking with his surfboard to the beach and staying in his uncle's studio while enjoying the surf. He finally ended up in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin where he learned that snow is cold. He remembers the first time playing in the snow. His hands got so cold he ran in the house and turned on the hot water to thaw them out. He found out that was the wrong thing to do. To this day when the weather gets cold Mike has to put on gloves to keep his hands from cramping.

After finishing tenth grade, his father, along with the local sheriff, figured it was time for him to join the U.S. Navy in order to straighten him out. Mike agreed (I don't know if he had a choice) as he was starting to stray from the straight and narrow. He spent a little over three years in the navy rising to the rank of E4 (Boatswains Mate 3rd Class). He served at the end of the Vietnam War aboard a patrol boat for 6 months. He remembers water skiing behind the PT boats during "down times" when he was overseas. Since he was a great swimmer he was classified as the ship's swimmer, which included water survival at sea and pilot rescue operations. He cannot count the number of times he has had to jump out of helicopters for training but he totally enjoyed every minute of it.



Michael T.

Sherman

After the service, Mike ended up in San Diego, where he finished his high school education by receiving his GED. He went to work at National Steel Shipyard as a Loft Rigger working on Navy ships. After 3-1/2 years he decided to try his luck at driving big rigs and became a truck driver. He drove big rigs throughout the eleven Western United States and some parts of Mexico. After several years of driving, he became bored and started his own handyman business; mostly working for realtors for about 12 years (you name he probably did it). Mike finally ended up with SDG&E. He worked his way up the chain from Meter Reader to Field Utility Specialist/Project Manager for the Gas Technical Services Department. He worked for SDG&E for 14 years and finally retired on July 31st, 2020.

In 2001, a friend (and future Masonic brother) by the name of Bill Allen introduced Mike to Freemasonry while sitting in a barber's chair in Escondido (at Dell's Barber Shop on Grand Avenue). In due time, Mike was raised a Master Mason in February 2002 at Consuelo Lodge No.325. He hasn't looked back and has never regretted his decision to join us. Since becoming a Freemason, Mike discovered that Masonry runs deep in his heritage. His father was raised a Master Mason in Cavite, Philippines!

Mike feels that San Diego is blessed when it comes to Freemasonry in that all Masonic organizations (Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine & etc.) get along so well. There are several places and areas where they do not even talk to one another and are struggling. Mike is a member of about thirteen Masonic organizations and is active in all of them. Mike says, "I have been truly blessed with a lot of mentorship along the way and I am thankful for their support and guidance. This year I am honored to serve you as the Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection. Thank you for your support and assistance."



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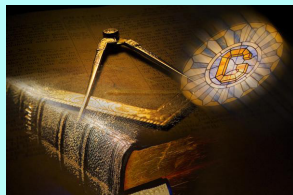
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As the shroud of the pandemic is lifted, we look to You to lift our spirits and give us renewed energy for our lives.

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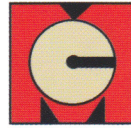
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