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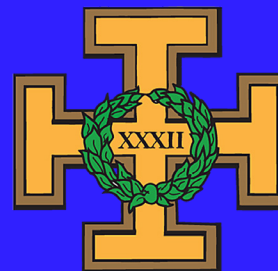
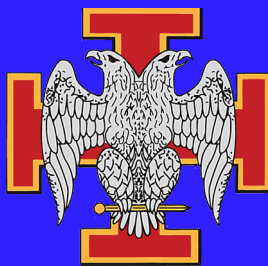
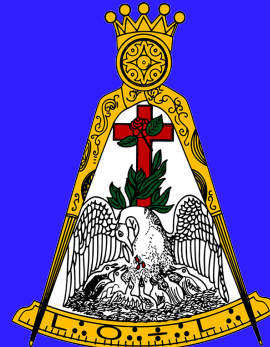
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## Venerable Master's Message

May is a month that brings the full bloom of spring and a sense of renewal and energy. It is a time when flowers are in their prime, and the days begin to stretch a little longer, inviting people to spend more time outdoors. With a mix of gentle breezes and warm sunshine, May is often seen as the perfect bridge between the freshness of spring and the approach of summer, encouraging growth and activity. It is a month that embodies change, hope, and flourishing life.

May 7th is a day to circle on the calendar this year, as it marks a key stated meeting that promises to be both important and engaging. Such meetings provide a chance to connect, share updates, and collaborate on projects or goals that matter. It is a day to set aside time for meaningful discussions and strategic planning, making the most of the opportunities that May presents for progress and teamwork. We will be honoring the York Rite during the dinner portion.

Do not forget the Honored Ladies Luncheon on the 16th. Let us have fun and fellowship and show the Ladies that we did not forget them.

Later in the month, the excitement builds as the Spring Reunion is scheduled to take place on May 30th and 31st. These days will undoubtedly bring a sense of joy and connection as people gather to celebrate the season and their shared bonds. Reunions in May are particularly special, as they reflect the themes of togetherness and growth that characterize the springtime. The event will be filled with stories, laughter, and perhaps, the planting of seeds — both literally and figuratively — for future endeavors.

Overall, May is a month brimming with potential and meaningful moments. From the stated meeting on May 7th, the Honored Ladies' luncheon on the 16th, to the Spring reunion on May 30th and 31st, there is much to look forward to. It is a time to cherish community and collaboration, all while basking in the beauty of spring's vibrancy. May invites us to embrace the opportunities it brings and to make memories that will brighten the days ahead.

Rodolfo "Rudy" Nobleza  
Venerable Master

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Eli Weiss -Schiller #41  
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*Soft and safe to thee, my  
Brother, be thy resting place!*

## Who Are You?

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



## CIRCLE OF CONCERN

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Last month's picture was:  
**Bro. Rodolfo "Rudy" F. Nobleza, 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](mailto:jojo@sd-src.org)



# RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Diego

Director / Speech Pathologist: Tina Burns  
Office Manager: Sharon Bullard  
[www.casrf.org/sandiego](http://www.casrf.org/sandiego)

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*News From the Center*  
From Tina Burns, M.A., CCC-SLP

## ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY!

The graduations just keep coming here in the Language Center. We recently celebrated the graduation of four-and-a-half-year-old, Henry. Henry started speech-language therapy services in the fall of 2023. At that time, he was using single words and some short phrases. He had numerous speech sound errors and any phrases longer than two words were not understood by others. Henry made tremendous progress with his speech and language skills over the past 18 months. His family was very involved in the therapy process, observing sessions and practicing skills at home. He now has age-appropriate skills. Henry and his mother also were great advocates for our program. They participated in filming at our Center to tell their story and help spread awareness of our services. You can see Henry and his mother on Facebook and Instagram for the California Scottish Rite Foundation.

Here are a few words from Henry's mother:

*"We truly can't thank you enough for all of your hard work and dedication with Henry. What a gift you have given to us in being able to understand and communicate with our baby boy! There really aren't adequate words to express our gratefulness."*





## Honoring Al Bahr Shrine



(L to R) Bro. Rudy Nobelza, Venerable Master, welcomes the crowd. The original Musical Trio broke up in January, and Bro. Nobleza, joined and is now helping with the singing. Ill... Dave Winsett, 33°, Prelate, and his lady Yolly. Also introduced is Ill.. John Schneidmiller, 33°, Personal Representative.



(L to R) The Potentate for Al Bahr Shrine, John Gowen thanks the Scottish Rite for their continued support and introduces his elected Divan; Bro. David Murray, Assistant Rabban, and his lady Catheren; Bro. Rod Cuevas, Oriental Guide, and his lady, Maybel; Ill.. Melvyn Stein, 33°, PGM, PP, Treasurer, and his lady Betty.



(L to R) Continuing with the introductions - Bro. George Page, Recorder; Bro. Alfonso Martinez, Chief Rabban, and his lady Coco; Ill.. Chino Torres, High Priest & Prophet, and his lady Mercy. The Potentate addresses the crowd about the mission of the Shrine, and the support from everyone is appreciated.



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### PRELATE'S MESSAGE

Glorious God,

With humble hearts, we invoke Your presence with us in our Scottish Rite activities. Through our upcoming Reunion in May, we look to Your guidance in bringing our new members to a new level in their Masonic journey.



Help us to exemplify those tenets that best reflect our Valley.

Amen

III:.. Davis Winesett, 33°



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

### Eligibility:

- The program is open to all students who have attained senior standing in and are graduating from high schools in San Diego or Imperial Counties.
- Applicants must be planning to enter an accredited four year college or university, two year community college or professional school.

- Sponsorship by a member of the San Diego or Imperial Valley Scottish Rite Bodies is required.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

- JoJo Quimpo, General Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies (619-293-4888)
- Keith Meeker, Chairman Scottish Rite Community Foundation Scholarship Committee (619-293-4888)

Application forms are available through the San Diego Scottish Rite website ( <https://www.scottishritesandiego.org> ). If you are interested, download the application, complete the application form, and follow the directions to submit the application package.

**Note: Applications must be received by Friday, May 30, 2025.**

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Wed	7	Stated Meeting - (York Rite) - 6:00 PM
Fri	16	SR Honored Ladies Luncheon
<b>Mon</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Office Closed (Memorial Day)</b>
Wed	28	SGIG (Members Only) - 6:00 PM
Fri-Sat	30-31	Reunion Weekend

**June**

Wed	4	Stated Meeting* - 6:00 PM
Sat	7	Philippines Independence Day Dinner* 5:30 PM
Wed	18	New Member Orientation* - 6:00 PM

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