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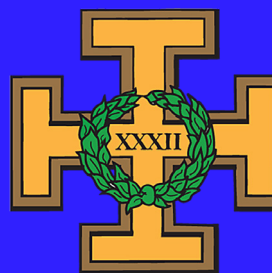
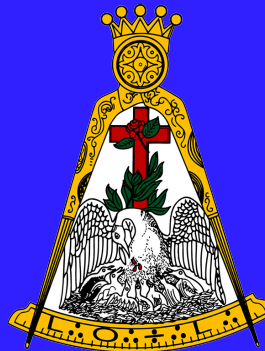
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Scottish Rite Foundation*

## Venerable Master's Message

My Brothers, I am honored to be your Venerable Master for the 2026 year. I joined the Lodge of Perfection in 2021 and have enjoyed the leadership of the past Masters. I also congratulate the installed officers for this year. Being part of the Scottish Rite is a true commitment to the craft. Many of us drive quite a distance to attend meetings, degrees, and degree practices. This is only the beginning of making the Valley what it is. From first walking in the door and being greeted by smiling faces and handshakes from our Brothers of the Knights of Saint Andrew and then joining the other members in the dining room for fellowship and discussion about the highlights of the past month, whether that is Masonry, family, sports or vacations and travels, we have it all. This is the place to meet Brother's from all over San Diego County and Baja. This is what brings me to the Scottish Rite, I just enjoy seeing everyone and being here.

Thank you Ill. John, Ill. Jojo and Ill. Jerry for believing in me and the other officers of the Valley. We will work hard to continue the legacy of the Scottish Rite.

We have two main goals to achieve this year, build Valley membership, and support the RiteCare Language Center. I am sure we will be hearing more from Honorable David Bean on this year's goals for the language center. Please start discussing the Scottish Rite at your blue lodge. Our spring degrees will come quick, and we want all Masons to experience what the Scottish Rite has to offer.

The Robert Burns celebration will be held on February 7th. This is a celebration of a Brother Mason and his impact on society. Every time I think of Robert Burns, I think of Colin McInnes and his humor and how fun it was to be part of his conversations. Thank you to Maureen for continuing to participate in this celebration. This is a great fundraiser

for the CLC, and we probably would not have it if Colin did not organize the first event.

Lodge of Perfection is responsible for the first quarter's social entertainment. We will be visiting the Navy Seal Museum on March 21st. More details will be made available soon, but please mark your calendars now for that event. There is a \$25.00 entrance fee.

We will continue with the Perfect Donor program. This program was launched by Ill. Chino and has been a great success providing much needed donations to the RiteCare Language Center. To participate in the perfect donor program, you need to donate \$365, which translates to \$1.00 per day for the year. All money goes to the CLC. If you cannot participate in the perfect donor program, please consider making a donation in the mason jars on the dining room tables.

Our first SGIG meeting will be held on February 25th. These are great meetings our officers and members attend to discuss the management of the different bodies, degrees, and committees. There are four per year, casual dress and usually pizza or sandwiches. If you have interest in attending, please watch the calendar and RSVP. By the way, ALL Scottish Rite meals require RSVP, please.

We will continue celebrating birthdays with the traditional "Happy Birthday" song and honoring anniversaries with the anniversary song—but with a twist. We normally have a trio sing for us. This year we will have a quartet, and the Venerable Master will select a different member each month to join us. It should be a lot of fun. We will also be adding a few dad jokes, and I hope mine are just as bad as those of Honorable Michael Thibodeaux.

On the level my Brothers,  
Michael J. Singer  
Venerable Master

## IN MEMORIAM

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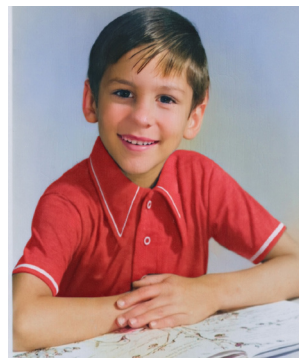
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be thy resting place!*

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# 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:

**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)

Donations may be made by a group, an organization, a couple or an individual, and may be made in honor of, or in memory of someone held in particular esteem by the donor. All donors are recognized in the Bulletin.

### Thank You To Our December 2025 Donors

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John Hine, Jr

#### Chairmans's Diamond Club

San Diego Scottish Rite Community Foundation

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

## RAISING AWARENESS AT THE LIBRARY

RiteCare Childhood Language Center is working alongside the Mission Valley Library to help raise awareness and support early intervention for speech and language disorders. As part of this collaboration, we have started to attend some of the story time sessions at the library to connect with families, answer questions, and share information about speech-language development.

During these visits, we provide educational brochures and help families learn about communication milestones, common concerns, and our services. Parents gain a better understanding of their child's communication needs and can seek services when appropriate. This partnership allows us to meet families where they are, promote early identification, and ensure children receive the support they need to build strong communication skills.



## The Pike Awards



(L to R) A number of brothers receive their certificates for becoming Life Members. Bro. Fernando Lopez, 32° presents to Hon. David Bean, KCCH a check for the money raised by the Consistory for their bowling night. Bro. Edgar Faralan, 32° performs his duty as MC for the Pike Awards. First, we have Ill.: Thomas Colgan, 33°, presenting the award for Excellence in 1st time performance to Bro. Dan Martin, 32°



(L to R) Ill.: Richard Carlson, 33°, presented the award for Excellence in a Supporting Role to Bro. Jodan Dubois, 32°. Ill.: Mark Doubleday, 33°, presented the award for Excellence in a Major Role to Hon. Kevin Day, KCCH. Ill.: Charles "Stretch" Harris, 33°, presented the Technical Staff Award to Hon. Bob Salini, KCCH.



(L to R) Ill.: JoJo Quimpo, 33°, presented the award for Production Division Achievement Award to Bro. Manolito Ramirez, 32°. The new Personal Representative, 2 months into his new position decided to shake up the awards by presenting the Personal Representative Award to two dedicated people who support the Scottish Rite in their own way, and who aren't Scottish Rite Members: **Nancy Lopez & Alejandro Benavidez! Congratulations!**

## Installation of the 2026 Officers for the Scottish Rite Bodies



(L to R) The Personal Representative, Ill.: JoJo Quimpo, 33° presides over the installation. The incoming heads of each body are given their instructions and installed into their respective positions: Bro. Edgar Faralan, 32°, Master of Kadosh, Consistory; Bro. Randy Roajs, 32°, Commander, Council of Kadosh; Bro. David Vassall, 32°, Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix; and Bro. Michael J. Singer, 32°, Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection. The rest of the officers were then installed into their respective positions.



(L to R) Each of the new heads of the bodies presented their predecessors their certificate of serving their respective bodies for the preceeding year. The new Venerable Master, Bro. Michael J. Singer, 32°, addresses the crowd that evening.

## Scholarship Program

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.

### 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, Personal Representative for the Valley of San Diego (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 29, 2026.**

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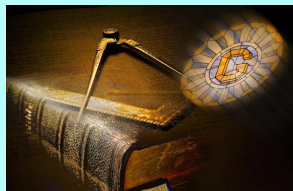
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## PRELATE'S MESSAGE

Great Creator,

With every step we take into this new year, may we exemplify the tenets of Scottish Rite Masonry. Inspire us to become beacons of light for others to improve their journey.



O Lord, help us to follow Your guidance to the path that leads to effectiveness. Amen

III.: Davis Winesett, 33°



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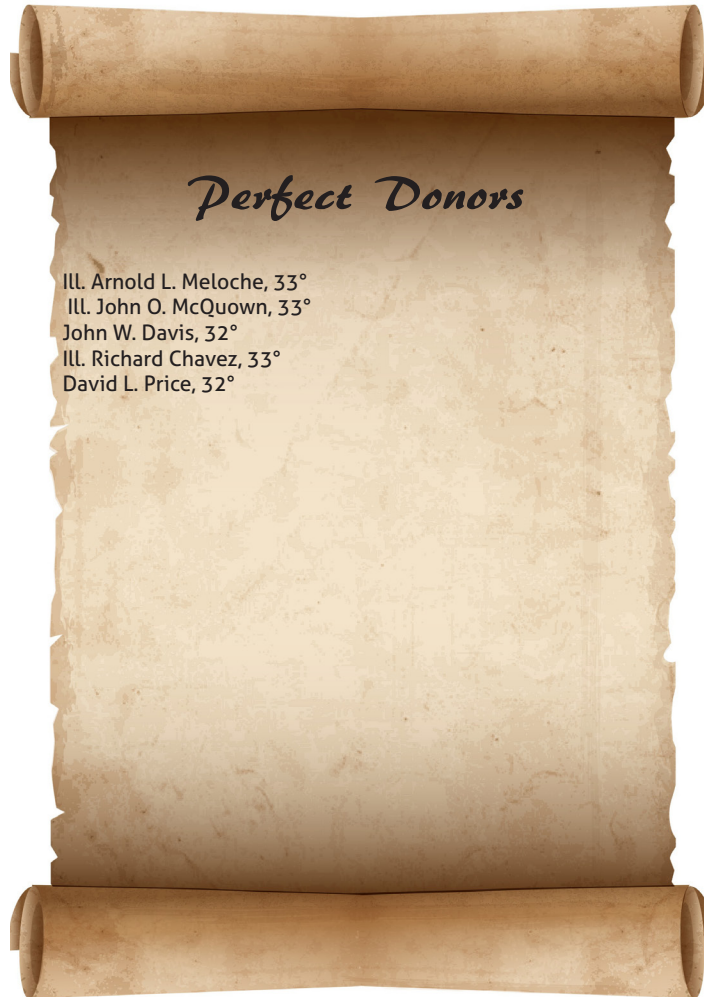
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Wed	4	Stated Meeting / 2026 Scottish Rite Officers (6:00 PM - Kalua Pork & Teriyaki Chicken)
Sat	7	Robert Burns Supper
Mon	16	<b>Office Closed (Presidents' Day)</b>
Wed	25	SGIG Advisory Conference

**March**

Wed	4	Stated Meeting / 2026 Committeemen (6:00 PM - Corned Beef & Cabbage)
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