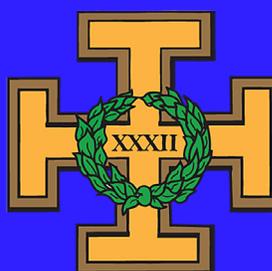




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## Venerable Master's Message

The year is off to a great start! Our first Stated Meeting dinner with the new officers took place in February, featuring the introduction of the officers and their wives. The meeting was a great success, highlighted by a wonderful oration from Honorable James Achenbach, 32°, KCCH. The Lodge of Perfection once again won this year's attendance award—perhaps for the second or third year in a row!

Officers, please remember to sign in when you arrive and help break the Lodge of Perfection streak. Officer attendance is vital in supporting our membership. The more active we are, the stronger our Valley becomes—and we all want a strong Valley. Success builds on success. What a Robert Burns celebration! We hosted an outstanding event with close to two hundred members of the fraternity, their families, and friends in attendance. It was especially nice to see Maureen McInnis and her family join us.

The silent auction was a tremendous success, featuring forty-eight items that helped raise funds for the Childhood Language Center. Donations included Scottish whisky, wine, artwork, and even a children's golf bag and clubs! The musicians and the young dancers were simply wonderful. And I think we can all agree that Ill.: David Rathgeber continues to improve with age—much like the fine whisky enjoyed by the laddies and lassies throughout the evening. If you missed this year's celebration, be sure to plan ahead for next year. Make your reservations early—the event sells out quickly!

Our next event was the first SGIG meeting of the year. We hold four each year, and officer involvement is required. If you are interested in learning more about what it takes to run the bodies of the Valley of San Diego, please attend. This event is for Scottish Rite members only, and reservations can be made through the website.

A few final reminders:

- Please begin speaking with Blue Lodge members about our upcoming degrees in May. We need to build momentum and attract new members.
- The Navy SEAL Museum social event will be held on March 21 near the Santa Fe Train Station. I hope to see you there.
- Coffee and Donuts with the Venerable Master is April 11.
- The Extinguishing and Relighting of the Lights will take place April 1 and April 5.

The Extinguishing of the Lights symbolizes mourning and darkness, while the Relighting represents hope and rebirth. The Brethren of your local Valley devote considerable time and effort to make this ceremony meaningful. Please plan to attend and support their work.

Finally, if you know of someone in need of assistance, please contact Masonic Outreach Services at 888-466-3642. The number is also printed on the back of your dues receipt.

Let us continue building momentum and making this a strong and successful year for our Valley.

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

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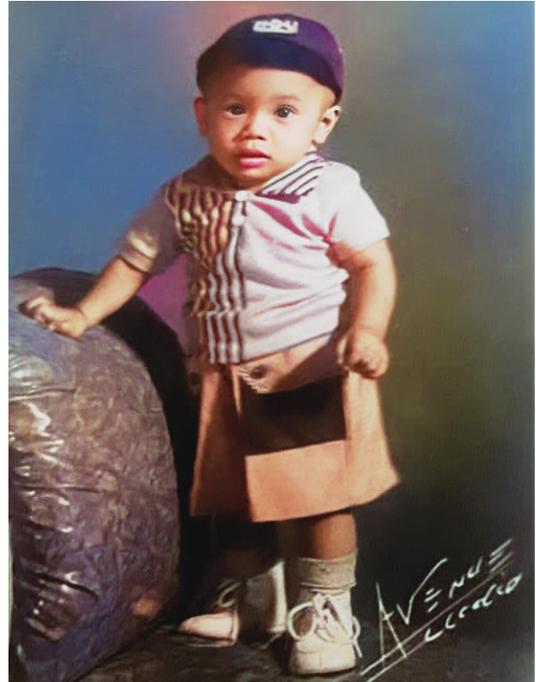
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*Soft and safe to thee, my Brother,  
be thy resting place!*

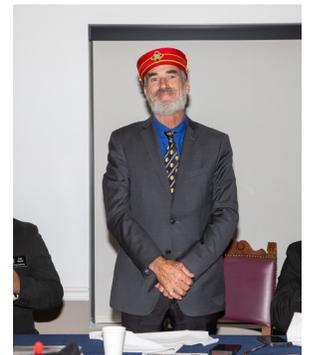
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Last month's picture was:  
**Hon. Robert Dockery, KCCH**

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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# RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Diego

Director / Speech Pathologist: Tina Burns  
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*News From the Center*  
From Tina Burns, M.A., CCC-SLP

## NEW HELP FOR THE TEAM

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

Becoming a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist is a lengthy process, and one important step is earning a master's degree in the field. As part of their training, graduate students must complete a variety of externships to gain experience in different settings, working closely with and learning from licensed Speech-Language Pathologists. These experiences allow graduate student clinicians to gain real-life, hands-on experience under the guidance and supervision of an SLP. These clinical placements also give our team at RiteCare the opportunity to give back to our profession by helping train the next generation of Speech-Language Pathologists

Madison is currently in her second year of the program and is expected to graduate this spring. She has previously completed placements supporting children across a broad range of ages and needs. Madison will be at our Center Monday through Thursday through early May.

Welcome, Madison!

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## JROTC Awards



On Monday, 23 January, Illustrious David G Rathgeber, Lt. Col. USMC Retired, presented the Scottish Rite Junior ROTC medal to Cadet Layla Cortez at the Fallbrook High School Marine Corps JROTC awards and promotion ceremony.

Each year our Valley presents this award to an outstanding cadet at JROTC ceremonies across San Diego County. The award is recognized by Headquarters Marine Corps, and is on the precedence list for cadets along with awards from the VFW, Purple Heart Association, Sojourners, and others.

Cadet Cortez is a sophomore who demonstrates outstanding leadership and teamwork, and is very deserving of this award. She plans to participate in JROTC for her entire 4 years at Fallbrook High School, and after graduating hopes to continue her education with a goal of becoming a neurosurgeon.

## 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.**

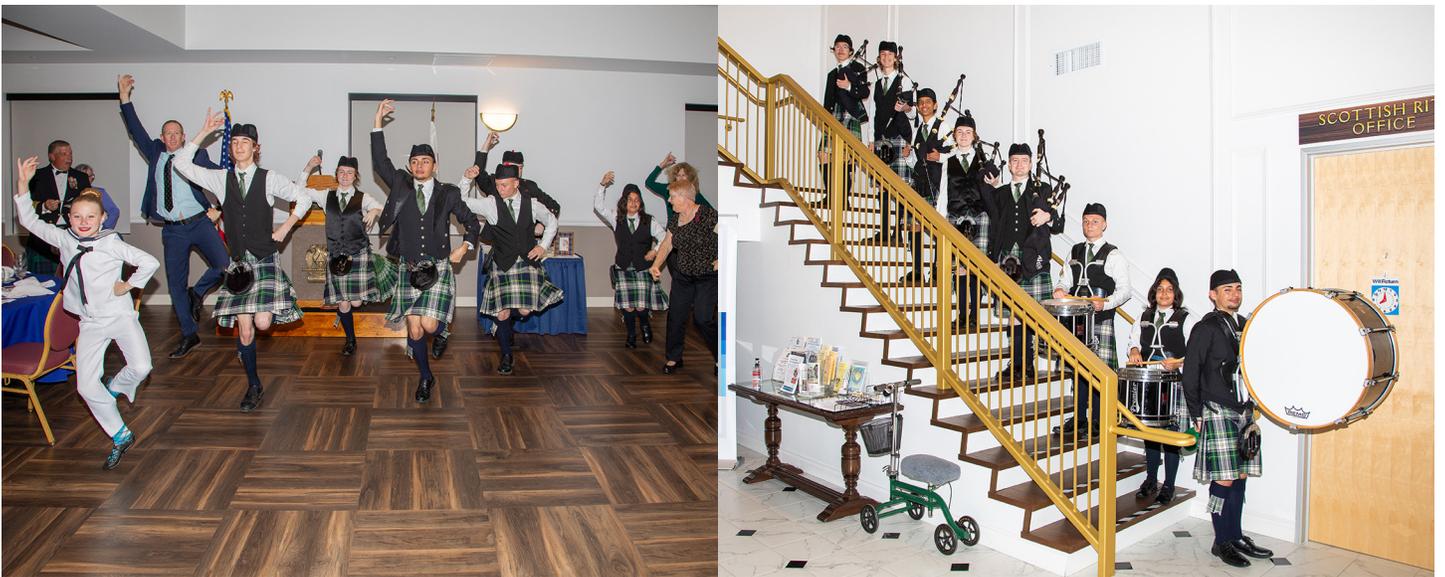
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## **Extinguishing of the Lights Ceremony**

**Date: April, 1st**  
**Dinner: 6:00 PM**  
**Ceremony: 7:15 PM**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Hon. Doug Ford, KCCH**

**Reservations for dinner must be made by March 27th**



## **Relighting of the Lights Ceremony**

**Date: April, 5th**  
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Almighty Father,

We lift our voices in thanks and praise for the many blessings You have bestowed. Give us both the wisdom and humility to channel those blessings to others.



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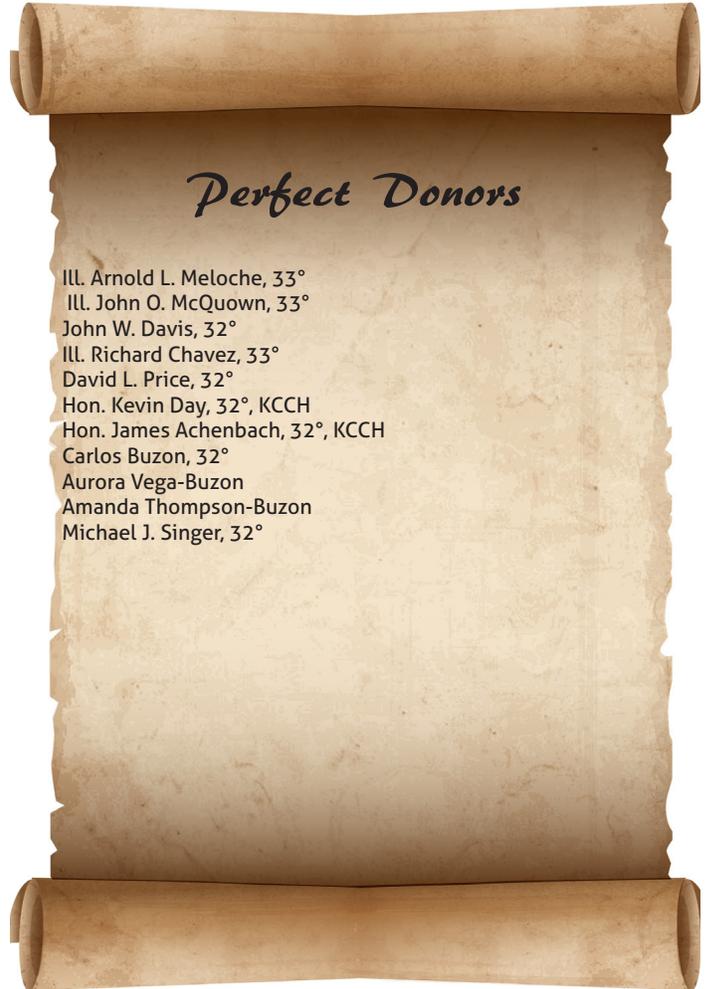
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**April**

Wed 1 Extinguishing of the Lights Ceremoney  
 Dinner: 6:00 PM, Ceremoney: 7:00 PM  
**NO STATED MEETING**

Sun 5 Relighting of the Lights Ceremony  
 Ceremoney: 8 AM

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