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## MEETING INFORMATION

When: November 12, 2011  
Where: Sizzler Restaurant  
1401 North Harbor Blvd.  
Fullerton, CA  
Time: Social Begins at 11:00am  
Website: [www.orangecountysar.org](http://www.orangecountysar.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Compatriots!

While researching music during the American Revolutionary War, I came across a song that was popular several years before the war began. In 1768, Philadelphia lawyer John Dickinson wrote new lyrics to the popular melody *Hearts of Oak*, and named his song *The Liberty Song*. Shortly after being written, it was published in colonial newspapers.

Although Dickinson promoted American liberties, as a delegate to the Continental Congress he abstained from voting for the Declaration of Independence, while still hoping for reconciliation with England. During the war, he served as a brigadier general in the Pennsylvania Militia and a private in the Delaware Militia. Two of his homes were seized and burned by the British. *The Liberty Song* began:

**Come join hand in hand, brave Americans all,  
And rouse your bold hearts at fair Liberty's call;  
No tyrannous acts shall suppress your just claim,  
Or stain with dishonor America's name...**

His musical call for unity and support of America are still relevant today, when political disputes often overshadow the pride we share in our country.

I hope to see you at our meeting on November 12. Since it is the day after Veteran's Day, we will be recognizing Purple Heart recipients from four branches of the United States military. Join us as we thank them for their service.

*Kent Gregory*, President

## SPEAKER--DAVID ARANDA-RICHARDS

Dave Aranda-Richards, an ordained evangelist appears in an 1800's period costume as he brings to life, the dynamic-spellbinding preaching of C. H. Spurgeon, "The Prince of Preachers." While acting in several motion pictures, national commercials and most recently with James Brolin in the TV Series "Pensacola Wings of Gold," he was led by The Holy Spirit to give up his professional career and utilize his extensive training for Christ's Glory. He brings several sermons verbatim,

at the same speed Spurgeon preached and with a slight British accent. The entire program from start to the end of "The Invitation" is 45 minutes.

### WOUNDED WARRIOR

James E. Lenon, Jr. was born and raised the first 18 years of his life in Black Foot, Idaho. In 1944 at the age of 18 he joined the United States Army as a private with tours of duty in Germany during WWII as a part of K Company 331st Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division. In Korea he was a part of the 1st Cavalry, Division 50-51. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

In WWII he graduated from Infantry basic training at Camp Roberts, California in late 1944. He soon received his orders to go to Europe. They traveled by rail from Camp Roberts, California, to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, a staging area and part of the New York Port of Embarkation. We were there about four days and then boarded the Troop Ship, Queen Mary (He thinks). The biggest and only ship he had ever set foot on.

Together with approximately 15,000 other replacements we headed overseas, a 3200 mile ocean voyage in war time conditions. Soon after departure, everyone (except maybe, the ships crew and Captain) got seasick!! Most everyone recovered by the 4th and 5th day and time was spent doing physical training, shooting the bull, playing cards, and carrying on conversations. There were card games (a blanket on the floor) everywhere you went. I remember being part of a four man singing group, one of the songs was "I'll Be Seeing You"

It was a fully loaded ship; I had the second bunk of a tier of four on some hold. We ate in two shifts, morning and evening. (if you were well enough to keep the food down). The mess halls were gigantic halls with narrow tables with side rails. You stood

while trying to hold on to your mess kit because the ocean was not just lying still while we had breakfast, for there were huge waves and of course everything in your mess kit was reacting to the lunging of the ship and hard boiled eggs, were going everywhere. Eleven days later we arrived in Scotland and were transferred to smaller ships to complete the journey to Le Havre, France.

We traveled a day and night with rumors that a German submarine was lurking somewhere out there. We made it without incident and disembarked at Le Havre, France.

We boarded some tiny railroad box cars known as 40& eights, or "The French Box Car", I learned later, it meant they were designed to carry 8 animals or 40 troops. This meant you had very little space and were packed in like sardines. After 2-3 days of this I checked in at a replacement depot, did guard duty and other jobs that were assigned. We kept moving towards the front and I eventually was assigned and joined K Company, 331st Inf. Regt., 83rd Infantry Division, as a Rifleman. I finally made it to the front. Learned how to get along, how to dig fox holes, and stay alive. It took 2-3 months and over 7200 miles to get there, but I made it

After WWII he returned home and was discharged from the Army as a 1st Sergeant, but soon rejoined as an Army recruiter stationed in Pocatello, Idaho. This is where he met his wife. In 1948 he applied and was accepted for officer's Training School at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Upon graduation as a 2nd Lt. and completing the Officers Basic Training Course at Ft Benning, Georgia he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division as a Platoon Leader in B. Company, 1st Battalion, Seventh Cavalry, stationed at Camp Drake, Japan.

In 1950 the Division was ordered to Korea

where it engaged North Korean troops who had pushed all the way south to just outside of Taegu, Korea. He was awarded the Purple Heart medal for wounds received when the Chinese entered the Korean conflict (November 1950) and overran their positions. They became scattered but regrouped and charged the enemy. Sometime during that attack he felt a sting in his left foot which turned out to be a gunshot wound. He was eventually evacuated to Tokyo General Hospital, where he recuperated and then returned to duty with his unit, 1st Bn. 7th Cav. Regiment, First Cavalry Division in Korea.

In 1951, after a year in Korea, he rotated back to the States, assigned to Fort Ord, Ca.. In 1953 he was assigned to Puerto Rico where he was raised to the degree of a Master Mason in 1955. He returned to the mainland in 1956, assigned to the "Big Red One" at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Upon completion of this tour, the Division transferred to Munich, Germany, followed by Ft. Ord, Ca, and Ft, Benning, Georgia. He Retired at Ft Benning, Georgia as a Lt Colonel with 23 years of service and settled the family in sunny California. His wife, of 63 years, and he have three children, four grandchildren, and three Great Grandchildren, He became a Real Estate Broker for his second career.

Since retiring, his main thrust in Masonry has been youth and Americanism programs through National Sojourners and Heroes of "76". He is a member of the Shrine, Scottish Rite, and Past Rainbow Dad.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Our November Birthdays are being celebrated by;

November 1--Larry Wood

November 10--Warren Oakes

November 13--Cameron Webb

November 16--Robin Bowers

We wish you many happy returns!!!

EAGLE SCOUTS

With November 1st fast approaching, we will have at least one entry in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest this year. Last year the date for submitting the chapter entries was changed mid year to where we have to have our entry in to state by December 1st. So the chapter deadline had to be moved up a month and it is now November 1st. This way if there is more than one entry we can have them judged at our monthly meeting and still have time to get the chapter winner to the State Chairman in time for the Judging in December.

Meanwhile on the Certificates for the Eagles in Orange County, we have now issued 9811 Certificates to Eagles in Orange County. The last batch that was received from the Council had 204 that were completed in September and early October. From other Councils outside of Orange County we have issued 34 Certificates. This brings the Grand Total of Eagle Scout Certificates issued by our chapter since we started this in 1989 to 9,845. The last batch from the Orange County Council went from mid February to mid August.. This means we have another 4 1/2 months of Eagles to finish out 2011. All we need is another 155 to reach the 10,000 Certificate plateau.

What will really be satisfying for your Eagle Scout Chairman is if we are able to accomplish this fete prior to the Spring meeting next year. That means that this will be reached during a time when your chapter has a triumvirate of leaders in office at the time. Currently our chapter has John Dodd as State President, Lou Carlson as Vice-President General of the Western District and Larry Magerkurth as President General. How many chapters can boast of such a coup to have three members of its chapter in those three positions at the same time. And to pass the 10,000 mark with our Eagle Certificates will be icing on the cake with them all in office. Keep in mind also that this program was begun before the age of computers.



Charles Haddon Spurgeon  
(1834-1892)

Each and every certificate we have issued has had the name of the Eagle hand calligraphied on it. No feeding them through the printer. That make this even more special.

We will keep you apprised of the progress and when we reach the 10,000 mark, we will let you know.

#### CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON

When Charles Spurgeon was 10 years old, the well-known evangelist, Richard Knill was staying at his grandfather's home, while ministering in their church. One evening after supper, he took Charles upon his lap, put his hand on the youngsters head and said; "I don't know how it is, but I feel solemn presentiment that his child will preach the gospel to thousands, and God will bless him to many souls. So sure am I of this that when my little man preaches in Rowland Hill's chapel, as he will do some day, I should like him to promise me that he will give out the hymn commencing; *God Moves In A Mysterious Way, His Wonder To Perform*".

Spurgeon later wrote: "The prophetic declaration was full-filled when I had the pleasure of preaching THE WORD OF LIFE, in Surrey Chapel to over 25,000 souls and when I preached in Mr. Hill's first pulpit in Wotten-Under-Edge, the hymn was sung in both chapels.

Russell Conwell, an American pastor, and founder of Temple University in Pennsylvania, and the author of "Acres of Diamonds," saw and heard Spurgeon several times and whose biography of C. H. Spurgeon sold over 125,000 copies in 4 months following his death, described the preaching of "The Prince of Preachers." this way: "Mr.

Spurgeon, is as I have said, often rude, and affected none by the ways of the schools of oratory. But he speaks as to cause the hearts of those who hear him to rise or sink, to fill many eyes with tears, to pull down the stubborn sinners head, and to send forth to the noblest deeds of self-sacrifice a host of effective workers, who when they first came under the spell of his speech, were cruel to man and rebellious against God. He is a self-directed thunder bolt, whose course to the spectator seems zigzag and erratic, yet who always clefs the rock at the selected mark. Judging by the results, he is one of the greatest orators who has ever lived, not exceeded or reached by Luther, Wesley, Webster or the Apostle Paul." Conwell called Spurgeon "the worlds greatest divine."

Spurgeon's father, James, was a clerk at a local coal mine, and a farmer. At the same time pastored a local Congregationalist Church. At age 12, Charles informed his father that he had no interest in Jesus Christ. On January 6, 1850, a cold, snowy night, Charles, now 15 entered a small Primitive Methodist Church in Colchester and sat at the very back. Only 12 persons were present and the pastor didn't show up. So a thin man, a local shoemaker went to the pulpit and read Isaiah 45:22- "Look Unto Me and be Ye Saved, Ye Ends of The Earth". He read it loudly 3 times, then looked directly at Spurgeon and yelled; "young man, you don't look very happy, LOOK UNTO HIM AND BE SAVED!" Spurgeon wrote in his memoirs' "I had been waiting to do 50 things, but when I heard LOOK, I saw at once the way to salvation, I looked until I could almost have looked my eyes away and in heaven, I will look in my joy unutterable!"

On April 4, 1850 he was admitted to the church at Newmarket. A month later on May 3 he was baptized in the River Lark at Isleham. He moved to Cambridge later that year where he became a Sunday School teacher.

In the winter of 1850-51 he preached his first sermon in a small cottage in Teversham. He was filling in for a friend and his career was started. In less than a year, he pastored his first church, in Waterbeach, England.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon left his packed, thatched roof church in Waterbeach at age 19 to pastor the famed New Park Chapel in London. His new pulpit had been filled previously by John Gill. The youngster became so popular, so rapidly when just as in Waterbeach, the un-churched were anxious to hear this "new young train.". Quickly the New Park Chapel couldn't hold the large throngs that wanted to hear him. He was forced to move the services to the Surrey Music Hall where over 25,000 could see and hear him.

A bitter critic of C.H. Spurgeon described his preaching in a newspaper article on January 25, 1855 thusly: "The laws of oratory have been well studied and he suits the action to his words. This mode of public speaking was, in the theatres of ancient Greece carried to such an extent that one person had to speak the words and another had to perform the gestures and suit with every variety of face and form the movement of the subject in hand. Mr Spurgeon has caught the idea, only with this difference, that he performs both parts himself."

(Spurgeon originated the illustrated sermon without special effects).

It was while preaching at the Surrey Music Hall on October 17, 1855 that he would experience a life changing occurrence that would put him in a depression for the rest of his life..



Surrey Music Hall where Spurgeon preached to over 10,000 people at one time. This was before microphones!!!

Here's the way this situation was described: "The doors of the building were opened at six o'clock, within a few minutes there was no more room. Just after our pastor had commenced his prayer a disturbance was caused, as it is supposed, by some evil-disposed persons acting in concert(possibly yelling FIRE!!), and the whole congregation was seized with a sudden panic. This caused a fearful rush to the doors, particularly from the galleries. Several persons, either in consequence of their heedless haste, or from the extreme pressure of the crowd behind, were thrown down on the stone steps of the north-west staircase, and were trampled. Seven persons lost their lives, and 28 were hospitalized. This lamentable circumstance produced very serious effects on the nervous system of Pastor Spurgeon. He was prostrated for some days and relinquished his preaching engagements. Through the mercy of our Heavenly Father, he was, however, restored so as to be able to occupy the pulpit in our own chapel on Sunday, October 31st, and gradually recovered his wonted health and vigour. The Lord's name be praised!"

He was married to Susannah Thompson, daughter of Robert of Falcon Square, London. She bore him a set of twins, Charles and Thomas on September 20, 1856.

Spurgeon preaching outdoors at the famous Crystal Palace, October 7, 1857 to over 24,000 souls. Remember he preached without any electrical or mechanical means of amplification of his voice. His voice was described as being, strong, clear, bell-like, which could be heard by an audience of many, many thousands. He spoke at the rate of 140 words per minute. 20 more than an average speaker.

Sheridan Knowles, the famous 19th Century actor and playwright said to his students; "Go and hear Spurgeon at once! His acting is absolutely perfect! He has nothing to learn from me or anyone else."

In 1861 Spurgeon's congregation moved to its new permanent home in the newly constructed Metropolitan Tabernacle at Elephant and Castle in Southwark. It would seat 5,000 with room for another 1000 standing. It was the largest church of its time. The first megachurch. He preached here several times a week for thirty-one years until his death in 1892. He never gave altar calls but those who wished to speak with him about his Sunday sermon could call on him in his vestry on Monday Morning. There was always someone there the next day.

Though he wrote his sermons out he only used note cards with an outline to guide him through his sermons. Stenographers took down the sermon and he reviewed it before it was sent for publication, making any changes he felt were needed. His weekly sermons were sold for a penny each and were so widely circulated they are still remain one of the best selling series of writings in history.

Besides his sermons he also wrote hymns and in 1866 published a new collection called "Our Own Hymn Book".

In 1862 he took the Church of England to task when he preached against Baptismal regeneration. It was during this time he became friends with James Hudson Taylor who founded the inter-denominational China Inland Mission. Spurgeon financially supported this work and sent missionary candidates to Taylor.

In 1867 he founded the Stackwell Orphanage for boys and in 1879 for girls.. Upon the death of Missionary David Livingstone in 1873, a copy of Spurgeon's "Accidents Not Punishments" was discovered amongst his belongings. Spurgeon had written in it "Very good D.L." on the top front page. Livingstone had carried it with him throughout his travels in Africa. It was returned to Spurgeon who treasured it the rest of his life.

Spurgeon found himself in the middle of the

Downgrade Controversy in which Darwin's theory of evolution weakened the Baptist Union and strengthened his own evangelic efforts.

Spurgeon's wife was often too ill to be able to travel and listen to his sermons. He too suffered in his later years from the likes of Rheumatism, gout and Bright's Disease. He would recuperate at Menton, neat Nice, France. It was here where he died on January 31, 1892. He was survived by his wife and sons and was buried in the West Norwood Cemetery in London. His son Tom became the pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle upon his father's death.

In 1906 Spurgeon's massive 5,103 volume library collection was purchased by William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri for 500 pound(\$2,500).

One hundred years later , in 2006, the Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City Missouri purchased this same collection for \$400,000!!! It is currently undergoing a restoration process. There is also a special collection of Spurgeon's handwritten sermon notes and galley proofs dating from 1879-1891 at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Spurgeon's College which is located in London also has a small number of his notes and proofs.

He was so prolific that his works have been translated for all the world to read and enjoy. His works can be found in Arabic, Armenian, Bengali, Bulgarian, Castilian(from Argentina),Chinese, Kongo(Bantu dialect of the lower Congo River), Czech, Danish, Dutch, Estonian, French, Gaelic, German, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Kaffir, Karen(Burmese dialect), Lettish, Maori, Norwegian, Polish, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Swedish, Syriac, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu and Welsh. Some sermons can also be found in Moon's and Braille type for the blind.

Mr. David Aranda-Richards will portray C.H. Spurgeon at our November 12th meeting. \*\*\*

Here is a listing of some of the works of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, in case you are interested in checking out some of his writings.

- *2200 Quotations from the Writings of Charles H. Spurgeon*
- *Able To The Uttermost*
- *According To Promise*
- *All of Grace* : ISBN 1-60206-436-9
- *An All Round Ministry*
- *Around the Wicket Gate*
- *Barbed Arrows*
- *C. H. Spurgeon's Autobiography* : ISBN 0-85151-076-0
- *Chequebook of the Bank of Faith* : ISBN 1-85792-221-2
- *Christ's Incarnation*
- *Come Ye Children*
- *Commenting and Commentaries*
- *The Dawn of Revival, (Prayer Speedily Answered)*
- *Down Grade Controversy, The*
- *Eccentric Preachers*
- *Feathers For Arrows*
- *Flashes Of Thought*
- *Gleanings Among The Sheaves*
- *God Promises You* : ISBN 0-88368-459-4
- *Good Start, A*
- *Greatest Fight In The World, The*
- *Home Worship And The Use of the Bible in the Home*
- *Interpreter, The or Scripture for Family Worship*
- *John Ploughman's Pictures*
- *John Ploughman's Talks*
- *Lectures to My Students* : ISBN 0-310-32911-6
- *Miracles and Parables of Our Lord*
- *Morning & Evening* : ISBN 1-84550-

014-8

- *New Park Street Pulpit, The*
- *Only A Prayer Meeting*
- *Our Own Hymn Book*
- *Pictures From Pilgrim's Progress*
- *The Power of Prayer in a Believer's Life* : ISBN 0-88368-441-1
- *The Preachers Power and the Conditions of Obtaining it*
- *Saint And His Saviour, The*
- *Sermons In Candles*
- *Sermons On Unusual Occasions*
- *Smooth Stones taken from Ancient Brooks - Selections from Thomas Brooks* : ISBN 9781848711136
- *Soul Winner, The* : ISBN 1-60206-770-8
- *Speeches At Home And Abroad*
- *Spurgeon's Commentary on Great Chapters of the Bible*
- *Spurgeon's Morning and Evening*
- *Spurgeon's Sermon Notes* : ISBN 0-8254-3768-7
- *Sword and The Trowel, The*
- *Till He Come*
- *The Salt Cellar*
- *Treasury of David, The* : ISBN 0-8254-3683-4
- *We Endeavour*
- *The Wordless Book*
- *Word and Spirit* : ISBN 0-85234-545-3
- *Words Of Advice*
- *Words Of Cheer*
- *Words Of Counsel*



Charles Haddon Spurgeon in his later years.



Tomb of Charles Haddon Spurgeon

# Photo Album

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At left, Jim Fosdyck joins other participants at the September 16th DAR sponsored Constitution Day event at Saddleback College.

At right, Kent Gregory and Jim Fosdyck check out the new SAR Library in Louisville, Kentucky while attending the Fall Trustees meeting.



Above, Members of the California Contingent at the Fall Trustees Meeting included The Fosdycks, the Magerkurths John Dodd, Lou Carlson and Kent Gregory. Below Kent(center) joins in the Color Guard presentation.



The California Color Guard Contingent at the Fall Trustees Meeting included; Jim Faulkinbury, Karl Jacobs, National Commander Mike Tomme, Chuck Lampman, Kent Gregory, and State Commander Jim Fosdyck.

Below Jim Fosdyck, Steve Renouf(Standing), Wayne Griswold, Jim Faulkinbury and John Dodd(seated) at banquet.



# Photo Album

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Michael Climo our speaker received the Certificate of Appreciation from President Kent Gregory.



President Gregory inducted new member John Hoganson and presented him with his Membership Certificate. Jim Wallace pinned on the Rosette.



Above, President Gregory presents Compatriot Darrel Miller with his Supplemental Certificate on ancestor Seth Dean..



Above, Chapter Commander Jim Blauer(l) presents Lou Carlson with the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal & Certificate as State Commander Jim Fosdyck(r) looks on.



At left, President Gregpry presents Jim Fosdyck with the Meritorious Service Medal & Certificate.

At right, Colorguardsmen Jim Blauer. Jim Fosdyck, Kent Gregory and Dan McKelvie wait for the Korean Festival Parade to begin.

