

President's Message

Our meeting on July 11 at Immanuel Lutheran Church celebrating their 100-year anniversary was very well attended. Thank you to everyone who attended this informative meeting. Rev. Dr. Robb Ring conducted the tour of the Church as well as the grounds of the pre-school.



We learned that in October of 1922 Immanuel Lutheran Church was organized and eventually in January of 1923 a small school was built with 22 children and in June, 1923 the corner stone was laid and the Church building was completed and dedicated in March, 1924. The Church has beautiful stained-glass windows.

In early 1938 a set of eleven bells, a carillon was purchased from John Taylor Company of Loughborough, England. John Taylor was a bell founder and carillon builder. Rev. Ring took a group up the stairs to see the carillon.



In the Parish Hall there was a wonderful display of old photos and other memorabilia. This meeting was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our next meeting you do not want to miss! We are going to have a tour of the City of Orange Fire Headquarters on the occasion of its 1-year anniversary in operation. Located at 1176 East Chapman Avenue between Water and Jameson Streets. **NOTE:** Our meeting date has changed to **Saturday, September 23 at 10:00 am.** Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

Remember if you have items that pertain to City of Orange history, please contact Aida Cuevas at the Library History Center. She would be happy to talk with you about the items that you have and don't know what to do with. - See you on September 23!

Carol Summo - President

Our Next Meeting is Saturday - September 23, 2023 - 10 A.M. A tour of Orange Fire Headquarters at 1176 East Chapman Avenue. This is their 1st Anniversary in



this building. Parking will be available in the fire parking lot, across Water Street. You will



Under the Orange Peel

Rev. Nathan Riley

ST JOSEPH HOSPITAL - FIRST DAYS

I took my first deep breath in the delivery room of St Joseph Hospital in March of 1947 when Dr. Verne Carlson lifted me from my ether-sedated mother into this wonderful world. Her legs were shaking uncontrollably and the good doctor noticing said, "So this is how you deliver your babies?"

(Much later the same doctor would administer my pre-football screening and, on another occasion, teach me to hang over the edge of my bed to cough up phlegm to aid healing from calcification in my lungs which I had somehow mysteriously developed in college.)

But I'm getting ahead of myself.

First the Sisters of St Joseph of Orange would have to open St. Joseph Hospital in Orange which they did in 1929. Before that in 1920 in Eureka they had started a hospital largely in response to the devastating flu pandemic of 1918. Their own papers say, "Although none of the members was trained in medicine, the Sisters knew that the people of the area needed practical nursing care as well as consolation and reconciliation in the presence of death."



So, "The Sisters responded as best they could..." and, "In 1920, the Sisters opened St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka"

"By 1922, the Sisters were teaching in several Southern California areas and recognized that the community could better develop its ministries by moving the Motherhouse to Orange..."

Subsequently the Hospital was built in 1928 and opened in 1929.

6 weeks later the stock market crashed!

Struggling to stay viable in those early years of low hospital population the hospital's sister/administrator decided to turn on all the lights in the new state-of-art 5 story building to let the community know it was here and ready to

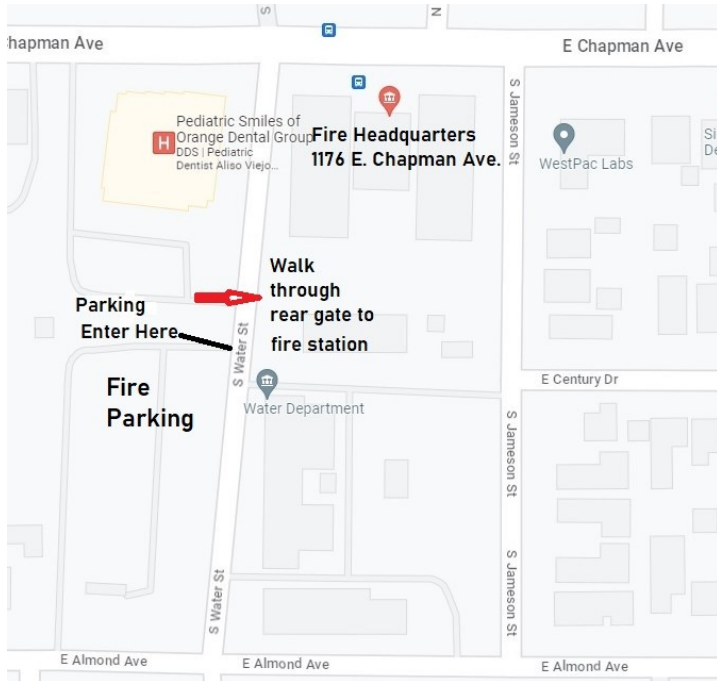
serve. That apparently worked and they survived and in 1935 SJH was able to hire its first resident physician, Dr William Schroer, for \$100/mo. plus anesthetic fees, room and board and laundry service!! In 1967 this same doctor would perform a pilonidal cystectomy on yours truly! Thank you sisters and thank you doctors for your awesome care of your patients in Orange County!



1875 Anaheim Gazette....."Yesterday I passed through the town of Richland, or Orange, as its post office is known, a few miles southeast of Anaheim. There in the midst of a settlement of

several hundred people, was a church, school-house, store, blacksmith shop, etc., but no saloon. That town was started with a school-house." - The wisdom of our pioneers.

be directed from the fire parking lot across Water Street to the gate at the rear of the station. From there you will again be directed to the classroom, where our tour will begin. **Please, try to be on time for this tour.** See the map below.



September 16, 2023 - Saturday. 3 P.M.

In the Orange Civic Center Council Chambers. The Orange Legacy Alliance group will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Orange Civic Center with presentations by two nationally renowned historians, Alan Hess and Kelly Comras.

The event is free, but due to limited space, reservations are required. Visit: www.orangelegacy.org.

Below: Architectural drawing for the new Orange Civic Center



March 1963 - The 1921 City Hall being razed, with concrete forms for the new Civic Center .



November 14, 2023 - Methodist Church 150th Anniversary. Our November meeting will be held at the church. More in the next newsletter.

Sadly, our board member-at-large has resigned. **Aaron Alduenda** is moving out of the area. He and his extended history tours of Orange will be missed.



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Orange Community Historical Society Members enjoy: programs and newsletters, opportunities to support and contribute to the preservation of Orange history, contact with members of the community knowledgeable about Orange history, and discounts on OCHS merchandise.

Our Mission

The mission of the OCHS is to commemorate the rich heritage of our community. Our purpose is to collect photographs, written materials and related ephemera, promote research, events, activities and programs celebrating Orange history, and sponsor local history endeavors. We remain self-supporting through memberships, donation bequests and special projects.

- We welcome everyone -

The City of Orange website provides a brief history of Orange, as well as demographics and contact information for schools, businesses and organizations in the area.

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