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President's Message

This special edition of the Hashomer is to give each of our members an insight into the law enforcement careers of two special individuals-Steve Cooley and Steve Simonian.

At our Annual Banquet this year we have the privilege of honoring these two main stays of the law enforcement community in Southern California-a long time career prosecutor, having served over 32 years in the DA's Office, District Attorney Steve Cooley and his Chief of the Bureau of Investigation Steve Simonian, the former Chief of Police of the City of Montebello. This year we are also privileged to have as our Master of Ceremonies former Chief Deputy Attorney General and former LA County District Attorney Bob Philibosian.

What follows are the biographies of each of our Honorees.

Please also note the change of date of the annual BBQ. The new date is August 6th – same time and place.

Marvin Goldsmith, President



**SHOMRIM SOCIETY OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**ANNUAL INSTALLATION
BANQUET**

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006

6:00 P.M.

HONORING

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY STEVE
COOLEY**

&

CHIEF STEVE SIMONIAN

At

**SINAI TEMPLE
10400 WILSHIRE BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Master of Ceremonies

BOB PHILIBOSIAN

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
AND**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By

SHERIFF LEROY BACA

Los Angeles County Sheriff

Dietary Laws Observed

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres: 6:00 P.M.

Choice of Prime Rib or Salmon

Covert \$75.00 per person



District Attorney Steve Cooley

Governmental integrity and prosecutorial tenacity were the hallmarks of veteran prosecutor Steve Cooley's first term in office as Los Angeles County District Attorney. He was re-elected to that office in the March 2004 primary election, garnering almost 60 percent of the vote against five opponents. He was sworn in for his second term in December 2004.

A former reserve Los Angeles Police officer, he has reshaped and revitalized the District Attorney's Office with the most sweeping reorganization that has occurred in the last 40 years.

Among the achievements of Steve Cooley's first four years in office were his crackdown on corrupt politicians, his enforcement of the open meeting law - the Brown Act, and his protocols for referring allegations of law enforcement criminality directly to the D.A.'s new Justice System Integrity Division.

The Justice System Integrity Division, which he created, has also filed an unprecedented 24 cases against corrupt attorneys and achieved a 100 percent conviction rate.

Cooley's emphasis on the prosecution of unsolved "cold cases" has resulted in head-line making courtroom victories, most notably the conviction of a man for the killing of two El Segundo police officers 47 years ago.

The 2001 conviction of Symbionese Liberation Army "soldier" Kathleen Soliah (Sara Jane Olson) for the attempted bombings in 1975 of LAPD police cars is another example of his tenacity. Soliah's conviction in Los Angeles led to the conviction of Soliah and other SLA members in Sacramento for a murder that took place during a bank robbery, also in 1975.

Conscious of the need to prevent crime, Cooley has promoted a number of crime prevention programs. The newest is a Protecting Our Kids program which gives parents the tools to protect their children from predators who prowl the Worldwide Web and enter homes through the Internet. He has received recognition from a variety of diverse organizations including Justice for Homicide Victims (Crime Victims Star of the Year), National Black Prosecutors Association (Champion of the People), Irish American Bar Association (Daniel O'Connell Award), California NAACP (Community Justice Award), and Century City Bar Association (Prosecutor of the Year 2001) and now the Shomrim Society of Southern California.

Steve Cooley graduated from the USC Law Center in 1973 and joined the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office the same year. He and his wife Jana have lived in Toluca Lake for over 30 years and they have two grown children.

Chief George "Steve" Simonian

Chief Simonian began his career as a police officer with the City of Montebello in 1966. He has served as a Patrolman, Narcotics and Juvenile Detective, Intelligence Officer, Intelligence Sergeant, Narcotics and Vice Sergeant and as Division Commander of the Field Services Division.

In February 1988, the Montebello City Council unanimously appointed Steve to be Deputy Chief of Police. On July 1, 1989, he was appointed Chief. He has been the recipient of many awards in his nearly 40 year career. Among these are: 1979 Officer of the Year and Medal of Merit, 1983 Manager of the Year, 1988 Manager of the Year and Medal of Merit with the Oak Leaf Cluster, 1988 California Narcotics Officer Association, L.A. County Narcotic Officer of the Year, and in 1994 the California Peace Officers Association's highest award, Law Enforcement Professional Peace Officer of the Year.

Over Steve's career he has belonged to twenty-two professional organizations, serving as an officer and member of the Board of Directors for most of them, including the YMCA, Rotary Club and Beverly Hospital Board of Directors. He has also received numerous awards for service rendered to charitable organizations such as the YMCA, Boy Scouts of America, P.T.A. and Beverly Hospital. In 2001, the Chief was presented with the "Leadership Award" given by the Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs. In 2004 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree of law by the Seoul Christian University in Seoul, Korea for his work in law enforcement. Chief Simonian is the only recipient of two Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Homeland Security Support Eagle Awards.

Chief Simonian has served as President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association. He has also been a member of various other law enforcement organizations.

Chief Simonian and his wife Mary were married in 1965. They have two grown children; a son, Christopher Stephen, and a daughter, Kelly Ann. They have been blessed with five grandchildren.

In 1998, after thirty one years of service, Chief Simonian "retired." Despite this he has continued in public service as a member of the La Habra City Council and now Mayor of La Habra. The Chief was also appointed by Governors Wilson and Davis to serve on the California Council on Criminal Justice. The California League of Cities appointed him to serve on its state wide Public Safety Committee. In 2000, he was selected by the newly elected District Attorney, Steve Cooley, to serve as the Chief of the Bureau of Investigations for the Los Angeles County District Attorneys Office.

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