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DEGREE CLASSES SET FOR SEPT.

Personal Representative

I am sure most of you have had the opportunity to cross the Golden Gate Bridge. Caltrans and the bridge authority have developed the "Fast Track" system in order to speed up the toll plaza slowdown when using the bridge. The system works well for what it is designed to do and the traffic flow through the toll plaza is much faster.

We in the Stockton Scottish Rite tried the "Fast Track" system in our degrees classes. We have attempted to squeeze 29 degrees into two days. The plain fact is, there is not enough time to confer and communicate the 4th thru the 32nd degree in a satisfactory manner in just two days. Think back to when you received your degrees in the Blue Lodge. It took you at least three months. Our new brothers deserve the chance to understand and talk about the degrees.

With that in mind, you now have until Wednesday, September 3rd, the Stated meeting before the 4th degree class to submit applications for new members. I look forward to being able to spend the time necessary with the candidates and seeing our degree teams perform.

Remember, meals are on the Scottish Rite during degrees, so plan on joining us and watch the degrees.

R. Tod Ruse, 33°
Personal Representative

Scottish Rite Events 2008

MONTH LODGE Officers DRESS

May - Lodge of Perfection - Dark Suits
May 7th—Stated Meet/Fiesta Days
May 28th—Cathedral Board/Officers Conf

June - Council Kadosh - Dark Suits
June 4th—Stated Meeting
June 7th—Ladies Fashion Show & Tea
June 18th—Cathedral Board/Officers Conf
June 25th—Bus trip to SF (Mexican Night)

July - Consistory - Casual
July 2nd—Stated Meeting/Officers BBQ
July 23rd—Mason of the Year
July 30th—NO Cathedral Board/
Officers Conf

August - Chapter Rose Croix
Aug. 6th—NO Stated Meeting **Dark**
Aug. 20th—Cathedral Board/Officers Conf
Aug. 27th—Bus trip to SF (Chinese Night)

September - Consistory - Casual
Sept. 3rd—Stated Meeting
Sept. 5th—**Degree Class 4°**
Sept. 6th—**Degree Class 14° and 18°**
Sept. 20th—**Degree Class 30° and 32°**
Sept. 24th—Cathedral Board/Officers Conf
Sept. 28th—Bus trip Grand Lodge

October - Lodge of Perfection - Tuxedo
Oct. 1st—Stated Meet/Elections/Feast of
Tishri Table Lodge Banquet
Cap and Ring Ceremony
Oct. 29th—Cathedral Board/Officers Conf

November - Council Kadosh-Dark Suits
Nov. 5th—Stated Meet/25 & 50 yr Awards
Nov. 26th—Cathedral Board/Officers Conf

December-Chapter Rose Croix -Tuxedo
Dec. 3rd—Stated Meeting

NOTE: Dates, times and events are subject to change during the year.

From the General Secretary

I now understand the meaning of keeping "All the balls in the air at the same time!" My respect for Ken Evans and John Baker grows daily. The number of things that need to occur simultaneously in this job is staggering.

With that, if I have left something out, it was not intentional. I'm enjoying the duties and learning so much new about our members and our fraternity. I don't want to overlook something that happened in my first few days on the job. This years membership notices were handled a little differently. First, the membership cards were attached to the very first mailing, causing some of our members to assume the dues had been paid when in actuality the cards had been sent on the honor system, expecting the dues would be paid as always. Obviously, causing some confusion when the follow-up billing occurred! Then, there was some pilfering at the Post Office which diverted some mail. It was intercepted prior to us seeing it so we could not inform our members because we didn't know it had been sent. **HOLD ON! I'm not through YET!**

Then, unbeknownst to us, there was a problem in the billing system in late October to mid November of 2007. Everything was accounted for, it just didn't get posted to the reporting account, allowing everyone that paid during that time to be billed again, **ON MY FIRST DAY!!!**

Maybe, I should consider that a sign. But, if that's the worst that can happen, it will work out.

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Anything Goes

**A Table Setting Gala,
Salad Bar & Fashion Show
Saturday, June 7th**

**Doors Open 11:30
Luncheon 12:00
\$15 per person
\$120 per table**

Hello Brethren and Ladies;
We have again been invited to San Francisco Scottish rite for their Mexican Night and Chinese Dinner and entertainment. To those of you who have gone there with us before you know what a great night it is. Mexican Night is on June 25, 2008 Chinese Night is on October , 2008 The cost for the Bus Trip and Dinner is \$37.00 per person, so if you would like to go on these trips with us please start making your reservation's to Del or Shirley Davis along with your money. If paying by check please make it out to Stockton Scottish Rite Bodies. We will be able to take 50 people to each event. See you on the bus....
Del Davis, Almoner

Hasenbuhler to Move up to Wise Master

Bill Hasenbuhler, 32°, will move up to Wise Master of Chapter Rose Croix, to fill the position after Jim Allen accepted the position of General Secretary of All Four Bodies. Brother Bill was serving as Senior Warden of the Chapter. He is a Past Master of Kadosh and a Past Master of his Blue Lodge, Morningstar #68 in Stockton.

Don't Forget!!!! Mason of the Year July 23rd, 2008

The Master of your Blue Lodge will choose the Master Mason to be Honored by the Scottish Rite as "The Mason of the Year".
Join us as we honor your Lodge Brother.
Remember this date and make reservations early. There's always a big crowd!!!

There was once a bunch of guys that would bring their own lunch on Wednesdays and eat with their friends at the Rite! All they needed was something to eat. The Rite provided everything else.



It can happen again if you want. Let us know your interest.
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General Secretary From Page One

There is a light at the end of this tunnel. I spoke with some really nice people that I would have never spoken with any other way. It was a terrific way to start my term as General Secretary.

On a different subject. . . . We are a victims of our own success! Thanks to the planning, pushing, and leadership of the Hon. Ken Evans, our rental program and advance bookings have been outstanding. That doesn't seem to be much of a problem until it comes to wanting to use the building ourselves. The only time we can get all of our Degrees done in a reasonable time is, in September. We have re-scheduled for, the 4° to be done on Friday, September 5th, the 14° and 18° for Saturday, September 6th, the 30° and the 32° on Saturday September 20th. The Cap and Ring Ceremony will be held proceeding the Feast of Tishri (Table Lodge) at the Stated Meeting, October 1st. All this occurs in less than a 30 day period. It also allows the Candidates to spend the time necessary to understand the Degrees before moving on to the next in line.

Personally, I have never understood why we didn't have more members, standing in line to serve in the Degree Teams. I am a Degree Director of the 14° and have enjoyed the participation a great deal. There is not a lot of memory work or stagecraft, but it is interesting. John Bolt is our Director of Works and John Baker is the Boss of the Back Stage Crew. If your interested in joining us, call me at 466-3391 or come by and see us. I'm sure we can work out something you would enjoy.

It's your building and your fraternity. Use the building anytime you want or need, participate in the fraternity to make it work for you. Be proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason.

Jim Allen

From the Ladies.

Here we are moving along in 2008 and spring is in the air. I know this is an uncomfortable time of year for those who suffer from allergies. My sympathy to those who suffer and I speak from experience

The Easter Breakfast was a great success and it was a pleasure to see the young ones anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Easter Bunny. The kitchen crew has the procedure down to a science and the timing was perfect. Thank you to Nancy Pozar for doing the flier and also allowing us to decorate with her beautiful bunny collection. The net profit for this event was \$265.00 "Thank you" to those who assisted in making this event possible and to those who attended.

Our fashion show is our next major event. Currently, we have 11 tables and would like to reach 15. If you are interested in doing a table, please contact Shirley Davis (209) 537-5643 and I'm sure she can accommodate you. We are so pleased we have some handsome gentlemen who will model for us this year. Shirley Smith is in charge of ticket and you may contact her at (209) 465-1820. Ladies, start gathering items for our raffle table. This is where the profit can be made and we definitely would like a good array of prizes. I sincerely thank Shirley Davis' daughter for donating a lovely apple theme basket. This year we will be have a door prize also. Our wine stewards are diligently practicing their pouring skills and will make sure each bottle has their approval before any pouring. Come and join us for a delicious lunch, raffle prizes, and our lovely runway models featuring clothing from Drapers and Damon's and Campbell's. See you June 7th. Doors open at 11:30 and lunch is at 12:00.

Marlene Von Berg

President, Scottish Rite Ladies' Association

Consider a Life Membership

Effective the first of the year, III.

**Wm. F. Stovall, 33°, S.G.L.G.,
authorized a new life membership program. Based on annual dues of \$95 for 2008.**

Age 49 or less:

21 times annual dues \$1,995

Age 50-54:

19 times annual dues \$1,805

Age 55-59:

17 times annual dues \$1,615

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14 times annual dues \$1,330

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11 times annual dues \$1,045



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**Scottish Rite Calendar
MAY & JUNE 2008**

MAY 7th • Stated Meeting • Lodge of Perfection
Suits • Dinner - "Fiesta Days"

MAY 26th • Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED

MAY 28th • Cathedral Board
Officers Conference

JUNE 4th • Stated Meeting • Council of Kadosh
Suits

JUNE 7th • Ladies Fashion Show & Tea

JUNE 18th • Cathedral Board *Date Change*
Officers Conference

JUNE 25th • San Francisco Scottish Rite
Mexican Night Bus Trip!

**MENU FOR
MAY 7TH, 2008
STATED MEETING**

"FIESTA DAYS"

Home made Enchiladas

Spanish Rice

Refried Beans with Cheese

Salad • Salsa • Chips

Sherbet and Cookies

Catering Provided By

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Order of the Amaranth
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An open invitation to attend a
**Traditional Scottish Rite
Table Lodge**

Wednesday, May 21st

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Five Course Dinner

Selected Wines with Vintner's Narrative

Thirty Five Dollars per person

Cannons provided or bring your own

If you have not experienced a Table Lodge,
This is an opportunity to try one.