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## HOW TO BE A AASR MASTER CRAFTSMAN

### Personal Representative

One of the most important functions of The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is to provide "further light in Masonry". One major part of our duties is to function as the "University of Freemasonry." There are a number of serious issues that surface when discussing our role as a Masonic University.

1. We are not fulfilling our promise to provide further light other than our presentation of our degrees.

2. Our new members join the Scottish Rite expecting to get "further light".

3. Most of our existing members have not received the necessary Masonic education to be considered well informed about Masonry.

4. Well informed members have a stronger ownership in Masonry.

5. Masonic education provides a stronger basis for growth.

I am pleased to announce the creation of a very well organized Masonic Education program entitled, "The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program". The Master Craftsman program was developed by our Supreme Council to;

1. Promote participation and involvement with our members.

2. To provide aid in new member recruitment.

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### Scottish Rite Events 2008

**MONTH LODGE Officers DRESS**

**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 Cath. Board/Off. Conf

**August - Chapter Rose Croix**  
Aug. 6th—NO Stated Meeting Dark  
Aug. 20th—Cathedral Board/Officers Conf

**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. 22- Cath. Bd./Off.Conf (**CHANGE**)  
Oct. 29th—Bus trip to SF (Chinese Night)

**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.

San Francisco  
Scottish Rite  
**Bus Trip**  
Mexican Fiesta Nite  
Wednesday, June 25th  
Bus leaves Stockton Center at  
2:30 pm—1st come 1st serve



**Freedom is Not Free**  
**IT WAS THE VETERAN**  
**Not the Reporter,**  
**who gave us freedom of the Press**  
**IT WAS THE VETERAN**  
**Not the Poet,**  
**who gave us freedom of speech**  
**IT WAS THE VETERAN**  
**Not the Campus Organizer,**  
**who gave us freedom to**  
**demonstrate.**  
**IT WAS THE VETERAN**  
**who salutes the Flag,**  
**who served beneath the Flag, and**  
**whose coffin is draped by the**  
**Flag.**  
**If you love your Freedom -**  
**Thank a VETERAN**

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**The Stockton Scottish Rite**  
Bodies wishes to  
thank and remember our own  
Masonic Veterans as well as  
the men and women serving in  
our Armed Forces.  
**Freedom is NOT free!**



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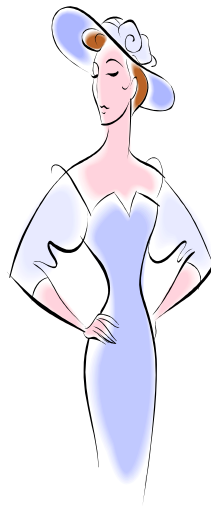
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# Anything Goes

A Table Setting Gala,  
Luncheon & Fashion Show

**Saturday, June 7th**

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

Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
33 W. Alpine • Stockton  
Call 466-3391 for more information

*Sponsor Provided  
Table Settings  
And Design*

## LADIES ASSOCIATION NEWS

All our planning for the lunch/fashion show is about to come together. You may still buy your tickets to support this event. The date is June 7th and we still have some tickets. There will be some outstanding Raffle Gifts. Tickets for the raffle will be available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Ladies will circulate during the event so you can purchase your lucky ticket. Remember, it only takes one ticket to win a prize. There will also be a door prize for some lucky person. An array of salads are being expertly prepared by our ladies. The gentlemen will be pouring selected beverages to compliment the meal. Please come and join us for our major event of the year.

Marlene Von Berg, President

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3. To provide a real basis for Masonic education and personal growth.

This program has a very wide scope. It is designed to educate ALL Scottish Rite about Masonry in general and Scottish Rite Masonry in particular. The curriculum consist of six separate parts and is presented through self-and/or group study. Each of the six lessons will be presented and administrated by our Valley and handled by our General Secretary. Final certification will come through the Offices of the Sovereign Grand Commander. At the completion of all six parts, the participant will receive a Master Craftsman Certificate, signed by the Grand Commander and a specially designed lapel pin.

Any Scottish Rite member can sign up for the program through our General Secretary. All interested members need to contact him at 209 466-3391 or email: gensec@stocktonscottishrite.org . The cost of the program is \$50.00, that includes shipping and handling, postage, 6 test and a copy of Scottish Rite Ritual. Scottish Rite Ritual can be bought from Supreme for \$85.00 by itself if you wish. Please let us know as soon as possible as we want to start our first study session within the next two weeks.

One another note, check out our new web site. Thanks to Brother Dennis Jackson, 32°, we have a new look and a lot of good information.

www.stocktonscottishrite.org  
**R.Tod Ruse, 33°**

## *How Much Do You Know about the Scottish Rite?*

### **Introducing the Scottish Rite**

### **Correspondence Program . .**



**SCOTTISH+RITE  
MASTER+CRAFTSMAN**

+ Increase and test your knowledge of the Scottish Rite while you learn about its structure and organization, its rich history, and its deeply philosophic Masonic teachings.

+ Six reading assignments and six open book quizzes-work at your own pace.

+ Ideal for individual study or for group discussion at the Valley. Level.

+ Course texts: *A Bridge to Light* (Hutchens) and *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide* (de Hoyos).

+ Mail completed quizzes to the Supreme Council—receive feedback and positive comments from Supreme Council staff.

+ Low cost: entire course and text—\$50.00, includes shipping & handling.

+ Handsome lapel pin and personalized certificate of completion.

+ For details contact the General Secretary, 209 466-3391 or *gensec@stocktonscottishrite.org*.

## **From The General Secretary** **Where does Scottish Rite Masonry belong in the order of things?**

*I would dearly love to be able to take credit for the following article, but, I'm not that talented. I must give credit to the Consistory of Denver for these statements. I found it to be a well rounded summary of what Scottish Rite Masonry is all about. Please enjoy this and repeat it to our Brothers, mainly the ones that think Scottish Rite is not part of everyday Freemasonry.*

Our Scottish Rite bodies belong to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. Thirty-five states and the District of Columbia belong to the Southern Jurisdiction, whose Supreme Council - our national governing body, is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was organized in the United States in 1801 and traces its lineage to Masons in 18th century France as well as to Frederick the Great of Prussia. Scottish Rite bodies are located on every continent and share the common values and goals of helping men become better individuals, husbands, fathers, and citizens of their respective countries. We do this through ritualistic instruction and the application of this instruction through various Masonic, community, and charitable activities.

As indicated by our name, the Scottish Rite is a part of the Masonic Fraternity, advancing the principles of Freemasonry through the ritualistic teachings of the 4th thru the 32nd degrees. As Freemasons and as Scottish Rite Masons, we hold the philosophical and practiced principles of brotherhood, equality, religious toleration, political freedom, and charity as important guiding principles in our lives and conduct.

The Scottish Rite is based upon Blue Lodge Masonry and in this country it

does not confer the first three degrees.

This is recognized as the unquestioned prerogative of the Grand Lodge. The Scottish Rite confers the degrees from the fourth to the thirty-third inclusive.

Many questions raised by the Blue Lodge, but left unanswered, are answered in the Scottish Rite.

Largely, it bears the same relation to Craft Masonry that the University does to earlier grades in education.

At all times it recognizes the supreme authority in Masonry of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master. It teaches that there is no rank higher than that of Master Mason, and no Masonic symbol more significant than the Master Mason's Apron, but it elaborates and emphasizes the great principles enshrined in Craft Masonry.

When a Master Mason advances to the appendent degrees of the Rite, it does not detract but adds to his interest in everything for which the Blue Lodge stands. It deepens his appreciation of it, and motivates him to more active participation in its affairs. He cannot fail to see the intimate relation between the two, and far from losing interest or diminishing his appreciation, he actually gains in both, or should. The Scottish Rite aids, supplements and reinforces the Blue Lodge in every way.

As organizations these bodies are mutually dependent.

They strengthen each other with reciprocity.

The Scottish Rite is a rite of enlightenment. Its purpose is to spread the light of Masonic truth by revealing and explaining matters concealed or only hinted at in Craft Masonry. Knowledge is power and the Scottish Rite seeks to arm its members with moral and spiritual understanding.

**Jim Allen, 32°KCCH, General Secretary**

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*Scottish Rite Calendar*  
**JUNE & JULY 2008**

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!*

JULY 2nd • Stated Meeting • Consistory - Casual  
*Officers BBQ*

JULY 23rd—Mason of the Year

JULY 30th—NO Cathedral Board or Officers  
Conference

Menu for  
**JUNE 4TH, 2008**  
Stated Meeting  
**"SPAGHETTI Night"**  
*Home made Spaghetti  
and Meat sauce  
Tossed Green Salad  
Choice of dressing  
Garlic Bread*  
Catering Provided By  
**John and Karen Baker**  
**Stockton, California**

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!!!