



# THE RITE NEWS

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## SCOTTISH RITE INVITED TO MEET IN MURPHYS Ophir Bear Mountain Lodge #33 to Host First Rite Social Ever Held in Mountains !

### Personal Representative

For the last four weeks I have been involved in the Master Craftsman program. I took the first test and am proud to say I get to move on to test two. More important than test scores is what I learned while going through the first section of the program. We think that because we are Master Masons we are very knowledgeable in Masonic history and philosophy. WRONG! I am amazed at the amount of information one acquires while going through the various questions presented in the program. The Master Craftsman program starts out with a great deal of information on the very beginnings of our fraternity and its degrees. Then it continues the historical background up to and including the formation of the Grand Lodge in England. The story of how the "higher degrees" got started and how they developed into the Scottish Rite is very informative. One involved in studying the early Masonic leaders and how they came up with the early teachings and ritual is fascinating. One looking into the past through this program gets a very clear understanding of the insight and dedication that our early brethren had in trying to develop good men into great Masons who could think for themselves.

We have scheduled a number of study sessions here at the Scottish Rite for the brethren who want to openly discuss the material presented. As you know, positive discussion is a valuable tool in the learning process. It is also true that this educational program can be done at home and turned in to the General Secretary for mailing. In all my years of teaching, I found the students did a far better job and learned more after a lengthy period of discussion. The sessions at the Rite will NOT be lecture lessons but will be discussion groups where all will be able to contribute.

It is not too late to sign up for the Master Craftsman program. All you need to do is pay the fifty dollar fee to the General Secretary and he will send the order to Supreme for your text and materials. You should be able to pick up your material from the Rite in about two weeks. After completing the six parts you will be awarded the Master Craftsman Certificate from Grand Commander Ron Seale, 33.

R. Tod Ruse, 33°, P.R.

## Scottish Rite Events 2008

MONTH    LODGE    Officers    DRESS

### July - Consistory - Casual

July 2nd—Off. Conf & Cath. Bd.

Special Meeting, 5 & 5:30 before Stated Meeting

July 2nd—Stated Meeting/Officers BBQ

July 23rd—Mason of the Year

July 30th—NO Cath. Board/Off. Conf

### August - Chapter Rose Croix

Aug. 2nd—SR Social in MURPHYS

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.**

### From

### The General Secretary . . . . .

The Ophir-Bear Mountain Lodge # 33, has invited us to hold a Scottish Rite meeting at their Lodge rooms in Murphys, California. This is an exceptional offer on their part and we do appreciate the opportunity to get together with our members up in the Gold Country region. Although we, as other Masonic groups need a dispensation to hold a stated meeting in another location, we don't need one to hold a social gathering. So.... We are holding a social gathering up there. This will be our chance to meet with some of our high altitude Masons.

Saturday, August 2nd, will be the day, a tri-tip lunch provided by Ophir-Bear Mountain Lodge will be served, the cost per person will be a donation to the Lodge. We do need to tell them how much to prepare, so, let us know if you will attend and how many are in your party, call 209 466-3391 for reservations. We will not collect any money on this event, only donations to the Lodge.

After lunch, which rumor tells me should be outstanding, there will be a short talk about what is going on at The Stockton Valley of the Scottish Rite and what the Valley of Stockton can do to be of service to our Scottish Rite Mason that live in the area, and what we can do to support the Lodges in the area.

This is an open meeting for the purpose of mutual discovery of needs and assets. The Rite needs better contact between us. The Members need the services the Rite can provide.

The general Masonic public needs to know, **THIS IS NOT A RECRUITING PROJECT!** This is a fact finding project AND an adventure for us, to see new Lodges, meet new people, enjoy good food and company and an opportunity to report on the things The Bodies, the Almoner and the Language Center has accomplished.

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Sovereign Grand Inspector General**

**R. Tod Ruse, 33°  
Personal Representative of the  
S.G.I.G. in California**

## *Ladies Association . . .*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Luncheon/Fashion Show was a success! Each year we extend ourselves for perfection and this year was no exception. Thank you to all who participated by doing a table setting, salad or attended. Special “thank you” goes to our chairperson, Shirley Davis. Shirley always goes above and beyond in recruiting donations but also in selecting the musician for the event. Also to be included in the “above and beyond” list are Nancy Pozar for her numerous hours spent on designing our program. Shirley Smith is recognized for doing the ticket distribution and Joanne Henderson and Penny Garcia for taking leadership organizing the raffle items. Thank you Patti Helsby for jumping right in and adding the finishing touches for the event. Let’s not overlook Karen Baker, who was the backstage person who assisted the



ladies with jewelry and the line up. Each year Linda from Drapers and Damans does an outstanding commentary and we appreciate our close association with her. We also recognize Antoinette from Campbell’s who helped coordinate for the model representing fashions from their store. To Gentlemen, you were absolutely handsome. Please do not be offended if you were not mentioned specifically;

however, it does take many individuals to make this a successful event. Guess it’s time to reveal the amount that was our net profit: \$1763.00. Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your support and participation. I am very proud of our accomplishment and this was a class act.

The added color in our planters can be attributed to the efforts of Joanne Henderson and JR. Joanne selected the flowers and JR did the planting. Through their joint efforts, we have color that welcomes our visitors and renters. Way to go!

The Ladies’ Association extends their deepest sympathy to Billie Beard and her family on the lost of her dear husband, Jim. Jim and Billie have been active in many events and always maintained a smile in accepting any chore. Jim will be greatly missed.

***Marlene***



Photos Courtesy Ken Luria, 32°

## DONATIONS TO OUR BUILDING FUND

R.J. & Jamie Clayton

Ed & Alice Massey

David & Mary Weese

*In Memory of Jim Beard*

M. Price Lair

Ed and Alice Massey

Ralph Bunn

*In Memory of Ed Sneller*

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*In Memory of Arnold Asp*

Thomas Barlett

Michael Maddox

Ardie Chandler

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Edward Walters

Lin Griffith

Lone Oak Assn. - *Costumes*

## DONATIONS TO OUR ALMONERS FUND

Thomas Barlett

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Gene Trimble

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Virgilio Ambida

Roy Sissell

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Thomas Mason

Dallas Faulkner

Irwin Lauppe

*Also, donations from guest  
attending the*

*Scottish Rite Table Lodge*

*At Delicato Winery*

## DONATIONS TO LANGUAGE CENTER

Tom Mason

Jaime Mauhay

Roy Sissell

Virgilio Ambida

Bernard Magnussen

Gene Trimble

Lin Griffith

Stockton Asparagus Festival

*Through John Green*

Lone Oak Association

*Of Modesto*

Lambda Theta Phi -

San Joaquin Chapter

*Bee Zee Club of Lincoln High*

*School of Stockton*

### **REMINDER**

Think about the Masons you would recommend to be a Scottish Rite Masons. We need applications before Sept. 3rd to vote and start the 4th Degree on Sept 5th.

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The Social is open to just about anyone. We, of course want to meet our members that live in the Gold Country, but also any Mason and their families that want to meet us. This is also a great opportunity to invite any prospective new Mason to see that the Lodge is much larger than they expected.

Trips like this are usually looked at with skepticism by the Lodges. They feel we and other Masonic organizations are there to steal their members. We will probably get a few interested parties out of this trip, but I certainly hope its because they are suitably impressed by us and not because we press an application in their hands and ask for money.

Ophir Bear Mountain Lodge is giving us an opportunity to get together, we appreciate this and wish to thank Brother Dave Fredrick and his members for the offer and hospitality. Join us so we can make this an annual affair and perhaps form a Gold Country Scottish Rite Club to serve your area.

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

## **Are You a Brother, Or an Acquaintance?**

Do your lodge Brothers know who you are?

Do they know how you're doing, whether you've been sick, busy, or on vacation?

Do they know what business you're in, what you do for fun on weekends, how your family is?

When you haven't seen someone for a while, do you call or visit?

If so, you are a Brother, and you have Brethren.

Now find an acquaintance in your lodge and help him be a Brother too.

Or, do you need to remind people of your name or ask theirs?

Are you asked what lodge you belong to?

Have you forgotten a sign or password?

If so, you might be seen as an acquaintance.

Get out, attend meetings when you can, get involved, and be a Brother to your Brethren.

*March, 2008 message of  
Kevin Schwebel, 32° KCCH,  
Personal Representative, Valley of  
Las Cruces, New Mexico*

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**Louis Parmerlee Singer, 32°**

Born 12/23/1908

Died 5/28/2004

Initiated AASR - 11/14/1951

Blue Lodge- Lodi #256

**Amadeo "Andy" Gurule, 32°**

Born - 12/21/1921

Died - 5/10/2008

Initiated AASR - 15/17/1974

Blue Lodge-Morning Star #68

**James "Jim" Beard, 32°**

**KCCH**

Born -9/13/1922

Died - 5/31/2008

Initiated AASR - 1/2/1996

Blue Lodge - Tyrian #439

*Virtus Junxit-Mors Non Separabit*

*"Virtue has united,*

*Death will not separate"*

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*Scottish Rite Calendar*  
**JULY & AUGUST 2008**

**JULY 2nd • Stated Meeting • Consistory - Casual**  
*Officers BBQ - Hot Dogs & Hamburgers*

**JULY 23rd—Mason of the Year**

**JULY 30th—NO Cathedral Board or Officers Conference**

**August 2nd— Social in Murphys**

**August- No Stated Meeting in August**

20	New Member Goal for September Degrees
9	New Members Signed on for September Degrees

**Anything  
Goes!  
Fashion  
& Tea  
A Great  
Success!**



Our thanks to the Ladies and Masons that helped make this years Fashion Show an Luncheon a success.

Scottish Rite Ladies Assn.

Don't Forget!!!!

# Mason of the Year

**Wednesday - July 23rd**

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!!!

466-03391

5:30 PM Social

6:30 PM - Dinner

Program following Dinner