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MASON OF THE YEAR 2008

Frank Loui, 33°, General Secretary of the San Francisco Scottish Rite Bodies, Past Master of San Francisco Lodge #120 and 2008 recomendee for election as California Grand Lodge Junior Grand Warden presented Certificates on behalf of the Masters of the various Blue Lodges. Recipients, Masters, families and friends gathered at the Stockton Scottish Rite for the awards. These honors are given each year to the named recipients chosen by their home Lodges.

The Stockton Scottish Rite sponsors and host these proceedings as a platform for the Blue Lodges to recognize the individuals that go above and beyond the expected duties as members of a Lodge. Among the Honorees were Master Masons, Past Masters, Sitting Officers of the Lodges and even a Past Potentate of the Shrine, reminding us that our obligations are never over and we are all members of the Blue Lodge, first.

Seventeen of our area Lodges responded along with one Prince Hall Lodge for a total of 18 Masons honored. R. Tod Ruse, 33° acted as Master of Ceremonies and Brother Frank Loui presented the certificates, as pictured below with each awardee. After the awards, Brother Loui delivered a report on the state of Freemasonry in California and the progress in membership and the lowering of the average age of Masons in the Blue Lodges to an audience of over 300.



MASONIC FLAGS GREET
MASONS OF THE YEAR



David San Juan
Keystone #14 PH

Ken Hall
San Joaquin #19

Walt Patterson
Ophir Bear Mountain #33



Jairo Gomez
Morning Star #68

Frank Wharregard
Calavaras #78

Art Long
Henry Clay #95



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Sovereign Grand Commander

William F. Stovall, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General

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

Ophir Bear Mountain #33 Host Scottish Rite Social

Saturday August 2nd, was the day chosen to visit the Mother Lode area. Ophir Bear Mountain Lodge in Murphys hosted a lunch for the attendees. Members and ladies attended for an afternoon of fellowship with members from the area. General Secretary, Jim Allen delivered a talk outlining the programs of the Scottish Rite and proposed a Scottish Rite Club be established whereby the Scottish Rite can extend their services to cover this area.



Caution Men At Work!

The Stockton Scottish Rite wishes to thank the Ophir Bear Mountain for a great lunch and an enjoyable afternoon.

Fall Degree classes – 2008

All members are encouraged to attend and participate, as sideliners and supporters of our new members.

Meals and refreshments are complimentary during reunions.

Cap and 14° Ring will be presented at the Feast of Tishri Banquet, Wednesday evening, October 1st. Candidates and their wives will be our guest for dinner and be able to take part in one of our traditional Scottish Rite Table Lodges.

September 5th, Friday's schedule will be as follows:

- 4:00 pm – Assembly in Albert Pike Hall at 33 West Alpine, Stockton
- 4:30 pm – Visit the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center.
Hosted by the Language Center Staff and the University of the Pacific
- 5:30 pm – Dinner hosted by the Director of the Works & Degree Directors.
- 6:00 pm – Class Orientation
- 6:30 pm – **4th Degree Portrayed**
- 7:30 pm – General explanation of the Scottish Rite customs and traditions and discussion of "what happens next?"

September 6th, Saturday's schedule will be as follows:

- 8:30 am – Refreshments in the Scottish Rite Almoner's Medical Warehouse
Hosted by our Valley Almoner Del Davis, 32° KCCH and his volunteers.
- 9:30 am – Communication of the Degrees 5 through 13th Degrees
- 11:00 am – **14th Degree portrayed**
- 12:00 pm – Lunch, sponsored by the Masters of the Four Lodges
- 1:00 pm - Communication of the 15th through 17th Degrees
- 3:00 pm - **18th Degree portrayed**
- 4:00 pm - Adjournment

September 20th, Saturday's schedule will be as follows:

- 8:30 am – Refreshments sponsored by your full time Scottish Rite Staff
- 9:30 am – Communication of the Degrees 19 through 29th Degrees
- 11:00 am – **30th Degree portrayed**
- 12:00 pm – Lunch, sponsored by The Stockton Scottish Rite Ladies Assn.
- 1:00 pm - Communication of the 31st Degree
- 2:30 pm – **32nd Degree portrayed**
- 3:30 pm - Explanation of the Master Craftsman Program
- 4:30 pm - Adjournment

The dress code for the days and the evening functions and events is dark suit or sport coat and slacks.

Times of each event may vary to adjust to the special requirements of each Degree, both performed and communicated. The Degree times given are intentionally approximate.



Vince Lake
Woodbridge #131



Don Bloom
Valley #135



Daniel Gibson
Keystone #161



Rocky Dean Gould
Modesto #2106



Richard O. Wright
Lodi #256



John Thomas Tolar
Oakdale #275



James R. Smith
Turlock #395



Edwin McLean
Tyrian #439



Leland G. Routt
Mount Oso #460



William Stanley Cox
Patterson #488



Gary Lee Rooney
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Please notify us (address above) if our member is in a hospital or
nursing home, or is incapacitated in any way, or is deceased.
Thank you

DATED MATERIAL — PLEASE DO NOT HOLD

Scottish Rite Events **August and September**

MONTH LODGE Officers DRESS

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

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Pictured are Honorees, Masters, Friends and Families

