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Robert Schuelke, 32°
50 Year Member



David Weese, 32°
25 year Member



John Baker, 32°KCCH
25 year Member



Clyde Crossland, 32°
25 year Member

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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
AT THE STOCKTON SCOTTISH RITE
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17TH 5PM - 7PM
TO OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

**Come join us in a cup of cheer
and hors d' oeuvres**

**Come as you are, no reservations required.
Seasons Greetings through out this Holiday Season.**



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Ronald A. Seale, 33°
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

FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

We have just returned from Long Beach where we attended the 50th Year celebration of the California Scottish Rite Foundation. I am very pleased to say that the Foundation asked our own Dr. Bob Hanyak from the University of the Pacific to be one of the main speakers of the evening. Dr. Hanyak's talk was excellent and made all of us from the Valley of Stockton very proud. The next day our Language Center Director, Hedi Germino, was asked to give the current statistics on our Center and she too made an excellent presentation. Many in attendance had no idea of the details of our excellent speech pathology program in Stockton. As a member of the Stockton Scottish Rite, you can certainly be proud of our Language Center program and our partnership with the University of the Pacific.



Have a happy and peaceful holiday.

R. Tod Ruse, 33°
 Personal Representative

NOTICE

To all members of the Valley of Stockton Scottish Rite 2009 Committee appointments are in the process of finalization. If you desire to participate in any of the following committees, please drop a note to the Personal Representative or the General Secretary expressing your wishes by December 18th. 33 W. Alpine Ave., Stockton, CA 95204. Positions are limited, applications are not guarantee of appointment.
Investments-Cathedral Board-Scholarship-Language Center

SCOTTISH RITE LADIES ASSOCIATION

Here we are in the month of December and about to begin a new year. It just seemed like yesterday and it's about time to get used to writing 2009.

I do hope that the New Year brings about new opportunities and changes to our struggling economy.

The Ladies' group is still sound and secure after our major projects. If you haven't yet had the chance to see what has been accomplished, please stop by and take a look. I think you should be pleased.

At our last meeting we discussed the calendar for 2009. The Easter Breakfast is April 12, 2009 and the Ladies' Luncheon/Fashion Show is

September 12, 2009. A chairperson is needed for both events.

Thanks to the generous, Rose Clark, we have a beautiful handcrafted quilt. An "opportunity draw" is being held and you can have a chance at this lovely for a \$1.00 ticket. Some lucky winner will have a wonderful gift. The drawing will be at our December meeting.

A committee will meet to revise the by-laws and also do a update of our directory. If you have moved or changed phone numbers, please give the office a call so you can be listed correctly. (Call 466-3391)

Hope to see you at the Scottish Rite Open House on December 17th from 5:00-7:00. Stop by to say hello and share in some Christmas cheer.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season.



Marlene Von Berg
 President, Scottish Rite Ladies' Assoc



**R. Tod Russ, 33°
Master Craftsman**

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

By order of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ronald Seale, 33°, our General Secretary presents R. Tod Ruse, 33° with the first certificate and pin in the Valley of Stockton, signifying his completion of the Master Craftsman Course. Ill. Tod has set the third Thursday as instruction day for the courses., from 4pm to 6 pm in the Library. We have been notified, a new supply of the books have been received at supreme and members that would like to take the course can sign on at any time.

IN MEMORIUM

Robert B. Neugebauer

September 17, 2008

AASR member since 1951

Member Modesto 206

“Father,
in thy Gracious keeping leave
we now thy servant sleeping,
Amen.”

Chinese Night 穀
San Francisco Scottish Rite



February 25th

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Charles Ericson
Gregory Popovich
John Farley
Karl Swartz

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Seneca Burr
Richard Garcia
Charles Ericson
Gregory Popovich
Cliff Wilder
Randolph Albertsen
John Farley

Valley of Stockton Events for 2009

JANUARY - LODGE OF PERFECTION - TUXEDO

Jan. 1st - CLOSED

Jan. 7th - Officers Assembly 5PM, Stated Meeting/Joint Installation

Jan. 15th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm

Jan. 19th - Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 28th - Cathedral Board Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm

FEBRUARY - COUNCIL OF KADOSH - DARK SUITS

Feb. 4th - Stated Meeting/Valentine's Day Dinner

Feb. 16th - Office Closed - President's Day

Feb. 19th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm

Feb. 25th - Cathedral Board Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm

MARCH - CHAPTER ROSE CROIX - TUXEDO

Mar. 4th - Stated Meeting/Modesto Extinguish Lights

Mar. 19th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm

Mar. 25th - Cathedral Board Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm

Mar. 27th - Scottish Rite Degrees 4°

Mar. 28th - Scottish Rite Degrees 14° & 18°

APRIL - CONSISTORY - DARK SUITS

April 1st - Stated Meeting/Language Center Open House

Maunday Thursday Dinner - Introduction of Past Masters

April 4th - Scottish Rite Degrees 30° & 32°

April 12th - Easter Breakfast/Re-light Lights

April 16th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm

April 29th - Cathedral Board Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm

MAY - LODGE OF PERFECTION - TUXEDO

May 6th - Stated Meeting/Cap & Ring (Officers Instruction 5PM)

May 21st - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm

May 25th - Office Closed - Memorial Day

May 27th - Cathedral Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm

JUNE - COUNCIL OF KADOSH - DARK SUITS

June 3rd - Stated Meeting

June 18th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm

June 24th - Cathedral Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm

JULY - CONSISTORY - CASUAL

July 1st - Stated Meeting/Officers B-B-Q (Officers Instruction 5PM)

July 16th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm

July 22nd - Mason of the Year

July 29th - Cathedral Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm

AUGUST - CHAPTER ROSE CROIX

By Tradition, August is dark. There is no stated Meeting

August 20th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm

August 26th - Cathedral Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Meeting 7 pm

SEPTEMBER - CONSISTORY - CASUAL

September 2nd - Stated Meeting/Nomination Committee - 25/50 Year Pins & Hats

September 7th - Office Closed - Labor Day

September 12th - Scottish Rite Ladies Fashion Show

September 17th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm

September 30th - Cathedral Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm

OCTOBER - LODGE OF PERFECTION - CASUAL

October 4th - 6th - Supreme Council

October 7th - Stated Meeting/Nomination Committee Report & Election

October 9th - Scottish Rite Degrees 4°

October 10th - Scottish Rite Degrees 14° & 18°

October 14th - Feast of Tishri - Tux Officers/Table Lodge

October 15th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm

October 24th - Scottish Rite Degrees 30° & 32°

October 28th - Cathedral Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm

NOVEMBER - COUNCIL OF KADOSH - TUXEDO

November 4th - Stated Meeting/Cap & Ring Ceremony (Officers Instruction 5PM)

November 7th - Scottish Rite Honors KCCH / 33° OAKLAND BODIES

November 11th - Office Closed - Veteran's Day

November 19th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm

November 25th - Cathedral Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm

November 26th - Office Closed - Thanksgiving

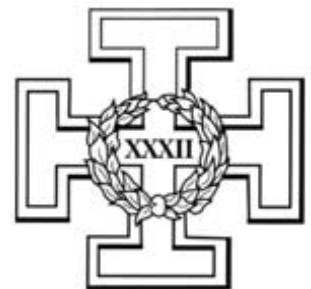
DECEMBER - CHAPTER ROSE CROIX - TUXEDO

December 2nd - Stated Meeting

December 16th - Annual Christmas Open House Cathedral Meeting Officers Conference

December 17th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm

December 25th - Office Closed - Christmas



This schedule will be accepted at the Stated Meeting in December unless otherwise amended .

Officers for the Valley of Stockton, Orient of California

2009 Elected & Appointed Officers



Officers Serving All Bodies		Chapter Rose Croix	
Personal Representative	R.Tod Ruse, 33°	Wise Master	Ed McClenton, 32°
Secretary	Jim Allen, 32° KCCH	Senior Warden	Ed Johnson, 32°
Treasurer	Jack Helsby, 32°	Junior Warden	Edwin Massey, 32° KCCH
Almoner	Del Davis, 32° KCCH	Orator	Finnes Bowman, 33°
Prelate	Crispin Woelfer, 32° KCCH	Expert	Richard Garcia, 32° KCCH
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Properties Director	John Baker, 32° KCCH		
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Tiler (Honorary)	Ken Mayer, 32° KCCH		
Lodge of Perfection		Consistory	
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Senior Warden	John Bolt, 32° KCCH	Prior	Del Davis, 32° KCCH
Junior Warden	Crispin Woelfer, 32° KCCH	Preceptor	Richard Timmons, 32° KCCH
Orator	Finnes Bowman, 33°	Orator	Finnes Bowman, 33°
Expert	Richard Garcia, 32° KCCH	Expert	Richard Garcia, 32° KCCH
Assistant Expert	Albert Pike, 32°	Assistant Expert	Albert Pike, 32°

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nursing home, or is incapacitated in any way, or is deceased.

DATED MATERIAL — PLEASE DO NOT HOLD

Scottish Rite Calendar

December-Chapter Rose Croix -Tuxedo

Dec. 3rd—Stated Meeting

Dec. 18th – Master Craftsman Workshop – Library 4-6 pm

Dec. 25th & 26th - Office Closed for Christmas

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The Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish,
freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights
to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.



Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, to improve its members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

Strategic Objectives

- Fulfill the promise of additional Masonic knowledge through education and training.
 - Build a Positive Public Image of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.
 - Support and expand our philanthropic activities.
- Provide a framework for leadership to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.
 - Provide a financial process to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.