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From

The Personal Representative

I am very pleased to report that our General Secretary, Jim Allen, is now showing some signs of improvement. He was moved from St Joseph's Hospital to Lodi Memorial, West Rehabilitation Center. After a short setback, he is now showing signs of slow improvement. Please be advised that the hospital limits the number of visitors, and it is best to phone the Lodi Memorial Rehabilitation Center before you make the trip to see him. We all certainly wish the

very best for Brother Jim and his family.

Well, Brother Del Davis KCCH, did it again. We had an outstanding bus trip to the San Francisco Scottish Rite for their annual Chinese dinner and program. In addition to the regular program, we were surprised to see that the Grand Master was in attendance and actually took part in the program. The Most Worshipful informed us that he was looking forward to meeting with the Valley of Stockton on July the 22nd for the "Mason of the Year" program. The Grand Master will be the keynote speaker for the evening. Thanks to the Ill. Jim Smith,

there are some photos of our Stockton group with the Grand Master included in this Rite News (See page 2). A big thank you goes to Brother Del and his wife Shirley for putting together another outstanding trip.

Here are some important dates that are coming up soon; March 25th – Officers Conference, March 27th & 28th - Degrees, April 1st – Stated Meeting, and April 4th – Degrees. Please don't forget to make reservations with the office as we need exact counts for preparing our meals. Thanks for your assistance.

Tod Ruse, 33°
Personal Representative

A message from the Venerable Master



Last month the message was not printed in the Rite News, it was written, but due to the unfortunate happenings with our brother Jim Allen, there was a slight confusion in the "house"...remember him in our prayers. We will start the month out with our stated meeting on April 1, (no joke), Language Center Clinic Open House, dinner and Maundry Service. Brethren and ladies, please attend this special evening of sharing with our fellow members, it is of great importance that we support our Scottish Rite in order to stay

Strong. All Maundry Service cast, please wear Tuxedos. On April 12, Easter Sunday, the Rite will have an Easter breakfast as well as the Relighting of the Lights, we need your attendance there, also. The 18th, we will confer the 30th and the 32nd Degrees to our new candidates, let's have a great turnout for these new brothers and show them, what a great organization, they have become a part of. Please talk to the Brothers in the Blue Lodge and if they have dropped the Rite, ask them to reconsider, the Language Center, needs our support. The dinners the ladies have been providing for our meetings have been very good and well worth the price, come and find out for yourself...thank you Ladies for the outstanding job!!

Thank you for your support.
Jake Van Holland

~April 1st~ Stated Meeting Menu

- Fresh Baby Greens
Salad choice of dressing
& condiments
- Ravioli with Meat Sauce
 - Focaccia Bread
 - Delicious Dessert

6pm ~ Social
6:30pm ~ Dinner

Important, please call for
reservations 466-3391



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Grand Master Larry Adamson with Ill. Tod Ruse and Ill. Jim Smith



Charles Burrel and Frank Indelicato, prepare to enjoy a delicious Chinese meal with the Ladies in San Francisco Scottish Rite.



Grand Master Larry Adamson acknowledges birthday boy Del Davis.

FROM THE SCOTTISH RITE LADIES ASSOCIATION

March has marched right in with some needed rain. Some of the blossoms have already decided that its time for us to put on their spectacular show of colors.

Our March meeting took on the St. Patrick's theme. Once again we thank Mary Ellen Dunbar for her decorative talents. Julie and I would like to thank Patti Helsby and Shirley Davis for their assistance in the serving of the meal. This was a very big help.

Reports were given by Ida Evans and Billi Beard on the Easter Breakfast. The date is April 12th with one setting at 8:00 A.M. Thank you to Nancy Pozar for designing the flyer for this event. Her pastel color choice was outstanding. Make your reservation by call the Scottish Rite (466-3391).

Shirley Davis gave her report of the Luncheon/Fashion Tea. We currently have 11 tables with 15 being our target number. She encouraged each member to bring in something for the raffle. A letter of introduction will be available at our next meeting to present to prospective donors. Contact businesses that you frequent often and see if they can make a donation. Remember that the raffle is 100% profit. Mark you calendars for September 12, 2009.

As a reminder, the April Stated meeting will be April 1st, no, this is not an April Fools joke. The social will be in the Language Center and presentations will be offered in various rooms. Please join us and see our state of the art program.

Future calendar date: July 22, 2009—Mason of the Year Recognition. Reservations a must!!!!

Marlene Von Berg,
President

Brethren and Ladies:

We have again, been invited to San Francisco Scottish Rite Bodies for the Mexican Evening of dinner and entertainment. As all of you know, who have been on our bus trips to San Francisco before. We always have a great evening of fun and enjoyment. So come on and go with us. The cost of the bus trip with dinner included is \$37.00 each. We leave Stockton Scottish Rite at 3 pm, sharp! On Wednesday, June 24th. If you are paying with a check, make it out to the Stockton Scottish Rite. We also accept CASH. So if you want to go with us, you can sign up at our next Stated Meeting or call Del Davis at (209) 537-5643 or the Scottish Rite office at (209) 466-3391.

See you on the bus.
Del Davis - Almoner

IN MEMORIUM



Charles Edward Best

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

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*Get Well Soon
Jim Allen and Ed Massey
We miss you!!*

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Scottish Rite Calendar

MARCH CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX DARK SUITS

Mar. 27th - 4th Degrees 4 - 8 pm
 Mar. 28th - 14th & 18th Degrees 8:30 - 4 pm

APRIL CONSISTORY DARK SUITS

Apr. 1st - Stated Meeting/ Language Center Open House
 Maundy Thursday Dinner
 Apr. 4th - SR Degrees (30th & 32nd) 8:30 - 4 pm
 Apr. 12th - Easter Breakfast/ Relight Lights 8am
 Apr. 16th - Master Craftsman Workshop – Library 4-6 pm
 Apr 29th - Cathedral Board Meeting 6 pm/
 Officers Conf. 7 pm

MAY LODGE OF PERFECTION TUXEDOS

May 6th – Stated Meeting/Cap & Ring Ceremony
 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

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

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