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CONGRATULATIONS - 2009 SPRING CANDIDATES

Back row, (left to right) Bill Eychaner, 33°, Mark West, Bob Aunchman, Edwin McLean, David Ford, Eric Johnson, William Fox, Jr., Craig Hobson, Jake Van Holland, 32°. Front row (left to right) Ill. Tod Ruse, 33°, Juan Mendez, Daniel Ogden, Ariel Millare, Robert Monroe, Renato Vera, Bruce Babcock, Jon Sump, Bill DuBois, 33°, Stan Jacobs, 32° KCCH



From The Personal Representative

I am pleased to announce that our General Secretary, Brother Jim Allen, KCCH, is out of the Lodi Hospital and has been moved to the Valley Garden Rehabilitation Facility in Stockton. He has gained some strength on his left side and is able to walk with the assistance of a walker. Jim is now set up to take calls and emails. His number is 955-3570 and he would like to hear from our members.

On May 6, 2009, we will be honoring our 14 new 32nd degree members with the presentation of the Ring and Cap ceremony. This was one of our largest classes we have had in many years. We will start the celebration with a 6:00 social and a 6:30 dinner. After dinner, we will adjourn to the auditorium for the Cap and Ring ceremony. Our stated meeting will follow in the Stanley Room for the lodges and in the library for the ladies.

The Supreme Council has awarded three members of our Valley of Stockton the title of "Scottish Rite Master Craftsman". The special presentation of the Master Craftsman Degree will be awarded during the May 6th dinner. Please plan to attend this event to show support to our 14 new members and our three new Master Craftsmen. Just call the office at 466-3391 and make your reservations. Just a reminder that May will be a busy month with our stated meeting on the 6th, our Investment Committee meeting at 12:00 on the 12th, the Language Center Board at 4:00 on the 12th, and the Cathedral Board/Officers Conference starting at 6:00 on the 27th. For those members who took an active role in the conferring of the Scottish Rite degrees to our 14 new members, I extend my deepest thanks. The degrees require a great deal of planning and execution in order for them to be successful. Thank you one and all! Finally, another great thanks goes to Julie and Marlene in the office for the preparation and serving of our meals and serving of refreshments for our Language Center Open House. These have all been very successful events.

Tod Ruse



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**A message
from the
Venerable
Master**



A big **THANK YOU** goes out to John Bolt for being in charge of the degrees and to all the brethren that helped put on the degrees and that includes the stage crew, everyone did the job they were asked to do and everything turned out, very nice. Let us not forget the **LADIES** who kept the brothers fed, as usual they did an excellent job. We had 14 Master Masons in the class, so brothers make them feel welcome and show them the brotherhood of the Rite. It is too bad that we did not have very many sideliners for the degrees to show support but we will change that at the ring and cap ceremony. Get the support from your Blue Lodge brothers and friends, it is open to everyone, including our ladies because without them we would not be able to do all these things. Our Maunday service went very good and everyone enjoyed their visit to the Language Center to see first hand what the Rite is all about, helping kids in need. Come to the Cathedral Board meeting on the last Wednesday of the month and please come for dinner at our stated meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. If you have any ideas for fundraisers, don't keep it in the closet, let us know so that we can work together for a better Scottish Rite. We need each and everyone of you. Please make reservations with Marlene or Julie if you are coming to dinner, so that all of us get to eat without running out of food. Again, thank you for your support.

Jake Van Holland
Venerable Master



Generous Wise Master and Language Board Chairman, Ed McClendon presents a donation check from Patrick O'Hern and himself to Heidi Germino, Director of the Language Center, to purchase much needed books for the Language Center students.



Clinician Annaly Lakey of the University of the Pacific presents a demonstration during the Language Center Open House for the new Degree Candidates.

FROM THE SCOTTISH RITE LADIES ASSOCIATION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!

SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW

Our lunch and fashion show is coming along nicely under the direction of our chairperson, Shirley Davis. Her goal is to have 15 tables this year and she is getting closer to achieving her mark. I am excited to say that Drapers and Damons has committed to provide fashions. Linda always does an excellent presentation. We also welcome Coldwater Creek and Campbells. Thank you, Karen Baker for making the arrangements with Campbells and committing some gentlemen to model. Also thank you to Patti Helsby for getting the \$250.00 donation. Julie Ghent also got a Steak and Scampi donation from El Rancho. Remember ladies, the raffle makes 100% profit. Get your neighbors and friends together and make a table. The ladies extend their congratulations to the 14 new Scottish Rite members and invite them to bring their wives to dinner and attend the ladies' meeting. We are informal and support the gentlemen in their endeavors. Hope to see you.

Marlene Von Berg
President

SMYRNA LODGE #532 F & A.M. **2904 THIRD STREET** **CERES, CA.**

The officers and members of Smyrna Lodge #532 of Ceres, cordially invites you to attend the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony for the Ceres Community Center, to be conducted by the Grand Lodge F & A.M. of California with Most Worshipful Larry L. Adamson Grand Master presiding. The ceremony will be held at the **Ceres Community Center, 2701 4th Street, Ceres, Ca. at 12:00 noon, on Friday May 8, 2009.** Luncheon will be served at the Smyrna Masonic Lodge dining room following the ceremony. The cost for this luncheon will be \$3.00. **RESERVATIONS** are required for the luncheon. **RSVP by May 1, 2009** to Del Davis at (209) 537-5643

IN MEMORIUM



Marion Sanguinetti

J. Roger Holmes

Boyd Seavey

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

DONATIONS

Almoners

*Maurice Hyder in memory
of Marion Sanguinetti*

Building Fund

*Marcia Price-Lair
Ralph Bunn*

Language center

*Barbara Asp in memory of
Arnold Asp*

Donald Hallbourg

*Thank you for your
continuing generous
donations that help
support our community.*

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Scottish Rite Calendar

MAY LODGE OF PERFECTION TUXEDOS

May 6th – Stated Meeting/Cap & Ring Ceremony 6 pm
 May 12th - Investment Comm. 12 pm
 Language Board Meeting - Library 4 pm
 May 21st - Master Craftsman Workshop – Library 4-6 pm
May 25th – Office Closed – Memorial Day
 May 27th – Cathedral Brd Mtg 6 pm/ Officers Conf 7 pm

JUNE COUNCIL OF KADOSH DARK SUITS

June 3rd - Stated Meeting 6 pm
 June 17th - Cathedral Brd Mtg. 6 pm/Officers Conf. 7 pm
 June 18th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm
 June 24th - San Francisco Scottish Rite - Mexican Evening
 Bus leave Stockton Scottish Rite - 3 pm **SHARP!!**

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

Request to the family of the member whose name appears below:
 Please notify us (address above) if our member is in a hospital or nursing home, or is incapacitated in any way, or is deceased.



May 6, 2009



Menu

- Chips & Salsa
- Rice & Beans
- Enchilada
- Chili Colorado
- Flan
- Special Entertainment



6:30pm ~ Dinner
 Call for reservations 466-3391
PRICE INCREASE - \$12.00 a person



San Francisco Scottish Rite Bodies **Mexican Evening**

Wednesday June 24th, 2009
\$37.00 PER PERSON

Bus leaves Stockton Scottish Rite
at 3 pm SHARP!!

Please call Stockton Scottish Rite
at (209) 466-3391
or Del Davis at (209) 537-5643
FOR RESERVATIONS

Consider a Life Membership

Age 49 and under: 21 times Annual Dues	\$1,995
Age 50-54: 19 times Annual Dues	\$1,805
Age 54-59: 17 times Annual Dues	\$1,615
Age 60-64: 14 times Annual Dues	\$1,330
Age 65 & over: 11 times Annual Dues	\$1,045

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