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## Stockton Scottish Rite Building 50 Year Anniversary Celebration



STOCKTON SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE — 1960  
33 Alpine Avenue, Stockton



### From The Personal Representative

Well, here we are, half way through the year and we just celebrated a half century in our present Scottish Rite Masonic Center. I want to thank the Ill. Bill DuBois, 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, for an outstanding program outlining the history of our Stockton Scottish Rite and the background of our present Scottish Rite Center. Ill. Bill with the assistance of Brother Ed Johnson, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree did a great deal of research for this presentation. It became very clear, as the program went on, that a lot of hard thought and work took place in order to make our building a reality. Also, thanks to Bros. Baker and Gomez, the power point visuals enhanced the historical information. As I mentioned in my closing remarks, in order for us to continue enjoying our center and all the various programs provided by the Stockton Scottish Rite we are going to have to become pro-active in the fundraising process. The Language Center Board is developing a program to raise funds to maintain our program at the Language Center with U.O.P. The California Scottish Rite Foundation has taken a severe hit on its investments. In order to maintain the present program we will need to fundraise. We are in a similar situation with the four lodges in the Scottish Rite membership has gone down in number and our investments have taken a similar hit. Building costs have increased and the rentals alone cannot accommodate our expenses. I am pleased to inform you that a fundraising program is in the formation stages with a member willing to take charge of the program for the four lodges and our Masonic Center. The fundraising chairman will be announced at the July stated meeting. He will be presenting a brief overview of the program at the July meeting. All I can ask is that you listen to his message and assist where you can.

Tod Ruse, 33<sup>o</sup>



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**A Very Special Thank You**

To Ed Massey for donating the funds to purchase this beautiful plaque, for those who have completed the Master Craftsman Program and to Albert Pike for his efforts in facilitating the project. Come see it displayed in the Rite lobby.



**A message  
from the  
Venerable  
Master**



What a great turnout for dinner, last month, we thank each and everyone of you for coming and making reservations, let us make next month even better!! A special thank you to John and Karen Baker for preparing the meal, it was great! Also, a special thank you for your help in the dining room, the bar and let us not forget our "greeters", they all did their jobs, very well. On Wed, July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will start with a delicious B-B-Q steak, so make those reservations and join us at the Rite. When you are making reservations for the stated meeting, don't forget to also make reservations for the Mason of the Year celebration on July 22, we are expecting a lot of people that evening, so please call in advance. Help support your Mason of the Year from your lodge. Last month, was our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Brother Bill DuBois, did a great job bringing us up to date on all that has happened. We were also happy to award the ring and cap to our new 14<sup>th</sup> candidate, Edwin McLean, welcome to the Rite. We NEED candidates for our Fall class, so please contact those members in your Blue Lodge, that you can bring into the Rite. Also, a special thank you to the Senior Warden of Lodge #206, Brother Dave Garcez, for doing all the work in providing us with a beautiful pamphlet, to help our rental staff in renting the building for much needed funds...all that effort at **NO** charge to the Rite. August will be a dark month, except for the Cathedral Board and Officer's meetings on the 26<sup>th</sup>. If any of you Brothers, would like to help prepare or donate a meal for any of our stated dinners, please contact me or the staff in the office. We are getting bigger, be a part of it. Thank you for your loyal support.

Jake Van Holland

# FROM THE SCOTTISH RITE LADIES ASSOCIATION

June is "busting out all over" with an array of unpredictable weather. Our group is rolling along with our various activities. Shirley Davis reports that we have reached our goal of 15 tables and tickets are now available. If you haven't gotten yours, you may drop by the office. Emphasis is place on raffle items and having ample salads available for our guests. No item is too small and we can always combine things to make a nice presentation. I also think she has the models practicing their runway walks and will schedule their fitting times. It's fun to go in a group and have lunch afterwards. Here it is June and we officially have a budget framework. This gives something to work from and plan our expenses. We are in good financial order at this time. Thank you all for making reservations. We came out on the number!!!!!! Thank you Jake Van Holland and crew for their assistance with dinner and reservation. It was great seeing the greeters and having others involved. Thank you all for making this an enjoyable evening. John and Karen Baker and crew did an outstanding job with the meal. Home cooking at its best.

Marlene Von Berg  
President

## DONATIONS

Almoners *No donations*

Building Fund

*Marcia Price-Lair*

Lang. Ctr. *No donations*

## IN MEMORIAM



**JING OW**

*"Father, In thy Gracious keeping leave we  
now thy servant sleeping,  
Amen."*

### San Francisco Trip

June 24, 2009

Through the efforts of our chairperson, Del Davis and his lovely assistant, Shirley, the bus is "full". We send a sincere "thank you" to Ed McClenton for his support of the trip. The bus will leave at 3:00 P.M. and you need to be on time. A little birdie told me, that there will be two "birthday" people (guy and girl) on the bus. I'm sure they will be serenaded by the chorus. Hopefully, we will have photos to share for the next newsletter. Watch out San Francisco, here we come!!!

### Mason of the Year

#### Menu

July 22, 2009

- Bud's Beef
- Baby Red Potatoes
- Green Salad
  - Vegetable
  - Cake
- Coffee & Ice Tea

Social @ 6-7 PM Dinner @ 7 PM

The price of the dinner will be \$20.00 per person, if you call for reservations before July 1st, after July 1st it will be \$25.00 per person. Please call the office for reservations at (209) 466-3391

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## Scottish Rite Calendar

### JULY CONSISTORY CASUAL

July 1st - Stated Meeting 6 pm Social/Dinner 6:30 pm  
 July 14th - Language Board Meeting 4 pm/Dinner at 6 pm  
 July 16th - Master Craftsman Workshop - Library 4-6 pm  
 July 22nd - Mason of the Year - 5:30 Social/6:30 Dinner  
 July 29th - Cathedral Brd Mtg 6 pm/Officer Conf. 7 pm

### AUGUST CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX DARK

By tradition, **August is dark. There is NO stated meeting**  
 August 20th - Master Craftsman Workshop  
 August 26th -Cathedral Brd Mtg 6 pm/Officers Conf. 7 pm

**NOTE: Dates, times & events are subject to change**

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 Please notify us (address above) if our member is not interested in receiving this publication, is in a hospital or nursing home, deceased, or is incapacitated in any way.

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Age 60-64: 14 times Annual Dues	\$1,330
Age 65 & over: 11 times Annual Dues	\$1,045

I will customize a monthly payment plan and automatic monthly credit card debits with no additional fees! Call Julie at the Scottish Rite for details (209) 466-3391.

### Master Craftsman Program

- The Master craftsman Program is an exciting new by-mail correspondence course designed and administered by staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, DC under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council, 33 of the and A. and A. Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction.
- Consisting of 6 lessons, it utilizes The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) by Arturo de Hoyos.
- The program course fee is \$50.00 it includes all 6 lessons and materials, the Ritual Monitor and Guide, and a personalized certificate and lapel pin upon completion of the program. Also, your name will also be added to the beautiful wooden, Master Craftsman plaque in the Stockton Scottish Rite lobby.

Call Julie in the office at (209) 466-3391, if you are interested in signing up.

*July 1, 2009*  
Officer's B-B-Q  
 Menu

- Steak
- Baked Potato
- Albert Pike's Famous Chili beans
- Green Salad
- French Roll
- Dessert
- Coffee & Iced Tea

6:30pm ~ Dinner  
 Call for reservations 466-3391