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**AUGUST IS DARK- THERE IS NO STATED MEETING....
SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING ON
SEPTEMBER 2ND!!!**



From
The Personal
Representative

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I announce the appointment of Brother Rocky Gould, 32°, as chairman of the Stockton Scottish Rite fundraising program. As indicated in the last news letter, we have taken a financial hit in our investments and in order to maintain our current programs, we will need to fundraise. Brother Rocky has an excellent track record in developing successful fundraising events and he has stated several times that the Stockton Scottish Rite has great potential in developing several successful events. Our building is a “gold mine” and with proper planning we should be able to continue with all our programs in the black. Rocky and the officers will be considering several programs over the summer, and we should be ready to start with exact plans by the September stated meeting. Any member willing to assist us in the planning stage, please let us know, many ideas are better than one. More information will be coming.

A great big thank you goes to Del and Shirley Davis for another outstanding bus trip to San Francisco Scottish Rite Mexican Night. Del and Shirley and their entire crew did a great job in making the trip a grand experience. The dinner and the show were outstanding and the bus trip went off without a hitch. All who went had a great time. Just check out the pictures we took that evening (see page 2).

Hope all are having a great summer and I am looking forward to seeing everybody at our stated meeting on September 2nd.

Tod Ruse, 33rd
Personal Representative



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SAN FRANCISCO MEXICAN NITE
Jim & Shirley Smith and Del & Shirley Davis, Ken & Ida Evans and Richard Timmons, enjoy delicious Mexican food with other Stockton Scottish Rite members at the San Francisco Lodge.



****A Special Thank You****

To East Belt-Tuolumne Lodge #8 in Sonora for donating an organ to the Stockton Scottish Rite. Also to, Bruce Babcock for transporting it and to Rich Garcia and John Pozar for helping him unload it, once it arrived safely to the Rite.

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A message
from the
Venerable
Master



Just because August is a dark month, you will still receive a small message, no rest for the wicked. First of all a big **THANK YOU**, goes out to all of you for making those reservations, its working out real good, so keep up the good work. Next a **THANK YOU** goes out to the people for the setups, the greeters at the door, the bartenders, the dining servers and helpers and last, but not least, our cooks, who are doing an excellent job. Rocky Gould and Jack Helsby were called on at the last minute to help out with barbequing the steaks, and they did an excellent job. By the time you get to read this message, the Mason of the Year event will be past, so more on that in next month message. We need candidates for our Fall class, talk it up, to your Blue Lodge to get them to join the Rite. We also need some ideas on fund raisers, we need some money to keep us afloat. Rocky Gould has been appointed fundraising chairman, please help him as much as you can, this has to be a team effort, it is impossible to do this alone. We applaud the brothers that are now going through the Master Craftsman program, it is a real eye opener. Brother Ed Mc Clenton had some surgery done, but he is now back, as good as new, welcome back brother Ed, we missed you. Visit those that are ill or give them a call, or send them a card, they can use a little sunshine. The Cathedral board and officers meeting will be on August 26, we start at 6 O' clock, everyone is welcome to attend, our stated meeting will be on September 2, please join for a good meal and good fellowship, see you there.

Thank you very much for your support.

Jake Van Holland

Brethren & Ladies,

I want to thank all of you, who took our trip to San Francisco Scottish Rite for Mexican Night on June 24th. We had a fun trip on the bus, GREAT meal and wonderful entertainment. So, if you missed the fun, maybe next year....we will get invited again, to join them. We had three game winners on the bus, who selected our arrival time to San Francisco Scottish Rite , so they got to split 50 dollars. As all of you know, who have taken the trip with us before, we are always welcomed with a warm greeting. So be sure to sign up to go on our next trip. I will let you know the time and date, when I find out.

Have a great last half of the year!!!

Del Davis, Almoner

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Scottish Rite Calendar

DATED MATERIAL — PLEASE DO NOT HOLD

AUGUST CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX DARK

August is dark. There is NO stated meeting

August 20th - Master Craftsman Workshop 4-6 PM

August 26th -Cathedral Board Meeting 6 pm

Officers Conf. 7 pm

SEPT CONSISTORY CASUAL

Sept. 2nd - Stated Meeting/Nomination Committee

Appointment 25/50 Yr. Pins & Hats

Sept. 7th - **OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY**

Sept. 12th - Ladies Fashion Show

Sept. 17th - Master Craftsman Workshop

Library 4-6 PM

Sept. 30th - Cathedral Board Meeting 6 PM

Officers Conference 7 PM

NOTE: Dates, times & events are subject to change

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 receiving this publication, is in a hospital or nursing home,
 deceased, or is incapacitated in any way.**

FROM THE SCOTTISH RITE LADIES ASSOCIATION

* Summer time and the living is easy. This is not the way, if you live in the San Joaquin *
 * Valley. It is plain **HOT**. So much for the weather and let Mother Nature do her thing and *
 * be pleased with the fresh fruit and vegetable that we have available. Our raffle prizes are *
 * coming along and a “special” thank you, goes to Patti Helsby for being a smart shopper. *
 * She has gotten many lovely prizes. Thanks to her lead, we were able to get two tickets *
 * from the Gallo Center for the Celtic or the Irish Series . Also “thank you” to Nancy Pozar *
 * for the flyers and program cover. Some other items that we have are golf clubs, 4 patio *
 * chairs, a hand truck, serving items, weekend getaway, and many more surprises, yet to *
 * come. At our last meeting, there was a discussion on what is our goal with the money we *
 * have and the money the fashion show will earn. It is always nice to know your goals and *
 * be able to work towards them. The first project would start in the Dunbar Room. The *
 * drapes have been here for long time and cannot withstand a cleaning. A sample window *
 * covering has been placed on one of the windows and this would achieve two purposes. *
 * (1) SAFETY and (2) a window treatment. This would allow our renters to have privacy *
 * and gives a clean look to the room. Our second project would be to work on a sound wall *
 * and adding crown molding around the ceiling of the Dunbar Room. Of course, we will *
 * be adding paint to give it a warmer atmosphere. My assignment is to get a quote for each *
 * project by the September meeting and approach each project for the best price and *
 * workmanship. If you are traveling, enjoy, or if you are staying close to home, keep cool *
 * and see you in September. Remember September 12th is our fashion show/luncheon. *
 * Tickets are available by table holders or call the office at (209) 466-3391. We would *
 * love to have you. *
 * Marlene Von Berg, President *
