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## A WORD FROM OUR NEW GENERAL SECRETARY



Greetings Brothers. As we finish this first month of the year, I would like to congratulate all the new officers for the year 2010. We at Scottish Rite would like to echo last month's appeal from Grand Lodge to invite all fellow masons back to their lodges and support and rebuild the brotherhood we all have shared in the past. The growth of our lodges will bring stronger growth for all the Masonic bodies.

Currently, I'm working on forming a group of brothers with many skills, a group to be called the "Wrecking Crew". These men are willing to help fix many of the maintenance issues in our building, and I welcome all brothers with any type of skills to join these men in their efforts. Please contact me to join this team and build a new and stronger Scottish Rite foundation.

Currently I'm starting to plan fund raising events for the next year and will be looking forward to the support of our members in many ways. It would be great to hear from all my brothers with concerns, suggestions, and ideas that could benefit the good of the order. With the fund raising I wish to renew our building and also help defray costs of the Language Center.

We have purchased a Phone Tree communication system to deliver messages to all our members, this hopefully will share information in a faster and more efficient way. I also have started a member e-mail list, so that messages and communications can also be shared more effectively, not only from me to you, but from you to me. Open communication between all members is vital to maintaining the health of our fraternity, so if you have a thought or need, please feel free to contact me. What I need from all our members are updates on telephone numbers and e-mail addresses so these forms of communications can be used to the best of our advantage. Please send any changes or additions to: [rockygould@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rockygould@sbcglobal.net)

I am looking forward to a very successful and exciting year. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events as well as our monthly stated meetings; it's nice to see both old and new faces in the crowd, and what better way to "see" everyone than to be there.

Fraternally Yours,  
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**From  
The Personal  
Representative**

Just to let you know that our new General Secretary, Rocky Gould and I will be traveling to the Oakland Scottish Rite to meet with the Scottish Rite Foundation and Representatives of all the Northern California Language Centers. The basic agenda will center around the financial situation in all the Northern California Scottish Rite Centers. Due to the downfall in our economy, all the Centers have major issues to deal with. Also attending this important meeting will be our Language Center Board Chairman Ed McClenton. We will be sharing all the updated information from this gathering at the stated meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

I am very pleased to report that, at the present, we have six of our new brothers actively involved in the Master Craftsmen program. In addition, five of our "seasoned" brothers are about to complete the course of study. Any brother who is interested in "further light in Masonry" is welcome to sign up for the course. Study sessions are on Thursday afternoons by appointment or at other times if that time is pre arranged. The course is \$50 which includes the two text books and the tests. All Master Craftsmen materials are available in the office.

Brothers, hope to see you and your ladies on February the 3rd

**Tod Ruse  
Personal Representative**



**From the Venerable Master**

Here we go... a new year has begun, with a new Venerable Master. I would like to congratulate all the newly installed Officers of the different Bodies Looks like we are going to have a busy few months. Degree's on March 19th, 20th, and April 10th. Practice dates to be announced at a latter date. Remember February 3rd Stated Meeting/ Valentine's Day Dinner. Bring your sweetheart, wife, or special other. Remember to make your reservations early so we know how much to prepare.

**Crispin Woelfer, 32nd KCCH  
Venerable Master**

**DONATIONS**

**Almoners -**

Robert Del Campo  
 Wilford Roe  
 Allister Allen  
 Wiford Roe  
 Wesley Rash

**Language Center-**

Wilford Roe  
 Allister Allen  
 Lynne Froelich in memory  
 of Edwin McLean  
 Edward Leipelt in memory  
 of Evelyn Leipelt  
 Wesley Rash  
 Robert Monroe

**Building Fund -**

Roger Hushour  
 Allister Allen  
 James & Barbara Allan  
 Joe Sciabica  
 Wesley Rash  
 Marcia Price-Lair

**A message  
 from the  
 Almoner**

Brethren and Ladies,  
 We have once again, been invited to San Francisco Scottish Rite for their annual Chinese Night dinner and entertainment on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. The cost for dinner and the bus trip will be \$37.00 per person.

(209) 466-3391

See you on the bus!!

Del Davis

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In the words of our illustrious brother Albert Pike, recipient of the 33 degree and high degree of freemasonry: "It is for God to do the mighty things in a moment, but by degrees to grow to greatness is the course he has left for man.

Submitted by

Albert Pike 32° SRMC

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\* Another year is behind us and as we begin 2010, I wish you prosperity and good health. The new slate of officers have been installed and ready to accept their responsibilities. First, I wish to thank the past officers: Shirley Smith, Shirley Davis, Billie Beard, Ida Evans and Nancy Pozar for all their assistance and look forward to seeing them in 2010. Next, I would like to introduce the officers for 2010: Elaine Van Holland, secretary; Shirley Davis, Vice President; Patti Helsby, Treasurer; and Ida Evan, Inspiration and Sunshine. I thank you ladies for accepting your positions and I equally congratulate the new line of officers for Scottish Rite.

\* Our meeting was rather brief due to the installation. One topic we are addressing is the drape situation in the Dunbar Room.

\* It has been measured and we are looking into the amount of fabric needed for their replacement. The cost to have them professionally made is out of the question and we will have to apply our creative talents and do it ourselves. I will keep you posted on our progress.

\* Thank you all for your kind support and we look forward to great things in 2010.

\* Marlene Von Berg  
 \* President for the Ladies' Association

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## Scottish Rite Calendar

### FEB COUNCIL OF KADOSH DARK SUITS

Feb. 3rd - Stated Meeting/Valentine's Day Dinner

### FEB 15 TH - PRESIDENTS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

Feb. 18th - Master Craftsman Workshop-Library 4-6

Feb. 24th - Cathedral Board Meeting 6 PM  
Officers Conference 7 PM

### MARCH CHAPTER ROSE CROIX TUXEDO

Mar. 3 - Stated Meeting/Modesto Extinguish Lights?

Mar. 18 - Master Craftsman Workshop-Library 4-6

Mar. 19 - Scottish Rite Degrees 4°

Mar. 20 - Scottish Rite Degrees 14° & 18°

Mar. 31 - Cathedral Board Meeting -6 PM  
Officers Conference 7 PM

**\*TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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

***DATED MATERIAL — PLEASE DO NOT HOLD***

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, deceased, or is incapacitated in any way.

## **IN MEMORIUM**



**Everette Lasley  
Phillip Fleisig  
Norm Zwinge  
Donald Brown**

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

### Stated Dinner

**Smoked Ham  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Roll/Butter  
Salad  
Strawberry Parfait**

**Please call the office for reservations  
(209) 466-3391**