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A WORD FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY



Greetings Brothers.

March is coming and we are looking forward to our Stated Meeting in Modesto on March 3. We will “Extinguish the Lights” in celebration of Maundy Thursday that evening, also. We will begin the evening with the traditional stew dinner at 6:00 pm, to be followed by the service and our Stated Meeting. This is always well received and I look forward to your attendance and support. We have received many positive comments from our members in the past about holding this in Modesto, and are sure all who attend will have a meaningful and pleasant experience. Please make your dinner reservations in advance by contacting Marlene at the Stockton Scottish Rite office at 209-466-3391, or me at 209-576-1603 or rockygould@sbcglobal.net. This will all take place at the Masonic Center of Modesto, 800 Rose Ave., Modesto. We will conduct the “Re-Lighting of the Lights” on April 4, at the Stockton Scottish Rite, at an Easter breakfast at 8:00 am.

We have done away with the concept of “standing reservations”. We can no longer “assume” someone will be coming to events, because in the past we did, and had many “no shows”. This makes it hard to plan meals, seating, etc., so from now on, please either call or e-mail your reservations for events.

We are very excited to report that our website is up and running, and those who view this site will find monthly news articles as well as information and pictures from as far back as 2008. Our website address is as follows: www.stocktonscottishrite.org. Those of you with computers, please check it out and let me know what you think.

Another thing we are excited about is our ability to send our newsletters to those of you with e-mail addresses. We have quite a few of these addresses already, so for the next issue we will send your newsletter to you that way. Please be sure that if you have an e-mail address that we have your current one. You can double-check by contacting me at the above rockygould@sbcglobal.net address. This will help us not only cut down on production expenses for the paper version, but also mailing costs. It is also a quicker way to contact you, and we can also include information that cannot be included in the paper version. If you have comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

The month of March also includes the beginning of Degrees for our future Scottish Rite members. March 19, we will have the 4°, followed by the 14°-18° the next day. I urge all members that can, to come and show your support for our future members.

April Stated Meeting will be on the 7th, with our 30°-32° on April 10. Please keep these dates in mind, and again, please come to any and all events and give your support to the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Fraternally Yours,
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A word from Albert Pike.....

Albert Pike was the Master Builder of the Scottish Rite and was chiefly responsible for its current development and ceremonial. His ritual revisions and philosophy have influenced those of most Supreme Councils worldwide, and his writings are among the most insightful and profound in the history of Freemasonry.



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Stated Dinner

Traditional Stew

Dinner & meeting
will held at the
Modesto Lodge
Please call the office
for reservations
(209) 466-3391

IN MEMORIUM



Albert Clark

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



From the Venerable Master

Just a reminder that the Stated Meeting for March 3rd is going to be at the Modesto Masonic Center at 800 Rose Ave. Travel South on Highway 99 to Briggsmore off ramp. Go East on Briggsmore to Rose Ave. Turn right on Rose Ave. and go South to 800 Rose Ave. Dinner will be served at 6:00P.M. Extinguish lights at 7:00P.M. Stated Meeting after Light service. Call Ill. Tod Ruse 33rd about getting a ride to Modesto for this event.

Degree dates are as follows: March 19th Fourth Degree; Time 6:30 P.M. March 20th Fourteenth and Eighteenth Degrees: Time 8:00 A.M. 18th Degree after lunch. April 10th, 30th Degree, time 8;00 A.M. and. 32nd Degree, after lunch.

Practice for the Degrees as follows: 14th Degree at 6:00P.M. on the 10th of March; 18th Degree at 6;00 P.M. on the 16th of March, and 30th Degree at 6:00 P.M., 32nd degree to follow on April 8th.

Hope everyone had a Happy Valentine’s Day. Those who went to the San Francisco Chinese dinner, enjoyed the show.

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Scottish Rite Calendar

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

APRIL CONSISTORY DARK SUITS

Apr.4 – Easter Breakfast/Re-light Lights
Apr. 7 – Stated Meeting/Lang Center Open House
Apr.10 – Scottish Rite Degrees 30° & 32°
Apr. - 14--17 Leadership Conference
Apr. 15 - Master Craftsman Workshop – Library 4-6
Apr. 28 – Cathedral Board Meeting 6 pm/ Officers
Conference 7 pm

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.

2010 Event Calendar

MAY LODGE OF PERFECTION TUXEDO

May 5 – Stated Meeting/Cap & Ring (Officers Instruction 5PM)
May 20 - Master Craftsman Workshop – Library 4-6 pm
May 26 – Cathedral Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm
May 31 - Office Closed- Memorial Day

JUNE COUNCIL OF KADOSH DARK SUITS

June 2 – Stated Meeting
June 17 - Master Craftsman Workshop – Library 4-6 pm
June 30 – Cathedral Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm

JULY CONSISTORY CASUAL

July 7 – Stated Meeting/Officers B-B-Q (Officers Instruction 5PM)
July 15 - Master Craftsman Workshop –Library 4-6 pm
July 21 – Mason of the Year
July 28 – Cathedral Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm

AUGUST CHAPTER ROSE CROIX

By Tradition, August is dark. There is no stated Meeting

Aug. 19 - Master Craftsman Workshop – Library 4-6 pm
Aug. 25 – Cathedral Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Meeting 7 pm