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LADIES ASSOCIATION EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter Bunny visits with the children during the Ladies Association Easter Breakfast held on Sunday, April 4, 2010.



From The Personal Representative

I am pleased to report the the Scottish Rite Leadership Conference in New Orleans was well worthwhile. There were three main areas of focus. The first was an update on the Rite's internet based Sentinel Program. The second area of concern was dealing with the issue of public relations and how to deal with the media. Finally came the topic of how to increase membership in the Rite. Rocky and I will be sharing the information in the coming weeks. I am also pleased to report that New Orleans is alive again and doing well. We did learn in many of the fellowship sessions that all the Valleys were hard hit by the downturn in the economy and the recovery is a very slow process.

It should be noted that at our April stated meeting Brother Clive Moss, 32 was elected to membership in our Valley. Brother Clive now belongs to both Sacramento and Stockton Valleys. Also of interest is the fact that Brother Clive was appointed Director of the Works and will soon be working with the various degree directors in preparing for our fall degrees. Besides being involved in the Scottish Rite degrees, Clive is the Worshipful Inspector for our local Masonic district.

Last month we had our first fellowship BBQ at the Rite. We had 12 attend and all had a great time. It was decided at this event to have at least one BBQ per month and the next gathering will be at 6 pm on Wednesday, May 19th. It was further decided that Rocky and I will cook and I will supply some of the liquid refreshments. Members will have to supply their own cigars and also pay five dollars to help with the purchase of the food. We did agree that those coming to the BBQ need to call the office so as to have enough food.

Tod Ruse
Personal Representative



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



From the Venerable Master

By the time this goes to print we will have completed the 30th & 32nd Degrees on four new Scottish Rite Masons. One of them has volunteered to become an Officer.

At our May Stated meeting Officer dress is tuxedo. Cap & ring for our four new Scottish Rite Masons. Hope everyone got their taxes in before the 15th.

Crispin Woelfer, 32nd KCCH
Venerable Master



A MESSAGE FROM OUR ALMONER.....



Brethern and Ladies.....

It is time again to get your taste buds in order. We have once again, been invited to San Francisco Scottish Rite for their "Mexican Night" on June 30, 2010. We will have a bus going for the event.

The bus leaves Stockton Scottish Rite at **3 PM SHARP**. So if you would to go with us, please make your reservation **EARLY** by calling Del Davis at (209) 537-5643 or Stockton Scottish Rite at (209) 466-3391. The cost will #37.00 per person.

See you on the bus.....
Del Davis, 33°



**A WORD FROM OUR
GENERAL SECRETARY**



Greetings Brothers.

Our Stated Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5, and will include the Cap and Ring ceremony for our newest 32° Masons. Officers will meet for officer instruction at 5 pm. Our social will begin at 6 pm, followed by a special Cinco de Mayo dinner at 6:30 pm, at the cost of \$10 per person. Please get your reservations to the office at 466-3391 and remember, do not "assume" that you have a standing reservation. The Cap and Ring ceremony will take place immediately after dinner, and all are invited to join in. This includes spouses, special others, friends, and family; all are welcome for the social, dinner, and ceremony. After the ceremony, we will retire for the monthly Stated Meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 3 members who built the fence around the patio area in the courtyard. They donated the materials and labor to update the area and match the existing railing along the sidewalk. A special thanks go to Juan Mendez, James Striplin, and Albert Pike. This is what our fraternity is all about---pitching in to lend a hand when needed and with the expertise at hand.

They did it!! Congratulations to our newest 32° Masons, who will receive their Cap and Ring on Stated Meeting night on May 5. They are: Isaac Boyd, Rodney Owen, Cary Milburn, and Karlton Clark. We in the membership look forward to your participation and attendance at our events and meetings, and hope you find fulfillment in your accomplishment of attaining your 32°.

This is a reminder that the monthly Cathedral Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26, at 6 pm. An officer conference will be held afterward at 7 pm. Officers should make a point of attending both meetings as they are very important. Scottish Rite members are also invited to attend these meetings.

Special thanks to Truman Jensen and Ed Walters, who made the very delicious dinner for the last Stated Meeting. They have both been a great help in the kitchen, and I thank them for that as well. We may have to nominate them for the next "Top Chef" program!

The Scottish Rite office will be closed May 31 for the observance of Memorial Day.

Fraternally Yours,
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Scottish Rite Calendar

MAY LODGE OF PERFECTION TUXEDO

May 5 – Stated Mtg/Cap & Ring (Officers Instruct 5PM)
May 20 - Master Craftsman Workshop – Library 4-6 pm
May 26 – Cathedral Mtg 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 23 – Cathedral Mting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm
June 30 - Mexican Night - San Francisco Bus Trip 3 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.**

Words of Enlighten by Albert Pike, 32°.....

At the closing of the Supreme Council, the following memorial was offered in remembrance of Albert Pike, 33°. “When I am dead, I wish my monument to be the builder only in the hearts and memories of my Brethren of the Ancient and Accepted Rite and to be remembered by them in every country, no matter what language men speak, where the light of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite shall shine and its oracles of truth and wisdom be remembered reverently.

As they say, “April showers bring May flowers.” For those of us who are allergy sufferers, this beauty can be a sneezing Frenzy. Sometimes beauty does come with a price.

With the number of participates declining each year at the Easter Breakfast, future consideration must be addressed. We may want to consider doing a continental breakfast rather than a full breakfast. This will be an issue that will be discussed for 2011 and more input is needed from the gentlemen. Seeing the expression on the kids' faces with the Easter Bunny makes it all worth it but it takes many individuals hours of time to put this together. Thank you to all who supported this event. At our April meeting, a theme was decided upon. The theme for this years' fashion show will be, “SYMPHONY of COLOR.”

Please check with Shirley Davis for doing a table or modeling. Being that we will be having a special guest, we would like this to be an outstanding event. You may want to know who our guest will be. Shirley Davis took the initiative and contacted Peter Jaffee, the conductor of the Stockton Symphony, to join us and he accepted. Please come and welcome him. The room will also be decorated by a professional decorator focusing on our theme. It is not too early to start collecting items for our raffle. We have set the bar high last year and I'm sure our guests will expect to see the same this year. There is a form letter is you are going out to businesses with our tax number. A raffle is only as good as the prizes we have to offer.

See you on May 5th for our traditional Cinco de Mayo Stated Dinner.

Marlene Von Berg

Ladies' Assoc. President