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New 32° Stockton Scottish Rite members are from left to right Rodney Owen with his wife Mary Jane, Isaac Boyd with wife Stephanie, Cary Milburn with wife Joanie and Karlton Clark with wife Barbara.



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**From
The Personal
Representative**

It should be reported at this time that our Scottish Rite Investment Committee met this month to review our investments, as well as, fill the vacancy caused by the passing of the Hon. Roger Taylor, KCCH, committee member and past general secretary. The Ill, Bob Friedburger, 33rd , has agreed to fill this vacancy on our board. The Ill. Bob has retired from the Bank of Stockton, after many years of service and is very much aware of what is going on in the world of finance.

Finally, remember that July 21st is our annual Mason of the Year Awards Ceremony, the Grand Master will be present and he is bring many of his Grand Line with him. Please mark your calendar as we want a great turnout.

**Tod Ruse, 33rd
Personal Representative**

DONATIONS

Almoners - None

Language Center - Donald Hallbourg

Building Fund - None



From the Venerable Master

By the time this gets into print, May will be gone and we will find our Scottish Rite nearly half gone. June Stated meeting will be opened in the Council of Kadosh and the dress for officers will be dark suits. June 2, 2010 is our stated meeting and dinner. Social is at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30PM.

Cathedral Board Meeting is 6:00PM and the Officers Meeting is at 7:00PM on the 23rd of June. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE. On the 30th of June is our trip to San Francisco. We will be leaving Stockton at 3:00PM sharp. All aboard for those going on this fun trip.

**Crispin D. Woelfer
Venerable Master**

A WORD FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY



Greetings Brothers.

During the May Stated Meeting, 3 new officers were elected to fill positions that were not being represented by their office holders. Our new officers and their positions are: Chapter Rose Croix Jr. Warden, Rodney Owen; Council of Kadosh First Lt. Commander, Clive Moss; and Council of Kadosh Second Lt. Commander, Brian Wilson. My utmost thanks go to these men who stepped in to help us out.

I would like to draw your attention to a most generous donation bequeathed to the Stockton Scottish Rite Language Center. Loring Corwin Miller, 32° and his late wife, Lois Miller, donated more than 75% of their estate to our Language Center. Mr. Miller was a decorated WWII veteran, a printer for the local Stockton newspaper, and a Master Mason of San Joaquin Masonic Lodge; not a man of significant means, but one who still saw the benefit of his donation toward our philanthropy. It was quite the noble thing to do to leave most all of what he had for the benefit of our children, and he most assuredly stands tall in the great Celestial Lodge Above. Our most sincere thank you goes to the memory of this most honorable man.

A second person has also made a generous bequest to the Stockton Scottish Rite. Louella Neafus, a Masonic widow and member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Modesto, gifted to both the Central Valley Scottish Rite Club and Stockton Scottish Rite, as well as other Masonic affiliated bodies. She was a true believer in supporting all of Masonry and her donations will truly help each body carry on the high standards that we all strive for. Our many thanks, in her memory.

Our Stated Meeting for the month of June will be held Wednesday, June 2. We will serve a pasta dinner, complete with salad, bread and dessert. **Cost will be only \$5.00.** Come join us and enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie of your very worthy organization. Social begins at 6 pm, dinner is at 6:30 pm, with the Stated Meeting to follow. All are welcome, so bring your lovely "significant other" and attend if you can. Please call the Rite office for dinner reservations at 466-3391.

We have begun to hold a monthly "Cigar Night" on the third Wednesday of the month at 6 PM. There is no agenda, is a very casual affair (show up in a tux or sport coat, and you will be sent home to change), and includes a bbq. We provide the food and refreshment. If you would like to join us, bring your favorite stogie and be prepared for a very relaxed and casual environment. BBQ reservations are a must, so we know how many to buy for. In order for this to be a self-sustaining event, we ask for a \$5 donation. Again, call the office and let us know how many would like to attend. Members, if you would like to bring a friend, please do so.

Our annual "Mason of the Year" dinner and awards will take place on Wednesday, July 21. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend in support of all the fellow brothers who will be receiving this distinguished award. In attendance will be **Grand Master Ken Nagle** and many of his officers. This is a very well attended event, so plan to make your reservations as soon as possible. Dinner will consist of prime rib with all the trimmings, at the low cost of \$15. There will be more information in the next Rite News.

Fraternally Yours,
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Scottish Rite Calendar

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/ Off Conf 7 pm
June 30 - Mexican Night-San Francisco Bus Trip
BUS LEAVES RITE AT 3 PM SHARP!!

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 Ceremony 6 PM
July 28 – Cathedral Meeting 6 PM/ Off Conf 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.

FROM THE OFFICE - Please contact the Rite office (209) 466-3391 of any changes of your address, home or cell phone or email address. It is important that our member information is kept current, so that the office is able to communicate with their members.

Here we are with half of the year slipping through our fingers, summer on the way, and the Fashion Show/Luncheon not so far off. Our chairperson, Shirley Davis, is working diligently on the program, table holders, and salads. With our guest being Peter Jaffe, conductor of the Stockton Symphony, we are working on a quintet to provide the music. JoAnn Henderson is the chairperson for the raffle and encourages everyone to start getting items together. A group of ladies will get together and assemble the baskets. The group from last year did an outstanding job and it was a joy to see teamwork in action. Barbara Burruel has graciously volunteered to do the tickets. Our goal is to have a real "Symphony of Color."

Some of the white tablecloths that we purchased several years ago are starting to look a "little dingy." The ladies' group approved purchase of 20 burgundy and 20 black rectangle tablecloths. We now will have three different colors to use for our special events.

Remember to set aside September 11th for the Fashion Show/Luncheon.

Marlene Von Berg

President of the Ladies Group