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HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE FOURTH OF JULY

A WORD FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY



Greetings Brothers,

Stated Meeting for the month of July will be held on July 7. We will kick off the evening with our social at 6 pm, followed by a BBQ dinner at 6:30 pm. This promises to be a great meal, complete with scrumptious side dishes. Please get your reservations to the office at (209) 466-3391.

We have begun to hold a monthly "Cigar Night" on the third Tuesday of the month, July 20th at 5:30 PM. There is no agenda, is a very casual affair (as in shorts, t-shirt, sandals, etc.), 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. We have been having a great time kicking back, eating, enjoying our smokes, and having a pleasing drink or two; kinda like the good ol' days, before all those high tech gadgets took over our lives.

Our annual "Mason of the Year" dinner and awards will take place on Wednesday, July 21. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm, with a prime rib dinner at 6:30 pm. 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 (chicken only by advance request), at the low cost of \$15. There will also be, a table sponsored by the Modesto Shrine Club that will have Masonic jewelry, button covers, car emblems, etc. for sale.

On July 28, the Cathedral Board will meet at 6 pm, and the Officers' Conference will meet at 7 pm. We are looking for people, who have an interest in helping with fund raising events, to help defray some of the costs of the Language Center. If you would like to help the Language Center, stay alive and continue, contact me and unite with others in this effort.

Those of you with e-mail who are not currently getting the newsletter, in this way, please e-mail me directly at rockygould@sbcglobal.net. We will put you on the e-mail list; this will save postage and get it to you sooner.

Currently we are short on wheel chairs, canes, and walkers, so if anyone has these items in their garage and would like to donate them to the Almoners room, the Scottish Rite, and Ill Del Davis in particular, would appreciate it very much. Thank you in advance.

May you all have a happy and safe 4th of July, and especially remember what it stands for!

Fraternally Yours,

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From the Venerable Master

The year 2010 is nearly half over. The Summer months will start on the 21st of June and before we know it we will be getting ready to start practices for the Fall degrees. The dates will be forthcoming.

Remember July 21st is the date set for the Mason of the Year ceremony.

Make your reservations now for dinner. This will be attended by the Grand Master and several of the Grand Lodge Officers. No caps are to be worn.

Remember Cathedral Board Meeting 6 pm / Officers Conference 7 pm will be one week early (June 23rd) because on the 30th some of us will be in San Francisco for dinner.

Crispin D. Woelfler 32nd KCCH
Venerable Master



**July Stated Meeting
Menu**

Officer's BBQ

Hamburgers

Hot Dogs

Chili Beans

Salad

Homemade Pies

**MASON OF THE
YEAR
DINNER/AWARDS**

WED, JULY 21, 2010

**Social – 5:30 pm
Dinner – 6:30 pm**

\$15 per person

**Reservations into:
Scottish Rite Center
office 466-3391**

DONATIONS

Almoners - None

Language Center - Marcia Price-Lair

Building Fund - Donald Hallbourg

IN MEMORIUM



Phillip Coddington
James Langston Jr.
Orville "Bud" Fox

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

A word from Albert Pike, 32° SRMC.....

In the 18th Degree - Knight of the Rose Croix
The duties of this degree; practice virtue; eliminate vice; purify humanity; be tolerant of the faith and creed of others. We should have faith in GOD, mankind, and ourselves. We should hope in the victory over evil, the advancement of humanity, and hereafter.

In the 19th degree, GRAND PONTIFF, states to be content to labor for the future; serve the cause of truth with patience and industry; destroy error, falsehood, and intolerance with truth, honesty, honor and charity.



From
The Personal
Representative

Here we are moving into the summer season and events are heating up. We just completed our third monthly cigar and fellowship BBQ. We had 12 in attendance and a good time was had by all. One issue that was discussed was the need to move our dates to a different day as the Aames Shrine and the San Joaquin Shrine Club both meet on the third Wednesday. After long deliberation we decided to change the meetings to the third Tuesday. Our next cigar and fellowship night will be here at the Scottish Rite on Tuesday, July 20, starting with the social at 5:30pm and dinner being ready at 6:30pm. We ask that you call the office ahead of time, as to have an accurate count for the food. The only fee is \$5 to offset the cost of the food. Liquid refreshments are provided. Please keep in mind that this event is open to any master mason or prospective masons.

Next time you are in the large dining room, take a look at the north wall. The old drapes have been removed and the entire wall has been weather sealed and repainted. The north wall has a whole new look. The Scottish Rite Ladies are working on a project of installing a new swag drape on the center area of the north wall. Our cathedral board has been very busy trying to improve the appearance of our building for the members and also our renters.

Please keep in mind that Wednesday, July 21st, we will be honoring the "Masons of the Year" from the 28 blue lodges in our area. The Grand Master and most of the Grand Line will also be here to honor the award winners.

Tod Ruse, 33rd
Personal Representative

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