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## A WORD FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY



**Greetings Brothers.**

We will be dark during the month of August, with no Stated Meeting planned. Be sure to join us, however, for our monthly “Cigar Night”, held on the third Tuesday of each month. August 17 will be our next one, so why don’t you venture on over for some casual, friendly camaraderie, complete with a bbq, libation, and your favorite stogie. We begin at 6 pm. This is proving to be a very popular event, so be sure to come join in the fun. Please call the office with your bbq reservations; this stag event is open to all members and their friends, so don’t miss out!

Mark your calendars now for our September 1<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting. This will be a special evening, since after dinner we will be awarding 25- and 50-year pins to several of our members. Let’s honor these special members by showing your support and attending. There will be more info on this in the next Rite News, but in the meantime, clear this evening on your calendars and plan to come.

Sept. 11 will also mark a special event, our annual Ladies’ Luncheon and Fashion Show. This is always a well-attended and fun event, so please plan to attend. The ladies put much time and effort into this event, and have done much to improve our facility. Please plan to attend, and again, there will be more info in the next Rite News

**CANDIDATES!!** That’s the going word right now. Our next Degree Class will be held on Oct 8, 9, & 16. It’s not too early to be signing up or contacting those who might be interested in becoming 32° Master Masons. Get those applications in now! They need to be read in a Stated Meeting, and since we are dark in August, we only have the Sept. Stated Meeting, so get them turned in as soon as you can.

**UPGRADED!** I am pleased to report that our kitchen has been refurbished and looks absolutely great! Paint on the ceiling/walls, epoxy on the floors, a new pantry, and a general all-around face-lift have really enhanced the look and use of it. Many thanks go to Bro. Paul Mullen, who generously donated his time to paint the kitchen, Bros. Ken Evans and myself, who tore down the old cabinets, and Bros. Ed Walters, Jake Van Holland, and myself, who built the new pantry. As you can see, we have used a lot of donated help to accomplish this feat, so any of you who might be able to help in future endeavors, you are more than welcome to volunteer.

Marlene Von Berg, our rental coordinator, has been overseeing Work Net workers, who have been busy painting the whole dining room. Once finished, new curtains will be installed along the east wall, courtesy of the Scottish Rite Ladies’ Association. Our sincerest thank you goes to these ladies, who are always looking for ways to “spruce up” the place.

Fraternally Yours,  
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From the Venerable Master

No Stated Meeting in August. Our next meeting will be, August 25th. The Mason of the Year was a big success with over three hundred in attendance. A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped put this together.

Crispin D. Woelfer  
Venerable Master


  
Scottish Rite Ladies' Association Presents  
Symphony of Color  
Luncheon/Fashion Show  
  
September 11, 2010  
11:30 AM  
  
*Special Guest:*  
*Peter Jaffe*  
*Conductor of Stockton Symphony*  
  
Stockton Scottish Rite  
Donation \$15.00  
Raffle and Door Prizes

DONATIONS

Almoners - NONE

Language Center - NONE

Building Fund - Donald Hallbourg  
Marcia Price-Lair

## IN MEMORIUM



John Siemers  
William Tucker

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

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

*From its earliest days, the Craft emerged as a brotherhood that concerned itself with its members and their well being. This was not just economical but spiritual, emotional, and moral. It was a place where a man could belong and find acceptance with the knowledge that his brothers would be concerned about him and look after him as he would for them. That's what it meant to be accepted as a member of the craft. No details esoteric forays into the origins of the Fraternity are needed; just hear the obligations and consider the focus. What do you think were on the minds of the first Brothers with whom these solemn vows originated?*



From  
The Personal  
Representative

Through the efforts of the Work Net Program we have been very fortunate to have 4 worker throughout the summer to assist with the beautification of your Scottish Rite. Being that school is starting for Stockton Unified, the program is concluded for this year. This young people were experiencing their first work experience and were able to work with our regular staff. Please note some of the accomplishments: the floor in the Dunbar Room was stripping and waxed; the Dunbar Room was painted and new coving was installed; the kitchen has been painted and the floors are now complete; the hallways to the restrooms have been painted; walls have been weatherized and concrete strip has been done around the Dunbar Room; and a concrete pad is ready to be poured by the kitchen. These are just a few things that have been accomplished and all these things help the appearance of the building. Let's just say we have added a little make-up to an aging building. This has been a joint effort and this has allowed these young people to get some hands-on experience with maintenance.

Thank you to all the lodges who participated in the mason of the Year event and to all of those who received honors. Special thank you to the Grand Master and his Staff for being present at the event. Your participation always makes this event the highlight of the year.

Tod Ruse

Personal Representative

**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.

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## Scottish Rite Calendar

**DATED MATERIAL — PLEASE DO NOT HOLD**

### 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 6PM/ Off Conf 7 PM

### SEPTEMBER                CONSISTORY                CASUAL

Sept. 1 – Stated Meeting/Nomination Committee  
Appointment 25/50 Year Pins & Hats

**Sept. 6 – Office Closed – Labor Day**

Sept. 11 – Ladies Fashion Show

Sept. 16 - Master Craftsman Workshop – Lib 4-6 pm

Sept. 29 – Cathedral Mtg 6 PM/ Off. Conference 7 M

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

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 Stockton Scottish Rite Ladies Association.....*



Once again we were able to celebrate our country's birthday and enjoy time with family and friends. Hope you enjoyed your time. For those who were not able to attend the Stated Dinner, you missed out on some freshly baked homemade pies . Talk about finger licking good!!! These were delicious. Thank you, ladies.



With the absence of our secretary and treasurer, the minutes were read; balance presented and were approved. Main focus is the Luncheon/Fashion Show. Tickets are now available. August 25<sup>th</sup> has been set aside as the date to put our baskets together. If you can make that date, please call JoAnn Henderson. Your raffle items should be in before the date. Models, I will be giving your phone numbers to the various stores and they will be calling you to schedule your selection of outfits.



Since August is dark, there will not be another meeting until September 1<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you then.



Marlene Von Berg



President of the Scottish Rite Ladies' Assoc.

