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## CONGRATULATIONS 2010 FALL DEGREE CLASS!



Our newest 32° Masons, pictured from left to right, front row: Richard Ahlborn, Miguel Gomez, Lonnie Sorci, Alex Llanera, John Coleman, Ill. Tod Ruse, 33°. Back row: Ill. Del Davis, 33°, Christopher Fredricksen, Jim Dean, Bradley Greenwood, Antoine Varani, Bill Hasenbuhler, 32° KCCH. Not pictured: Joe Gregorins, Michael Masters.



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Personal Representative of the  
S.G.I.G. in California**

**THERE WILL NOT BE A DINNER BEFORE THE DEC. I STATED MTG.**

**A WORD FROM OUR  
GENERAL SECRETARY**



**Greetings Brothers.**

**This may be my last Rite News article, as I just found out that I will no longer be serving as your General Secretary.**

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported me and our Rite this past year. We have made many improvements to the building and grounds, as well as had many great events. I can't thank everyone enough for their hard work, donations of time and materials, and general all around support. We've had some great meals because of those who helped in the kitchen. Others helped get the kitchen from being red-tagged and unusable to up-to-code and in first class condition. There has been much done with electrical and plumbing in the building, as well as cement laid outside and a moisture barrier built both inside and out. We've accomplished a lot this past year and you should all be proud of the improvements. Cigar Night was a success, and I plan to move the event to the Modesto Lodge. Any of you who would like to take part, call me as to the date and time, and we'll see you in January. It will no longer be a Scottish Rite event, but rather a Lodge sponsored one. All are invited to participate.**

**As a last note, I would like to congratulate our new Fall Class members on achieving their 32°. I am very proud of each and every one of you.**

**Fraternally Yours,  
Rocky Gould, General Secretary  
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From  
The Personal  
Representative

The following is presented as a matter of information to all our members at the Stockton Scottish Rite. Our General Secretary, Rocky Gould, and I attended the Scottish Rite Foundation meeting in Long Beach on Saturday, November 13. At the end of the meeting I was informed by the SGIG that

he was going to make a change in the administration of the Valley of Stockton and that a letter would be sent to us with the details of how this change would be handled. This change includes the Personal Representative, the General Secretary, and the Treasurer. As of the writing of this article, we have not received the official letter, so we have no more information to share.

All I can say at this time is that it has been both an honor and privilege to serve as the Personal Representative in the Valley of Stockton. This has been a rewarding experience for me and I hope the new administration finds this position as interesting as I have. I would like to thank the officers, members and ladies of our valley for the great support shown during the last six years. I would also like to pay a special thanks to Rocky Gould and Jack Helsby for their willingness to step up to the plate in the daily duties of running our Valley. Finally, the friendships and fellowship gained from our meetings and related activities are outstanding. This makes our time here at Scottish Rite invaluable.

Thank you one and all for supporting Scottish Rite.

Tod Ruse, 33°

Personal Representative

From the Venerable Master



This month I have the pleasure to announce the results of the election of officers for 2011. **Lodge of Perfection:** Venerable Master, Clive Moss; Senior Warden, Charles Hasenbuhler; Junior Warden, Ioannis Patronas. **Chapter Rose Croix:** Wise Master, Albert Pike; Senior Warden, Rodney Owen; Junior Warden, Bill Eychaner. **Council of Kadosh:** Commander, Brian Wilson; First Lt. Commander, Jim Allen; Second Lt. Commander, Miguel Gomez. **Consistory:** Master of Kadosh, Bruce Babcock; Prior, Jake Van Holland; Preceptor, Chris Fredrickson. **Treasurer:** Jack Helsby. **Organist:** Richard Timmins. **Tyler:** Ed Johnson. **Expert:** (all four bodies) Richard Garcia. **Assistant Expert:** (all four bodies) Alex Llanera.

Thank you all for your support this past year. It was a pleasure serving as Venerable Master.

Crispin D. Woelfer,  
Venerable Master

FROM ALBERT PIKE, SRMC 32°:

The true Mason identifies the honor of his country with his own. Nothing more conduces to the beauty and glory of one's country than the preservation against all enemies of its civil and religious liberty. The world will never willingly let die the names of those patriots who in their different ages have received upon their own breasts the blows aimed by insolent enemies at the bosom of their country.

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**DATED MATERIAL — PLEASE DO NOT HOLD**

**THERE WILL NOT BE A DINNER BEFORE  
THE DEC. 1 STATED MEETING**

**THE SCOTTISH RITE OPEN HOUSE SLATED  
FOR DEC. 5 HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

## **Scottish Rite Calendar**

### **DECEMBER CHAPTER ROSE CROIX**

#### **DARK SUITS**

Dec. 1 - Stated Meeting 7 pm  
Dec. 5 - Christmas Open House **CANCELLED**  
Dec. 16 - Master Craftsman Workshop- Library 4-6 pm  
**Dec. 25 - Office Closed - Christmas**  
Dec. 29 -Cathedral Bd. Meeting 6 pm/Off.Conference 7pm

### **JANUARY LODGE OF PERFECTION TUXEDO**

**Jan. 1 - closed Happy New Year!**  
Jan. 5 – Officers Assembly 5PM, Stated Meeting/Joint  
Installation  
**Jan. 17 — Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day**  
Jan. 20 – Master Craftsman Workshop – Library 4-6 pm  
Jan. 26– Cathedral Bd. Meeting 6 pm/Off. Conference 7pm

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.....*

As the year 2010 comes to a close, this is the beginning of the holiday activities. This is the time for family and friends; the wonderful aromas from the kitchen, and the celebrating of traditions. Yet for some, it is the time of loneliness and despair. Please take a moment to include those in your thoughts and be thankful to share our times together.

Review of the meeting: review of the Fashion Show/ Luncheon revenue for the last two years; reserve date for the Fashion Show/Luncheon for September 24, 2011; Easter Breakfast will be continental before the relighting of the lights; establishing a credit or debit card for the Ladies' Association with a \$2000 limit.

Wishing you a joyous holiday!

*Marlene Von Berg, President of the Scottish Rite Ladies' Association*

## IN MEMORIUM



JOSEPH G. ROJAS

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