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From the Personal Representative

Most of the strategic positions on the Stockton Scottish Rite Boards have been filled and the committees are actively pursuing the tasks at hand. The building committee is surveying our facilities and we are beginning to collect estimates to facilitate improvements to our properties. Improvements should provide for attractive rental potentials thus increasing and stabilizing our income.

The Language Center board is focusing on a vision of collecting donations through active fundraising in an effort to provide additional opportunities for the children we serve at the Center. These campaigns include investigating the potential for the sale of fireworks, a golf tournament and of course the "365 Club" I mentioned in the previous newsletter. Once again the Language Center is our Charity and we are obligated to provide the best support possible for the children we serve.

The "365" Club is a system of contribution which provides both Rite members and interested citizens an opportunity to contribute either in small denominations or the entire amount of \$365.00 in a calendar year. Upon reaching the \$365.00 goal the donor will be acknowledged immediately. Gifts may be given by individuals, families, "in honor of", or "in memory of" anyone the donor may wish. This supportive donation enterprise has worked successfully elsewhere and it is my pleasure to announce that in the period we have been discussing and organizing this prestigious Club we have received seventeen (17) commitments from members wishing to fully support the program. With such energetic support I anticipate that this great opportunity will be very successful. Thanks to all that have already made contributions. For those who are interested in finding out more about how to help please contact John Baker, General Secretary. At 466-3391

Ed McClenton, 32° Personal Representative

DONATIONS

LANGUAGE CENTER—365 Club

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In memory of Mary Coale

Donald Hallbourg

Robert A. Burger

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Services to Return to Stockton

The Maundy Thursday services (known as the Ceremony of Extinguishing of the Lights) will be portrayed in the Stockton Scottish Rite Auditorium on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 7:30 PM, preceded by a catered, first-class dinner at 6:30 PM. Our Personal Representative Ed McClenton, 32° has indicated that the Maundy Thursday observance of 2011 will be held this year in the halls of the Stockton Scottish Rite at the above date and time. In 1994, Supreme designated that henceforth the Maundy Thursday would be non-obligatory, citing that in some instances this service when held on Maundy Thursday could conflict with church services that perhaps some of our members would normally like to attend. Hence, the Stockton Bodies have held Maundy Thursday Services in Modesto for some years but not on Maundy Thursday nights. Personal Representative McClenton, 32° would like to

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Heads Up!

Golf Tournament Notice

September 25th

Brookside Country Club



A Golf Tournament to benefit the Language Center,

This gives you time to get your team together.

Members that don't plan to play can volunteer to assist us that day and enjoy participation in the program. Details will follow!

Let no man take wages or fees for a work that he cannot do, or cannot with probability undertake; or in some sense profitably, and with ease or with advantage

manage. Let no man appropriate to his own use, what God, by a special mercy, or the Republic, hath made common; for that is against both Justice and Charity.

Albert Pike





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The Bodies of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Stockton, Orient of California, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspector General Knights of Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty Third Degree of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose See is at the Grand Orient of Charleston, in the state of South Carolina.

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Sovereign Grand Commander

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Sovereign Grand Inspector General

Ed McClenton, 32°
Personal Representative of the
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bring back to the Stockton Bodies this celebration of "Extinguishing the Lights" and as such, you and your family are cordially invited to once again in to

participate the observance of this time-honored ceremony.

Reservations for dinner are mandatory. Public is invited and reservations not necessary for the service.

Stockton Scottish Rite

LANGUAGE CENTER NEWS



The spring semester is running smoothly. We have 61 student clinicians providing speech and language therapy to a total of 85 children. The children range in age from 2 years old to 15 years old. We are currently providing therapy for disorders in the following areas:

language: Using or understanding vocabulary and/or grammar. Effectively communicating thoughts and feelings articulation: Making speech sounds correctly disfluency (also known as stuttering): An interruption in the rhythm of speech characterized by hesitation, repetitions, or prolongations of sounds, syllables, or phrases, voice: Vocal quality (hoarse, breathy, nasal) or pitch (too high, too low)

Please plan to join us for an open house on April 6th at 6:00 to find out more about what we do at the Stockton Scottish Rite Language Center.



Student Clinician Cassidy works with 2 year old Xavier, who is hearing impaired. Cassidy works with him to improve awareness of different sounds and sound patterns and the ability to produce a variety of speech sounds.



Student Clinician Mary works with 12 year old Kenneth and 15 year old Andres to improve language skills. In this session, Mary is teaching a lesson on recognizing and understanding different facial expressions

Daughters of Boaz

The Masonic Widows Club

Then said Boaz unto Ruth, "Hear you not my daughter?"

*Go not to glean in another field,
 neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens."*



Several years ago, San Joaquin Lodge #19 established the Daughters of Boaz to provide moral support and an opportunity to continue to socialize within the Masonic community. Since merging with Morning Star #68 to become Morning Star #19, it has become a welcomed obligation of the new Lodge to support this group. The Ladies meet on the second Sunday of the month, 3:30 pm, at UJ's on Pacific Ave. in Stockton for social purposes. They welcome any widow of a mason, whether or not he was a member of a local Lodge or Prince Hall Mason. All Masons and/or their wives are encouraged to visit with them. The Stockton Bodies of the Scottish Rite has accepted the responsibility of supporting this group as part of the obligation we took as Masons and encourage it's members to establish similar groups in our outlying areas. For more information contact Mary Ellen Dunbar at 209 931 3967 or Jim Allen 209 390 8355, jimallenprinter@aol.com

Called From Labor

Donald R. Nielson
At Rest March 5, 2011
Irving M. Corren
At Rest March 7, 2011

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



National Sojourners Stockton Area Chapter

Is now accepting New members. The Purpose is Americanism, Troop Support, Youth & Social.

Membership consist of former, current & Retired Officers, Warrant Officers & Non-Commissioned Officers of the US & Allied Armed Forces.

Non-Military Masons are welcomed as Associates. For more information call,
Steve Fowler 209 727 3166
Jim Allen 209 390 8355

Guy's Night Out

The 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Eat ✓ Smoke ✓ Chew ✓ Lie
Adult Beverages
Tall Tales & Fish Stories
You know, "Guy things!"



No program—No agenda
Dress optional, pants required!
Starts about 5:30ish
Dinner—When it's ready!
Cost—Five Bucks
Let us know or eat whats left!


From the General Secretary

We are anticipating a change. Or should I say yet another change! The Rite News has looked much the same for several years and is due for an update. As I sit behind my desk I have the privilege of reading the newsletters of Scottish Rite Valleys all over the nation. Some are great, some are not. Ours falls in the category of "just ok".

We would like to upgrade the publication to include coverage of our Language Center with features on the children receiving services. The Center is why we exist, so let's share the knowledge of what goes on behind those doors.

Further, you likely tire of reading articles from the likes of me telling you much the same thing every month. Each of us writing articles has the same problem; keeping news interesting and informative without repeating oneself is a challenge. By publishing every other month we reduce the risk of repeating plus we get the benefit of saving 50% of the publishing costs. The new "Rite News" will be published every other month commencing with the June issue. How is that for a winner?

The new look will be in color and should be a much more professional looking newsletter. Please let me know how you like the changes (once you have seen them).

John L. Baker, 32° KCCH 
General Secretary

Our thanks to Charles Crittenden and the Brothers at East-Belt Tuolumne Lodge in Sonora for hosting Our "guys night out". We had a good time and good food.



They maintain a great Lodge. Stated meetings are the second Tuesday of each month Visit them!

"Many writers and thinkers have tried to define Freemasonry, but it really defeats definition. It is too profound in conception, too complex, to easily expressed in words. Perhaps the simplest and best definition of all is the phrase "the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God."

*Our Masonic forefathers had an understanding of human needs and human aspirations. They may never have dreamed of the mindless computer which governs our lives, or the fission of matter which threatens our lives, but they understood human nature and what motivates the spirit of man. Thus from a simple process of using stone and mortar for building, they progressed to the most important of life's functions,.....
.....the building of character."*

Louis L. Williams

Easter Sunday

Relighting of the Lights

Following Easter breakfast, compliments of The Scottish Rite Ladies Assn. the Stockton Scottish Rite Bodies will once again portray the Relighting of the Lights ceremony in the Scottish Rite Auditorium commencing at 9:00 AM.

Your family and friends are invited to attend this ceremony. Following the ceremony, the Easter Bunny will be visiting with Easter Baskets for the children and the not-so-young children in attendance.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

And Easter Bunny
Compliments of
Scottish Rite Ladies Assn.

EASTER MORNING
Sunday, April 24th
7:30—8:45 AM

Followed by
Re-lighting of the Lights
Ceremony

Open to all
members and
families of the
Masonic
Community





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Scottish Rite
Calendar



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.

APRIL **CONSISTORY** **DARK SUITS**

Bruce Babcock, 32°, Master of Kadosh

- Apr. 6 – Stated Meeting/Language Center Open House*
 - Apr. 19 – ‘Guys Night Out’ Sunset Club and Dinner at Scottish Rite*
 - April 21—Munday Thursday Ceremony and Dinner*
 - Apr. 24 – Easter Breakfast/Re-light Lights*
 - Apr. 27 - Master Craftsman Work shop- Library – 4-6 PM
 - Apr. 27 – Cathedral Board Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm
- * Requires Reservation for food service—Call 209 466 3391*

From the Scottish Rite Ladies Association

We have purchased specific games and books for the Language Center. These are additional tools to use with the patients. The total cost was \$420.42. As we allowed \$600 we will ask the “Center” what other items are needed.

March 8th is the date for the open house at the Language Center. The Ladies Association has been asked to purchase the hors d’ oeuvres for the open house. We will be reimbursed by the Scottish Rite. Barbara Burrel has offered to be in charge of this activity. This is your opportunity to see the Language Center. We hope that you will attend. Barbara also purchased the books for the Language Center.

Don’t forget to attend our free continental breakfast Easter morning 7:30 to 8:45. The Easter Bunny has assured me that he will be in attendance. If you would like to help with the cooking, serving or assisting the Easter Bunny in preparation for the breakfast please call Ida Evans at 957-2515. The breakfast will be followed by the “lighting of the lights”

We also will sponsor a table setting, salad bar and fashion show on September 24. I personally encourage you to either sponsor a table or attend at some other member’s table. This has been a lovely way to spend an afternoon and has been financially successful. The table settings range from the finest of china to attractive paper plates. The variety of settings is always exceptional as is the variety of salads.

If you know of one of the Scottish Rite Brothers and/or members of their family who would benefit from a “get well card”, “thinking of you” card, or just a friendly “we miss you” card please give Shirley Davis a call at: 537-5643

Maunday Thursday Menu
Caesar Salad
Roasted Cornish Game Hens
Seasonal Vegetables Wild Rice Pilaf
Sheet Cake with Vanilla Ice Cream
Cost \$15.00
Reservations Required

APRIL STATED DINNER
Special Guests , Our Clinicians
Wednesday April 6th
(\$15.00 PER PERSON)
SPECIAL MENU

- *Baked Red Snapper*
- *Roasted Red Potatoes w/Herbs*
- *Louie Salad w/eggs and Shrimp*
- *Seasoned Green Beans*
- *French Bread*

PLEASE CALL
(209) 466-3391 TO PLACE
YOUR RESERVATIONS BY
April 4th