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Personal Representative Edwin McClenton, 32°



From the Personal Representative.

As the summer winds down I would like to take this opportunity to comment on some of the wonderful things we have accomplished in the last couple of months. As a group we have risen to a new level and created a renewed foundation for the charities we support. For this, I am proud of our members, our supporters, and our organization as a whole.

✓ The “365 Club” has become a very successful and fulfilling endeavor. In the short time this program has been with us, forty-four donors have committed to a dollar a day in support of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center. The proceeds will directly help the center provide assistance to the children in need of speech therapy which is offered in cooperation with the University of the Pacific.



✓ The Supreme Council of Scottish Rite, Washington D.C. has announced the recipients of the biennial honors. Our Region was notified that four of our members will be honored. One is to be elected to the Illustrious 33rd degree, Douglas Eberhardt, 32° and three to the rank of 32nd degree Knight Commander Court of Honor, Edwin McClenton, 32°, Patrick O’Hern, 32°, and Raymond Murphy, 32°. The recipients will receive the honors in a ceremony in Oakland, California in October of this year. The honors are given for extraordinary service to the Scottish Rite Bodies and Community. Nominations are made by a Council of 33° from the Stockton Scottish Rite Bodies.

✓ Last but not least, after discussions with our local members, I have decided the dinners preceding the stated meetings will be complimentary. Costs related to the dinners will be paid by the Stockton Scottish Rite. ***It is imperative, however, that anyone wishing to attend the dinners make reservations at least 48 hours prior by calling the office at 209 466-3391. Ed McClenton, 32°, PR (Look for special announcement from our General Secretary on page 2)***

Be of good morals and of good reputation...



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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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From the Venerable Master...

Greetings Brethren:
This is my message for October and November. Brethren, we are coming up on the Degrees. It is time for the members of the Stockton Scottish to outnumber the candidates at the Degrees. Therefore, I am requesting no less than thirty (30) brothers to attend, in an effort to show incoming brethren that we care.

SUNSET CLUB

"Guy's Night Out"
The 3rd Tuesday of the month.
Eat ✓ Smoke ✓ Scratch ✓ Lie
Adult Beverages
Tall Tales & Fish Stories



You know, "Guy stuff!"
No program—No agenda
Dress optional, pants required!
Starts about 5:30ish
Dinner—When it's ready!
Cost—Five Bucks
Make Reservations or
eat leftovers! 466 3391

OCTOBER'S MENU:

Fish Fry
Provided by
Ken Evans 32° KCCH and Bill
Eychaner 33°

Daughters of Boaz

The Masonic Widows Club
Meets at UJ's in Stockton
2nd Sunday of each month
3:30 PM

All Masonic widows
are invited



Scottish Rite
Master Craftsman
Program

2nd Wednesday 6pm—8pm
4th Wednesday 4pm—6pm

For information call
Bruce Babcock 32°
209 770 2162

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"Times listed are by
appointment only!"

From the Secretary.....

Is there ever a "Free Lunch"?

Yes, there is, sort of. If you read the Personal Rep's article you likely noted that we will not be charging for the Stated Meeting dinners. This is as close to a free lunch as one may ever find., Why are we doing this and how are we going to survive in these tight financial times? We have been serving sodas and assorted other drinks with only a donation can on the table for years and the drink fund has never failed to pay for the product consumed. Yes, some months the donations fall short but on an annualized basis, the donations outpace the cost to replace the supply.

We are going to fund the dinners the same way. Donations can be placed in the can from those who feel the need to pay their own way and also wish to contribute to those of us who may be a little short of funds this month. This will operate strictly on the honor system and you may even be asked to make your own change. This is not a novel idea to Masons who have been operating on the honor system their whole life.

Fraternally,
John L. Baker 32° KCCH



Mary Ellen accepts flowers presented by Ken Evans, 32° KCCH

SALUTE TO MARY ELLEN DUNBAR

On Saturday, July 30, 2011, the Stockton Scottish Rite and the Stockton Scottish Rite Ladies Auxiliary had the opportunity to honor a tireless supporter of the Rite. It was to Mary Ellen's surprise that the Ladies Auxiliary had brilliantly organized an afternoon event of wine, cheeses, and chocolates. Mary Ellen has aided the Rite with our dinners, supplied beautiful handmade decorations, and assisted with many other valued endowments. Mary Ellen continues to provide her outstanding services as did William "Hank" Dunbar, 33°, had done for many years. Mary Ellen is very active in the Ladies Auxiliary, Eastern Star, and in many other Masonic organizations. This well attended affair was a richly deserved thank you for all of Mary Ellen's hard work on our behalf.

THANKS AGAIN!

Called From Labor

Abraham Lincoln Nance, 32°
Hazen, Nevada
November 9, 2010

Max Miller Carroll, 33°
Stockton, California
August 9, 2011

Seneca Leam Burr, 32°
Crockett, California
August 19, 2011

David Buford Vest, 32°
Manteca California
September 7, 2011

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



Scottish Rite Ladies Association

Our luncheon/fashion show was a great success. Thank you to all of the ladies who did tables, those who modeled, those who made raffle baskets, or donated raffle prizes, the Morning Star Lodge #19 members who served wine and escorted the models, the members of Rainbow who sold the raffle tickets, the ladies who made salads and all of those who attended. We were amazed at how quickly the tickets sold. Our thanks to Shirley Davis who chaired this event every year until this year. She set the standard which we built on. Thank you, also, Heidi Germino who is the director of the Language Center. Heidi gave a short presentation regarding the Language Center. It was an afternoon of renewing friendships and making new friends. Good food, lovely ambience - weren't the ceilings outstanding - and good company. That is about as good as it gets.

We hope that we will see all of the ladies next year and that some of you will consider doing your own table. We often have two ladies go together to do the tables. This really cuts the work in half.

If you are interested in helping us spend our profit join us October 4th after the dinner.

Nancy Pozar, President



Photo by Jim Smith



VALLEY OF STOCKTON

CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE DISORDERS CENTER NEWS



Check being presented by Husna and Heidi

REACH OUT VOLUNTEER

DONATES WINNINGS

University of the Pacific Speech-Language Pathology student and Scottish Rite Language Center clinician, Husna

Mohammadi was honored at the 2010-2011 Reach Out Volunteer Celebration hosted by The Center for Community Involvement. Husna received the Outstanding Volunteer Award. She was recognized for giving over 500 hours of volunteer service. In honor of her service, a \$500.00 check was awarded to the non-profit organization of her choice. Husna chose the Scottish Rite Language Center as the recipient. The check was accepted on behalf of the Language Center by Heidi Germino, the Clinic Director. This provided a unique opportunity to share information about the Scottish Rite Language Center and the services we provide to the community. Husna will be serving as a clinician again this year as she will be attending the Graduate Program in Speech-Language Pathology at University of the Pacific.

DONATION & PLEDGE

365 Club

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|--|---------------------|
| W. Ron Coale ♦
<i>In memory of Mary Coale</i> | Donald Hallbourg |
| Cliff Wilburn
<i>In memory of Alice Wilburn</i> | Robert Hanyak ♦ |
| Virgilio Ambida | Balbir Johl |
| Bruce Babcock | Richard Laughlin |
| John Baker ♦ | Jim Linnerman ♦ |
| James Baum ♦ | Ed McClenton ♦ |
| Robert Beeson ♦ | Clive Moss |
| Sean Blasy | Patrick O'Hern ♦ |
| John Bolt ♦ | Rodney Owen |
| Bob Breckenridge ♦ | John Patronas |
| Robert A. Burger | Candice Perfetto ♦ |
| Bill Du Bois | Albert Pike |
| Douglass Eberhardt ♦ | John Pozar ♦ |
| Marian Edwards | Maria Prince-Lair ♦ |
| Ken Evans ♦ | D. Craig Santos ♦ |
| Bill Eychaner ♦ | Jim Sanborn |
| Bob Friedberger | Joe Sciabica |
| Robert Gnekow ♦ | James G Smith ♦ |
| Jairo Gomez | Robert Snodgrass |
| Lin Griffith | Robert Snyder ♦ |
| | Gene Trimble |
| | David Weese ♦ |

♦ Designates members that have reached their goal.

GOLF TOURNAMENT A GREAT SUCCESS!

The Inaugural Stockton Scottish Rite Language Center Golf Tournament was held Monday, September 26th and if you were not there you missed a very good event and a wonderful time. Golfers from throughout Northern California enjoyed near perfect weather, a beautiful golf course, great food, and numerous prizes. The event was held at Brookside Country Club in Stockton and the winning team posted a score of 57! The



From left to right: Ron Coale, 33°, Ed McClenton, 32°, Heidi Germino, and James G Smith, 33°

Grand Prize winner won a 42" flat screen TV and numerous other prizes were raffled and auctioned. A special thank you to all of the tournament sponsors, prize donors, and volunteers that help make this event a success! The purpose of this tournament was not to just have fun (which we did) but also to raise funds for the Childhood Language Disorders Center and this we did also. The monies raised will be used to continue the program of helping children learn to speak. Again, thank you to the volunteers of the Golf Committee who worked so diligently on this event.

Craig Santos, 33° Golf Committee Chairperson

Northern California Research Lodge

Meets the Third
Tuesday @ 7pm
San Francisco
Scottish Rite
2850 19th Avenue
San Francisco, CA
94132



No Host Dinner
@ 530pm
Location:
Lakeside Cafe
2529 Ocean Ave
San Francisco, CA
94132



Brethren from Tyrian of Manteca and Modesto Lodges put on a joint 3rd degree on Thursday, July 14th, for Brother Bryan Martin. This was the first time in recent memory that such a degree has been performed, and it was a memorable event. Tyrian and Modesto are already planning another like it for next year.

Jordan Yelinek, PM, Master



FAMOUS MASONS MEL BLANC

May 30, 1908 — July 10, 1989

Known as "the Man of 1,000 Voices," Melvin Jerome Blanc was an accomplished bassist, violinist and sousaphone player. Early in his career he played in the NBC Radio Orchestra and conducted the pit orchestra at the Orpheum Theatre in Portland.

A voice specialist from radio, movies and TV, Blanc was rarely seen by his audience although widely recognized as the voice of virtually every major Warner Brothers cartoon character except Elmer Fudd. He is perhaps best known for the voice of Bugs Bunny. Joining the Warner Bros. studio in 1936 (1937?), Blanc's voice was also featured as the original voice of Woody Woodpecker in 1940. The following year he was signed to an exclusive contract with Warner Bros.

On-screen appearances were rare, but he had amusing moments in Neptune's Daughter (1949), Champagne for Caesar (1950), and Kiss Me, Stupid (1964); he also provided off screen voices for Strange Brew (1983). His autobiography, *That's Not All, Folks!* was published in 1988.

Over the years, Blanc received many awards from civic organizations. Among them were the United Jewish Welfare Fund Man of the Year and the Show Business Shrine Club's first Life Achievement Award. One of Blanc's favoured charities was the Shrine Hospital Children's Burn Center.

Member: Mid Day Lodge No. 188, Oregon

Where does Scottish Rite Masonry belong in the order of things?

I would dearly love to be able to take credit for the following article, but, I'm not that talented. I must give credit to the Consistory of Denver for these statements. I found it to be a well rounded summary of what Scottish Rite Masonry is all about. Please enjoy this and repeat it to our Brothers, mainly the ones that think Scottish Rite is not part of everyday Freemasonry.

Our Scottish Rite bodies belong to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. Thirty -five states and the District of Columbia belong to the Southern Jurisdiction, whose Supreme Council - our national governing body, is in Washington, D.C.

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was organized in the United States in 1801 and traces its lineage to Masons in 18th century France as well as to Frederick the Great of Prussia. Scottish Rite bodies are located on every continent and share the common values and goals of helping men become better individuals, husbands, fathers, and citizens of their respective countries. We do this through ritualistic instruction and the application of this instruction through various Masonic, community, and charitable activities.

As indicated by our name, the Scottish Rite is a part of the Masonic Fraternity, advancing the principles of Freemasonry through the ritualistic teachings of the 4th thru the 32nd degrees. As Freemasons and as Scottish Rite Masons, we hold the philosophical and practiced principles of brotherhood, equality, religious toleration, political freedom, and charity as important guiding principles in our lives and conduct.

The Scottish Rite is based upon Blue Lodge Masonry and in this country it does not confer the first three degrees. This is recognized as the unquestioned prerogative of the Grand Lodge. The Scottish Rite confers the degrees from the fourth to the thirty-third inclusive. Many questions raised by the Blue Lodge, but left unanswered, are answered in the Scottish Rite. Largely, it bears the same relation to Craft Masonry that the University does to earlier grades in education.

At all times it recognizes the supreme authority in Masonry of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master. It teaches that there is no rank higher than that of Master Mason, and no Masonic symbol more significant than the Master Mason's Apron, but it elaborates and emphasizes the great principles enshrined in Craft Masonry. When a Master Mason advances to the appending degrees of the Rite, it does not detract but adds to his interest in everything for which the Blue Lodge stands.

It deepens his appreciation of it, and motivates him to more active participation in its affairs. He cannot fail to see the intimate relation between the two, and far from losing interest or diminishing his appreciation, he actually gains in both, or should. The Scottish Rite aids, supplements and reinforces the Blue Lodge in every way. As organizations these bodies are mutually dependent. They strengthen each other with reciprocity. The Scottish Rite is a rite of enlightenment. Its purpose is to spread the light of Masonic truth by revealing and explaining matters concealed or only hinted at in Craft Masonry. Knowledge is power and the Scottish Rite seeks to arm its members with moral and spiritual understanding.



Jim Allen, 32°KCCH,
Reprint of my article in the Rite News. June 2008



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CALENDAR

**Return Service Requested
DATED MATERIAL — PLEASE DO NOT HOLD**

OCTOBER	LODGE OF PERFECTION	CASUAL
	<i>Bill Hasenbuhler, 32° KCCH — Venerable Master</i>	
Oct. 5	— Stated Meeting/Nomination Committee + Appointment Report & Election	
Oct. 12	— <i>Feast of Tishri</i> – Casual Dress Dinner @630pm +	
Oct. 14	— Scottish Rite Degrees 4 ° Dinner @5pm	
Oct. 15	— Scottish Rite Degrees 14° & 18° Breakfast @8am	
Oct. 18	— SUNSET CLUB at Stockton Scottish Rite 5:30 pm +	
Oct. 26	— Cathedral Meeting 6 pm/ Officers Conference 7 pm	
Oct. 29	— Scottish Rite Degrees 30° & 32° Breakfast @8am	
	+Reservations Required-Call 466 3391	

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.



✓ On July 20, 2011, the Stockton Scottish Rite hosted the Mason of the Year awards dinner. More than two hundred members, friends and family attended this event which included honorees from sixteen lodges within the Stockton Scottish Rite Region. William J. Bray III, Grand Master of Masons in California was the Honored Speaker and his thoughts and comments added to the significance of this event and the honor bestowed on the individuals selected by their respective lodges.