



# THE RITE NEWS

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## FINES AND APPLAUSE CONSIDERED FOR BACKSTAGE CREW! WAY TOO MUCH FUN WAS HAD BY ALL!

### FROM THE ALMONER

For many years we have been distributing mattresses with our hospital beds. This is strictly against the Health Codes and guide lines established by The State of California, without State Certified fumigation before disbursal. We must immediately cease, offering, loaning, dispensing, or distributing mattresses or mechanical beds in any way whatsoever.

Our current insurance carrier has indicated, we should discontinue distributing motorized medical equipment without extensive and extra insurance coverage. The State requires a State Certified program in effect to insure serviceability of these items. As we can't afford this kind of expense, we must discontinue this also.

Since I am bearing bad news, we must also stop distributing anything that cannot be sterilized, i.e. blood sampling kits, medication dispensers or items in opened packages, used hospital supplies, inflatable items, mechanical lifts, splints, shoes, and packaged medical supplies are included. These items cannot be cleaned and must be discontinued.

Up to this point, the carrier has no disagreement with us distributing walkers, wheelchairs (non-motorized), potty chairs, canes, crutches and shower chairs, provided they are cleaned and in serviceable condition.

We can be most grateful we have been able to be of service to our community for many years and will continue in a limited capacity.

**Del Davis, 32° KCCH, Almoner**



### THE GUYS THAT MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!

Bill Eychner, 33°, Bill Hasenbuhler, 32°, Master of Wardrobe, Rich Garcia, 32° KCCH, John Baker, 32°, KCCH, Director of Stage Crew, Jairo Gomez, 32°, John Pozar, 32° KCCH

### FROM THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members who have responded to our 2009 dues notice. You need to be aware that our membership office will be calling each member as the dues are paid to update your information on the Scottish Rite Sentinel computer program. We have found that as we add information to the new program, there is some information that is incomplete. Brother Jim Allen spent two days in the House of the Temple at Washington, D.C. learning how to bring our records up to date. We have transferred most of the old written records to the new program but have found that there is some information that is incomplete. Please assist us

in our effort to complete our records by answering a few questions the membership secretary will be asking when she calls. Again I thank you for your understanding.



**Tod Ruse, 33<sup>rd</sup>**  
Personal Representative



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**Ronald A. Seale, 33°  
Sovereign Grand Commander**

**William F. Stovall, 33°  
Sovereign Grand Inspector General**

**R. Tod Ruse, 33°  
Personal Representative of the  
S.G.I.G. in California**

**RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF A MASON**

The rights and duties of California Masons are stated in the California Masonic Code and the Ritual. Following is a summary of rights and duties from the California Masonic Code:

**Rights of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft**

You may sit in the lodge in which you received the degree or degrees when open in the degree. You may visit another lodge working in your degree, with the consent of the Master of your lodge and the Master of the lodge you visit, and when accompanied by a Master Mason who has sat in lodge with you.

You may be buried with Masonic honors.

**Rights and duties of Master Mason**

When you become a Master Mason, you will have the following additional rights and duties:

**Rights . . .**

You may participate in all lodge meetings. For a breach of propriety, or if a member presents himself in a state of intoxication, the Master may refuse admission to the meeting.

You have the right to a Masonic memorial service or burial with Masonic honors. if your financial circumstances require it, the lodge may pay your burial expenses and the burial expenses of your widow and any orphans dependent upon her.

You may seek relief from the lodge.

You have the right to vote on matters before the lodge and on applications for degrees and affiliation.

You may request a demit or transfer to another lodge.

**Duties . . .**

Uphold the moral duties contained in your obligation.

Obey Masonic law in the California Masonic Code and the rights and duties contained in the Ritual.

Retain membership in a lodge and pay dues.

Protect the esoteric or secret portion of the ritual from improper disclosure.

Maintain confidentiality of all lodge proceedings.

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**IN MEMORIUM**

**George Arnold Bays**

9/21/08

AASR Member since 5/17/46  
Member - Mount Oso #460

**Claude Monroe Aunger**

9/25/08

AASR Member since 1955  
Member - San Joaquin #19

**Larry M. Anundson**

10/02/2008

AASR Member since 1955  
Member - Woodbridge #131

**Edward W. Smith**

9/8/2008

AASR Member since 1992  
Member - Livingston Hills Ferry  
#236

**Allen L. Rollins**

8/25/2008

AASR Member since 1946  
Member - Escalon #591

**John E. Voorhees**

7/23/07

AASR Member since 1973  
Member - Oakdale #275

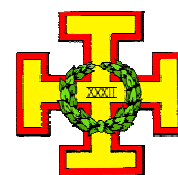
**Arley D. Adams**

5/21/07

AASR Member since 1969  
Member - Oakdale #275

**“Father,  
in thy Gracious keeping  
leave we now thy servant  
sleeping,**

**Amen.”**



## Veterans Day Observance

Tuesday, November 11  
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

California Masonic Memorial Temple  
1111 California Street,  
San Francisco, CA

Please join us on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11 to honor all of our Masonic brethren who have fought for our country, our families, and the cause of freedom.

This year, we give special recognition to veterans of World War II, mindful that this Veterans Day represents one of our last opportunities to gather with this greatest generation in thanks for their bravery.

The event will take place at the California Masonic Memorial Temple, which was erected as a war memorial shortly after World War II and celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The building bears the inscription: "Dedicated to Our Masonic Brethren Who Died in the Cause of Freedom."



## Almoners Fund

The Robbins Family

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Lin Griffith

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Forrest Christy

Dean Turner

Steve Astorino

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Thomas Mason

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Dean Turner

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Thomas Mason

Roy Sissell

Clinton Alexson

Charles Heckendorf, Jr.

Estella Monroe

*In Memory of Eugene E. Weber*



### FROM THE LADIES ASSN

Here we are and another year is rapidly drawing to a close. As we feel the temperature drop and the days become shorter, we know that fall is in the air.

To draw this year to a close, the ladies' lounge is getting a cosmetic face lift. The resident doctor, John Rice, did some nip and tuck on some of the rough areas and his assistant, Tony, be doing the botox treatment. Also adding to the professional team will be Dino. The total recovery time should be about two weeks.

I want to thank our advisor: Ida Evans, Shirley Smith, Nancy Pozar, and Shirley Davis for their consultation services on this delicate operation.

We will all await the unveiling of the new lounge area.

The nominating committee has presented a slate of officers for the coming year: President, Marlene Von Berg; Vice President, Shirley Davis; Secretary, Shirley Smith, and treasurer, Billy Beard. Nominations can also be submitted from the floor. Voting will be at the November meeting and installations will be in January.

Possible fashion show date at Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> or Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Check those dates on your calendar and we need to zero in on one of them.

So long for now. See you next month.

**Marlene Von Berg**, President

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nursing home, or is incapacitated in any way, or is deceased.

**DATED MATERIAL — PLEASE DO NOT HOLD**

## *Scottish Rite Calendar*

### November - Council Kadosh - Suits

Nov. 5th—Stated Meeting - 25 & 50 Year Awards

Nov. 26th—Cathedral Board/Officers Conference

### December-Chapter Rose Croix -Tuxedo

Dec. 3rd—Stated Meeting

### January- Lodge of Perfection - Tuxedo

Jan. 7th- Installation of 2009 Officers



NOTE: Dates, times and events are subject to change  
during the year.

## **Elected and Appointed Officers 2009**

### Officers Serving All Bodies

#### **Personal Representative -**

R. Tod Ruse, 33°

#### **General Secretary -**

Jim Allen, 32° KCCH

#### **Treasurer -** Jack Helsby, 32°

#### **Almoner -** Del Davis, 32° KCCH

#### **Prelate -** Crispin Woelfer, 32° KCCH

#### **Organist -**

Richard Timmons, 32° KCCH

#### **Director of the Works -**

John Bolt, 32° KCCH

#### **Properties Director,**

John Baker, 32° KCCH

#### **Childhood Language Center -**

**Chairman,** Ed McClenton, 32°

**Vice Chair.,** Patrick O'Hern, 32°

**Center Director,** Heidi Germino

#### **Rite News Editor -**

Jim Allen, 32° KCCH

#### **Web Master -** Dennis Jackson, 32°

#### **Tiler -** Ken Mayer, 32° KCCH

**Appointed All Four Bodies**

#### **Orator -** Finnes Bowman, 33°

#### **Expert -** Richard Garcia, 32° KCCH

#### **Assistant Expert -** Albert Pike, 32°

### Lodge of Perfection

#### **Venerable Master -**

Jake Van Holland, 32°

#### **Senior Warden -**

John Bolt, 32° KCCH

#### **Junior Warden -**

Crispin Woelfer, 32° KCCH

### Chapter Rose Croix

#### **Wise Master -** Ed McClenton, 32°

#### **Senior Warden -** Ed Johnson, 32°

#### **Junior Warden -**

Ed Massey, 32° KCCH

### Council of Kadosh

#### **Commander -** Bill DuBois, 33°

#### **First Lieutenant Commander -**

Bill Hasenbuhler, 32°

#### **Second Lieutenant Commander -**

Jairo Gomez, 32°

### Consistory

#### **Master of Kadosh -**

Stan Jacobs, 32° KCCH

#### **Prior -** Del Davis, 32° KCCH

#### **Preceptor -**

Richard Timmons, 32° KCCH

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Comply with any notice from your lodge if you can do so without great inconvenience. This notice may be personal and delivered to you or directed to all members of a lodge as an insertion in the lodge bulletin or sent by mail.

Obey a summons, which is an imperative order to appear as specified.

Attend the funeral of a deceased member of your lodge or any other Master Mason residing within the vicinity of your lodge at the time of his death.

**Editors Note: There is nothing here that we were not aware of, at one time or another during our Masonic careers. We just sometimes forget certain things that are not convenient at the time.**

**Please remember that the next time you hear a Brother has passed away. Attendance at his funeral is in remembrance of him and for the benefit of his survivors. If you are unable to attend, send a card to the family.**