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CONGRATULATIONS!! MASON OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

Dale Bradley Olson - East Belt-Tuolumne #8
William Prough - Mariposa #24
Joseph Gregorius - Volcano #56
Robert Dumbrill - Calaveras #78
Roy Sissel - Summit #112
Matthew Helm - Keystone #161
John Herrick - Codi #256
Rex Donald Anderson - Turlock #395
Gayland Kuffel - Riverbank #459
Gene Sweatt - Patterson #488

Marrino Berbano - San Joaquin #19
Oliver Cyrus - Ophir Bear Mountain #33
Robert Aunchman - Morning Star #68
Michael Smith - Henry Clay #95
Lee Wilson - Valley #135
Jack Helsby - Modesto #206
Arthur Oglesby - Oakdale #275
John Shaughnessy - Tyrian #439
Clarence Byard - Mount Oso #460
Gerald Reese - Smyrna #532



Grand Master Carry Adamson with 2009 Mason of the Year Recipients



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**From
The Personal
Representative**

The Stockton Scottish Rite made history this year. For the very first time, we had over 400 attend our “Mason of the Year” awards event. Over twenty Blue Lodges participated in this gathering. Also an important note is that six Grand Lodge officers attended with the Grand Master. It is really heart warming to see so many lodges supporting the “can do” members each year. Several individuals need to be thanked for going beyond the call of duty to make this special event a great success: Julie Ghent, for the many letters and phone calls to the various lodges setting up reservations, as well as award winner information; Marlene Von Berg, for the room setup and arranging for the dinner; the Language Center Staff, for an outstanding job of serving the dinner and dessert; Mary Ellen Dunbar and committee, for all the table decorations and settings; Ill. Bill Eychner (sp), for a great job as dining room floor manager; Karen Baker, for reservation sign in; James Sanborn for donating his time to take pictures of the event and finally Ill. Bill DuBois, for acting as the Master of Ceremony. I can say without a doubt that our “Mason of the Year” dinner and ceremony are prime examples of Masonry at its finest.

Tod Ruse, 33rd



Grand Master Larry Adamson from San Francisco Grand Lodge prepares to acknowledge and present Mason of the Year Recipients with award certificates.

A message from the Venerable Master



WOW, what a great turnout for the MASTER OF THE YEAR event, we just about filled the dining room, next year we are going to do even better because we showed that we are a great Masonic Fraternity and growing. Thanks to the Grand Master for his participation in this wonderful event and congratulations again to those brothers who were elected as Master of the Year of their lodge. Since August was dark, nothing happened but we are going full speed ahead in Sept, starting with our Stated meeting on Sept 2, where our social starts at 6:00 dinner is at 6:30 and the meeting at 7:30, so get those reservations in to the ladies in the office and all of us will get a great meal. We need some greeters and help with the dinner, if you can help come a little early and pitch in. On Sept 12, the ladies are having their annual Fashion Show luncheon, social is at 11.30 and lunch at 12.00, followed by the fashion show. Everyone is invited, yes guys that means you too, the cost is \$15.00 per person which is a bargain as you will get lunch and a show and it is the main Fundraiser for our ladies. Make those reservations and show your support by showing up and viewing all the different tables which our Ladies work very hard on to decorate for you pleasure. The rental pamphlets are ready to be handed out, thanks again to our designer, Brother Dave Garcez, and Brother Ed Mc Clenton for getting the printing done, this should be a great help with renting our facilities. As in the meeting, keep it short... so we will see all of you on September 2nd
Thank you for your support.

Jake Van Holland
Venerable Master

Shedding Light by *Albert Pike, S.R.M.C*

Proud Mason, very proud Scottish Rite Mason. Commitment to serve as a line officer in the Lodges of the Scottish Rite. To serve and assist in the Degrees and to attend all Degrees to support your brothers. Stand with me in this commitment, so we together can make our Valley thrive.

Stockton Scottish Rite Ladies Association

Luncheon & Fashion Show

Fashions by Drapers &
Damons, Coldwater
Creek & Campbells

\$15.00 Donation

September 12, 2009

Doors open at 11:30
Lunch at 12:00

Raffle Prizes & Door Prize

DONATIONS

Almoners - NONE

Building Fund -
Marcia Price-Lair

Language. Center-
Alex Chaim in memory of Lee D.
Towery

Donald Hallbourg

IN MEMORIUM



Bozant Katzakian
Wallace Ayers

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

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Scottish Rite Calendar

SEPT CONSISTORY CASUAL

Sept. 2nd - Stated Meeting/Nomination Committee
Appointment 25/50 Yr. Pins & Hats
Sept. 7th - **OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY**
Sept. 12th - Ladies Fashion Show
Sept. 17th - Master Craftsman Workshop
Library 4-6 PM
Sept. 30th - Cathedral Board Meeting 6 PM
Officers Conference 7 PM

OCT LODGE OF PERFECTION CASUAL

Oct. 4th - Supreme Council
Oct. 7th - Stated Meeting/Nomination Committee
Appointment Report & Election
***TBA - Feast of Tishri - Tux Officers/Table Lodge**
Oct. 15th - Master Craftsman Workshop
Library 4-6 PM
***TBA - Scottish Rite Degrees**
Oct. 28th - Cathedral Meeting 6 PM
Officers Conference 7 PM
***TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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GRAND LODGE TO LAY CORNERSTONE AT THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NOVEMBER 16, 2009

Upon invitation from the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California have been asked to perform the symbolic, "Laying of the Cornerstone" ceremony for the San Joaquin County Administration Building on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 1:30 PM. Grand Lodge will open at 10:00 Am under the direction of the Grand Master, lunch will be served at noon in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple after which the Officers, members of the Fraternity and guests will proceed to the site at Weber and Sutter Streets for the scheduled 1:30 PM ceremony. Mark your calendars and save the date. Your attendance would be appreciated.

SEPTEMBER STATED DINNER MENU

STUFFED
BONELESS CHICKEN

MASH POTATOES WITH GRAVY

JELLO SALAD

DESSERT

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