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HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

CONGRATULATIONS 33° JOHN BOLT AND DEL DAVIS



John Bolt and Del Davis are pictured with SSIG for the State of California, William Stovall, after receiving their white hats (33°) at the Scottish Rite Honors ceremony held at Oakland Bodies on November 7, 2009.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!! TO BROTHERS PAUL MULLEN, ED WALTERS, JAKE VAN HOLLAND AND KEN EVANS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO PREP THE KITCHEN FOR REMODELING AND PAINTING.... STOP BY AND SEE THE NEW IMPROVEMENTS. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!!



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**From
The Personal
Representative**

It was really a great honor to be part of the Scottish Rite honors ceremony in Oakland last month. I am very proud of our newly honored Stockton members. Brothers Del Davis and John Bolt were conferred the 33rd Degree, SGIG Honorary, by the Supreme Council and brothers Ed Johnson, Jack Helsby, Colin Hill, Don Temple and Jake Van Holland were invested with the Knight Commander Court of Honor. Brothers, congratulations, we thank all of you for your dedicated service and wish you the very best.

On January 6, 2010, we will start the New Year with our annual installation of officers, which will include a special prime Rib dinner with all the trimmings, cost of dinner will be \$15.00 per person and a "Roll Call" stated meeting. The officers will be required to wear their tuxedos and reservations will be required for the dinner. This will be a very festive occasion.

I am very pleased to announce that the damaged portion of our roof has been repaired. Your Cathedral Board took bids last month and after careful consideration awarded a contract to repair the roof and the job has been completed.

I would to take this opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful and pleasant holiday.

Tod Ruse, 33rd

DECEMBER MENU

- ROAST PORKLOIN
- STUFFING W/GRAVY
- GREEN SALAD
- ROLL W/ BUTTER
- DESSERT

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IN MEMORIUM



**Jimmie French
Willard T. Mason**

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

**A message
from the
Venerable
Master**



First things first, the last message did not contain a big Thank You to the San Joaquin Shrine Club for providing us with a great bar for the October Stated meeting dinner. Our sincere apologies for overlooking this important matter. At our December meeting you will notice some different color hats on some of the brothers, as they were given to them at the special ceremony at the Oakland Scottish rite on November 7. The kitchen update should be finished within the next couple weeks, as brother Rocky Gould has had volunteers working on it, if you like to volunteer for any job at the Scottish Rite, please call the office and we will put you to work, we need to repair what we can do ourselves as much as possible to keep our expenses down. We like to thank all of our members for their donations to the building fund, big or small, they all help. Together we can do this. A phrase that was brought up in Oakland is worth doing and the phrase is BROTHERS COME HOME which means support your Blue Lodges because without them getting new members and the brethren getting them to the Scottish Rite, we will have to close up shop and the children at the learning center would be thoroughly disappointed that we let them down. So, lets' all of us pitch in and do our part, attend the meetings, offer to drive a brother to the meetings, and talk to the brothers at the Blue lodge about becoming Scottish Rite members. This the last message for this year from this Venerable Master, as brother, John Bolt 33rd degree will be taking over, it has been a pleasure to serve you for this year and we hope that next year will be even better. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to each and everyone of you and may you have good Health and Happiness, Thank you for your support. Lets' get those reservations in for the dinner.

Your Venerable Master,

Jake Van Holland

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Scottish Rite Calendar

DEC CHAPTER ROSE CROIX TUXEDO

Dec. 2nd - Holiday Open House 5:30, Dinner 6:30, 7:30

Ring & Cap Ceremony & Stated Meeting

Dec. 17th - Master Craftsman Workshop

Library 4-6 PM

DEC. 25th - CHRISTMAS - OFFICE CLOSED

Dec. 30th - Cathedral Meeting 6 PM

Officers Conference 7 PM

JAN LODGE OF PERFECTION TUXEDO

Jan.1st - NEW'S YEAR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

Jan. 6th - Officers Assembly 5 PM, Roll Call Dinner,

Stated Meeting, Joint Installation

Jan.21st - Master Craftsman Workshop

Library 4-6 PM

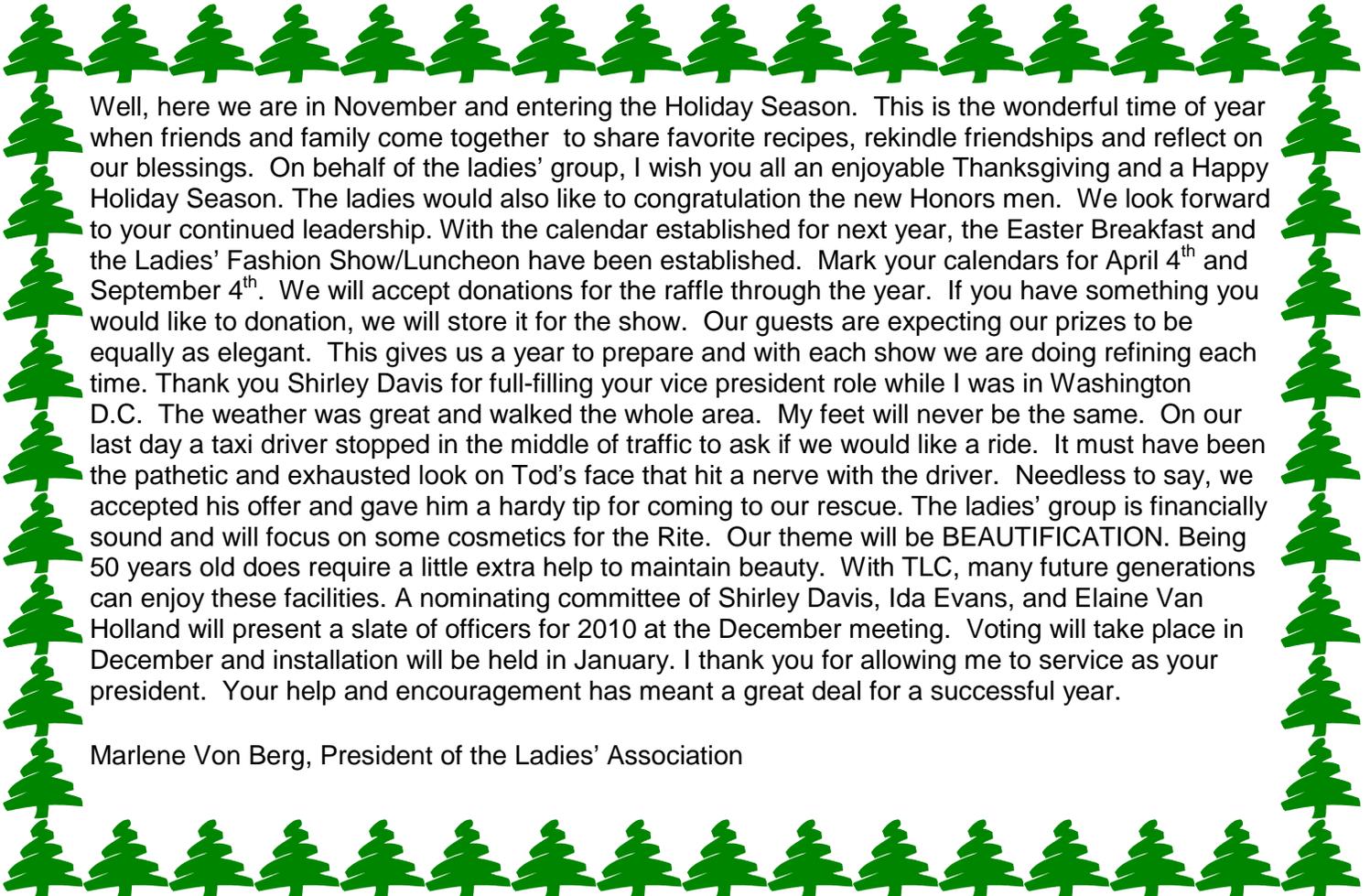
JAN 18TH - MARTIN LUTHER KING - OFFICE CLOSED

Jan. 27th - Cathedral Board Meeting 6 PM

Officers Conference 7 PM

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Well, here we are in November and entering the Holiday Season. This is the wonderful time of year when friends and family come together to share favorite recipes, rekindle friendships and reflect on our blessings. On behalf of the ladies' group, I wish you all an enjoyable Thanksgiving and a Happy Holiday Season. The ladies would also like to congratulate the new Honors men. We look forward to your continued leadership. With the calendar established for next year, the Easter Breakfast and the Ladies' Fashion Show/Luncheon have been established. Mark your calendars for April 4th and September 4th. We will accept donations for the raffle through the year. If you have something you would like to donate, we will store it for the show. Our guests are expecting our prizes to be equally as elegant. This gives us a year to prepare and with each show we are doing refining each time. Thank you Shirley Davis for full-filling your vice president role while I was in Washington D.C. The weather was great and walked the whole area. My feet will never be the same. On our last day a taxi driver stopped in the middle of traffic to ask if we would like a ride. It must have been the pathetic and exhausted look on Tod's face that hit a nerve with the driver. Needless to say, we accepted his offer and gave him a hardy tip for coming to our rescue. The ladies' group is financially sound and will focus on some cosmetics for the Rite. Our theme will be BEAUTIFICATION. Being 50 years old does require a little extra help to maintain beauty. With TLC, many future generations can enjoy these facilities. A nominating committee of Shirley Davis, Ida Evans, and Elaine Van Holland will present a slate of officers for 2010 at the December meeting. Voting will take place in December and installation will be held in January. I thank you for allowing me to service as your president. Your help and encouragement has meant a great deal for a successful year.

Marlene Von Berg, President of the Ladies' Association