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A WORD FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY



Greetings Brothers.

Our degrees that were held Oct. 8-9 & 16 were a resounding success. We have 11 new Scottish Rite Masons and we are very proud of them. Congratulations go to: Lonnie Sorci, Richard Ahlborn, James Dean, Michael Masters, Antoine Varani, Bradley Greenwood, Christopher Fredricksen, John Coleman, Joe Gregorins, Alex Llanera, and Miguel Gomez. We know the membership welcomes them into the fold and will give them continued support. Our degree teams did an outstanding job and I thank all of the team members for a job well done.

Our Stated Meeting on November 3 will feature the Cap & Ring ceremony for our newest members. Please attend and show them what a great organization they just joined! Social will begin at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6 pm, and it will be followed by the ceremony. Stated Meeting will take place immediately afterwards. Dinner will feature a special Thanksgiving menu---turkey with all the trimmings. A special meal at a special time of the year. Nothing can be better than this!! Please call the office with your dinner reservations.

Dues notices were mailed out and are starting to be returned. Please check to see if you have mailed yours in, and it's very important to include any updated member information. If you aren't sure if your dues are current, feel free to call the office and find out.

"Cigar Night" is still going strong. If you like to kick back, not have to dress up, smoke a stogie (or not, but come anyway), have a bite to eat and a little libation, come and join us. This is a stag event, and is open to all our members and their guests. Again, please call the office for dinner reservations. We will meet again on the 3rd Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 6 pm. I would love to see you there.

Fraternally Yours,
Rocky Gould
General Secretary
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: FROM ALBERT PIKE: Masonry is useful to all men: to be learned, because it affords them the opportunity of
: exercising their talents upon subjects eminently worthy of their attentions; to the illiterate, because it offers them
: important instruction; to the young because it presents them with salutary precepts and good examples, and
: accustoms them to reflect on the proper mode of living; to the man of the world, whom it furnishes with noble and
: useful recreations; to the traveler, to whom it enables to find friends and brothers in countries where else he would
: be isolated and solitary; to the worthy man in misfortune, to whom it gives assistance; to the afflicted, on whom it
: lavishes consolation; to the charitable man, whom it enables to do more good, by uniting with those who are
: charitable like himself; and to all who have souls capable of appreciating its importance, and of enjoying the
: charms of a friendship founded on the same principles of religion, morality, and philanthropy.
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Albert Pike 1865



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NOVEMBER STATED DINNER

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MENU

TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

DON'T MISS OUT--MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR THIS EXCEPTIONAL MEAL TODAY

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**From
The Personal
Representative**

Every once in a while a rare opportunity occurs that is almost too good to be true. Well, a rare opportunity has been presented to our Scottish Rite that is real and we need to respond as soon as possible.

The Ill Alex Spanos, 33rd Grand Cross, his family and the local United Way have invited the Stockton Scottish Rite to participate in this year's Super Bowl fundraiser. As you are aware, we have had to reduce services to children and close during the summer due to the economy and the effect on endowment earnings used to operate our Scottish Rite Language Center. We now have a rare opportunity to raise additional funds so that we can expand services to more children in our community.

The basic facts in this program are as follows;

1. Each ticket costs \$100.
2. Every ticket purchased in the name of our Language Center we will get back \$90.
3. There are six Super Bowl grand prize packages as well as many other great prizes.
4. If each member purchased one or two tickets we would receive no less than \$60,000.
5. The drawing will take place on December 16, 2010 and the winners will be immediately notified.

This raffle is run by the United Way and our language center is one of the beneficiaries.

The main issue here is that we have done very little in fundraising for our center and we need these funds to bring our Language Center program back to full service. If we were to put on a major event of our own, each participant would spend well over \$100. (The cost of tickets, drinks, raffle tickets and other prizes). What other program could we possibly put together and receive 90% of all the proceeds. All the proceeds will go to operate our language center, which is a 501c3 donation.

We are in the process of mailing out all the details concerning this great opportunity to all our members. Brothers, please take some time to look over the information and I think you will agree that this is a great opportunity to bring back our center to operation. With your support and participation we know we can reach our goal of \$60,000.

Tod Ruse, Personal Representative

From the Venerable Master



This year has certainly gone by quickly. Our Stated Meeting on November 3 will not only feature the Cap and Ring ceremony for our newest 32^o Masons, but will also include elections for our various bodies for the coming year. I invite any and all who would like to take a position in one of our bodies to come to the Stated Meeting and let it be known. We would love to see some of our newest members become involved and step in. Think about it, and if you have questions about the various positions, don't hesitate to ask. We are here to help.

I would like to thank all of you who have given me such great support this year. I've had a lot of fun serving as your Venerable Master, and I'm sure you will show the same support for whoever holds the position next year. We've had some great events and I look forward to attending more fun and great events next year.

**Crispin D. Woelfer
Venerable Master**

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Scottish Rite Calendar

NOVEMBER COUNCIL OF KADOSH TUXEDO

Nov. 3 – Stated Meeting/Cap & Ring Ceremony (Officers Instruction 5PM)

Nov. 11 – Office Closed – Veteran’s Day

Nov. 18 - Master Craftsman Workshop – Library 4-6 PM

Nov. 24 – Cathedral Meeting 6 PM/ Officers Conf 7 PM

Nov. 25 – Office Closed – Thanksgiving

DECEMBER CHAPTER ROSE CROIX

DARK SUITS

Dec. 1 - Stated Meeting, dinner 5:30 pm dinner, 7 pm meeting

Dec. 5 - Christmas Open House 1 - 4 pm

Dec. 16 - Master Craftsman Workshop- Library 4-6 pm

Dec. 25 - Office Closed - Christmas

Dec. 29 - Cathedral Bd. Meeting 6 pm/ Off. Conference 7 pm

NOTE: *Dates, times & events are subject to change*

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.

From the Stockton Scottish Rite Ladies Association.....

“TRICKOR TREAT”. With no tricks and many treats, the fashion show is behind us and we have a year to refine the glitches. There were several areas of concern: having enough food so everyone could have a variety of samplings, too many items in the raffle, and the luncheon taking too long. Along the positive lines were the fashions, models, music, service by the gentlemen, and dessert. And let’s not forget the beautiful tables done by the ladies!

The nominating Committee made their recommendations at the Stated Meeting. Being no further nominations from the floor, the slate of officers for the year 2011 are: President, Marlene Von Berg; Vice President, Shirley Davis; Secretary, Elaine Van Holland; Treasurer, Patti Helsby; and Inspiration, Ida Evans. If these names sound familiar, it is because we are doing a re-run of the officers for 2010. We thank you for the voice of confidence, but remember this is a TEAM effort.

Ladies and gentlemen, let’s support the United Way fundraiser for the Language Center. Where else can you get a 90% return on your money and help the kids!!!!

Marlene Von Berg, President of the Scottish Rite Ladies’ Association