



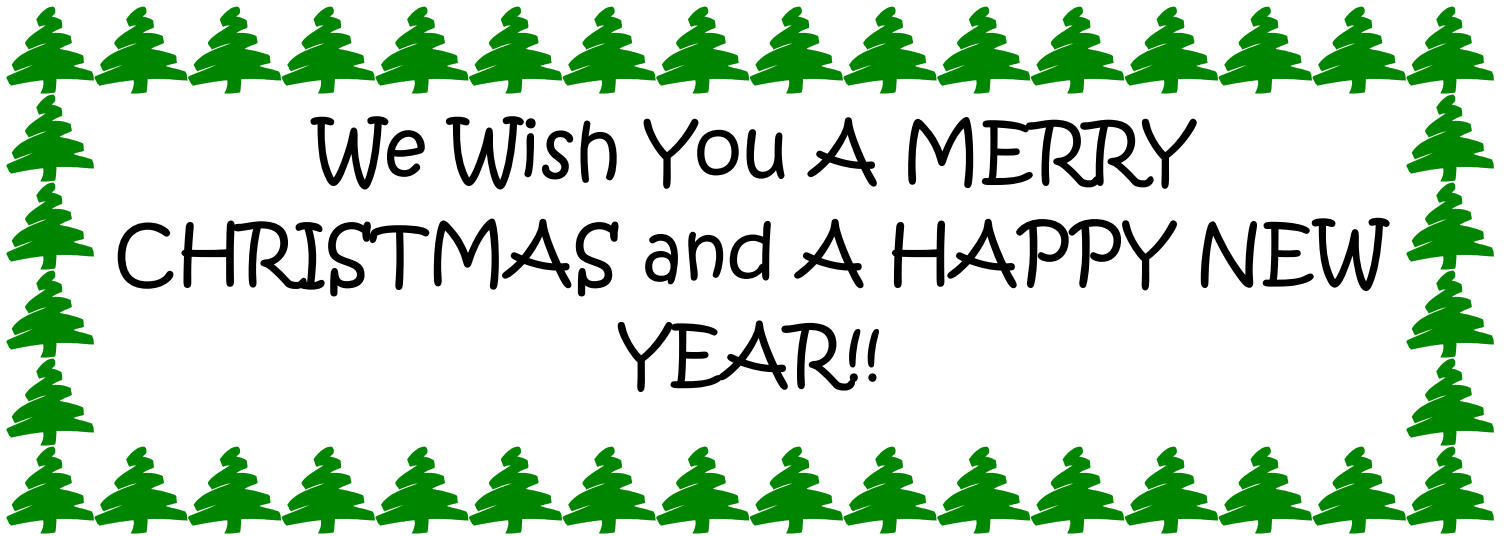
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We Wish You A MERRY
CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW
YEAR!!



(Left to right) John Baker is General Secretary, Ed McClenton our new Personal Representative and Craig Santos is Treasurer, please stop by and show them your Stockton Scottish Rite member support.



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Personal Representative of the
S.G.I.G. in California**

**A WORD FROM OUR NEW
GENERAL SECRETARY.....**



Brethren,

Stockton Scottish Rite has a new Personal Representative. Ill. Tod Ruse, 33° has retired and our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, William Stovall, 33°, has appointed Ed McClenton, 32° to serve Stockton as Tod's replacement. Also, you will find a new General Secretary and Treasurer on board. I personally want to thank Tod, Rocky and Jack for the dedication they have shown to the Rite.

Now, for my roll in this, as I have done this job twice before, I have been asked to once again fill the position of General Secretary.

We are trying to move forward without re-inventing the wheel. The Cigar Night will continue as it has been, with the possibility of holding the event in some of the Lodges which make up our Valley with Stockton hosting every other month. The Master Craftsman program will continue. The Almoners warehouse will continue to operate. We will continue to have dinners with our Stated meetings. But, help is needed in many areas and your ideas and assistance are welcome.

Please stop by and share your ideas with me. I am in the office Monday thru Friday 9 to 5 and welcome your visit. Or, just phone. 209/466-3391.

Fraternally,
John L. Baker, 32° KCCH ~ General Secretary

**FROM THE
ALMONER.....**

Hello Brethren,

Just a note to let you know that the Almoners Medical Warehouse is still open and doing business, handing out Medical supplies to people in need. We get lots of calls for wheel chairs, so if you know of any available, please let us know or bring them into the warehouse.

Also, if any of you have a afternoon to spare once a month, please let me know, as I need more volunteers to work in the warehouse.

I hope you all have a great Christmas holiday.

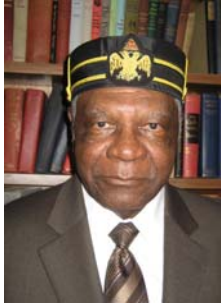
See you at Lodge
Del Davis, Almoner

**FROM THE
VENERABLE
MASTER.....**

Brethren,

We are into a new Masonic year and changes have been made at the Stockton Scottish Rite. I would like to congratulate all the newly installed officers of the different bodies. Degrees will again take place in March of 2011. Practice dates are to be announced at a later date. Watch the Rite News for further updates and other events.

John Bolt



From The Personal Representative

I am certain most of you are aware; there has been a change in the administration at the Stockton Scottish Rite. I have been selected as the new Personal Representative of the S.G.I.G. for the Orient of California. This is an exciting and humbling experience for me. I would be remiss of my new sense of duty if I did not contemplate the enormous contributions of the former Personal Representative Tod Ruse. His dedication and thoughtful planning has preserved a strong foundation for our future.

The future holds many opportunities for "Our" Rite. We are defined by the activity of our organization and we plan on continuing our service to our members, community, and our charities. The future will be certain if we all remain involved. Decisions facing the new administration will be carefully considered and input from our members will always be welcome. In the upcoming months an executive committee will review existing business interest and any possible issues facing the organization. We will be contacting those of you who may have valuable input and we will rely on the experience of those of you most familiar with the operations and history of the Rite. Future decisions will be made after considerable thought and discussion. It is the position of the new administration to continually move forward for the good of the Scottish Rite.

In the short period I have been the personal representative it has been my pleasure to participate in a wonderful and well attended stated dinner. I was thrilled to see so many people attend on short notice and by all reports everyone seemed to enjoy the fellowship and food. The dinner was followed by a near capacity crowd for the stated meeting at which time Brother Ruse graciously introduced me, as the new Personal Representative.

In closing I would like to thank all of you who have helped with the transition and welcomed me into my new position. I am looking forward to speaking to all of you as the New Year progresses. In the meantime I wish all of you and your families a wonderful Holiday season.

Respectfully;
Ed McClenton, 32°
Personal Representative

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JANUARY 1ST, 2011**

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GUY WHARTON**

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

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Scottish Rite Calendar

JANUARY LODGE OF PERFECTION TUXEDO

Jan. 5 – Officers Assembly 5PM, Stated Meeting/Joint Installation

Jan. 17 — Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 18- Cigar Nite held at Stockton Scottish Rite 5:30

Jan. 26 – Master Craftsman Workshop – Library 4-6

Jan. 26– Cathedral Bd. Meeting 6 pm/Off. Conf. 7pm

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

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.

IN MEMORY OF OUR ALMONER'S WAREHOUSE MASCOT
WATSON, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DEC. 20, 2010 IN THE LOVING ARMS OF
CHARLES & BARBARA BURRUEL

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

The members of the Ladies association would like to give much thanks and gratitude to Marlene Von Berg for all of her years of support and leadership for the group. She helped tremendously with all of our fundraisers and helped them be the successes that they were. Also a special thanks to Elaine Van Holland and Patty Helsby for all of their support and work over the years.

The Ladies Association is alive and well and will still be meeting when the men meet on the first Wednesday of the month as we have in the past. There are many dedicated ladies who have come over the years to help and their attendance is and always will be greatly appreciated and welcomed.

We are putting out a plea for more help in leadership roles in the Association and for ladies to just come and help in our work. We will be nominating and electing new officers for 2011 in January to fill in the vacancies we have. Please come and help us. If you would like to take an office, please let either Shirley Davis, Vice President or Ida Evans, Sunshine chair know. A message can also be left in the Scottish Rite office. All ladies are eligible for membership and our dues at the meetings are minimal. Come and have dinner with all of us and the members of Scottish Rite then stay for the Ladies meeting.

There is an Easter Breakfast to plan and we also need to start our preliminary work on the very successful Fashion Show Luncheon which is normally held in the fall. Proceeds from our events go to help the building fund and next year we will be seeing what the language center may need and give them monetary assistance.

The Ladies want to wish a Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year. See you in 2011. Let's continue to make our Association a success!!!!