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Master's Message

March 2009 was not a good month for the City of Oakland and our own Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

The city lost four young law enforcement officers in a senseless melee of gunfire. The repercussions of this action will likely have a deep, lasting negative effect on the lives of the families involved with this senseless event. The police department also has suffered greatly in the grief of losing these dedicated officers. I did have an opportunity to speak with some police officers and expressed grief on behalf of the Oakland Scottish Rite.

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MAY STATED MEETING

Monday Evening, May 4

Stated Meeting at 5:30

FIRST READING AND ELECTION OF
CANDIDATES

FOR DEGREES, AFFILIATION, AND
REINSTATEMENT

Ladies Club Meeting at 5:30

*Masonic Conversation Group in the Library
before dinner*

Dinner at 7:00

Cinco de Mayo Entertainment

Officers—Business Attire



Coming Events

MAY 4— Stated Meeting—Craft Lodge Night / Cinco de Mayo Entertainment

May 18— Spring Class 18°

MAY 25—Memorial Day—Fly the Flag

MAY 30— Knights of St. Andrew Meeting—7:00

JUNE 1—Stated Meeting—Old Timers' Night (see back page)

JUNE 24—Feast of St. John the Baptist



Master's Message

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As I watched the coverage of the funeral services a great impression was clear to me of the fraternalism displayed within the law enforcement departments spread across the United States and Canada. I believe fifty or so officers from the City of Boston attended and the contingency from New York City was very impressive. The New York group was supplied a private aircraft to fly to the West Coast by Jet Blue Airlines. The Canadian peace officers were also well represented.

The Oakland Scottish Rite has sent a monetary donation expressly for the children of the downed officers. A charitable fund has been established for the children and those wishing to donate privately to it can do so. For those members interested in subscribing to this worthwhile cause the Honorable Greg Rapp will be able to get the details for you to send donations.

Within our own Oakland Scottish Rite we grieve in the loss of Illustrious Joseph Bettencourt, 33° who passed away after a short illness. Joe was a fixture to us in Oakland and his presence will be sorely missed. A Masonic Funeral of remembrance was conducted in Castro Valley with many Brethren in attendance. My thanks goes to Live Oak Lodge No.61 and to those who honored Joe by their attendance at his memorial. A thank you also to the brothers who officiated at the service.

Arthur Porter, 33°

Venerable Master

Congratulations!

We are pleased to announce that brother Jack Forseth, 33° has moved up to the office of Expert in the Oakland Lodge of Perfection and Brother Tim Fairley, 32° has moved from the Consistory Line to take the position of Capt. of the Host for the Lodge of Perfection.

Also, please welcome Brother Bruce Weissenberger who will be working in the front office as Assistant General Secretary.

Personal Representative

Spring has always marked a new beginning in all aspects of our lives. We feel invigorated and ambitious in pursuing completion of projects left undone and at the same time looking forward to new arenas. As I enter our beautiful Scottish Rite building I am reminded of how much work and tender loving care is put into making our sanctuary, so to speak, into the most welcoming place for all of our members, their families and friends.

So as we begin our second quarter, let us not forget that in order to maintain and even improve our ambience, all of us must continue to work to this end and encourage all members to participate in our exciting programs, as well as participate in our degrees. I have noted that despite the excellent job performance by our degree team, which is a marvel to behold as they perform an exceptional ritual, few members have been present to note what a beautiful gift they are presented. I am encouraging the members to endeavor to support our accomplished degree team and attend as many degrees as they can. After all, this is a great way for each of us to experience the essence of Scottish Rite.

Again Oakland will be in the spotlight! The Honors for Northern California will be held in Oakland this year. It will be an event you will not want to miss. When you receive your notice, be sure to get your reservation in immediately for the dinner. The Knight Commander Court of Honor ceremony will be open to the public and many people will want to be present; so make this your priority and be first on the list. I would not want you to miss this exciting event.

We are all saddened by the death of our brother Joe Bettencourt. He fought a valiant battle, and is finally at peace and rest. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe's wife Anita and all of his family. Joe will not be forgotten, and his family is always welcome at Scottish Rite. We are holding a memorial for Joe at the May stated meeting. Please plan to attend

Lastly, my best wishes for a happy and blessed Spring with its promise of hope and joy

Edward P. Margherio, 33°

Hear ye, Hear ye!

To All Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft & Master Masons

Feast of Saint John the Baptist

Wednesday June 24th, 2009

Oakland Scottish Rite Temple

1547 Lakeside Drive – Oakland, CA 94612

Guest Speakers

The Most Worshipful Frederick Sorsabal

Past Grand Master of California

and

Brother Brian Hodges

Academia Lodge No. 847

Officers – Live Oak Lodge No.61

Purchase Tickets ~ \$70

Oakland Scottish Rite Office /510-451-1903

Checks mail to above address

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No Tickets sold the day of the event

White Tie & Tails or Tuxedo

(Dark Jacket and Tie Optional)

Sponsored by:

The Sublime Masters Guild &

Harry G. Petter, Scottish Rite Research Library

~ As featured in The California Freemason ~

Executive Chef

Bro. Patrick Farjas

Maitre-Cuisinier de France

Reception ~ Hors d' Oeuvres 6:00 pm

Parisien Saucisson in Puff Pastry

Accompanied with Selected Cheeses

Smoked Brown Trout & Salmon,

Mustard, Dill and Caper Sauce

Seasonal Fruits platter

Vegetarian Delight with Different Dips

The Feast 7:00 pm

Roulade of Flank Steak stuffed with Wild Mushrooms,

Cracked Black Peppercorn Sauce

Served on a bed of Spinach and Confit Garlic Cloves

Forked Mashed potato mousseline

The King's Private Stock German Beer &

Highland Single Malt Scotch

Dessert

Highlander's Mocca Pot de Creme and Gourmet Coffee

LADIES CLUB NEWS



April is the birth month of the Oakland Scottish Rite Ladies Club. To celebrate this year's anniversary the Venerable Master honored the ladies with champagne and a beautiful red rose for each member in attendance at our meeting.

The Manager of the building is requesting we relocate our storage area to a new location. The new location will be directly opposite the one we are presently using on the fifth floor. A work party will be organized to clean out the items we no longer use and move the items we use to the new storage area.

My thanks to Pat Beringer who agreed to chair our Bakeless Bake Sale again this year, as always I am sure she will do a wonderful job. Thanks also to Valerie Roberts who has agreed to chair our Day at the Races this year. Last year Valerie did an outstanding job and as a first time participant I know she learned a lot.

I hope you enjoy the April Showers (if we have any) and will see you in May.

Tricia Porter, President

In Memoriam

Entered into Rest
as of March, 2009

Joseph August Bettencourt, 33°

Vince W. Dilworth

Jack F. Manney, Jr.

Morris L. Meeks

Norman K. Peters

David M. Thomas

William B. Walker, Jr.

Soft and safe to thee, my Brothers, be thy resting place.

Knights of Saint Andrew



Join Us

The Knights of Saint Andrew were chartered to exist for the purpose as a service organization on behalf of all the members of the Oakland Scottish Rite, dedicated to serving our brethren, their ladies and guests who participate in reunions and social activities of the Oakland Scottish Rite. We act as greeters, meeting and greeting everyone who comes to the Scottish Rite, especially the residents of the Masonic Home who come for the stated meetings. We act as Docents for the Scottish Rite Building. We assist at the Reunions in front of the stage, on the stage and behind the stage. We are ambassadors for membership in both the Scottish Rite and Freemasonry. We act as Flag bearers and Honor Guard. We use our varied talents to perform acts of restoration, revitalization and repair in, around and on the Scottish Rite Building.

This years elected officers are:

Lord of the Clan

Sir Lawrence Sever

Duke

Sir Ben Paredes

Marques

Sir John Burtram

Laird

Sir Rolf Haas KCCH

And four appointed positions:

Bishop

Sir Warren Lake

Earl

Sir Jim Westfall

Viscount

Sir Leonard Williams

Armiger

Sir Joe Ross

We have a stated meeting on the last Tuesday of each month unless conflicting with a holiday or special event. The Lord of the Clan may call the Clan together for a work party or to assist the Scottish Rite when requested.

You may obtain an application to join the Knights by asking any Knight or at the Scottish Rite office.

Ray Pereira, KSA



18° Knight of the Rose Croix

This degree sets forth the coming of the New Law, the Law of Love, proclaimed in unmistakable terms by Jesus the Nazarene after centuries of spiritual and intellectual darkness in the world when the Sacred Word was again lost. The supreme message brought to the world at that time was the proclamation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

This proclamation, though presented by a specific historical figure, is not to be taken as an advocacy of a particular religious belief.

Sub Umbra Alarum Tuarum, Iehovah

Monday ~ May 18th 2009

5:30 PM – Candidates & Officers to meet in Library

6:00 PM - 15° to 17° Communication

6:30 PM - 18° Knight of the Rose Croix

8:30 PM – Hospitality ~ Members Lounge

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Dress Code- Jacket/Suit & Tie / Officers Tuxedo



Drawing by our late Brother Gus Zaidler, 32°

GUS ZAIDLER

## THE SUBLIME MASTERS GUILD

Oakland Scottish Rite

Harry G. Yetter Masonic

Research Library

Original Opus Magnum Degrees

by Illustrious

Albert Pike 33°

7:00 PM

Monday – May 11<sup>th</sup>

Sublime Masters Guild

Dress Code ~ Casual

5<sup>th</sup> Degree Reading

Secret Master

Life is uncertain; death may call at any time.

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Monday – June 8th

6th Degree Reading

Confidential Secretary

Why act the Peacemaker?

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The Sublime Masters Guild, Lodge of Perfection degree readings are open to all members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. This is an evening one can meet with other brethren of our order, listen, contemplate and discuss the meaning of our degrees. The dress for the evening is casual and all members are encouraged to attend.

## Childhood Language Center Donations



### Memorial Donations

Mr. Cleveland Valrey

In memory of Glenn Montgomery

George & Margaret Wilkerson

In memory of Jerry Kohn

### 365 CLUB

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baird (3)

Mr. Sam Emmanuele

Mr. Dean Frazier

Mr. & Mrs. Uwe Gunnensen

### General Donations

Ms. Lilian Chou

Ms. Rizza McCarthy

Mr. Raymond A. Rivers

### Is the Childhood Language Clinic in your will?

Frequently members mention the Childhood Language Clinic in their will. Those donations are placed in an endowment fund which provides a continuous income for the operation of our Clinic. Unfortunately, we recently lost two sizable bequests because they were made out to the California Scottish Rite Foundation. The funds went into the general fund of the Foundation in Long Beach instead of the Oakland Clinic. Please make sure that your will specifies the "Oakland" Clinic, not simply the Scottish Rite Foundation. We know that most of our members intend for the funds to be used locally and by mentioning "Oakland", you can be certain that your bequest is used as you intended.

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**Scottish Rite Language Center**

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Southern Jurisdiction of the United States

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Degrees Fee \$100.00 — Dues for 2010, \$95.00

**Oakland Lodge of Perfection / Chapter Rose Croix / Council of Kadosh / Consistory**

Includes: Degrees 4° through 32°

Ring 14°

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Patent 32° "Master of the Royal Secret"

Book "A Bridge to Light"

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DATE RAISED \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

*If retired, please list former occupation*

*Wife's first Name*

Have you ever petitioned for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees? \_\_\_\_\_

I believe in the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, and the undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Wholeheartedly believing in the forging, I respectfully petition to receive the 4° through the 32°. I am a Master Mason in good standing.

I AUTHORIZE OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE TO SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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*Candidate's Signature*

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## STATED MEETING

Monday Evening, June 1, 2009

### Old Timers' Night



Stated Meeting 5:30

FIRST READING AND ELECTION OF CANDIDATES  
FOR DEGREES, AFFILIATION, AND REINSTATEMENT

Ladies Club Meeting at 5:30

*Masonic Conversation Group in the Library before dinner*

Catered Dinner Served at 7:00 – Cost \$12

Old Timer's with reservations are free

The Oakland Scottish Rite takes pleasure in inviting all our members and their ladies with a special invitation to our "Old Timers" (Class of 1959) and our new, "Young Old Timers" (Class of 1984) just arrived at 25 years.

Reservations a Must—Call (510) 451-1903

**Proceeds from all activities announced in this issue are for the benefit of the members of the Oakland Scottish Rite or the Childhood Language Clinic.**

May/ June 2009

John D. Beringer, 33° Editor – (510) 451-1903

#### ALLEGIANCE

The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry sitting in the Valley of Oakland, Orient of California, acknowledge and yield allegiance to The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon, of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America whose See is at the Grand Orient of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, now sitting at Washington, D.C., of which

Illustrious Ronald A. Seale, 33°

is

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Illustrious William F. Stovall, 33°

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## Old Timers' Night

Annually during the month of June, the Oakland Scottish Rite honors those brethren who have been members of the Rite for 25 years or more. The "Young" Old Timers are those with a minimum of 25 years and the "Old" Old Timers are those who have been members for 50 years or more. This year we honor the 25-year members from the class of 1984 and each member from that class who attends will receive their 25-year certificate and a 25-year lapel pin. Members of the class of 1959 will receive their 50-year pin and certificate. **All members from the class of 1984 and before, will receive a complimentary dinner if they have made reservations.** For all others, there will be a charge of \$12.00. We plan an excellent catered dinner and entertainment. The date is Monday, June 1st. We will have an early (5:30) Stated Meeting followed by a short social time and dinner served at 7:00. All "Old Timers" who have made reservations will be introduced by their year, the new 25 and 50-year members will receive their certificates and pins and will have some wonderful entertainment. Don't be left out! Make your reservations now (510) 451-1903.