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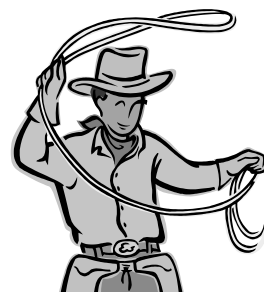
If you like a casual and relaxed summer season, then you're sure to enjoy our July Stated Meeting. The theme will be western night and you are invited to come in your western attire or just a comfortable casual outfit. That includes the officers; leave that tuxedo at home, loosen up and let your hair down. This will be a fun evening and you'll want to be right in style.

Our format will be the same as usual, Stated Meeting begins at 5:30 and so does the Ladies Club meeting. After the Stated meeting you have a choice of attending the discussion group in the library for some Masonic education, or you may join the ladies in the banquet room for refreshments before dinner.

Dinner will be a western barbecue with the Knights of St. Andrew doing the cooking and the ladies club helping with the serving. This will be one fun evening that you will not want to miss. Y'all come!

## STATED MEETING

### July Stated Meeting Country Western Night



**Monday Evening, July 6**

**Stated Meeting at 5:30**

**Social 6:00**

**Western Barbecue 7:00 p.m.**

**Country Western Music for your dancing or listening pleasure**

**Ladies and Brethren with reservations will be \$12.00**

**Dress accordingly**

## Coming Events

JULY 4 – Independence Day—fly the flag!

JULY 6—July Stated Meeting 5:30 “Country Western Night” barbecue

AUGUST 2-3—Ladies Club Rummage Sale

AUGUST 3—August Stated Meeting 5:30

SEPT. 7—Labor Day Holiday

SEPT. 14 —September Stated Meeting —

SEPT. 22— Long Class—30th Degree



## Masters Message



I watched and listened, with great determination, at the President's address in Cairo. I did not cast my vote for Mr. Obama and I am not from his political party. As the cameras scanned the audience I was keenly made aware of the facial expressions and body language of

the assembled group. They seemed to like what they heard. I saw heads nodding, smiles and much applause as several items were drawn home by the President. I think the truth was spoken, without the usual give-aways offered from previous administrations. I thought he was blunt in his description of the political unrest in the Mid East and the undesirability of the behavior of some local factions who have created havoc worldwide. He gave his reasoning for the American troops abroad which I thought were factual, and required at this time. His request for cooperation from the Muslim Nation were just, and with their backing, and action, the American troop withdrawal would soon be a reality. I am hopeful of this.

In 1966 the Grand Lodge of California withdrew its backing of Masonic studies from the campuses of the University of California. Looking back at that era I cannot say it was a totally bad decision. Unfortunately it left our Fraternity out in left field, void of scholastic representation. That was the downside !! I am happy to share the information that a chair for Masonic Studies has been set up at UCLA. Heading the department is Doctor Margaret Jacobs. Professor Jacobs has written much on our Fraternity and I think is a good choice for the position. At writing I am unsure if she is a Master Mason. At present plans are being discussed to broaden the scope of enlightenment with an additional chair being established at U.C. Berkeley.

**Arthur Porter, 33°**  
Venerable Master

## In Memoriam

Entered into Rest as of May  
2009

Charles Bevard  
W. Vince Dilworth  
Richard C. Duey  
Loren 'Jay' Harris, KCCH  
George Hensley  
Thomas Arthur Hughes  
Savas Kerkenides  
Paul Lundbeck  
Ronald T. Marino  
Earl F. Michael  
George A. Rhodes  
Henry B. Romero  
Leonard E. Smith  
Merle E. Smith  
David M. Thomas  
James Tyson

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

## Oakland Scottish Rite Presents R.O.T.C. Awards

The Oakland Scottish Rite was pleased to again participate in the "Education and Americanism" Award for R.O.T.C. Cadets. This award recognizes one outstanding cadet who has contributed the most to encourage and demonstrate patriotism by deeds or conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects and has demonstrated academic excellence by being in the top 25% of his or her academic class. The award consists of a medal, a ribbon and a certificate. The medal depicts the heraldic double-headed eagle logo of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and by the words "ROTC Education and Americanism" calls attention to two of the major focal points of the Scottish Rite. Awards were presented at 10 local high schools and the University of California, Berkeley, Army and Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps.

## Library Corner

### THE SUBLIME MASTERS GUILD

Oakland Scottish Rite - Harry G. Yetter Masonic Research Library

Original Opus Magnum Degrées by Illustrious Albert Pike, 33°

**First Monday of Each Month**

**6:00 PM (after Stated)**

**Monday – July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**“Reading Masons**

**&**

**Masons Who Do Not Read”**

Albert G. Mackey-1875

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**Monday – August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**The Great Teachings of Masonry**

**“Let there be Light”**

H.L. Heywood - 1921

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These book readings are held in our library after the stated meeting and are open to all Master Masons. We encourage you to invite worthy brothers from your Craft Lodge to attend our activities here at your Oakland Scottish Rite.

**Second Monday of Each Month**

**Monday – July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 PM**

**Dress Code - Casual**

**7<sup>th</sup> Degree Reading**

**Provost & Judge**

**Why act the Peacemaker?**

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.

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**Monday-August 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Knights of the Rose Croix**

**By Invitation only – Dress Code, Suit & Tie**

**15<sup>th</sup> Degree Reading**

**Knight of the East, of the Sword, or of the Eagle**

**Rebuilding the Masonic Temple of Liberty, Equality and**

**Fraternity in the Souls of Men and of Nations**

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**Monday – August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Knights of the Kadosh**

**By Invitation only – Dress Code, Suit & Tie**

The Knights Kadosh Degree readings are open only to those members who have completed the series of readings from the Lodge of Perfection Degrees (4° - 14°) & the Rose Croix (15° - 18°)

**20<sup>th</sup> Degree Reading**

**Venerable Master of All Symbolic Lodges, or**

**Master ad Vitam**

**Dispense Light and Knowledge.**

**Practice the Masonic Virtues both in and out of the Lodge.**



Edward & Bessie Margherio  
cordially invite you  
to attend a special evening honoring the  
**Illustrious Alex Kirkpatrick, 33°**  
for his twenty years of service

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Friday, August 14th, 2009  
Oakland Scottish Rite Temple

~~ Menu ~~

Members Lounge ~ 6:30 PM

Hosted Cocktails & Hors d' Oeuvres

Dungeness Crab Cakes, Tomato Basil Brochette, Smoke Salmon Canopies

Dinner ~ 7:30 PM

Wine ~ Cabernet Sauvignon & Chardonnay

Caribbean Tiger Shrimp Cocktail

Lemon Sorbet

Pear Salad with Feta Cheese, Toasted Walnuts, Raspberry Vinaigrette

**Dry Aged Filet Mignon with Whisky Glaze**

Or

**Vegetarian Lobster Ravioli with White Cream Sauce**

Dessert

Fresh Baked Cream Puffs & Irish Coffee

Hosted After Dinner Cocktails ~ Members Lounge

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Purchase Tickets ~ \$100.00 per person

Contact the Oakland Scottish Rite Office

(510)451-1903 Master Card/Visa/Discover/Amex

Dress ~ Men (Suit & Tie) Women (Cocktail Dress)

All proceeds from this event benefit the Oakland Scottish Rite Building Fund

## Solar Energy Update

It has now been more than 4 full years since the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple became a green building with the installation of 636 solar panels on our rooftop. These panels can produce up to 100 KW of electrical power on a sunny day.

During the day we sell the excess electrical power back to P.G.& E. and at night we buy our electricity back from them. At the end of the year we get a True-Up statement from P.G.& E showing the difference between what we have produced and what we have used. Our True-Up period is at the end of April, because our system went on-line in May 2005. At this time we pay P.G.& E. the difference between what we produced and what we used. This year, for the first time, we had a surplus for the year. There are several reasons for this: first is a mild winter with lots of sunny days, but more importantly is the energy saving measures we have taken to reduce our use of electricity in the building. Our staff has installed many energy saving light bulbs and fixtures, we have turned off the lights in every area of the building that is not in use, we have purchased LED lights which take much less energy than the old systems that we used for many years.

This past year we produced more electrical energy than we used during the period from May 2008 to April 2009—a surplus of \$2,936.75. Now here's the catch! and we didn't realize it until we received our May statement. The surplus is not carried over from one year to the next. Reading the fine print it says:

"any credits will not be applied to your next true-up period. This is because the net metering program was designed by the legislature for systems sized to customer usage on an annual basis. Currently approved tariffs and legislation provide that any financial credit associated with the program be used to offset current year bills, but neither result in a negative annual bill, nor be carried forward from one year to the next"

That means that the \$2,936.75 in profit that we generated is kept by P.G. & E. Something is wrong here! This takes away any incentive that the consumer has to conserve energy beyond the amount that they can produce. Why should we spend money to purchase energy saving equipment if P.G. & E. gets all the benefits? We need to let our legislators know that this system needs to be changed. The profits generated from the production of solar energy should go to the producer, not the power company.

## *A Legacy....*

At our June Stated Meeting Dinner, Mrs. Sandee Morris presented a framed picture of Brother Edward F. Perry (1918-2007) to Venerable Master Arthur Porter. It was his Master's picture from the time he was Master of Island City Lodge in Alameda. This photo will be placed prominently in our Third Floor Members Lounge. After all, it was Ed Perry, 32°, KCCH, who provided the funds for the development of the Members' Lounge through a bequest to the Oakland Scottish Rite in his last will and testament. It is through his generosity that our members are now enjoying a beautiful place to meet with their friends, shoot a game of pool, watch a ballgame, or just relax and enjoy a comfortable and safe place to meet.

Ed left a legacy to the Oakland Scottish Rite that is being enjoyed by our members today and for many years to come. He will not be forgotten and his photograph will remind our members of his generosity and his love for the Oakland Scottish Rite.

Have you thought about doing something like this? After all, you can't take it with you. A portion of your estate left to the Oakland Scottish Rite can produce a lasting legacy in your name that will benefit our members for many years to come. We are proud have the most beautiful Scottish Rite Temple in California, but the old gal is now 82 years old and maintaining it in pristine condition is a real challenge and very expensive. Your gift to the Oakland Scottish Rite can be a lasting expression of your love for Masonry in general and the Scottish Rite in particular. Think about it!

*A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote Revelation 3:20 on the back of it and stuck it in the door.*

*When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, Genesis 3:10*

*Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelations 3:20 begins "Behold I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."*



## Childhood Language Center Donations — April & May

### General Donations

Mr. Sherwin Coleman  
David & Alice Forsyth  
Ms. Anne Marie Grinnold  
Ms. Joanne S. Kelly  
Mr. & Mrs. Pierre LeBoissiere  
Ms. Rizza McCarthy  
Mr. Raymond Rivers  
Ms. Joy Suppes  
Ms. Chandra Reed-Wilkerson

### 365 CLUB

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Miller  
Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Page (2)

### Memorial Donation

#### In memory of Joe Bettencourt

Mr. & Mrs. James Bishop  
Mr. Sam Emmanuele  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hansen  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Langel  
Live Oak Lodge No.61  
Mr. & Mrs. John Tom

#### In memory of Jay Harris

Cage Inc.  
Ms. Cheryl Hanna  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hansen  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Langel

#### In memory of Art Hughes

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth L. Barnes  
Mr. & Mrs. John Nightingale  
Mr. & Mrs. William J. Philips  
Mrs. Myrnie Ross

## LADIES CLUB NEWS

What a well attended meeting we had June 2009!

Our outing to the "Day at the Races" was most enjoyable. Very pleasant weather, good food and magnificent company. A very big thank you to Valerie Roberts for again chairing the event and an even larger thank you to the twenty three residents from Union City who attended. I am issuing a challenge to the Scottish Rite general membership to see if they can have more members attending than our residents at next years "Day at the Races".

Our bakeless bake sale is doing well, thanks to the hard work of Pat Beringer. We voted that all money generated from the event will benefit our Clinic.

In July we have a speaker. Clyde Minar has promised us an interesting talk about the Clinic. We have been fortunate with our previous speakers Ed Margherio, Don Parker and Alex Kirkpatrick, out thanks to each of them.

We met with the men for a Memorial for Jay Harris. It was truly a most moving ceremony and the four men participating in the ceremony were outstanding. Our prayers are with Judy Harris and her family at this time. Both Judy and Jay worked extremely hard for the Scottish Rite. Jay will be sorely missed by all. I look forward to seeing many, many members at our July meeting. Be safe, drive carefully and take good care of each other.

*Tricia Porter, President.*

## Clinics Closing?

It has been announced by the California Scottish Rite Foundation that at least one, and possibly more of the 15 Childhood Language Disorders Clinics in California will be closing due to the lack of funding. The recession has cut sharply into the donations for our Clinics, as well as other charitable organizations, and income from our investment portfolio, which produces most of our operating revenue, has been greatly reduced. Our clinics need our support. Don't let this happen in Oakland. Our Clinic is a valuable resource for our community.

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## PETITION FOR DEGREES

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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*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 forgoing, I respectfully petition to receive the 4° through the 32°. I am a Master Mason in good standing.

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# STATED MEETING

**Monday Evening, August 3, 2009**

**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***

**No-Host Hauf Brau Dinner**

**Served at 7:00 – Cost \$12 per person**

**Special Guest Speaker**

**July—August 2009**

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

Our long Spring Class completed the second phase of their program with the conferral of the 18th Degree on May 18th. The class was joined by 5 members of last year's fall class who had not completed their degrees. The next section will be the conferral of the 30th Degree on Monday evening, September 21st and the class will complete the series with the 32nd Degree on Saturday, November 14th.

Applications are now being accepted for our Fall 2009 Class which will commence with the conferral of the 4th and 14th Degrees on Monday, October 19th. We only take in new members twice a year, so don't miss the opportunity. Now is the time to get your candidates lined up for our Fall Class. Sponsor at least one candidate this year. A handy application form can be found on the back side of this page.

All of our members are welcome and encouraged to attend the degrees.

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

## 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°

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL IN CALIFORNIA

and

Illustrious Edward P. Margherio, 33°,

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND  
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Drawing by our late Brother Gus Zebler, 32°

Gus Zebler