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Oakland Scottish Rite Ladies Club

Our November Stated Meeting has traditionally been a special night for our Scottish Rite Ladies Club to hold their annual Christmas Boutique. The ladies have been working hard on all sorts of craft projects and they will have several white elephant items and lots of good books for sale. They also have a table for fresh baked goods so you are sure to find something that will appeal to you.

Our Ladies Club works very hard all year on various projects to raise money for our Childhood Language Center and also for our Building fund. This bulletin which you received in the mail was prepared for mailing by members of our ladies club who spend a morning here every-other-month having a good time putting the mailing labels on the bulletins and then enjoy a lunch provided by the Scottish Rite. We truly appreciate the hard work these gals do for the Oakland Scottish Rite

STATED MEETING

November Stated Meeting



Monday Evening, November 2

Stated Meeting at 5:30

Ladies Club Boutique 5:30

Social 6:00

Dinner 7:00

Masonic Conversation Group in the Library before dinner

Ladies and Brethren with reservations will be \$12.00.

Officers—Business Suit Attire



Coming Events

NOVEMBER 2— Stated Meeting — Ladies Club Boutique

NOVEMBER 7—Northern California Honors at the Oakland Scottish Rite

NOVEMBER 14—Long Spring Class—32° and banquet

NOVEMBER 26—Thanksgiving Day—count your blessings

DECEMBER 7—Stated Meeting—Appreciation Night / Election of Officers

DECEMBER 14—Childhood Language Center Christmas Party

DECEMBER 25—Merry Christmas

What's Your Excuse?

With over 1,800 members in the Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies, I have often wondered why we usually have fewer than 100 members in attendance at our meetings. Everyone seems to have some excuse for not attending and taking advantage of their membership in the Scottish Rite. Here are a few that I've heard:

I'm afraid! It is too dangerous to go to Oakland at Night.

That is absurd. In the past eighteen years that I have been attending the Oakland Scottish Rite, I am not aware of a single incident where one of our members has been mugged, assaulted, or raped when attending a function at the Rite. Yes, there are some areas of Oakland where I wouldn't go at night either, but the Scottish Rite is located in the very best part of town, on the shores of beautiful Lake Merritt. We have free parking in our lot with security guards patrolling the outside and inside of the building. It is perfectly safe to attend our functions at night.

The meetings last too long, I have to get up early to go to work.

Not a valid excuse. Our Stated Meetings usually last only about 30 or 45 minutes. They start at 5:30 p.m. and after the meeting and dinner we are usually out of here long before 9 o'clock. Sometimes our meetings have a program or some entertainment after dinner. We still get out of here long before your bedtime.

The Stated Meetings are Boring.

That one may be true, but we must have the meetings as a necessity to approve the bills and elect candidates. But we keep the meetings as brief as possible and the real reason for attending is to enjoy the dinner and the social time with old friends and make new ones. The Masonic Education Program in the Library is very interesting. If you are not attending our functions you are missing out on some of the benefits of belonging to our fraternity.

I don't know anyone at the Scottish Rite, I feel like a stranger.

Well, you probably will not ever know anyone if you never attend a meeting. The trick is to attend three meetings in a row; that way you will get to know some wonderful people and they will get to know you. Soon you will feel right at home. Get involved and you will be anxious to come to our events.

I don't drive at night anymore.

That is one we hear frequently. How about inviting someone to come with you who can drive at night. We have members from every Blue Lodge in the East Bay and you probably have someone near you who would be happy to come to the Scottish Rite with you. They drive, you buy their dinner; how does that sound? Even non-Masons can attend our dinners and social events; of course they can't attend the Stated Meeting, but they could relax in our members' lounge, or attend our ladies club meeting for the short time we are in our meeting.

The dinners are too expensive.

Hogwash! Our hof-brau dinners are usually \$12. You can't find a better deal in town. You can't get a decent meal at MacDonald's for that price, and you don't have to pay tax or leave a tip. We don't make any money on the dinners, we just try to come close to breaking even.

I don't like to leave my wife at home alone.

Bring her with you. Our Scottish Rite Ladies Club would welcome her and she would have a wonderful time. Actually we usually have more ladies than men at our dinners. The bus from the Masonic Home is mostly filled with ladies who enjoy coming to the Scottish Rite and they love coming to the Ladies Club functions.

You may have some more excuse for not attending our meetings and some of them may be valid. If you live in Texas or Kentucky, then you have a good excuse for not coming to our events, but if you live in the Bay Area you should really take advantage of your membership in the Oakland Scottish Rite and attend our functions at least occasionally. You are most welcome here and you will find that the first Monday of the month is something to look forward to..

Supreme Council Report



Edward P. Margherio, 33°
Personal Representative

The Supreme Council held their biennial session in Washington, D.C. on October 4th—6th. The Valley of Oakland was represented by our Personal Representative, Ed Margherio, 33° and Ill. Don Parker, 33°, Chairman of the Temple Association Board of Directors.

The Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is alive and well! That is the message that resounded throughout the gathering at the 2009 Biennial Session. The venue was Washington, D.C., headquarters of the Supreme Council.

The setting was impressive to say the least, but exchanging ideas with representatives from not only our brothers throughout the United States, but also our brothers from 40 nations throughout the world, was particularly special. Also present were approximately 42 current Grand Masters from various jurisdictions.

Our own Sovereign Grand Inspector General, William F. Stovall represented California with great dignity and aplomb. We can be very proud of our leader. It was very inspiring to witness the spectacular ceremonies and the dignified manner in which the proceedings were presented with the colorful robes and jewels ever present.

For your information the Supreme Council has changed the meeting from the month of October to the month of August in 2011.

To our newly elected Knights Commander of the Court of Honor and Inspectors General Honorary, I greet you on the threshold of even greater achievements in our fraternity. Your past accomplishments have been great, but we expect your future deeds to be even greater. To whom much is given, much is expected. Enjoy this, your special year. It will live long in your memories. Congratulations!

***Edward P. Margherio, 33°
Personal Representative***

Congratulations to Our New Honor Men

As always, one of the highlights of the Supreme Council Biennial Session is the announcement of the new Honor Men from each Valley. We are pleased to announce that honors have been awarded to eighteen members of the Valley of Oakland.

33°, Inspector General Honorary

Mickey L. Benko

Robert C. Hansen

Charles M. Jeronimo

Gregory K. Rapp

Knight Commander of the Court of Honor

John C. Burtram

Salvatore 'Sam' Emmanuele

Shawn Eyer

Sean Finney

Warren J. Lake

Jack LaLanne

David D. Mavity

Richard K. Rainey

Howard M. Roberts

Joseph H. Ross

Lawrence R. Sever

David J. Thorne

Allen S. Weisser

J.B. Woods

Congratulations to all of our new Honor Men. The Investiture Ceremony and the 33rd Degree will take place right here at the Oakland Scottish Rite Temple on Saturday, November 7th. The 33rd Degree will be conferred at 1:00 and is open to 33° members only. The KCCH Investiture will take place at 4:00 p.m. and is open to all Scottish Rite members, their ladies, and guests. The event will conclude with a gala banquet in honor of the new honor men from all over northern California. Reservations are required for the banquet. The cost of tickets is \$35 per person. Call our office at (510) 451-1903 to make your reservation.

Library Corner

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 – November 9th

Sublime Masters Guild

Dress Code – Casual

9th Degree Reading

Knight Elu of Nine

Do principles shape and control your conduct or are you
guided by sentiment?



Monday – November 16th

Knights of the Kadosh

By Invitation only – Dress Code Suit & Tie

21st Degree Reading

Noachite or Prussian Knight

Do you keep the ideal of justice before your own interests?



Monday – December 14th

Knights of the Rose Croix

By Invitation only – Dress Code Suit & Tie

16th Degree Reading

Prince of Jerusalem

Will you leave a noble heritage to those who follow you in this
world?

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. The Knights of Rose Croix and Kadosh are by invitation only to those brethren that have completed the degree readings of the prior Lodge or Chapter.

2009 Long Spring Class

Our Long Spring Class for this year began their journey through the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry with the conferral of the 4th Degree and the 14th Degree on March 23 of this year.

Our 2008 Fall Class joined with them and together they received the Rose Croix Degrees, through the 18th Degree on May 18th, and on September 21st they received the Knights Kadosh, 30th Degree.

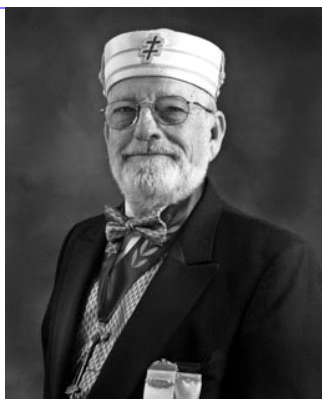
Now they are about to finish their degree work with the presentation of the 32nd Degree on Saturday, November 14th. This will be their final step in their journey through the Scottish Rite Degrees.

The candidates will check in at 3:00 for some preliminary instructions, followed by the communication of the 31st Degree. The 32nd Degree—Master of the Royal Secret, will be conferred at 4:00 p.m. At 6:00 there will be a social time followed by a Festive Board at 6:30.

Plan to come and welcome our new 32° members and join us for the Festive Board. Tickets will be available in the office.

MASONRY....

OUR #1 PRIORITY!



Congratulations to our Venerable Master, Illustrous Arthur Porter who has been appointed to serve the Grand Lodge of California as the Assistant Grand Tiler for the ensuing Masonic year.



Christmas Shopping?

If you're looking for some stocking stuffers or an inexpensive little gift for that special Mason on your list, we have some very nice items on display in our office. Things like: Masonic cuff links, or tie bars, or Masonic belt buckles, that would make very nice Christmas gifts for that special Mason on your list. Nothing is very expensive, and all profits go to our Children's Language clinic. Stop in and browse.



In Memoriam

Entered into Rest as of September, 2009

Mahlon C. Connett

Donald F. Darrow, 33°

James R. Gloeckler

Ole J. Twite

Thomas A. Linthicum

Francis A. Loeser, KCCH

James C MacInnes

Stanley R. Mason

John W. McKissack

Harold W. Phillips

Carroll H. Strahan

Leon B. Steffensen

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

2010 Dues Cards in the Mail

By the time you receive this Bulletin, you may have already received your 2010 membership card in the mail. That doesn't mean that your dues for 2010 are paid, unless you recently sent us a check.

Several years ago the Supreme Council tried an experiment to see if we could reduce our postage expense. Instead of spending postage to send you a statement of dues, and then spending more postage to send your card once your check has been received, your 2010 membership card is being sent out along with the bill. Last year it saved us hundreds of dollars in postage. We figure that our members are honorable people and will send their dues payments to us in the mail when they receive their new membership cards. We also accept payments by credit cards for your convenience.

If your dues for 2009 have not been paid, then you will not receive your 2010 card in the mail until your dues are current; you will receive a regular statement and your 2009 & 2010 cards will be sent as soon as payment is made.

As always, there will be a few glitches in this new system. If you have paid your 2009 dues since August 16th, or thereabout, you may receive a bill for 2009 & 2010. This is because the cut-off date was about that time and the computer did not know that your check was in the mail. If you do not agree with the amount due on your statement, please call our office at (510) 451-1903 and we will try to figure out the reason for the discrepancy.

We do have a number of members whose dues for 2008 (and even some for 2007) have not been paid. If you are among that number, please try to bring your dues up to a current status when you receive your billing from the Supreme Council. Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

Life members will also automatically receive their 2010 membership cards in the mail. There will be a bill enclosed, but the amount due will be \$0.00. Isn't that a nice bill to receive!

FREEMASONRY!

OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY

Childhood Language Center Donations August and September



Memorial Donation

- Mr. & Mrs. John Catanho
in memory of Mel Hitch
- Mr. Al Donnici
in memory of Norman Dunlap
in memory of Joan Mayer
- Mr. Sam Emmanuele
In memory of Bill Winegarden
- Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Page
in memory of Donald F. Darrow
- Mr. & Mrs. John Tom
in memory of Mel Hitch
- Dr. Cleveland Valrey
in memory of Richard Doyle
in memory of Kikuko Valrey

365 CLUB

- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cornell (2)
- Mr. & Mrs. Hans Bissinger (2)

General Donations

- Ms. Linda Cadena
- Ms. Deserae Clymer
- Mr. & Mrs. David Cumberland
- Mr. & Mrs. Murray Davis
- Mr. Paul Krause
- Ms. Rizalina McCarthy
- Mr. Raymond A. Rivers
- Ms. Antonia Roller

In Honor of:

- Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Page
in honor of 2009 Honor Men

Superbowl Sunday February 7, 2010



Plan to join us at the Oakland Scottish Rite for our Super Bowl extravaganza.

We will have the game on in our 3rd floor lounge and also on a big-screen in the Auditorium

If you would like to organize a group from your lodge, let us know.

More information in the next Bulletin

Oakland Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Annual Christmas Party Monday, December 14th

Our annual Children's Christmas Party has gotten bigger and better each year. The Oakland Scottish Rite Ladies Club will be helping Santa again this year by stuffing the stockings and helping Santa pass them out.

Each child who attends will have the opportunity to meet Santa, tell him what they want for Christmas, and get a Polaroid picture of themselves with Santa for their parents. The party is for the children of our clinic and also for the children and grandchildren of our members. But since we're all kids at heart, you don't have to have children to attend. It is fun for seniors to watch the children; in fact we usually have a group here from the Masonic Home enjoying the children. Please put this event on your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of fun and excitement.

There will be a \$5 charge for adults but no charge for the children this year. A ticket will be required for admission. Call our office for reservations because we need to know how much food to cook. Cut off date for reservations is Friday, December 11th.

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Southern Jurisdiction

Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies—Spring Class 2010

NAME _____

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

LAST NAME

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

DATE: _____ WIFE'S NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____

BLUE LODGE _____ NO. _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

OCCUPATION _____ RETIRED? ___ YES ___ NO

IF RETIRED, PLEASE LIST FORMER OCCUPATION

U.S. CITIZEN? YES: _____ NO: _____ If NO, WHERE? _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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

I believe in the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, and 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 foregoing, I respectfully petition to receive the 4th through 32nd Degrees. I am a Master Mason in good standing.

_____ **SPONSOR #1 NAME** _____

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE _____

SIGNATURE _____

INITIATION FEE IS \$100.00

_____ **SPONSOR #2 NAME** _____

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Celebrate the holidays with family and friends at the 24th Annual *Christmas Revels* at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center. This year's homage to the frosty season will feature music, dance and folklore from 19th century Bavaria as Revels explores the very roots of modern Christmas.

The darkest time of the year casts a powerful spell over nearly every culture in the northern hemisphere and has given birth to countless ways of celebrating the winter solstice. Many of our present-day holiday rituals in this country originate in the Nordic/German traditions and come flavored with the spices of Europe. We invite you to take a little journey with us to Bavaria and the surrounding regions at Yuletide to explore the roots of modern Christmas with song, dance, storytelling, and the blessings of children and laughter. The talented ensemble includes more than 70 performers.

Limited tickets are available for Scottish Rite members and their guests for the 5:00 performance on Sunday, December 13th. The price is \$40 per seat and includes an after-party dinner with the cast in our library. This was a very popular event last year and is sure to sell out again. Call (510) 451-1903 to reserve your seats now.

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STATED MEETING

Monday Evening, December 7, 2009

Stated Meeting 5:30

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

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

Master's Appreciation Night

Election of Officers

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Rose Croix Memorial Service following the meeting

November / December 2009

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

Gentle and Respectable Knights, and Friends,

Traditionally, one of the primary duties of a Chapter Knights Rose Croix is to “cause a special annual meeting of sorrow to be holden, and addresses delivered thereat, in honor of the memory of all the Knights who have died during the year.....” This year, we will again hold a memorial service immediately following the December Stated meeting. Join us in honoring our Knights who have, during the year, been called to the Celestial Lodge above.

“The memories and examples of the good and true Knights who leave us these legacies are the precious treasures of Masonry. Our praises of them ought to be preserved like laurels and coronets to reward and encourage the noblest things, and it is an office and charge of humanity to speak no evil of the departed.”
From “Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite”, C. Fred Kleinknect, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander

We would like to honor those fallen brother Knights. If you know of such a fallen Knight and would like his name read in the roll of those fallen brothers we will be remembering that evening, please submit his name to us.

David Mavity, 32°, KCCH, Wise Master,

Gethsemane Chapter #2, Knights Rose Croix

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this issue are for the benefit of the mem-
bers 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

SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

Illustrious WILLIAM F. STOVALL 33°

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL IN CALIFORNIA

and

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