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Personal Representative
of the S.G. I.G.

Personal Rep's Message...

It has been about a year since I embarked upon this wonderful journey with my fellow brothers at the Oakland Scottish Rite. During this period it has been my pleasure to work with all of the staff and associates. I am impressed with the work each department has so capably performed.

First, we are indeed fortunate to have Alex Kirkpatrick as our general building manager. His hard work and innovative ideas relating to our building has placed us in an enviable position. We now boast of new carpeting, a renovated Board Room, renovated theater, new lounging furniture in the members lounge on the 3rd floor, beautiful sound and lighting systems, just to name a few highlights of Alex's expertise at work. John Kirkpatrick can also be proud of his hard work in making sure that all work and preparations for the many events are in place.

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STATED MEETING

**Stated Meeting
Monday Evening,
May 5, 2007**

Cinco de Mayo

Stated Meeting at 5:30

Officers—Summer Attire

Dinner Tickets \$12

Mariachi Entertainment



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Coming Events

- May 5 STATED MEETING 5:30 Meeting / 7:00 Dinner & Entertainment
- May 12 Sublime Masters Guild— 8th Degree Reading—7:00
- May 19 Spring Class—18th Degree
- June 2 STATED MEETING - Old Timers' Night (see page 8)
- June 9 Sublime Masters Guild—9th Degree Reading—7:00
- June 24 Feast of St. John - reservations required.

Personal Rep's Message

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The office staff headed by our efficient secretary John Beringer is to be commended for making sure all of our members are informed and our business is operated in a professional manner. It is most difficult to name each individual responsible for running the office smoothly on a daily basis, and therefore I wish to thank each of you for your devotion to your respective jobs

As you have undoubtedly observed, our building has hosted a myriad of events, thanks to Alex as well as to Willie Hamm. Through their diligence our rentals have far exceeded our expectations and last year, each weekend had scheduled events which fortunately made it a good year. The kitchen crew headed by George Salazar can certainly take kudos for the wonderful culinary skills and the décor was always beautiful.

Clyde Minar was his usual efficient overseer of the Childhood Language Center. We are blessed with seven Clinicians who serve approximately 60 children each week. We have a waiting list, and we are continuing to focus on obtaining additional help. All of this wonderful work requires money, so we do need to continue our good efforts in helping our community in this worthy cause. The fundraisers such as the wonderful cruises planned by Clyde were successful and our support is still needed.

Our membership has seen a steady growth with younger men becoming more interested in the craft. We are proud of all the members for their dedication and devotion to our craft and look forward to their continued participation in the Valley.

The Knights of St. Andrew are doing a formidable job and each member deserves our utmost thanks and respect. They are always 'Johnny on the spot.' Many thanks also to the Scottish Rite Ladies Club for their contributions and assistance.

For many years our library sat dormant. Under the able leadership of Gregg Rapp the library is now a beautiful facility enjoyed by all of our members. The establishment of the Sublime Masters' Guild, study group is a focal point we are proud of

along with the camaraderie of the brethren who assemble there. If you have not attended any of the sessions, you are missing out on a memorable event.

I would be remiss if I did not thank and acknowledge all of the Masters and Officers of each or our four lodges for their hard work and dedication in pursuing the ideals of our Scottish Rite Masonry.

As we get further into the year, it is my sincere hope that we can continue on the course of growth, harmony and good will. I personally want to thank each of you for making my job a pleasurable one.

Fraternally yours,

Edward P. Margherio, 33°
Personal Representative

In Memoriam

Entered into Rest as of March 2008

Francis C. Albrecht

Victor C. Bull

David M. Chezem

Alvin G. Coelho

Dale J. Evans

Donald N. Henderson

William H. Johnston

Frank P. Lowell

Dwight Minnich

James E. Redman

William W. Short

Ronald Stevens

Sidney Weitzner

George P. Williams

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

Hear ye, Hear ye!

To All Master Masons, Fellowcraft & Apprentices Only!

Feast of Saint John the Baptist

Tuesday June 24th

Oakland Scottish Rite Temple

1547 Lakeside Drive - Oakland, CA

Reception 6:00 pm - Feast 7:00 pm

Entertainment by Luciano Chessa, 32°

Guest Speaker

Shawn Eyer, 32°

Past Master Academia Lodge #847

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Guest Officers - Island City Lodge #215

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Hors d' Oeuvres

Camembert Cheese in Puff Pastry
 And a full load of other Cheeses from around the World, dried Fruits & Nuts
 Smoked Arctic Char, Brown Trout & Cured Salmon Gravlax, Dill, Onion and Caper
 Vegetables and Fruits of the Season

The Banquet

Oxtail Stewed in red wine with Carrot, Celery, Turnip
 Fork mashed Potato with Crème Fraiche and Roasted Assorted Mushrooms
 The King's Private Stock German Beer & Highland Single Malt Scotch

Dessert

Chocolate Mousse with an Espresso Chantilly Cream & Gourmet Coffee

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\$70

Purchase Tickets

Oakland Scottish Rite Office /510-451-1903

Master Card/Visa/Discover /Amex

Greg Rapp: 925-606-7277 or

OaklandSRLibrary@sbcglobal.net

No Tickets sold the day of the event

Tails or Tuxedo

(Dark Jacket and Tie Optional)

Sponsored by: The Sublime Masters Guild &

Harry G. Yetter, Scottish Rite Research Library

Oakland Scottish Rite 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 – May 12th

8th Degree Reading

Attendant of the Building

How do we accept a Mason as a brother, when we believe that he has done little to earn the qualities of Freemasonry and to deserve its benefits?

Monday – June 9th

9th Degree Reading

Master Elect of the Nine

How can we encourage a person to accept a law or practice deemed best by society when he holds beliefs which differ, even though his beliefs may cause personal harm, injury, or death only to himself?

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The Sublime Masters Guild 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.

LIBRARY MASONIC DISCUSSION GROUP

6:00 PM (after Stated)

Monday – May 5th

The Secret Teachings of All
Ages

Manly P. Hall - 1928

“Conclusion”

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Monday – June 2nd

The Builders

Joseph Fort Newton - 1914

“The Spirit of Masonry”

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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.

K nights of Saint Andrew



The Knights of St. Andrew was chartered to exist 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 Temple. Our Stated Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month. Applications for membership are available in the front office.

Members Lounge taking shape...

Construction is in progress on our 3rd floor "Lakeview Lounge" which will become a comfortable meeting place for the members of the Oakland Scottish Rite. This is the old 'pool room' which has been used infrequently in the past few years. The finished lounge will boast a new hardwood floor, a couple of pool tables, a big screen TV, and a fireplace with comfortable leather couches where members may sit and visit. A new door has been cut through the wall to allow handicapped access to the library, eliminating the need to climb the steps when going from the elevator to the library. It will be a major improvement in making the 3rd Floor a place for members to meet and enjoy the comforts of home. The 3rd floor was originally designed as a place for members to congregate, with the library, the banquet room, the lodge room and now the "Lakeview Lounge" for members to enjoy. We hope for the Grand Opening in May.

Ladies Club News



One of our major fund-raisers each year is our "Bakeless Bake Sale". This is an opportunity for you to contribute to our Childhood Language Center without going through all the hassle of baking a cake or cookies, taking them to the sale, then buying something to support the cause. All you need to do is send a check for the amount you would have spent to do all this stuff and avoid all the work and trouble. Patricia Beringer is chairing the event again this year and you can expect to receive a note asking for your support.. Our ladies have been very generous in the past and we hope you will continue to support this very worth-while project.

Remember to save your white elephants for the upcoming rummage sale.

Linda Ross—President

From the Almoner:

I must say the words that we hear all too infrequently. "**Thank You!**" Thank you to all who have supported and are still supporting the Almoner's Fund.

The Alms or Mason's Box is one of the oldest institutions in a Masonic lodge. Today the Almoner is an officer of all four Scottish Rite Bodies who is elected by the brethren. To my knowledge the Scottish Rite is the only Masonic organization to have such a position. My duties, as Almoner, is to distribute the monies of the fund by assisting those found worthy, Masons and non-mason, alike. Brotherly love is not measured by the amount of the gift, but is hoped that this assistance will renew the thought that someone cares and is willing to help in a time of need. This fund fills an important area of Masonic charity. It is a warming thought to know that we, as Masons, are able to assist in temporary relief. We have in the past and will continue to do much good in our fraternity and community.

I continually rely on your help in maintaining the fund and say – Thank You! and God Bless,

Charles Langel, 33^o Almoner



**Childhood Language Clinic Donations
February & March**

General Donations

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Altomare
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Carlino
Mr. Xuan Quang Nguyen
Mrs. Birgit Rulofs-Jones

365 Club

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baird (3)
Mr. Kenneth T. Bartley
Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Levaux
Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Page (2)
Mr. Edward Proffitt
Mrs. Helen Van Winkle

Memorial Donations

Ms. Christine K. Rigney
in memory of Herb Borup

In Honor Of...

Helen Van Winkle
in honor of Patricia Beringer, Queen of Nefru-Ari
Temple, Daughters of the Nile

In addition, many of our members send contributions to the Clinic with their dues payment. We regret that we just don't have enough room in this bulletin to print all of their names. Be assured that your gift is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use for our Childhood Clinic.



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 19th 2008

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

9:00 PM – Rose Croix Festive Board

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Dress Code- Jacket/Suit & Tie / Officers Tuxedo

Festive Board – AASR Members Only

No Charge – Reservations Required

Contact Office – 510-451-4520



Drawing by our late Brother Gus Zeldner, 32° Gus Zeldner

# Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Southern Jurisdiction of the United States

OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE BODIES 1547 LAKESIDE DRIVE OAKLAND CA 94612 (510) 451-1903

## PETITION FOR DEGREES

Degrees Fee \$100.00 — Dues for 2009 \$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 \_\_\_\_\_ CITIZENSHIP: USA \_\_\_\_\_, OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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

I AUTHORIZE OAKLAND SCOTTISH RITE TO

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# STATED MEETING

## June Stated Meeting Old Timers' Night



**Monday Evening, June 2  
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*

**Social 6:00 — Catered Dinner at 7:00**

**Entertainment**

**Cost \$12 per person**

**Old Timer's with reservations are free**

**Officers—Summer Attire**

### May—June 2008

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 that 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  
FOR THE ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA

and

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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 1983 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 1958 will receive their 50-year pin and certificate. **All members from the class of 1983 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 2nd. 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.