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## *A Special Invitation*

*To Our Sweethearts:*

*The Personal Representative, Richard Paris, 33°, the Officers and Members of the Fresno Scottish Rite Bodies extend to you an invitation to be our guest for dinner on February 15, 2010.*

*Widows Night is a very special event and we hope that you will join us for a fun filled evening. Hors d'oeuvres are at 6:00 p.m. with dinner scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The Banquet Chairman, Allan Miller and his ever faithful Committee is planning a scrumptious dinner.*

*This will be an evening to remember. Following dinner there will be a short program in the Lodge Room.*

*Please call 268-9631 for reservations and if you need transportation we will be happy to make arrangements for you to be picked up.*

*It will be an honor to have you as one of our Special Guests. Plan to join us.*

*Most Sincerely,*

*Louis W. Jelinek, 33°*

*Secretary of All Bodies*



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## From the Wise Master



*Rose Croix 15th thru 18th Degrees  
Continued.*

### 17th degree ---

#### **Knight of the East and West**

The lessons of this degree are that loyalty to God is man's primary allegiance, and the temporal governments are not founded upon God and His righteousness will inevitably fall. The apron is of yellow satin, with crimson and gold, and with a sword and tetractys (of the Tetragrammaton) on it. The jewel is a heptagon of silver and gold, with crossed swords on a balance on the obverse, and a lamb on the Book of Seven Seals on the reverse. The jewel is hung from a double order --- one black (left to right) and one (right to left) representing good versus evil. A gold coronet is also presented. Brethren our spring class is on the 4th Monday beginning January 26th so please make time in your busy schedule to attend and participate. We need your help in the many things happening in your Scottish Rite. "GET INVOLVED".

**C. Ray Whitaker**

Wise Master

## From the Master of Kadosh



I find myself compelled to again offer my thoughts about this subject that is a bedrock principle of the Scottish Rite philosophy. I have for some time been concerned about a growing popular belief that some how the U.S. Constitution is founded upon and requires the separation of government and religious beliefs or "Separation of church and state". This supposed separation has been adjudicated to mean that many of the long held values and traditions of our society were no longer appropriate.

One of many examples is the review or questioning of the appropriateness of the “under God” phrase in the pledge of allegiance. Another is the ruling that fans at a high school football game cannot stop and pray to God for a safe game. These, and many other, recent court held positions and pontifications continue to alarm me.

I decided to re-read the Constitution after I had been bombarded by assertions that the constitution supposedly said clearly that a separation was in fact required. Just as I had remembered from my school days, I could not find any reference that would support these new age assertions. After looking into some of the available founding father’s writings, I found that their combined beliefs were that our country was in fact firmly based on concepts and beliefs common in almost all recognized religions. The belief in a Deity and adherence to the Deity’s teachings seems to be a major theme in all of the religions that I have studied. As most of the founding fathers were members of the Masonic fraternity it did not surprise me to find that their beliefs and ideals, which are similar to nearly all Americans, were made a part of the Constitution. The Constitution was clearly written in complete harmony and awareness of our founders’ religious beliefs. Their beliefs were made an integral part of the constitution and nearly all other documents associated with the governing of our nation. The references to God were placed in these documents to clearly convey the importance of God and his religious teachings. The founding fathers wanted the country to be guided by these religious moral values. Clearly, they did not want anyone to be required to subscribe to any state mandated religion. Our founding fathers were happy to allow anyone to practice any religion they chose along side the founding fathers Judeo-Christian religious belief foundation. Their beliefs were the foundation of the document and the foundation of our freedom. There are many examples of this in the writings and statements of our founding fathers.

Patrick Henry statement in 1776 is one example that I find most telling. He wrote this: “It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great Nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of the other faiths have been afforded freedom to worship here.” It seems to me that our judicial leaders should read the actual wording used by these founding fathers as they attempt to make assertions about what was or was not the intent of our founding fathers. To understand the intent of the founding fathers and authors of the constitution you must read their writings and transcripts of their oratory to understand exactly what guid-

ance they intended following generations to use in meeting the needs of the people of this great nation. *(Rewritten from November 2003 Bulletin article)*

**Bernie Hollenbeck, 32° KCCH**

## Chicken Fried Steak

Baron Von Stak Schkenfrye was a close friend of the family and I spent countless hours at his chateau near Tularkerue (a small city in a prestigious section of Mongolia) hunting wild Sage Hens. He was indeed an expert shot and we limited early on a daily basis. His expertise at preparing this rare big breasted bird became famous. After deboning, pressing the various slices of meat into flat shapes and seasoning them he cooked them over an outdoor grill. They were scrumptious. This event became known as the "Flat Stak Schkenfrye" (pronounced - steak chicken fry) feast. Returning home I discovered that this same recipe could be adapted to chicken and I created what is now called the "Chicken Fried Steak" in remembrance of the Baron. You will enjoy this rarity with mashed potatoes, country gravy, corn, salad, dessert, bread and drinks at our Stated Dinner on February 15. Call your reservations in now and spend an enjoyable dinner with our Sweethearts.

**Allan Miller, 33°, Banquet Chairman**



*Four Past Masters presenting the "Un-Sung Hero" award to Bruce Sanders, 32° for the month of December.*



*New Scottish Rite Masons: Four Fathers and sons and one Grandfather and Grandson. Benjamin Davis III, 32° and father Benjamin Davis, 32°, Scott Scrivner, 32° and father Michael Scrivner, 32°, Joseph Perry IV, 32° and father Joseph Perry Jr., 32°, Kyle Elsalhi, 32° and Grandfather Charles Bersani, 32° and Alex Hodges, 32° and his father Mark Hodges, 32° KCCH.*



*Russ Adams, 32° and wife Nina, Ronald Weiner, 32° and wife Elaine and Robert Rouch, 33° receiving their 50 Certificates and Pins from Richard Paris, 33°.*

## Life Time Membership



*Wayne H. Towne, 33° pictured with those he presented a Life Time Membership: Kyle Elsalhi, 32°, Jorge Ramirez, 32°, Alex Hodges, 32°, Joseph E. Perry IV, 32°, Robert Fabionar, 32°, Scott D. Scrivner, 32°, and Earnest J. Westmoreland III, 32°. These FREE Life memberships from Brother Towne comes with the following obligation:*

**“Wayne H. Towne, 33°, Senior Past Master of Fresno Lodge #247, wishes to present you with a gift of a Lifetime Membership. This gift comes with an obligation. During your lifetime you obligate yourself to purchase a Lifetime Membership for a Worthy Brother. It is preferred that this Lifetime Membership be for a Worthy brother 28 years of age or younger and that you also Obligate him as you have been obligated. The Wishes of Brother Towne is that this gift and its obligation continue in perpetuity.” You will say - “I DO SO PROMISE”.**

Brother Towne has agreed to purchase a Lifetime Membership for any candidate joining Scottish Rite in our upcoming Long Class who is 28 years of age or younger.

*Scottish  
Rite*

*New & Veteran  
Members Having  
A  
Good Time*









*Art Carlson, 33° conducting the ladies who sang Christmas songs at our December Stated Dinner Meeting.*



*Santa Claus (Richard Sherrod - Long Class Candidate) handing out candy at our December Stated Dinner Meeting.*



*Alan Burnham, 33° with a 33° Sword presented to him by Michael Nella, 32° KCCH Degree Director General, for 30 years of Acting in Several Degrees.*

## *Contributions to the Fresno Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic*

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## Fresno Scottish Rite Choir – Rite Brothers

The Rite Brothers Choir has been an enjoyable musical activity for many years. Many people and organizations have benefited by our singing performances. Thank you, to all the participants who practiced and sang in the “Choir.” This also includes the wives that helped keep the music printed and organized.

Presently, it is impossible to continue as in the past. Several members have passed on and are sorely missed. Times of practice, times of performances and kinds of music will need to be discussed and changed. All changes will need to be discussed with the group. Hopefully a group will show up to sing and discuss various possibilities.

The Purpose of the group will be to sing for enjoyment. We can decide if we want to sing at Stated Meetings, Installation, Retirement Parties, etc. (You just have to be able to carry a tune). There will be no auditions.

Our first re-organizational meeting will be at 5:00 P. M. January 18, 2010, in the Scottish Rite Lounge (North side meeting room - Down stairs – where the piano is). At 6:00 P. M. you are invited to go upstairs to enjoy refreshments and dinner for only \$10.00 each. After dinner you may go home or stay and enjoy entertainment, a Lodge Meeting and the Ladies can attend a Ladies Meeting in the Lounge especially for them. Wow!, what a great evening. If you work, instead of going home, simply pick up your wife, or girlfriend and come down to the Scottish Rite and enjoy singing for about forty five minutes at 5:00 P. M. Your wife or significant other may join us. The women who sang at Christmas Stated Meeting were excellent and we would certainly enjoy having them in our “Chorus.”

The last three membership Classes to join Scottish Rite have been young and exciting. All Masons and wives are encouraged to join the Rite Brothers Chorus. Presently we will practice once a month, on our Stated Meeting Evening (3rd Monday Evening in the month) however, we will not practice during June, July and August. Please come and sing and enjoy yourselves and help to fill our “fine old building” at 1455 L Street with beautiful melodious music. Any question: Call Art Carlson, 33°, Director at 439-3544 or Lou Jelinek, 33° at 268-9631. We sing Patriotic and Big Band Era Music and we can add other music the group suggests.

Yours in Masonry, **Art Carlson, 33°**

### Scottish Rite Building Needs Donations

**Allan Miller**

**John John Spolsdoff in Memory of  
William & Mary Bodanoff**

## **Masonic Book Club** — *“Traveling east for more light”*

**Next Meeting** – Thursday, February 18, 2010

**Time** – 7 PM

**Place** – Fresno Masonic Lodge Conference Room

**Book** – The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown

I’ll bet Dan Brown read “A Bridge to Light” – a study of Scottish Rite Rituals. In this study of Masonic Ritual and Philosophy it states that since the beginning of time mortal man has been asking three great questions:

- What is the nature of God?
- What is the origin of the material world?
- **What is the relationship of God and man?**

Through his book “The Lost Symbol,” Dan Brown attempts to answer the third of these great questions.

On February 18<sup>th</sup> we will have a second meeting addressing Dan Brown’s thriller novel “The Lost Symbol.” It will be the last of two meetings focusing on his book. So, if you read Dan Brown’s book and did not make it to the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting or would like to come again, mark your calendar February 18.

**John L. Tracy**, Book Club Coordinator

## **Building a Scholarship**

Well, it’s a brand new year, and the scholarship program is doing very well, we need to keep it strong. And all it takes is a \$20 dollar bill once in a while, I know it’s not much, but it is all it takes to keep this program going. It’s a great program, so please do you part to keep it strong. Your help is very much appreciated!

**Robert E. Myers 32° KCCH**

### ***Building a Scholarship Donations***

Thank you to all who are supporting “Building a Scholarship” fund. Your continued donations will allow us to expand our scholarship program and continue to support the deserving students of the C.A.R.T. School.

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John Tallmadge

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# Tulare County Scottish Rite Club

## Schedule of Events for year 2010

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day &amp; Date</u>	<u>Time &amp; Place</u>
Board Meeting	Friday – January 29, 2010	6:30 Nielsen's Restaurant 137 South M St. - Tulare, Ca
Spring Dinner	Saturday - February 20, 2010	4:00 pm Apple Annie's - Tulare, Ca
Board Meeting	Friday – April 16, 2010	6:30 pm Perko's 1025 W Henderson Ave. - Porterville
Summer Party	Sunday - June 13, 2010 (Miller will BBQ the meat)	5:00 pm Allan Miller's Place 497 E. Sandra, Tulare, Ca Potluck: A - F - Salad Main dish G - L - Appetizer & Drinks M - R - Main dish S - Z - Dessert
Board Meeting	Friday - August 13, 2010	6:30 pm Ryan's - Visalia, Ca Mooney Blvd., Visalia, Ca
Fall Party	Sunday - September 26, 2010	3:00 pm Olive Garden Restaurant S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, Ca
Board Meeting	Friday - October 15, 2010	6:30 pm Nielsen's Restaurant 137 South M St. - Tulare, Ca
Installation	Saturday - November 27, 2010	2:00 pm The Depot Restaurant 207 E. Oak Ave., Visalia, Ca

### Officers and Directors for the year 2010:

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## The S.H.A.R.E.S. Card

### Brethren

This program is doing great, so do your part, by carrying a couple extra cards with you, so when you get the opportunity to hand one out, you will have one with you.

Remember there is no "sign up" any more, you just give it to a friend, neighbor or family member, and they can start using it right then, and three percent of their total will right to the Children's Language Center.

The card can be used at Save Mart, Smart Foods, Food Maxx and Lucky stores. We all know someone that shops at one of these stores, so lets all see if we can hand out a few cards.

Robert E. Myers, 32° KCCH

# Coming Events

## FEBRUARY

- 8 Mon Executive Committee – 5:00 P. M.  
Advisory Conference - 6:30 p. m. (Council Practice)
- 15 Mon Stated Meeting (Council Host) (Sweethearts night)  
6:00 p. m. Hors d'oeuvres 6:30 p. m. Dinner
- 16 Tues Clinic Board - 7:00 p. m. - Scottish Rite
- 22 Mon Washington's BD – Office Open
- 22 Mon 9°, 10°, 11°, 12° & 13° Portrayed , start at 6:00 P.M

## MARCH

- 8 Mon Executive Committee – 5:00 P. M.  
Advisory Conference - 6:30 p. m. (Lodge Practice)
- 15 Mon Stated Meeting (Lodge Host) Tom Tatum-Power point  
6:00 p. m. Hors d'oeuvres 6:30 p. m. Dinner
- 16 Tues Clinic Board -7:00 p.m. - Scottish Rite
- 29 Mon 14° & 18° Portrayed, 15°, 16° & 17° communicated,  
start at 6:00 P.M

## From the Degree Director General

In concert with the in-service training programs from the Executive Council, there will be a monthly seminar beginning in February designed specifically for all Degree Cast members and Directors.

The first Monday of each month (starting at 6:30 P. M.) I will host an acting and drama technique seminar designed specifically for actors. This will be held in the theater and it will be the same presentation each time which allow you to chose the most convenient time for you to attend. I will continue the seminars as long as there is interest.

Please plan to attend. My goal: It is my goal that all of you will be able to participate in one or more of the seminars, to give you confidence, stage savvy and drama techniques.

And by doing so: We will improve individually, our degrees will improve and above all else we can share our knowledge with one another.

**Mike Nella**, Degree Director General

## MEMORIALS

*As one by one, the autumn leaves fade in the forest deep,  
So one by one, in each of you must come the touch of sleep;  
As one by one, the roses burst into the morning light,  
So one by one, your souls shall wake again  
beyond the night.*

**Ira Ray Herring**

**John Bogdan Milovich**

**Albert Lewis Smith**

**James Cecil Melton Jr.**

**Billy Ervin Seaver**

**FRESNO SCOTTISH RITE**

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ANY WAY. THANK YOU.**