

# BAKERSFIELD SCOTTISH RITE

AUGUST 15, 2009

## Upcoming Menus:

<i>September Stated Meeting:</i>	<i>Chicken w/ Dumplings</i>
<i>October Stated Meeting:</i>	<i>Swiss Steak</i>
<i>Constitution Observance:</i>	<i>Meat Loaf</i>
<i>November Stated Meeting:</i>	<i>Tips w/ Noodles</i>

## THE BODIES' "MASON OF THE YEAR" BILL HARDCASTLE

Brother William Hardcastle, KCCH, was selected Mason of the Year. Brother Bill was raised in Caledonia Lodge No. 486 on October 24, 1979. He joined the Scottish Rite Bodies during the fall class of 1981. He received his Knight Commander Court of Honour "red cap" in San Diego in the fall of 2001.

Bill has been a cast member in various degrees. Our Brother served as Wise Master in 2000 and as Venerable Master in 2006.

He has been busy outside the Rite. He is a Past President of the Kern County Shrine Club. He had numerous years on their Board of Directors and also was

very involved in the Usher Program for the Potato Bowl.

Bill is best recognized as the Bakersfield Masonic Temple Manager for nearly 15 years. He recently took a well-deserved retirement from that position. While Manager, he was also involved with the Masonic Blood Bank and the Scottish Rite medical equipment loan program.

One of the activities Bill is most deservedly proud of the East Bakersfield Kiwanis Club. He is a Charter Member of that club founded in 1957. In all those years, he has perfect attendance! He served twice as President, chaired numerous committees

and made a real impact in the community and the lives of many. Did we mention he was a Junior Baseball team manager/coach for many years?

Bill also found time to work as a lumber and hardware manager. He worked many years for King Lumber and finished his career at Sandstone Brick.

Bill is quite a guy, and quite a Mason!

Good work Brother.

## FEAST OF TISHRI

The Feast of Tishri is scheduled for September 8th. The Toasts of Obligation will be made immediately following the meal. The Venerable Master has proposed presenting each Brother present a commemorative "toasting cannon". Should your Lady accompany you, she will also receive a cannon.

The law, legendry, peace, equality, unity and fellowship of the Feast of Tishri combine to make this the most Masonic feast of feasts. In a common voice of thanksgiving where every man can share his attitude and express his sincere thanks to Him who made all things, the Deity has given us life, the strength to live it fully, and

the joy of sharing the beauty and goodness of His creation with our fellowmen.

**RESERVATIONS A MUST**

**661-323-5234**

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Budget & Finance Meeting

October 13th at 10 a.m.

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HELP WANTED: For those unable to regularly attend our events, please let the editor know what information you would like to find in future Newsletters. Thanks.

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## BITS AND PIECES

### MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve it's members and enhance the communities in which they live by teaching and emulating the principles of Brotherly Love, Tolerance, Charity, and Truth while actively embracing high social, moral, and spiritual values including fellowship, compassion, and dedication to God, family and country.

/s/ Gene Grice

### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

\*Fulfill the promise of additional Masonic knowledge through education and training.

\*Build a Positive Public Image

of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.

\*Support and expand our philanthropic activities.

\*Provide a framework for effective leadership to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.

\*Provide a financial process to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.

/s/ Gene Grice

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Halloween Party is scheduled for Friday, October 30th at 6:00 PM. This has always been a fun event. You do not need to bring your kids, your grandkids or your neighbor

hood kids, just bring yourself! Of course, bring the kids if you can. The adults that come to the party have as much fun as the kids that are there. Hand-made corn dogs, hotdogs, popcorn, sods, etc. Can be your dinner one night a year. Its all low-cal and low-fat when eaten with your Brothers.

### FALL CLASS

There will be no Fall Class this year in our Valley. We do not have enough candidates or crew. The candidates we do have will be given the opportunity to attend another Valley's class.

## FROM THE VENERABLE MASTER

Hello Brothers

Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go.

The due date for this is the date of the August stated meeting, so I'm writing in July. It was nice to see a good crowd in attendance for the July stated meeting. (For cold cuts yet). The only problem was, only 30 reservations were made and 45 showed up. I guess it was a good thing it was cold cuts. Really tho, it isn't fair to the kitchen crew when that happens. We have to be a little more considerate about making reservations. Mark your calendar the week before the meeting to call them in, please.

At the July meeting one of the members suggested that we as a group do more things together. I totally agree. If someone has an idea for a group activity that would appeal to more than just a hand full, please step forward. We will listen.

For your information. Just 12% of our membership participated in the membership directory project. Disappointing.

Our September meeting is the 8th. The menu is The Feast of Tishri. I will be the entertainment and I have a nice surprise for each of you. Please call in the week before.

/s/ Gene Grice, KCCH