

Sciots Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Supreme Sessions 2008
- Reception for Pharaoh Art Meigs at Sciot Tract #11
- Grand Master of California Richard W. Hopper becomes a Sciot
- San Jose holds another successful Cornerstone Award

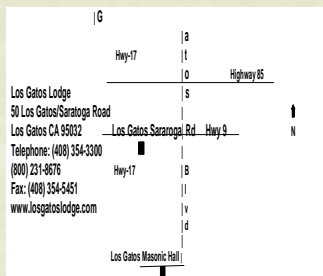
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Supreme Pyramid 2008 at Los Gatos Lodge Hotel

Annual Supreme Session for 2008 will be conducted at the Los Gatos Lodge (Hotel). Situated in a beautiful 10-acre landscaped garden expressing serenity. Outdoor heated pool & hot tub, room service, full service lounge, bocci ball court, putting green and exercise facility. In room coffee, mini refrigerator, hair dryer, iron and ironing board. There is ample free

parking with space for RV parking. The two story buildings do not have elevators and



some are quite a distance from the lobby and dining rooms. So be sure to request a first floor if needed.

The San Jose Pyramid No. 9 “2008 Supreme Session Committee” is busy at work on all the details and logistics required for our successful gathering. Room rates for Sciots and their guests, making reservations by October 13, 2008 will be \$99 + 8% tax, per night. A hospitality room has been secured in a convenient location.

Full information is posted at www.sciots.org

G R A N D M A S T E R J O I N S S C I O T R Y

On August 8-9, 2008 Sciots Tract #11 held a special weekend which included a reception for Art Meigs, Pharaoh, on Friday followed by a Saturday degree session which produced one new Master Mason and was followed by a Sciot degree where the Grand Mas-

ter of California along with eleven brothers were made Sciots. The all events were well attended and the Master Mason degree was conducted by the local district officers team. Fpllowing the 3rd degree we were honored to present the Sciots degree to Most

Worshipful Richard W. Hopper and 11 others. We all had a wonderful 2-days and several of the Supreme Officers were present and took part in the actual degree. I great big thanks to Sciot Tract #11 and Toparch Al Jump for their hospitality and brotherly affection.

**98th Annual Supreme Session
November 13 – 16, 2008**

Los Gatos Lodge, 90 Los Gatos Saratoga Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032
Tel: (408) 354-3300 fax (408) 354-5451 - web site www.losgatoslodge.com

T H U R S D A Y , N O V E M B E R 1 3

1:00–4:00 pm Registration – Hotel Lobby Hospitality Suite Open SCIOTS ONLY \$

8:00

7:00 pm **Pharaoh's Banquet** Tuxedo with uniform jacket; After Five Dress (El Gato Room)

Stuffed Pork loin with rice pilaf & veggies No. _____ @ \$35

\$ _____

Broiled Halibut with Rice Pilaf & veggies No. _____ @ \$35

\$ _____

Asiago Cheese & Garlic Ravioli with Pesto sauce No. _____ @ \$35

\$ _____

F R I D A Y , N O V E M B E R 1 4

7:30 am Continental Breakfast – Hotel Lobby NO CHARGE

11:30 am **Ladies' Luncheon** & Program (Saratoga Room) No. _____ @ \$20

\$ _____

Sourdough Chicken Salad Sandwich with potato salad (vegetarian option available)

Past Toparchs' Luncheon (All Sciots Welcome) No. _____ @ \$17

\$ _____

Sandwich buffet served by Mt. Moriah Lodge

Past Pharaohs' Luncheon (Restaurant location to be announced)

1:30-4:30 pm Ladies' & other Non-Sciot guests shopping in Los Gatos No. _____

7:00 pm **Izzers & Wuzzers Banquet**

Theme: "The Wonderful World of Sciotry" (Costumes depicting your favorite country)

(El Gato Room) International buffet No. _____ @ \$35

\$ _____

S A T U R D A Y , N O V E M B E R 1 5

7:30 am Continental Breakfast – Hotel Lobby NO CHARGE

9:00- 3:30 Multiple choices will be available including roaring camp train ride or tour of the Masonic Home.

Noon **Past Pharaohs' & Ladies' Luncheon** (Restaurant TBA) No. _____

5:30 pm **Pharaoh-elect Reception Dinner** (Tuxedo; Formal - El Gato Room)

New York Steak with Au Gratin Potatoes & veggies No. _____ @ \$35

\$ _____

Teriyaki Chicken & Prawns with grilled pineapple No. _____ @ \$35

\$ _____

Fettuccine Alfredo & veggies No. _____ @ \$35

\$ _____

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S U N D A Y , N O V E M B E R 1 6

8:30 am Pharaoh's "Good Morning" Breakfast (Saratoga Room) No. _____ @ \$20

\$ _____

Make hotel accommodations with Los Gatos Lodge prior to October 13, 2008. Telephone: Tel: (408) 354-3300 fax (408) 354-5451; Mention Group Booking Code: "CGSC" for discounted room rate of \$99 + 8% tax, per night. Payable by cash, money order or credit card. Be sure to request a first floor or close to the lobby room if you have trouble walking.

Prior to October 13, 2008, Mail registration & meals form with check to:

Bob Morgan, 82 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Check payable to: San Jose Pyramid No. 9)

SCIOT _____ **Pyramid No.** _____ **Lady** _____

Pharaoh's Banquet:

____ Pork ____ Fish ____ Pasta \$ _____

Installation Banquet:

____ Ladies' Luncheon \$ _____ ____ Steak ____ Chicken ____ Pasta \$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED:**

____ Past Toparchs' Luncheon \$ _____ ____ Pharaoh's Breakfast \$ _____ \$ _____

____ Izzers' & Wuzzers' \$ _____ ____ SCIOT'S Registration \$ _____

PROMOTION OF THE ORDER

The Promotion of the Order committee this past year was divided into three sub-committees, one for each State. The Sciots in New Jersey were creating a poster system for events via the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The Illinois Pyramid was using the existing poster board from last year. The California sub-committee has been evaluating the purchase of a professional unit which can be transported to various events throughout the state in hardcase mailing containers. The California committee just received authorization from the Extension of the Order committee to go ahead with the purchase and use it at the upcoming Grand Lodge Sessions at San Francisco this month. It appears this will be a good solution to all three states committees and we will take pictures of the items as they are displayed at Grand Lodge and if the New Jersey and Illinois committees would like a copy of the same items we can purchase them and ship them to you for your use.

We will have pictures of the display in the next edition of the newsletter. Speaking of the newsletters, we will be sending out more frequent newsletters starting immediately as we are changing from the old eight page format to allow for more frequent mailings with the volume of news available. If you have any ideas please let the Supreme Scribe know so we can incorporate them into our strategic plans.



**SAN JOSE #9 HOLDS CORNERSTONE
AWARD
ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY**

San Jose Pyramid #9 once again held another successful event with their 2008 Cornerstone Award ceremonies held this summer.

Due in large part to the hard work of our Supreme Mobib Randy Downey, the 2008 event was even larger than last year. It shows what a Pyramid with leadership and drive to be noticed by Masonry in their own backyard can accom-

plish.

If any Pyramid would like to find out more information about how to hold their own Cornerstone Award event for local Blue Lodges please contact either Randy Downey or the Supreme Scribe Gary Parks at (858) 755-0931 for assistance in this important public relations tool.

We are the best kept secret in Masonry because many of our

brothers living next to us have never heard of Sciots or the wonderful things we do to support Masonry.

A big round of applause to San Jose for another job well done and keep up the good work.

Remember, keep an application to join Sciotry in your wallet and fez so you can find it when you need it. Attend and support your Blue Lodge.

2009 DUES CARD AND CREDENTIALS

The Supreme Office now has the 2009 Dues Cards available for local Pyramids. If you do not have your 3009 cards yet, just contact the Supreme Scribe Gary Parks at *858(755-0931 and tell us how many you will need for the coming Sciots year. Also, if you have Sciots qualified to vote at either Annual or Semi-Annual let us know how many will be coming to the Annual

Session and we will provide those members with Credentials.

The Supreme Office had a failure of its computer this summer and we have installed a new replacement unit. Most files were on backup and saved but if you do not get this newsletter please let the office know and we will correct the mailing database to include you. I

would ask all Pyramid Toparch and Scribes to create a current listing of your membership as of October 1, 2008. We really need to assure we have all your members and their contact information. I would like to have either a Word document, database, or Excel worksheet if that is possible. We need to include all the members under our insurance plan. Thanks!



Proposal to Amendment the Constituion and General Laws

2008-01

As Sciotry has created a standing committee named the "Promotion of the Order committee" and said committee is not listed within the Constitution and General Laws as to its mission, structure, and purpose,

And whereas this lack of definition of responsibilities can cause confusion as to the purpose and direction of said committee actions and expenses,

And whereas the handling of funds and needed authorization of expenses are not clearly stated,

And whereas the Constitution and General Laws places the responsibility of extending Sciotry into growth areas in the hands of the Supreme Scribe,

And whereas the membership of the Promotion of the Order needs to be equally represented within all States where Sciotry exists,

It is proposed the following be added to Article VII Section 13.

The Promotion of the Order Committee shall consist of equal representation within all States where active Scot Pyramids exist. The Chair for this committee will be the Supreme Scribe as that position is already Constitutionally responsible for expanding and growing Sciotry.

Each State will be responsible for programs within their local State. Promotion of the Order activities are directed to increase the visibility of Sciotry, promote membership in Sciotry, and expanding new Pyramids. All funds will be deposited in the same manner as all other Sciots monies. It will be turned into the Supreme Scribe for recording and then deposited under control of the Supreme Chancellor.

Said monies will be placed into the encumbered Extension of the Order Funds which can only be used for Promoting Sciotry, and listed under a special account labeled Promotion of the Order. No monies raised by the Promotion of the Order committee will be used for any other purpose than for the Promotion of Sciotry and only then by permission of the Supreme Pyramid during Supreme Sessions or the Extension of the Order Committee when the Supreme Pyramid is not in session. Strict accounting of all monies within this account will be made at Annual Sessions and available to all interested Sciots during the year.

This proposal will become effective at the time of passage at Annual Sessions in 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary G. Parks., Past Pharaoh
Charles Bruggeman, Past Pharaoh
Neal Leonard, Past Pharaoh