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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

MARCH

Wednesday, March 4

April Bulletin articles due to Mary  
Last day for dinner reservations.

Friday, March 6

4:00PM Cathedral Association  
5:00PM Flag Raising Ceremony  
6:00PM Stated Meeting  
Women's Association  
6:30PM Social Time  
7:00PM Dinner - See Menu Pg 6  
8:00PM Wake the Bard  
Celtic Folk Band - See Page 11

Monday, March 9

7:00PM Band Practice

Saturday, March 14

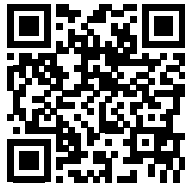
7:30AM So. California DeMolay  
Membership Class (All Day)

Monday, March 23

7:00PM Band Practice

Saturday, March 28

9:00AM Philosophical Discussion  
Group - Classroom (23rd Degree)



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Council of Kadosh Officers for 2015

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NO MEMBERSHIP – NO PROBLEMSNO MONEY – NO PROBLEMSNO AFFILIATIONS – NO PROBLEMS

The Scottish Rite of Pasadena is looking for a Few Good "Musicians". No experience is required but all intermediate and advance Musicians are welcome. We are looking for all kinds of musical talent of the band sort. No instrument too big and no instrument too small.

If you are just trying to get away from the wife and kids - That is Ok!

If you are just trying to get your wife out of the house - That is Ok!

If you are just trying to get your kids out of the house - That is Ok!

Just come, have fun, and most importantly to ENJOY yourself!

PLACE: 150 N. Madison Avenue, Pasadena DATE: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month TIME: 7:00-8:15pm



## Pasadena Childhood Language Center



Becky Griffiths  
*Office Coordinator*

Donations may be made by a group, an organization, a couple, or an individual. They may be made **In Honor of...**, **In Memory of...**, as a member of the **365 Club**, or as **Friends of the Center**. All donors are recognized in the bulletin.

#### Thank You to Our February 2015 Donors

365 Club William Rook

#### Memorials

#### In Honor of

**Friends of the Center** Philip George, Earnest Pooleon, Narair Jemjernian, Marco Garcia, Charles Pruett, Richard Gilbert, Lee Hailey, Antonio Olivera, Jose Porcell, Robert Rinker, Walter Smith, Michael Budd, Ercil Eschbach, Heraldo Moreno, Quinten Thompson, Nicholas Crews, Daniel Chudyk, Thomas Herrington, Verl Lobb, Hagop Margossian. P. S. R. Women's Association, P. S. R. Knights of St. Andrew, Old West DeMolay.

#### Language Center Wish List

Gift card for new books (Amazon or Barnes & Noble).

## Vram Martirosyan, 32° *Commander* Council of Kadosh

Brethren first and foremost I would like to thank you for electing me to be the Commander of the Council of Kadosh in 2015. It has been and will continue to be my honor and privilege to serve all here at Pasadena Valley Scottish Rite.



The knowledge and education in which we are in search of brought us to the doorsteps of Freemasonry, then that hunger for that same knowledge inspired us to join the Scottish Rite to further our education and understand Masonry in multiple dimensions. Let us allow ourselves to bite from that fruit of knowledge not once but continuously, not just by attending the degrees but also participating in them and understanding them. How good is our work when we limit our knowledge? If we want to become better at what we do, then the wise council and tools are here too, we just need to have the will and pleasure and come of our own free will and accord to participate and give our service in programs such as the Saturday Discussion Group, The Music Band, The Language Center, The Museum, the Degree Work and many other programs and activities offered here at The Pasadena Valley Scottish Rite. From generations before us and to generations to come we have and must continue to keep the good work going through our valley to the community at large.

Fraternally,

Vram Martirosyan, 32° , Commander



## The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Hope you all are 'a wearin' of the green this month. This month we begin sending our bulletin electronically. If you are receiving this bulletin electronically you will not receive a hard copy in the mail. But you can print a hard copy if you wish from the electronic version.



As time passes we fluctuate in membership numbers. As of February 1 are membership is 935. We are down because of suspension for non-payment of dues, demits and of course the dreaded deceased list. So therefore, all the more reasons to get out and get new members. I know there are a lot of Blue Lodge Masons who have not become Scottish Rite Masons. Our new membership chair Brother Steve Klein will be most happy to assist in any recruiting efforts in your lodge.

This month the Supreme Council will be mailing the second round of dues notices to those that have not paid. So if you pay after February 15 you will get another dues request in March. It is one that you can disregard if you have paid. Dues are the life blood of our organization. Please check to see if you have a 2015 sticker on your dues card.

This also reminds me that we do not issue new dues card each year. If you are a life member you get a gold card that states that you are. No other card will be issued. If you are a dues paying member one card was sent you last year. That is a permanent card also, except it had the year 2014 on it. When you pay your dues we send you a sticker that says 2015 for you to apply over the 2014 on you card. And we will do so every year from now on as long as you pay your dues. If you lose your

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of America Verdugo Hills Council Troop No. 185. Vram thought the Performing Arts program for Glendale Community College (Community Service Educations) for 7 years and was the founder of "Stories to Stories" Children's Theatrical Co.

His studies and professionalism is with in International Relations and in particular to International Supply Chain and Logistics. He has worked within international trade of consumer commodities and currently holds a position as Demand Management Specialist with Nestle USA North America Corporate.

From the look and sound of it, he enjoys Freemasonry and he is not going to stop his work in our ancient and honorable craft just yet.

He loves his family, friends and brethren, enjoys the Philosophies of George Gourdjieff, Traveling and continues to be inspired by the Craft and its Members.



New Phone System Extensions at Pasadena Scottish Rite

Ext: 101 Mary - Office Secretary

Ext: 102 Bill - General Secretary and Rental Manager

Ext: 104 Dolores - Accountant

Ext: 105 Rees - Cathedral Association

Ext: 106 Becky - Language Center Secretary/Receptionist

## Meet the Commander



### Vram Martirosyan, 32° Commander, Council of Kadosh

Bro. Vram Martirosyan was raised a Master Mason in Glendale Masonic Lodge No. 368. Prior to being elected and installed as Commander he held different appointed and elected positions amongst which was also the secretary's position at Glendale Masonic Lodge No. 368. He has served in various committees within his Blue Lodge and currently serves on the Grand Lodge of California Public Schools Advisory Council. At the Scottish Rite in the Pasadena Valley Bro. Martirosyan served as the Assistant Docent of the museum, he is a member of the cast of Spirit of Hiram and held several positions within the Council of Kadosh before being elected to serve as Commander. Bro. Vram is also a proud member of George Washington Lodge No. 4 under the Auspices of Grand Lodge of Armenia. In 2013 Bro. Martirosyan was honored with the Hiram Award at Glendale Masonic Lodge No. 368.

Born in Gyumri, Armenia in 1983 Vram attended the local school No. 35 then local school No. 8 in Abovyan, Armenia prior to his relocation as a child to the United States. His Father and Mother were both born in Tehran, Iran and settled in Armenia in between 1964 and 1975. He and his family immigrated to the United States in 1992 and settled in Glendale, California. Bro. Martirosyan attended Edison Elementary School, Roosevelt Middle School and went to graduate from Glendale High School. In his youth years he worked in the entertainment industry as a child actor and became a member and still holds his membership with the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) and was also a Boy Scout with the Boy Scouts

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card and need a new one a replacement will be issued with a \$5.00 assessment for the replacement.

Remember stated meeting commence at 6 PM, a social at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7 PM.

At 5:30 PM on March 6, prior to the stated meeting we will have a flag raising ceremony in front of the cathedral to inaugurate our new flag poles. At 8 PM we will meet in the auditorium for a performance of the Celtic folk group "Wake the Bard". Reservations must be made before Wednesday, March 4, at 300PM. No exceptions, but we will maintain a waiting list if we have any cancellations. Remember also a reservation made is a reservation paid.

See you at the stated meeting!  
Bill

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## March Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on March 6th

Seafood Chowder

Baby Spinach Salad w/dried cranberries and roasted walnuts  
w/vinaigrette dressing

Entrée:

Irish Beef Stew over egg noodles

or

Salmon with a Tarragon Glaze

or

Vegetarian Plate

Dessert:

Chocolate Mousse Cake with a Bailey's Irish Crème Drizzle

Number of Reservations at \$10.00 Per Person.....

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, March 4th at 2pm

Fish or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.

*Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid.*

*mary@pasadenascottishrite.org or 626-795-4213 Ext: 101*

## IN MEMORIAM

Eugene W. Mounts, 32° Pasadena #272  
September 27, 2014

Peter Werstuk, 32° San Marino #408  
January 4, 2015

May Almighty God, in his infinite mercy,  
Grant that we may meet again, to part no more.

Appearing ONE Night ONLY  
Wake The Bard



Wake The  
Bard

Celtic Folk Band

Stated Meeting AFTER DINNER

MARCH 6, 2015

ADMISSION Free

DINNER RESERVATIONS by MARCH 4, 2015

[Mary@pasadenascottishrite.org](mailto:Mary@pasadenascottishrite.org)

or

(626) 795-4213



Have you brought in a new member lately?

PETITION FOR DEGREES

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| DEGREE FEE                    | \$200.00 |
| CAP                           | \$50.00  |
| RING (Optional)               |          |
| (Fee must accompany petition) |          |

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DATE RAISED \_\_\_\_\_ SUBMIT COPY OF CURRENT DUES CARD

PRESENT OR FORMER OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ RETIRED?  NO  YES RING SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ CAP SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

CONVICTIONS OTHER THAN TRAFFIC?  NO  YES EVER REFUSED A FIDELITY BOND?  NO  YES

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, and support the Constitution of the United States of America.  
 Wholeheartedly believing in the foregoing, I respectfully petition to receive the 4<sup>th</sup> through the 32<sup>nd</sup>. I am a Master Mason and have resided in California more than six months last past.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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Mission Statement

Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, to improve its 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.

Sidewalk Repairs



## The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Michael J. Bess, 33°

February's Stated Meeting brought together our corps of Officers for 2013. The new Masters of our four Bodies are all accomplished Scottish Rite Masons. Many activities and events are calendared for the coming year and it is anticipated that much will be achieved. Our efforts in supporting them will bring us accolades throughout the Orient.



In addition to the appointed and elected officers of our four bodies there are two governing boards which are respectively responsible for the management of the Valley's property and the Childhood Language Center. Each board is made up of members appointed by the personal representative. The term of service is one year, but a member may be reappointed following their term(s). The dedication and hard work of the board members is greatly appreciated. This year's board members are as follows:

Scottish Rite Cathedral Association of Pasadena Inc.

Board Members

Sir Knight Rees Padfield, 32°, KCCH, President

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William Malouf, 32°,

Jeffrey Yates, 32°

Advisors to the Board

Ill.: Michael J. Bess, 33°, P. R.

Ill.: William F. Rook, 33°, General Secretary

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Childhood Language Center

Board Members

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Jeffrey Yates, 32°

Advisor to the Board

Ill.: Michael J. Bess, 33°, Personal Representative

This year, Brother Steven Klein, 32°, KSA, Director of Membership and Brother Keith Kramer, 32°, KSA, Assistant to the Director of Membership, you will be providing more information on building our membership. It is important that we bring new, qualified and dedicated Mason into or Valley. Please support the Valley in increasing membership.

Michael J. Bess, 33°

Personal Representative



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