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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

Dress for May - September is casual  
Ugly Hawaiian shirts are appropriate.

MAY

Wednesday, April 29

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

Friday, May 1

4:00PM Cathedral Association  
6:00PM Stated Meeting  
Women's Association  
6:30PM Reception for Potentate John  
Kahvedjian 32° and his Divan  
of El Bekal Shrine  
7:00PM Dinner  
El Bekal Shrine Steel Drums

Friday, May 8 & Saturday, May 9

Spring Reunion, See Page 9

Monday, May 11

7:00PM Band Practice

Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16

Spring Reunion, See Page 9

Sunday, May 17

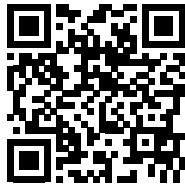
3:00PM - 9:00PM  
Celebrating the Craft streaming from  
Washington DC on scottishrite.org

Monday, May 25

7:00PM Band Practice

Saturday, May 30

9:00AM Philosophical Discussion  
Group - Classroom (25th Degree)



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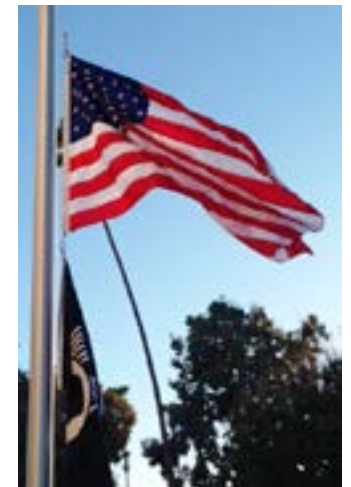


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## Flag Pole Dedication Ceremony





## Pasadena Childhood Language Center



**Becky Griffiths**  
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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 April 2015 Donors

**365 Club** William Rook

#### Memorials

#### In Honor of

**Friends of the Center** Elmer Boomhower, James Jones, G. Martin Wynee, Leon Adkins, Stephen T. Hawkins, Paul Klamer, William Nicholas, David Senf.

#### Language Center Wish List

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



## Simon McIlroy, 32° KCCH

### *Master of Kadosh*

### Consistory

Thanks for Electing me to serve as Master of Kadosh. It's going to a great year.



The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry commonly known as simply the Scottish Rite, is one of several Rites of Freemasonry. A Rite is a progressive series of degrees conferred by various Masonic organizations or bodies, each of which operates under the control of its own central authority. In the Scottish Rite the central authority is called a Supreme Council.

In England and some other countries, while the Scottish Rite is not accorded official recognition by the Grand Lodge, there is no prohibition against a Freemason electing to join it. In the United States, however, the Scottish Rite is officially recognized by Grand Lodges as an extension of the degrees of Freemasonry. The Scottish Rite builds upon the ethical teachings and philosophy offered in the craft lodge, or Blue Lodge, through dramatic presentation of the individual degrees.

The thirty-three degrees of the Scottish Rite are conferred by several controlling bodies. The first of these is the Craft Lodge which confers the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason degrees. Craft lodges operate under the authority of Grand Lodges, not the Scottish Rite. Although most lodges throughout the English-speaking world do not confer the Scottish Rite versions of the first three degrees, there are a handful of lodges in New Orleans and in several other major cities that have traditionally conferred the Scottish Rite version of these degrees.

This month, we're hosting the Potentate of El Bekal Shrine and his Divan. Remember, give generously to the Language Center.

Fraternally,

Simon McIlroy, 32° KCCH

## The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Spring is now upon us and new growth is budding everywhere. Even here at Scottish Rite. As I write this missive to the membership we have waiting 20 fellow Masons who desire to seek further light in the Scottish Rite. And I am expecting many more leading up to our Spring Reunion. We will be accepting applications up to May 8, our first day of reunion classes. You will find attached to this bulletin a copy of an application. Find a Brother Mason in your lodge who would like to seek further light and sign him up.



This Spring's reunion class is named in memory of Illustrious Jack Vickers 33°, a truly worthy Mason and a hard working Scottish Rite Mason. If you wish to find out more about Jack and his efforts on behalf of Freemasonry, visit us during the reunions on May 8, 9, 15, 16 and ask for a program which will have Jack's Bio.

If you attended April's Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal you would have heard that last year we had 24 members cross the bar to the Celestial Lodge above. Our losses like that need to be replaced by our newly raised Master Masons seeking further light beyond the Blue Lodge. We are almost there, but won't it be nice if we replace two for every brother gone from their Earthly ties. There is a goal for the Spring Reunion, 48 new members.

As always check your wallet for a dues card with a 2015 sticker on it. Presently sitting on my desk are 14 dues cards for 2013, 2014 and now 2015. These fourteen are facing suspension. But soon we will have our

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Have you brought in a new member lately?

### PETITION FOR DEGREES

DEGREE FEE \$200.00 CAP \$50.00 RING (Optional) (Fee must accompany petition)	OFFICE USE FEES PAID _____ RECORD MADE _____ PRESENTED _____ ELECTED _____ NOTIFIED _____
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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° through the 32°. I am a Master Mason and have resided in California more than six months last past.

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

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## Meet the Master of Kadosh



### Simon McIlroy, 32° KCCH *Master of Kadosh, Consistory*

Simon was born March 1, 1970 in Santa Clara California. He married Michelle Lynn at Kauai, HI in 2008. They have two twin daughters and they are expecting two more twin daughters this month.

Simon attended San Jose State University where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Photography. He presently works as a freelance senior Art Director. He was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel in July 2013. (Fried Chicken Anyone?)

He was raised a Master Mason at Burbank Lodge #406 in 2008. He is also a member of Wisdom Lodge #202 in 2011 and Oasis Lodge 854 in 2011. He joined the Pasadena Scottish Rite in the fall of 2008. He is in the line of the Consistory presently. He is the Degree Master for 4th & 5th Degrees. He is cast member of the 28th, 30th, and 32nd Degrees. He has completed the Master Craftsman Program no. 1 & 2.

He is a member of Signet Chapter #57 RAM, Omega #11 Council, Los Angeles Commandery # 9, George Hadley Homes #214 AMD, York Rite College #183. He received a distinguish service award in 2011, 2013, and 2013.

He is a member of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple since 2008. He was the President of Burbank Shrine Club in 2012. He belongs to National Sojourners in LA #26 and Pasadena #265. Heros of 76 Pershing Camp, and member of Eastern Star.

Secretary's Memo Pad Continued From Page 4

VMAP team get in touch with them to see how we may be of assistance to them. Don't be one of our fallen members. We do care!

May Stated meeting we will welcome John Kahvedjian 32°, Potentate of El Bekal Shrine. We will honor John and his Divan with a reception at 6:30 PM on May 1, followed by dinner and entertainment provided by the El Bekal Steel Drum Band. Come and join us.

That's my musing for May. Remember keep Friday open for Scottish Rite.

Bill

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## Women's Association News

Dear Ladies,

May will be a very special meeting. Plans are afoot for a "fun"draiser September 19th. The proceeds go the Pasadena Scottish Rite Language Center. Come to our meeting upstairs and hear all about the details.

Our Women's Association meets every month upstairs on the third floor while the men are having their stated meeting before dinner. Generally we dispense with a little bit of business and then have a little social time. Different activities are always planned.

We are very friendly group and welcome all ladies. Our Secretary, Sharon Ouellette (and one of our newer members) is working very diligently on updating our directory. Our members come from wide and diverse areas so your input is appreciated.

Hope to see you all on May 1!

Sincerely,  
Lynda Lockhart, President

## May Dinner Menu

### Stated Meeting on May 1st

Buffet Style

Wine

Chips and Salsa

Garden Salad w/Chipolte Ranch Dressing

Chicken Fajitas

Carnitas con Salsa Verde

Peppers and Onions

Rice

Beans

Dessert: Tres Leche Cake

Number of Reservations at \$10.00 Per Person.....  
 Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, April 29th at 2pm  
*Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid.*  
[mary@pasadenascottishrite.org](mailto:mary@pasadenascottishrite.org) or 626-795-4213 Ext: 101



May 17 • 6 pm–Midnight EDT

## Music Notes

Rafael Mendez was born on March 26, 1906 in Jiquilpan, Mexico. He began his Trumpet career at the age of five when his father needed a trumpet player for his family orchestra. In 1916 the family orchestra performed for the Guerrilla Leader Paucho Villa. At age of 20 he moved to the United States to Gary Indiana. He then moved to Fliat Michigan at the Buick Company plant playing in the Company Band. He then moved to Detroit and played with the Ford and Fox Theatre. It was there he met Anor Rodriguez. She became Mendez wife. He returned to Mexico in 1932 to study with his father. He then moved to New York and joined the band Rudy Valler. After touring So. California Mendez and wife fell in love with So. California and moved there in 1936. Mendez twin sons Rafael Jr. and Robert were born prior to their moving to Co. California in 1939 Mendez joined the M. G. M. Orchestra movie sound tracks and performed many live concerts. Decca Records representatives offered Mendez a twelve record contract. He was also contacted to arrange, compose, and author trumpet method books by Carl Fisher Company. Mendez began to appear more frequently as a soloist for the movie studios. He appeared on shows such as the Bing Crosby, Red Skelton, Art Linkletter, Milton Berle, Texaco Star Theatre and Xavier Cugat and his orchestra. Mendez was a regular soloist at the Hollywood. In 1949 he left the orchestra. At this time Mendez began his full time career as a soloist. He appeared with symphony orchestras, College ensembles, concert bands and big bands across the United States and Europe. His fame led to signing and endorsement contract with the F. E. olds and sons trumpet manufacturing company. In 1960 he was having serious asthma problems. He declined in health and retired in 1975. Many bands still play his arrangement of "The Diamond Head March". The Los Angeles Police Department Concert Band, Burbank Community Band former Lockheed Aircraft Band and our Pasadena Scottish Rite Concert Band. Mendez died at home on September 15, 1981.

Musically Yours,  
 Don Johansen, 33°

## IN MEMORIAM

Keith D. Liddle, 32°  
San Dimas #408  
March 9, 2015

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

## VMAP Challenge Coin

A depiction of our new VMAP challenge coin. This handsome coin will be sent to any member who is responsible for bringing in a new member or reinstating a member of the Scottish Rite.



ACTUAL SIZE: 1.75" Round



ENLARGED VIEW



Reception Honoring

John Kahvedjian  
Potentate  
El Bekal Shrine

Friday, May 1, 2015  
6:30 PM

Dinner to follow at 7:00 PM  
Entertainment by  
The El Bekal Steel Drum Band

## Good Cheer Report

Harry Bedirian, 32°  
Pneumonia

*Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.*



## The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Michael J. Bess, 33°

Brethren, May is the month set aside for our Spring Reunion. Our Class Room Director, Sir Knight Simon McIlroy, 32°, KCCH all the Degree Masters, the casts and crews, wardrobe, makeup, sound and lighting, and our office staff are getting up to speed and we are looking forward to another outstanding opportunity to open the door to further light in Masonry to our spring candidates. Much thanks to all the Brothers that take part in the reunions, and to Jeffrey McDonough, 32°, KSA, Director of the Work, a thank you for his orchestration and coordination of all involved. The office staff, under the leadership of Ill.: Bill Rook 33°, IGH has been hard at work tracking new applicants and seeing to the organization and printing of the reunion programs along with many other things that must be accomplished to assure a successful reunion. As you can see, many hands are at work behind the scenes, but none of their efforts and are worth their time if we do not have new candidates. That is where each of us play an important role. So, a very special THANK YOU to all the Brothers who seek out and bring in new members to our valley; your efforts are greatly appreciated and do not go unnoticed.



If you feel you would like to take part in the Reunion contact Brother Jeff McDonough and he will point you in the right direction. There is always something to do in our Valley. Get involved and enjoy working with your Brethren. I think you will find it fun and rewarding.

Michael J. Bess, 33°  
Personal Representative

## 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.

## The Jack Vickers 33° Memorial Class



### Reunion Schedule

#### FRIDAY – MAY 8

5:00 PM	Class Registration
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Degree</b>
8:30 PM	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Degree</b>

#### SATURDAY– MAY 9

7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Degree</b>
11:30 AM	Lunch
1:00 PM	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Degree</b>

#### FRIDAY – MAY 15

6:00 PM	Dinner
7:30 PM	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Degree</b>

#### SATURDAY – MAY 16

7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Degree</b>
11:30 AM	Lunch
12:30 PM	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Degree</b>