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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

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

JULY

Friday, July 3

Office Closed

Friday, July 10

4:00PM Cathedral Board Meeting

6:00PM Stated Meeting &
Women's Association

6:30PM Reception for Ill. Frank Loui
33° S.G.I.G. in the Orient of California

7:00PM Dinner

8:00PM Entertainment

Monday, July 13 & 27

7:00PM Band Practice

Saturday, July 25

9:00AM Philosophical Discussion
Group - Classroom (27th Degree)

AUGUST

Friday, August 7

4:00PM Cathedral Board Meeting

6:00PM Stated Meeting &
Women's Association

6:30PM Social

7:00PM Dinner

8:00PM Speaker: Donald Heath,
Supreme Council Western States
Director of Planned Giving

Monday, August 10 & 24

7:00PM Band Practice

August 23-25

Supreme Council, Washington, D. C.

Saturday, August 29

9:00AM Philosophical Discussion
Group - Classroom (28th Degree)



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Which Rite is Right, Continued From Page 13

Finally, the York Rite uses a democratic polity meaning that the hierarchy officials are elected by the membership.

The Scottish Rite on the other hand is based on the 4th through 32nd degrees, the 33rd being honorary and cannot be applied for. Here, the candidate sits in the audience and watched the various degrees performed on stage with elaborate costumes, sets and props. All members wear hats when in meeting and address each other as "Brother". Initiation fees and yearly dues cover all the degrees and memberships.

Four concordant bodies make up the governing core of the Scottish Rite Valley. They are the Lodge of Perfection, the Chapter of Rose Croix, the Council of Kadosh and the Consistory. All four bodies meet and conduct business on the same date and at the same time. In essence, a joint meeting.

And unlike the York Rite, the Scottish Rite leadership is hierarchical, meaning those in charge are appointed by the Sovereign Grand Commander at the top and so on down the line.

Both require a belief in a Supreme Being. Both are dedicated to benefiting society by making good men better and both have outstanding causes to which they donate time and money. Most importantly for Masons, they both seek Further Light in Masonry.

So which Rite is right? That's easy. THEY BOTH ARE!

Gregory J. Gabriel, 32°
Almoner



Pasadena Childhood Language Center



Becky Griffiths
Office Coordinator

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Thank You to Our May 2015 Donors

365 Club William Rook

Memorials

In Honor of Joseph H. Stuart, Edgar Yeghiazaryan, Miles Bresee, Justin Gracieux, Jared Chapman, Michael Smith, Old West Demolay.

Friends of the Center

Language Center Wish List

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

Gregory J. Gabriel, 32°

Wise Master

Chapter of Rose Croix

Welcome to summer and have we got a treat in store for you. After a short meeting, we will retire to the dining room for food, beverage, committee reports and fellowship.

After desert, we will head to the auditorium for our summer time program. First, we will hear from Illustrious Frank Loui, 33°, the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Orient of California. July is his official visit to our Orient and we are honored to have him with us.



After Illustrious Loui speaks, we will honor the first ladies of the Orient of Pasadena Mary, Dolores, and Becky. Some of you have seen them around but may not know who they are or what they do. Well it's time to set the record straight and that is just what we will do.

Then to cap off the evening, we will be entertained by the musical group Remember When. They will enlighten us with song and dance from yesteryear to celebrate the summer season.

So wear your brightest summer shirt, take your best gal by the arm and join us for wonderful evening fellowship and fun.

Gregory J. Gabriel, 32°
Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

Vram Martirosyan, 32° Commander Council of Kadosh

First and foremost I would like to congratulate our new 32nd Degree Masters of the Royal Secret who have just completed their Scottish Rite Degrees during the Spring Reunion. I was proud to be present at their Capping Ceremony at the stated meeting of June to see more fresh energy coming into our Valley.



In enlightenment of some of the degrees in Scottish Rite and Specifically two from the Council of Kadosh I would like to highlight the explanation of these degrees that I believe we can learn a lot from and also put what we learn from these degrees to practice in our lives. In this day and age with all that we see happening in our everyday lives on this great Earth we all call home, we each hold a responsibility to self reflect, reflect on others and understand that every individual has their own challenges and strives everyday to be wiser and better than yesterday. The great knowledge we learn in Masonry is not thought for us to practice only in lodges or amongst brethren but also to practice in character amongst our societies at large and be the better change we would like to see in others.

If the Sunrise and Sunset all took place in a Temple with four walls and no doors or windows then what good is that for the seeds in the ground outside the Temple without sunlight which will never become fruitful trees. Each members should be the windows and doors of Masonry to the world outside.

Below are the 19th, 22nd and the 30th degrees I highlight in this month's article for reasons if those are interested to know can ask me in person or attend the Saturday Discussion courses at Pasadena Valley Scottish Rite for the deeper meanings of these degrees.

There is so much out there in life to get involved with and Masons have always been involved with their influencing on the embetterment of our Families, Nations and Humanity as a whole. Thus, I challenge all of us to get involved and be the changes we would like to see for future generations to come.

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Music Notes

Your Pasadena Scottish Rite Concert Band members cordially invite any members of the Ill. Jack Vickers 33° Spring Class with their concert band instrument at our next band rehearsal on Monday, July 13. Music folders and stands are provided in the music room on the second floor.

Your band is in need for an assistant conductor. Please contact the Pasadena Scottish Rite Office at 626-795-4213. Ask for Don Johansen 33° band manager.

Musically Yours,
Don Johansen, 33°

WHICH RITE IS RIGHT

Throughout the years I have been asked, usually after the raising of a young Master Mason, should I join a Rite, and if so, which one? This can lead into a discussion which could take hours, but as I have very limited space, I shall condense my thoughts and yield to brevity.

The York Rite consists of three separate, autonomous bodies. The Chapter, the Council and the Commandery. Each has its own initiation fees and yearly dues. They meet on separate dates and times and conduct their own business.

The first three degrees of the Craft Lodge are based on the York Rite work. The Chapter and Council build on this foundation. The Commandery presents the Knight Orders and requires that the applicant pledge to defend Christianity. The candidate is the main character of the initiation. Cast members wear costumes and props are used in a lodge form setting. Aprons are worn in both the Chapter and the Council and members are known as "Companions". The Commandery members wear military style uniforms and address each other as "Sir Knight".

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**RECEPTION HONORING
ILL. FRANK LOUI 33° S.G.I.G.
ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA**

**JULY 10, 2015
6:30 PM**

The Spirit of
Hiram
Rises 2016

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Master of Kadosh, Continued From Page 4

19th Degree – Grand Pontiff

This is the first Degree of the Council of Kadosh. In it the fact of the influence of the past upon the present and future is forcibly exemplified. The true Mason labors for the enlightenment of future ages. All good men hope to live after death through the work they have done. We still feel the influence of deeds of heroism done in the past and are uplifted by the monuments of art and literature of ages gone by. It is the dead that govern. The living only obey. The thoughts of the Past are the Laws of the Present and the Future. That which shall live when we are dead, as a part of the great body of law enacted by the dead, is the only act worth doing, the only thought worth speaking. Then let us so live that our acts may endure to uplift a Brother yet unborn.

22nd Degree – Knight Royal Axe or Prince of Libanus

The lessons of this degree have always been of great moment to a large number of people. The respect for labor itself and sympathy for the laboring classes are purely Masonic. Masonry has made the working man and his associates the heroes of her principal legend, and himself the companion of kings. From first to last, Masonry is work. Labor is man's great function, his peculiar distinction and his privilege. He pours his own thoughts into the molds of nature, fashioning them into forms of grace and fabrics of convenience. But greater than these, every man has work to do in himself, upon his own soul and intellect, and so may attain the highest nobleness and grandeur on earth or in Heaven.

30th Degree – Knight Kadosh

Of all the Degrees of the Scottish Rite, we should consider this one of the most important. "Lives of great men," as the poet has said, "remind us we can make our lives sublime." If in death there is life, then the great martyrs of history live indeed in the hearts of the followers after Truth. Every Mason who has attained this Degree should study the history of the Templars for it is as true now as then that the esoteric teachings of Masonry are only to be appreciated when studied diligently and continually. This Degree particularly teaches the great necessity of combating arbitrary and unscrupulous power and all influences which would keep the people in ignorance

Fraternally,
Vram Martirosyan, 32°, Commander

The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Welcome to summer Brethren and friends. As I always report about dues at this time I have some good news this time around. Our membership has grown to 969 members. Of this number 104 are endowed life members, those who purchased life memberships, 82 are Life members, as a result of age and longevity, and 15 members have had their dues remitted. Thus that leaves 768 annual dues paying members. Of this amount 526 members have paid their annual dues. This means only 69% of the members have paid their dues so far this year. That leaves 31% left to pay. Check your dues card for a 2015 sticker.



Some members have asked why we changed the meeting time to 6 PM. This is the reason. Stated Meetings are pretty much the same over and over again. Most of our stated meetings were committee reports. It is our hope and desire to make our time together more brotherhood and family oriented. Thus we have moved the dinners to 7 PM, with a social period at 6:30 PM. This is to allow our working brothers to come and bring family and participate in this friendship and brotherly love time. In June we shorten the stated meeting even shorter with the moving of committee reports to the dining room during dinner. Now instead of after dinner men and women breaking apart to go to their separate meetings, we now have entertainment or ceremonies or guest speakers to fill our after dinner time. We hope you find his engaging and we want all to start coming with family and friends, even prospective candidates to enjoy the Scottish Rite.

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the fall.

Bill

Women's Association News

Dear Ladies,

Well, I think our weather is warming up! Hope you have all been enjoying the spring days; now we are approaching "June gloom", then summer! How time flies!!

Our meetings, though short, have been productive with lots of good fellowship. We are presently planning for our fundraiser on September 26th. Please join us upstairs on the third floor at 5:30 p.m. while the men are in their meeting, and share in the conversation and plans for this special event. All ladies are welcome.

Pasadena Scottish Rite Women's Association has been in existence since the early 1980's and have supported our men as well as the children at the Language Center in many different ways all these years.

Please join us on Friday.

Sincerely,

Lynda Lockhart
President



Good Cheer Report

Ronald Stein, 32° KCCH
Knee Surgery

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

July/August Dinner Menus

Stated Meeting on July 10th

Appetizer Station
 Hamburger and Hot Dog Buffet
 Green Salad
 Potato Salad
 Relishes
 Root Beer Floats

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, July 8th at 2pm

Stated Meeting on August 7th

Appetizers
 Green Salad
 Baby Back Ribs
 Baked Beans
 Corn on the Cob
 Cole Slaw
 Cornbread
 Apple Pie A La Mode

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, August 5th at 2pm

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

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

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 P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Michael J. Bess, 33°

The Spring Reunion and Capping Ceremony having just completed, I would like to welcome each of our new members to the Valley of Pasadena and invite them to become actively involved. Stated meetings and dinners are a great starting point. Come and meet your Brethren and let them meet you.



Unlike the Blue Lodge, in the Scottish Rite, you passed from one degree to another and were not compelled to learn or recite anything; however, in the Scottish Rite there is much to be experienced. More importantly to be LEARNED. The more you become involved the more you will learn about the valuable lessons taught in the degrees. In short, becoming better Masons and men. In that light, the Valley of San Diego, 1895 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA. 92108, will present the 17th Degree, Knight of the East and West on July 15th at 7:00 P.M. There will be an all-you-can eat spaghetti dinner at 5:30 P.M. A donation of \$5.00 with a reservation and \$10.00 at the door. All proceeds to benefit their Language Center. You can make your reservation by calling the office at: (619) 291-2506.

There are several valleys in our area from which to choose. I want to thank you for choosing Pasadena as your Scottish Rite Valley, and look forward to seeing and personally meeting each of you.

As a general note, be sure and check your calendars to attend the reception for Ill.: Frank Loui 33°, S.G.I.G. to be held at 7:00 P.M., Friday, July 10, 2015. Note the date. The Valley will be dark Friday, July 3rd.

Michael J. Bess, 33°

Personal Representative

Americanism Program

The Valley of Pasadena annually participates in the Supreme Council's Americanism Program. This program recognizes one outstanding cadet in the second year of a three year program, or the third year of a four year program of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp or J.R.O.T.C.

The cadet must:

- (a) Have contributed the most among cadets on Campus to encourage and demonstrate Americanism, by deeds and conduct during participation in extracurricular activities or community projects.
- (b) Have demonstrated academic excellence by being in the top 25% of his or her academic class.
- (c) Not have received the award previously.

The Senior Service Official or the head of the school (or both) will make the selection.

Each selected cadet receives a medal and certificate in recognition of his or her excellence.

This program is approved by our Supreme Council and endorsed by the Department of Defense. The purpose of the Supreme Council is an effort to increase our recognition of outstanding young Americans while expanding our outreach into local communities.

This year's program in the Valley of Pasadena was chaired by Illustrious W. Joseph Ryland 33° and he was assisted by Sir Knight Rees Padfield, 32° KCCH and . We thank these Brothers for a job well done.

Congratulation to the following cadets who were presented Scottish Rite Awards:

John Muir HS	Brenda Pina-Sanchez
Blair HS	Kameron Irvin
Pasadena HS	Theodore Scalise
Crescenta Valley HS	Samuel Park
Gladstone HS	Jose Ambriz
Azusa HS	Giovannai Cardella
Don Lugo HS	Laurence Bagley
West Covina HS	Spencer R. Bocenegro
Lutheran HS	Jared Lopez
Franklin HS	Bryan Reynolds
Verdugo Hills HS	Amber Foust
Lincoln HS	Brian Lopez
James Monroe HS	Anayeli Gonzalez-Ballester
Van Nuys HS	Ester Cloe
Jordan HS	Julian Alvarez
Hollywood HS	Ruth Zacarias
Jefferson HS	Akeelah Wilson
Reseda HS	Victor Moran
West Adams Preparatory	Jackeline Limatuj
Kennedy HS	Anna Hernandez
Manual Arts HS	Sergio Perez
Roosevelt HS	Victor Acosta
Narbonne HS	John Villanueva
San Pedro HS	Roberto Romero
Garfield HS	Robyn Gonzales
Fulton Prep	Andrea Godoy
Cleveland HS	Josh Aglugub
Los Angeles HS	Misrrain Mochorro
Carson HS	Angelina Lawson