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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

DECEMBER

Friday, December 4

4:30PM Cathedral Board

6:00PM Stated Meeting

Women's Association

6:30PM Social

7:00PM Dinner

8:00PM Ill. Ramon Figuerora 33°

Fall Class Capping Ceremony and
Entertainment by Lemon Twist

Saturday & Sunday, December 12 & 13

Pasadena Childrens' Ballet Recital
Contact office for details.

Monday, December 21 through

Thursday, December 24

Pasadena Jaycee's Operation Santa
Our 81st year of participation with
them.

Thursday, December 24

Office Closed

Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas

Office Closed

Thursday, December 31

New Years Eve

Office Closed



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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)	

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(PREFERRED NAME) _____ WIFE'S FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE () _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

BLUE LODGE _____ NO. _____ AT _____

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° 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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Women's Association News

Dear Ladies,

Thanks again for the great support so many of you were able to give for our Pre Holiday Shopping luncheon in September. It was a great success. We will be able to make our special presentation at the December stated meeting.

We will also be having a bake sale of Christmas and Holiday goodies in the dining room before dinner in December. Be sure to bring your wrapped goodies with suggested prices to the dining room by 6:15 p.m. This will be in place of our regular meeting upstairs. We will enjoy our social time together in the dining room instead.

Have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. And ...

Happy New Year

Lynda Lockhart, President



Music Notes

Your Pasadena Concert Band will feature two Christmas concerts. Our first will be on Friday December 4th on our dining room, on stage starting at 6:30 P. M. to 7:15 P. M. Our second concert will be at Alhambra Masonic Lodge also from 6:30 P.M. to 7:15 P. M. on Saturday December 12th.

Musically Yours,
Don Johansen, 33°

Vram Martirosyan, 32°

Commander

Council of Kadosh

The year has near its end and I would like to take this opportunity to express how grateful it has been working with all the bodies of Scottish Rite here at the Pasadena Valley and the Administrative staff. It is everyone's hard work and dedication that takes this Valley forward every day. I specifically want to thank our General Secretary Illustrious Brother William Rook for taking the lead role at the Rite with arranging all the activities and entertainment surrounding our Stated Meetings and personally being a major support to me as the Commander of Kadosh. Also I would like to give special thanks to Mary Masoyan and Delores Pashby for their hard work and continuous support to all the members and families of the Valley.



Much has been going on in the world these days and many have been found to be suffering in the hands of evil, let us take time this Holiday Season and keep those in need in our hearts and minds. Let our individual growth and our interests grow us to think for the betterment of humanity as a whole. If by our help we can be the answer to the prayers of many and with our generosity can lighten a burden for an individual or a family than let us not hold back. Masons have been known to get involved and I would like to also ask those with some possible free time to get involved at your local communities and perhaps get your family members involved as well. Remember the working tools of our Craft and the purposes for each tool by which we are taught to hewn the superfluous parts of the rough ashlar to be a perfect ashlar and in return be strong holding blocks and pillars of our communities. The Craft has shown us the way and all we need to do is not be afraid to take on a great journey.

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The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Welcome to the Ill. Ramon Figueroa 33° Class. We are so happy to have you join us. In your Blue Lodge you were a good man who learned the lessons of Freemasonry to become a better man. As a Scottish Rite Mason we take that Better man and make him a truly Good man. To the class I say learn your lessons well and practice what you have learned as you bring the Masonic Light to the profane world.



Membership wise as of November 1, 2015 our membership rolls are down to 897 members. Of that 897, 374 have paid their 2016 dues, or 42%. This leaves 523 members or 58% still not paid. Please check your wallet to see if you have a 2016 sticker on your dues card.

Remember that the Stated meeting night is the capping ceremony for the Ill. Ramon Figueroa 33° Class. We will be entertained by Lemon Twist in the auditorium after the ceremony.

Because of a lack of interest by clinic parents and because of conflicting events and building upgrades occurring the Children Holiday Party will not happen this year. But I would suggest that you consider celebrating by bringing your children to the Pasadena Children Ballet performance here at the Rite on December 12 and 13. See the office in December for tickets.

Wishing all a happy holiday season and looking forward to a prosperous new year.

All for now.

Bill



Valentine Sweetheart Dinner Ball

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Music Stylings of Swing Time

Donation \$50 per couple

Formal or Semi - Formal please

*Proceeds to go the
California*

Scottish Rite Foundation - Pasadena

The Spirit of Hiram
Returns Friday March 11, 2016, 7:30pm

The Spirit of Hiram is a dramatic presentation of the Master Mason Degree. It has been performed by the Pasadena Scottish Rite for decades and will return to our stage for one night only. It is a tilled performance for Master Masons only – please put this on your calendars and help us spread the word by announcing it at your lodges and appendant bodies. We need help in acting, costuming, stagecraft, lighting, sound, and make-up. Please email the below address expressing your area of interest. We look forward to your involvement.

BECOME A PART OF THE LEGEND • JOIN US
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Good Cheer Report

Scott Manoogian, KCCH
Flu Virus

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Carr, 32°
South Pasadena #290
October 10, 2015

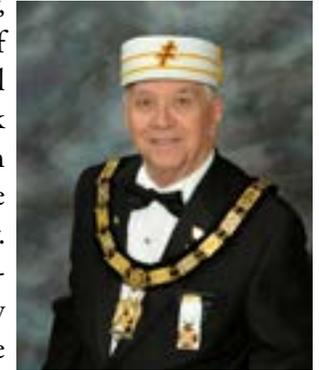
Richard Parker, 32°
Lexington #104
October 14, 2015

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

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren, Bill Rook, our General Secretary, and I just attended the annual meeting of the Personal Representatives and General Secretaries with our SGIG of California, Frank Loui. Frank discussed the state of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in California. We have here at Pasadena a vibrant and recognized Valley. Frank challenged us to participate in a state-wide degree team that will confer all twenty nine degrees in 2017. While we exemplify the mandatory degrees, there are seven degrees that no Valley in California puts on stage. They are the 16th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, and the 27th. Our Director of the Work is going to be asked if the Pasadena can learn one of these degrees. It would be nice to see California confer the degrees like Guthrie and even better if Pasadena participated.



Our newest class numbered thirty-one candidates. Please attend our December Stated Meeting and witness them receiving their caps.

The 2016 Scottish Rite year promises to be different and interesting. We are planning to have several nationally known writers and speakers to be here at Pasadena. We hope to have opportunities to meet socially as well as for Masonic Education. We have scheduled a Sweethearts dinner and Dance scheduled for February 20th, 2016 with a catered dinner and music provided by our own Steve Pashby and his band. Please set this date aside for your Rite.

Our members who are here on Wednesdays to help maintain this building and support the Rite, who we call our Wednesday Crew, could use some additional help. Hint!! If you can be here on Wednesdays from about

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The P.R.'s Corner Continued...

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM you would be doing your Rite a service. Plus, the fellowship and coffee breaks and lunch together builds even further fellowship and good friends.

As this is the time of giving and joy, remember the Childhood Language Center in your contributions and gifts. Remember, all monetary gifts will be matched by the Lodge of Perfection, \$1.40 to every \$1 .00 donated to the Childhood Center. Our children of Pasadena who have speech and language problems at an early age truly need our help. The new state Foundation rules for the operation of the Centers in California starting in 2017 are stringent and will require our utmost effort in fund raising both inside the Rite as well as outside.

Lastly, as you are with loved ones for the holidays, please remember the men and women in our Armed Forces on duty around the world, their families and the first responders here at home in your thoughts and prayers. Their unselfish giving of themselves and the hardships their families endure are for us. Let us never forget them. If you see a veteran, thank him or her.

Rees Padfield, 33°
Personal Representative

Commander Council of Kadosh, Continued From Page 3

Lastly I would like to congratulate all Brethren who have gone through the degrees of Scottish Rite during the Fall Reunion. My Brothers you have knocked again at the doors of Masonry and the doors of the Rite has opened onto you and when the Rite knocks on your door from time to time I hope the doors of your minds and hearts can open on to thee. Welcome to the Pasadena Valley Scottish Rite.

Vram Martirosyan, 32°
Commander

possible, such as “The Spirit of Hiram” and social activities such as the Santa Anita Racetrack outing. Tell them about our language center, the museum and the library. For those who are seriously interested in Masonic scholarship, tell them about our symbolism class and soon to be launched Master Craftsman study group.

We all get objections. How do we react to them? One big objection is the time to take the degrees. The degrees basically are delivered in an intensive manner to have the proper impact on the candidate, and spreading them over 3-4 weekends would result in a more diluted experience, as well as the difficulty for cast and candidate alike in scheduling. I also state that there is no memorization or proficiency to pass with the Scottish Rite degrees. In blue lodge, it could be months or even years between degrees. In Scottish Rite, it is just two weeks and you're done.

We also get the ‘I will do it later’ answer. My response is ‘How much later?’ and that I have kicked the can down the road on various things, including Masonic activities. Once I have joined them, I have said to myself, “This is great, I could kick myself for not joining sooner.” Of course, there are legitimate career and family issues which must be respected, and you will have to gauge how to follow-up, based upon your information from and relationship with the candidate. I recently saw the Grand Master of Nevada as a candidate in a York Rite ceremony. He prioritized time for this during his year as GM and has set an example for us - “This is doable - don't procrastinate.”

Next installment - Symbolism Class and Master Craftsman Study Group

Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH
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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.

Director of Membership

Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH

The VMAP program, a major priority of the Supreme Council, S.J., stands for Valley Membership Achievement Program. Every Valley and Orient is enrolled in VMAP. Although it includes much about member recruitment, it is more comprehensive in nature and deals with the entire Scottish Rite experience, and seeks to make that experience positive and meaningful in every way. In this installment; however, let's talk about membership.

How do we attract members? Obviously, our personal bearing and example are important factors in attracting and recruiting. But what do we tell members? I tell them that I firmly believe that the Pasadena Scottish Rite is the place where they can expand their understanding of Masonry, in a personally meaningful way, that we have a profound series of degrees which will explain much more of Masonry than can be learned at the blue lodge level. I state that the blue lodge confers three degrees, but that there are 29 more, perhaps even 30 if one is able to achieve the rare distinction of the 33rd degree. I say that the blue lodge is the foundation of the building, but once a foundation is laid, it is then time to build on this foundation. Scottish Rite, the university of Masonry, is that structure we are building. While we must remain connected to our blue lodge, it is really the beginning of the Masonic journey, not its conclusion.

I explain that we took obligations in our blue lodges to seek further light in Masonry. The Scottish Rite is one avenue to pursue that light and fulfill that obligation. We have a beautiful series of memorable, soul-searching and thought-provoking degrees which every Mason should experience.

We have a fine cast, fabulous sets, props, backdrops, and costumes. We have a unique bond of brotherhood at PSR in which men are willing to regularly drive from Long Beach, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Lancaster, Palmdale and even Arizona to experience.

Be sure to invite your prospective brothers to come to every PSR activity

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December Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on December 4th

Chicken Noodle Soup

Green Salad

California Chicken or Fish, or Vegetarian on request

Rice

Mixed Vegetables

Chocolate Mousse Cake

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, December 2nd 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



The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program is an exciting by-mail correspondence course designed and administered by staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the A. & A. Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. Part I consists of six lessons, utilizing The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross, and A Bridge to Light by Rex Hutchens, 33°, Grand Cross, as its textbooks

For more information please visit the Master Craftsman page at:

<http://scottishrite.org/members/masonic-education/srmc/>

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 October 2015 Donors,

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San Dimas High 12 Club

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"Special Cathedral Board Matching Funding Raising Drive"
which will conclude on January 1st.



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December 1, 2015