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Venerable Master

Lodge of Perfection

Thank you, brethren, for electing me to be the Venerable Master for 2019. I will endeavor to do my best to vindicate the trust that you have given me for the this year, working with the three other masters and the brethren to continue to build the Pasadena Valley to be the best in the Rite. Together we will strive to bring the best in ritual, the best in Masonic education, speakers, entertainment and, of course, working for even better programs for our Language Center.



Our dinner for February will be followed by a talk on asteroids by Dr. Emily Kramer, PHD, from the Jet Propulsion Lab here in Pasadena. This is guaranteed to be an enlightening and fascinating talk. Don't forget to purchase your annual dinner tickets for yourselves and your family. The dinners, as always, will be great and the programs will always be interesting and fun. There will be some musical times as well.

Over the last several years, we have restarted two of our historic Pasadena Scottish Rite programs, "The Spirt of Hiram", which is now being worked in the San Francisco Valley, as well, and "The Living Constitution", which will be performed again in September, and maybe on the road at blue lodges, as we used to do. Another play, which was discontinued about 20 years ago, was "Greater Love Hath No Man", which was always a road show, introducing many Masons to the Scottish Rite for the first time. We will be also looking into restarting that one.

We are also working on Masonic education, with the Saturday Discussion Group and the Master Craftsman program, which we will be doing on the same third Saturday each month for the maximum effect. We are also working with Archimedes Lodge UD, to perform the three craft degrees on our stage for the education of all Masons.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to be your Venerable Master for this year.

Charles J. Fisher, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Greetings Brethren, ladies, and friends,

I wish first to congratulate our newly installed lodge officers and hope they have a successful year. I would also like to thank the VMAP and Ambassador teams for a successful 2018.



But moving ahead to this year and membership it has not been a good year. We presently have a membership of 822. We started the year 2018 with a membership of 872. During the year we lost 33 men to the Celestial Lodge Above. We suspended 66 members for non-payment of dues and another 10 who were suspended by the Grand Lodge. Six members affiliated with other valleys and left our valley, for a total loss of 115. On the other side, we initiated 44 new member and reinstated 11 and had 6 brothers affiliate with us, for a total of 61. Our growth was -115 members for 2018.

There is not a great deal we can do about death, and we can't do much about Grand Lodge Suspension. But 66 SNPD is not good. Our membership retention team as well as our Knights have been working in that area. And as you can see they got 11 to reup their membership. I have my reasons for these numbers, but others might see things differently. But it is something we need to work on turning around.

But by working together we can keep Pasadena Scottish Rite as a viable and strong part of the Masonic community.

Happy Valentines Day

Bill

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

Elaine and I wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. As we are in the month of several most important Presidents' birthdays we should look back at their times, morals and social mores and try to imagine how they came to the decisions that they made and how farsighted they were. The below picture is in memory of President George Washington and his Masonic history. It is filled with memorabilia from all 50 states as well as a replica of his Lodge room including his Lodge Bible. Clearly, a vacation to Washington D.C. certainly should include a trip to the Washington Memorial in Alexandria Virginia.



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

I congratulate the new Pasadena Scottish Rite lodge masters and their officer lines. They have their responsibilities set out for them for 2019. The Cathedral Board and Rite Care Boards are continuing to execute their responsibilities as the maintenance of our building and the care of the youth in our Language Center. Our Knights of St. Andrew are accomplishing their duties and it is most appreciated. Hopefully our new Red Lodge will soon be able to confer the Scottish Rite first three degrees. With the Spirit of Hiram play upcoming, your support in getting your new Master Masons to attend is needed. The free meal before the play always helps. Be ready to support your local Scottish Rite Ambassador in getting the word out.

As we look forward to the activities scheduled for this year, your participation is important not only in supporting our new brethren in our Reunions, but also the charitable events supporting our Rite Care Clinic. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our Stated Meeting dinners and meetings.

Rees Padfield, 33°

Personal Representative

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	44
Affiliations:	6
Reinstatements:	11
Deaths:	33
Demissions:	6
Suspensions (Non-payment):	66
Suspensions (Other reasons):	10
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	822

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	337	41.1%	42.1%	44.5%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	202	24.6%	19.1%	17.4%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	91	11.1%	11.5%	9.6%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	91	11.1%	9.2%	8.4%
Paid Life Members:	99	12.1%	18.1%	20.1%

Meet the Venerable Master



Charles J. Fisher, 32° KCCH *Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection*

A Los Angeles native, Charles James Fisher, 32° KCCH, was raised in the Mt. Washington neighborhood of that city, attending Mt. Washington Elementary, Nightingale Junior High (now Middle School) and Franklin High School. He then attended East Los Angeles College and California State University at Los Angeles. He married Anne Marie Wozniak in 1980 and worked for 28 years with Transamerica Real Estate Tax Service.

He has worked the past 14 years as a free-lance historian, successfully nominating over 160 Historic Cultural Monument in the City of Los Angeles, as well as monuments in Ventura County and the cities of Glendale, Ojai and Sierra Madre. He is a board member and past President of the Highland Park Heritage Trust and presently serves on the board of the Highland Park Historic Preservation Overlay Zone for the City of Los Angeles. He has volunteered on several committees for the Los Angeles Conservancy.

His parents, Lloyd Bennington and Priscilla Fisher, both veterans of World War II, were active in the American Legion while he was growing up and, at the age of 10, he was Commander of the Alhambra Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion, later going on to be the 18th District Commander and to hold several offices in the Detachment of California of that body.

His Masonic career began in 1970, when he joined Highland Park Chapter, Order of DeMolay, becoming Master Councilor of that Chapter in 1974. He has received the honors of Representative DeMolay, Chevalier and the Cross

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of Honor. He and his father joined Highland Park Lodge No. 382, where he was raised in 1976. In 1983, he served in the East at Fellowship Lodge No. 290, after Highland Park Lodge consolidated with Eastgate Lodge No. 290 in 1982. Fellowship consolidated with South Pasadena Lodge No 367 in 1992, and he went on again to be Worshipful Master there in 2003. He is presently serving as Chaplain at South Pasadena, where he has also served as Officers Coach. He also currently the Chaplain in the Southern California Research Lodge No. 1005 and the Junior Deacon in Archimedes Lodge UD.

He joined Pasadena Scottish Rite in the Spring Reunion of 1984 and went on to participate in the degrees. He was one of the original founders of the Pasadena Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew, serving as Knight Orator until receiving his red hat in 2009. He served as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix in 2006. He has been conducting the Saturday Discussion Group for the last three years and is a member of the Scottish Rite Research Society.

He is also a member of Al Malaikah Shrine, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Robert the Bruce Association and the York Rite Bodies in the San Gabriel Valley.

Outside of Masonry and history, his interests include collecting antiquarian books and classic cars, photography and travel.



The Spirit of Hiram

**Returns Friday March 8, 2019, 8pm
Pasadena Scottish Rite Cathedral**

OFFICERS SERVING THE PASADENA SCOTTISH RITE BODIES – 2019



LODGE OF PERFECTION

VENERABLE MASTER.....CHARLES J. FISHER, 32^o, KCCH
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Faith begins where Reason sinks exhausted.

— ALBERT PIKE

February Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on February 1st

- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Green Salad with Honey Dijon Dressing
- Chicken Piccata
- Basmati Rice
- Fresh Green Beans with Roasted Almonds
- Rolls & Butter
- Strawberry Shortcake

Last day for reservations: Wednesday, January 30th at 2pm

Number of Reservations at \$15.00 Per Person.....

Fish or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.

Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid.

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IN MEMORIAM

Gene French, 32°
 North Hollywood Lodge No. 542
 December 22, 2018

James A. White, 32°
 Palmdale Lodge No. 769
 September 6, 2018

James Jones, 32° KCCH
 South Pasadena Lodge No. 290
 July 18, 2018

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

Good Cheer Report

Harry Sprague, 33°
Hospital

Rees Padfield, 33°
Hospital

Joe Ryland, 33°
Hospital

Steve Pashby, 32° KCCH
Hospital

Ed Griffiths, 33°

David Solomini, 32°
Hospital

Ronald Stein, 32° KCCH
Hospital

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, 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.

Strategic Objectives

Fulfill the promise of additional Masonic knowledge through education and training.

Build a Positive Public Image of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite.

Support and expand our philanthropic activities.

Provide a framework for effective leadership to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity.

Provide a financial process to ensure the stability and long-term success of the Fraternity

Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

Chairman of VMAP Committee

Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH

Our 2018 VMAP (Valley Membership Achievement Project) Report was happily completed before the December deadline. The report requires the local signatures of the VMAP chairman, Venerable Master, Personal Representative, and General Secretary. The report is then sent to the S.G.I.G. or his Deputy. Our submission was approved and forwarded to the Supreme Council for final approval. There is no set date for receiving the final approval, but in the past, it is usually sometime in the springtime. The Assistant Secretary also was involved in assembling our information.



Allow me to give you some background on the VMAP program.

The comprehensive Valley assessment tool covers 11 categories of activities - Member Retention/Engagement, Scottish Rite Education - Members, Member Recruitment, New Member Engagement, Reunion Experience, Scottish Rite Education-Candidates, Philanthropy, Public Image, Degree Conferral Proficiency, Valley Leadership & Management and Valley Organizations.

There are mandatory requirements within each category that every Valley must fulfill, then followed by a 'cafeteria style' choice of activities that the Valley must perform from the list to satisfy the category. There are also provisions for a Valley to include an activity which may not have been listed. The number of activities after the mandatory activities varies depending upon the size of the Valley. Our Valley is large, so we had to meet a larger requirement. We performed approximately 100 items across the 11 categories.

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Our Valley has been VMAP compliant every year since the program came into existence. Having VMAP has helped us grow a stronger Valley. We have, under the leadership of our esteemed Personal Representative Rees Padfield, offered new activities, restored previous activities and improved upon existing practices. Some examples of new activities we have instituted since VMAP include the bowling tournament, golf tournament, among others. We have reinstated “The Living Constitution and the “Spirit of Hiram” under VMAP and our KSA has reached out to contact every member of this Valley! We have also started our annual recognition of our First Responders under VMAP. These are impressive accomplishments, and only a partial list of how we have improved our beloved Valley in the last four years!

Being VMAP compliant is an achievement that takes the entire Valley to accomplish, not just the committee that produces the report. So, my deepest thanks to you to all of you.

We are beginning to work on 2019 already and I look forward to working with you all again.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Steven Klein, 32°, KCCH
VMAP Chairman
Valley of Pasadena

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Ext: 101 Mary - Office Secretary

Ext: 102 Bill - General Secretary and Rental Manager

Ext: 104 Dolores - Accountant

Ext: 105 Rees - Cathedral Association

Ext: 106 Meghri - Language Center Secretary/Receptionist

 Pasadena Childhood Language Center


Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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Roger & Susan Konoske

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Women's Association News

Gentlemen, thank you for sharing this newsletter with your lady

Dear Ladies,

We are on our way with a “red and hearts” month – Happy Valentine’s Day everyone! I hope it is a fun month for you all. ☺

Carla Sanchez ordered the dominoes that are used for games like “Mexican Train” etc., so be sure to join us for some fun at our February meeting! I have been talking about it for months and you just did it on line. Thank you so much Carla.

Ladies please join your man for our delicious Friday night dinner and then join the ladies upstairs while the men are in their meeting. We have a fun time together with good conversation and game time.

Hope to see you in February 2019!

Sincerely,

Lynda Lockhart

President

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Rees Padfield, 33^o Personal Representative
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Stephen R. Miller, 32 ^o KCCH	Organist
George T. "Kerry" Halgrims, 32 ^o KSA	Tiler

Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 1

3:30PM Rite Care Board
 4:30PM Cathedral Board
 6:00PM Social
 6:30PM Dinner
 8:00PM Stated Meeting
 Lodge of Perfection in Charge
 Women's Association

Saturday, February 2

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Friday, February 8

7:00PM Spirit of Hiram Rehearsal

Saturday, February 9

DeMolay Event

Saturday, February 16

9:00AM Discussion Group

Friday, February 22

7:00PM Spirit of Hiram Rehearsal

Saturday, February 23

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