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## The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

Our summer, while rather warm, is now over and school is now in session. Vacations are over so the traffic is back to normal ugly. It seems that anywhere I go it is grid lock on the freeways. I worry about the future and my grandchildren. I also worry about the Pasadena Scottish Rite. I have previously written about the divisiveness that I see around us and mentioned that it seems to be invasive also in our Rite. I have seen and have been called concerning the content of blogs, Facebook, texts and other social media entries from our members that are truly obscene and vulgar. We are all Masons, and while I do understand the First Amendment, we should look at what we write and ask ourselves whether what someone who reads our pontification will think of us as well as Masonry in general when they see what we have written with or without our Masonry imagery. We do not partake in political or religious discussions while in Lodge. We are the face of Masonry and to the world outside, what we do **reflects** upon our fraternity. I suspect the Grand Master or the Grand Commander would frown upon or worse if they saw what I have seen from our members. Masonry should not be seen as increasing the divisiveness in our Country. Discussion and debate are the foundation of our Republic, but the bucolic entries do not add to the discussion and only add to the inability to compromise. There is also a movement that I see occurring in our Valley that is an outgrowth of divisiveness that is growing in several of our local Blue Lodges. I see evidence of the sides and reasons or the bitterness that is being expressed in those Lodges being promulgated here in our Valley, with different sides being formed and the resulting ill feelings are being expressed to me. Our Valley is well thought of and is an excellent example of Scottish Rite Masonry. I will not have our reputation put asunder by biased and personal grievances that will destroy our Valley as it is doing



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to those local Lodges. I think it is time for all of us to reflect on what is more important to each of us, being a Mason or part of a rabid culture of "my way or the highway". If you truly feel that you must express yourself in an unbecoming manner or must take or make sides here at the Pasadena Scottish Rite that you have in your Blue lodge, I strongly suggest you find another Valley. It has no place in Masonry in general and here in Pasadena in particular. If I continue to see this behavior continue, I will do all in my power to remove and eliminate that behavior.

Rees Padfield, 33°

Personal Representative

## September Dinner Menu

### Stated Meeting on September 6th

Cheese & Crackers

Caesar Salad

Stuffed Pork Tenderloin

Brown Rice w/ dried cranberries

Broccoli and Carrots

Guava Mousse Cake

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, September 4th 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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## The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Welcome to the month of the beginning of Autumn. And with that things get busy. First is our Stated Meeting on September 6th. It is still summer dress. We hope you will wear Patriotic clothes to honor our Constitution. Tentatively, barring other rentals, the Living Constitution will be presented on stage. Proceeding it will be a free spaghetti dinner commencing at 6 PM. Please check with office prior to the event that it is still viable. (Production Company has a hold on that date and we await the Producers decision). September 21st is honors ceremonies in San Diego, all day.



Dues invoice should have been received and or are in the mail. Be so kind as to remit your dues as soon as you receive the invoice. Presently this office has submitted 50 names to the membership retention team because they are in the serious situation of being suspended in December. The team when they call will discuss ways you may maintain your membership.

Effective September 1st, if you use a credit or debit card in our office there will be a fee for there use. Thus dinner for one will be \$15.50, for a couple \$25.75. Dues if you use our credit office will be \$150. Also credit card use for degrees will jump to \$307.50. Sorry for the change but credit cards fees are going up and our revenue seems to be decreasing.

That's all for September

## Chairman of VMAP Committee

Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH

As a gesture of brotherly love and affection, your Pasadena Scottish Rite sends you a birthday card and provides you with a free stated meeting dinner during your birthday month. My brothers, please come to our stated meeting on the first Friday of the month and get your free dinner and let us see you and enjoy your company for the evening. You are part of our body and we miss you. The doors are always open and you will be welcomed with open arms.



Continuing on the subject of free stated meeting dinners, your Valley rewards and thanks you for turning in petitions with a free stated meeting dinner. If you are fortunate enough to turn in five petitions for one reunion class as the first line signer, you will receive free stated meeting dinners for an entire year. That is a great incentive - any takers?

A number of you have approached me - some in emails, in person or both - to tell me you are making progress in your Master Craftsman program. This is great news. Enrolling in, and especially completing Master Craftsman courses demonstrates a deep commitment not only to Masonic education, but especially to Scottish Rite as a whole. You can sign up at <http://www.scottishritestore.org> or call 1-866-445-9196 between 8:30-5:30 Eastern time. Congratulations to those aforementioned brothers and we hope more of you will sign up for the course. The courses are reasonably priced and include your diploma, medals and/or lapel pin. Assistance is offered following the Discussion Group ( usually on the 4th Saturday morning of the month ) or just call or email me for assistance. Completing a Master Craftsman course is a big accomplishment and you will be recognized and awarded your diploma and pin during our stated meeting dinner.

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We have our Fall Reunion beginning on October 25th and continuing on the 26th, then November 1st and 2nd. This is our only Reunion this year and wouldn't it be great to make it a big one? We would love to see more petitions turned in and more brothers attending at least a portion of the Reunion. Remember, if you have signed a candidate's petition, please be with your candidate.

Every activity mentioned in this column is part of our Southern Jurisdiction's Valley Membership Achievement Project, also known by its acronym, VMAP. It is the roadmap the Supreme Council has laid out to help each Valley realize its potential. Each part, however small, is important and helps the member and the Valley reach our personal and institutional goals.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Steven D. Klein, 32°, KCCH  
VMAP Chairman

## Good Cheer Report

Charles Krefting, 32° KSA  
Hospital

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

## Lodge Ambassadors

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

Dear Brethren,

In general, people love to express themselves. One of the many ways of doing so is through the things they buy. It can be expressed through the food they eat or the clothes they wear. Individuals tend to assign deep meaning to the brands they love, because it has helped to form, shape or express their identities. Understanding this concept is essential to the success of not just a business model, but also to organizations. Our Valley offers more than just degrees; we offer “MEANINGS”. Building a community around these meanings, will attract more interest, resulting in more members.



Almost 100% of our prospective members trust a recommendation from one or more of our current members. Ambassador's not only provide a recommendation, they mentor; by teaching and guiding. They play a critical role in representing our Valley to new prospects. The recruiting season for new Ambassadors will start this September. Our focus is not on the number of Ambassadors, but rather a small group, that are highly passionate about representing our Valley. The ideal candidates for this program are not only enthusiastic about the Scottish Rite, but also demonstrates the values of our Valley. Ideally they have a well-established reputation in their Blue Lodge(s) and if not currently, then eventually, a social media presence.

The ambassadors are a small community within a large community that are committed to assist our Valley in growth. The ambassador program will have regularly scheduled meetings. They'll be held the second Friday of each month. During these meetings' we'll discuss the progress, share ideas and thoughts among peers on identifying

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## Lodge Ambassadors continued...

and mentoring prospects. Ambassadors will provide an introduction of what it means to become a Scottish Rite Mason to prospective members. They'll invite the prospects to our Valley's stated meetings, the first Friday of the month. The dinner will be used as an opportunity to familiarize the prospects with; our members, give them a tour of our building and answer their questions.

For those of you interested in becoming an Ambassador, I encourage you to reach out to me to further discuss the program. If you're unable to become an Ambassador, you can still assist this program by directing either an ambassador to a prospective member or vice versa, as well as, working with the Ambassadors to see if they can use your assistance in any way. Always remember, no matter the size of the act, they all can have a big impact.

Be the Ambassador in which YOU stand for.

Fraternally,

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

<b>Current Year Membership Statistical Changes</b>	
Initiations:	1
Affiliations:	2
Reinstatements:	6
Deaths:	13
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	19
Suspensions (Other reasons):	10
Expulsions	0
<b>Current Lodge Membership</b>	<b>791</b>

<b>Current Dues Statistics</b>				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	8	1.0%	0.9%	1.3%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	452	57.1%	53.1%	53.8%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	138	17.4%	16.6%	15.2%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	97	12.3%	11.1%	9.7%
Paid Life Members:	96	12.1%	18.2%	20.1%

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 Pasadena Childhood Language Center


Meghri Habashian  
Office Coordinator

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## Women's Association News

Gentlemen, thank you for sharing this newsletter with your lady

Dear Ladies,

By the time you receive the September Bulletin schools across the country will be in session, football season will be back, and we wait with eagerness for cooler weather to return!

And, the ladies will continue to meet upstairs after dinner while the men are in their meeting. It is a fun social time for us, come join us! If you have a fun group game you would like to share, bring it and we will play it.

Also, be sure to check the bulletin for the meeting time for social and dinner.

Look forward to seeing you all in September.

Sincerely,

Lynda Lockhart  
President

### 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.

## Ancient &amp; Accepted

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## Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

Dress September is business casual

## SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 6

3:30PM Rite Care Board

4:30PM Cathedral Board

6:00PM Social

6:30PM Dinner & Entertainment

8:00PM Scottish Rite Education

The 7th Degree

Women's Association

8:15PM Stated Meeting

Consistory in Charge

Saturday, September 7

10:00AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Friday, September 13

6:00PM Spaghetti Dinner and  
"The Living Constitution"

Monday, September 16

6:00PM Spaghetti Dinner and  
"The Living Constitution" at Glendora  
Lodge

Saturday, September 21

Southern Orient Honours Program  
All Day - San Diego Scottish Rite

Saturday, September 28

TBD Reunion Rehearsal

9:00AM Discussion Group 23rd Degree  
Master Craftsman to follow

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