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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite sitting in the Valley of Pasadena, Orient of California acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspector General Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-Third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America.



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Fall is upon us as we prepare to celebrate our Reunion on October 25th and 26th and November 1st and 2nd. As membership is our lifeblood, remember that active members provide for the successful future of our Valley. Therefore, it is through the reunion that we bring in the renewal of our own commitment as new brethren join us for this auspicious occasion.



October is when we also celebrate the Feast of Tishri with its ten toasts to the health of our members and our Valley. Yet the celebration of Tishri has a much deeper significance:

Tishri is the celebration of the deliverance of the Children of Israel from Egypt and the reaching the Promised Land. As they were led through the wilderness, God decreed the celebration of a seven-day feast in the Jewish month of Ethanim, during which they were to live in “sukkahs” (shelters or Booths) – He decreed that this feast be celebrated annually to forever remind the Israelites that He had rescued them from Egypt. After the return from the period of Babylonian captivity the month became known by their name of “Tishri”. This “Feast of Tishri” (or “Feast of Succoth”) is thus a symbol of freedom. Some 450 years after its origin, the Feast of Tishri was utilized in dedicating the newly completed King Solomon’s Temple, and this association led to its adoption by Scottish Rite Masonry to symbolize our dedication to brotherly love and human accord in a peaceful world.

This adaptation is evoked in lessons taught by the Third Degree lecture in the Blue Lodge, wherein we learn that David, King of Israel, was denied the privilege of building the Temple of God “due to his reign being one of many wars and much bloodshed”. His son, Solomon, ascended the throne and, after David’s death, brought peace and tranquility in the world through his wisdom and righteousness – God thus chose him to perform “so great and glorious an undertaking” as that denied David. And so it was therefore

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through Solomon, that construction of the Temple was guided by the hand of God. Association of the Feast of Tishri with the dedication of the Temple of Solomon led to its third name – the “Feast of the Tabernacle”. The Feast of Tishri thus epitomizes the character, principles and purposes of Scottish Rite Masonry, all being consistent with the dictates of God.

The feast has been adopted by the Scottish Rite to remind us of the righteousness of God as exercised through the wisdom of Solomon as we are reminded of in our Masonic ritual. The toasts remind us of who we are as Masons and how God guides each of us in our lives. Let us celebrate in October, both through the Feast of Tishri and our Fall Reunion.

Charles J. Fisher, 32° KCCCH
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A Sponsor's Responsibility

For every petitioner for the degrees of Scottish Rite Degrees there is a Scottish Rite Mason who is his sponsor on whom rests the responsibility for proper training of the petitioner. The Scottish Rite Mason who signs the petition has a responsibility that does not end with their signature on the petition. If you invited a guest to a gathering at your home, you make sure that he meets all of your guest and is made welcome and comfortable. Isn't the man whom you recommend Scottish Rite Freemasonry entitled to the same courtesy? As his sponsor, is it not your duty to assist him with his work and take an interest in his progress? It seems to us that it is, and that you should see to it that he fully understands the fine lessons of our degrees. If you recommend a man to the Scottish Rite, satisfy yourself that he is receiving that for which you recommended him. To do so is but a Masonic courtesy and it is your duty as a Scottish Rite Mason.

The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Summer you went away and the days grow long
And soon I'll hear old winter's song
But I miss you most of all my summer
When autumn leaves start to fall

Summer has passed and we forge forward into
Autumn, and Pumpkin Spice coffee at Star-
bucks.

We may have some Autumn surprises which
at the present time of this writing are not set
in stone but possibly look for an announce-
ment later.



By now you should have received your invoice for dues from Supreme Council. Please consider paying those dues early. For those using credit cards through our office be aware there is now a charge for that service. If you pay on the phone or in the office the charge will be \$150 and not \$145. If you pay cash or pay through scottishrite.org website there is no extra charge. Also charge for other things made through the office also increase. Credit card payments for dinners will be \$15.50 each and a couple \$25.75. Pre-paid dinner booklets will be no change.

Keep you calendar open for October 25 and 26, November 1 and 2 for reunion. See the schedule attached to this bulletin. The Stated meeting for November is thus moved to November 8. At this meeting we will be honoring our 25 year and 50 year members during dinner. After dinner we will move up stairs to the auditorium where we will have the capping ceremony for our new Masters of the Royal Secret.

October Stated meeting brings us back to business attire (coat and tie). Also the October dinner we will celebrate the Feast of Tishiri.

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A note about candidates. Each class has a number of candidates recommended by good Brothers. But an increasing number of those candidates never pay dues and are suspended two years after they join. As a signer of their application it is your responsibility to mentor those new members and encourage them to become active in our Valley. There are many ways in which they can serve and does not take a lot of their time. So please be aware of those apps you sign and be a good brother and mentor to those you recommend.

And lastly, Ill. Ronald Seale, has retired as Grand Commander, and is succeeded by Ill. James Cole, of Virginia. Hopefully Ill Cole will visit us as did Ill Seale.

That is all I have for October.

Bill

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	1
Affiliations:	2
Reinstatements:	9
Deaths:	13
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	20
Suspensions (Other reasons):	10
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	795

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	18	2.3%	1.6%	2.8%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	451	56.9%	52.9%	52.8%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	131	16.5%	16.2%	14.5%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	97	12.2%	11.0%	9.7%
Paid Life Members:	96	12.1%	18.2%	20.2%

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren, our General Secretary and I had the privilege accompanying our two newest Inspector General Honorary Elects to Washington DC for their becoming a 33°, Inspector General Honorary of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. Ron and Jack tell me that they certainly enjoyed all the pomp and circumstance and of course, as Masons, the food. Our Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor, Vram, Robert, Al, and Charles, were knighted in San Diego, another



good time experiencing ritual and camaraderie and of course a banquet. Late this month and early next month we will have the opportunity to impress our newest members with our pomp and circumstance. Our Stated Meeting will be delayed one week in order to avoid scheduling conflicts with the Grand Lodge of California. As we did not have a spring class, please make every effort to expand our invitation for initiation to your Blue Lodge Brothers. Our Cap and Ring Ceremony will be held at our December Stated Meeting.

As we are approaching the fall and the end of our fiscal year, I wish to thank our Cathedral and Language Center Boards for their hard work, as well the efforts by our Conductor of the Work, stagecraft, classroom instructor and all the others who make our Valley operate and be recognized as a great example of Masonry. In the upcoming year, we will have several vacancies on our Language Board. Anyone interested in participating on the Board, and has the time and commitment for asking for contributions and gift giving, please let me know. Our Language Board is committed to offering the best clinical care and it takes considerable funding to make it so. We have received most generous gifts this year, but we need to canvas our area for contributions in order that we can guarantee treatment for our young clients.

Rees Padfield, 33°

Personal Representative

Chairman of VMAP Committee

Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH

Building. As a noun and a verb. As Masons, we are always interested in building. From building King Solomon's Temple, to building or maintaining our current buildings, to building our own personal Masonic building within ourselves, Masons are always interested in building.



VMAP - Valley Membership Achievement Project - lays out a path for us to build our Scottish Rite Valley into an even more beautiful building - literally and figuratively - than the beautiful institution it already is. We continue to build. Let's look at just a couple examples - "The Living Constitution" is back in production. Our "Spirit of Hiram" play is known from coast-to-coast and our past Sovereign Grand Commander came all the way from Washington, D.C. to attend a recent production. We have a lot to be proud of as a Valley. But as we all know, in Masonry, the work, the building, never stops.

Our work in VMAP starts in earnest in the fourth quarter of the year, as the year gets into deeper focus. This is especially true given that our only reunion is taking place soon. VMAP is both a qualitative and quantitative assessment. There are things that can't be measured such as quality of candidate or member experience. We have lists of things to check off that we try to provide to candidates and members alike in such categories. In other ways, it is qualitative - VMAP asks for hard numbers in areas of member retention and other categories. VMAP has many other requirements - some are spelled out explicitly. We are allowed in some cases to choose from a list.

So, in the coming months, we will see how much we have built. We will

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see how much stronger and how much more beautiful we have built our Scottish Rite in 2019. Our Personal Representative, General Secretary and Assistant Secretary are all key members of the VMAP committee, but every member of our Valley also plays a part - if you are on stage, behind stage, in wardrobe, or makeup, if you work on the important boards for the Cathedral or the Language Center, are a Master Craftsman student, in an officer line, produce a social event - attend meetings - everything is all a part of VMAP. Thanks for all those who build our Rite in so many ways. The operative word in VMAP is MEMBERSHIP and that means all of us!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Steven Klein, 32, KCCH
VMAP Chairman



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<https://squareup.com/store/ScottishRite>

October Dinner Menus

Stated Meeting on October 4th

- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Garden salad with Honey Dijon dressing
- German Beer Boneless Short Ribs
- Yukon roasted potatoes
- Green beans
- Baileys Chocolate Mousse Cake

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, October 2nd at 2pm



Reunion Dinner on October 25th

- Garden Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing
- Tenderloin Steak with Mushroom & Wine Sauce
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Garden Vegetables
- Dessert

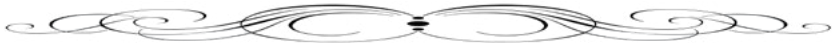
Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, October 23rd at 2pm



Reunion Dinner on November 1st

- Green Salad with Ranch Dressing
- New York Steak
- Baked Potato
- French Green Beans with Roasted Almonds
- Dessert

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, October 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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Ronald J. Stein, 32° KCCH
Memorial Class
Reunion Schedule

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 25TH

5:00 PM Class Registration
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Classroom Meeting
7:30 PM 4th Degree
8:30 PM 5th Degree

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 26TH

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM Meditation
8:30 AM Classroom Instruction
9:30 AM 14th Degree
11:30 AM Lunch
12:00 PM Speaker
12:30 PM Classroom Instruction
1:30 PM 18th Degree
3:00 PM Classroom Instruction

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 1ST

6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Classroom Instruction
7:30 PM 28th Degree

SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 2ND

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM Meditation
8:30 AM Classroom Instruction
9:30 AM 30th Degree
12:00 PM Lunch
12:30 PM Speaker
1:00 PM Classroom Instruction 31st degree
1:30 PM 32nd Degree

Childhood Language Center

Arthur H. Zabounian, 33°

Thank You Maya - Our Guardian Angel

Three years ago, the Pasadena RiteCare Language Center's Board of Governors unanimously voted to end our partnership with a local University's graduate program in speech therapy. In place of this, a new strategy was conceived to hire a new therapist(s). As such, an action plan was launched to solicit new corporate, private and member donors who believed in our Mission.



Miraculously, Ms. Maya Shmidt heard our calling and through her family's Foundation has supported us since. Her recent donation of 100K was presented to us at a private luncheon. This is Maya's third donation in three years, making a total sum of 200K thus far. Maya's support has encouraged our Board to continue with our Mission of not only extending private speech therapy to our clients but also double the placement of clients in our program.

Thank you members and friends for supporting our RiteCare program.
Thank you fellow Board members for your dedication.
Thank you Maya for believing in our Mission.



Arthur H. Zabounian, President
CLC Board of Directors

Passing the Tools of Leadership

Supreme Council Elects Ill. James D. Cole, 33°, 19th Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, S.J., U.S.A.



Grand Commander Cole was elected at the AASR-SJ Biennial Session held at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC. He takes on the position from retiring, Past Grand Commander Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33°, who served in this position for 16 years.

GC Cole served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in 2001. For many years he has been the CEO for the Masonic Home of Virginia in Richmond. Formerly controller of the Virginia Tech Foundation, he held several administrative positions at Virginia Tech following his tenure with an international accounting firm. His 30 years of experience with nonprofits and businesses includes roles as auditor, founder, officer and director of numerous organizations. He is also a licensed life insurance agent and holds two degrees from Virginia Tech.

Prior to this most recent honor and position, he was serving as both the Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council and as the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Virginia.

Brother Cole is a member of the Valley of Roanoke, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and was coroneted 33° Inspector General Honorary in October, 2001.

Pasadena Childhood Language Center

Meghri Habashian
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 September 2019 Donors
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Raffi Bedrosian, Third Division Inspectors, Robert Artinian,
Arman Ekmekciyan, Ricky King, John Thorpe

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CALIFORNIA SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION

Women's Association News

Gentlemen, thank you for sharing this newsletter with your lady

Dear Ladies,

Our fundraiser season is rapidly approaching! Stay tuned for details and updated dates etc.

And, of course, 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 October.

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 & Accepted

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

OCTOBER

Friday, October 4

4:30PM Cathedral Board
 6:00PM Social
 6:30PM Dinner
 7:15PM Feast of Tishri
 8:00PM Scottish Rite Education
 Women's Association
 8:15PM Stated Meeting
 Lodge of Perfection in Charge

Saturday, October 5

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Saturday, October 12

Reunion Rehearsal

Sunday, October 13

Reunion Rehearsal

Friday-Sunday, October 19-21

Grand Lodge Annual Communication
 San Francisco

Friday, October 25

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Fall Reunion Day 2 (See Page 11)

Friday, November 1

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