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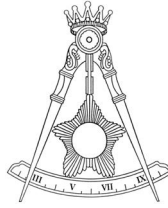
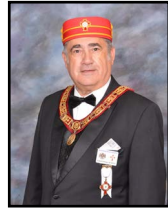
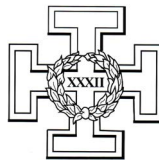
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Scottish Rite sitting in the Valley of Pasadena,
Orient of California acknowledge and yield
allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother
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Greetings Brethern,

The end of the summer season is upon us, which is traditionally signified by the passing of the Labor Day weekend celebration. In the planetary and astronomical sense, in the northern hemisphere, summer begins at the time of the summer solstice (~ June 20th – June 22nd) and ends with the Autumn Equinox (~ September 21st – September 24th). In any case, these are the times of the year when we typically spend time with family and friends



to enjoy countless outdoor activities and traditions. Much like the many BBQ's, sporting events, and celebrations that we all attend each and every year. We will soon be in the fall season, which transition the celebrations to indoor events, which help us continue the annual traditions of togetherness and sharing of time with one another's loved ones.

That being said, I would like to touch briefly on a deeper meaning for the time-honored Labor Day holiday and which can have different spiritual meanings for many people around the world. This event which could coincide with the behavior of nature as a time when all it's work have come to a culmination in where all its inhabitants have labored zealously throughout the year and began to start the transition to a time of rest or a state of hibernation to enjoy those fruits of labor. This is a time when we can remember to honor the human effort of the Great Architect of the Universe's creation, remembering God's rest, and treating workers fairly. The point of honoring human effort can be viewed as a way to celebrate Labor Day by recognizing that God created humans in his image and that all works have a significant inherent value. Remembering God's rest is simply remembering that even he took a day to rest from his work and that the rhythms of work and rest, as in our craft, are important for our relationship with nature and the sublime. Some ways to experience this rest include reflecting on good and beautiful things, imagining a better future, and adding daily rest practices such as inward reflection and positive thought. Treating workers fairly, just

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Master of Kadosh, continued....

like that noble emulation that we have been taught, can be viewed a way to put into practice who can best work and best agree. I hope this is food for thought and something that might give you all a little something to reflect on at this time of year.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the entire Pasadena Scottish Rite Valley for all of its work throughout the year and thank each and every Brother for any and all their individual contributions to continue the great work of OUR valley. Thank you for all the work that you all as a group have accomplished and for the fortitude of the forward progress of passing the work to the future generations moving forward. Please remember that there is always something to be done and there is always a way to help to cause effect in the greater work, no matter how great or small the task. As I end this, I will once again leave you with a quote:

“The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another, and no man can know it alone.”

-Bro. William Howard Taft

Joel E. Castro, 32° KSA
Master of Kadosh, Consistory

Master Craftsman Online College & Leadership Academy.

<https://mastercraftsmancollege.org/>

That's right: Master Craftsman is now ONLINE! Since its inception in 2009, the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman education program has been a leading source for Masonic education, not only here in the Southern Jurisdiction, but also across the globe.



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The Secretary's Desk

Ill. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

On our September 6th Stated we will be recognising our 25 & 50 year members.

25 Years;

Anthony Castaneda, Jr. 32°, John Ledwon 32°, Lynn Wallingford 32° KCCH.

50 Years;

Wallace Emory 32°, Merrick Hamer 33°, James Jessen 32°, Ian Linton 32°, Thomas Meadors 32°, Ruben Villalobos 33°, Curtis Olson 32°.



The next part of our reunion will be on September 14th, for the 26° through 29°; if you are a recommender for a candidate please be here with them as they continue on thier journey in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. If you will be attending the reunion on September 14th be sure to call the office and let us know so we don't run out of food.

Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°
General Secretary

Daily Recap of Membership

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Valley of Pasadena
 Orient of California
 Southern Jurisdiction

| | Begin | Initiations | Affiliations | Reinstatements | Deaths | Demits | Susp.NPD | Susp.Other | Expulsions | Ending |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------|--------|----------|------------|------------|--------|
| Pasadena / Lodge | 688 | 38 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 3 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 671 |
| Pasadena / Chapter | 686 | 41 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 3 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 671 |
| Pasadena / Council | 685 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 3 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 631 |
| Pasadena / Consistory | 683 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 3 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 629 |

Current Dues Statistics

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| | Count | % of Total | Orient Wide Avg. | Jurisdiction Wide Avg. |
|--|------------|------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Active Members with Dues Paid in Full: | 60 | 8.9% | 12.8% | 18.5% |
| Active Members with Current Dues Balance: | 304 | 45.3% | 36.9% | 35.6% |
| Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance: | 114 | 17% | 20.8% | 13.9% |
| Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R): | 101 | 15.1% | 11.3% | 10.6% |
| Active Paid Life Members (E): | 92 | 13.7% | 18.2% | 21.4% |
| Total: | 671 | | | |

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

The "Bers"

As August, and with it summer, comes to a close, we find ourselves in what I call "The Bers". To be more specific, Sep-temBER, OctoBER, NovemBER and DecemBER. It is that time of year when daylight gets shorter, vacations are now memories, it's back to school-as well as-the daily grind. We start to settle down into our "normal," every day routine, and life as we know it, becomes mundane and predictable.



However, such is not the case here in the Valley of Pasadena.

Our dining room is still in the throws of remodel. Tiles have been removed, recessed lights installed, sound proofing and doors ordered, electrical rerouted, stage redesigned and a whole host of changes and improvements are in the works. Honorable Vram Martirosyan and the cathedral board are on top of things and keeping the project on track. Illustrious Ron Alcorn has been very much a part of the process by meeting with the contractor and assisting with duties like removing obsolete wiring and helping with design and implementation details. This has really helped move the project along.

As such, we will still be enjoying our stated meeting dinners in the parking lot, picnic style. This month is street tacos with rice and beans. Dress will still be business casual until further notice.

Our reunion class is still 40 candidates strong, and degrees are progressing as expected. I have heard nothing but complements from the class and the brothers presenting the work. Kudos to all who are working so hard to present the finest production possible. And don't forget the presentation of The Living Constitution on stage later this month.

Finally, mark your calendar for Saturday, November 16th, 2024. Our RiteCare will have a booth at the American Heroes Air Show at the Hansen Dam Recreation Area in Sylmar between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. We will showcase our RiteCare program in Pasadena and Freemasonry throughout the world. Be a part and spend some time with us-and also enjoy a free airshow as well. It promises to be a wonderful day, weather permitting of course.

The "BERS" may be predictable, but there is always something exciting happening at your Scottish Rite. Be a part of it!

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G. in California

"DO IT RITE"



2024 Ill. Rees W. Padfield 33° Memorial Class

26th thru 29th degrees - Saturday, September 14, 2024

- 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Class Start
- 9:00 AM Degrees Start Lunch provided around noon
- 5:00 PM Closing (Approx)

30th thru 32nd degrees - Saturday, October 19, 2024

- 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Class Start
- 9:00 AM Degrees Start Lunch provided around noon
- 5:00 PM Closing (Approx)

Childhood Language Center

Robert S. Artinian, 32° KCCH

The Language Center continues to flourish as it currently administers therapy to sixteen (16) children. In a short span of time, the number of children we are serving has more than doubled.

The Pasadena City College team has settled in, and we are collectively looking ahead to increase the number of children we are serving. The Center concluded the first semester on June 13th and will resume services on August 26.



I received a call several months ago from a mother whose son received treatment at our Language Center about twelve (12 years ago). She indicated that her son who is active in the Boy Scouts was tasked to do community service, and he chose to do service for the Pasadena Childhood Language Center, as he remembered his experiences. After many lengthy discussions and reaching out to our Speech Therapists, it was decided that certain special books would be ordered that our Pathologists handpicked for the Center and that the now seventeen (17) year old would come over and stock our bookshelves. On August 6th, both parents, and their son arrived at our Language Center with over two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) worth of books and completed their desire to give back to our center. Our PR, Illustrious Greg Gabriel, along with our Secretary, Ron Alcorn, and myself greeted them and spoke for several hours as they shared their memories of their time here. We are grateful for their kindness and look forward to more opportunities to meet with them.

It will be our combined objective to continue to have a positive impact and to enrich the lives of children and their families that we serve to fulfill their full potential.

Please consider donating to benefit the Childhood Language Center. Visit the office to accommodate and assist you in determining the best option that best fits your needs.

Thank you for your continued support.

Robert S. Artinian, 32° KCCH

Board Chair, RiteCare Childhood Language Center of Pasadena

September Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on September 6th

Chips & Salsa

Street Tacos (Choice of Beef, Chicken or Pork)
with cilantro onions & salsa
served with rice & beans

Tres Leches cake for dessert

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, September 4th at 2pm

Number of Reservations at \$20.00 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

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.

Knights of the Double Eagle Program

Points submitted and approved as of August 30th

| | | | |
|----------------------|------|-------------------------|-------|
| Ron Alcorn III | 6625 | Timothy O'Hair | 4575 |
| Ohannes Antabian | 7100 | TJ Oliva | 100 |
| Giuseppe Ariola | 3050 | Ronald Perez | 150 |
| Robert Artinian | 1800 | William Rogers | 1925 |
| Rick Baca | 350 | William Rook | 1150 |
| Sebouh Badoyan | 1150 | Herair Rostamian | 0 |
| Joel Castro | 0 | Roland Sanchez | 5000 |
| Shaunt Der-Grigorian | 1100 | Michael Schneider | 1275 |
| Gregory Gabriel | 75 | Michael Smith | 18900 |
| Gallen Hernandez | 0 | John Thorpe | 3475 |
| Jaime Hoerricks | 2250 | Oliver Torrealba Torres | 0 |
| Scott Huard | 0 | Keith White | 25 |
| Steven Klein | 425 | Joseph Whittington | 0 |
| Keith Kramer | 0 | Bill Witten | 950 |
| Ara Maloyan | 3925 | Zach Wolfe | 0 |
| Leonard Manoukian | 0 | Jonathan Dru Wood | 3850 |
| Simon McIlroy | 700 | Dennis Yen | 0 |
| Maxim Mironenko | 150 | | |

Please contact any of the committee members with inquiries:

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<https://www.de32.org/>

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely & fraternally,

KDE Committee

Stage Director

Michael D.T. Smith, 32° KCCH

Greetings Brethren,

First off, thank you to all the brethren that have taken a role and/or helped behind the scenes with our reunion. Without your help, we would not be able to do all 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite, nor would be ready for the statewide reunion in 2026. Brethren, it is all of you who makes this a wonderful experience for our candidates and members.



As we approach the next phase of our reunion, I would like to take this time to welcome any brother interested in getting involved, to come join us in this experience, be it on stage and/or behind the curtain. We are looking to fill a couple of roles in this phase, buildout casts, add to the different stagecraft teams, and appoint degree master's for the upcoming year. I need to state this now, you do not need experience to start- what you need is a willingness to learn and a couple weekends out of the year to do this. Also, if you and the Scottish Rite members of your Blue Lodge would like to adopt a degree, please reach out and let us know. You can contact us by reaching out to stagecraft@pasadenascottishrite.org or by reaching out to the secretary. Our collective effort makes this possible, and I cannot wait to see you at the next phase of our reunion on September 14th.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Michael DT Smith 32° KCCH
Stage Director



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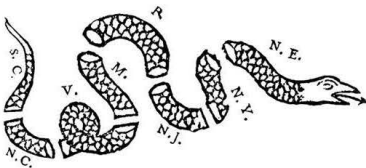
presents

The Living Constitution

The Constitution Drafting and Signing
Reenactment on stage in period costume

Saturday, September 28th
4:30 PM

~Spaghetti Dinner Following the Performance~
~No Reservations Required~



JOIN, or DIE.

Scottish Rite Cathedral
150 North Madison Avenue
Pasadena, CA

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SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, February 21, 2025



Join the Valley of Pasadena
as we celebrate the
100th anniversary of our
Scottish Rite Cathedral
at 150 North Madison Avenue
in Pasadena, California

Keep an eye out for tickets and further
information to be sent out in October.

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.

Language Center Contributions

“365 Club”

Your most appreciated contributions to the Childhood Language Center may be made in any of several ways. The first being as an undesignated contribution, the second being a contribution designated as applying toward a “365 Club” membership and lastly as applying to either “in Honor of” or as a “Memorial of” anyone you may wish.

Membership in the prestigious “365 Club” requires a contribution of at least \$365.00 in any one calendar year. The contributions may be made in increments, and are accumulative over any given year and when the goal of \$ 365.00 is met, suitable recognition will be published in the Scottish Rite Bulletin.

Hon. Robert S. Artinian, 32° KCCH, Chairman Language Center Board

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Make checks payable to the California Scottish Rite Foundation,
 Please note “Pasadena” in the memo line
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Pasadena Childhood Language Center



PASADENA

Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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Thank You to Our July/August 2024 Donors

365 Club

Frank Barbano, Bill Rook

Memorials

In Honor of

Shirley Bruno in honor of Karen Hatch

Stevin Klein in honor of Dr. Mark Dreisonstok, Robert Sachs & C.R.
Dunning, Jr.

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

Dress is Casual in September

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 6

4:30PM Cathedral Board

6:00PM Social

6:30PM Dinner

7:30PM Recognition of 25 & 50 Year members^o

8:00PM Stated Meeting
Consistory in Charge
Women's Association

Saturday, September 7

10:00AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Saturday, September 14

2024 Reunion continues (see page 7)

26th-29th Degrees

Wednesday, September 25

7:00PM PR's Executive Meeting*

Saturday, September 28

10:00AM Discussion Group

4:30PM Living Constitution

SAVE THE DATE

Stated Meeting, October 4, 2024

Reunion 30^o to 32^o, October 19, 2024

Centennial February 21, 2025

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