

# Pasadena Scottish Rite Bulletin



Honorable Lynn Wallingford, 32° KCCH was recognised at our September 6th stated meeting for 25 years of membership in the Valley of Pasadena. A certificate and pin was presented by Illustrious Gregory J. Gabriel, 33° Personal Representative and assisted by Brother Joel Castro, 32° KSA Master of Kadosh

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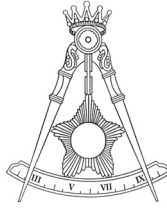
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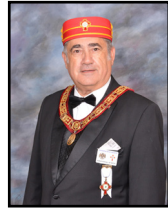
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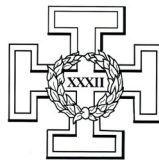
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**Robert S. Artinian, 32° KCCH**  
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Greetings Brethren,

October is when we celebrate the Feast of Tishri with its ten toasts to the health of our members and our Valley.

The Feast of Tishri celebrates this freedom which the Israelites won with the guidance of Providence, despite the shackles of Egypt and the armies of the Philistines. This ancient victory celebrated in the dedication of King Solomon's Temple is kept forever fresh through our keeping of the Feast of Tishri.



It promises to all men that the burdens of tyranny are temporary, that darkness will yield to light, that knowledge will conquer ignorance, and that the Creator intended all men to be free. The message of Tishri comes to us strongly and clearly from across the ages because it has been so preserved in the symbolism and allegory of the Scottish Rite.

All men - Christian, Jew, Muslim, Buddhist, and others – join in a common voice of thanksgiving where every man can share his gratitude and express his sincere thanks to Him who made all things. The Deity has given us life, the strength to live it fully, and the joy of sharing the beauty and goodness of His creation with our fellowmen. Most of all, He has given us freedom.

No Feast Day in the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry has ever had or ever will have greater significance than the Feast of Tishri. It is the symbolic cornerstone of our Rite. It forms the central theme of most of our degrees.

To understand its symbolic significance to the Scottish Rite, past and present, is to touch the very heart and soul of our Fraternity.

Through our observance of this great feast of thanksgiving, we, as heirs of Solomon, perpetuate his magnificent Temple of freedom in our lives, our communities, our country and, most of all, in our beloved Rite.

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Venerable Master, continued...

This being my last time writing to you as Venerable Master, I would like to thank you, the Scottish Rite members in the Valley of Pasadena, for the honor and privilege of serving you in this capacity this year.

Our Valley leadership under the tutelage of our Personal Representative, Illustrious Gregory Gabriel, will continue to flourish, grow, and solidify our status as one of the premier Valleys in the nation. Our General Secretary, Illustrious Ron Alcorn, has made a tremendous contribution after transitioning to this position this year and will undoubtedly build upon the successes of our Valley. I would like to thank them for their support and counsel during some challenging times.

Our Valley as a whole is extremely fortunate to have many outstanding members, including our administrative staff, Mrs. Mary Masoyan, and Mrs. Dolores Pashby.

I would like to thank the officers of each body led by their respective leaders, Brother Narbeh Bagdasarian, Commander, Honorable Ben Masoyan, Wise Master, KSA Brother Joel Castro, Master of Kadosh, The Knights of Saint Andrew led by First Knight Herair Rostamian, and committee members who have served this year with devotion and dedication.

The Reunions along with the Spirit of Hiram and The Living Constitution plays that are masterfully exemplified takes a village to bring to fruition. The Director of the Work, Degree Masters, Cast, Wardrobe, Make-up, Stage crews and support from the entire Valley are to be applauded and recognized for their contributions. I would like to congratulate the entire Pasadena Scottish Rite Valley for all of its work throughout the year, for your individual contributions and for being the beacon of light and example, of the dedication and worth ethic necessary to preserve our craft to the newer members.

Please remember to make your reservation for dinner for stated meetings, the Living Constitution on September 28th, and upcoming Reunion (30th through 32nd Degrees) on Saturday, October 19th.

Once again, thank you for the honor to serve you.

“The strongest of all warriors are these two – Time and Patience.”  
- Leo Tolstoy

Robert S. Artinian, 32° KCCH  
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

# The Secretary's Desk

III. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

For those of you who are reading the printed copy of this bulletin you probably noticed a bit of a change. The biggest change is from glossy paper which has gotten quite expensive lately and also the cover page which no longer covers the entire page. Because of these changes I can now send a paper copy of the bulletin to every member of our valley for about the same cost as before when we were only sending to the members with no email address.



The final part of our 2024 reunion will be on October 19th, for the 30° through 32°; 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 October 19th 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	17	6	46	1	0	666
Pasadena / Chapter	686	41	2	7	17	6	46	1	0	666
Pasadena / Council	685	1	2	7	17	6	46	1	0	626
Pasadena / Consistory	683	1	2	7	17	6	46	1	0	624

Current Dues Statistics

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	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	102	15.3%	19.8%	24.6%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	261	39.2%	30.4%	29.9%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	111	16.7%	20.4%	13.6%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	100	15%	11.2%	10.6%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	92	13.8%	18.2%	21.4%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>666</b>			

## The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

Join Us for a Feast

October is the month we feast, Feast of Tishri, that is. It is the festive celebration of Scottish Rite Masons that binds us as brothers and dedicates us to all mankind. As found in the book of Leviticus, this ancient Hebrew ritual highlights the autumn harvest and the gratitude given to God for a bountiful harvest. It also denotes the time that God liberated the Israelites from the bondage of the Egyptians.



The Feast of Tishri is also meaningful to all Freemasons as it is the time when King Solomon's Temple was dedicated to God with much pomp and pageantry. This can be found in the book of Deuteronomy, 16:13. So, we too, set aside a time for celebration and reflection.

October is also the month of feasting in the annual ritual of Oktoberfest when in 1810, the marriage of the crown Prince of Bavaria and Princess Theresea von Sachsen-Hildburghausen took place. Lasting five days with much feasting, drinking and entertainment for the entire town. As a result, we will be serving German faire in the way of brats and sausages with all the traditional side dishes. We will still be meeting in the south parking lot for dinner, then move to the auditorium for our Feast of Tishri ceremony. The dress is still business casual. Make your reservations no later than October 2, 2024.

Remember that all are invited to the feast and the observance. We hope to see you there.

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

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

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## Childhood Language Center

Robert S. Artinian, 32° KCCH

The Pasadena City College team has settled in and has resumed services as of August 26th from their summer hiatus. The Language Center continues to flourish as it currently administers therapy to sixteen (16) children.



We are collectively looking ahead to increase the number of children we are serving.

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.

While considering your choices as to where to make your donations, please remember the Childhood Language Center as an option. Please 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

### 2024 Ill. Rees W. Padfield 33° Memorial Class

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

7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM	Class Start
9:00 AM	30th Degree
11:15 PM	31st Degree
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	32nd Degree
4:30 PM	Closing (Approx)



## Dinner Menu

### Stated Meeting on October 4th

Bratwurst with German Potato Salad & Braised Red Cabbage

German Chocolate Cake

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, October 2nd 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 September 24th

Ron Alcorn III	6625	Timothy O'Hair	4575
Ohannes Antabian	7100	TJ Oliva	100
Giuseppe Ariola	3150	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	5175
Shaunt Der-Grigorian	1100	Michael Schneider	1275
Gregory Gabriel	75	Michael Smith	20025
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	4000
Simon McIlroy	700	Dennis Yen	0
Maxim Mironenko	150		

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Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely & fraternally,

KDE Committee

## The Librarian's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Masonic Square and Compass and the Cultural Significance

The Masonic Square and Compass is one of the most recognizable symbols associated with Freemasonry. The symbol features a square and a compass intertwined, often accompanied by the letter “G” at its center.



The square represents morality, honesty, and integrity, reminding Masons to square their actions with the principles of truth and virtue. It serves as a reminder to act fairly and justly in all dealings.

The compass symbolizes boundaries and limitations, emphasizing the importance of self-control and maintaining proper boundaries in one's actions and behaviors. It also represents the idea of keeping oneself within due bounds with all mankind.

The “G” at the center of the symbol has multiple interpretations, including the Great Architect of the Universe, geometry, or simply the initial letter of “God” or “Geometry,” both of which hold significant meaning within Freemasonry.

The cultural significance of the Square and Compass within Freemasonry is profound. It serves as a visual representation of the moral and ethical principles that Freemasonry upholds, including brotherly love, relief, and truth. Additionally, it symbolizes the importance of self-improvement and the pursuit of knowledge, which are central tenets of Masonic teachings.

Furthermore, the Square and Compass often appears on Masonic regalia,

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Librarian's Memo Pad, continued.....

buildings, and documents, serving as a unifying emblem for members of the fraternity worldwide. It fosters a sense of belonging and shared identity among Freemasons, transcending cultural and geographical boundaries.

Over the centuries, the Square and Compass has also been adopted by various organizations and individuals outside of Freemasonry, often with modified meanings or interpretations. However, within the context of Freemasonry, it remains a powerful symbol of the fraternity's values, traditions, and principles.

The library of the Pasadena Scottish Rite has more information. It is your library for your enlightenment.

Fraternally,

Bill

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**Burton Melden Wolf**  
Lancaster Lodge No. 437  
November 30, 2022

**Hovannes John Kahvedjian**  
San Marino Lodge No. 408  
September 4, 2024

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

# 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.

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## Women's Association News

Gentlemen, thank you for sharing this newsletter with your lady

Dear Ladies,

Well, we are now in full swing for a very busy fall and winter with numerous holidays and programs ahead of us.

As I write this letter, several big fires are burning fiercely in California. I sincerely hope family, relatives, and friends all remain safe during these challenging times.

Following dinner, the program will feature the very special Feast of Tishri. Dinner will be served in the same location as last month since the dining room is still undergoing renovations.

Hope you all enjoy your evening with a delicious dinner and delightful fellowship.

Sincerely,

Lynda Lockhart  
President

### Good Cheer Report

David Philips  
Hospital

Michael Bishai  
Hospital

Kenneth Green  
Surgery

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

**Pasadena Childhood Language Center**



**PASADENA**

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 2024 Donors

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Bill Rook, Frank Barbano

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Wayne R. Sauer, 32 <sup>o</sup> KSA	Tiler

Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite  
Dress is Casual in October

OCTOBER

Friday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 12

10:00AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Saturday, October 19

2024 Reunion continues (see page 8)  
30th-32nd Degrees

Wednesday, October 30

7:00PM PR's Executive Meeting\*

Saturday, November 2

10:00AM Discussion Group

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