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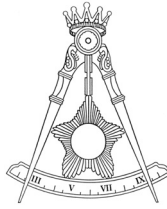
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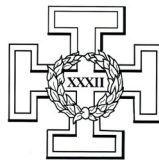
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Today, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on three significant topics that, while distinct, share an underlying theme of service, gratitude, and values: Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Scottish Rite Masonry. These institutions, holidays, and traditions each play an important role in shaping who we are as individuals and as a society.



Let us first turn our attention to Veterans Day, a day of profound respect and reflection. Celebrated annually on November 11th, Veterans Day honors the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Originally known as Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I, it has since evolved to recognize all those who have worn the uniform, regardless of the conflict in which they served.

Veterans Day is a reminder of the sacrifices made by millions to protect our freedoms and uphold the values that define us as a nation. These brave men and women answered the call of duty, often leaving behind family, friends, and the comforts of home to serve something greater than themselves. Their courage, dedication, and patriotism have allowed us to enjoy the freedoms we sometimes take for granted.

But Veterans Day is not just about remembering the past. It's also about recognizing the ongoing challenges many veterans face when they return home. Whether it's the physical or mental wounds of war, the transition back to civilian life, or the need for continued support, veterans deserve not only our thanks but also our action. Let us use this day not only to honor their service but also to commit to ensuring they have the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

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Next, we turn to Thanksgiving Day, a holiday rooted in gratitude and community. On the fourth Thursday of November, families and friends across the nation gather to celebrate the harvest, the blessings of the past year, and the importance of being together. Thanksgiving is a uniquely American tradition that traces its origins to the early Pilgrims who, after a hard and trying winter, gathered to give thanks for their survival and the abundance of the harvest with the help of Native Americans.

In modern times, Thanksgiving has evolved into more than just a feast of turkey and pumpkin pie. It's a time to reflect on the importance of gratitude in our lives. We are reminded to be thankful not only for material blessings but also for the relationships, experiences, and opportunities we've been given. Thanksgiving calls us to look beyond ourselves and think about the community around us, to share our abundance with those who may be less fortunate, and to extend a helping hand to those in need.

As we gather with our loved ones this Thanksgiving, let us remember that the true essence of this holiday is gratitude. In a world that often focuses on what we lack or what we have yet to achieve, Thanksgiving offers a moment to pause and appreciate what we already have—our health, our freedoms, and the people who support us.

Finally, I'd like to speak briefly about Scottish Rite Masonry, one of the most respected branches of Freemasonry, a fraternal organization that has long been associated with personal development, moral teachings, and community service. Scottish Rite Masonry extends beyond the foundational degrees of Freemasonry and offers its members the opportunity to explore deeper philosophical and ethical questions.

Scottish Rite Masons pursue not only their own intellectual and moral growth but also the betterment of the world around them. Through symbols, rituals, and degrees, Scottish Rite Masonry encourages its members to reflect on the nature of wisdom, justice, and brotherhood. These values align closely with those we celebrate on both Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Just as we honor the service of veterans and reflect on our blessings, Scottish Rite

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Masons commit to service, charity, and improving the community for future generations.

Furthermore, Scottish Rite organizations are known for their charitable work, particularly in supporting children's education and health initiatives. Their focus on helping others embodies the same spirit of giving and service that Veterans Day and Thanksgiving promote.

In conclusion, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Scottish Rite Masonry may seem unrelated at first glance, but each represents core values that we hold dear. Veterans Day honors the selflessness and courage of those who have defended our freedom. Thanksgiving Day reminds us to be grateful for our blessings and to share with those in need. And Scottish Rite Masonry encourages us to pursue personal growth and to serve our communities through charity and brotherhood.

As we observe these days and reflect on the contributions of our veterans, the importance of gratitude, and the value of service, let us carry these lessons into our daily lives. May we be inspired to serve others, be thankful for what we have, and strive to make the world a better place—together. Thank you.

Benjamin Masoyan, 32° KCCH

Wise Master

Chapter of Rose Croix

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.

The Secretary's Desk

Ill. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°



Our 2024 reunion in honor of Ill. Rees W. Padfield, 33° is now complete, we started the reunion in May with forty (40) candidates and completed the reunion last weekend with thirty six (36). For the candidates that were not able to be here last Saturday you can receive your 30th and 32nd degrees at the Valley of San Bernardino on November 23rd.

The capping ceremony for the 36 candidates will be taking place in the auditorium before our stated meeting on November 1st, the capping ceremony is open to the public so please bring your significant other and family to the dinner at 6:30pm remember the cost for dinner is \$20 per person.

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 NPDP	Susp Other	Expulsions	Ending
Pasadena / Lodge	688	38	2	8	21	6	46	1	0	663
Pasadena / Chapter	686	41	2	8	21	6	46	1	0	663
Pasadena / Council	685	2	2	8	21	6	46	1	0	659
Pasadena / Consistory	683	2	2	8	21	6	46	1	0	657

Current Dues Statistics

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	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	118	17.8%	23.4%	28.5%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	249	37.6%	27.2%	26.5%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	107	16.1%	20.1%	13.1%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	97	14.6%	11.2%	10.6%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	92	13.9%	18.2%	21.4%
Total:	663			

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

Welcome My Brothers

Welcome to our new Masters of the Royal Secret. The Ill. Rees Padfield, 33° Class is now in the books and all that remains is the capping ceremony at the November stated meeting. You have had a very special treat by receiving all 29 degrees that the Scottish Rite has to offer. We are the only Valley to do this and plan to continue this format in the future. I hope the class enjoyed receiving the degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry as much as we did to present them to you.



Until now you have observed, and hopefully, understood the lessons they teach. Continue to study and put into practice in your daily lives. Remember not to succumb to falsehoods and propaganda. Analyze your thoughts and make your own decisions. Be an advocate for what you believe and practice what you preach.

And lastly, remember your oath of service to your God, your family, your community and to yourself and to the Rite. Become an active member of your Valley whenever possible. Take part in our degrees, become a Knight of Saint Andrew, assist in our activities and attend our meetings. It is then that you will discover the true meaning of service to yourself and others. Welcome my brothers. Enjoy the time you spend at the Pasadena Scottish Rite.

Remember your oath to service, my brothers!

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

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

DO IT RITE!

Treasurer's Report

Miles H. Bresee III, 32° KCCH

Greetings Brethren...

Some of you may have noticed, and others perhaps not...the bank statement balances with identification of remittances over \$1,000 is no longer part of the monthly Bulletin. The omission was made with the belief that no one looks at the information. However, in keeping with our Valley's desire for transparency, as a replacement I offered to provide a quarterly summary of our finances and investments.



As our PR has stated, and it is my position as well...if anyone has specific questions about our finances or investments...to simply ask. If someone wants to see something specific, our books and records are available for review during business hours upon request. Similarly, if anyone wants something included in this quarterly report, please let me know!

The 3rd Quarter is behind us with the close of September 30th. Allow me to provide some information for our two main areas, notably,...the Lodge of Perfection and Cathedral Association separately below.

Lodge of Perfection: Q3 Budget vs Actuals: Revenue: 75% Expenses: 66%
The LOP is probably the more straightforward of the two to budget. We have fixed and variable expenses, such as salaries and payroll taxes, insurance, utility, office related and dining expenses. Variable expenses include those programs the Venerable Master desires to include during his year. Other variable expenses are the 'every other year' Honors or Workshops, and Reunion related programs.

Cathedral Association: Q3 Budget vs Actuals: Revenue: 71% Expenses: 82%

The Cathedral Association (and if you'll allow me to abbreviate as 'Cath Assn'...) would normally be fairly easy to budget. However, the past several years we've been in a multi-year program to rehabilitate various areas of

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our beautiful building...Women's Association Lounge, bathrooms, interior painting, new carpeting, installation of the 'Madison Window' in the Grand Staircase area, wiring and lighting, identification of some 17 leaks and fixing them, replacement of air conditioners, etc. This year our expenses (again as of September 30th) have been new Degree costumes, elevator repairs, and refurbishing our paintings. The primary source of our revenue comes from a lease agreement for the Ironworker's Union parking lot to the east of our property. When available, additional revenue flows to the Cath Assn from the Event Center, which is responsible for renting out our dining room, building for movie shoots, and other purposes.

Expanding on Cath Assn expenses at the beginning of the year, we budgeted \$200K for the Dining Room project. At the time the budget was prepared and approved, the Cathedral Board was still in the process of defining what the dining room scope of work should be...lighting, sound, floors, acoustic paneling, electrical, etc. The 'fixed goal' for the Dining Room was to have the work completed and be available for our 100 Year Anniversary in February 2025. Once several Contractors were found to provide proposals, the one selected based on his quality of work, had a total base contract for the dining room and electrical of approximately \$367K. As of September 30th, we have paid the dining room Contractor \$151K against his contract. In an ideal world, we would have funded the work with cashflow from parking lot and other rental bookings. However, in the real world...the dining room has been unavailable to us for rentals since the Spring, as we did not know when we would find a Contractor and/or start the work. This also made this year's planning on the Lodge of Perfection side by our Venerable Master, Robert Artinian very challenging. We have been fortunate that our Contractor has progressed with the planned work at a faster pace than anticipated. And looking at 'the number's, one can see that contractually at the end of September we owe \$216K against the base contract. We'll get to our investment accounts in a moment, but yes...we have taken funds from our investment account(s) to pay for some of this work. For those of you in attendance at least 3 Stated Meetings in the past, Vram Martirosyan outlined the overarching objective of the work on our building. That is...to have all of the repairs, deferred maintenance and improvements completed, with the

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Dining Room to be the showcase for generating rental income and returning those funds to the Cathedral Association’.

Investments

On October 9th, the Finance Committee met via Zoom with our Investment Manager, Bob McClure to review our accounts, market conditions, and discussion of potential changes to our portfolios. Generally, the economy is doing moderately well...employment is considered to be full (traditionally defined as less than 5%), inflation is down and close to the Fed’s target of 2%, the service sector has seen a bit of inflated prices, and sales have decreased in some areas. A concern is that if the Fed reduces interest rates further, it may result in triggering higher inflation. Turning to our overall investment portfolio (combining our 5 investment accounts, as each has its own allocation) ...for the 3rd Quarter the return was 6.68% vs the benchmark, 3 months 6.68% vs 5.22% benchmark, Year to Date 9.49% vs 14.81 benchmark, Inception to Date 7.16% vs 8.88% benchmark. The benchmark is 60% Equities/30% Fixed Income / 10% Cash. Individual investment accounts have done better than what the blended investment accounts portray. Our current (blended) portfolio is approximately 68% US Stock/29%Bonds/3% Cash. Our target portfolio is 60% US Stock/40% Bonds and Cash or equivalents. With potential election year, Fed policy (interest rate and other), the Ukraine and Middle East conflicts, it was decided not to make any changes to our portfolio. As a note...our investments are all in mutual funds and our adopted Investment Policy Statement is closely aligned with that outlined by the California Masonic Code. We do not own individual stocks, derivatives, hedges, commodities, etc. ... just mutual funds.

It is hoped that this initial quarterly summary of our finances provides some insight into them. Again, transparency is our (and MY) goal! If you have any questions, want to know something specific, please do not hesitate to contact me! My phone number is 626 483-1342, email is miles.bresee@pasadenascottishrite.org

Miles H. Bresee, 32° KCCH

Treasurer

The Librarian's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

The Regius Manuscript, also known as the “Regius Poem,” is a pivotal document in the history of Freemasonry. Here’s an overview of its context and historical significance:



Context

1. **Origin:** The manuscript is believed to have been written around 1390, in England. It is named after the British Museum’s King George IV, who acquired it in the 19th century. The document is written in rhymed couplets, reflecting the poetic tradition of the time.
2. **Content:** The Regius Manuscript outlines the duties and responsibilities of stonemasons and provides a moral framework for their conduct. It includes teachings on loyalty, charity, and the importance of the craft. It also discusses the historical origins of the craft and offers a kind of mythical genealogy.
3. **Masonic Traditions:** The manuscript serves as one of the earliest examples of what would later become the “Old Charges,” a set of rules that would guide the practices of operative and speculative Freemasonry.

Historical Context

1. **Medieval Guilds:** The manuscript reflects the guild system of medieval England, where tradespeople organized themselves into groups to protect their interests and regulate their work. Stonemasons, in particular, held significant status due to the construction of cathedrals and other monumental buildings during this period.
2. **Transition to Speculative Masonry:** The late 16th and early 17th centuries saw a shift from operative masonry (actual stonework) to speculative masonry (philosophical and moral teachings). The Regius Manuscript captures some of the transitional elements of this evolution.
3. **Cultural Influence:** The themes in the manuscript mirror broader

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societal values of the time, including the importance of community, ethical conduct, and the search for knowledge. As Europe was moving toward the Renaissance, these values were critical in shaping the emerging philosophical landscape.

4. Impact on Freemasonry: The Regius Manuscript laid the groundwork for the formalization of Masonic rituals and practices that would develop in the following centuries, particularly with the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717.

The Regius Manuscript remains a key resource for understanding the origins and evolution of Freemasonry, illustrating how the craft has adapted over centuries while retaining its core ethical principles. If you're interested in specific excerpts or themes within the manuscript, come use our library and research the foundations of Freemasonry.

Fraternally,

Bill

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 October 23rd

Ron Alcorn III	6625	Timothy O'Hair	5050
Ohannes Antabian	7250	TJ Oliva	100
Giuseppe Ariola	3200	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	5375
Shaunt Der-Grigorian	1100	Michael Schneider	1275
Gregory Gabriel	75	Michael Smith	20025
Gallen Hernandez	0	John Thorpe	3550
Jaime Hoerricks	2250	Oliver Torrealba Torres	0
Scott Huard	0	Keith White	25
Steven Klein	425	Joseph Whittington	0
Keith Kramer	0	Bill Witten	1075
Ara Maloyan	3925	Zach Wolfe	0
Leonard Manoukian	0	Jonathan Dru Wood	4100
Simon McIlroy	700	Dennis Yen	0
Maxim Mironenko	150		

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Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely & fraternally,

KDE Committee

Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on November 1st

Green Salad
 Festive Turkey
 Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Roasted Sweet Potatoes
 Maple Glazed Baby Carrots, Cornbread Stuffing
 Cranberry Sauce
 Pumpkin Pie

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, October 30th 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.
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Lawrence Clement
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 May 15, 2023

George Stone Jr.
 Palmdale Lodge No. 769
 March 3, 2024

Simon Karkenny
 Pasadena Lodge No. 272
 September 29, 2024

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

Pasadena Childhood Language Center



PASADENA

Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

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NOVEMBER

Friday, November 1

4:30PM Cathedral Board

6:00PM Social

6:30PM Dinner

7:30PM Capping Ceremony

8:00PM Stated Meeting

Chapter of Rose Croix in Charge

Women's Association

Saturday, November 2

10:00AM Discussion Group

Saturday, November 9

10:00AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Saturday, November 23

10:00AM Discussion Group

Wednesday, November 27

7:00PM PR's Executive Meeting*

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving

SAVE THE DATE

Stated Meeting, December 6, 2024

Stated Meeting, January 3, 2025

Installation of Officers, January 31, 2025

Centennial, February 21, 2025

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