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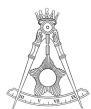
Allegiance

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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Pasadena Scottish Rite Bulletin Joel E. Castro, 32° KSA *Master of Kadosh* Consistory

Dear Brothers of the Pasadena Scottish Rite Valley,

As we embark on the 2025 Masonic Year, I extend to you a warm and heartfelt welcome. I hope you all had a joyous and memorable holiday season with your loved ones. As I pen my final message as Master of Kadosh, I am filled with gratitude and appreciation for the trust and opportunity you have afforded me to serve our valley over the past year. It has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside each and every one of you.



As we enter our centennial year, we have much to celebrate and look forward to. Our calendar is filled with exciting events, including the Centennial Festive Board on February 21st, 2025. Our newly renovated building is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our members, and its refreshed appearance reflects the spiritual renewal of our valley as a whole. This transformation is not just physical, but also symbolic of our collective efforts to grow and strengthen our community.

I encourage you all to continue supporting our events and activities throughout the year. Our renovated building is now an even more inviting space for us to come together, share in fellowship, and create lasting Masonic memories. Whether you can contribute through the Officer line, Degree Cast, Stage Crew, or volunteer for one-off events, there is a place for everyone to get involved. Remember, the work we do is often its own reward, and by being present and engaged, we can foster a sense of community and camaraderie that will propel our valley forward.

As we move into this new year, let us remember the wise Masonic adage,

Master of Kadosh, continued....

"The work is the reward." This timeless principle reminds us that true satisfaction and fulfillment come not from seeking external recognition, but from the journey of self-improvement, charitable work, and contributing to the betterment of our community. By embracing this mindset, we can continue to build a stronger, more vibrant valley, where every brother can find meaning, purpose, and brotherly love.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your Master of Kadosh. I look forward to seeing the great things our valley will accomplish in the years to come.

Fraternally,

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

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve it 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.

Pasadena Scottish Rite Bulletin The Secretary's Desk Ill. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

We have a few events coming up that you don't want to miss, we will be having our 1st meeting of the new year on January 3rd, and the Installation of Officers on January 31st. The menu information for both is on page 7 of this bulletin, be sure to make yor reservations timely.

The Centennial Festive Board celebration of our Cathedral will be on February 21st.

You can purchase your tickets to the event at

https://psr100year.brownpapertickets.com/ if you have trouble with your online ticket purchase please reach out to Chris Lebedeff at 818-642-3526, Chiris is handling all reservations for the Centennial event.

Fraternally,

Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33° General Secretary

Daily Recap of Membership										
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Valley of Pasadena Orient of California Southern Jurisdiction										
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Pasadena / Lodge	688	38	3	10	25	7	46	1	0	661
Pasadena / Chapter	686	41	3	10	25	7	46	1	0	661
Pasadena / Council	685	39	3	10	25	7	46	1	0	659
Pasadena / Consistory	683	39	3	10	25	7	46	1	0	657

Current Du	les Statistics			
Accurate As Of: 12	2/26/2024 5:01:3	87 AM		
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	212	32.1%	33.8%	39.3%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	191	28.9%	18.5%	17%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	97	14.7%	18.7%	11.9%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	68	10.3%	10.8%	10.4%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	93	14.1%	18.1%	21.3%
Total:	661			



Pasadena Scottish Rite Bulletin The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

Another Page in History

As the holidays pass and a new year begins, we should be thankful for the blessings and the accomplishments of the past year and set our sights on the tasks that await us in the future. Now is not the time to sit on our laurels. It is time to look ahead to bigger and better things.

First, I thank all the officers, staff and members who served our Valley this past year. Your dedication and



spirit assisted the Valley to get thought some rough times. It wasn't easy to continue our good work when half the building was under construction and some of our dinners and programs were held outside. However, Masons always find a way to imagine changes and make magic happen. As we used to say in the academy; "Semper Gumby!" (Always Flexible!)

A special thanks goes to the Cathedral Board members for their tireless efforts during the construction phase of this immense project. I was worried that it might not be possible to complete the task in such a short time frame, but like the building of King Solomon's Temple; time, patience and perseverance will accomplish all things. The result is beautiful and a masterpiece of which we can all be proud. Well done, my brothers, well done!

And now we look ahead to our one hundredth anniversary party in this newly remodeled room. It will truly be a special occasion, not only to start off the new year, but for the next generation of Scottish Rite members, their families, friends and our community. The generations may not remember our names, but they will long enjoy what we did here. Oue home is a Pasadena treasure.

We are Pasadena Scottish Rite. We Are Pasadena!

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33° Personal Representative of the S.G.I.G. in California DO IT RITE!

Dinner Menus

Stated Meeting on January 3rd

Cream of Mushroom Soup Ceasar Salad Chicken Breast Stuffed with Spinach, Cranberries & Feta Cheese Garden Rice Mixed Vegetables Rolls & Butter Tiramisu Cake

Last Day for reservations: Tuesday, December 31st at 2pm

Number of Reservations at \$20.00 Per Person..... Fish or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.



Installation on January 31st

Cheese, Crackers & Vegetable Appetizers Wedge Salad with Ranch Dressing and Blue Cheese Crumbles Entree is a choice of : Prime Rib of Beef, with Baked Potato

or

Salmon, with Rice Served with Asparagus, Rolls & Butter Cheesecake

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, January 29th at 2pm

Number of Reservations at \$35.00 Per Person..... Salmon 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



PASADENA SCOTTISH RITE BODIES



CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO A RECEPTION HONORING MOST WORSHIPFUL ARTHUR L. SALAZAR, JR. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN CALIFORNIA AND THE 131ST INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 31, 2025 RECEPTION 6 PM DINNER 6:30 PM INSTALLATION 8 PM DONATION \$35.00 MEMBERS AND THEIR INVITED GUEST ONLY

JEFFREY W. YATES, 32° KCCH VENERABLE MASTER ELECT LODGE OF PERFECTION JOHN S. C. THORPE, 32° WISE MASTER ELECT CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

JONATHAN M. WOOD, 32° COMMANDER ELECT COUNCIL OF KADOSH LEONARD MANOUKIAN, 32° KSA MASTER OF KADOSH ELECT CONSISTORY

DINNER RESERVATIONS NEEDED BY JANUARY 29, 2025 (626)795-4213 OR MARY@PASADENASCOTTISHRITE.ORG







PASADENA LODGE OF PERFECTION	BUDGET REPORT	January 1 to December 31, 2025
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ACCT.		BUDGET
.ON	ACCOUNT NAME	2025
	Transfer of Funds from Event Center	
401	Dues	92,250.00
403	Life Membership Payments	5,000.00
425	McClure - Cathedral Trust - 4067	
426	McClure - L. of P. Main Acct - 4068	185,000.00
428	McClure - Life Membership - 4066	9,500.00
431	Credit Card Fees	1,200.00
450	Dining Room Receipts Stated Meet.	15,000.00
451	Dining Room Receipts Spec. Events	4,500.00
471	McClure - Almoner - 4063	
472	Contributions - Almoner	2,000.00
490	Miscellaneous Income	2,000.00
101	Candidates Fees	14,000.00
126	Main Account Invest. Withdraws	
910	Contributions from Cathedral	
	Total Receipts	330,450.00
EXPENSE		
501	Office Salaries	167,500.00
504	Payroll Taxes	16,750.00
509	Tiler	
510	Rent - Cathedral Association	1.00
512	Death Memorials	
513	Workers Compensation Insurance	4,000.00
514	Liability Insurance	6,700.00
515	Office Expense	5,000.00
516	Postage	3,500.00
517	Telephone	
518	Computer Expense/Maintenance	
519	Web Site Maintenance + Bulletin Design	750.00
520	Professional Services - Accounting	5,000.00
522	Supreme Council Services	2,500.00
523	Supreme Council - Per Capita	20,000.00
524	Supreme Council - Honours Program	7,000.00

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		Total (Operating) Expenses	330,051.00
		Net Gain(Loss)	399.00

Good Cheer Report

Jack Carlson Hospital

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

IN MEMORIAM

Charles N. Monte Glendora Lodge No. 404 May 14, 2022

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

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.



ARTHUR L. SALAZAR, JR Grand Master of Masons in California

Brother Arthur Lupe Salazar, Jr. is a past master of Irvine Valley Lodge No. 671 in Lake Forest and was the charter master of The Thirty-Three Lodge in Orange County. He received the Degrees of Masonry in San Francisco Lodge No. 120 in 2004 and was honored with the Hiram Award in 2012 by Irvine Valley Lodge No. 671.

Grand Master, continued...

An Orange County native, Brother Salazar is an accomplished Certified Public Accountant having practiced tax and accountancy for over 20 years. Most recently, he was owner and president of Salazar Accountancy Corporation. His career in public accounting began in Palo Alto before relocating back to Orange County in 2006. In 2020, he retired from public accounting and accepted the fulltime role of Executive Vice President and Secretary of the California Scottish Rite Foundation. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from University of California Riverside, where he was an academic research scholar and a recipient of the A. Gary Anderson Special Achievement Award. He later earned a Master of Business Taxation from the University of Southern California.

Brother Salazar has acted in service and leadership to the Grand Lodge of California for eighteen years. He's served on several Grand Lodge committees including Annual Communication Activities, Audit, Inspector's Development, and the Joint Committee on Fraternal Relations. He has served as a consultant and a member to the Executive Committee, was a member of the Let's Write the Future Campaign committee and served on the Strategic Planning Group. He was an Inspector for five years and was elected Grand Treasurer in 2015 and served six terms in that role. Over that time, he served as Treasurer of Acacia Creek Retirement Communities, California Masonic Foundation, California Masonic Memorial Temple, Masonic Homes of California, and Nob Hill Masonic Center.

In addition, Brother Salazar has been active in many Masonic organizations and youth orders. He is a 33° Inspector General Honorary in the San Francisco Scottish Rite Valley and Orange County Scottish Rite Valley where he served as Treasurer and as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix. He was president of the Orange County Scottish Rite Foundation. He has served as Treasurer and Audit Committee chairman for the California Continued on next page Grand Master, continued...

Scottish Rite Foundation. He is a member of the Orange County York Rite Bodies, El Bekal Shriners, Royal Order of Scotland, Saint Gabriel Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, and California College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. He has been an adult volunteer for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International, which bestowed upon him the Honorary Legion of Honor and made him a Deputy Member in 2022. And he is Chairman of the 2025 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

An engaged member of his community, Brother Salazar volunteers as treasurer of the Youth Fund of Southern California. He was previously on the school site council for Oak Grove Elementary School, and he served as president of the school's foundation for six years. He has volunteered for the Red Cross of Orange County and the American Youth Soccer Association for which he served as a coach and referee. He and his family are members of Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

Brother Salazar is a proud husband and father. His wife of 24 years, Dr. Laura Camacho Salazar, is a physician in internal medicine. They have three children. Ixchel is a medical student at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Sofia is a nursing student at Chaminade University of Honolulu and volunteers at the Shrine Hospital. And Amira is studying to become a genetic engineer at UCLA. The Salazars reside in Aliso Viejo in Orange County.



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The Jewish Kabbalah

The "Kabbalah," is a mystical and esoteric interpretation of Jewish teachings. Kabbalah explores the nature of God, the universe, and the soul, often through concepts like the Tree of Life, the Sefirot (divine attributes), and various meditative practices.



Three concepts to consider are "The Tree of Life ", "The Zohar", and The Four Worlds".

The Tree of Life is a central symbol in Kabbalah, representing the structure of the universe and the relationship between God and creation. It consists of ten Sefirot (divine attributes or emanations) arranged in three columns. Here's a brief overview of the Sefirot:

1. Keter (Crown): Represents the divine will and unity with God.

2. Chokhmah (Wisdom): The initial point of creation, representing pure potential and insight.

3. Binah (Understanding): The process of discernment and analysis, allowing for the development of ideas.

4. Chesed (Kindness): Represents love, mercy, and the expansive force of creation.

5. Gevurah (Severity): Represents strength, discipline, and justice, providing balance to Chesed.

6. Tiferet (Beauty): Harmonizes the attributes of Chesed and Gevurah, symbolizing compassion and truth.

- 7. Netzach (Eternity): Represents endurance and the drive for achievement.
- 8. Hod (Glory): Symbolizes humility and the acknowledgment of the divine.

9. Yesod (Foundation): Acts as a connector, channeling the energies of the higher Sefirot into the physical world.

10. Malchut (Kingdom): Represents the material world and the manifestation of divine presence.

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These Sefirot interact in various ways, reflecting different aspects of existence and spiritual growth. The Tree of Life serves as a guide for understanding the divine order and the journey of the soul.

The Zohar is one of the foundational texts of Kabbalah, often considered its most important work. Written in Aramaic and attributed to the secondcentury sage Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, it was actually composed in the late 13th century by the Spanish Jewish mystic Moses de Leon.

Key Aspects of the Zohar:

1. Mystical Interpretation: The Zohar provides deep, mystical interpretations of the Torah, exploring the hidden meanings behind the biblical text.

2. Structure: It consists of several volumes, with a narrative style that includes commentary on the Torah, parables, and discussions among various sages.

3. Themes:

Divine Nature: It delves into the nature of God, creation, and the relationship between the divine and humanity.

Sefirot and the Tree of Life: The Zohar elaborates on the Sefirot and how they interact, emphasizing the importance of these concepts in understanding spiritual reality.

Mystical Practices: It discusses meditative practices and the spiritual path, emphasizing the importance of intention and purity in one's spiritual pursuits.

4. Symbolism: The Zohar is rich in symbolism and uses metaphors to convey complex ideas about existence, the soul, and the divine.

5. Influence: The Zohar has profoundly influenced Jewish mysticism and has also impacted various philosophical and spiritual movements outside Judaism.

Overall, the Zohar is a key resource for those studying Kabbalah and seeking a deeper understanding of Jewish mystical

In Kabbalistic thought, the concept of the Four Worlds represents different levels of reality and consciousness through which divine energy flows. Each world corresponds to a different aspect of creation and spiritual experience.

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Here's a brief overview of each:

1. Atzilut (Emanation):

Nature: The highest world, closest to the divine. It represents pure unity and the source of all creation.

Characteristics: Inhabitants of Atzilut are pure spiritual beings and include the highest Sefirot (Keter, Chokhmah, and Binah). It embodies divine will and essence.

2. Beriah (Creation):

Nature: The world of creation, where ideas and concepts take form. Characteristics: Associated with the intellect and the creation of the soul. The Sefirot of Beriah are primarily Chesed, Gevurah, and Tiferet. This world is where divine concepts begin to manifest.

3. Yetzirah (Formation):

Nature: The world of formation, where spiritual ideas are shaped into more concrete forms.

Characteristics: This world is associated with emotions and the formation of the soul. It includes the Sefirot of Netzach, Hod, and Yesod. Here, the spiritual begins to take on individual characteristics.

4. Asiyah (Action):

Nature: The lowest world, representing the physical universe and action.

Characteristics: It includes the material realm and the practical application of spiritual concepts. The Sefirot of Malchut represents this world, where divine energy manifests in tangible forms. Interconnectedness

The Four Worlds are interconnected, with each world influencing and reflecting the others. Spiritual practices in Kabbalah often aim to navigate these worlds, allowing practitioners to draw down divine energy and elevate their consciousness. You may study the Jewish Kabbalah in or library.

This article will continue next month with the Christian Kabbalah.

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Bill

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<u>Saturday, January 11</u> 10:00AM Knights of Saint Andrew

<u>Friday, January 24</u> 7:00PM Installation Practice

<u>Saturday, January 25</u> 10:00AM Discussion Group

<u>Friday, January 31</u> 6:00PM Reception Honoring MW Arthur L. Salazar, Jr. Grand Master of Masons in California 6:30PM Dinner \$35 Member and their invited guest only 8:00PM Installation of Officers

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