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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

APRIL

Wednesday, April 1

Last day for dinner reservations.  
May Bulletin articles due to Mary

Friday, April 3

4:00PM Cathedral Association  
6:00PM Stated Meeting  
Women's Association  
6:30PM Social Time  
7:00PM Feast of Remembrance and  
Renewal  
8:00PM Ceremony of Remembrance  
and Renewal, Guest Speaker  
Ill. Kenneth Christiansen 33°

Saturday, April 11 & 18

10:00AM Rehearsal for  
Ill, Jack Vickers Memorial Class

Monday, April 13 & 27

7:00PM Band Practice

Thursday, April 23

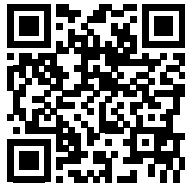
7:00PM Masters & Wardens Advisory  
Meeting

Saturday, April 25

9:00AM Philosophical Discussion  
Group - Classroom (24th Degree)

Wednesday, April 29

Last day for May dinner reservations.  
June Bulletin articles due to Mary



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NO MEMBERSHIP – NO PROBLEMSNO MONEY – NO PROBLEMSNO AFFILIATIONS – NO PROBLEMS

The Scottish Rite of Pasadena is looking for a Few Good "Musicians". No experience is required but all intermediate and advance Musicians are welcome. We are looking for all kinds of musical talent of the band sort. No instrument too big and no instrument too small.

If you are just trying to get away from the wife and kids - That is Ok!

If you are just trying to get your wife out of the house - That is Ok!

If you are just trying to get your kids out of the house - That is Ok!

Just come, have fun, and most importantly to ENJOY yourself!

PLACE: 150 N. Madison Avenue, Pasadena DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month TIME: 7:00-8:15pm

## Pasadena Childhood Language Center



Becky Griffiths  
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 March 2015 Donors

**365 Club** William Rook

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#### In Honor of

**Friends of the Center** Emil Cevik, Lloyd Gray, Philip George, Ray Lockhart, David Patterson, Chester Olson, Roger Sherman, Arthur Zabounian, PSR Women's Association.

#### Language Center Wish List

Gift card for new books (Amazon or Barnes & Noble).

## Gregory J. Gabriel, 32°

*Wise Master*

Chapter of Rose Croix

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as Wise Master for 2015. We have a fine crew of Masters and officers in all four bodies and I believe the Valley of Pasadena will be well served.



My theme for the year is ARK. Now there are several ARKs that are known to Masons and to people of various religions around the world. We are all familiar with the story of the ARK built by Noah, when ordered by God that the world was to be rid of all the evil and wickedness. That ARK was a vessel to contain two of every living creature to repopulate the earth after the great flood.

Then there is the ARK of the Covenant where the holy relics, including the Ten Commandments, were placed for safe keeping by the children of Israel. Now I present to you the ARK of Freemasonry. This ARK is an acronym for Acts of Random Kindness. Something we should all practice every day but particularly we as Freemasons. In our daily lives, we can practice ARK by doing simple things like helping a neighbor or just by saying hello to a stranger. But we as masons take it a step further by helping our needy Brothers, widows and orphans and anyone deemed worthy needing assistance. The Almoner's Fund being one of the ways we show our charity to the world.

The next time the Box of Fraternal Assistance is passed around, please remember those who need our help and practice what we as Freemasons do best, ARK.

Gregory J. Gabriel, 32°\*

Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

## The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

The end of the year report is in from Supreme Council. This is what the Valley of Pasadena looked like this last year.

Membership as of January 1, 2014	959
Initiated	61
Affiliations	6
Reinstatements	5
Deaths	28
Demits	16
Suspension Non Payment of Dues	50
Suspension for Other Causes	2
Expulsions	0
December 31, 2014	935
Net difference	-24
Percentage	-2.5%



We have decreased in strength to a small degree. Only two valleys had positive growth. The range in the loss column went from -2.5% to -26.8% . the Orient started 2014 with membership of 14,500 and ended 2014 with a membership of 13, 362 and over all loss of 1138 members or -7.8%.

I would love to see our valley post a positive growth number in 2015. Presently I have 120 members who are arrear in their dues by two years. If they have not paid their dues by then I will need to suspend their membership for non payment of dues. So we need to work on there membership and also work to bring new members in. I would venture to guess we will need at least 50 candidates for each class this year in order to reach positive growth. You my brothers are the source for bring forth a positive growth number. I leave it in your hands, lest wise are

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named after the church's namesake.

Greg began his masonic career with Arcadia Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He is a Past Master Councilor, Past Citrus League President and has been honored with the PMC-MSA, Blue Honor Key, Chevalier, Cross of Honor and the Active Legion of Honor. He is also a Deputy Member of the International Supreme Council. As an adult, he has served a chapter, league and jurisdiction "Dad" and district governor.

After being raised a Master Mason in 1977, Greg served as Master of Pasadena Lodge #272 in 1983 and 1992. He has been the Officer's Coach and served on the temple board for over 12 years. He served the Grand Lodge of California as an Inspector from 2001 to 2009. He was presented with the Hiram Award in 1993 and is a third generation mason of Pasadena Lodge. He is a charter member and first inspector of Ararat Lodge #848. Greg also joined Crown Chapter #72 where he was High Priest in 2000, 2012 and 2013. A member of Alhambra Council #25 of Cryptic Masons serving as Illustrious Master in 2013 and 2014. He was honored with the Royal Arch Meritorious Service Award in 2014.

After joining Pasadena Scottish Rite in 1984, he has acted a part in several degrees, his favorite being King Solomon in the Spirit of Hiram. He currently serves as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix and Almoner for all bodies.

In his spare time, Greg sits as a Director on the Verdugo Athletic Foundation and the Youth Fund of Southern California. He is a float operator for Phoenix Decorating Company and has operated the Shrine Hospitals float in the Rose Parade for the last three years. He also likes to cook, target shoot, ride motorcycles and travel the world.

Greg has three grown children, Amber, Jonathan and Zoe. He has been married for nearly two years to the love of his life, Weynitru and they reside in Shadow hills with two donkeys and their newest family member, a dog named Mushka.

## Meet the Wise Master



### **Gregory J. Gabriel, 32°** *Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix*

Worshipful Brother Gabriel was born at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, South Carolina in 1956 and has lived all but those first six months in sunny Southern California. He went to school in Pasadena and Arcadia, where he participated in track and field along with marching and concert bands, graduating from Arcadia High School in 1974. He later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Administration from Cal Poly, Pomona in 1979.

Having worked several jobs to make money for his studies, Greg settled for a career in law enforcement. Working for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for nearly thirty years, he is currently assigned to the Altadena Station where he is the deputy in charge of the reserve forces program and the community relations office. He is a member of the California Reserve Peace Officers Association and President of the Armenian Peace Officers Association. He has been awarded with several County citations for his work including the Department's Exemplary Service Award, the Sheriff's Meritorious Award, and the Unit Commander's Citation Award.

While he did not serve in the military, Greg wholeheartedly supports the brave men and women that unselfishly serve our beloved country. (I salute you all!)

A member of Saint Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church in Pasadena, he is  
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membership declines yet once more.

Remember to Friday for Scottish Rite and remember also that are Stated meetings are now at 6 PM.

See you at the stated meeting!

Bill



## Women's Association News

Dear Ladies,

Unbelievable, the year is all ready to take us into spring. How time flies! Although, at the time of this writing we are receiving lots of rain, it should be a beautiful spring.

Our PSR Women's Association meets at the same time that the men have their meeting. Our time together is primarily a social time. We have a different kind of event or activity every month. When the bell rings we all join together with the men for a delicious dinner. You are all very welcome to join us on the third floor to meet, greet and have a good time. Look forward to seeing you all upstairs for our April meeting.

Sincerely,

Lynda Lockhart  
President

## April Dinner Menu

### Stated Meeting on April 3rd

Ceasar Salad

Entrée:

Grilled Chicken Breast with Apricot Glaze

or

White Fish with Lemon Caper Sauce

or

Vegetarian Teriyaki Tofu

All Served with Jasmine White Rice & Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert:

Carrot Cake

Number of Reservations at \$10.00 Per Person.....

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, April 1st at 2pm

**Fish or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.**

*Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid.*

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### New Phone System Extensions at Pasadena Scottish Rite

Ext: 101 Mary - Office Secretary

Ext: 102 Bill - General Secretary and Rental Manager

Ext: 104 Dolores - Accountant

Ext: 105 Rees - Cathedral Association

Ext: 106 Becky - Language Center Secretary/Receptionist

## Good Cheer Report

Steve Johnson, 33°  
Hospital

Robert Sechrest, 33°  
Back surgery

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



## Music Notes

Your Scottish Rite Concert Band is selecting tunes for your Masonic Lodge events in 2015. One O'Clock Jump by Count Basie, Little Brown Jug by Glen Miller, Moon Light Serenade by Glen Miller, Song Of India by Rimsky Korsakoff, If I Loved You by Oscar Hammerstein, Oklahoma by Oscar Hammerstein, El Capitan March and The Liberty Bell by Brother John Philip Sousa. This is only a few of many tunes the band will entertain you. The band needs a six weeks notice of your event in advance. You may call our office at (626) 795-4213.

A Musical thank you,

Don Johansen 33°  
Band Manager

Rehearsals

April 13th and 27th 7:00-9:00pm



The Scottish Rite Master Craftsman (SRMC) program is an exciting by-mail correspondence course designed and administered by staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the A. & A. Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. Part I consists of six lessons, utilizing The Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide by Arturo de Hoyos, 33°, Grand Cross, and A Bridge to Light by Rex Hutchens, 33°, Grand Cross, as its textbooks

For more information please visit the Master Craftsman page at:  
<http://scottishrite.org/members/masonic-education/srmc/>

## IN MEMORIAM

Alton C. Emerson, 33°  
 Conejo Valley #807  
 February 22, 2015

Donald L. Griffiths, 33°  
 Arcadia-San Gabriel #278  
 February 14, 2015

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

## Language Center News

The Scottish Rite Foundation has changed the Language Center Logo.



The National Logo “Rite Care” used by many states across the Nation for their Language Centers has been recently adopted by the California Scottish Rite Foundation.

Did you know that you can donate to the Language Center on-line? The Foundation has a web-site where anyone who has a free minute can go and donate in a few simple clicks. No need to write and mail a check, and no more forgetting your donation check when you come to dinner at the Rite. Donations should be directed to your Pasadena Language Center in support of your important mission of helping families and their small children with early intervention for speech delay. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of these families.

If you want to donate on-line go to [www.casr-foundation.org](http://www.casr-foundation.org) Click on “You Can Help” and follow the “Contribute” link. Be sure to direct your donation to the Pasadena Language Center. You can even set up a recurring donation, so that you don’t have to remember to donate each month. The more than 100 Families we serve will thank you; your life will be simpler, more charitable and yes it is all tax deductible!

Thank you to all that supported the Childhood Language Center this Month:

# The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Michael J. Bess, 33°

Brethren, a reminder that the April Stated Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. Immediately following the meeting we will celebrate the annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, including the Mystic Banquet.



Each year the Chapters of Rose Croix observe the celebration of the Mystical Banquet as a memorial service honoring the Knights of their Chapter who have passed on during the preceding year. We meet together to break the bread of fraternity, celebrating the lives of our departed Brethren and promising to abide by the Law of Love with our present Brethren and all humanity.

Too many of our Brethren who have toiled to perform their Masonic duty for the good of humanity have passed on. We shall miss them, their friendship and companionship. By this observance let us strengthen the ties of brotherly love, past and present. By it, teach us not to let time regrettably pass where we neglect to express our love and affection for our Brethren and all humanity. By it, let us go forth and reconcile ourselves with those we may offended.

Michael J. Bess, 33°  
Personal Representative



## Mission Statement

Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, 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.

Have you brought in a new member lately?

### PETITION FOR DEGREES

DEGREE FEE	\$200.00
CAP	\$50.00
RING (Optional)	
(Fee must accompany petition)	

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PRESENT OR FORMER OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ RETIRED?  NO  YES RING SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ CAP SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

CONVICTIONS OTHER THAN TRAFFIC?  NO  YES EVER REFUSED A FIDELITY BOND?  NO  YES

Have you ever petitioned for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees?  
I believe in the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, and undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and support the Constitution of the United States of America.  
Wholeheartedly believing in the foregoing, I respectfully petition to receive the 4° through the 32°. I am a Master Mason and have resided in California more than six months last past.

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