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Scottish Rite Calendar Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

JANUARY

Friday, January 1 Happy New Year Office Closed

Friday, January 8 4:30PM Cathedral Board 6:30PM Dinner 8:00PM Stated Meeting Consistory in Charge Election of Officers Women's Association

Monday, January 11 7:00PM Band Practice

Friday, January 15 7:00PM Installation Practice

Friday, January 22 6:00PM Reception 6:30PM Dinner 8:00PM Installation of Officers (See Page 8)

Monday, January 25 7:00PM Band Practice

Saturday, January 30 9:00AM Discussion Group







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#### Thank You to Our November 2015 Donors

365 Club William Rook

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## Women's Association News

Happy New Year Ladies!

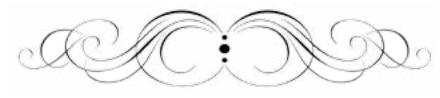
2016 is well on its way with, I'm sure, many changes bound to come in the months ahead. May it be a good year for you all.

Be sure to join our PSR Women's Association group upstairs at 8 p.m. on January 8th while the men are having their stated meeting. Before each of our respective meetings we will all meet together in the dining room for a social time and a delicious dinner.

In January we will have our annual election of officers and begin to discuss our activities for the year. Please come join us and enjoy the comradery and friendship of these very special ladies.

Sincerely,

Lynda Lockhart President



## Music Notes

Happy New Year to all our brethren and their families. Your concert band invites any of the fall 2015 Ill. Ramon Figueroa 33° class to join with our band and their concert band instruments at our next rehearsal on January 11th and 25th. We rehearse from 7:00-9:00pm on our second floor in the band room.

Musically yours, Don Johansen 33° Band Manager

# Simon McIlroy, 32° KCCH Master of Kadosh Consistory

Brethren,

How quickly the year goes by. I feel like it was just yesterday that I was going through my Scottish Rite degrees and here I am writing my final article as Master of Kadosh. In the short time that I've been a member of our Valley I've seen quite a few changes take place, for better or worse. Through it all however we continue to thrive and see a steady stream of new members enter our ranks.



In addition to our pioneering Saturday morning study group headed up by Illustrious Ken Christianson, we have always been a Valley focused on setting a standard in encouraging education, maintaining tradition, and showing leadership in ritual and stagecraft. It is in that spirit that I encourage you all to contact me to see how you can be a part of the rebirth of the Spirit of Hiram play. For those of you unfamiliar it, it is a tiled, dramatic performance of the Blue Lodge 3rd Degree done in the Scottish Rite style with full costumes, makeup, lighting, props, sets, etc. It is also open to all Master Masons in good standing and a great public relations tool for our Valley.

We had our first Spirit of Hiram table read last month, and are in the process of completing casting assignments and stagecraft roles, as well as scheduling practices and rehearsals with our performance on Friday March 11 at 7.30pm. It is the intention that this is the resurrection of several of Pasadena's traditions within our Valley. In addition to the return of the Spirit of Hiram, we also hope to see The Living Constitution make a comeback, as well as see our Knight of Saint Andrew chapter revitalize their annual fundraisers and social events, which have always been warmly supported and embraced by our membership.

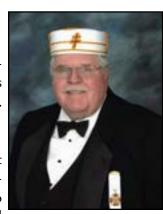
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## The Secretary's Memo Pad Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Happy New Year all,

If you are reading this it means that Illustrious Frank Loui 33°, has reappointed me as General Secretary for the Valley of Pasadena. If not, then I stop typing here.

But incase Frank is silly enough to reappoint me, here's the scoop from the General Secretary's office. Let's first start with membership figures. As of December 11, 2015 are paid



dues is 483 members or 56% of the membership. Unpaid dues membership was 433. 53 of which I had to suspend for being arrears three years or more. Thus this leaves 380 members still unpaid, or 44% still owing. The real hit is the suspension of 53 members, even after our VMAP team worked so hard to retain these members. It brings are total membership down to 863. That is about 80 members less than last year at this time. Membership retention is a vital part of our ongoing growth. We may be taking in 60 new members a year, but with deaths, demits and suspensions our numbers dwindle still. We have a great deal of work to do. Under the leadership of Sir Knight Steve Klein 32°KCCH and hi VMAP team members we can possibly turn the tide and get some positive numbers to reflect a growing membership.

Now to current news, because of New Year day being a Friday, the January Stated Meeting is moved to January 8. Times change too. There will be the social time at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7 PM. But the Stated Meeting will be at 8 PM in the auditorium. The event of the night will be election of lodge officers, standing board members, and director and member of the Foundation who represent the Valley of Pasadena. A lot of business to be covered.

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Valentine Sweetheart Dinner Ball

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Music Stylings of Swing Time

Donation \$50 per couple

Formal or Semi -Formal please

Proceeds to go the California Scottish Rite Foundation - Pasadena



## **Good Cheer Report**

Philip George, KCCH, Back Pain

Ed Griffiths, 33°, Fall concussion

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Joseph Stuart, 32° Upland MT Baldy #419 October 28, 2015

James Gardner, 32° Alhambra #322 November 6, 2015

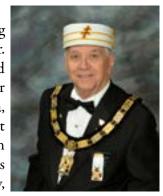
May Almighty God, in his infinite mercy, Grant that we may meet again, to part no more.

## The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

The Pasadena Scottish Rite is looking forward to a new and very prosperous year. Our Valley is vibrant, and alive. I am proud to be a member. When I mention to other Valley's members that I belong to Pasadena, their comments are always positive like "that is a good Valley". Our new class has taken the challenge to become engaged and has volunteers for the degree casts, stage crew, proposed initiates for the Knights of Saint



Andrew and other so necessary functions.. Their interest and enthusiasm is a direct result of what we here at Pasadena do so well. Our Classroom Instructor gets the class prepared and sinks the hook of Scottish Rite as the University of Masonry; the Degrees on stage further that Illumination; the camaraderie instilled in the class by watching the members of the Rite meet and complete their responsibilities all combine in a way that truly illustrates "What Is Scottish Rite Masonry"

January will be a busy month with Installation, the new Lodge's officers taking charge, and a new semester of California State College at Northridge's support of our Language Center. I wish to thank all the Brothers who donated to the Language Center during the last three months of last year. We will report the totals donated and matched in the February bulletin. 2016 will be an important year as it will establish the limits for our support to the Language Center. I have asked the Lodge Masters and the Knights of Saint Andrews to develop new and interesting ways to obtain donations, including events, and getting the public involved as well as maybe corporate sponsors. This is an effort we all need to support. The young clients to our Language Center do need our support.

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The P.R.'s Corner Continued...

As we look forward to the New Year, let us not forget the men and women in our Armed Forces and their families who sacrifice so much for us, as well as our first responders here at home. We sometimes take for granted what we have here at home. WE must never forget that adage regarding our military and veterans... All gave something and some gave ALL. When you see a veteran, go up to him or her and thank them for their service to our great country.

I look forward to seeing all of you this year!

Rees Padfield, 330 Personal Representative

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Lastly I want to leave you with a message that was deeply impressed upon me by one of our past leaders, Illustrious Herb Wilkins: This is YOUR Scottish Rite Valley. I've always taken this message to heart as a Knight of Saint Andrew, cast members, degree master, and now Class Room Director and KCCH. Whether our Valley rises to new heights or flickers like a dimming candle is entirely in your hands. I ask you all to meditate on this and let it guide your every action as a Scottish Rite Mason. May God continue to bless you all.

Sincerely,

Simon A. McIlroy, 32° KCCH Master of Kadosh

#### 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.

Director of Membership Continued...

Part II - Master Craftsman Study Group

As mentioned in an article by Brother Chapman elsewhere in this publication, we are inaugurating a new program for 2016, the Master Craftsman Study Group. Please see Brother Chapman's article for the time, dates, and other information he has graciously provided. We are only about the 12th study group to form in all of the Scottish Rite. The Master Craftsman program is a wonderful learning experience, providing a way to reinforce your understanding of the degrees and contemplate in profound ways how you apply the teachings of the degree to your daily life in a self-paced manner. Please feel free to contact me at sdklein2005@ yahoo.com if I can answer any questions about the VMAP or the Master Craftsman program.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH

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January 15 at 7:00 PM there will be a practice for Installation., ALL officers elected and appointed are required to be there. January 22, is the installation of officers, Most Worshipful M. David Perry, Grand Master of Masons in California, will be the installing officer. We will hold a reception for the Grand Master at 6 PM. Dinner will follow at 6:30 PM and the installation will commence at 8 PM.

And finally a note as I change hats and now thank you as Venerable Master for 2015 for your support love and kindness throughout the year. I hope I served you well.

That's all on my table this month,

Bill

## Director of Membership

Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH

Part I - Progress Report on Reaching Certification as VMAP Valley

Brethren, last month we described the Valley Membership Achievement Project (VMAP) in general terms and addressed membership recruitment in greater detail. This month, we will update you on our progress toward being VMAP certified, a goal of every Valley in Scottish Rite Masonry, S.J.



The VMAP goals are broken down into ten specific subject areas. Within each subject area are some mandatory and some "cafeteria style" lists of additional tasks. We have met or exceeded the requirements in seven of the specific areas and only need to fulfill a few more smaller tasks to satisfy the requirements in the remaining three categories.

For those who may desire to know the ten categories, they are Membership Recruitment, New Member Engagement, Degree Conferral Proficiency, Reunion Experience, Scottish Rite Education - Candidates, Scottish Rite Education- Members, Officer Responsibilities & Engagement, Philanthropy & Public Image, Member Retention, and Valley Organizations.

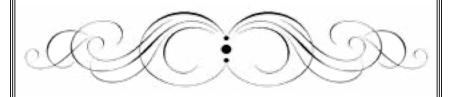
By the time you read this column, it is very likely that the remaining requirements will be met and we'll reach the status of officially being recognized as a VMAP Valley. Reaching this status in the first year of the program's existence is something we as a Valley can be proud of accomplishing. It is felt at the highest levels of Scottish Rite leadership that the growth, or even the survival, of every Valley depends upon being successful in all ten of the categories they have defined.

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## January Dinner Menus Stated Meeting on January 8th

Vegetable Beef Soup
Ice Berg Salad
Pork Tenderloin, White Fish or Vegetarian
Garden Rice
Mixed Vegetables
Carrot Cake

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, January 6th at 2pm



## Installation on January 22nd

Appetizers
Garden Salad with Balsamic Dressing
Prime Rib, Salmon, or Vegetarian
Baked Potato
Mixed Vegetables
New York Cheese Cake with Strawberry sauce

Last Day for reservations: Tuesday, January 20th at 2pm

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