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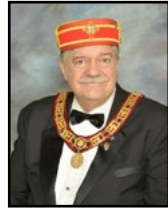
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Council of Kadosh

Brethren,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your confidence in me, and for electing me to be the Commander of The Council of Kadosh for 2019. It is a great honor and privilege to serve you all at the Pasadena Scottish Rite.



We celebrate St. Patrick's Day during our March stated dinner. Please remember that social hour starts at 6:00pm and dinner starts at 6:30pm.

There are two events that you won't want to miss in March. One will be the 8th Annual International Conference at UCLA, which is scheduled on March 2nd, and entitled Diversity and Exclusivity in 18th Century Freemasonry. See the Grand Lodge website for details and registration.

On March 8th, we will be presenting The Spirit of Hiram under the direction and guidance of Brothers Simon McIlroy and Jeffery McDonough, accompanied by a talented cast. I urge every member of this valley to promote this event in their blue lodges, and invite all master masons to attend this great event. A spaghetti dinner will be served at 6:30pm at no cost to you, followed by the performance at 8:00pm.

I wish you all health and prosperity, and thank you again for your confidence in me to be your Commander for this year.

Fraternally,

Arman N. Ekmekciyan, 32° KSA
Commander, Council of Kadosh

The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Erin go Braugh as March is upon us. Wasn't the Rose Parade yesterday?

How rapidly time flies. If you have not paid your 2019 dues as of February 15, you will be receiving another invoice from Supreme Council. If you have already paid you dues please disregard the invoice. If you haven't paid your dues please consider writing a check today or go to scottishrite.org and pay your dues online. You can also call Mary in the office and give her you credit card number and she can charge your card.



May is rapidly approaching and with that it brings membership class. To date we have no applications. One good selling point for join Pasadena Scottish Rite will be held on March 8, with the presentation of the Spirit of Hiram, a tiled performance for Master Masons only. Prior to the event there will be a free spaghetti dinner in the dining room. No reservations are needed it is first come first served until it is all gone. Bring that newly raised Master Mason and show off Pasadena Scottish Rite.

The spring class shall be the Honorable Ronald Jay Stein 32° KCCH Memorial Class. Ron had a lot of friends who might be interested in attending and bringing new applicants with them.

March 16th Southern California Jurisdiction, Order of DeMolay will have their annual membership and will perform the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees. This is DeMolay 100th Birthday. And remember in started as part of the Valley of Kansas City. So it is fit and right that we as Scottish Rite Mason celebrate with them the birth of such a fine youth group.

That's it for March

Bill

The P.R.'s Corner

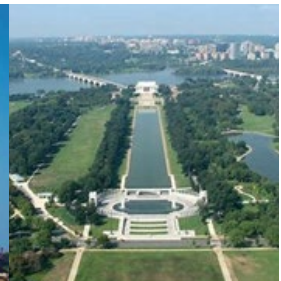
Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

February has come and gone and with it a lot of moisture has befallen us. On my drive to the Pasadena Scottish Rite, I certainly enjoy seeing all the greenery along the freeways. As we look forward to March, we need to tell our Blue Lodge Master Masons about our Spirit of Hiram play. It will be presented on the 8th of March and will include a free dinner for those attending. Last year, we were honored by the attendance of our SGIG and Grand Commander, Ronald Seale. The auditorium was packed. That evening was truly impressive. Simon is continuing his magic with the cast and this year's performance should be just as good or better. Please make every effort to attend. Of course there will be dessert offered after the performance. For those of you who profess to be at least of partial Irish lineage your day is approaching. My March is consumed the birthdays of my wife and two daughters, one of which is on the 17th of March.



The picture below is of the carved stone donated from California used in the building of the George Washington Monument (obelisk). The view from the top is truly spectacular. The view to the west includes the WWII memorial and the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery across the Potomac River. Currently, the elevator to the top is closed for moderations. You can still climb the stairs if you are really physically fit.



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

Constructed of granite faced with Maryland marble, the structure is 55 feet (16.8 meters) square at the base and 554 feet 7 inches (169 meters) high and weighs an estimated 91,000 tons. (The monument's height was previously measured as 555 feet 5 inches [169.3 meters], but a recalculation based on international standards in 2014 led to its revision.) The shaft's load-bearing masonry walls are 15 feet (4.6 meters) thick at its base, tapering to a thickness of only 18 inches (46 cm) at the top. At its completion in 1884 it was the world's tallest man-made structure, though it was supplanted by the Eiffel Tower just five years later. It remains the world's tallest masonry structure.

As we have started a new Masonic year, we are in the middle of fiscal year for the Language Center. We can certainly use your donations for the children.

Rees Padfield, 33°

Personal Representative

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	0
Reinstatements:	0
Deaths:	1
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	0
Suspensions (Other reasons):	0
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	825

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	381	46.3%	44.8%	47.3%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	159	19.3%	15.5%	14.6%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	86	10.4%	10.9%	8.3%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	99	12.0%	11.0%	9.7%
Paid Life Members:	98	11.9%	17.8%	20.0%

Meet the Commander



Arman N. Ekmekciyan, 32° KSA

Commander, Council of Kadosh

Brother Arman was born in Istanbul, Turkey in 1959, and after very short 18 years, he graduated from high school, and was eager to continue his education.

However, the political unrest in Istanbul made it difficult but also helped him in deciding to move to the United States and pursue his academic dreams, and in 1978 he did just that. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from California State University, Los Angeles. In 1985 he joined the work force and started in the banking profession at Coast Federal Bank in Beverly Hills where he had numerous celebrity clients such as; the late Michael London and Jessica Lange.

In 1989, he received an offer from an International Bank Corporate Office in Istanbul. Therefore he returned to Istanbul and proceeded to work there as a Group Executive in the Retail Banking Division. However, in 2001 he realized that it was time to return to the States. He moved back to Los Angeles and for the past 17 years he has been working in the Home Décor Wholesale Industry. He currently works as a National Account Executive at UMA Home Décor, an importer and wholesaler company.

Brother Arman Ekmekciyan's Masonic journey began when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason at San Marino Lodge #408 on April 11th, 2012, and after passing to the Fellowcraft degree, he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on September 12th, of the same year. He served

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Meet the Commander, Continued From Page 7

as the Marshal of the San Marino Lodge 408 in 2014 and 2015. Also he was affiliated with Burbank Lodge #406 in 2016.

Brother Arman joined the Pasadena Scottish Rite as a member of the Sir Knight Michael A. McLaird Memorial Class of 2012 and became a Knight of Saint Andrews shortly thereafter. Since he joined this valley, he has been assisting the members of the Annual Bowling Tournament as well as the Holiday Christmas Party. Since 2014, he has been an active cast member in the 28th Degree. He is also an affiliated member of the Valley of Guthrie, Oklahoma Scottish Rite.

In 2013 he joined the San Fernando Valley York Rite Bodies, Signet Chapter #57 of Royal Arch Masons, Omega Council #11 of Cryptic Masons, and Los Angeles Commandery #9 of Knights Templar.

Brother Arman is also involved in the Armenian Community and has been an active member of the Organization of Istanbul Armenians (OIA) since 2001, serving as a member of the Audit Committee.

He has been an avid soccer player for the last 38 years and enjoys all competitive sports, indoors and outdoors, as long as his body allows. Brother Arman lives in Glendale with his wife of 26 years, Hera-Ani, and their daughter Keysi, and son Alek.

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.

Lodge Ambassadors

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

Why become a Scottish Rite Ambassador?

The SR Ambassadors are the “face” of our Valley in their respective Blue Lodge. We are leading the charge of expanding membership in our ancient ranks. An active Ambassador should take responsibility for the success of our Valley by; guiding the newest Masons in his Lodge as they progress through the degrees and by being a mentor to newly raised Master Masons. This is an especially important role as new membership is the life-blood of our great and noble Fraternity. Ambassadors, should provide up-to-date information on the Pasadena Scottish Rite’s activities, moreover guidance, materials, assistance and provide the necessary paperwork and participation for all new candidates to their Blue Lodges. Ambassadors must be an active member of his Blue Lodge, attend meetings regularly; including monthly Stated Meetings as well as degrees.



What value a Scottish Rite Ambassador could add to his Blue Lodge? He can certainly support the Worshipful Master in developing the education program of his Blue Lodge by giving to fellow Brethren an introduction to the Scottish Rite Masonry. Provide a preview of the moral truths we shall witness on our journey through the Scottish Rite. Touching points like, how selfish thoughts and unworthy ambitions will corrupt and destroy a man. How justice shall be impartial and tempered with mercy. How it’s important to not judge hastily and that we must have faith in ourselves, faith in each other and faith in God. The mutual belief in a Supreme Being should bind all men together in a worldwide brotherhood and so forth....

You don’t want to miss this great opportunity to become a Scottish

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Lodge Ambassadors continued...

Rite Ambassador! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at ambassadors@pasadenascottishrite.org. It's my duty and pleasure to assist you with this amazing masonic journey.

I'd like to express gratitude for all the hard work done by the Ambassadors. A special thanks to Steven Klein for his support of this program. A very warm welcome to our newest Ambassadors;

Worshipful Francis Villareal
 Worshipful Vram Martirosyan
 Brother Herair Rostamian KSA
 Brother Dillon Ingram KSA

Fraternally,

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

March Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on March 1st

Corned Beef & Cabbage Soup
Wedge Salad with Bleu Cheese Dressing
Shepherds Pie
Carrots & Peas
Rolls & Butter
Baileys Chocolate Mousse Cake

Last day for reservations: February 27th at 2pm

Number of Reservations at \$15.00 Per Person.....

Fish or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.

Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid.

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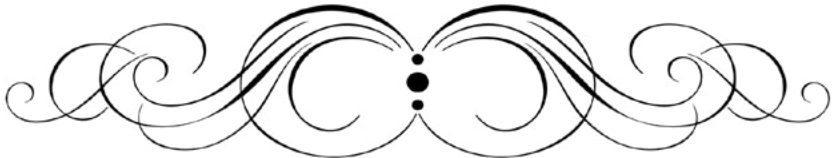


The Spirit of Hiram

**Returns Friday March 8, 2019, 8pm
Pasadena Scottish Rite Cathedral**

The Spirit of Hiram is a dramatic presentation of the Master Mason Degree. It has been performed by the Pasadena Scottish Rite for decades and will return to our stage for one night. It is a tiled performance for Master Masons only – please put this on your calendars and help us spread the word by announcing it at your lodges and appendant bodies. There is a free spaghetti dinner at 6.00pm. We look forward to your attendance.

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Spirit of Hiram Dinner Menu

Caesar Salad

Spaghetti

Meat Sauce or Marinara Sauce

Garlic Bread

Dessert served after the performance.

No reservations required

Chairman of VMAP Committee

Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH

As I compose this message around Valentine's Day, I hope all my brethren have a special day with their special someone, or remember that special someone who may have departed from this life. The history of Saint Valentine is well worth researching whenever you have a chance to do so. Another type of love we are taught to practice in our daily lives is brotherly love toward all, but especially toward a Brother Mason.



Our Scottish Rite gives us a sanctuary to gather to share brotherly love with others who share our Masonic values and experiences. We can retreat into this place of like-minded brothers to share, for at least an evening, that which we wished the outer world more closely resembled. We leave our Scottish Rite with our spiritual batteries recharged. This is one among many reasons that I come to the Pasadena Scottish Rite.

What are some of your reasons for attending? Or not attending? What can we do to improve our attendance and participation? Let us know. This is your Valley, and we welcome your input. If you have been away for a while, come back ! The doors of the Pasadena Scottish Rite are always open for you and you will receive a warm welcome upon your return.

Please be sure to promote the Spirit of Hiram at your Blue Lodge and attend the play. Remember, it's tiled for Master Masons only. More information will be found elsewhere in the Bulletin. We have about 30 brothers enrolled in the Master Craftsman program, so come to the class when you can, and get the help you need to get that Further Light in Masonry that you enrolled in the class to receive.

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Director of Membership continued...

I will be soon be going to the 2019 Valley Membership Achievement Project for the Orient, to be held in Sacramento. Most or all of the Valleys in the Orient will be there, and it is a great forum for sharing ideas about how to make the Scottish Rite experience even better!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Steven Klein, 32°, KCCH
VMAP Chairman
Valley of Pasadena

Good Cheer Report

Rees Padfield, 33°
Hospital

Harry Sprague, 33°
Recovering

Joe Ryland, 33°
ALS

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

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Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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Ionic Lodge No. 520
February 1, 2019

James D. Thompson, 32°
Conejo Valley Lodge No. 807
February 2, 2017

David Oliphant, 32°
Arcadia/San Gabriel Lodge No. 278
November 23, 2018

Jack L. Craven, 32°
Lexington Lodge No. 104
September 2, 2018

Roberts D. Rooks, 32°
West Covina/La Puente Lodge No. 446
February 14, 2018

Ronald Williams, 32°
Palmdale Lodge No. 769
September 30, 2018

William A. Gray, 32°
Tujunga Lodge No. 542
September 26, 2018

William Schaeffler, 32°
Lexington Lodge No. 104
August 5, 2017

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

Ancient & Accepted

Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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D. Edward Griffiths, 33° Asst. Personal Rep.

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

MARCH

Friday, March 1

3:30PM Rite Care Board
4:30PM Cathedral Board
6:00PM Social
6:30PM Dinner
7:15PM Program
8:00PM Stated Meeting
Council of Kadosh in Charge
Women's Association

Saturday, March 2

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew
9:00AM UCLA International
Conference on Freemasonry
Rite Care volunteers to Midnight
Mission

Sunday, March 3

8:00AM Masonic Service Bureau
Breakfast Honoring the
Grand Master at LAX Hilton

Friday, March 8

6:00PM Free Spaghetti Dinner
First come first served,
no reservations necessary
8:00PM Spirit of Hiram Performance

Saturday, March 16

9:00AM Southern California
Jurisdiction Order of DeMolay
100th Anniversary Membership Class
All Scottish Rite Masons Welcomed

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