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Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH*Wise Master***Chapter of Rose Croix**

There are only four degrees in the Chapter of Rose Croix, the 15th-18th. Don't let that small number mislead you. The degrees are highly complex, and contains many layers of history, religion, Kabbalah and more. For a few of us, the lessons of these degrees may come easily. But for most of us, including myself, their lessons require some study. I believe that these degrees were meant to be studied and not instantly understood, for the pursuit of knowledge requires self-discipline or expending some amount of time and effort. We have study groups for this purpose mentioned elsewhere in this bulletin.



The Rose Croix degrees, like the others, show the vast intellectual reach of Brother Pike. The Chapter degrees cover the time period of the destruction of King Solomon's temple in 588 BC to the writing of the Book of Revelation in 100 AD. We are taught in the Chapter degrees that science is no enemy of religion, but is a pathway to understand God's universe. Consider, gentle readers, the importance of this statement. Consider those faiths and nations, which at one time, opposed science and persecuted scientists. Now recall that our Founding Fathers consisted of many leaders who were Masons and some were inventors. They understood that science was not the enemy of religion. They included a provision for the granting of patents 'to promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts' in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution. We are a nation of innovators today in large part because they understood this important Masonic concept.

We are taught tolerance is not simply a duty, but an inescapable conclusion. We are taught the lessons of faith, hope and charity. We are taught the beautiful symbolism of the flame, the pelican, the rose, the cross, I have

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The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Spring is in the air and our Spring Reunion looks ahead of us. This reunion will host the Honorable Ronald Jay Stein Memorial Class. As many of you know Ron recently passed away. His work for Scottish Rite and the Valley of Pasadena was admirable and thus it was decided to name the class in his honor.



Coming soon to Pasadena is the Knights of the Double Eagle Program. This an awards program for those that offer their services to the Rite. Brother Robert Artinian 32 KSA.

The program is in its formative stage and will be debut soon. The program allows you to receive awards for the things that you do and display them as part of you Scottish Rite regalia. (BLING, BLING, BLING).

If you have interest Master Mason who want to seek further light it is now time that you get their application. Remember, if you sign or vouch for an applicant, you have signed on to be his mentor and see to it he receives the best experience and learning available from the Scottish Rite. See ya in May and the Reunion,

Bill

Good Cheer Report

Nicholas Lebedeff, 32°

Hospital

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

Happy Tax Day. NOT. Our Spring Reunion is upcoming in May and it is time for us to ask our Blue Lodge Master Masons if they are desirous for more 'Light'. It would be nice to have more candidates than the cast members. Speaking of which, remember, if you recommend a Master Mason for membership it is your duty to attend with him. Besides April Fool's Day on the 1st of April, Oliver Pollack invented the dollar sign (\$) in 1778. Also on the first of April, General Hospital, a daily TV soap opera first aired on ABC. On 7 April, we celebrate National Beer day and on the 11th of April we celebrate National Submarine Day.



As we laugh at the special days commemorating our history, we should never forget our real national history and it being the result of sacrifices large and small by our forbearers, and our current security guaranteed by our current military and first responders and all of their families. Stop and thank a veteran, current military person or first responder. We all have a lot to be thankful for. It's their sacrifices that we are able to experience what we have.

Rees Padfield, 33°

Personal Representative

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quoted "A Bridge to Light" by Rex Hutchens several times. Please refer to this book, as reading this article is no substitute for reading Hutchens or Pike! April is the time for the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal as well as observing Public Schools Month. It is statutorily required, so we hope we can see a large attendance at our stated meeting. Passover and Easter occur in April, and I wish to extend my best wishes to all my brothers during this holiday season.

Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH

Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

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Current Year Membership Statistical Changes

Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	0
Reinstatements:	0
Deaths:	9
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	0
Suspensions (Other reasons):	0
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	814

Current Dues Statistics

	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	407	50.1%	47.6%	49.9%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	132	16.3%	13.0%	12.6%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	83	10.2%	10.5%	7.9%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	93	11.5%	11.1%	9.7%
Paid Life Members:	98	11.9%	17.8%	20.0%

MEDITERRANEAN FEAST

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

7:00PM

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April Dinner

Stated Meeting on April 5th

Cheese and Crackers

Spinach Salad with Cranberries,
Bleu Cheese crumbles and Roasted Walnuts

Pork Tenderloin with Roasted Apple Glaze
Rice Pilaf, Broccoli & Cauliflower Florets

Rolls & Butter
Mango Mousse Cake

Last day for reservations: April 3rd at 2pm

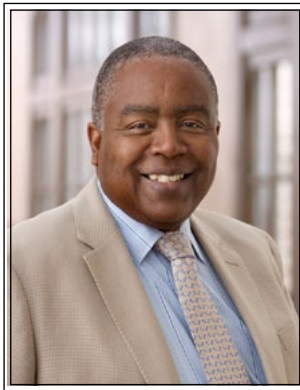
Number of Reservations at \$15.00 Per Person.....

Fish or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.

Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid.

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Dinner Speaker



BRIAN O. McDONALD, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Pasadena Unified School District

Lodge Ambassadors

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

Dear Brethren,

The brotherhood, fellowship, exchange of ideas, outstanding speakers and presentations, useful materials, delicious dining, development of new programs by the brothers attending, and so much more, are significant opportunities for you.



You may attend one of our dinners bringing with you a brother from your Blue Lodge that is a good man and Master Mason desiring to expand his circle of friends and learn a little more about the deeper meanings and philosophies of Freemasonry, invite him into our Scottish Rite! Our Valley is always looking for good men and future Brothers. We are delighted about meeting with you and sharing the goodness of our Scottish Rite and the future of our Fraternity.

If you know of a good man and Mason desiring to expand his circle of friends and learn a little more about the deeper meanings and philosophies of Freemasonry, invite him into our Scottish Rite.

Our next Scottish Rite Reunion will be held on:

Friday May 10th - Degrees 4* and 5*

Saturday May 11th - Degrees 6* to 18*

Friday May 17th - Degrees 19* to 28*

Saturday May 18th Degrees 29* to 32*

It has been exclaimed that Scottish Rite brothers live better and longer lives!

Of course the secret to that is being with others with common inter-

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Lodge Ambassadors continued...

ests, who believe in and glorify God, and have an heart filled with true faith and a desire to learn and share.

We are start working for the upcoming Spring Reunion, and we have some candidates, but we will be happy to add more. If you know any Freemasons who you think would make good Scottish Rite Freemasons, now is the perfect time to speak with them about getting in petitions. By the same token, we would love have a full house of participants to assist in conferring and attending the Degrees. Our candidates are far more impressive when presented by a full cast and full attendance!!

Looking forward to see you at one or all of our upcoming events. For any questions and info please contact the Office at 626 795-4213 and/or myself at 310 818-6015

Wishing you and all your loved ones a very Happy Easter. May the risen Christ bring you and your family abundant happiness! May the risen Lord bless you abundantly and bring lots of happiness to you and your family. Have a blessed Easter!

God bless you and your families and friends,

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

IN MEMORIAM

**Donald Christensen, 32°
Boulder City Lodge
February 18, 2019**

**Dimitrios Vantarakis, 32°
Norwalk Lodge No. 273
February 25, 2019**

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

Meet the Wise Master



Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH *Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix*

Steven Klein was born in the farming community of Vineland, New Jersey. He graduated from high school in Fort Worth, TX and received a BA degree from UT-Arlington. Upon moving to Los Angeles in 1988, he earned teaching credentials and embarked on a career in education in South Central Los Angeles. He was elected or appointed to many leadership positions. He served as president of the faculty at Dorsey High School in the late 1990's.

Eventually, Brother Klein joined the staff of United Teachers Los Angeles, where he was involved in contract enforcement, negotiations and school safety issues. He retired from UTLA in 2015. Since then, he became an inventor and holds three patents and a trademark from the United States Patent and Trade Mark Office.

Klein was appointed to serve as a City Commissioner in Monterey Park and has chaired the Traffic Commission for much of the past three years. He is an active member of numerous civic organizations in his community.

Klein has been a blood donor for 37 years. He has donated over 16 gallons of his own blood. He has produced 18 blood drives at a variety of institutions which had previously never held them. His efforts have succeeded in saving over 1,000 lives. He was recognized as an American Red

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Meet the Wise Master Continued...

Cross Ambassador in 2006 and by Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where his name is in a place of honor near the blood donor facility. He has received numerous state and local honors for his civic work.

Masonry has been in Brother Klein's family for three generations, since 1923. Brother Steven Klein's Masonic career began in Houston. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on February 10, 1981. Brother Klein later joined Tabernacle Lodge #1195 in Fort Worth, TX and holds a Life Membership there. He also is a Life Member of Hollywood Lodge #355 and is a member of South Pasadena Lodge #290, where he serves on the Lecture Series committee.

Brother Klein joined the Scottish Rite in May 1982, also in Houston, and currently holds Life Memberships with the Guthrie (OK) Scottish Rite and Pasadena Scottish Rite. He is a member of the College of the Consistory in Guthrie. In Pasadena Scottish Rite, he has served as the Chairman of the Valley Masonic Achievement Project, VMAP, since the inception of the Supreme Council program. He has helped the Valley earn the prestigious VMAP distinction for three consecutive years.

He also is a member of the cast of the Spirit of Hiram and the 14th degree. He founded and led the Master Craftsman Study Group and has completed the program. He's spoken about the Kabbalah at a recent reunion and is preparing for more Masonic speaking engagements.

In September of 2015, the status of Knight Commander Court of Honor, KCCH, was conferred upon Brother Klein in San Diego.

Brother Klein is also a member of the Al Malaikah Shriners. He is a Life Member of Alhambra Council No. 25, Cryptic Masons, and San Gabriel Valley Chapter No. 100, Royal Arch Masons. He is also a Life Member of National Sojourners, Pasadena Chapter No. 265 and a Hero of '76. Brother Klein is a 50 year Senior DeMolay.

In 2007, he married the love of his life, Fidelia. They enjoy traveling the world together.



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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.

Pasadena Childhood Language Center

Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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Women's Association News

Gentlemen, thank you for sharing this newsletter with your lady

Dear Ladies,

We are on our way for a beautiful spring and hopefully summer! I hope it is a fun season for you all. 😊

Carla Sanchez had ordered the set of dominoes so that we could enjoy a variety of fun games like "Mexican Train" etc. after our short business meeting each month. Success was achieved. I have been in Colorado Springs for 49 days however, I believed they played "Mexican Train" in March.

Ladies please join your man for our delicious Friday evening dinner and then come join us for some fun and games upstairs while the men are in their meeting.

Hope to see you in April 2019!

Sincerely,
Lynda Lockhart
President

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

APRIL

Friday, April 5

- 3:30PM Rite Care Board
- 4:30PM Cathedral Board
- 5:30PM Stated Meeting - Classroom
 Rose Croix in Charge
 Women's Association
- 6:00PM Social
- 6:30PM Dinner
- 8:00PM Ceremony of Remembrance
 and Renewal

Saturday, April 6

- 9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Saturday, April 13

- 10:00AM Degree Rehearsal

Saturday, April 20

- 9:00AM Discussion Group
- 10:00AM Degree Rehearsal

Sunday, April 21

- 12:00PM Degree Rehearsal

Saturday, April 27

- 7:00PM Mediterranean Feast
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Sunday, April 28

- 12:00PM Degree Rehearsal

