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As we roll into the lazy days of Summer, our agenda will be anything but that. As we all know, we had to cancel our Spring Reunion due to several reasons that could have easily left us with a mediocre product for the class. In Fall we will pick it up and have a fantastic time. As there was no reunion, there will be no capping ceremony at the June Stated meeting, so we will have one extra month of “Summer casual”. Appropriate attire being Hawaiian shirts or Scottish Rite polos.



Our dinner for June will be followed by a talk on the many great architectural religious fraternal and unique buildings in the Los Angeles area by our Brother, Nathan Marsak. Nathan is a noted historian of the built environment and has written several books on the buildings in Los Angeles. His topic for this talk will be: “High Mindedness: The Fraternal, Funereal, and Religious Architecture of Los Angeles”.

“Certain architectural forms are known for solemn and monumental expression, e.g., grand public mausolea, houses of worship, and the gathering places of mystery schools and fraternal orders. But Los Angeles, famously known for her extravagant architecture, often blends fantasy into the plaster. In a landscape of exuberant buildings, the magisterial often went the extra mile to express themselves as unusual, exotic, and at times esoteric.”

As a fellow historian, I find Brother Marsak’s presentations to be both fun and educational, so be sure to get your reservation’s in for our dinner on June 7th.

A reminder the cast and crew for “The Living Constitution” that our rehearsal will be starting in June. We will be performing again in September at the Rite, as well as two lodges that have requested to see it. Glendora Lodge No. 404 and Destiny Lodge No. 856, which meets at the Masonic Home in Covina.

We are also working on Masonic education, with the Saturday Discussion Group and the Master Craftsman program, which we will be doing on the same fourth Saturday each month for the maximum effect.

As we can see, there is a lot happening at the Rite to keep everyone interested.

Charles J. Fisher, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Question to ponder about the Fourth Degree:

The concept of progress is an important ideal of the Scottish Rite. What are some of the ways in which the themes and lessons of this degree reflect and expand upon the notion of progress?



For the June Stated meeting some study of a Bridge to Light and Morals and Dogma can assist in answering the above question. We will at our June Stated meeting take a portion of time for Scottish Rite Education and have a short presentation on the 4th Degree and a discussion period.

Now let's discuss the structure of Pasadena Scottish Rite. There are 4 distinct business model in play here. First there is the Pasadena Lodge of Perfection, the business face of the four bodies. Check payable to them should be "Pasadena Scottish Rite", a 501(c) (10) organization.

Secondly there is the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association of Pasadena, the building management group a 501 (c) (2) organization. Check made out to them should be addressed "Pasadena Scottish Rite Cathedral Association".

As part of the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association they have a sub organization with a dba as "Pasadena Scottish Rite Events Center" They are responsible for managing the rental of the building for special outside events and filming location. Their checks should be written as named.

And lastly, we work closely with The California Scottish Rite Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) philanthropy. They are the funding source for the Rite Care Pasadena Childhood Speech and Language Center. Being a charitable non-profit, and tax-deductible entity, it is important to properly assign the check for Tax purposes. All check directed to the Language Center need to be completed as follows:

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The P.R.'s Corner

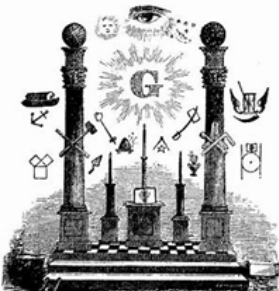
Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

As you may have heard, we have cancelled our Spring Class of Reunion. Several of our cast members could not participate and to find replacements would have been very difficult. We also have several new degree masters. The decision was debated at length at the April Stated Meeting with the decision to cancel the reunion rather than have important roles being essentially read from scrolls or 3x5 cards. Pasadena is known for its professional performances and we all decided that this was not the time to present subpar degrees for our candidates. We have notified the other Valleys of our decision. We will have a fall class and I would like to have volunteers to try something new. It would be a novel experience for us to present essentially a table read, or radio type presentation of several degrees not currently shown on stage, with parts being read around a table or stands, but with feelings, just like the radio programs I remember listening to like the Inner Sanctum or Mr. and Mrs. North.



We are the forefront and very visible portion of Freemasonry and as such we should always remember our tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, as well as our beliefs in faith, hope and charity. The symbols below remind me of how we all should act.



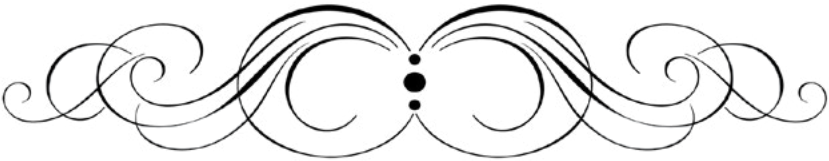
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The P.R.'s Corner Continued...

I thank the Cathedral Board, Vram Martirosyan, Jeff Yates, Greg Gabriel and Matt Hyde for all their efforts to create a Personal Representative/Conference Room. It is where the old museum used to be. We will be holding our board meetings there as well as other activities. It is truly nice and was accomplished with a minimum of funding.

The year is passing with prompt alacrity. It is almost time to think about summer and of course vacations. Be well and drive safely and with care remembering we are Masons.

Rees Padfield, 33°
Personal Representative



Secretary's Memo Pad Continued From Page 4...

California Scottish Rite Foundation, memo line Pasadena. Thus, funds will be directed to our center's account.

A note, because of the July 4th Weekend, the July Stated Meeting has been moved to July 12. Please make note of this as it is also the Official Visit of our SGIG Frank Loui 33°

Also, a reminder that commencing with the June Stated meeting you will need to show your current dues card to the Tyler or one of his assistants.

That's all from me in June

Bill

PS: June, July, August, and September the dress is business casual

June – Lodge Shirt Night

July – Tropical Shirt Night

August – Western Shirt Night

September – Patriotic Shirt Night

Childhood Language Center

Arthur H. Zabounian, 33°

Greetings to all,

I am pleased to share with you the good news about our investment reserves. Thanks to your generous contributions paired with favorable investment returns, our reserves have grown 28% to \$715K over the past 2 years. This increase will allow us to extend our services to few more clients in need of speech therapy. Our office staff works diligently and the brethren of our Board of Governors devote their time selflessly and unconditionally, ensuring that your charitable donations are allocated efficiently and spent wisely.



I also would like to share with you that our Board has met with Ms. Lynne Elwan, Chief Philanthropy Officer and Ms. Hope Manzanares, Major Gifts Officer both from the CSRF to start the Grant writing process to encourage corporate donations to our language center.

On June 1st at 9:45am we will have a special ribbon cutting ceremony for our newly remodeled center by our SGIG and the rest of the Foundation team. The invitation is open to all.

On behalf of our Board, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our mission.

Arthur H. Zabounian 33°
Chair, Board of Governors

Good Cheer Report

James Halladay
Mini Stroke
Hospital

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

June Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on June 7th

- Cheese & Crackers
- Wedge Salad with Ranch Dressing & Bleu Cheese Crumbles
- Tri Tip with Peppercorn Sauce
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Julienne Cut Mixed Vegetables
- Rolls and Butter
- Mystery Desert

Last day for reservation is Wednesday, June 5th 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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Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	1
Reinstatements:	2
Deaths:	10
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	1
Suspensions (Other reasons):	5
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	813

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	432	53.3%	50.6%	52.8%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	110	13.6%	10.7%	10.1%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	79	9.7%	9.7%	7.3%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	94	11.6%	11.2%	9.7%
Paid Life Members:	96	11.8%	17.8%	20.0%

Chairman of VMAP Committee

Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH

Summer, my favorite season, is just around the corner. In a Masonic sense, it reminds me of the South, with the sun at meridian height. Summer is the beauty and glory of the seasons, with long, warm days, and Nature bursting with all its glory. Our Valley has many activities to offer over the summer months. We have some fine stated meeting dinner entertainment planned, a golf tournament, and our discussion group and followed by the Master Craftsman class. There could be more in the works!



Our recent stated meeting dinners have featured an emphasis on the future and on our youth. The Superintendent of the Pasadena school system gave an enlightening speech about our local public schools and the following month we heard about our youth orders.

What of our future? We are a strong Valley, respected and admired across the Orient. The VMAP program has given us a road map to build on our success. Please attend your Blue Lodges and seek brethren whom you believe are ready to take the next steps in Masonry. I am very proud of the support our Scottish Rite brothers give our Blue Lodges. We have many PSR members who are current Masters, officers, activists and Inspectors in their Blue Lodges. Our presence there is important. As the Blue Lodges go, so do we. So, thanks to all who help keep our Blue Lodges strong.

With these assurances, I have every confidence in our future. Help us have a big Fall Reunion Class. Be with that brother you recruited. If you have any questions about membership, know of a brother in need, need a ride to a meeting, etc., please contact me or your Pasadena Scottish Rite office. Enjoy your vacations, but please try to participate in your Valley. We look forward to seeing you over the summer months. May you be blessed with health and happiness!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Steven Klein, 32°, KCCH
VMAP Chairman

Pasadena Childhood Language Center

Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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**Help us give kids
a success story.**



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Make contributions to the CALIFORNIA SCOTTISH RITE FOUNDATION and please note in the memo line PASADENA

Women's Association News

Gentlemen, thank you for sharing this newsletter with your lady

Dear Ladies,

We have had our spring bake sale and it went very well. Thank you very much ladies for bringing your delicious sweets. They were wonderful!! This really helps with our projects to raise money for the Pasadena Scottish Rite Children's Language Center. ☺

Ladies, remember we meet upstairs after dinner while the men are in their meeting. It is a fun social time for us, come join us!

I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Lynda Lockhart
President

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.



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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

Dress June to September
is business casual

JUNE

Saturday, June 1

9:00AM to 2:00PM

California Scottish Rite Foundation
Meeting - Pasadena

Friday, June 7 - Lodge Shirt Night

3:30PM Rite Care Board

4:30PM Cathedral Board

6:00PM Social

6:30PM Dinner

8:00PM Stated Meeting

Lodge of Perfection in Charge
Women's Association

Saturday, June 8

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Saturday, June 23

The Golf Tournament scheduled for June 23rd has been postponed to a later date due to schedule conflict with an event at the Rose Bowl.

Saturday, June 29

9:00AM Discussion Group

Periodical

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