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Charles J. Fisher, 32° KCCH

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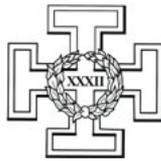
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**Arman N. Ekmekciyan, 32° KSA**  
*Commander*  
**Council of Kadosh**

Greeting Brethren,

At our December Stated Dinner, we will be honoring our local first responders. These brave men and women have devoted their lives to our protection and to the protection of our entire community. Join us in welcoming them and ensuring that they know that their services are appreciated.



Don't forget to join us on December 14, Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the dining hall, for the Language Center Christmas Party.

It has been an honor serving you as the Commander of the Council of Kadosh this year. As the year winds down, I reflect with great pleasure on everything we have achieved as a Scottish Rite Valley. It has also been a great honor to serve alongside our Venerable Master, Hon. Charles J Fisher 32 KCCH; our Wise Master, Hon. Steven D Klein 32 KCCH; and our Master of Kadosh, Sir Knight Keith D Kramer 32 KSA. Under the guidance of our Personal Representative, Ill. Rees W. Padfield, and the assistance of our Secretary, Ill. William F. Rook, we have strengthened our valley to be one of the leading Scottish Rite valleys in the country.

Last but not least, as Commander of Council of Kadosh, I want to thank the officers of the Council, and express my sincere gratitude to Bro. Ohannes Antabian, Bro. Kenneth F Green, Bro. Jorge A Ramos, and Bro. Hrair Rostamian. They have stood beside me all year long, and I can only attribute our successes in the Council of Kadosh to their support and hard work.

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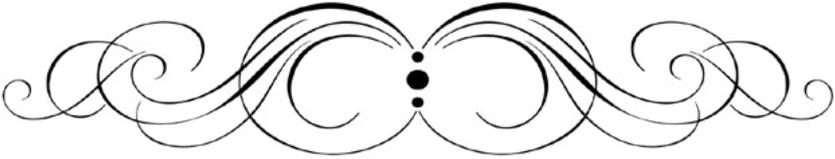
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Finally, as we celebrate the Holiday Season, let us remember the brave men and women of the Armed Forces, who put their lives on the line to ensure that we continue to enjoy the many freedoms we have.

I wish you all a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



## December Dinner Menu

### Stated Meeting on December 6th

Chicken Noodle Soup  
Spinach Salad  
Beef Tri Tip  
Rosemary Red Roasted Potatoes  
Grilled Vegetables  
Apple Pie

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, December 4th 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 Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

May the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe watch over us as we indulge in the joy of the season and not overindulge.

Congratulations to the 25 men who have become the Masters of the Royal Secret in 2019. Add the number 25 to the current lodge membership reported elsewhere in this bulletin. This is the total for 2019, just a fourth of the of what we did in 2018. Our membership seems to be going down each year. Just remember there are hundreds of our Brothers who are looking for additional light and they can find it here.



Tis also the dues season and from the stats of November 12th only 167 of the members have paid their dues. 79 members are 2 years behind in their dues. 46 members are 3 years behind and subject to suspension. Please check your wallet for your dues card.

December stated meeting find it to be Frist Responder Night. Come to the meeting and honor these heroic people from the Pasadena Police and Fire Departments and the Altadena Sheriff Station. Always a festive night followed by the Knighting Ceremony of our Knights of Saint Andrew.

Remember brothers "Keep Fridays for the Rite"

Bill



## The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

Looking back on this year's Valley of Pasadena's Scottish Rite Masonic calendar, I am very proud of our accomplishments. The Valley was well rewarded in this year's Honors, reflecting our SGIG's opinion of our Valley's capability and resourcefulness. Our Cathedral Board has been very busy keeping and improving our near one hundred year old building, including major renovations of our stage drop mechanisms. Our Language Board has made great improvements in our Language Center. Our waiting list has been reduced resulting in more children getting the treatments they need. Our Scottish Rite Masonic education has been furthered by the tremendous efforts by our Director of the Work, stage craft, music and lighting crews, as well as by our Classroom Instructor. Our Knights of St. Andrew have been instrumental in supporting our Valley. Our presentations of the Hiram and Constitution stories have resulted in increased membership and interest in the Scottish Rite. Our office crew has been extraordinary in their support of the Valley. The success of our catered Stated Meeting Dinners is a direct result of the hard work by the set-up crew. I wish to thank the Women's Association for their work and support of the Language Center. Overall, I am very proud of the men and women of this Valley who work so very extensively in supporting and maintaining our Valley. THANK YOU!



Our Lodge of Perfection was constituted in December 1895 which makes our Valley almost one hundred twenty five years old. Our building was completed in 1925 and we are approaching 100 years in our building. There is certainly a lot to be proud of.

In the upcoming 2020 Masonic year, it is now up to you. It would be impressive if our Stated Meetings and dinners had attendance which

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

represented twenty percent or more of our membership. Having more Brothers than candidates at our Reunions would be nice. Contributions to the Language Center would be appreciated. Actively promoting our Scottish Rite will ensure reasonable class size and future membership. Being a member and being involved is what makes an organization vibrant and successful. Let's see you this coming year.

Lastly, as you are with loved ones for the holidays, please remember the men and women in our Armed Forces on duty around the world, their families and the first responders here at home, in your thoughts and prayers. Their unselfish giving of themselves and the hardships their families endure are for us. Let us never forget them. If you see a veteran or first responder, thank him or her. You will be pleasantly surprised at their response.

Rees Padfield, 33°

Personal Representative



Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	1
Affiliations:	2
Reinstatements:	12
Deaths:	16
Demissions:	2
Suspensions (Non-payment):	20
Suspensions (Other reasons):	10
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	793

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	167	21.1%	20.3%	24.7%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	307	38.8%	35.5%	32.7%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	125	15.8%	14.6%	12.7%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	97	12.2%	11.3%	9.7%
Paid Life Members:	96	12.1%	18.2%	20.2%

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## Chairman of VMAP Committee

Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH

Dear Brethren,

Congratulations to all our new brothers who became Scottish Rite Masons in the Class of 2019, dedicated to our dearly departed brother, Ron Stein, 32, KCCH. We welcome each of you and are delighted by your desire to seek Further Light in Masonry. One way to continue that quest is to enroll in the Master Craftsman program. It was mentioned in your classroom presentations. Sign up on the Supreme Council website. If you have questions, contact me and I will be happy to assist you.



The Master Craftsman program is a self-paced correspondence course which will enable you to delve into the degrees, to review and reinforce your understanding of the symbols, meanings and moral lessons contained therein. It asks you what moral lessons you have learned and how you would apply these Masonic teachings to your daily life. We offer a Master Craftsman class! It is great way to meet and get to know your brothers better, especially sharing the common goal of completing the course(s), sharing ideas and working together to find the answer to a tough question! See the calendar elsewhere in this bulletin for further information. Upon completion of each course, a diploma and lapel pin is presented to the brother at our stated meeting dinner. Completion of the final course also includes a beautiful medal.

Recently, I was inspired to learn that a 97-year-old brother enrolled in the Master Craftsman program. He reminds us that all of us should continue to have zeal, a passion for the Craft and that, regardless of our age, we can continue to seek Further Light in Masonry. .

The VMAP (Valley Membership Achievement Project) created by the

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## VMAP Continued

Supreme Council, SJ, challenges us to be the best Valley we can be, and gives us a road map of categories to address and tasks to perform to reach VMAP status. The VMAP workbook has been completed, with the assistance of our PR, GC and Assistant to the GC. Their help is greatly appreciated. We should be able to send it to the Supreme Council soon. We are a better Valley due to VMAP. We have reached VMAP status every year since the program was instituted and should continue as a VMAP-certified Valley in 2019. We meet and/or exceed all the basic requirements and optional tasks in the 11 defined categories that VMAP evaluates.

It isn't just the committee or this author that makes Pasadena pass muster on VMAP. If all of you brothers didn't contribute your considerable time and variety of talents to this Valley, we would have nothing to report. It is truly a team effort and thanks very much to all of you for everything you do.

In conclusion, thank you for the honor and opportunity to serve this Valley. As the year is coming to an end, I wish you all a most joyous and memorable holiday season in your respective ways and traditions of celebrating this season. And may the Great Architect of the Universe bless you with a happy, healthy, prosperous and peaceful 2020.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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

## IN MEMORIAM

Mohyieddin Elghouleh, 32°  
Moreno Valley Lodge No. 804  
June 5, 2019

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

**PASADENA SCOTTISH RITE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

December 14, 2019, Saturday, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

150 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101

**COMEDY AND MAGIC BY  
WORLD FAMOUS PERFORMER**

**SHARPO**

Special appearance by

**SANTA CLAUS!!!**

**\*\*Please remember to bring a present for  
your child.**



**Pasadena  
Rite Care**

**STATED MEETING DINNER POLICY**

**RESERVATION POLICY:** Reservations are **required**. The cost per dinner is \$15.00

Reservations **will not** be accepted after close of business on the Wednesday before the stated meeting dinner.

**SPECIAL MEALS:** Requests for special meals (fish, veggie, vegan) **will not** be accepted after close of business on the Wednesday before stated meeting.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If you cannot attend the stated meeting dinner, you **must** cancel the reservation, or you will be invoiced for the dinner; this also applies to your guest(s). Cancellation must be before close of day the Thursday before stated meeting.

**PRE-PAID DINNER TICKETS (Reservations are still required):** Pre-paid dinner tickets are available for purchase in the Office. Pre-paid dinner tickets need to be exchanged for dinner tickets when checking in.

**WALK-INS/NO RESERVATIONS (DINNER COST IS \$25.00):** There is **no guarantee** that you will be served a dinner without a reservation. You will be seated at the "Beverage Only" area and served only after those with reservations have been served.

**Phone System Extensions at Pasadena Scottish Rite**

Ext: 101 Mary - Office Secretary

Ext: 102 Bill - General Secretary

Ext: 104 Dolores - Accountant

Ext: 105 Rees - Cathedral Association

Ext: 106 Meghri - Language Center Secretary/Receptionist

It's official, Archimedes Lodge (UD) which has been meeting in our Cathedral since 2018 received thier charter on November 23rd from the Grand Lodge of California and is now officially known as Archimedes Lodge No. 871.



Pictured above are the charter officers and members of Archimedes Lodge No. 871

**Commencing January 1, 2020**

**ALL stated meeting dinners will be a donation of \$15 except for widows.**

**Also the following incentives will apply:**

**Those securing 10 applications in 2020 will receive free dues in 2021. Those securing 5 applications in 2020 will receive one free stated meeting dinner.**

**Dinner packet booklets are available in the office for \$150 each, both men and women.**

**Receive a free stated meeting dinner for each suspended member you get to reinstate their membership.**

# Language Center Contributions "365 Club"

Your most appreciated contributions to the Childhood Language Center may be made in any of several ways. The first being as an undesignated contribution, the second being a contribution designated as applying toward a "365 Club" membership and lastly as applying to either "in Honor of" or as a "Memorial of" anyone you may wish.

Membership in the prestigious "365 Club" requires a contribution of at least \$365.00 in any one calendar year. The contributions may be made in increments, and are accumulative over any given year and when the goal of \$ 365.00 is met, suitable recognition will be published in the Scottish Rite Bulletin.

Ill. Arthur Zabounian, 33°, Chairman Language Center Board

Pasadena Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center  
150 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101-1710

## CONTRIBUTIONS / DONATIONS

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00      In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00      In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00      "365 Club" @ \$365/year

### Donor Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State. Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Send Acknowledgement to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State. Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the California Scottish Rite Foundation, Pasadena  
All contributions are tax deductible.

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 Pasadena Childhood Language Center


Meghri Habashian  
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 November 2019 Donors

**365 Club**

William Rook

**In Memory of**

**In Honor of**

**Friends of the Center**

James Jarnagin, Steven Klein, Michael Francisco,  
Nahapet Hairapetyan, Lynn Wallingford, Frank Benson,  
Gege Cummings, Philip Geoege, Joseph Markosyan,  
Peter Martin, Eugene McGregor, Williams Nicols,  
Charles Pierce, Darrel Sager, Christopher Lebedeff,  
Old West Chapter Order of DeMolay, Glendale Lodge No. 368  
Simon McIlroy, Charles Fisher, James Austin.

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

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## Women's Association News

Gentlemen, thank you for sharing this newsletter with your lady

Dear Ladies,

Our fundraiser season has arrived! The November bake sale was a great success thanks to our marvelous bakers and many generous folks and now December is upon us!

The procedures are the same. Have your goodies packaged attractively as they have always been and arrive at the beginning of the social time before our dinner.

And, of course, the ladies will continue to meet upstairs after dinner while the men are in their meeting. In November we had two lovely new ladies join us for delightful conversations. It was a fun social time; ladies come join us in December!

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.

Ancient & Accepted

Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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Keith D. Kramer, 32° KSA Asst. to Secretary
Stephen R. Miller, 32° KCCH Organist
George T. "Kerry" Halgrims, 32° KSA Tiler

Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

DECEMBER

Friday, December 6

3:30PM Rite Care Board
4:30PM Cathedral Board
6:00PM Social Fellowship
6:30PM Dinner
First Responders Night Honoring
Pasadena Police & Fire Departments and
Altadena Sheriffs
8:00PM Knighting Ceremony
8:30PM Stated Meeting
Council of Kadosh in Charge
Women's Association

Saturday, December 7

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew
Election of Officers

Friday, December 13

6:00PM Cathedral Budget Meeting

Saturday, December 14

3:00PM Lodge of Perfection
Children's Holiday Party

Saturday, December 21 to

Tuesday, December 24th
Pasadena Jaycees 87th Operation Santa

Wednesday, December 25



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