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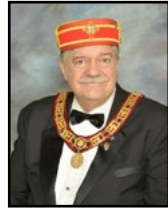
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Dear Brothers, Family, and Friends of the Pasadena Scottish Rite,

I hope everyone is having a happy holiday season, filled with joy and the company of loved ones. And, of course, lots of good food!

At our January 2020 Stated Meeting, we will elect our officers for the new year, which will be the conclusion of our work for 2019.



Our 2020 lines of officers will be installed on Friday, January 24, 2020. Please come and join us for the Stated Meeting and the Installation as we kick off the new year. These are two exciting events. The Installation is a beautiful ceremony, and certainly one of the highlights of the year.

It has been an honor to serve the Valley of Pasadena as the Master of Kadosh of the Consistory for 2019. To be elected by the brothers, and given the opportunity to take part in the meetings and other projects has been a thrill and a major highlight of my Masonic life. I thank you for the trust you placed in me, and for the respect and cooperation you gave me.

I wish the new officers, and the Valley as a whole, a prosperous new year!

Most of us already know that the Pasadena Scottish Rite is one of the premiere Scottish Rite Valleys in California and, indeed, in the entire Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. It is our members and their ladies who make the Pasadena Scottish Rite such a wonderful institution, and it is only with the active participation of all these wonderful people that we will continue to thrive.

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**Master of Kadosh, Continued**

I look forward to many more years of being a part of this amazing Masonic organization. I cannot adequately explain how much I enjoy spending time with all of you at our dinners, meetings, and events. The brotherly connections we share mean the world to me!

As always, I am looking forward to seeing you all soon!

With brotherly love,

Keith D. Kramer, 32° KSA  
Master of Kadosh, Consistory

**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.**

# The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

First thing on the agenda, HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2020 DUES? If not, please consider it soon.

Stated meeting is January 3. In order to make the reservations timely the deadline date will be Thursday, December 26, 2019. As the New Year Arrives and you wish to purchase a book of dinner tickets, they will be \$180 each both male and female. It is an increase I know but the men will be able to use their tickets this year for reunion dinners.



After January 1, 2020, fee for degrees will be \$350.00. New applications are available in the office. Always carry a few with you.

January 24 is our installation this year. Grand Master Trauner will be here. We will have a reception for him at 6 PM. Dinner that night will be at 6:30 PM. A donation of \$25 is required. No dinner book tickets accepted. Reservations are a must and are due no later than January 17. Remember a reservation made is a reservation paid. The menu is prime rib, baked potato, mixed vegetable, salad and desert. Salmon is available upon request. Officers dress is tuxedo and members conservative suits.

Thank you to the retiring Masters for their year of service to the Rite and a big welcome to those rising to the seat of imminence. I hope you find enjoyment in your reign and build the Rite to new heights of success.

Bill

## The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and Elaine and I wish you all a happy new year. I am looking forward to 2020 here at the Pasadena Scottish Rite. 2019 was a good year for the Rite. Our class reunion was again superbly accomplished. We had successful Spirit of Hiram and Living Constitution plays. Our Cathedral Board continues to maintain and upgrade our magnificent building. The Language Board is working extremely hard in obtaining contributions, grants, and interest in the Language Center. The Knights of St. Andrews had several successful fund raising events for the Language Center and continue to support the rite in many ways. Our Women Association is amply led and contributes immensely to our Language Center. This last year we were fortunate to receive two new Inspectors General Honorary and four new Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor. The attendance at our meetings and dinners illustrates the interest you all have in our Scottish Rite.



Our Pasadena Scottish Rite was constituted in December of 1895 which means this is our 125th year of operation and positioned in this building since February of 1925. We all have a lot to proud of.

As we start this New Year, do not forget, that our armed forces are still deployed whithersoever around the globe, some in very hostile areas. They and their families sacrifice so much for us. Our local first responders and their families also sacrifice for us here at home. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

I am proud of the Pasadena Scottish Rite, we have a very vibrant Valley. I look forward to seeing all of you during 2020.

Rees Padfield, 33°

Personal Representative

# January Dinner Menus

## Stated Meeting on January 3rd

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Cesar Salad

Chicken California with Roma Tomatoes, Avocado & Jack Cheese

Garden Rice

Mixed Vegetables

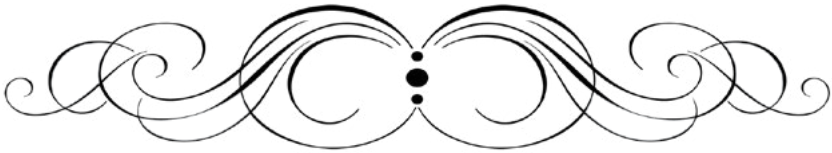
Rolls & Butter

Tiramisu Cake

Last Day for reservations: Thursday, January 2nd at 2pm

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

**Fish or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.**



## Installation on January 24th

Cheese, Crackers & Vegetable Appetizers

Wedge Salad with Ranch Dressing and Blue Cheese Crumbles

Prime Rib of Beef, Salmon or Vegetarian

Baked Potatoe

Asparagus & Baby Carrots

Rolls & Butter

Chocolate Ganache Cake

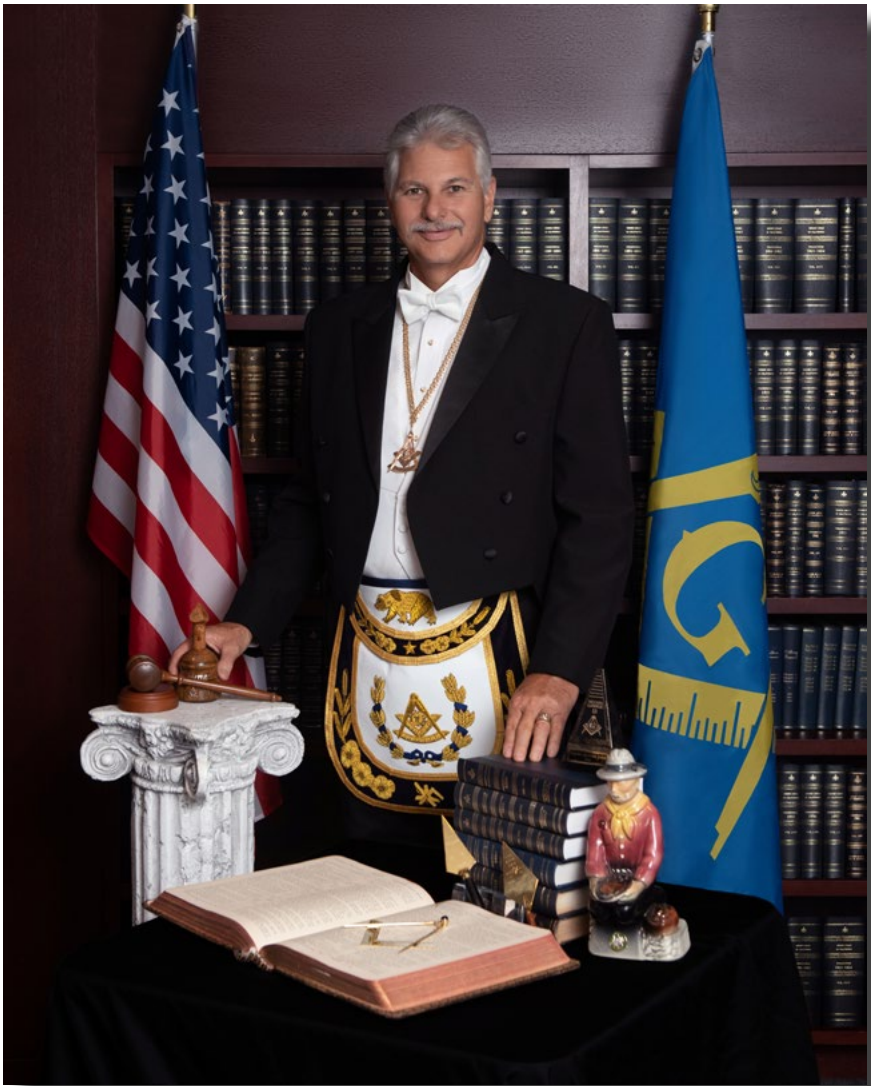
Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, January 22nd at 2pm

Number of Reservations at \$25.00 Per Person.....

**Salmon or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.**

*Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid.*

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**JOHN E. TRAUNER**  
**Grand Master of Masons in California**

A second-generation Mason, Most Worshipful Brother John Edward Trauner was raised a Master Mason in Madison Lodge No. 23 in Grass Valley on March 25, 1997. He served as Master of the lodge in 2001. In 2006, Madison Lodge presented him with the Hiram Award for his continued and distinguished service to the lodge. He is also a



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member of Nevada Lodge No. 13 in Nevada City.

Brother Trauner has served the Grand Lodge of California as an inspector and as assistant grand lecturer. He was inspector for five years and was appointed assistant grand lecturer of Division II in 2014. Brother Trauner served on the ritual committee and has served on all the Grand Lodge constitutional boards.

In addition to this service, Brother Trauner is active in the concordant and appendant bodies. In 2002, he received the York Rite degrees in Nevada Chapter No. 6. Royal Arch Masons, Nevada Council No. 62 Cryptic Masons, and Nevada Commandery No. 6 Knights Templar. He served as the presiding officer in all three of these bodies. In 2012, he served as the grand bible bearer of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California. He received the 32° “KCCH” (Knight Commander Court of Honor) in the Scottish Rite Valley of Sacramento. He is also a member of the Knights York Cross of Honor, a past puissant sovereign of the Cross and Crown Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, and the Allied Masonic Degrees. He is also a member of the Sacramento Chapter of the National Sojourners, and a chapter advisor for Northstar Chapter of DeMolay.

Brother Trauner studied business administration at Sierra College in Grass Valley and California State University–Chico. In 1976, he joined the Nevada County Sheriff’s Department beginning a 31-year career in law enforcement. He worked in all aspects and ranks of the Sheriff’s Department. He was selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. In 1996, he was promoted to assistant sheriff and then to undersheriff in 1999. He retired from the Sheriff’s Department in 2007. He continued to work part-time for Nevada County in various capacities until 2011. In his final assignment, Trauner served as the assistant assessor during a year of transition within that office.

A fifth-generation rancher, Trauner and his wife, Dana, live in Rough and Ready, a small township located near Grass Valley in the heart of the Mother Lode. They have four adult children and five granddaughters.

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## Chairman of VMAP Committee

Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH

Dear Brethren,

A new year has arrived with endless possibilities. How you will divide your time between your devotion to God, family, work, the Craft, hobbies and other civic duties? Do you make goals for the new year, or the typical new year's resolutions? It is common for many to make goals and abandon them after a few weeks. We are only human.



But as Masons, we take solemn oaths that transcend popular culture. We have regular meetings and degrees whose lessons remind and to help keep us on track toward our goals. Our meetings, the memorization of our obligations, our floor schools and degree rehearsals help us not only to strive for perfection in our Masonic work, but to apply those high standards in our daily lives. I have felt that our Masonic work helps make us more disciplined. When I have faltered, I have often looked to lessons from the Craft to analyze where I could improve.

The term 20/20 denotes good vision and the expression “20/20 hindsight” usually means having a perfect perspective on an event once that event has passed. Interesting how everything about 20/20 seems to always be positive. I look at the Craft as a way of achieving 20/20 foresight. No, I cannot predict the stock market, who will win an election, or predict the winner of the Super Bowl, but will predict that applying the lessons of the Craft often may yield a more positive outcome when applied to a problem.

While being forward-thinking, this time of year is also a time of reflection on the year that has transpired. I believe our Pasadena Scottish Rite had a successful 2019, and we should be a VMAP-certified Valley again. This

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## VMAP Continued

is a status we have reached every year since the Supreme Council created the program, and we can take justifiable pride in this achievement.

So, I wish everyone a great 2020 and may you and your families have a happy, healthy, prosperous year. May the teachings of Freemasonry help us to achieve our goals of improving ourselves and the world around us. Learn, read, travel, donate your time, donate blood, do whatever you are able to do to spread the light of Freemasonry. The Pasadena Scottish Rite hopes to see as many of our brethren as possible pass through our doors in 2020. Think of a brother in the blue lodge whom you believe would be interested in joining us, and invite him to attend the Spirit of Hiram. Ask him to join our Rite. Tell him about the Language Center. Tell him about the fellowship. We are a unique organization and I am very proud to be a member of our Rite. Thank you for the honor and hope to see you at our 2020 installation, too!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

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

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

<b>Current Dues Statistics</b>				
	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%

**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

# 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

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00      In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Donor Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 December 2019 Donors

**365 Club**

William Rook, Daniel Jones

**In Memory of George Fuson**

William Kern

**In Memory of Joe & Florence Dines**

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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,

Happy New Year! Our successful fundraiser season for 2019 has past! We are now off for new adventures in 2020!! I would like to congratulate our marvelous bakers and many folks who purchased and/or generously contributed to our fundraisers for the Pasadena Scottish Rite Language Center. It was a lot of fun.

We will continue to meet upstairs after dinner while the men are in their meeting in January. Please join us for delightful conversations. It is always a fun way to pass the time sharing experiences. See you in January.

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 &amp; Accepted

## Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

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## Lodge of Perfection

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## Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

## JANUARY

Wednesday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Friday, January 3

3:30PM Rite Care Board  
 4:30PM Cathedral Board  
 6:00PM Social Fellowship  
 6:30PM Dinner  
 8:00PM Stated Meeting &  
 Election of Officers  
 Consistory in Charge  
 Women's Association

Saturday, January 4

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Friday, January 17

7:00PM Installation Practice  
 (Officers Mandatory)

Friday, January 24

6:00PM Reception Honoring  
 MW John Trauner, Grand Master of  
 Masons in California  
 6:30PM Dinner \$25  
 Member and their invited guest only  
 8:00PM Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 25

10:00AM Discussion Group

