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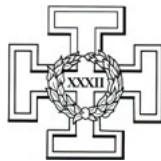
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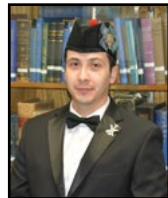
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Commander

Council of Kadosh

Brethren,

I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of the Pasadena Scottish Rite for their vote of confidence in me to be elected and installed the 2020 year of the Commander of the Council of Kadosh. The experience of the installation is indescribable to the point that newly elected Grand Master of California Most Worshipful John E Trauner was the installing officer. During his speech, he had explained to us about the importance of the historical expansion of Masonry in California, and the Golden Rush of the era where Masons traveled from the East of the United States to the West. The story resonated in me as a responsible Mason for the inheritance to continue the tradition and the ritual studies to our newly obligated brethren into our Valley of the Pasadena Scottish Rite.



I have taken the long climbing steps of the responsibility from being appointed as the Orator, then elected as the Junior and Senior Warden, which had assisted me to cultivate the understanding of my positions through the lines as the member of the Council of Kadosh. I had gained a great experience in educating myself in the study of the degrees and its responsibilities of its essential portion of the continuity in the Masonic teaching.

The third portion of the Scottish Rite System of degrees is called The Council of Kadosh. This series of degrees includes the 19th Degree through to the 30th Degree. The 19 through the 29 make up what is known as the Degrees of AREOPAGUS which is derived from a court in ancient Athens of the same name. The explanation of these Degrees has special meaning as to an understanding the Good and the Evil, the Toleration, Justice and Truth, the Crusading Knights who sought to shield the innocent, the reasoning for cutting the trees in Lebanon, the Glory of God, Symbolism, the Purity of Soul, Mysteries of first Christians, the five qualities of Humility, Temperance,

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Chastity, Honor and Generosity, the reasoning of Science and Faith, Quality and Toleration for Truth. The 30th Degree or “Kadosh” means Holy or Consecrated of Faith in God.

We will have a busy calendar this year in social, sports and fun activities. The Council members will be working diligently in the Valley to support the Rite Care of the Pasadena Language Center. We will be working closely with the Fundraising Committee to support several activities as the Golf Tournament, Bowling Games, Mediterranean Feast and the First Responders Dinner. I am sure that you would not want to miss these opportunities to invite your family and friends to witness these great memorable social events.

I look forward in seeing you during our degrees, and join us to take part at these memorable events. Once again, thank you for your confidence in me to be your Commander for this year.

Fraternally yours,

Ohannes “Hovig” Antabian, 32° KSA
Commander, Council of Kadosh

March Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on March 6th

Corned Beef & Cabbage Soup
Wedge Salad with Bleu Cheese Dressing
Irish Lamb Stew over egg noodles
Rolls & Butter
Baileys Chocolate Mousse Cake

Last day for reservations: March 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.

mary@pasadenascottishrite.org or 626-795-4213 Ext: 101

Meet the Commander



Ohannes “Hovig” Antabian, 32° KSA *Commander, Council of Kadosh*

Born in one of the oldest cities in the world Aleppo, Syria.

He attended most of his school career in a private school: elementary at A.G.B.U. – Lazar Najarian, Kaloust Goulbenkian School, then American Highschool – Aleppo College where he graduated 1978. In his young age, he joined the cub scouts, boy scouts and then elevated to a troop leader. His athletic activities lead him to join the A.G.B.U. – A.Y.A. Basketball team, and he grew as the point guard of the team, then later was selected to play on the Syrian youth National team. Additionally, he played Water Polo where he was known for his fierce defense position.

Immigrated to USA 1979 and settled in Philadelphia, PA. There he was accepted to an Ivy League school - University of Pennsylvania to study Architecture. On 1981, his parents migrated to USA, and settled in Redondo Beach, Ca., which led him to move to join his parents. In his young age, he was well trained by his father to perfect in the skill of Business Management, so he was accepted to become the Assistant Manager for Carpeteria. On 1983, he then moved to assist his parents to manage a Liquor Store and a Mini Restaurant in the City of Manhattan Beach. Meantime, he was eager to continue his education at night, so he had taken several courses to assist him earning his Real Estate Property Management at El Camino College, and Accounting courses at Glendale College and finally Associate in Arts (AA) Degree in International Business at the American InterContinental University.

On 1988, his family decided to sell both businesses, so he transformed his career to the Construction Management where he earned his California General Construction Licenses in A (General Engineering Contractor)

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The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

If I could, I would be doing this article in a green colored font. But alas that cost extra money. Happy wearing of the Green to all.

If you paid your dues after February 1, 2020 and receive a new invoice in the mail disregarded. If you didn't pay your dues yet, then pay heed to the invoice from Supreme Council. These invoices will arrive sometime in March. And speaking of dues thank you to the members at the February stated meeting for their support in passing a dues increase for 2021 and also for ratifying the budget for 2020.



March also brings about the play “the Spirit of Hiram”. It will take place March 13. There will be a free spaghetti dinner before the play. But you must call Mary for a ticket reservation and any Master Masons from you lodge. You will need a ticket that will be given to those with reservations on the night of the event. Mary can be contacted at (626) 795-4213 or mary@pasadenascottishrite.org. This includes cast members. We will only order enough food for those that reserved.

On March 14, So Cal DeMolay will be here for their Spring Membership Class. It goes from 10 AM to 5 PM. They love having masons in attendance. Consider being here too.

Last month I sent out an email blast asking for volunteers. Thank you for all that did. We will soon have Saturday workday to make some improvements and maintenance repairs. Watch for the notice.

Reunion classes are looming, May 1 and 2 we will have a shorten reunion, watch for details. June 5, 6, and 7 all the degrees will be exemplified or presented in Oakland. June 26, 27, and 28 all the degrees will be presented and or exemplified in Long Beach. Get your apps in and your candidates on board.

That's all from my desk. But check out the membership stats.

Hope to see you all soon.

Bill

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

As we start the month of March with most people thinking of the green day and corned beef and cabbage, I have three family birthdays to plan. Here at the Rite, we are going to present the Spirit of Hiram Play, with a free dinner preceding the performance. Please invite your Blue Lodge Master Masons to attend. You must be a Master Mason with a current dues card to attend.



Many interesting events have occurred in the month of March. From the “HistoryPlace.com”, these are a few:

March 4, 1789 - The first meeting of the new Congress under the new U.S. Constitution took place in New York City.

March 6, 1836 - Fort Alamo fell to Mexican troops led by General Santa Anna. The Mexicans had begun the siege of the Texas fort on February 23rd. “Remember the Alamo” became a rallying cry for Texans who went on to defeat Santa Anna in the Battle of San Jacinto in April.

March 2, 1943 - During World War II in the Pacific, a Japanese convoy was attacked by 137 American bombers as the Battle of Bismarck Sea began. The convoy included eight destroyers and eight transports carrying 7,000 Japanese soldiers heading toward New Guinea. Four destroyers and all eight transports were sunk, ending Japanese efforts to send reinforcements to New Guinea.

March 1, 1961 - President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps, an organization sending young American volunteers to developing countries to assist with health care, education and other basic human needs

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

Did you know than John Hancock was a Mason?

As we continue our Masonic journey, we all have roles to play. Have you practiced yours? Our Scottish Rite needs your support. I look forward to seeing you at our March Sated Meeting dinner and meeting.

Rees Padfield, 33°
 Personal Representative

Good Cheer Report

Harry Sprague, 33 °
 Loss of blood circulation in his legs

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.



Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	0
Reinstatements:	2
Deaths:	1
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	2
Suspensions (Other reasons):	0
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	783

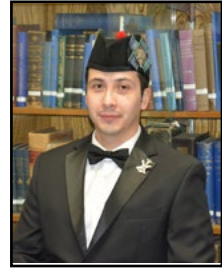
Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	379	48.5%	43.2%	46.3%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	137	17.5%	15.0%	13.9%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	75	9.6%	12.1%	9.0%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	94	12.0%	11.2%	10.3%
Paid Life Members:	97	12.4%	18.5%	20.5%

Knights of Saint Andrew

Jorge A. Ramos, 32° KSA

Dear Knights, brethren & friends,

I hope you had a wonderful start to your masonic calendar and are having an exciting and busy 2020 year. On April 4th at 11AM-4PM we will be having our annual Valley Call Out to check in with each of our 800 plus Pasadena Scottish Rite members. This event is open to all members which we hope you can join in and help the Valley. The KSA will provide refreshments & coffee for this event.



Please also join us in supporting the Valley Spring Reunion this year on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd.

The KSA looks forward to a wonderful year of fraternal friendship.

Fraternally,

Jorge Ramos, 32°
First Knight,
Knights of St. Andrew

IN MEMORIAM

Donald Leon Blue
Glendora Lodge #404
December 27, 2019

Donald Valentine
Pasadena Lodge #272
January 4, 2020

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

Meet the Commander Continued...

and B (General Building Contractor), and that led him being involved in numerous projects of earthquake enforcement, Commercial and Residential projects and then gaining the Project Management (PMI) certification. He is currently still active in that profession. He then pursued his educational career by earning his Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree focused on Computer Science IT at the American InterContinental University. But the education was very important for him, so he decided to complete his Business profession by earning his Master of Business Administration (MBA) at the Pepperdine University.

On 2019, he decided to purchase a Liquor Store at a desirable location in the Hollywood Riviera Village at the City of South Redondo Beach. His mission is to transform the Liquor Store into a Boutique Store by carrying very exclusive Bourbon, Wine, Champagne and cigars.

Moving on to his Masonic career which started on November 1988 by trying to join the Menorah Lodge No 623, which was located at the Scottish Rite building on Wilshire Blvd. Due to a major relocation and sale of the building, he had to wait a year until the Menorah Lodge was relocated at the current Southern California Lodge on Manchester Blvd, City of West Los Angeles. He is honored to serve the Pasadena Scottish Rite Valley. He is very enthused to take this task as the priority to assist the Pasadena Language Center. Finally, he is looking forward to work with the Council of Kadosh members to keep the tradition of the comradery and the friendship in its full capacity in the upcoming year.



The Spirit of Hiram

**Returns Friday March 13, 2020, 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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Lodge Ambassadors

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

Dear Brethren,

I would like to thank the 2020 Ambassadors for volunteering for such an important role. In the next bulletin, a list of Blue Lodges along with the Ambassador from that Lodge will be provided. If you are a member of a Lodge that does not have an Ambassador, I would like to discuss with you ways we can introduce Pasadena Scottish Rite to both existing brothers, as well as, newly raised Master Masons. If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, we would be delighted to have more of you join us. Feel free to reach out to me directly to discuss further.



I look forward to seeing all of you at the Spirit of Hiram on March 13th. Be sure to promote the play to the Master Masons of your Blue Lodge. It is a great way to introduce potential candidates to our Valley. I would be delighted to speak with any of them to help answer questions or provide additional information. Please do not hesitate to seek me out during the dinner or before/after the event.

Any Masons interested to learn more about our Valley, are welcome to join the dinners prior to the stated meetings held on the first Friday of every month. The more potential candidates that come to the dinners, as well as, the Spirit of Hiram, the greater the chances are of having a good size turnout for the Spring Reunion, which is only 6 weeks after the play. Please take a moment to promote these events every chance you have.

Fraternally,

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal



Greetings Brethren,

Next month, after our April Stated Meeting Dinner, in accordance with the mandate of the Supreme Council, we will perform the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. This Ceremony is one of the most profoundly Masonic ceremonies that we are able to do for the public, and is the favorite of many Brethren.

Chapters of Rose Croix traditionally observe the celebration of the Mystic Banquet as a memorial service honoring the Knights of their Chapter who have passed on during the preceding year. In this celebration, we also commemorate the lives of all those who labored to improve mankind, and were rewarded with betrayal, punishment and death. All who seek to elevate mankind may be considered as Brethren. Masonry is a duty, and its duty, often fraught with personal sacrifice, requires the performance of duty for the good of humanity.

You are encouraged to invite friends, family, Masons from your Blue Lodge, and non-Masons alike. In addition to being the annual observance where we Scottish Rite Masons honor our Brethren who have passed, and also renew our fraternal ties to Our Brethren present, it is also that rare opportunity for our Non-Scottish Rite Mason friends to experience a little of what we do. But first you must invite them.

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Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal continued...

Dinner is at 6:30. Don't forget to make reservations with Mary for all who are in your party. Or, make sure to be in the auditorium by 8pm sharp, if you prefer to only come for the Ceremony. It will last about an hour, including the ten minutes for our speaker, whom Wise Master Robert Edis has invited for us. Please don't be late.

Remember always that perfect love knows no death, and that what virtue unites, death cannot separate.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Director of the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

Ninth and Tenth Degree

Vengeance and Justice are the opposites of the same LAW only varying in degree of vibration.

In other words, they are the ends of the same stick only to be found on the opposite side of it.

And while they are intended to achieve the same outcome, in most cases, they do not.

Vengeance is often driven by human emotion as in "eye for an eye" approach. It creates the chain of continuous consequences and often is followed by more vengeance from the opposite side.

Justice, on the other hand, was meant to take the emotional aspect out of the act. It was meant to be proportional, equal and blind.

Once justice is achieved, it ends the karmic cycle.

Dalius Karuna

 Pasadena Childhood Language Center


Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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Thank You to Our February 2020 Donors

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William Rook

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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.



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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

MARCH

Friday, March 6

3:30PM Cathedral Board
 6:00PM Fellowship Social
 6:30PM Dinner
 8:00PM Scottish Rite Education
 11th Degree
 8:15PM Stated Meeting
 Council of Kadosh in Charge
 Women's Association

Saturday, March 7

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Friday, March 13

6:00PM - 7:30PM Spaghetti Dinner
 8:00PM Spirit of Hiram
 (Master Masons Only)

Saturday, March 14

10:00AM Southern California
 Jurisdiction Order of DeMolay
 Membership Class
 All Scottish Rite Masons Welcomed

Friday, March 20

7:00PM Rehearsal for Ceremony of
 Remembrance and Renewal

Friday, March 27

7:00PM Rehearsal for Ceremony of
 Remembrance and Renewal

Saturday, March 28

10:00AM Discussion Group

