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Chapter of Rose Croix

Greetings to you and yours,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones in good health and high spirits as we continue to witness troubling times in the world around us. From the novel COVID-19 virus to the social unrest we have seen during our time physically apart from one another, the world around us is in pain. It needs the lessons of leadership and stewardship that were propounded upon us during our initiation into our beloved Rite, lessons that we continue to master in our everyday lives and ones we can reinvigorate ourselves with at every reunion we can attend.



We have arrived at the halfway point of the year, and summer is once again upon us. Normally this would be a time for fellowship and adventures in the sun. Barbeques, campouts, beach days, and more. At present, it is a time for reflection. To look around us, and how we can be the leaders our communities need. To quote our Venerable Master's slogan for the year- Let's "Do it Rite." It is time for all of us to do it right and be the best Scottish Rite Masons that we can be.

This July is also the official visit of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General. To Frank Loui and your amazing wife Jeanie, I wish you could be with us in person. Until we can meet within our beautiful cathedral again, I hope you and your loved ones are doing well. Once the world has come back from to order our of its present chaos, the Pasadena Scottish Rite will be delighted to welcome you amongst our brethren to share in your fellowship, your wisdom, and your leadership.

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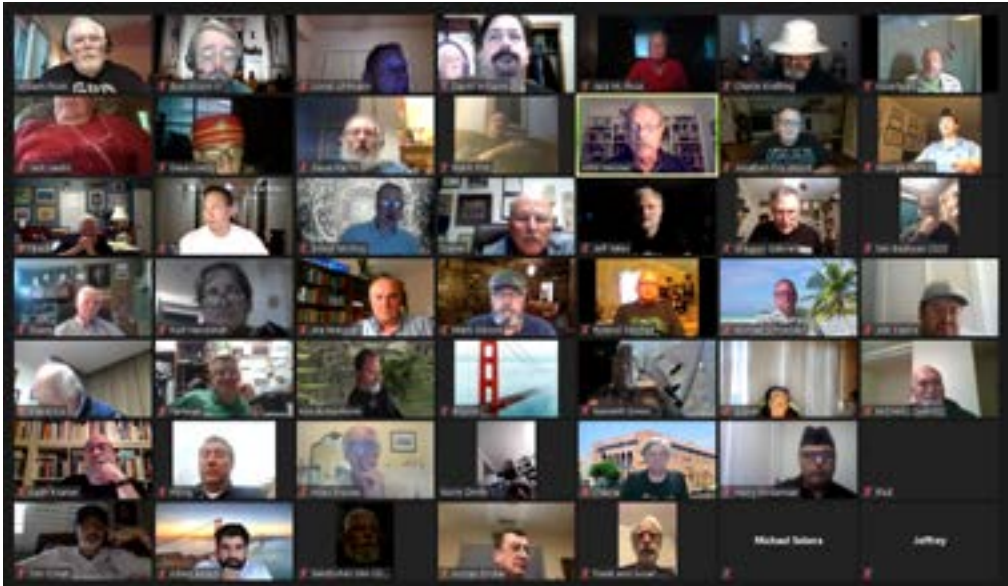
Illustrious, Honorables, Brethren, et al- while we may be apart physically, we can always join together in fellowship online. With that said, the 10th of July will be our next digital stated meeting. Please join us in keeping the fires of Scottish Rite Masonry stocked in each of us as we take care of business and enjoy each other's company.

Sincerely & Fraternally Yours,

Robert K. Edis, 32°  
Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix



We had over 50 members attend our virtual meeting of the Pasadena Scottish Rite held on June 5th via Zoom.



Be sure to join us at our next meeting on July 10th and greet our special guest James D. Cole, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander, Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, USA.

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## Meet the Wise Master



**Robert K. Edis, 32°**

*Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix*

As a youth Bob was an active member of DeMolay and served as Master Councilor of San Gabriel Chapter Order of DeMolay in 1976, he joined Pasadena Lodge No.272 and received his third degree on November 15, 1982. His first line signer on his applications for DeMolay and Pasadena Lodge was Hon. Gregory J. Gabriel 32° KCCH.

Bob enlisted in the US Army on December 7, 1982 and started his Army career in the Old Guard of the Infantry where he was a horse soldier and fired salute guns until he transferred to the Signal Corps in 1987 and was stationed in Fort Polk, LA and Darmstadt, Germany before retiring from the US Army with the rank of E-5p Sergeant in August of 1994. While in Germany Bob was also officiating High School Football and Basketball games and continued to do so for several years after leaving the Army.

Bob is a Past High Priest of San Gabriel Valley Chapter Royal Arch Masons No.100. He is also an active member and officer of Alhambra Council No.25 Cryptic Masons, Foothill Commandery No.63 Knights Templar, Long Beach Pyramid No.43 Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots & Archimedes Lodge No.871. He is also a member of Al Malaikah Shrine, Marksmen Shrine Club, National Sojourners and Melrose St. John Council No.52 AMD.

Bob has been an active member of the Stage Crew since joining Pasadena Scottish Rite as a member of the Hon. Richard Lundine 32° KCCH Memorial Class in May 2014, and was appointed to the Rose Croix Officer line in 2017 by Hon. David R. Patterson 32° KCCH.

Bob has three adult children and two grand children and currently works for Frontier Communications as a Fiber Tech - Nights.



# The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Hello Brethren, Family and Friends,

This is my second attempt at this article. Much has occurred in the last several weeks. Whether you consider it good or bad we as Scottish Rite Masons need to take a proactive demeanor in our communities. We as Scottish Rite Masons need to look to are Scottish Rite Creed as a guide for our personal behavior:



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.

Where do you stand in that creed? What do you as a Scottish Rite Mason upholding the aims of the Scottish Rite Creed bring to the table?

How are you going to aid human progress?

How are you promoting liberty of thought?

How are you providing for freedom of conscience?

And how are you guaranteeing equal rights to all people everywhere?

Questions my brothers each and every one of us need to answer for ourselves. Are we living examples of the creed we proclaim?

Be safe my brothers.

Bill

## The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Here we are starting July. I truly hope everything is okay with you and yours. I was looking forward to the ending of the 24/7 coverage of the virus environment. We have now been able to eat at our favorite local restaurant and after three months it was wonderful. The actions of California Masons have demonstrated their beliefs and tenets. Their support of the Grand Lodge relief program demonstrates the principle we all learned in our Entered Apprentice degree. If you are need of support or assistance please



the Scottish Rite office or the Almoner; the numbers are listed at the front of the bulletin. Also, you can call the Grand Lodge for Masonic assistance with the number found on the back of your Blue Lodge dues card.

We all witnessed the transition from peaceful protests to rioting, looting and arson in June. To me, this demonstrates the absolute need for Masons to demonstrate our beliefs and tenets. The demonstration of civility and caring is sorely needed in our society. The ability to discuss and evaluate problem situations is guaranteed in our Constitution but it requires civility. As I am asked what we Masons can do, my answer is, remember our teachings and abide and perform in public as we do in our tiled meetings. These attributes are needed now more than ever.

Our July Stated Meeting will again be a virtual meeting using ZOOM. The follow-on meetings will depend on the Grand Master and the Governor's direction and guidelines.

Our summer activities have truly been altered. Please take care and be safe whether you have a staycation or a real vacation. The 4th of July is a day to visit with your relatives and friends. During the celebration, remember the

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hardships and sacrifices made by those who made our country possible. If we are permitted to have meetings by fall, we plan on a class reunion. I have asked the Director of the Work to plan on having the degrees we usually confer on stage to be of a radio show or table read type. I have also asked the Director of the Work to plan on putting on several of the degrees we usually do not put on stage, as table reads, during special meetings or member only Stated Meetings.

Our General Secretary has done a commendable effort in scheduling special guest speakers for our virtual meetings. Thank you, Bill.

I hope to see you all on ZOOM.

Rees Padfield, 33°  
Personal Representative



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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.



July 2020 Pasadena Scottish Rite Virtual Stated Meeting

Friday, July 10th  
7:30pm – 9:30pm

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/88087492141?pwd=cTk2QkYzelpOc1VWVnQzRGFNbUVJdz09>

Pasadena Scottish Rite is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/88087492141?pwd=cTk2QkYzelpOc1VWVnQzRGFNbUVJdz09>

Meeting ID: 880 8749 2141

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Meeting ID: 880 8749 2141

Password: 095171

Find your local number: <https://scottishrite.zoom.us/u/kr5osM3Y>

10 minutes before

Organizer: Pasadena Scottish Rite

Pasadena Scottish Rite  
**July 10, 2020**  
**Stated Meeting**  
**7:30 PM**



**Masonic Education**

**Ill. James D. Cole 33°**  
**Grand Commander**  
**of the**

**Southern Jurisdiction of the**  
**Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite**  
**Guest Speaker**

**Passing the Tools of Freemasonry**

Knights of Saint Andrew

Jorge A. Ramos, 32° KSA

Dear Knights, Squires & Brethren,

July is here and marks the birthday anniversary of our great nation. So much as gone on in our lives from family, work and our masonic obligations since the beginning of this year. I truly hope that each of our brethren and their families are safe and in good spirit heading into the celebration of Independence Day. We as Americans and masons must remember the teachings of our founders to also be teachers and leaders of our youth which leaves me with a quote from George Washington



“A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?”  
-- George Washington

Fraternally,

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

**IN MEMORIAM**

Herbert Eng  
Maya Lodge #793  
June 28, 2018

D. Edward Griffiths, 33°  
Granada Hills Lodge #378  
June 13, 2020

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

## Treasurer's Report

Miles H. Bresee III, 32° KCCH

Greetings, Brethren....

I hope everyone is healthy and looking forward to the easing of the COVID 19 'Stay Home / Stay in Place' directives. The purpose of this article is to keep you informed and updated on our Valley's financial and investment fronts. You might note some additional financial information is provided in this month's bulletin...namely, checking account balances for the Lodge of Perfection,



Cathedral Association and Almoner's Fund; in addition to two April and one investment account for March balances. The 'goal' for these balances is to provide them for the preceding month's amounts. To try and have them 'current' runs into timing issues with obtaining our bank and investment account statements and getting them into the Bulletin, with its publication lead time. So, if we can agree to a month's 'lag', that's what we'll do!

As this article is written on May 27th, the market as measured by the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA), closed today at 25,548. My last article was written on or about April 11th, where the DJIA was 23,719...an approximate month and a half gain of 1,829 points; or approximately 7.71%. Again, keeping things in perspective, with a market 'low' this year of 18,592... today's close puts us to the level around March 9th ... some two weeks into the dramatic market slide.

Are we out of the woods yet? No one knows for certain. 1st Quarter earnings while down (and rightfully expected) were taken in stride. There are signs of life with some improved business openings and growth in advance of the 2nd Quarter, to end June 30. Unemployment remains an issue with 1 in every 5 people out of work. This is expected to continually reduce over the Summer and be much improved by the end of the year. Major industries affected continue to be dining out, entertainment (including sports), hotel, airlines, and related travel.

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## Treasurer's Report continued...

The purpose of the article, again, was simply to provide information regarding our bank and investment account balances and some thoughts, putting things into perspective. Our quarterly Investment Committee meeting is scheduled to meet in July. I'll keep you informed on that as well! In the meantime, stay safe and healthy Brethren! If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 626 483-1342 or miles.bresee@pasadenascottishrite.org!

Fraternally,

Miles H. Bresee, 32° KCCH  
Treasurer

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	0
Reinstatements:	4
Deaths:	8
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	2
Suspensions (Other reasons):	0
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	<b>778</b>

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	418	53.8%	48.0%	51.1%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	100	12.9%	11.1%	9.8%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	69	8.9%	11.5%	8.3%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	96	12.4%	11.1%	10.4%
Paid Life Members:	94	12.1%	18.4%	20.4%

1:00 PM  
06/03/20

### Pasadena Lodge of Perfection Reconciliation Detail

104 · Union Bank - Almoner, Period Ending 05/31/2020

	Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance							7,661.32
Cleared Transactions							
Deposits and Credits - 1 item							
	Deposit	05/27/2020			√	165.00	165.00
Total Deposits and Credits						165.00	165.00
Total Cleared Transactions						165.00	165.00
Cleared Balance						165.00	7,826.32
Register Balance as of 05/31/2020						165.00	7,826.32
<b>Ending Balance</b>						<b>165.00</b>	<b>7,826.32</b>

**SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL ASSOCIATION  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
As of May 31, 2020**

Beginning Balance May 1, 2020		<b>\$85,349.23</b>
Deposits:	\$ 18,077.86	<u>18,077.86</u>
		103,427.09
		-----
Checks 3172 - 3184	\$ 7,002.62	
Payroll and Taxes	\$ 600.11	
Debit Card charges	<u>743.11</u>	
	8,345.84	<u>8,345.84</u>
		<b>95,081.25</b>
		-----
Uncleared Transaction	<u>\$3,862.19</u>	\$3,862.19
		=====
Ending Balance as May 31, 2020		<b>\$91,219.06</b>
		=====

**Deposits Breakdown:**

Apartment Rent	\$ -	
Parking Lot Lease The REMM Group	15,657.86	
Parking Lot Lease Fuller Theological Sem	1,600.00	
Parking Lot Rentals	<u>820.00</u>	
	\$ 18,077.86	

**PASADENA LODGE OF PERFECTION - UNION BANK ACCT. --1667  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of May 31, 2020

Beginning Balance May 1, 2020		<b>\$ 39,823.00</b>
Deposits	\$ 2,938.21	<u>2,938.21</u>
		\$ 42,761.21
Checks 4722 - 4752	3,716.56	
Paychex charges (payroll, taxes and fees)	10,829.89	
Debit Card charges	<u>192.22</u>	
	14,738.67	<u>14,738.67</u>
		<b>\$28,022.54</b>
		=====
Uncleared Transactions	\$ 1,798.70	\$ 1,798.70
Register Balance May 31, 2020		<b>\$26,223.84</b>
		=====
<b>Deposits Breakdown:</b>		
Members Dues for 2020	\$ 2,451.04	
Candidates Fees	\$ 350.00	
Receipts Dinners Stated Mtg.	-	
ZOOM - Refund	<u>137.17</u>	
	2,938.21	

**McClure Investment May 1 - 31, 2020**

	<b>Total Market Value</b>	<b>Value as December 31, 2019</b>
4063 - PSR Life Membership Acct.	\$ 202,595.64	\$ 218,839.20
4066 - PSR Almoner Acct.	\$ 15,792.69	\$ 16,073.74
4067 - Cathedral Assoc. Acct.	\$ 347,711.36	\$ 371,348.16
4068 - Lodge of Perfection Main Acct.	\$1,448,224.50	\$ 1,645,328.06
3495 - Buy out Acct.	\$ 147,564.03	\$ 347,472.92
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	2,161,888.22	2,599,062.08



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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.

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William Rook

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Roland P. Sanchez, 32° KSA	Tiler

Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

JULY

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day

Friday, July 10

7:30PM Virtual Stated Meeting  
Connection info on page 9  
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