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Brethren,

We are entering month of August, which in the Masonic calendar, it is a dark month! As we are all aware that is not a justifying period of an activity at today’s lifestyle. The epidemic of the COVID-19 is still in effect, which means that we are as Masons still inactive in our Masonic gatherings or Stated Meetings.



The declaration of Most Worshipful John Trauner, Grand Master of Masons in California is still continuing as an edict for no in person Masonic activities. This situation also implies towards our degrees and other gathering lectures. We as Masons would always find a solution as if the door is closed, we can utilize the opening of the window to enter and pursue our noble work. The meaning of this explanation is that we as Pasadena Scottish Rite members still pursue our diligent work by using the virtual meetings of using the Zoom app as the best tool to communicate and hold our Stated Meetings. Just an FYI, we do complete our business meeting as needed in order to accomplish our duties to the Pasadena Valley.

When I joined the Pasadena Valley many years ago, I was informed then that I am about to enter the Masonic University to pursue my Masonic journey in the higher education. Since the current activities are limited, and we are still in a dorm status, I would like to encourage all of our members to seek the study of the “Scottish Rite Master Craftsman Program” academic studies. This particular learning had 3 essential programs: “The Symbolic Lodge” which explains the First thru Third degrees, “Scottish Rite Ritual & History” which explains the Fourth thru Thirty Second degrees and

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Master of Kadosh, Continued

“Scottish Rite Philosophy” which explains First thru Thirty Second degrees of using the “Moral and Dogma” book. As an exemplar for these studies, I have pursued this program and gained many scholastic historical facts from utilizing many Masonic author’s books to extracurricular Masonic education. Once you complete each session, you will receive an official certificate and a lapel pin. If any of the brethren have any question regarding this substance, you may contact me, or you may follow the link at the www.scottishrite.org.

I don’t have more detailed article at this time, but I am hoping and praying that all of you are doing well. Please follow the California Department of Public Health directions as Washing your hands, Wearing clean mask and Keeping of the 6 feet distance.

Fraternally yours,

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

**IN MEMORIAM**

William E. Cameron, Jr.
Pasadena Lodge 272
April 3, 2020

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

The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Welcome to Summer

I hope all are well and safe. Come July 15 Supreme Council turns over the site to ready itself for 2021. The numbers you see in the stats I provide will turn to zero and we will soon start the process dues collection all over again. So far, we had a good year with 54% paying their dues. But then there are those 67 who are in arrears and face suspension. Our Assistant to the General Secretary Keith Kramer will be contacting those brothers to see if we can assist them in keeping their membership current.



I would like to thank the Knights of Saint Andrew for their effort to contact each and every brother and check on their welfare. If you see a Knight take the time to say thank you.

The latest news I have from our SGIG regarding opening up, looks like the closing is going to be at least through September. After that it is up to the Grand Master and the Governor. Our Cathedral board is in the process of discussing safety measures to put in place so that we will be ready to open when the permission is given.

Join us for our August 7th stated meeting which will highlight a presentation by Most Worshipful, John L. Cooper III, 33°, with his presentation of the California Scottish Rite Lodge in Hawaii. Which should be interesting. I have been trying to get Supreme Council to have their Southwest Regional Conference there some year. Of course I am a dreamer.

Well with that said I will see you in September I hope!

Bill

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

The Dog Days are with us. Where did spring and early summer go? We are continuing to observe the Governor's and our Grand Master's decrees concerning Masonic meetings and other Masonic activities. The chances of having a Fall class reunion is looking uncertain. In the case we get the permission to have limited (social distanced) meetings, Bill and I have talked with other Valleys and our SGIG about having a statewide reunion that is communicated only.



That will reduce overall health exposure and avoids rehearsals which would probably schedule our inhouse Reunion into late November or December if at all. It is not nice to mess with Mother Nature, meaning we will have to just wait and see what happens in the next month or so.

I have enjoyed and am pleased that so many Brothers have joined us in our ZOOM virtual meetings. I am enheartened that everyone is doing well. I was saddened to learn that Illustrious D. Ed Griffiths is now at refreshment in that Celestial Lodge above. I will miss his guidance.

Even as our building is closed for events, our Language Center is continuing to service those young children in our community by using virtual media. Your continuing support is needed even in this time of non-meetings.

While we are being told to limit our social activities, we still need to be aware of our Masonic obligations. There are undoubtedly Brothers severely affected by the effects of the pandemic. We all can help even in small ways. We can support our Almoner and the Grand Lodge Outreach program that provides assistance to those in need.

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

Even as our attention has been focused on national issues, our men and women in our Armed Forces are still deployed all over the world and some in extremely dangerous locations. And, as we have also seen, our first responders have lately must have thought they were in those dangerous places. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers. If you are out and about and see a service person, veteran, or first responder please wave or thank them for their dedication and service to us all.

Even in this unique time of uncertainty, we all have something to be thankful for. Enjoy these last days of summer and observe safe health practices. I hope to see you all soon, in person.

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.

August 2020 Pasadena Scottish Rite Virtual Stated Meeting

Friday, August 7th
7:30pm – 9:30pm

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/81015614354?pwd=a1QrSTU5U-FI0OFFGM3RVb3FraDJ0QT09>

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

Join Zoom Meeting <https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/81015614354?pwd=a1QrSTU5UFI0OFFGM3RVb3FraDJ0QT09>

Meeting ID: 810 1561 4354

Passcode: Ex56Q@

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 810 1561 4354

Passcode: 863790

Find your local number:

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/u/kNvPTrzoh>

10 minutes before

Organizer: Pasadena Scottish Rite

Pasadena Scottish Rite
August 7, 2020
Stated Meeting
7:30 PM



Masonic Education

Most Worshipful John L. Cooper 33°
Past Grand Master
of the
Grand Lodge of California
Guest Speaker
California's Scottish Rite Lodge in
Hawaii

Treasurer's Report

Miles H. Bresee III, 32° KCCH

Greetings, Brethren....

As I write this article, it is the 1st of July. In 'normal times,' we would be engaged in all things Summer. Without stating the obvious, this year is certainly different!... And, please keep in mind that this article written in July is for the August Bulletin; and things can certainly change between now and then!



Yesterday, the market put the 2nd Quarter of 2020 into the books. The market closed yesterday at 25,813; with a 'gain' from the end of the 1st Quarter March 31st at 21,917...some 3,896 points. You know how I like to put things into context, so if we look at the 2nd Quarter Dow Jones close and compare it against our benchmark of December 31, 2019; or the beginning of the year, the Dow was at 28,538, and we are approximately 2,725 points from the beginning of the year. If you'll allow me to 'round the numbers,' the change from the 1st to 2nd Quarter was a gain of almost a half of its decline. From the end of June to the beginning of this year, we are again 'almost' half of where we started. To shamelessly take a line Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer"; 'we're almost there.' But, as noted at the outset of this article, things can change between now and next quarter and December.

Without making a political statement, COVID-19 continues to spread, unemployment saw a very nice decrease as some establishments and businesses opened and brought people back to work. It is still a 'fragile' time. Debates continue regarding continue opening the economy up with the speed it is being done, throttling it back to slow the spread of COVID-19; or worst case...close again.

Our Investment Committee meets on July 22nd with our Investment Manager. I will include a summary of that meeting, our discussions, and any decisions in the August Bulletin.

Until next month, Brethren....Stay Healthy, Stay Safe! And I look forward to seeing you soon!

Fraternally,

Miles H. Bresee, 32° KCCH
Treasurer

Knights of Saint Andrew

Jorge A. Ramos, 32° KSA

Dear Knights, Squires & Brethren,

In these challenging times we are facing as individuals and as a nation, we must remember that as masons we are resilient to the ever changing environment we currently live in. We as a masonic family must remember our duties and obligations to each, especially in a time of need. I want to personally thank all the knights, squires and brethren of the Pasadena Scottish Rite in assisting in the Valley Call Out again in June to check in with every member of our Valley to see if they need any assistance. We as Knights of St. Andrew know our obligations of duty in helping our Valley to provide services where they are needed that includes tylers, acting as greeters, helping at reunions or other functions, serving as guides, flag presentations and the list goes on in our labors.



To me, the most difficult part of this time is the physical separation from my fellow knights & brethren, not being able to meet in person to perform our masonic labors that we so cherish together. Hopefully, we can meet again in person.

Fraternally,

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

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	1
Reinstatements:	6
Deaths:	10
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	2
Suspensions (Other reasons):	0
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	779

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	427	54.9%	48.3%	52.3%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	94	12.1%	10.7%	9.1%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	67	8.6%	11.2%	8.1%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	95	12.2%	11.4%	10.1%
Paid Life Members:	95	12.2%	18.4%	20.5%

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07/01/20

**Pasadena Lodge of Perfection
Reconciliation Summary**

104 · Union Bank - Almoner, Period Ending 06/30/2020

	Jun 30, 20
Beginning Balance	7,826.32
Cleared Transactions	
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	10.00
Total Cleared Transactions	10.00
Cleared Balance	<u>7,836.32</u>
Register Balance as of 06/30/2020	7,836.32
Ending Balance	7,836.32

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

150 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101-1710

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\$ _____ .00 In memory of _____
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 \$ _____ .00 “365 Club” @ \$365/year

Donor Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Send Acknowledgement to:

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Make checks payable to the California Scottish Rite Foundation,
 Please note “Pasadena” in the memo line

All contributions are tax deductible.

**PASADENA LODGE OF PERFECTION - UNION BANK ACCT. --1667
TREASURER'S REPORT
As of June 30, 2020**

Beginning Balance June 1, 2020	\$ 33,140.87 *	\$ 3,809.55	\$ 28,022.54
Deposits:	<u>33,140.87</u>	\$ 3,809.55	\$ 3,809.55
	128,222.12		\$ 31,832.09
Checks 4750 - 4758		4,396.02 *	
Paychex charges (payroll, taxes and fees)		11,250.44	
Debit Card charges		199.39	

		15,845.85	15,845.85
* New London Regalia \$1,715			
Philadelphia Insurance \$2,150			
	<u>32,529.70</u>		
	95,692.42		\$15,986.24
	=====		=====
Uncleared Transactions	\$6,827.44	\$ -	\$ -
Register Balance June 30, 2020			\$15,986.24
	=====		=====

* Verlux Energy \$23,440 Solar panel support repair
from vendor truck damage - After Insurance Claim Pymts
City of Pasadena \$3,144.26

Ending Balance as June 30, 2020

Account	12/31/2019	(For Comparison)	6/30/2020	Change from
4063 - PSR Life Membership Acct.	\$ 218,639.20	\$ 181,794.68	\$ 205,998.04	(12,841.16)
4066 - PSR Almoner Acct.	\$ 16,073.74	\$ 14,873.80	\$ 15,969.10	(104.64)
4067 - Cathedral Assoc. Acct.	\$ 371,348.16	\$ 313,182.77	\$ 354,116.04	(17,232.12)
4068 - Lodge of Perfection Main Acct.	\$1,645,328.06	\$ 1,288,376.81	\$ 1,482,572.23	(162,755.83)
3495 - Buy out Acct.	\$ 347,472.92	\$ 134,773.41	\$ 149,585.53	(197,887.49)
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	\$ 2,599,062.08	\$ 1,932,400.47	\$ 2,208,240.94	\$ (390,821.24)

Deposits Breakdown:

Apartment Rent	\$ 3,520.00
Parking Lot Lease The REMM Group	15,657.86
Parking Lot Lease Fuller Theological Sem	1,600.00
Parking Lot Rentals	1,270.00
AT&T - Reimbursement Electricity Antennas	4,328.60
Lodge of Perfection Rent	1.00
LA County Tax Collector - Refund assessment	6,763.41

	\$ 33,140.87

Deposits Breakdown:

Members Dues for 2020	\$ 1,344.55
Candidates Fees	\$ -
Receipts Dinners Stated Mtg.	2,465.00
Life Membership Contributions R. Sanchez	3,809.55

	\$ 8,809.10

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Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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Thank You to Our July 2020 Donors

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William Rook

In Memory of Eugenia Baldonado

Jose Baldonado

In Memory of Edward Griffiths

Jeff Yates

David Patterson

Steven Klein

Mary Helen

In Memory of John Culver

Steven Klein

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

AUGUST

Friday, August 7

7:30PM Virtual Stated Meeting
Connection info on page 8
John L. Cooper III, 33°
Guest Speaker
Council of Kadosh in Charge

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