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Greetings Brethren and Pasadena Scottish Rite Family,

Summer is sizzling right now. I hope everyone is enjoying the Southern California weather. It seems the worse of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic is over—hopefully we will be returning to normal life soon. We are resilient and the so-called “new norm” will become the abnorm. Until then, we will continue to follow the guidelines of Grand Lodge regarding the matter.



With that said, many of our brothers may still be at home and or even still self-quarantined. If you know of a brother in this situation, possibly reach out and ask the brother if he needs anything. Let other brothers know so they may possibly help. I have personally helped brothers by visiting and even shopping and delivering groceries and other necessities. One of our callings is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted—go and do likewise.

I hope you have been enjoying our online virtual meetings. We have had well-attended sessions and have had a variety of guest speakers and interesting presentations. Even our Sovereign Grand Inspector General Frank Loui has attended on several occasions. Thank you to those who have helped put these meetings together. If you have not attended our online stated meetings or want to, please contact our General Secretary or check your email and bulletins for login information. Our next meeting is September 11th.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are

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Master of Kadosh, Continued....

lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” –Jehovah.
Isaiah 63:19

David J. Williams, 32° KSA
Master of Kadosh, Consistory



Good Cheer Report

Thomas Jones
Hospital

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

IN MEMORIAM

Ercil Eschbach
Tiffin Lodge No. 77, Ohio
June 30, 2020

Robert Van Wye
Eureka Lodge No. 16
July 29, 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°

Summer has passed and the pandemic remains. It has been an interesting year to say the least. By now most of you should have received your dues invoice and dues card. If no than soon you will. Because of the pandemic if you have difficulty paying your dues call my office and we can chat about some alternatives. The Orient is presently working on a plan for a virtual reunion where all 29 degrees would be communicated. More to come as details are worked out.



The PR has created and retooled several committees. We now have the Senior Executive Committee consisting of the PR, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant to the PR, the Director of the Work and the Venerable Master. They meet in the PR office on the Third Wednesday of the month.

The committee retooled is now the Masters and Wardens Executive Committee and consist of all the officer in the four lodges and the officers serving all bodies. This committee meets quarterly and is the planning end of the Rite for each year.

I hope we can all meet together in brotherhood soon without a computer in our face.

Thank you,

Bill

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

Usually at this time I would be commenting on our children back in school and empty houses. This year will go down as from which many lessons were learned and relearned, not necessarily found in any curriculum. The Pasadena Scottish Rite will continue to utilize the ZOOM application for virtual meetings for the foreseeable future. I wish to thank our Lodge's leadership for their efforts in keeping our Rite together and providing for our monthly camaraderie that



we all like and hope will be back to normal soon. Our General Secretary, Bill Rook, is to be commended on his efforts to facilitate our Stated and Board meetings. While the building is not open for Masonic Meetings or renters, the Cathedral Board, working under the leadership of President Vram Martirosyan, is working on the changes that need to be made in order to accommodate future rentals. Arthur Zabounian, President of the Language Board, along with the Board and the Language Center personnel have developed the systems to virtually help our clients. Several charitable donations of laptops have been instrumental for several families to receive the needed care and treatment.

Our Treasurer, Miles Bresee, is to be commended for his leadership and guidance regarding our finances and related investments during this time of uncertainty. His advice and counselling have certainly kept our Rite on solid financial ground.

As our immediate future is unknown, we must always reflect on our duties and obligations as Masons both from the Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite perspective, as our actions reflect upon our fraternity and can influence society, hopefully to a more civil environment.

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

I have been asked about our fall class reunion. Our Sovereign Grand Inspector General with the Rites in California are trying to develop a statewide communicated reunion which may take place in November or early December, if the Grand Master and the Supreme Council allows us to operate. Our reunion at Pasadena will probably not occur this year due to timing and the need for rehearsals which will be difficult to schedule in today's environment.

I ask you to remember our men and women of our Armed Forces, whithersoever assigned around the world as well as our first responders here at home. We will always be in their debt for their efforts, accomplishments and sacrifices. As our future remains uncertain currently, please be safe and observe the recommended medical advice. If you or your family needs support, there is assistance available through the Grand Lodge and here at the Pasadena Scottish Rite. Stay well! And I hope to see you soon.

Rees Padfield, 33°
Personal Representative



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<https://www.facebook.com/PasadenaAASR>

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.

September 2020 Pasadena Scottish Rite Virtual Stated Meeting

Friday, September 11th
7:30pm – 9:30pm

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/85009502599?pwd=QzBTaTc3RG5qSF1Bc3UrazI2Q1I3dz09>

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

Join Zoom Meeting <https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/85009502599?pwd=QzBTaTc3RG5qSF1Bc3UrazI2Q1I3dz09>

Meeting ID: 850 0950 2599

Passcode: %08t!v

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Passcode: 670310

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10 minutes before

Organizer: Pasadena Scottish Rite

Pasadena Scottish Rite
September 11, 2020
Stated Meeting
7:30 PM



Masonic Education
Most Worshipful Illustrious
Russell Charvonia 33°
Past Grand Master
of the
Grand Lodge of California
Guest Speaker
"CIVILITY"

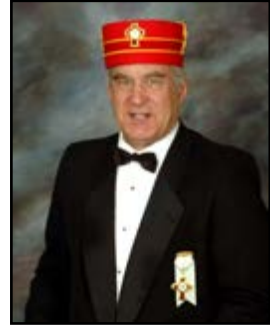
Treasurer's Report

Miles H. Bresee III, 32° KCCH

Greetings, Brethren...

I hope everyone is doing well, healthy and safe...

It is Sunday, June 2nd as this article is written. The market for month of July closed Friday, and our Investment Committee meeting was held virtually on July 22nd.



Market perspective relative to our investments...

Simple subtraction from our beginning balance on Dec 31, 2019 thru July 31st, shows a decrease of \$390,821. Keep in mind that we took \$125K from one of our investment accounts to provide cash flow for both the Lodge of Perfection and Cathedral Association. While most of us would prefer ever increasing gains and valuation in our investments; COVID 19 is nothing we expected...nor its magnitude on our economy, unemployment, etc. We haven't completely recovered our beginning balance...and like other investors, neither have they with consideration to our investment objectives, time frames and market comfort level.

The Investment Committee met on July and was hosted by our Investment Manager, Bob McClure. If you recall from the last Treasurer's article related to that Investment Committee meeting, it was decided to move our portfolios back toward a 70/30 overall allocation. As noted previously, most of our portfolios with the exception of the Lodge of Perfection are on the more conservative side toward growth. At the end of June, our Investment Manger had reallocated our investments to achieve the targeted 70/30 portfolio. There were several discussions related to the economy, our Investments Manager's observation on the market for the rest of the year, which he expects to remain fairly stable with more normal up's and down's. The Investment Committee decided to leave our portfolio alone as currently allocated and focus on it more closely at year end; unless there are major market events dictating an earlier review.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions related to our finances or investments. My contact info is: mileshb3@gmail.com or 626 483-1342 Until next month, be Safe and Healthy!

Miles H. Bresee, 32° KCCH, Treasurer

Knights of Saint Andrew

Jorge A. Ramos, 32° KSA

Dear Knights, Squires & Brethren,

I want to start by thanking at the knights, squires & brethren of the Pasadena Scottish Rite Valley in helping with a 2nd Valley Call Out and getting ready for a 3rd Valley Call Out in October of this year. I also wanted to thank all the Knights of St. Andrew knights & squires in helping with donations directly to the Pasadena Childhood Language Center by using our KSA home link to donate \$20 dollars or more. Reaching \$400 dollars helps one child for one month at our clinic which I hope our KSA membership continues to donate and our membership passes the word out to their local lodges and fraternal organizations for more donations. As of August, I introduced the motion to adopt a revised Knights of St. Andrews Constitution and ByLaws by giving a 30 day notice to vote by the KSA membership in September. When I was elected First Knight "First Among Equals", I truly believe we are all equal and the have right to voice ourselves in support of our traditions as Knights of St. Andrews.



Although we cannot meet in person to do our labors, we can still support our Valley.

Fraternally,

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

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	1
Reinstatements:	8
Deaths:	12
Demissions:	1
Suspensions (Non-payment):	2
Suspensions (Other reasons):	0
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	778

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	9	1.2%	1.7%	1.9%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	420	54.5%	47.0%	50.7%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	154	20.0%	21.6%	16.6%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	93	12.1%	11.4%	10.2%
Paid Life Members:	95	12.3%	18.4%	20.5%

2:18 PM
08/04/20

**Pasadena Lodge of Perfection
Reconciliation Summary**

104 · Union Bank - Almoner, Period Ending 07/31/2020

	Jul 31, 20
Beginning Balance	7,836.32
Cleared Transactions	
Deposits and Credits - 1 item	120.00
Total Cleared Transactions	120.00
Cleared Balance	<u>7,956.32</u>
Register Balance as of 07/31/2020	7,956.32
Ending Balance	7,956.32

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

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,
 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 July 31, 2020

Beginning Balance July 1, 2020		\$ 26,619.64	\$ 15,986.24
Deposits			
- Transfer fm Cath Assn Checking to LOP		\$ 26,619.64	\$ 26,619.64
- Checking Account \$25,000			\$ 42,605.88
Checks 4759 - 4764 *	2,996.34		
Paychex charges (payroll, taxes and fees)	10,944.59		
Debit Card charges	287.23		
	14,228.16		14,228.16
* Ron Alcorn \$1,500 Annual Website Maintenance			
Quality Instant Printing \$1,178.67 Monthly			
Bulletin Printing			
	35,513.13		\$28,377.72
	84,692.58		\$28,377.72
Uncleared Transactions		\$ -	\$ -
Register Balance July 31, 2020	\$4,350.00		\$28,377.72

Deposits Breakdown:	
Members Dues for 2020	\$ 1,203.64
Per Capita Income	\$ 416.00
Loan from S.R. Cathedral Assoc	25,000.00
	26,619.64

	(For Comparison)	
	6/30/2020	7/31/2020
12/31/2019	205,968.04	\$ 212,328.90
4063 - PSR Life Membership Acct.	16,073.74	(12,841.16)
4066 - PSR Almoner Acct.	354,116.04	(104.64)
4067 - Cathedral Assoc. Acct.	1,482,572.23	(17,232.12)
4068 - Lodge of Perfection Main Acct.	149,585.53	(162,755.83)
3495 - Buy out Acct.		(197,887.49)
	2,208,240.94	(390,821.24)
	2,599,062.08	2,278,818.96

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

Beginning Balance July 1, 2020		\$ 24,513.29
Deposits:		
Checks 3196 - 3207 *	34,521.62	
Payroll and Taxes	607.19	
Debit Card charges	384.32	
	35,513.13	
	\$4,350.00	
Uncleared Transaction		\$ -
Ending Balance as July 31, 2020		\$ 24,513.29

* - \$25,000 Transfer fm Checking Acct to Lodge of Perfection Checking Acct	
- J L Painting & Construction \$2,250 for Apartment / Kitchen Waste Drain Leak Repair	
- J.L. Painting & Construction \$2,100 for Window Insert Installation / Repairs (April Invoice)	
- City of Pasadena - Dept of Water & Power \$2,276	

Deposits Breakdown:	
Apartment Rent	\$ 1,760.00
Parking Lot Lease The REMM Group	15,657.86
Parking Lot Lease Fuller Theological Sem	1,600.00
Parking Lot Rentals	885.00
AT&T - Reimbursement Electricity Antennas	4,199.74
State Compensation Insurance Refund WC	410.69
	\$ 24,513.29

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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 August 2020 Donors

365 Club

William Rook

In Memory of Frank Bruno

Hitasha Singh

William Green

Friends of the Center

Christopher Lebedeff, Franklin Othman, Schwab Charitable,
Sharpo Entertainment, William Lopez, Carmine Cariola,
Roland Sanchez, Jorge Ramos, Leonard Manoukian, Corey Barron,
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Stephen R. Miller, 32 ^o KCCH	Organist
Roland P. Sanchez, 32 ^o KSA	Tiler

Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 7

Labor Day

Friday, September 11

7:30PM Virtual Stated Meeting
 Connection info on page 8
 Russell Charbvonia, 33^o
 Guest Speaker
 Consistory in Charge

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