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Greetings,

The autumn air is crisp, the sun is retreating, and we have once again adjusted our clocks to welcome the closing of the year. With the upcoming holiday season, we have much to be thankful for. We have our loved ones, we have our brethren, and we have the light of freemasonry- despite the difficulty of recent events. With that, I hope this message finds you and yours in good health and that your tomorrow is better than your yesterday.



With the difficulty of the pandemic, we have not been able to have in-person reunions or regular meetings since March. so I am pleased to inform you that we will be having a digital reunion this November throughout the entire orient of California. This event will be happening via Zoom on November 6th and 7th. Times and links to access the reunion are published in this bulletin.

This will be my final meeting where I will be running the show, so I would like to take this moment to thank my Officers for their dedication to the Chapter of Rose Croix. I would also like to thank the members of the Pasadena Valley for the trust they have invested me with during this time. It has been an honor to serve and a memory that I will cherish for years to come.

If you need anything, please reach out. We are here for each other and to do good work. The degrees of the chapter reminds us of the importance of dedication, phronesis, agape, and philia. I hope my service and dedication to you, my brothers, has been a beacon of such wisdom.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Robert K. Edis, 32°

Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

Orient of California Scottish Rite  
2020 Virtual Reunion

November 6: 7 pm - 9 pm (4° - 14°)

November 7: 9 am - 11 am ; 1 pm - 3 pm (15° - 32°)

Current members of any of the Scottish Rite Valleys may join the Virtual Reunion as an Attendee by registering following the link below. All Attendees will have access to view as a Webinar only.

[https://scottishrite.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RbV-jCFpyREOpzJ65-9DsZA](https://scottishrite.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RbV-jCFpyREOpzJ65-9DsZA)

– Or –

Go to Zoom.com and click “Join A Meeting” Enter meeting code 879 1468 4831

Pasadena Scottish Rite Stated Meeting.

Guest Speaker Ill. Allan Cassalou, 33°, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California

When: Nov 13, 2020 07:30 PM Pacific Time

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpceqo-qT0qHtxlYP7n5NDsGw71QVPs4WMu>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Here we are in November and still meeting virtually. Normally we would have Reunion by this time but..... It is going to happen virtually. November 6 and 7 we will have virtual statewide reunion with all 29 degrees communicated. See the article in this bulletin for more details.



Dues time! This year there are several options for paying your dues. 1. You may send us a check or money order to the office, 2. You can pay with a credit card through Mary in the office, 3. You can go to ScottishRite.org and pay through Supreme Council or 4. Go to pasadenascottishrite.org and pay through the PayPal link. Don't forget the option to donate to the almoner's fund, or the Cathedral Trust Fund or the Language Center.

In October we had Ill. Dr. S. Brent Morris as a guest speaker on the history of freemasonry's growth. Our November speaker, Ill. Allan Casalou, 33°, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, will speak on where freemasonry is going in the future. We hope all can attend. See the link registration in this Bulletin.

Remember our Vets and have a happy turkey day.

Bill



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

## The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

I read an anecdote the other day which stated that everyone who said what and where they would be doing it in 2020, were wrong. I chuckled and then really thought about it and stopped chuckling. This year rivals any of the Great Depression (I am told) or the WWII years of rationing. It has been over eight months since I have attended an in-person Masonic meeting. The rituals required of me in all the different organizations I am in is certainly rusty. We now have a new Grand Master and Grand Line with new hopes and ideas. We certainly wish them well.



This year, even while mostly staying home, has flown by quite rapidly. Here we are in the fall and nearing our fall and winter holidays. The Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, on the 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 there was an armistice halting all fighting thus effectively ending WWI. That day was celebrated as armistice Day as named by President Wilson. On October 8, 1954, President Eisenhower proclaimed the name changed to Veteran's day due the number of men and women involved in WWII and Korea. In June 1968, the celebration of Veteran's Day was changed to adhere to the three-day holiday for Federal employees contained in the Uniform Holiday enacted by Congress. However, in 1971, due to pressure from many states and veterans' groups, the date for Veteran's Day was changed back to the 11th of November. If you see a veteran or active duty serviceman or servicewomen stop and thank them for their service. Their response will surprise you and you will be positively moved. As California has experienced the pandemic and a terrible fire season, please thank your first responders who have risked so much for us.

This month, the Orient of California is holding a virtual state-wide reunion on 6 and 7 November. If you want to refresh your memories of the

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

29 degrees, you can register and virtually attend. Hopefully, we will have candidates attending.

As we approach the end of the month, we will gather as friends and family to celebrate Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for. As we look at the turkey and trimmings, remember that our service personnel and first responders do not get the day off. That weekend is busy maybe even risky for them.

As Masons, we honor our obligations and tenets. Remember to be civil, polite and charitable. I wish you all well and hope you have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Our November Stated Meeting will again be via ZOOM, so please register and attend at the leisure of your own computer, tablet or smart phone. I hope to see you on my computer screen.

Rees Padfield, 33°

Personal Representative

## 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.

# IN MEMORIAM

David F. Delmark Solomini

Elysian Lodge No. 418

September 22, 2020

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

Pasadena Scottish Rite  
**November 13, 2020**  
**Stated Meeting**  
**25 and 50 Year Awards**  
**Roy Henville Award**  
**7:30 PM**



**Masonic Education**  
**Guest Speaker**  
**III. ALLAN CASALOU, 33°**  
**GRAND SECRETARY**  
**OF THE**  
**GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**FREEMASONRY IN THE 21ST**  
**CENTURY**



# Lodge Ambassadors

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

Greetings to All,

I hope this Scottish Rite news finds each of you safe, healthy and looking forward to the Fall Reunion. The pandemic has changed the way we live our daily lives and has been very challenging for most. A new “normal” is upon us. Now more than ever, we need more Freemasons. The world needs noble men who can apply the principles of our Craft to be great leaders in our communities and navigate the uncertain times we are facing. Even though we are not meeting in-person, we can continue our good work with the Fraternity from our homes.



As I write this, it is hard to believe that the holidays are rapidly approaching. This is the time of year for the Fall Reunion. History is in the making. For the first time ever, we are inviting candidates to join our brotherhood through the experience of a Virtual Reunion. This will be a one of a kind event. A chance to share in a unique Masonic experience where we can reflect on the values of the craft, connect with fellow brethren and witness the degrees. The degrees present the philosophies of Masonry, which helps Brethren gain knowledge and inspiration to improve both themselves and society. Your presence this year is more important than ever.

The Ambassadors play a crucial role in the Reunions by introducing prospects to the Scottish Rite. Welcoming new Brothers into the Scottish Rite every year is what will enable the Valley to grow and thrive. I would like to thank the Ambassadors for their efforts this year in helping our Valley grow. I encourage each of you to look within your circle of acquaintance to see who might be interested in joining the Scottish Rite and have them submit a petition. Please join the rest of the Ambassadors in supporting our new candidates and welcoming them to the Scottish Rite. Let's make the Virtual Fall Reunion meaningful and unforgettable.

I look forward to seeing you all there. Let us make this Reunion really a Re-union! Please remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

## Treasurer's Report

Miles H. Bresee III, 32° KCCH

Greetings, Brethren...

This is written a few days after the 3rd Quarter close last week on September 30th. When writing these investment summaries, it is tempting to include market fluctuations – both positive and ‘not so’ positive after the period being reviewed. While ‘tempting’, I think it is best to simply report on the past quarter and not mix a few days of market trading into the review.



By reference, elsewhere in this month's Bulletin, the Lodge of Perfection's balances thru Sept. 30 can be found. As with previous reports, toward the bottom of the page is our investment summary, starting with the year end balance on Dec 31, 2019, the 2nd Quarter (June 30) and our most recent quarter ending reporting date, June 30th. The last column is the dollar change in value of our investment accounts from Dec 31, 2019 thru Sept. 30, 2020. The 2nd quarter is provided as a comparison between then, and our current past quarter to provide a frame of short term reference. In 'roundie' numbers, the 3rd quarter grew by approximately \$100K. The difference between the end of last year thru Sep 30th, shows a decrease in investment value of approximately \$286K. The 3rd quarter was on a pretty good 'roll' until around the middle of September, when the technology sector became worrisome to some investors, and the question of whether the market was overvalued (i.e., 'are these market upswings really sustainable, and are based on solid fundamentals, or is driven by 'growth' based upon hype?') When looking at this, please keep in mind that this 'decrease' includes investments sold to pay off our solar loan in full in the AT&T account, and \$125K for both Lodge of Perfection and Cathedral Association funding. Like other businesses, we have been affected by the inability to rent out our buildings and grounds to renters, movie industry shoots, etc. So, of the \$286K decrease, approximately \$274K of it was taken from investments for the foregoing reasons.

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## Treasurers Report, Continued...

Brethren, as some of you know, I am not a fan of using investments on a continual basis to support ongoing operations. The Cathedral Board has deferred many projects identified in our 5 year plans; electing to fund repairs and maintenance (it IS a beautiful and old building, after all). The Lodge of Perfection income (dues and the like) and expenses have been reduced to those necessary to support required operational payments. Last February, we voted as a Body, to raise our dues. I want to thank you in advance for those who have paid or are in the process of paying your 2021 dues. We have a number of members who have not paid dues for last year and in some cases, prior years. This translates into reduced income, which the Lodge of Perfection can use in a Venerable Master's plan...for engaging speakers, music, and other entertainment of interest. This is what we hope is the 'draw' in fellowship to bring your spouses, girlfriends, friends and Lodge Brothers to the Scottish Rite...and see what we are about! I encourage you to pay your dues and if necessary, bring your dues current. If you find this financially challenging, as some of you may be out of work, and face other issues, please contact Ill. Bill Rook in the Office.

On balance, I believe our investments are doing what they are supposed to be doing. We're not taking a lot of un-necessary risk, we have diversified portfolios for each of our 5 investment accounts, and we continue to look to the long term. As mentioned in July's comments, unless there is a major change in the market between now and the end of the year, we plan to meet with our investment manager in January and review the year. Until later... Take care, Be Safe and we'll be together again soon!

Miles H. Bresee, 32° KCCH  
Treasurer

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	1
Reinstatements:	10
Deaths:	20
Demissions:	2
Suspensions (Non-payment):	2
Suspensions (Other reasons):	0
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	771

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	44	5.8%	7.8%	16.8%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	399	52.2%	42.3%	37.5%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	134	17.5%	19.9%	14.9%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	91	11.9%	11.6%	10.2%
Paid Life Members:	95	12.6%	18.4%	20.6%

Pasadena Scottish Rite Stated Meeting  
Friday, November 13, 2020 at 7:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting <https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/82463076048?pwd=VjdDbUNIdnJURmFkY1pqcTltVlloUT09>

Meeting ID: 824 6307 6048

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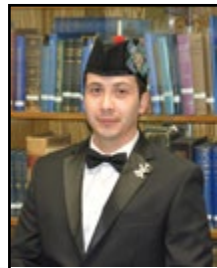
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## Knights of Saint Andrew

Jorge A. Ramos, 32° KSA

Dear Knights, Squires & Brethren,



As we head into the end of the year months, I truly hope you found something good from this year that affected all our lives. In the beginning of this year I had high hopes of being with my brethren at the Pasadena Scottish Rite in our social activities to helping with the simple things that we enjoy doing as a group together. We had the opportunity to squire Alex Golst, Tigran Ghribyan & Alejandro Laborde earlier this year in person, we received a \$100 dollar donation from Armen Ulyan for a sewing machine specifically for the Knights of St. Andrew regalia. We are running a fundraiser drive for the Pasadena Childhood Language Center that currently raised close to \$3,000 dollars, we updated the Constitution & ByLaws for the KSA. Also, a very special thank you to all the brethren that have help with the Valley Call Outs/Wellness Calls during this year, but a gratitude to Massimo Del Grande for taking a big part in the calls. One of my goals this year was to stay under budget for the KSA which I am very happy to say, that we are under budget this year and have a good amount of glengarry inventory! To me, this has been an excellent year in accomplishments for the Knights of St. Andrew. Also, just a quick reminder that the KSA will be having our annual elections in December.

May God bless you all brethren!

Fraternally,

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

**SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL ASSOCIATION  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
As of September 30, 2020**

Beginning Balance September 1, 2020	\$ 93,542.84
Deposits:	18,397.86
	<u>111,940.70</u>
Checks # 3218 -3227 *	40,285.16
Payroll and Taxes	(60.11)
Debit Card charges	<u>727.45</u>
	41,062.72

Unclaimed Transaction \$645.00

Ending Balance as September 30, 2020 \$69,783.78

\* Transfer to Lodge of Perfection Chg Acct \$50,000  
 City of Pasadena - Electricity & Water \$1,870.62  
 Jan-Sev LLC - Cleaning \$1,438.60  
 Firemaster - Annual Fire Inspection \$1,433.31

Deposits Breakdown:

Apartment Rent - August 2020	\$ 1,700.00
Parking Lot Leases The REBMA Group	10,697.86
Parking Lot Rentals	<u>980.00</u>
	\$ 18,397.86

**PASADENA LODGE OF PERFECTION - UNION BANK ACCT. -#167  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
As of September 30, 2020**

Beginning Balance September 1, 2020	\$ 34,178.30
Deposits	34,178.30
Checks 4770 - 4772 *	1,539.57
Payroll charges (payroll, taxes and fees)	11,298.29
Debit Card charges	<u>196.41</u>
	12,800.27

\* Quality Instant Potting - Monthly Bulletin \$1,178.67

\$38,481.93

Unclaimed Transactions \$ 275.00

Register Balance September 30, 2020 \$38,186.93

Deposits Breakdown:

Loan from Cathedral Assoc.	\$ 50,000.00
Adjustment W. C. Policy	1,314.08
Members Dues for 2020	\$ 1,260.00
Members Dues for 2021	\$ 1,455.30
Per Capita Income	\$ 90.00
C.C. Fees	<u>30.50</u>
	34,178.30

Account	12/31/19	(For Comparison)	9/30/20	Change from
4065 - RFD Life Membership Acct.	\$ 210,959.20	205,898.04	\$ 215,200.82	Dec. 31 to Sep. 20
4068 - RFD Annuity Acct.	\$ 10,073.74	15,969.10	\$ 16,398.84	(6,833.28)
4067 - Cathedral Assoc.	\$ 371,348.16	354,116.01	\$ 368,440.38	314.50
4068 - Lodge of Perfection Main Acct.	\$1,645,328.00	1,482,372.23	\$ 1,257,316.49	(2,907.86)
3485 - A/OT Buy out Acct.	\$ 387,472.82	148,040.50	\$ 155,435.41	(66,011.65)
	2,883,682.08	2,250,294.94	2,812,781.67	(285,286.46)

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**Pasadena Childhood Language Center**



Meghri Habashian  
Office Coordinator

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 6

Orient of California Virtual Reunion

7:00PM - 9:00PM (4° - 14°)

You must register in advance to attend this meeting, registration info is on page 4

Saturday, November 7

Orient of California Virtual Reunion

9:00AM - 11:00AM (15° - 32°)

1:00PM - 3:00PM

You must register in advance to attend this meeting, registration info is on page 4

Wednesday, November 11

Veterans Day

Friday, November 13

7:30PM Virtual Stated Meeting

25 & 50 Year Awards

Henville Award Presentation

Ill. Allan Cassalou, 33<sup>o</sup>

Guest Speaker

Chapter of Rose Croix in Charge

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Thursday, November 26

Happy Thanksgiving

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