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Pasadena Scottish Rite Bulletin 3 Ohannes "Hovig" Antabian, 32° KSA *Commander* Council of Kadosh

Brethren,

We have entered the month of December! The experiences of all Masons this year was about the Epidemic COVID-19 challenges of health precautions and the creative ideas of holding virtual meetings.

The Masonic electronic practices proved to all of us that the knowledge of the computer and the network communication is an essential and great security advancement in our current lifestyle.



It is a proof that we can hold our meetings, ceremonies, lectures and degrees virtually. This process could be the future that we may have to pursue.

The first virtual Scottish Rite degrees were held last month of November. It was a quite refreshing for me to review the degrees in a one on one basis of direct hearing and viewing. I am not sure how this process was useful for the new candidates since we usually are accustomed for the physical live cast of acting brethren, wearing the costumes from our ancient times and the colorful stage to perform on a more theatrical status. There is always first to every tiny step, and I am sure this tiny step could be the future adventure for our ancient degrees. But giving all the necessary credits, the videography, the pictures and witnessing all the degrees were very sincere at this time.

According to Pasadena Scottish Rite's December meeting agenda, we were supposed to hold a dinner to honor our 1st responders (Police Department, Fire Department, Sherriff and Highway Patrol) who were involved in supporting the vicinities of the City of Pasadena. Unfortunately, the pandemic of the health crisis of COVID-19 that the Honorable Gavin

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Commander, Continued...

Newsom Governor of California is still in effect. The California State restriction also was followed by an edict from MW Arthur Weiss Grand Master of California that all Masons must refrain from any in person Masonic activities until further notice.

Lastly, this would be my last message my dear brethren. I will be retiring as my term of 1 year is concluded from my post as the Commander of the Council of Kadosh. It was an interesting experience that I had held at this post. I wish the time was different where I could have been more involved without this year's major National health crisis. But time goes on, and I have to relinquish my post to the next Commander, who I am sure will lead this Council faithfully.

Fraternally yours,

Ohannes "Hovig" Antabian, 32º KSA Commander, Council of Kadosh



Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, SJ, to improve it 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.

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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Pasadena Scottish Rite Bulletin The Secretary's Memo Pad Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Wishing all the happiness of the Season. The year 2020 has been a significant as well as difficult year. With the pandemic we have had to close our beautiful Cathedral to almost all uses. And as of this writing there is no future change in viewable times ahead.

But it is still that time of year when we reach out to family and friends for the warmth of the loving aura of the holiday season. We all pray that the year 2021 brings forth a new and safe world and we can again be together.



In November the Orient of California held its first virtual reunion. Over 130 applicants from the 20 Valleys took part in the 2 day event. Of this we garnered 3 new members. And amazingly over 500 brothers were present to view this event. Congrats to our newest member, Jon Pak, Arash Habibipour, and Carlos Guillen.

Remember to pay your dues, by mail, in person, online or by PayPal. The office remains open only on Wednesday from 9 to 3:30. You may reach me by email at bill@pasadenascottishrite.org at any time.

We are here to serve our brothers fraternal needs.

Happy Holidays -Bill



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Pasadena Scottish Rite Bulletin The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

This year has gone by in ways we have not seen since the great depression and the rationing of WWII. We have not met in over nine months and it looks like we will not meet in person until later in 2021. However, we have witnessed many things in our country, state and counties where we live. The pandemic has certainly caused an upheaval in our society including our social lives. I commend our General Secretary in facilitating noted speakers for our ZOOM



meetings. Their presentations were well received and thought provoking. One of the silver lining of the pandemic cloud is that we all now know how to meet by watching our monitors, iPads, and smart phones and this type of communication may become part of our future. I hope that all of you will join us in our next ZOOM meetings. I thank the officers of our four Lodges for their support and contributions this year in our adjusting to the digital world.

The Cathedral Board has approved and work has started on providing our Library, Knight's room (old band room) and the Executive Conference Room with climate control (heat pumps). This was a needed improvement for the Library in order to maintain the books and literature therein contained. Our insurance adjuster and the appraiser both highly suggested we need to control the temperature and humidity in the Library.

Even though we can not have in person Masonic related meetings, the Red Cross with coordination with our Venerable Master has started having blood drives at the Rite that are being highly touted. Our Language Center is continuing to provide service via the internet to the children needing the support. I wish to thank our office staff in continuing to provide support to the Rite during this time of difficulty.

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

The Pasadena Scottish Rite had several candidates attend the state-wide communication of the Scottish Rite degrees and are looking forward to attending our next in-person Reunion.

As we look forward to the holiday season, visiting relatives and family members, remember that there are those who are not home for the holidays, whether in the military or the first responders here at home. Their sacrifices are for us and should not be overlooked. When you see a first responder, or a member of our armed forces please take the time to say thank you. We owe so much to them.

Overall, I am immensely proud of the men and women of this Valley who work so very extensively in supporting and maintaining our Valley. THANK YOU!

The Scottish Rite has been active in the Pasadena area almost one hundred twenty-five years. Our building was completed in 1925 and we are approaching 100 years in our building. There is certainly a lot to be proud of.

In the upcoming 2021 Masonic year, it is now up to you. Actively promoting our Scottish Rite will ensure reasonable reunion class size and future membership. Being a member and being involved is what makes an organization vibrant and successful. Let us see you this coming year.

Rees Padfield, 33° Personal Representative

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BE THE LIFELINE PATIENTS NEED. Give blood.

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Blood Drive Pasadena Scottish Rite

Location: Dining Room 150 N Madison Ave Pasadena, CA 91101

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: PSRP to schedule an appointment.



Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	1
Reinstatements:	10
Deaths:	22
Demissions:	6
Suspensions (Non-payment):	2
Suspensions (Other reasons):	0
Expulsions	0
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Current Dues Statistics						
	Count	Count	Count %	% of Total	Orient	Jurisdiction
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Members with Dues Paid in Full:	160	20.9%	26.3%	30.2%		
Members with Current Dues Balance:	300	39.3%	25.9%	25.5%		
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	113	14.8%	17.9%	13.5%		
Members that are Dues Exempt:	95	12.4%	11.5%	10.3%		
Paid Life Members:	96	12.6%	18.4%	20.6%		

Good Cheer Report

Leon Atkins

Surgery

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

IN MEMORIAM

James C. Dorr Lexington Lodge No. 104 July 10, 2020

Edward Kwan Rosemead Lodge No. 457 September 1, 2020

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



Visit the Pasadena Scottish Rite our online store. https://squareup.com/store/ScottishRite

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.

Pasadena Scottish Rite

December 11, 2020 Stated Meeting 25 & 50 Year Awards Roy Henville Award 7:30PM



Masonic Education

Guest Speaker Ill. Rees Padfield, 33° Personal Representative

How Fast Are You Moving or How Vast Is The Universe

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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

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\$00	In memory of	
\$00	In honor of	
\$00	"365 Club" @ \$365/year	
Donor Information: Name:		
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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.		

Knights of Saint Andrew Jorge A. Ramos, 32° KSA

Dear Knights, Squires & Brethren,

As the masonic year comes to an end, I want to personally wish everyone a joyful Christmas & New Year! This year for the Knights of St. Andrews has been a special bond of teamwork in accomplishing our tasks and goals. I could have not been able to have a successful year without the KSA membership supporting our tasks to help our Valley this year



which has been difficult for all of us affecting our health, work & family. To my fellow brother and Knight Keith Kramer, you have shown me how to be a leader which has helped me navigate the KSA this year. Your support and friendship throughout my masonic years has been a blessing to be able to call you my brother and friend. To my brother and friend Steve Klein, you have been one of my greatest friends in my masonic journey and a person I can count on. Your friendship means a lot to me and we share a special masonic & KSA bond. To the KSA membership, thank you for your support and dedication to our Valley's activities which you have always meet the tasks at hand to secure the Valley's overall success. This year we accomplished 8 major tasks and goals as a team.

- 1) \$100 KSA Sewing Machine donation from Armen Ulyan
- 2) -+\$3,000 raised donations for the PSR Childhood Language Center
- 3) Updated the KSA Constitution & Bylaws
- 4) Created a KSA Master Book to be distributed to the council of nine & appointed officers
- 5) 3 Valley/Wellness Call Outs
- 6) Squired Alexander Golst, Tigran Ghirbyan & Alejandro Laborde
- 7) Brought back and updated the KSA Roster for 2020
- 8) Below annual \$1,000 budget at \$234.88!

Please join us for our December stated meeting/annual elections by zoom.

Fraternally,

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

SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT As of October 31, 2020		PASADENA LODGE OF PERFECTION - UNION BANK ACCT1667 TREASURER'S REPORT As of October 31, 2020	ANK ACCT166	23		
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Meghri Habashian Office Coordinator

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Thank You to Our November 2020 Donors <u>365 Club</u> William Rook

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Scottish Rite Calendar Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 9 1:00PM Red Cross Blood Drive Info on Page 8

<u>Friday, December 11</u> Happy Hanukkah

Friday, December 11 7:30PM Virtual Stated Meeting 25 & 50 Year Awards Henville Award Presentation Guest Speaker Ill. Rees Padfield, 33° Council of Kadosh in Charge

You must register in advance to attend this meeting, registration info will be sent out by the Secretary via email.

If you do not have email please call the office on December 2nd or 9th for connection info.

<u>Friday, December 25</u> Merry Christmas



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