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Gregory J. Gabriel, 32° KCCH

Venerable Master

Lodge of Perfection

My Brothers,

I would like to take a moment to thank you for allowing me to serve as Venerable Master of the Pasadena Lodge of Perfection. This year was quite a challenge, but we were able to accomplish many necessary projects.

While in person fellowship came to a halt, the business and the administration of the Valley continued. During this uncertain time, we were able to complete projects that had been on hold for many, many years.

We were able to complete an outside audit our books and financial proceedings. All transactions were accounted for and meet the policies and procedures set in place by the Supreme Council and were consistent with proper accounting methods.

The vault was cleaned and painted for the first time in nearly a hundred years. All the minutes of the Lodges and the Boards (Cathedral and RiteCare) were reorganized into an alpha-numerical sequence making it easy to locate for future generations. Also, all the blueprints, schematics, diagrams and other useful plans showing the construction of the building were located, saved and organized. Movie prints of the "Last Supper" and other Rite theatrical productions will be digitized and placed on the website for all to enjoy.

We created the Senior Executive Committee to set policy and guidance for the Valley, the Lodge Masters, officers and membership. This committee, consisting of the Personal Representative, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Board Chairs, Director of the Work and the Venerable Master, will handle the administration while the Junior Executive Committee, consisting of the Masters and Wardens, will conduct the fraternal aspects of the Rite. This will ensure better communication and cooperation between all the bodies.



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Venerable Master, continued...

A list of Individual duties and responsibilities was created and handed out to each of the new Lodge officers for 2021. The purpose of which is to help the officer understand his role and grow his understanding of his duties as he moves through the chairs, as he prepares to take charge as Master of his respective Lodge.

Cathedral maintenance has been a top priority during the down time created by the lock down. Heating and air conditioning have been added to building space that lacked that comfort in the past. Window treatments have been installed to protect and insulate the building. Upgrades in the kitchen and electrical systems have been completed. And the work to beautify and maintain continues as we prepare for the 100th anniversary of this great edifice in 2025. Even though we were shut down since mid-March, we were still able to complete most of the tasks required to be a VMAP certified Valley. This will be our sixth year in a row, and we are one of the few Rites that has been recognized every year as a VMAP Valley since the program was instituted.

We are proud to have started a new community partnership in Pasadena. Not only have we had, and will continue to enjoy, an 86-year relationship with the Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce's Operation Santa, but now we also welcome the American Red Cross to our Cathedral for their monthly blood donation drives. It is a great partnership for both of us as they have a place to continue their good work and we receive advertising inviting the public to see our wonderful home. We have already had some rental inquiries.

In closing I must thank our ladies in the office, Mary and Dolores for all their dedication in these trying times. Their contributions are invaluable to the conduct of our Valley.

Thank you to the Cathedral and RiteCare boards for continuing their missions in these uncertain times. It has not been an easy task, but they have met the challenge head on.

Thanks to the Knights of St. Andrew for their vigilance in contacting the entire membership not once, but four times during the year. I have received many fine comments about the call outs and I hope you continue to reach out to our brothers and sisters on a quarterly basis.

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Venerable Master, continued...

Thank you, Rees, Bill and Miles, for keeping me in line and aware of the policies, procedures, deadlines and finances of the Rite. I could not have done this without your valuable input.

It was Ron Alcorn who nominated me for this line several years ago. I hope I did you proud.

Thank you, my Brother officers, and to the members we serve. I hope you enjoyed the year despite the world-wide situation. The fraternal bond is strong and our brotherhood will get us through it.

And the biggest thank you of all goes to my beautiful bride, my love and my pride, Weynitú. Your understanding and tolerance got me through many Zoom meetings, work details at the Cathedral and hours of administrative work that took me away from you. Because of your love and support, you helped me accomplish my goals for a better Scottish Rite and a better community. Hopefully, it made me a better man as well.

God bless you all!

Gregory J. Gabriel, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

Good Cheer Report

Skip Harvey
Back Surgery

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

IN MEMORIAM

Neal Schwartz
Rosemead Lodge No. 457
December 5, 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°

Good-Bye 2020! To say this has been an easy year, would be a straight, out exaggeration. But hopefully this year we will be back together sometime. The office staff, Mary, Dolores and Meg have been keeping us running. Thank you ladies for all your dedicated efforts.



To the 2020 officers I say thank you for prevailing in these hard times and providing meetings and programs virtually to keep the Rite essential in our members lives. Your time is soon coming to an end and your successors will ascend to the orient seat.

To the soon to be new officers, congratulations in advance of your election. Simon McIlroy will be the new Venerable Master, and I know he will do a fine job in that position. His leadership has always been exemplary and I know it will continue to be so.

As far a business of the Rite, it is still dues time. If you look at the figures we are behind the orient and Jurisdiction in the collection of dues. In Normal times we have already led the orient and jurisdiction. So please look and if you have paid. If you need assistance, please call me and lets chats about ways we can help.

Commencing January 1st, Life Membership fee increase. If you are interested we can arrange a 4 payment plan for your life membership, Four payments in one year. First payment at inception, 2nd payment by May 30th, 3rd payment by August 30th, and the last payment by November 30th, If you are unable to meet the completed payment by November 30th then your money paid in will be refunded. Your Life Membership would commence with 2022 year. So you will need to pay your 2021 dues.

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The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

In this time of trying circumstances, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and Elaine and I wish you all a happy new year. 2020 was a year we all would like to forget. We, as a country, saw impacts to our society not seen since the 1930's and 1940's such as rationing and quarantine. It was a year also of great sacrifice and change to our society in general. It certainly affected the Masonic Fraternity and the Pasadena Scottish Rite in particular.

We were forced to become much more familiar with our smart phones, tablets and computers. ZOOM meetings became the norm. As with all new technology there were growing pains. We now have established further web security to avoid problems.

In this year of extreme change, we assisted in the California's first web-based reunion and had three candidates become Masters of the Royal Secret. Our Director of Education communicated the 5th and 28th degrees to all the candidates. Our General Secretary and support staff kept the Rite operating and providing support to those that needed assistance. The Knights of Saint Andrews continued their support by calling everyone to assure if any support was required it was noted and acted upon. Our Children's Language Center continued to provide web service to those young ones that needed it. The Cathedral Board continued to provide for the maintenance and upkeep of our building. During this time of uncertainty, the vault downstairs was emptied, and the wall sprayed with Clorox and painted with KILZ. The important documents were placed back in the vault in an organized manor that now we can find those important documents when we need them.



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The P.R.'s Corner continued...

Our Pasadena Scottish Rite was constituted in December of 1895 which means 2020 was our 125th year of operation and positioned in this building since February of 1925.

As we start this New Year, do not forget, that our armed forces are still deployed whithersoever around the globe, some in very hostile areas. They and their families sacrifice so much for us. Our local first responders and their families also sacrifice for us here at home. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

I am proud of the Pasadena Scottish Rite, we have a very vibrant Valley. As the pandemic will continue to influence our ability to meet, I look forward to seeing all of you on ZOOM during the first part of 2021. We will have our Installation of officers on the usual date but in a ZOOM/Webinar setting. I hope all our members will attend, even if it is in front of their monitors or smart phones.

Be safe, be careful. Again, Elaine and I wish you a very healthy and prosperous new year.

Rees Padfield, 33°
Personal Representative

The Secretary's Memo Pad, continued...

Schedule as Follows

	Full Pay	Four Pay
49 and under	\$4305	\$1,076.25
50 to 54	\$3895	\$973.75
55 to 59	\$3485	\$871.25
60 to 64	\$2870	\$717.50
65 and over	\$2255	\$563.75

Happy New Year and a better 2021 for us all.

Bill

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	3
Affiliations:	1
Reinstatements:	10
Deaths:	22
Demissions:	8
Suspensions (Non-payment):	2
Suspensions (Other reasons):	0
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	765

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	208	27.2%	31.2%	36.6%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	254	33.2%	22.0%	20.0%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	109	14.2%	16.9%	12.7%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	98	12.8%	11.5%	10.3%
Paid Life Members:	96	12.5%	18.4%	20.5%



Pasadena Scottish Rite Memorial Fountain

Italian Marble Fountain donated to the Pasadena Historical Society by the Pasadena Scottish Rite in 1972 and now sits in front of the Fenyes Mansion, 470 W. Walnut St., corner of Orange Grove Blvd.

Lodge Ambassadors

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

Happy New Year 2021

Dear Brethren,

I am sure many of you, as well as myself, welcome 2021 with open arms. The early part of 2020 brought us uncertainty, insecurity and fear. Even with the negativity around us, I still have hope and see how we can continue to have a positive impact on the world.



This year has challenged us as Scottish Rite Freemasons, but our passion and determination keeps us standing. We must persevere for the future of our country, our fellows Americans and our children! Now, more than ever, being a Pasadena Scottish Rite Ambassador is not just an honor, but also a call to action! We are looking for your ideas and inspiration in order to maintain the high position, which the Scottish Rite holds. Our brotherhood inspires so many people. I truly believe that we can build a stronger future for the Scottish Rite, our community and family. Please contact the office or myself to learn more about the Ambassador Program and consider joining us.

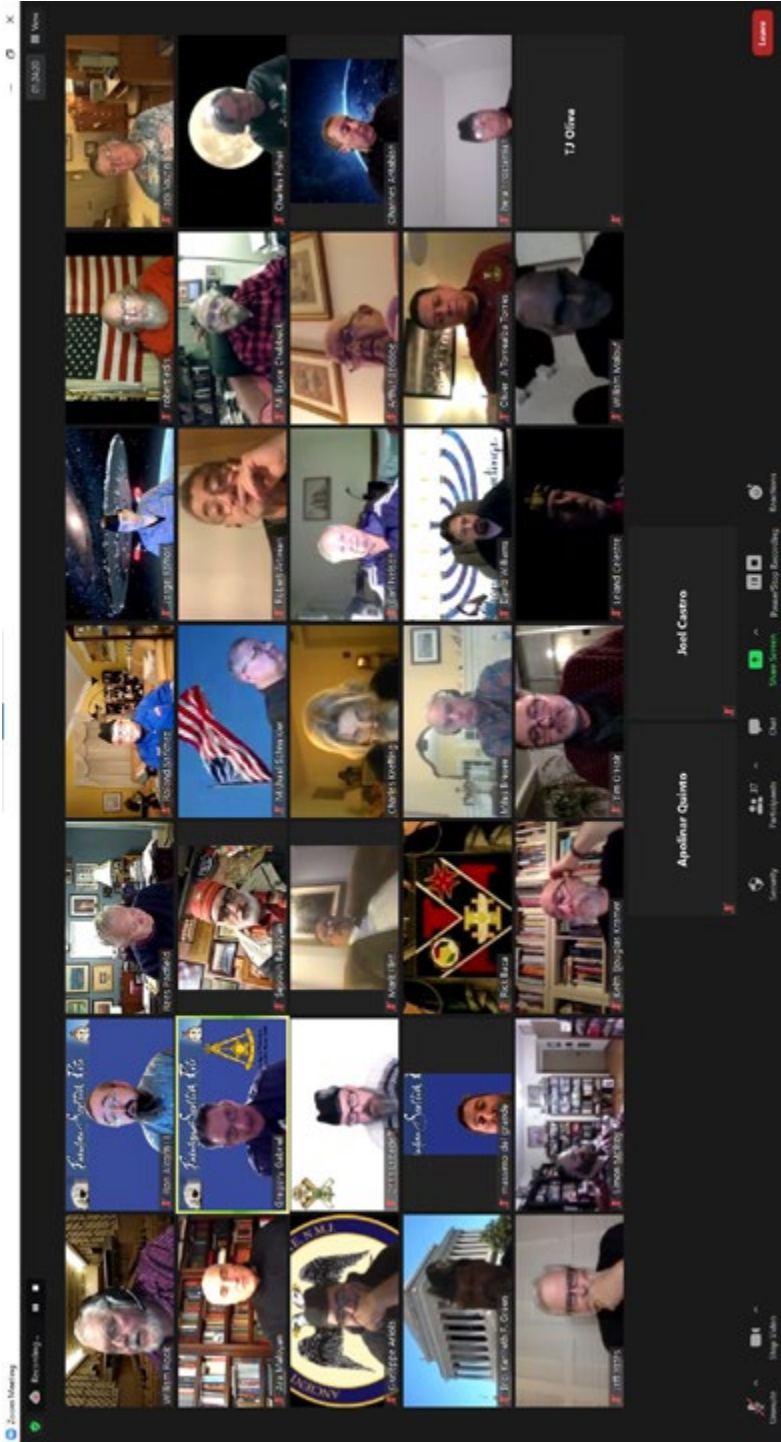
My wishes for the New Year are for us to keep at the forefront of our thoughts and actions: brotherly love, focusing on what we have in common and for us to strive to have more consideration for others. I mean consideration in the broadest sense. Paying attention, truly listening and showing understanding for others. Let us join together to build a stronger fraternity, help our community and give hope to others for a bright future.

Thank you Ambassadors and Brethren of Pasadena Scottish Rite. I wish you the best and a Happy New Year 2021.

Fraternally,

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

December 11, 2020 Stated Meeting Attendees



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

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 \$ _____ .00 “365 Club” @ \$365/year

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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.

Final Report of the Audit of the Pasadena Lodge of Perfection

We have reviewed all of the accounting records and documents for 2018 and 2019 of the Pasadena Lodge of Perfection and find them correct and in good order. We would like to compliment the officers of the Lodge for the excellent condition and organization of the requested material. It made our review an easy task. We hope the Lodge will share these results with the membership along with our compliments. It is unusual to have such a clean audit. Thank you.

Jerry G. Laiblin and Phillip Mossey
Auditors

Final Report of the Audit of the Pasadena Cathedral Association

We have reviewed all of the accounting records and documents for 2018 and 2019 of the Pasadena Cathedral Association and find them correct and in good order. We appreciate the forwarding of the 2019 minutes of the Association electronically. It allowed us to finish the task. We would like to compliment the officers of the Association for the excellent condition and organization of the requested material. It made our review much easier than normal.

We are recommending that the Association review annually in January the payroll laws of the Federal as well as the State of California and reflect that review in your minutes. We have found that the payroll laws and regulations are being tightened in the area of occasional employment on an almost annual basis.

We hope the Association will share these audit results with the appropriate parties. Thank you.

Jerry G. Laiblin and Phillip Mossey
Auditors

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

Beginning Balance November 1, 2020	\$ 78,078.34	Beginning Balance November 1, 2020	\$ 60,769.12
Deposits:	<u>23,658.06</u>	Deposits	\$ 12,564.08
	101,736.40		\$ 73,333.20
Checks # 3245 -3255 *	\$ 28,093.49	Checks 4781-4783 *	5,038.04
Payroll and Taxes	\$ 600.11	Paychex charges (payroll, taxes and fees)	11,067.37
Debit Card charges	<u>766.46</u>	Debit Card charges	449.35
	29,460.06		16,554.76
	<u>72,276.34</u>		<u>\$56,778.44</u>
Uncleared Transaction	\$2,304.78	Uncleared Transactions	\$ 448.00
Ending Balance as November 30, 2020	<u>\$69,971.56</u>	Register Balance November 30, 2020	<u>\$56,330.44</u>

* Giles & Associates, CPAs - Federal & CA Tax Filings \$3,750
 Quality Instant Printing - Monthly Mailed Bulletin \$1,178.67

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

Beginning Balance November 1, 2020	\$ 23,658.06
Deposits:	<u>\$ 1,760.00</u>
	15,657.86
Checks # 3245 -3255 *	\$ 28,093.49
Payroll and Taxes	\$ 600.11
Debit Card charges	<u>766.46</u>
	5,030.20
	<u>\$ 23,658.06</u>

* Los Angeles County - Property Taxes \$16,452.57
 Giles & Associates, CPAs - Federal & CA Tax Returns \$3,750
 City of Pasadena - Elec & Water \$2,672.14
 Jan-Serve LLC - Monthly Building Cleaning \$1,250

<p>Deposits Breakdown: Apartment Rent - October 2020 Parking Lot Lease The REMM Group Parking Lot Rentals Engle Insight Serv. Electricity Reimb.</p>	<p>\$ 1,760.00 15,657.86 1,210.00 5,030.20 ----- \$ 23,658.06</p>
<p>Account 4063 - PSR Life Membership Acct. 4066 - PSR Almoner Acct. 4067 - Cathedral Assoc. Acct. 4068 - Lodge of Perfection Main Acct. 3495 - Buy out Acct.</p>	<p>(For Comparison) ## 11/30/2020 \$ 218,839.20 ## \$ 232,596.44 \$ 16,073.74 ## \$ 17,131.86 \$ 371,348.16 ## \$ 400,092.21 \$1,645,328.06 ## \$ 1,738,698.48 \$ 347,472.92 ## \$ 165,834.85</p>

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Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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Thank You to Our December 2020 Donors

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William Rook

Memorials

In Honor of

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Miles Bresee, Ramiro Villalon, Corey Barron,
Christopher Lebedeff, Ricky King, Ernest Barber,
Brandon Lippincott, Richard Cohen, John Wagner,
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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

JANUARY

Friday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Friday, January 8

7:30PM Virtual Stated Meeting
and Election of Officers
Consistory in Charge

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

Friday, January 22

7:00PM Installation Practice

Friday, January 29

8:00PM Virtual Installation of Officers
MW Arthur Weiss, Grand Master of
Masons in California Installing Officer
You must register in advance to attend,
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