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Simon A. McIlroy, 32° KCCH
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Dear Brothers,

I write to you for the first time as Venerable Master during an unprecedented time in California Scottish Rite Masonry. While it would normally be customary for me to discuss my plans and objectives for the upcoming year, the reality is that the only thing certain at the moment is uncertainty. While you don't need me to rehash the latest news, I think it's fair to say we must take each day, week, and month as they come and be ready to adapt to the ever evolving landscape.



One of my favorite maxims in the Scottish Rite is “LABORARE EST ORARE”, which translated from latin means “to work is to pray”. I consider this a powerful motto to reflect and meditate on, as it reminds us of the opportunity to lose ourselves in the work that we find before us as dedicated builders. It also speaks to the concept of working through pain, boredom, frustration, etc as we keep our focus on the task at hand and its import in the greater good. Hard work in service of the grand plan is the perfect opportunity to chip away at our egos and our sense of self and become one with the purposes of our craft. And when our world regains some sense of normalcy, and our quarries resume labor, we will have much work to do.

I've spoken of this briefly in our stated meetings, and the reality of the situation is that when things resume we will have much to rebuild. We have sadly lost members who have passed on. This is especially painful not just from the personal sense of loss we experience, but all the expertise, knowledge, and inspiration these members provided. Also some of our older members may not be comfortable coming back right away or being as active as they may have been before as we navigate the path forward in a post Wuhan Virus world.

All of this is to say that we need to be ready, willing, and energized when
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Venerable Master, continued...

the opportunity presents itself for us to get about the business of restoring our beloved Valley to its former glory. The work and challenges will be significant, but if there are any men in our fraternity up to the task it is you, the members of our Pasadena Scottish Rite Valley! We have resurrected The Spirit of Hiram and the Living Constitution plays after they lay dormant for a number of years. Our Valley has bounced back from World Wars, cultural revolutions, political unrest, changing demographics, and so much more over the past hundred plus years and we will bounce back again after this pandemic stronger than ever. The future is in our hands, the path forward lay before us, and we will regain our footing once again to become not just one of the premiere Scottish Rite Valleys in California, but also in the country!

Sincerely,

Simon A. McIlroy, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection
Pasadena Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

Past presiding officer jewels presented to:

Past Venerable Master Gregory J. Gabriel, 32° KCCH

Past Wise Master Robert K. Edis, 32°

Past Commander Ohannes "Hovig" Antabian, 32° KSA

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



Meet the Venerable Master



Simon A. McIlroy, 32° KCCH *Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection*

Simon Aristide McIlroy was born in Santa Clara California. He married his wife Michelle Lynn in Kauai, HI in 2008. They have two sets of twin daughters, Beatrix, Sophie, Annabelle & Abigail. He is a Parishioner of St Finbar Roman Catholic Church, in Burbank, CA.

Simon graduated Cum Laude from San Jose State University where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Photography. He is currently employed by Warner Bros Pictures as Director of Creative Advertising.

He was raised a Master Mason in Burbank Lodge No. 406 in 2008 and served as Master of Oasis Lodge No. 854 in 2015. He is also a charter member of Archimedes Lodge No. 871.

Simon became a member of Pasadena Scottish Rite in the fall 2008, Ike Ringer Memorial Class where he served as Class President. He joined the Knights of Saint Andrew in 2009 and served as 1st Knight in 2013 and received the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor the same year. He has served as the classroom director since 2014 and served the Consistory as Commander of Kadosh in 2015. He has been degree master for the 4th, 5th & 28th degrees and has had several speaking parts in the degrees. In 2016 he successfully led the effort to resurrect the Spirit of Hiram play. He is also a dual life member of the Valley of Guthrie Oklahoma.

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Meet the Venerable Master, continued...

In the York Rite Simon is a past presiding officer of Signet Chapter #57 Royal Arch Masons, Omega Council #11 Cryptic Masons and Los Angeles Commandery # 9 Knights Templar. He served the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar as Grand Sentinel in 2014 and is a recipient of the Knight Templar Meritorious Service Award. He is Past Sovereign Master of George Hadley Himes Council No. 214 and Melrose St. John Council No. 52 of the Allied Masonic Degrees.

A member of Los Angeles Priory No. 27 KYCH, Glenwood York Rite College No. 183, Brian Boru Council No. 38 Knight Masons, St. Croix Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Cinema Grotto, Royal Order of Scotland, Robert the Bruce Association, Past Chief of Clan Stirling Bridge, The Worshipful Society of Free Masons "The Operatives" Samuel G. Wilkeson Quarry Assemblage, and Order of Saint Thomas of Acon Rocky Mountain Chapel No. 26

He is a member of Al Malaikah Shrine, Past President of Burbank Shrine Club, Founder and Past President of the Marksmen Shrine Club. Past President of Pasadena Chapter No. 265 of National Sojourners and Past Commander of Pershing Camp of The Heroes of 76. He also holds membership in The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (FSAScot), Collegiate Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (ΦΚΦ), and The St. Andrew's Society of Los Angeles.

He currently serves as Treasurer of the San Fernando Valley York Rite Bodies, Secretary of both The Burbank Shrine Club and Clan Sterling Bridge, Vice President of the California Robert the Bruce Association, Deputy Governor of the Glenwood York Rite College, National Sojourners Regional Rep SoCal East, and Herald of St Croix Chapter Red Cross of Constantine.

The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Wow it is already February and we just started January!

Congratulations to our new officers. Simon has a good crew this year and great things will be happening I am sure.

Covid 19 is still with us, but vaccines are being given. Hopefully by the fall we will be able to meet again in person. Until then we will rely on Zoom. Beginning the new term we will be checking for dues payment prior to the meetings. To access our meetings your dues need to be paid. When we return to in person meeting dues cards will be necessary to show the tiler before admittance to a stated meeting or reunion degree. Everyone received their dues card with their invoice. The modern age of technology will allow us to scan your card as part of the attendance policy.



Please plan on attending the February stated meeting as we will be considering the Budget for 2021 and discussing other financial questions.

Don't forgot you significant other on February 14, and stay safe and wear those mask to keep other safe.

That's All

Bill



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

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

February is the month that we celebrate the beginnings of our Masonic year under the new leadership in our four Lodges and the Knights of St. Andrews. The Cathedral Board and Language Board will continue to perform their duties. We, as members, will support our Pasadena Scottish Rite. This last year has been difficult for all. This year of 2021 will continue to be different from our usual routines. In fact, the routines we



have learned this last year may well be exceptionally long lived. We will continue to meet in a ZOOM format for several more months and maybe until summer or later. Please remember to register for the meetings. We plan on performing the Spirit of Hiram play whenever we can meet again in person, as well as having our own class reunion. Mother nature, our governments, and Masonic leadership will let us know when.

February is the time we celebrate the birthdays of two of our greatest Presidents, Washington and Lincoln. Their devotion to duty should inspire us all. It is also the time in which we should reestablish our commitment to our spouses and loved ones. Even though Elaine and I are still finishing the holiday goodies, chocolate and flowers are always a part of Valentine's Day

I congratulate our Lodge's new leadership teams and wish them well in their endeavors to keep our Scottish Rite functional and growing. Their task will be different and difficult as were the tasks during most of 2020. I am confident they will succeed with your support. Our contributions and performance this year will be the steppingstones for the future of our Scottish Rite. I look forward to seeing all of you on ZOOM and in person

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

when permitted.

Again, Elaine and I wish you good fortune and a healthy new Year.

Rees Padfield, 33°
 Personal Representative
 Pasadena Scottish Rite

IN MEMORIAM

Jack Swank
 South Bend Lodge
 December 24, 2020

William Pritchard
 Wisdom Lodge No. 202
 January 6, 2021

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

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes

Initiations:	3
Affiliations:	1
Reinstatements:	12
Deaths:	25
Demissions:	10
Suspensions (Non-payment):	36
Suspensions (Other reasons):	0
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	727

Current Dues Statistics

	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	287	39.5%	38.9%	43.5%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	190	26.1%	15.4%	13.9%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	50	6.9%	15.4%	11.7%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	103	14.2%	11.7%	10.3%
Paid Life Members:	97	13.3%	18.5%	20.6%

Stated Meeting, February 5, 2021 7:30PM

Masonic Education

Thomas G. Moses and the Significance of Scottish Rite Scenery

Presented by:

Wendy Rae Waszut-Barrett, PhD



Wendy Rae Waszut-Barrett, PhD, is an author, artist, and historian, specializing in painted settings for opera houses, vaudeville theaters, social halls, cinemas, and other entertainment venues. For over thirty years, her passion has remained the preservation of theatrical heritage, restoration of historic backdrops, and the training of scenic artists in lost painting techniques. In addition to evaluating, restoring, and replicating historic scenes, Waszut-Barrett also writes about forgotten scenic art techniques and theatre manufacturers. Recent publications include the *The Santa Fe Scottish Rite Temple: Freemasonry, Architecture and Theatre* (Museum of New Mexico Press, 2018), as well as articles for *Theatre Historical Society of America's Marquee*, *Initiative Theatre Museum Berlin's Die Vierte Wand*, and various Masonic publications such as *Scottish Rite Journal*, *Heredom* and *Plumblin*e. Dr. Waszut-Barrett is the founder and president of *Historic Stage Services, LLC*, a company specializing in historic stages and how to make them work for today's needs. Although her primary focus remains on the past, she continues to work as a contemporary scene designer for theatre and opera. Dr. Waszut-Barrett's most recent project was the scene design for *Opera Louisianne's Tales of Hoffman*, scheduled to have opened in April 2020, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Lodge Ambassadors

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

First and foremost, congratulations to all the 2021 Officers of our Valley. A special thank you to the 2021 PSR Ambassadors. I have to tell you, I am feeling both excited and energized. Despite a universally challenging year for all, if we take the time to stop and look, there have been so many blessings. It is now the time to embrace the new year, the new world and the new us.



It is time for each of us to explore together where we are at today and what we can achieve this year. Doing this together maximizes the results and the enjoyment of achieving more and more ambitious goals. The honor to serve our Valley and great appreciation will create stronger connections. This will be a model to imitate.

As soon as we became Scottish Rite masons, we also became part of a big and magnificent new reality. But today the world around us is rapidly changing. We as Ambassadors have the honor and opportunity to take the lead in shaping how the new world affects our Valley and ourselves. Setting goals and taking action on what we envision will aide us in making it a reality. We are what we do, not what we say we will do. Please join me in asking ourselves how we can contribute more.

If you are not already an Ambassador, please consider to join the program and become an Ambassador in your Blue Lodge.

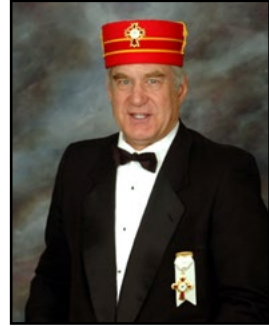
Fraternally,

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

Treasurer's Report

Miles H. Bresee III, 32° KCCH

Greetings, Brethren... First, my thanks to Ill. Ron Alcorn, who allowed me time to include an article on where our investments stand, as I intended to, in my Treasurer's Report remarks at our January Stated Meeting.



A summary of our year end and to the extent one can 'forecast'...what to expect in 2021. Please note, these are 'observations' and not political commentary! There were essentially 5 market 'drivers' in the NASDAQ (the 'tech sector' index) last year: Amazon, Google, Microsoft, Facebook and Tesla. With these, we have seen Large Cap technology growth. As background, during 'normal times,' companies usually provide estimates or 'guidance' on their earning forecasts and profitability. The pandemic caused some 400 of 500 companies to suspend these guidance calls. Why? Because the pandemic affecting revenue, growth, product sales, etc. was so volatile, they simply did not know where their markets were going, how to assess demand, earnings, etc.

We don't expect a major shift in legislation, as neither party has a clear majority or mandate. In order to do so, quite a few members would have to be persuaded to cross and support the other party's initiatives. It is anticipated the Biden Administration will focus on the pandemic and economy, and as part of it...authorize new stimulus checks. These, when spent, should stimulate the economy. The pull back in consumer spending (travel, entertainment, dining, hotels, etc.) has led to pent up demand for these sectors, which in conjunction with vaccines becoming more widely available, would lead to easing restrictions on gatherings....and spending (a 'shot in the arm'...pun intended). There are several market elements affecting our Scottish Rite investments. Our Investment Manager expects the shift from 'growth' equities to 'value' equities to continue. He is also following a movement from fixed income (bonds and other investment grade debt) to move to 'floating rates'; to provide for some inflation protection. And, he

Treasurers Report, Continued...

sees some value (no pun intended) in dipping our toes incrementally into the international sector.

The Investment Committee, after discussion...agreed with our Investment Manager's recommendations (i.e., moving our portfolios a bit from growth to value / moving fixed income holdings to some positions into Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) / adjusting some of our investments to add a small presence in international.

Now, the 'numbers'...Over all, our 5 accounts in the aggregate returned 15.14% as measured by the portfolio benchmark of 60% Equities (Stocks), 30% Fixed Income, and 10% Cash and equivalents at 14.50%. Despite withdrawing approximately \$120K for Lodge of Perfection and Cathedral Association cashflow needs, and \$3K for Life Membership per capita payments....we netted a bit over \$68K from our ending balance(s) in December 2019. As always, if you have any questions...feel free to call me at 626 483-1342, or email: miles.bresee@pasadenascottishrite.org

Fraternally,

Miles H. Bresee, 32° KCCH
Treasurer

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.

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.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

As of December 31, 2020

Beginning Balance December 1, 2020		\$ 17,372.73
Deposits		
Checks 4780-4796	13,525.08	
Paychex charges (payroll, taxes and fees)	13,220.37	
Debit Card charges	116.12	
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	26,861.57	
Cleared Balance		
Uncleared Transactions		\$ 19,924.74

Register Balance December 31, 2020

Deposits Breakdown:		\$ 12,621.73
Members Dues for 2021	105.00	
C.C. Fees	105.00	
Life Membership	4,640.00	
Refund Zoom charge	6.00	
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	17,372.73	

Quality Instant Printing - Monthly Bulletin \$1,198.67
Pasadena Scottish Rite Investment Account - Life Member Contribution \$5,510.00
Pasadena Scottish Rite Investment Account - Almoner Contribution \$1,453.00
Pasadena Scottish Rite Investment Account - Cathedral Trust Contribution \$1,078
California Scottish Rite Foundation - Childhood Language Ctr Contribution \$3,100.00

(For Comparison)

12/31/2019	9/30/2020
\$ 218,839.20	215,200.92
\$ 16,073.74	16,388.64
\$ 371,348.16	368,440.30
\$1,645,328.06	1,557,316.40
\$ 347,472.92	155,435.41
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2,599,062.08	2,312,781.67

* Net gain includes approx \$120 and Life Membership per caput

SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT

As of December 31, 2020

Beginning Balance December 1, 2020		\$ 72,276.34
Deposits:		
	17,677.86	
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	89,954.20	
Checks # 3253 - 3273	24,101.29	
Payroll and Taxes	600.12	
Debit Card charges	427.70	
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	25,129.11	

Firemaster - Required Fire Safety Inspection	\$3,168.50
City of Pasadena - Elec & Water	\$2,167.77
Jan-Serv LLC - Monthly Bldg Cleaning	-\$1,400
R. Valle -Gardener	-\$1,095
J.L. Painting & Construction - Repair Ceiling Damage/Construct HVAC Facades	-\$9,500
Southwest Industrial - Circuit Breaker Panel / Replace damaged elevator wiring	<u>64,825.09</u>

Uncleared Transaction	<u>\$13,119.10</u>
Ending Balance as December 31, 2020	\$51,705.99

Deposits Breakdown:

Apartment Rent - November 2020	\$ 1,760.00
Parking Lot Lease The REMM Group	15,657.86
Parking Lot Rentals	260.00
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	\$ 17,677.86

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Pasadena Childhood Language Center



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 January 2021 Donors

365 Club

William F. Rook

Memorials

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Friends of the Center

Christopher Lebedeff

Corey Barron

Jon Richard

Wesley Pitts

Christian Montenegro

Sharon & Roger Konoske

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Stephen R. Miller, 32° KCCH	Organist
Roland P. Sanchez, 32° KSA	Tiler
Ralf Lopez, 32° KSA	Tiler

Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 3

7:00PM All Officers Meeting

Deadline for March Bulletin articles!

Friday, February 5

7:30PM Masonic Education

Virtual Stated Meeting

Lodge of Perfection in Charge

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

Saturday, February 6

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

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