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Dearest Brethren,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and in high spirits. While it has been over a year since the pandemic shuttered our doors and kept us physically distanced, I am grateful for our ability to meet digitally and share in the joy that is Scottish Rite Masonry. With current events as they are, I am hopeful that we will soon be able to break bread together once more in person and rejoice in fellowship and fraternalism.



With the ever-forward march of time, spring has again sprung its renewal in the northern hemisphere once more. As we look forward to the bloom of wildflowers in the nearby foothills and warmer weather, we must also remember those we have lost. At the present moment, I am reminded of a sea shanty by The Longest Johns. The chorus of which goes:

“As the souls of the dead fill the space of my mind
I’ll search without sleeping ‘till peace I can find
I fear not the weather, I fear not the sea
I remember the fallen, do they think of me?
When their bone in the ocean forever will be.

The ceremony of remembrance and renewal is not just about renewing our vows and obligations as Knights of the Rose Croix. It is a somber celebration of the foundation of what brotherhood means in Scottish Rite Masonry: The virtues which unite us, death cannot separate. Every brother that has walked the halls of our valley during each of our masonic careers, that have now left for that undiscovered country, have not been forgotten. Their dedications

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Wise Master, Continued...

to our craft were tireless and our efforts today should be just as studious for future generations. It also forces the dedicated mason to reflect upon mortality and our actions. To consider if we have carried out what is best for the betterment of the craft as a whole. I would ask all of you to reflect and remember those we have had the privilege to have in our lives, who can no longer be with us and act in a manner that brings honor to their memories. We know not when the hand of fate shall reap us from this world, may we bring good fortune to the time we have left.

I would like to leave you with my gratitude to serve as Wise Master for the current masonic year and hope I can bring pride to those who have come before me. I hope to see you all at our next meeting, and that when it is allowed, to see you in person at our events, meetings, and reunions.

Sincerely & Fraternally Yours.

Michael D.T. Smith, 32° KCCH
Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

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.

Meet the Wise Master



Michael D.T. Smith, 32° KCCH

Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

Michael Smith was born on a Monday afternoon in early December to Dave & April Smith, in Los Angeles California. He grew up in the San Fernando Valley and attended school at various locations the North Hollywood and Sunland-Tujunga. In 2009, Michael attended Le Cordon Bleu in Pasadena, CA, where he received his training in Culinary Arts. Despite leaving this career, he still employs this skillset when creating the monthly dinner menus for Archimedes Lodge 871. In 2017, he began attending classes Pasadena City College and graduated in 2020 with multiple associate degrees in Natural Science, English, and the Humanities. He is currently attending the California State University of Los Angeles, where he presently working on a BA in English, with the eventual goal of attaining a Ph.D. in Literature.

Michael's Masonic career began when he first started to investigate Masonry in 2009. He applied for his degrees at Oasis lodge UD, now 854, in October of 2011. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on January 18, 2012. He was Passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 8th 2012, and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 15th of May, 2012. He was awarded the Hiram Award by Oasis Lodge on September 30th of 2015 and served as Master of Oasis Lodge in 2017. He was amongst the brother who founded Archimedes Lodge 871 in Pasadena and served as its first Master from June 25, 2018 through February 8th of 2021.

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Meet the Wise Master, continued...

Michael is a member of multiple York Rite bodies which include Signet Chapter #57 RAM, Omega Council #11 CM, and LA Commandery #9 KT in Van Nuys Calif. In addition, he is the current Sovereign Master of Melrose St. John Council No. 52 AMD in Rosemead. He is also a member of Al Malaikiah Shrine and served as President of the Burbank Shrine Club in 2019.

Michael joined the Pasadena Valley in the fall class of 2012, at the recommendation of Todd Nicholas and Simon McIlroy. In September of 2017, he was invested with the KCCH for his dedication to our craft. He has been an active member of the valley of Pasadena and the orient since his capping on December 7th, 2021. He was an active member of the Knights of St. Andrew and was First Knight from 2015, until January 2018. He was appointed to the Chapter of Rose Croix by Hon. Robert Artinian in 2018 as Orator. He has also served on our Rite Care Board from 2014 to 2018, where his focus was fundraising for our language center. He has also been a dedicated member of the valley's Stage Craft Department- serving as lighting director, stagehand, and AV tech; in 2018, Michael was privileged to serve as stage and Ritual director for the California Orient's state reunion in Oakland. Presently, he serves the valley of Pasadena as the director of stagecraft, where his team is working to restore our props and outfit us to perform all twenty-nine degrees of the Scottish Rite, so that when we can once again have reunions, we can continue our standard of excellence.

Master Craftsman Is Now ONLINE!

<https://scottishrite.org/blog/article/master-craftsman-is-now-online/>

That's right: Master Craftsman is now ONLINE! Since its inception in 2009, the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman education program has been a leading source for Masonic education, not only here in the Southern Jurisdiction, but also across the globe.



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The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

As Spring appears in our sky and lives, let us take the opportunity to remember those who no longer enjoys the pleasure of the earthly spring but now are part of the heavenly eternal spring. This month under the direction of our Wise Master, Michael David Thomas Smith we will celebrate the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. Please attend our April stated meeting.



As the Covid 19 vaccine is being widely spread it looms closer to our reopening of the cathedral and in person meetings, with new metrics of course. Our Cathedral Board is planning for a reopening with all the care and new requirements necessary to make it happen.

When considering reopening we need to consider an in-person reunion. Our Venerable Master, Simon McIlroy, has scheduled a reunion tentatively in November. While we are still seven months out from it is not too early for cast members to review their lines and be ready for rehearsals and the actual reunion. It is also not too early to recruit new membership. Our ambassadors, under the direction of Massimo Del Grande, are pursuing that effort. But you need not be an ambassador to also recruit. Applications are on our web site, pasadenascottishrite.org. Have the applicant just print their sponsors name at the end of the app and the office will verify the sponsors.

That's all for now

Bill

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

Tax month has arrived. Vaccinations for COVID-19 are being offered to citizens. The dark clouds of 2020 may be breaking up. Under the direction of the Governor and the Grand Master we are still restricted from having any in person Masonic meetings. However, with the new virus information becoming available that may change before too long. In the meantime, we will continue to meet via the ZOOM app. Please remember,



you must register to receive the sign in code and password. If we allowed to meet during this summer, we will have a class reunion this fall. What I am hinting at is that the cast members should start reviewing their scripts, as it has been awhile since we last had to perform. April showers bring May flowers, so I hope we see some rain. April also brings with it a sense of renewal and glimpses of the future. Our future looks good here at the Pasadena Scottish Rite. We have a vibrant organization and enthusiastic members. I thank you all. April has also had important events in History.

April 1, 1778 Oliver Pollack invented the dollar sign, \$.

April 3, 1869 Pony Express started

April 4, 1968 Martin Luther King assassinated.

April 6, 1917 United States declared war and entered WWI.

April 8, 1974 Hank Aaron hit 715th home run.

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

April 9, 1865 General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Grant, ending the Civil War.

April 12, 1961 Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becomes first man in space.

April 18, 1775 Paul Revere made his famous ride.

April 19, 1775 Revolutionary War begins.

April 25, 1945 Delegates from 45 countries form the United Nations.

April 29, 1851 Elias Howe gets patent for the Continuous Clothing Closure – zipper.

April 30, 1975 Vietnam War ends.

At our Stated Meeting dinners we donated to the youth groups and we donated to the Almoner at the Stated Meetings. It has been a year since we have had in-person meetings. It is time to remember our charities and the Language Center, or Rite Care Center. Now is the time to Remember.

Be safe and I look forward to seeing you all on my computer monitor, 5 April, 2021.

Rees Padfield, 33°

Personal Representative

Pasadena Scottish Rite



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Lodge Ambassadors

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

For the first time ever in the fall of 2020, Supreme Council offered a new opportunity for brethren wishing to engage with the teachings of the Scottish Rite, a Virtual Reunion!

With the pandemic creating barriers for Valleys in hosting our traditional Reunions, we knew a safe and convenient alternative was needed to help members further their quest for light and to help Master Masons continue their Masonic journey.



The solution was to create a singular Masonic experience; a shared point in time that unites our Fraternity while reflecting upon the teachings and philosophies of the Scottish Rite - regardless of where a Mason lives.

Over a series of events, each with its own unique assortment of degree presentations many Master Masons had the privilege and opportunity to proceed their masonic journey.

Beyond just the degrees, our Virtual Reunions provided opportunities for brother-to-brother engagement and camaraderie through educational sessions with Scottish Rite leaders and fraternal discussion. In particular, members enjoyed networking with fellow brethren and engaging in discussion of the degrees presented.

Overall, Brothers from all over the State found the Virtual Reunions to be a fulfilling Masonic experience that furthered their voyage to perfecting their rough ashlar, helping them to become better citizens, fathers, sons, Brothers and Masons.

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Lodge Ambassadors continued...

While our fall season has ended, a new year is already on and the Valley of Pasadena Scottish Rite will be offering additional virtual and/or in person opportunities for brethren in 2021. Stay tuned for further details, coming soon.

Happy Easter!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	0
Reinstatements:	0
Deaths:	0
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	0
Suspensions (Other reasons):	0
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	725

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	337	46.5%	45.3%	48.6%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	139	19.2%	10.2%	10.2%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	48	6.6%	14.4%	9.9%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	104	14.3%	11.6%	10.4%
Paid Life Members:	97	13.4%	18.6%	20.8%

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

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Please note "Pasadena" in the memo line
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<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.

**SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
As of February 28, 2021**

Beginning Balance February 1, 2021	\$	<u>34,821.36</u>
Deposits:	\$	<u>24,176.64</u>
Checks # 3276, 3285 - 3300	\$	10,132.71
Payroll Taxes	\$	691.98
Debit Card charges		<u>1,083.48</u>
		<u>11,908.17</u>

AIRCO Energy Systems - HVAC \$1,059
 City of Pasadena Water & Electricity \$1,726
 VERLUX Energy Solar Maintenance \$1,500
 Jan-Serve LLC Monthly Cleaning \$1,500

Uncleared Transaction \$2,521.64

Ending Balance as February 28, 2021

Deposits Breakdown:

Apartment Rent - January 2021	\$	1,760.00
Parking Lot Lease The REMM Group		16,127.60
Parking Lot Rentals		1,480.00
Engle Insight - Reimburs/Electric usage		4,809.04
		<u>24,176.64</u>

**PASADENA LODGE OF PERFECTION - UNION BANK ACCT. --8749
TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of February 28, 2021

Opening Balance February 1, 2021	\$	<u>21,607.57</u>
Deposits	\$	<u>41,637.14</u>
Checks		\$2,932.05
Paychex charges (payroll, taxes and fees)		10,984.07
Debit Card charges		1,133.18
		<u>15,049.30</u>
Quality Instant Printing - Monthly Bulletin \$1,178.67 *		15,049.30
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* Two checks written same month pending receipt of replacement checks

Cleared Balance **\$48,195.41**

Uncleared Transactions \$ 30.15

Register Balance February 28, 2021

\$48,165.26

Deposits Breakdown:

Members Dues for 2021	\$	6,637.14
Withdraw Fidelity Main Acct. 4068		35,000.00

		41,637.14

(For Comparison)

Account	12/31/2020	2/28/2021
4063 - PSR Life Membership Acct.	\$ 242,643.73	\$ 250,880.91
4066 - PSR Almoner Acct.	\$ 18,944.57	\$ 19,290.70
4067 - Cathedral Assoc. Acct.	\$ 416,219.98	\$ 435,081.93
4068 - Lodge of Perfection Main Acct.	\$1,819,463.14	\$ 1,889,027.83
3495 - AT&T Buy out Acct.	\$ 170,158.76	\$ 176,493.54
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	2,667,430.18	2,770,774.91

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Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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Thank You to Our March 2021 Donors

365 Club

William F. Rook

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Friends of the Center

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

APRIL

Wednesday, March 31

Deadline for May Bulletin articles!

Friday, April 2

7:00PM Ceremony of Remembrance &
 Renewal
 Virtual Stated Meeting
 Chapter of Rose Croix in Charge

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

Saturday, April 3

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Saturday, April 24

10:00AM Discussion Group
 You must register in advance to attend this meeting. If you would like to participate contact Charles Fisher, 32^o KCCH at arroyoseco@hotmail.com

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