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## Rick Baca, 32° KSA

### *Master of Kadosh*

### Consistory

Brethren –

This past year has been a trying one, not only for the world in general, but for Scottish Rite Masonry in particular, especially our Valley. I am proud of our Valley for engaging the members in our monthly meetings. All too often we take for granted that our members will maintain interest in Masonry when not active in it. We need to be available to the members, and I think the electronic platform is a key component of doing that, during the current world crisis.



With the recent announcement by the Grand Master of Masons in California, Most Worshipful Arthur Weiss, he has laid out plans for Masonic bodies in California to resume in person meetings. There are several restrictions in place before we can all meet, so please be patient and understanding that this may not be a quick process. We want to ensure the safety of all members and we want to comply with the regulations being put into place.

During this at home period, the Cathedral Board has been hard at work with many projects around the Cathedral. So when we get back to visiting the Rite, you may notice many new changes to the building's interior. If you appreciate these changes, please reach out to the Board and let them know. Sometimes a kind word can make a big difference.

Before I forget, I would like to thank Rees, Bill, Mary, and Dolores for keeping the Rite office up and running while we survive all this. It is their dedication that will allow us to return to normal in the coming months.

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Master of Kadosh, continued....

I know we all look forward to meeting again and sharing fellowship, but in the meantime, stay safe and be well.

Rick Baca, 32° KSA

Master of Kadosh, Consistory

## IN MEMORIAM

Lee Roy Halley  
Lancaster Lodge No. 437  
July 11, 2019

Edgar Kocharyan  
Saddleback Laguna Lodge No. 672  
March 14, 2021

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

### 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.

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## Meet the Master of Kadosh



### **Rick Baca, 32° KSA** *Master of Kadosh, Consistory*

Born in Hollywood, California. Raised in the San Fernando Valley, between Burbank and Glendale. Went to Joaquin Miller Elementary School, Eleanor J. Toll Middle School, and finally to Herbert Hoover High School. Grew up during the 1980s, amid punk rock, skateboarding, MTV, and hanging out at Malls.

Joined the US Army at 17 right out of High School, after scoring high on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, as a E-1 (private). After seeing a video on tanks, fell in love with it. Went to Basic and AIT training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Shipped off to Mannheim, Germany and stationed with 5th Battalion 77th Armor Regiment in the 8th Infantry Division (mechanized). Attended the Primary Leadership Development Course, and earned the Army Commendation Medal for placing first in his class. Attained the rank of E-5 (Sergeant) in 3 ½ years and served during the Gulf War for Operation Desert Shield, before finally leaving Active Duty in 1991.

After leaving the military, fortunate enough to find employment in the Hollywood Entertainment Industry working as a data entry clerk for a payroll company. During the next 20+ years learned all about Movie/TV Accounting and worked on such projects as Alien:Resurrection, Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion, Thor, Guardians of the Galaxy and many others. Eventually being hired by CBS Television in 2017 as Director of Post Production Finance.

Having been married once for 6 years, the result having been his son, Gavin  
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Meet the Master of Kadosh, continued...

Christopher Baca, who was born on December 18, 1999. He currently serves in the US Army, at Fort Hood, Texas, as a Signal Support Systems Specialist. Joined Masonry in 2004, after reading about it on the Internet. Contacted Old West Lodge No. 813 in Newhall, California and was Initiated on January 20, 2004. Passed on April 20, 2004, and Raised on June 15, 2004. Elected and Served as Master of Old West Lodge in 2007. Served as Treasurer for 3 years from 2008 – 2011. Joined Oasis Lodge UD in 2011, and became the Junior Deacon when they received their charter in 2012, becoming Oasis Lodge No. 854. Became Master for the second time in 2015, and for the third time in 2018. Committeeman for Grand Lodge, as a member of the Lodge Support Committee from 2008-2011.

Has served in many other Masonic bodies during the years. Currently serving as Commandant of Units for Al Malaikah Shrine, Past Worthy Patron of Old West Chapter OES, Past President of Los Angeles Chapter National Sojourners, Past Monarch of Cinema Grotto Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, Past President of the Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau, member of Pasadena Valley Scottish Rite, and member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Joined the York Rite in 2004, and has presided as High Priest in 2012, Illustrious Master in 2013, and Commander in 2011. Elected Treasurer after the passing of mentor Richard Cooper. Also a member of St. Albans York Rite College, Sierra Pacific Priory, and member of Glenwood York Rite College. Served as Inspector of the Royal Arch, Cryptic Councils, and Commanderies in his area for several years, as well as Assistant Director of Ritual for the Grand Council and Adjutant for the Grand Commandery. He has been awarded the Meritorius Service Medal, Russell D. Roberts Perpetual Trophy, Grand High Priest Distinguished Service Medal, High Priest of the Year for the State.

# The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Tra la, it's May, the lusty month of May  
That lovely month when everyone goes bliss-  
fully astray  
Tra la, it's here, that shocking time of year  
When tons of wicked little thoughts merrily  
appear



And may your thoughts turn to the light at the end of the tunnel. It looks like it will not be long before we reopen and meet again as brethren, friends, and family. It has been a long year and we miss seeing all your face while we break bread and in our meetings. But let us not forget that even in reopening there are changes that have come to be.

We are looking forward to our meetings, which will have a hybrid model, mixed with live attendance and virtual attendance. We will now have the ability of having Masonic education provided by people from around the world and they will not have to travel to get here, we will let the electrons do it for them. And we will have the ability for are members to view our live stated meetings.

Ill. Jim Hoerricks,33°, our director of the work, is preparing for a Fall reunion and looking for volunteers to act as Degree masters, actors, stage craft, make-up, wardrobe and classroom attending. Many hands make light work. Can you help lighten the load?

And with that we are accepting apps for degrees. You may find these apps at [pasadenascottishrite.org](http://pasadenascottishrite.org). Fees are \$350.00 for the Ill. D. Edward Griffiths,33° Memorial Class. The reunion is tentatively scheduled for November 12,13,19,20.

Let's make it one "WE'RE BACK" party

Until June

Bill

## The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

Greetings for May. I still hope for flowers even if we did not have many April showers. The month of May brings back many memories and has always been the home for many events. In days past, this month was known for weddings and graduations but today not so much. Memorial Day still has special meaning for me as a veteran.



It is a day that we all should remember and think about those who gave their all in the defense of our great country. The top row snap shots are of Arlington National Cemetery. As you read historical accounts of our military and walk through Arlington you will find names that will bring about memories of their accomplishments. The National Cemetery in San Francisco, bottom row, is in a beautiful setting but stillness and magnitude is overwhelming. We all should be mindful and thankful of the sacrifices made for us.



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

The end of the worst effects of the pandemic are in sight as the state and counties are beginning to reopen and allow limited social events. The Pasadena Scottish Rite is currently planning and preparing the necessary protocols required for re-opening the Rite for in person Masonic meetings and dinners. We are preparing our site specific plan for opening and operating. We plan on Zoom meetings for May and June. We plan on having a stated meeting dinner and meeting in July and have invited our SGIG to attend. The July Stated Meeting will be a hybrid meeting both in person and via Zoom. I expect the officers to attend in person. All brothers attending will be required to have proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test with the last 72 hours. This is a requirement specified by the state and the Grand Master. For the near future we will continue to have hybrid meetings as many brothers can attend who have a difficult time attending. We are planning on an in-person Reunion this fall. As you meet with your blue lodge talk about what further light in Masonry means, particularly in regards to the Scottish Rite. Your Ambassador has the applications for membership.

As you think about our Stated Meetings, remember our Almoner and the Language Center. You will find the electronic donation paths in this bulletin.

Be well and practice the safety protocols.

Rees Padfield, 33°

Personal Representative



Visit us on Facebook

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

## Lodge Ambassadors

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

Brethren let's get married!

I was reflecting today on the Ambassador program. Reflecting on our plans and about the meaning of the word PROPOSAL:

The verb propose means “to suggest a plan”, like the most well-known thing to propose, marriage. If you propose to your girlfriend, you propose getting married and you probably give her a ring too.



How inspiring. In this very time we Ambassadors just started to use the Proposal Form, to propose a worthy Brother Master Mason that could be a good fit to our Valley. If he accepts we will also give him a ring!

What a delighted surprise it will be for a Master Mason to receive an invitation to join Pasadena Scottish Rite and become a 32nd Degree Master of the Royal Secret, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason!

It is a great tool in the hands of our devoted Ambassadors. As an ambassador, you will be the one that fills out the Proposal Form to invite a worthy Brother Master Mason to join our Valley. There is no reason to wait any further. Please contact the Office at PSR or myself at the email address listed below and we will be more than happy to answer all your questions and to offer the best guidance. Let's live the unforgettable experience of taking an active role in our Valley!

“Glory is not a conceit. It is not a decoration for valor. Glory belongs to the act of being constant to something greater than yourself, to a cause, to your principles, to the people on whom you rely and who

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Lodge Ambassadors continued...  
 rely on you in return.” John McCain American hero.

While looking forward to hearing from you stay well, stay safe and stay strong!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA  
 ambassadors@pasadenascottishrite.org

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.



**SCOTTISH+RITE**  
**MASTER+CRAFTSMAN**

**Current Year Membership Statistical Changes**

Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	0
Reinstatements:	0
Deaths:	1
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	1
Suspensions (Other reasons):	1
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	<b>722</b>

**Current Dues Statistics**

	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	362	50.1%	47.6%	51.6%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	111	15.4%	8.4%	7.9%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	46	6.4%	13.8%	9.3%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	106	14.7%	11.5%	10.4%
Paid Life Members:	97	13.4%	18.6%	20.8%

## Archimedes Lodge No. 871

Brethren,

Thank you for the continued support of Archimedes Lodge.

Thank you to the Pasadena Scottish Rite Cathedral Board for the installation of the heating and air system in the upstairs rooms and library. The system will help preserve the many valuable items in our valley's care along with making lodge meetings more welcoming for our brothers.

It takes a village, a special thank you from the brothers of Archimedes Lodge 871 to our brothers at Elysian Lodge 418 for the beautiful donation of the hand crafted officer chairs for the lodge. The detailed artwork can be seen in the photos.



As we begin to open back up in California, the brothers of Archimedes look forward to demonstrating the Entered Apprentice Degree of the Scottish Rite system in the upcoming months. Stay tuned for more information.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Wor Chris Lebedeff  
Master, Archimedes No. 871



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.

**SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL ASSOCIATION  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
As of March 31, 2021**

Beginning Balance March 1, 2021	\$	<u>47,089.83</u>
Deposits:		
	\$	65,126.60
		<u>112,216.43</u>
Checks # 3286 - 3318	\$	27,371.61
Payroll Taxes	\$	691.97
Debit Card charges		<u>1,372.98</u>
		29,436.56

City of Pasadena - Electricity & Water \$1,486.10  
 J L Painting & Construction - Repair PR Office damage/Knight's room HVAC finish work and T Bar ceiling - F  
 J L Painting & Construction - PR Office repair work - Rain damage box in ducting/repair HVAC contractor w  
 J L Painting & Construction -Progress pymt #2 for Knights Room and 2nd Fir Hall painting (above) \$9,500

Uncleared Transaction \$47,660.33

Ending Balance as March 31, 2021

\$35,119.54

**Deposits Breakdown:**

Apartment Rent - January 2021	\$	1,760.00
Parking Lot Lease The REMM Group		16,127.60
Parking Lot Rentals		585.00
From Acct. AT&T Buyout to pay Insurance		<u>46,654.00</u>
		85,126.60

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

As of March 31, 2021		\$	<u>48,195.41</u>
Opening Balance March 1, 2021			
Deposits	\$	26,813.49	26,813.49
Checks			<u>75,008.90</u>
Paychex charges (payroll, taxes and fees)	\$4,882.57		
Debit Card charges	11,241.82		
	374.52		
			16,498.91
EverestNational Insurance - Workman's Compensation Insurance - \$3,247			
Quality Instant Printing - Monthly Bulletin Printing - \$1,088.07			
Cleared Balance			<u>\$58,509.99</u>

Uncleared Transactions \$ 548.80

Register Balance March 31, 2021 \$57,961.19

**Deposits Breakdown:**

Members Dues for 2021	\$	3,933.49
Withdraw Fidelity Main Acct. 4068		20,000.00
Income Life Membership Acct. 4063		2,880.00
		<u>26,813.49</u>

(For Comparison)

<b>Account</b>	<b>12/31/2020</b>	<b>2/29/2021</b>	<b>3/31/2021</b>	<b>Change from Dec '20 to Dec '20</b>
4063 - PSR Life Membership Acct.	\$ 242,643.73	250,680.91	\$ 257,732.89	15,089.16
4066 - PSR Almoner Acct.	\$ 18,944.57	19,290.70	\$ 19,427.11	482.54
4067 - Cathedral Assoc. Acct.	\$ 416,219.98	435,081.93	\$ 442,159.59	25,939.61
4068 - Lodge of Perfection Main Acct.	\$1,819,463.14	1,889,027.83	\$ 1,921,134.60	101,671.46
3495 - Buyout Acct.	\$ 170,158.76	176,493.54	\$ 134,501.30	(35,657.46)
	<u>2,667,430.18</u>	2,770,774.91	<u>2,774,955.49</u>	<u>107,525.31</u>

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**Pasadena Scottish Rite Bulletin**  
**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 April 2021 Donors

**365 Club**

William F. Rook

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Ralf Lopez, 32 <sup>o</sup> KSA	Tiler

**Scottish Rite Calendar**

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

MAY

Saturday, May 1

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Wednesday, May 5

Deadline for June Bulletin articles!

Friday, May 7

7:00PM Virtual Stated Meeting  
 Consistory in Charge

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

Saturday, May 22

10:00AM Discussion Group

You must register in advance to attend this meeting. If you would like to participate contact Charles Fisher, 32<sup>o</sup> KCCH at [arroyoseco@hotmail.com](mailto:arroyoseco@hotmail.com)

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