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## Chapter of Rose Croix

Greetings Everyone,

We have just set our clocks back and the days of pumpkin spice and peppermint treats are here. The chill in the air accompanied by dark evenings signal the start of the holiday cycle; beginning with the end of October and All Hallows' Eve and transitioning to November and Thanksgiving. In the spirit of saying thanks and reflecting on the importance of good deeds done, I would like to take this time to thank the Pasadena Scottish Rite



for the honor to serve as Wise Master for 2021. It has been a privilege to serve this body and I could not have done this without the dedication of the other officers of the Chapter of Rose Croix and the Pasadena Scottish Rite as a whole. Thank you, your dedication to our craft has ensured that we have made it another year. Once again together in person and enriched by Scottish Rite Masonry.

November is also first responders' month, with Hon. TJ Oliva and Bro. Hovig Antabian spearheading our program to honor those members of the community who help ensure our safety. Please join us as we honor a member of the Pasadena Police Department, Pasadena Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriffs, and the California Highway Patrol for their good works in our communities.

November is a month full of events and important days. For the members of the Pasadena Scottish Rite, it is once again time for our reunions. Days dedicated to where we bring fellow master masons into the Rite and reveal to them even more masonic light. This reunion is special, as it has been over two years since we have been able to gather and present the majesty of Scottish Rite Masonry. Covid-19 put many things on hold, but with the world starting up again and safety measures in place, we have returned to do the good work. In addition to the normal cycle of degrees, on Friday November 12th, we will be adding the 6th degree. I would like to extend my

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thanks to those who make our reunions possible- from the Director of the Work and the Degree Masters, to those taking part in all aspects of putting on a degree, it takes a lot of effort that we do not normally get to witness to present these degrees. Thank you for your dedication to our valley.

Finally, in my correspondences I have focused a portion of my articles to the arts and how they relate to the topics being covered that month. Music with the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal, poetry with our Independence Day, and art with Thanksgiving. With that, at the end of this article you should find an image of a painting by Henry Ossawa Tanner, called "The Thankful Poor." The image depicts a father and son at a sparsely set dinner table, in a moment of prayer before their meal. They are a family giving thanks for what they have, even if it isn't much. A reminder that Thanksgiving is not only a moment to reflect with kindness on the people and things that we have in our lives, but also a moment to practice that most masonic of virtues- Charity. The greatest exercise of the law of love, the foundation of the degrees within the Chapter of Rose Croix, is the practice of Charity. During this holiday season, keep in mind those who have lost so much due to this pandemic, and give to those who are in need. From our almoner's fund to local food programs in your area, to the Midnight Mission Clothing Drive and Operation Santa that has been operating out of the Rite for over 50 years, The Pasadena Scottish Rite and our members have been a beacon of hope in a dark world. I am thankful for that and hope we continue our good work for years to come.

Ever Thankful,

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



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# The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

It is hard to believe it is November, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Chanukah, and the New Year. Cal within two months. Also, as we near the end of the year and greet 2022 you should have received your dues card and an invoice to pay those dues which is for 2022. Please check to make sure you are current and act accordingly.



As we are still in recovery mode from the pandemic, the Scottish Rite is moving along with our own mandates for attendance. Please check your monthly bulletin for the Rite's protocol. On November 12, 13, 19 and 20th we will have our first Reunion in person since 2019. We have a great deal of Brother Masons who desire to become Scottish Rite Masons. We need to welcome them and show our support for them. Please, please, please make an effort to attend the Reunion and show your support. Remember if you are coming for the Friday nights dinner you need to make reservations with Mary either by phone or email. This includes cast members. Protocol's will be in place for the event. On Saturday the 20th we will have our normal welcoming pizza party for our newly anointed Master of the Royal Secret.

## 32° Master of the Royal Secret

All the instructions, admonitions and initiatory Rite of the previous degrees will prepare you for this Degree, and thus enable you to understand and comprehend the Royal Secret of the Holy Doctrine.

The Royal Secret, if lived with perfect comprehension and understanding, elevates humankind to sublime heights and levels of realization. The Great Symbol of the Degree is the Symbolic Camp. It is presented to you as an emblem of Realization as Achievement.

Some of the most profound truths of the ancient mysteries are spoken as axioms. You are called upon to summon your greatest capacities and

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Secretary’s Memo Pad, continued.....

attempt pierce the veil of the symbolic language in which they are presented. To be truly a Master of the Royal Secret, individual realization is required on the part of each and every initiate.

You will assume five vows and, marking you as a Soldier of Light, a Soldier of Liberty, a Soldier of Freedom of Religion, a Soldier of the People, and a Soldier of the Scottish Rite. The Royal Secret will put you in possession of the Holy Doctrine. It therefore becomes necessary that a Master of the Royal Secret take responsibility for this knowledge and devote his life to being a fit example of our Rite.

Those Brethren who are about to be Masters of the Royal Secret, are at the point where the roads of life diverge. They must prepare to make their decision and mark well their actions.

So mote it be.

Bill

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
<i>Accurate As Of: 10/26/2021 5:00:00 AM</i>	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Lodge	<input type="radio"/> Chapter
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Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	2
Reinstatements:	9
Deaths:	20
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	1
Suspensions (Other reasons):	3
Expulsions:	0
Current Lodge Membership	<b>713</b>

Current Dues Statistics				
<i>Accurate As Of: 10/26/2021 5:01:32 AM</i>				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	131	18.4%	25.8%	29.8%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	287	40.3%	26.7%	26.7%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	87	12.2%	17%	12.4%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	111	15.6%	11.8%	10.4%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	97	13.6%	18.7%	20.7%

## The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

Here it is, November. Where did the year go? At our house, it is about time to think about the 19 Christmas trees we need to decorate. It will take us about 3 to 4 weeks to properly decorate the house for the holidays. My theme trees include a patriotic tree, several train trees, a music tree with the instruments of the orchestra, and a NASA – airplane-Star Wars – Star Trek tree. Elaine has the rest including Santas, snowpersons, angels, toys, and other seasonal topics. There is a little room to walk around. It does seem a little early for the holiday songs, but not for the stores where we usually shop.



November is a month where we remember our Armed forces, both active duty and retired. All gave SOME and some gave ALL. When you see a person in uniform or wearing a ball cap or shirt with their service proudly displayed, I ask you to thank them for their service.



The American flag hanging from Hoover Dam took 15 people to unfold it. It is reportedly the largest American flag in the U.S. Arlington National Cemetery needs no introduction.

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

Thanksgiving always means a house full of family and friends. As you prepare for or travel to enjoy Thanksgiving, please drive carefully and observe all the safety protocols.

We will hold a class reunion the second and third weekends in November. It will be the first in-person reunion in over two years. Of course, proper COVID-19 protocols will be observed. This year our Director of the Work has added several additional degrees to be performed on stage. As I write this article there are several roles, speaking and non-speaking, that need to be filled. Please consider volunteering. I remind the top line signers of their obligation to attend the reunion with their candidates. Of course, there will dinners, lunches, and light breakfasts.

Some interesting dates in history:

- November 1, 1776 - Mission San Juan Capistrano founded
- November 3, 1957 - Soviets launch first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, dog named Laika
- November 6, 1854 - John Philip Sousa born
- November 8, 1895 - X-rays discovered by Wilhelm Roentgen
- November 10, 1775 - Marine Corps established
- November 11 - Veteran's Day
- November 17, 1800 - Congress met first time in Capitol, John Adams first occupant in White House
- November 19, 1863 - Lincoln Address at Gettysburg

I look forward to seeing you at our Stated dinner and meeting as well as the reunion. Be Safe!

Rees Padfield, 33°  
Personal Representative

## Good Cheer Report

David Patterson  
Hospital

*Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.*





# November Dinner Menus

## Stated Meeting on November 5th

Turkey Vegetable Soup, Green Salad  
 Festive Turkey  
 Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Roasted Sweet Potatoes  
 Maple Glazed Baby Carrots, Cornbread Stuffing  
 Cranberry Sauce  
 Pumpkin Pie

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, November 3rd at 2pm



## Reunion Dinner on November 12th

Garden Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing  
 Cajun Tri Tip  
 Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
 Garden Vegetables  
 Dessert

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, November 10th at 2pm



## Reunion Dinner on November 19th

Green Salad with Ranch Dressing  
 Rib Eye Steak  
 Baked Potato  
 French Green Beans with Roasted Almonds  
 Dessert

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, November 17th at 2pm



Number of Reservations at \$15.00 Per Person.....

**Fish or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.**

*Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid.*

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**D. Edward Griffiths, 33°]**  
**Memorial Class**

**Reunion Schedule**

**FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 12TH**

5:00 PM Class Registration  
6:00 PM Dinner  
7:30 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Degree  
8:30 PM 5<sup>th</sup> Degree  
9:30PM 6<sup>th</sup> Degree

**SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 13TH**

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast  
8:00 AM Meditation  
8:30 AM Communication 7th thru 13th Degrees  
10:30 AM 14<sup>th</sup> Degree  
11:30 AM Lunch  
12:00 PM Member Education  
12:30 PM Communication 15th thru 17th Degrees  
1:30 PM 18<sup>th</sup> Degree  
3:30 PM Communication 19th thru 27th Degrees

**FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 19TH**

6:00 PM Dinner  
7:30 PM 28<sup>th</sup> Degree

**SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 20TH**

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast  
8:00 AM Meditation  
8:30 AM Communication 29th Degree  
9:30 AM 30<sup>th</sup> Degree  
12:00 PM Lunch  
12:30 PM Member Education  
1:00 PM Communication 31st Degree  
1:30 PM 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree

## Stated Meetings and Dinners

As we reopen the following protocols will be followed:

1. You **must** make a reservation for the dinner and/or the Stated Meeting. No one without a reservation will be admitted. Dinner tickets will be downstairs.
2. Participants must show proof of vaccination or the results of a negative Covid 19 test at the most 72 hours before event.
3. All participants must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status except when actively eating or drinking. (Protocol of PPHD)
4. Participants will be issued wrist bands:

Purple: fully vaccinated

Green: not vaccinated

Dinner seats will be assigned by Mary. The only entrance into the building will be the glass doors in the north parking. The elevator will be locked in the parking lot and will be an exit only” device. Elevator Service inside the building will be normal. At 7:30PM there will be a guard posted at the glass doors. So, plan on arriving before 7:30PM.



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## IN MEMORIAM

Artemio Viloría

October 16, 2020

Glendale No. 368

Norman L. Smith

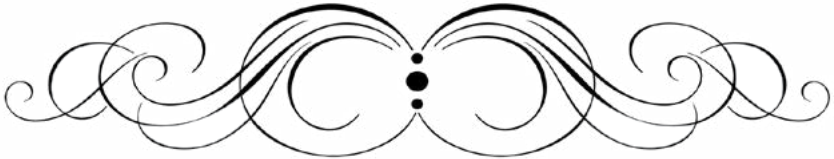
September 30, 2021

West Covina No. 446

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

## 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.



## 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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**Scottish Rite Calendar**

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

NOVEMBER

You must register in advance to attend any in person activities at the Pasadena Scottish Rite.

Wednesday, November 3  
Deadline for December Bulletin articles!

Friday, November 5  
 6:00PM Social  
 6:30PM Dinner - First Responders  
 8:00PM Hybrid Stated Meeting  
 Chapter of Rose Croix in Charge

Saturday, November 6  
 10:00AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Friday, November 12  
 Fall Reunion Day 1 (See Page 11)

Saturday, November 13  
 Fall Reunion Day 2 (See Page 11)

Friday, November 19  
 Fall Reunion Day 3 (See Page 11)

Saturday, November 20  
 Fall Reunion Day 4 (See Page 11)

Friday, November 26  
 7:30PM Ambassadors Meeting  
 If you are interested in being a Scottish Rite Ambassador for your lodge contact Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA at [ambassadors@pasadenascottishrite.org](mailto:ambassadors@pasadenascottishrite.org)

Saturday, November 27  
 10:00AM Discussion Group  
 If you would like to participate contact Charles Fisher, 32° KCCH at [arroyoseco@hotmail.com](mailto:arroyoseco@hotmail.com)

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