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Brethren,

October is an exciting time as we prepare to greet the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. James D. Cole, 33° during his visit to our Valley at our October Stated Meeting. If you have not already done so, please be sure to make your reservation for dinner by emailing Mrs. Mary Masoyan at mary@ pasadenascottishrite.org. In addition to honoring our Sovereign Grand Commander, we will also celebrate the Feast of Tishri with toasts. Music will



be provided by none other than Bro. Jason Charles Miller, 32°.

The greatest honor that can be given to a Mason is the opportunity to serve his brethren. As Masons, especially Scottish Rite Masons, we believe that to serve is to honor God – laborare est orare. As this is my final opportunity to address my brethren as Venerable Master in our monthly bulletin, I would like to thank all of you for this opportunity. I will forever look back to this time with joy, gratefulness, and humility for the faith you have entrusted me. I want to especially thank Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°, the Personal Representative of the SGIG, for his guidance, mentorship, and support throughout the year; Ill. Greg Gabriel, 33°, for the same; Hon. Miles Bresee, 32°, our Treasurer, for making sure that our Valley continues to be financially solvent; Ill. Bil Rook, 33°, for his excellent work as our General Secretary; Ill. Ron Alcorn, 33°, for his friendship and work as our IT Specialist. Additionally, I want to thank the officers, the committeemen, the office staff, the Cathedral Board, the Language Center Board, the Wardrobe Department, the kitchen staff, and brothers such as Hon. Michael David Smith, 32°; Bro. Chris Lebedeff, 32°; Hon. Paul Bazerkanian, 32°; and Ill. Jim Hoerricks 33°, for making sure that everything in the Valley runs as smoothly as it should.

Finally, I leave you with this. As Masons, we are constantly in search of the Divine Truth and seek to be in communion with our great creator. In Morals and Dogma, Albert Pike suggests that in our human state, we are incapable of

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Venerable Master, continued...

truly understanding the full nature of God, and that in man's understanding, a huge part of the nature and identity of God cannot be truly expressed in words. God's name is therefore "ineffable." Since God is infinite in his perfection, any attempt to define God therefore limits our understanding of him. Pike further suggests that organized religions created by man present important insights to the nature of God but are also bereft with errors in this department, as they try to define God for the masses. The Mason understands and works inwardly into his own mind and soul. By knowing himself, the Mason may know God. He also looks to the people around him and in nature to find traces of God in order to forge a true intimate connection with him and acquire from him, divine inspiration. This affords the Mason freedom from religious tyranny. True Masons are bound only by their obligations, the sacred ties of brotherhood, the laws of God, and their allegiance to honor and virtue. They are free from prejudice, intolerance, envy, and all that makes men slaves.

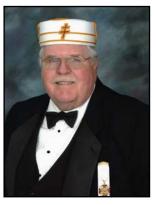
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Pasadena Scottish Rite Bulletin The Secretary's Memo Pad Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

BOO!

It is scary month. But a lot of things happening. First and foremost is the Feast of Tishri, which will be observed at our Stated Meeting dinner. But more than that Illustrious James D. Cole, 33° Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, will be our special guest for the evening. Jim will be traveling from Virginia to visit with our members and their families. Dinner that night with be \$25 per person. (Those with ticket books bring a five dollar bill along with you.)



You as members, bring your questions for Jim for he will be hosting a Town Hall meeting after the Stated meeting to answer any questions you may have and listen to any comment you may have. Jim and the Supreme Council are working and looking to make the Scottish Rite experience an experience our members can take out to the world and show them the good of Freemasonry. Please save the date and join us.

October 28 and 29, and November 4 and 5 will be the dates of our Fall Reunion. We invite all our members to be a part of the Illustrious Kenneth Christianson Memorial Class. Because of the date changes we have moved the November Stated Meeting to November 11. It will also be the capping and ring ceremonies for the Fall Class. Family and friends are most welcome to attend.

Our members, family and invited guests.

And a final question. How many of you know that after the 32nd Degree we have a Pizza, Chicken Wings and Beverage party in the dining room. And it is free to our members, family and invited guests?

Hope to see ya in the Cathedral

Bill

Pasadena Scottish Rite Bulletin The P.R.'s Corner Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

We are now officially enjoying our fall. That means it will still be warm. The birthstone of October is opal and the flower is the pink tourmaline. October was originally the eighth month of the Roman calendar. It comes from the Latin word "octo" meaning eight. Later, it became the 10th month when January and February were added to the calendar. The Saxons called the month Wintirfyllith because it had the first full moon of the winter



season. In German, it is Wein-mond or wine month.

We will celebrate the Feast of Tishri during our October Stated Meeting. The origin of the Feast of Tishri (also known as the Feast of the Tabernacle) is described in the Old Testament where it is said that the Lord spoke unto Moses saying when "ye [shall] have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: [and] Ye shall dwell in booths seven days.... That your generations may know that I made of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt" (Leviticus 23:39,42-43).

This month, we are honored by having our Grand Commander, Jim Cole, visit us. We will need 11 Inspector General Honorary's to honor the entrance of our Grand Commander. Swords and candles will be provided to the Honor Guard. We will honor Illustrious Jim at our Stated Meeting. The toasting and discussion of the Feast of Tishri will occur during the Stated dinner.

I wish to thank all those whose work and coordination and attendance made our Scottish Rite Foundation Rite Care Center of Pasadena Valley so successful last Saturday. We celebrated Maya's gracious giving that has helped our center in so many ways. We had 26 in attendance, and all enjoyed the winetasting, meal, and entertainment during and after dinner.

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

The weather was perfect and our SGIG, Frank Loui and his wife, Jeannie, and Foundation CEO, Art Salazar were in attendance.

Our fall class reunion honoring Illustrious Ken Christenson will be held during the last week in October and first week in November. As of the writing of this message we have 16 candidates from our Valley and at least 10 from other Valleys. I ask all Brothers to ask themselves as to whom they would suggest and ask for membership at our valley, as we still have time.

As we look around the world today, we find it in a dangerous state: war, pestilence, draught, horrendous widespread fires. Some things we have little or no control over but others we do. We must remember our oaths as Mason, and Scottish Rite Masons in particular. We must do our best to teach and enlighten men in the principles taught in Masonry.

As I travel around, I see veterans and active-duty men and women of our Armed Forces as well as our First Responders. I always thank them for their work and continued service. Their response is always positive. So, when you see a veteran or active-duty military person or first responder, thank them.

Rees Padfield, 33° Personal Representative



Reception Honoring Ill. James D. Cole, 33°



Sovereign Grand Commander Supreme Council, 33° Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction of the United States

> Friday, October 7, 2022 6:00 PM

October Dinner Menu Stated Meeting on October 7th

Cheese and Crackers

Gourmet Ceasar Salad,

Rib Eye Steak

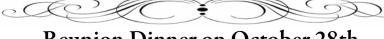
Three Color Roasted Potatoes, Apsaragus

Rolls & Butter

Raspberry Chocolate Cake

Last day for reservations: Wednesday, October 5th at 2pm

Number of Reservations at \$25.00 Per Person..... **Fish or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.** *Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid. mary@pasadenascottishrite.org* or 626-795-4213 Ext: 101



Reunion Dinner on October 28th

Garden Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

Cajun Tri Tip

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Garden Vegetables

Rolls & Butter

Dessert

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, October 26th at 2pm

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Scottish Rite Education

John S.C. Thorpe

Salve Frater,

Have you ever wondered why they call the Scottish Rite the "college of Freemasonry"?

The three degrees of Blue Lodge Masonry provide a solid foundation in understanding the teachings of our fraternity. The degrees of the Scottish Rite



provide more light to enable one to build upon those core teachings. The Scottish Rite places heavy emphasis on education, or further light in Masonry.

Beyond merely witnessing the thirty-two degrees, we are here to tell you that you can obtain an advanced education in the Scottish Rite! What is this advanced education? It is available through two incredible programs available to every Scottish Rite Mason- the Master Craftsman College & the College of the Consistory.

<u>Master Craftsman College</u> is an online learning platform with four courses. The first two are listed below:

1. Why 33? This course is designed to give the Scottish Rite Mason a working knowledge of the basic history and organizational structure of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction-Mother Supreme Council of the World.

2. Symbolic Lodge. This course explores the development of Blue Lodge Masonry and offers an exploration of its symbolism.

Thorpe: "I have to say, the Symbolic Lodge course is one of my favorites and it really sold me on joining the Scottish Rite. All Blue Lodge Master Masons should take this course!

For example, I learned that (according to Albert Pike) when we say, "I hail," we should actually be saying "I hele." The reason is that the

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Scottish Rite Education, continued.....

verb "<u>hail</u>" is used to call out to someone to greet or summon them, whereas "<u>hele</u>" is a middle English word meaning "to hide or conceal; keep secret; cover." I think you will agree that this meaning makes much more sense! These words have the same pronunciation, so for a mouth-to-ear tradition this is an understandable error."

<u>The College of the Consistory</u> is a free self-study program for Scottish Rite Masons of all orients. Its members receive a syllabus of each Scottish Rite degree, providing ideas for essays and research papers.

This study program is not for the faint of heart, so I recommend starting with Master Craftsman College first. After completing this program, you will be well prepared for The College of the Consistory.

A group of dedicated members of our valley are considering ways to make your membership in the Rite more enjoyable and conducive to greater learning. Consider the knowledge that was embodied by your class master; well, with the right resources at one's fingertips, that kind of expertise is possible for every mason. To start, we are looking to form a revived Master Craftsman Study Group that will include a campus of the College of the Consistory, as well as an eventual Academy of Reflection for meditation upon Masonic symbolism.

If further light and study interests you (or if you are already enrolled in one of these programs), navigate to <u>tinyurl.com/PSRquestionnaire</u> and fill out a short questionnaire. We look forward to your feedback and participation!

Fraternally,

John S.C. Thorpe 32° Orator Chapter of Rose Croix

Jonathan Dru Wood 32° Orator Council of Kadosh Michael-David Smith 32° KCCH Past Wise Master

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Gentlemen, thank you for sharing this newsletter with your lady

Dear Ladies,

Wow, how time flies! PSR has been updating many areas of the Temple, including the ladies lounge and restrooms! It will be beautiful!!

The PSR Women's Association will continue to meet while the men are in their meeting after dinner. Our project is to update and protect the Scottish Rite Scrapbooks representing its history so they can be safely viewed and enjoyed for many years to come.

All ladies are cordially invited to join us as we have fun working on our project and enjoying each other's company. I will let you know which room we will be in during announcements after dinner.

Hope to see you all soon!

Sincerely,

Lynda Lockhart President



SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT As of August 31, 2022	Beginning Balance August 1, 2022 \$ \$ 65,763.60	Deposits: \$ 21,855.36 21,855.36 21,855.36	71,226.43 87,618.96	138,827.85	Checks # 3578 to 3597 \$ 27,979.07 Payroll Taxes & Fees \$ 5 - So Cal Gas Auto payment \$ 178.80	arges 32	le BA's / Women's Assoc Room \$20,000 08/10/22 Check No. 3583 Ramon Villapando - Gardener \$1,010.00 00 08/26/22 Check No. 3593 J L Painting and Construction - Women's Assoc & BA rooms \$15,000.00 0 0 08/26/22 Check No. 3593 I L Painting and Construction - Women's Assoc & BA rooms \$15,000.00 0 08/26/22 Check No. 3594 Americanet Women's Assoc Room Carret \$3,180.00 08/26/22 Check No. 3594 Americanet Women's Assoc Room Carret \$3,180.00 08/26/22 Check No. 3594 Americanet Women's Assoc Room Carret \$3,180.00 00		55,187,21 \$1,768.80		Ending Balance as August 31, 2022 \$49,344.60	Deposits Breakdown: Apartment Rent - July 2022 1.760.00 Parking Lot Lease The REMM Group 16,611.43	Parking Lot Rental 1,095.00 Engle Insight - Electricity Usage Reimb. 2,388.93	
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Sarkis Dakessian Rosemead Lodge No. 457 July 15, 2022

Frederick Garside Arcadia Lodge No. 278 August 16, 2022

Guy Hutchinson Glendale Lodge No. 368 February 05, 2022

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Lester Merryman Lancaster No. 437 February 15, 2022

Thomas Oldham Burbank No. 406 June 11, 2022

Kenneth Woods San Fernando No. 343 November 04, 2020

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

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III Kenneth L. Christianson 33° Memorial Class Reunion Schedule

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 28TH

- 5:00 PM Class Registration
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:30 PM **4**th **Degree**
- 8:30 PM **5th Degree**
- 9:30 PM **6**th **Degree**

SATURDAY- OCTOBER 29TH

- 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Communication 7th thru 13th Degrees
- 10:30 AM **14th Degree**
- 11:30 AM Lunch
- 12:30 PM Communication 15th thru 17th Degrees
- 1:30 PM **18th Degree**
- 3:30 PM Communication 19th thru 27th Degrees

FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 4TH

6:00 PM Dinner 7:30 PM **28th Degree**

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 5TH

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM Communication 29th Degree
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Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely & fraternally,

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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 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

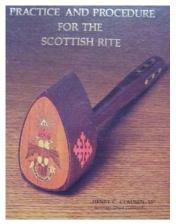
Fulfill the promise of additional Masonic knowledge through education and training. Build a Positive Public Image of Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite. Support and expand our philanthropic activities.

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.





PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE FOR THE SCOTTISH RITE. By HENRY C. CLAUSEN, 33°

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WHY THE FEAST OF TISHRI?

The origins and significances of the Feast of Tishri make it the most Scottish Rite of festivals. No other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of the Rite more wholly than this historic celebration of the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. To marshal the meanings of the feast is to summarize the principle ideals and traditions of our Fraternity.

First of all, we observe the Feast of Tishri because it is an age-old custom which now has the power of law. Under the Statutes of The Supreme Council, the feast is "obligatory," a sacramental sharing of our fraternal spirit. Freemasons have always revered order since we recognize that there is a Supreme Order that structures all creation. Masonic Law reflects this divine order, and we serve the purposes

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of The Great Architect of the Universe when we observe this vow of obedience to the Rite.

Secondly, the rich legendry of the Temple's dedication which is celebrated in the Feast of Tishri is an essential part of the Fourteenth Degree. The symbolic details of the Temple's position, design, construction, furnishing and decoration carry intense meaning as they apply to the spiritual temple of Freemasonry built in the soul of every Brother. Through the symbols of the Temple we gain enlightenment and we recommit ourselves to building Freemasonry "in the hearts of men and among nations."

Significantly, a king of peace and wisdom built the Temple. The Lord forbade David, a warrior and a man of blood, to construct the Temple and, instead, delivered this responsibility and glory to Solomon whose very name means peace. Thus in observing the Feast of Tishri we reaffirm our dedication to human concord and the brotherhood of all men in a world of peace. As individuals and as Brothers in the Rite we resolve to build, as Solomon did, through harmony and cooperation, ever seeking peace for all mankind.

The consecration of the Temple must also be observed at the Feast of Tishri, because it teaches the equality and unity of all members of the Rite. The people of Israel, unified under Solomon, were equal in their devotion to the Lord and equal in their sovereignty to all other nations. In the Feast of Tishri, all Perfect Elus and those of higher degrees can join at the banquet table and share the bond of fraternal unity.

Yet another reason to keep the Feast of Tishri is that such observance fosters the warm spirit of fraternal fellowship so vital to our Rite. We meet at a common table, express our mutual esteem and so promote that essential bond of cordiality and respect which lightens and shares the weight of our Masonic endeavors. Such social amenities open us to each other in an atmosphere elevated beyond the sphere of normal, day-to-day communication. Within the context of the Feast of Tishri we realize more deeply than ever before the value of our fellow man, without which the individual is lost in a self-imposed prison of human isolation.

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Feast of Tishri combine to make this the Masonic feast of feasts. At the Refection Table all men-Jew, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and others-join in a common voice of thanksgiving to God. The Feast of Tishri is a Masonic feast of thanksgiving where every man can share his gratitude and express his sincere thanks to Him who made all things. The Deity has given us life, the strength to live it fully, and the joy of sharing the beauty and goodness of His creation with our fellow man. Most of all, He has given us freedom. The Feast of Tishri celebrates this freedom the Israelites won with the guidance of providence, despite the shackles of Egypt and the armies of the Philistines.

This ancient victory celebrated in the dedication of Solomon's Temple is kept forever fresh through our keeping of the Feast of Tishri. It promises to all men that the burdens of tyranny are temporary, that the darkness will yield to light, that knowledge will conquer ignorance, and that the Creator intended men to be free. The message of Tishri comes to us strongly and clearly from across the ages because it has been so preserved in the symbolism and allegory of the Scottish Rite. Through our observance of this great feast of thanksgiving we, as heirs of Solomon, perpetuate his magnificent Temple of freedom in our lives, our communities, our Country and, most of all, in our beloved Rite.

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Friday, October 7th 4:30PM Cathedral Board 6:00PM Reception honoring Ill. James D. Cole 33° Sovereign Grand Commander 6:30PM Dinner 8:00PM Stated Meeting Lodge of Defection in charge

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<u>Saturday, October 8</u> 10:00AM Knights of Saint Andrew

<u>Friday, October 28</u> Fall Reunion (See Page 13)

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