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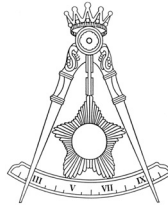
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Orient of California acknowledge and yield
allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother
Council of the World) of the Inspector
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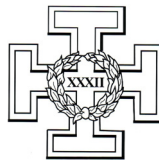
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Consistory

When Illustrious Gabriel asked me to join the Childhood Language Center as its board president I hesitated. Fact is that I had a general idea of what it does, had walked by it and looked at the adorable paintings covering its walls, and even seen some of its little clients walk in and out of the building. Generalities was all I knew. But, after giving it some time, I decided to take on the challenge or should I say, talked myself into taking it on. Given what I have discovered over the last few months, I would now like to talk you into taking that challenge on along with me.



Our Childhood Language Center (“CLC” or “Center”) began operations in the early 1990’s, as part of the California Scottish Rite Foundation’s network of language centers, to offer free, high-quality speech and language therapy to children who might otherwise go without. Currently, the CLC operates in partnership with Pasadena City College’s Speech Language Pathology Assistant Program. In general, it serves residents from the San Gabriel Valley and has 27 clients. Its funding is provided almost entirely through donations from Masons, foundations, and community supporters.

Speech and language disorders can hinder a child’s learning, social development, and self-esteem. Through the therapy provided at our Center, children overcome these barriers, leading to greater success in school and in life. The real impact of therapy we help provide goes far beyond improving speech. Children gain confidence, perform better in school, and develop stronger social connections. For parents, it brings relief and hope, knowing their child is receiving the support they need at a critical time in their development. Moreover, families receive resources and training and are empowered to support their child’s progress at home. This holistic approach

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strengthens the overall effectiveness of therapy and fosters a supportive community environment.

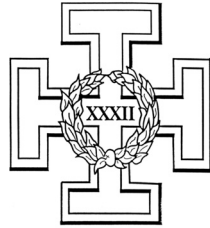
As I mentioned above, the CLC serves the San Gabriel Valley and has 27 clients. To fulfil its potential, more needs to be done. Unlike large, national organizations, PSR CLC's success depends on PSR's members. Whether through financial contributions, volunteering, or spreading the word, every member has a role to play in sustaining and growing this vital resource. Let's not forget that by supporting the Center, we fulfill our obligation to "relieve the distressed" and truly embody what it means to be a Mason.

The CLC is more than just a clinic—it's a living embodiment of our Masonic values in action. As Brothers committed to the principles of charity, service, and the betterment of humanity, supporting this Center is one of the most powerful ways we can make a direct and lasting impact in our community.

Supporting the Childhood Language Center also strengthens the bond between us. When we rally together for a cause that reflects our highest ideals, we deepen our sense of brotherhood and shared purpose. It gives new Scottish Rite Masons a tangible way to get involved and reminds seasoned members of the real-world value of their affiliation.

This Center isn't just a good cause—it's our cause. It represents a legacy built by the Pasadena Valley over decades, serving hundreds of local families. Every child who has found, and will find, their voice, every parent who has seen, and will see, hope, and every life changed is a testament to what our fraternity can achieve when we act with purpose. I hope that this short article has given you the long view of what our Language Center can be and, more importantly, a sense of ownership toward it and its mission. Our support cannot be abstract—it must be real to secure real, measurable, life-changing outcomes.

Leonard Manoukian, 32° KSA
Master of Kadosh, Consistory

Meet the Master of Kadosh**Leopard Manoukian, 32° KSA**
Master of Kadosh, Consistory

Leonard was born in 1966 in Tehran, Iran. In 1979, he and his family immigrated to the United States and settled in Whittier, California. Currently, Leonard resides in Glendale, CA with his wife of 31 years, Marina and younger son Alex. Leonard's older son, Armand, resides in Brooklyn, NY where he is a segment producer for a news program for MSNBC. Alex attends law school. Marina is a partner at a downtown law firm.

Leonard educational career began at Don Bosco Technical Institute where he graduated with an AS degree in Metallurgical Engineering in 1985. Thereafter, he attended California State University Northridge, earning a bachelor's degree in economics in 1990. He completed his education by earning a Juris Doctorate in 1995 and, after passing the California bar exam, began practicing law for the California Compensation Insurance Fund where he is currently employed as an Assistant Chief Counsel.

Leonard has always been active in his community. He has been a scout leader and served on the board of the Verdugo Hills Scout Council ultimately serving as a vice president of membership. He has been a city planning commissioner for some 13 years. He has served on number of other boards and commissions through the years including Glendale Healthy Kids, the Armenian National Committee, Armenia General Athletic Union & Scouts. He is currently a member of the California Architects Board.

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Meet the Master of Kadosh, continued....

Leonard was raised a Master Mason in July 2010 and is the sitting master of the Glendale Lodge, #368 as well as a member of Tujunga Lodge, #592. He joined the Scottish Rite in 2018. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Knights of St. Andrew, where he is the current Knight High Counselor. Leonard has completed all sections of the Master Craftsman educational program. He is a proud member of PSR's stage craft crew and has been the 18th Degree master for the last 3 years while taking part in many other degrees, both in front and behind the curtain. He is also the president of the CLC Board, the vice-president of the PSR Cathedral Association, and a member of the Investment Committee.

Leonard's Masonic affiliations include membership in the York Rite bodies, the Shrine, and the Royal Order of Scotland.



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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.

The Secretary's Desk

III. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

As you can see in the chart below, we currently have 97 members who have not paid their dues for 2025, and we have 68 members who are two years behind in their dues and are subject to suspension in December. If you are one of these brothers and need assistance in maintaining your membership, please give me a call or contact me by email and let's discuss your options in keeping you active.



We currently have 21 candidates for the 2025 reunion which starts at the end of May, if any of your lodge brothers are interested in joining please get their applications into the office ASAP.

Fraternally,

Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°
 General Secretary
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Daily Recap of Membership

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Valley of Pasadena Orient of California Southern Jurisdiction

	Begin	Initiations	Affiliations	Reinstatements	Deaths	Demits	Susp.NPD	Susp.Other	Expulsions	Ending
Pasadena / Lodge	656	0	2	4	4	2	0	1	0	656
Pasadena / Chapter	657	0	2	4	4	2	0	1	0	656
Pasadena / Council	654	0	2	4	4	2	0	1	0	654
Pasadena / Consistory	652	0	2	4	4	2	0	1	0	652

Current Dues Statistics

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	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	329	50.2%	46.2%	51.5%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	97	14.8%	8.3%	7.5%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	68	10.4%	16.6%	8.9%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	70	10.7%	10.9%	10.6%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	92	14%	18%	21.5%
Total:	656			

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

Are Two Better Than One?

At the April stated meeting, I posed the question: Should the Orient of California be separated into two separate Orients, one north and one south. This question is being asked by the Sovereign Grand Commander to all the Valleys in the Orient.



Let's start with a little history. First, this is not a new concept. Originally, the Orient covered all of California. Then it was divided into the northern orient and the southern orient. That lasted from the late 1920's until the mid to late 1930's. The Orient was once again reunited and has been so ever since.

Second, the Orient of California is the largest in the entire Southern Jurisdiction with 20 Scottish Rite Valleys. The closest is Washington with 13 with most others having anywhere from ten down to four. It is feared that 20 Valleys is just too much for one Sovereign Grand Inspector General to handle. Now, with the retirement of Illustrious Frank Loui, 33°, that leaves us without an S.G.I.G. and the Sovereign Grand Commander is thinking about splitting the state for ease of size and convenience and appointing two Deputies to handle each Orient. However, he is leaving it up to the individual members to decide their fate.

A Zoom meeting between the Personal Representatives and S.G.C., Illustrious James D. Cole, 33°, was held in early April to discuss the matter. In mid-April, the P.R.'s, along with the General Secretaries, convened a Zoom meeting to continue the conversation and discuss the pros and cons of such a move. Most viewed the division as unnecessary as the Orient was running well the way it was. (If it's not broken, don't fix it.) The feeling was to let the P.R.'s and their membership handle their own affairs and to call on the S.G.I.G. when a problem could not be handled locally. Some Valleys argued

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

that two Orients would be better, stating that it would be easier for the S.G.I.G to visit ten Valleys rather than 20. However, it seemed that was not a problem for the previous S.G.I.G.'s. When the vote was taken it was clear that about 17 of the 20 Valleys were in favor of keeping things as there are. That Zoom meeting was recorded and forwarded to the S.G.C.

UPDATE! Another meeting between the Valleys and the S.G.C. was held on April 21, just before I sent this article for publication. Once again, the Valley representatives spoke up and presented their arguments for a unified California Orient. After all was said and done, the Sovereign Grand Commander made the decision to keep California a unified Orient and that a Deputy would be named as the replacement for Illustrious Frank Loui, 33°.

Now that the drama is over, please take a few minutes to contact the S.G.C. and thank him for making this very tough decision. This was a big decision that will affect all of us for years to come. Let your thoughts be heard!

You may contact the S.G.C. by email at: GRANDCMDR@SCOTTISH-RITE.ORG. He reads every email and will respond to most of them as his time permits.

I will continue to update all of you as to whom the new Deputy will be as soon as I receive notice thereof.

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°
Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G.
DO IT RITE!

Good Cheer Report

Chris Lebdeff
Minor Surgery

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

May Dinner Menus

Stated Meeting on May 2nd

Chips, Salsa and Guacamole
 Salad with Avocado Cilantro Dressing
 Steak Picado & Chicken Fajitas
 Rice and Beans, Tortillas
 Flan

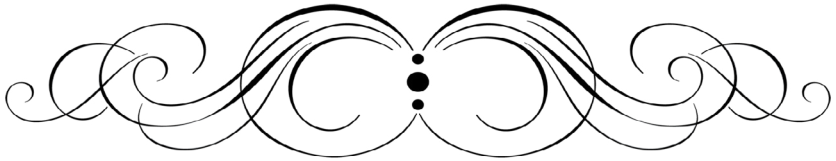
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Number of Reservations at \$20.00 Per Person.....

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Reunion Dinner on May 30th

Garden Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing
 Ribeye Steak
 Roasted Red Potatoes
 French Green Beans with Roasted Almonds
 Dessert

Last day for reservations: Wednesday, May 28th at 2pm

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2025 Ill. Harry R. Sprague 33° Memorial Class

Friday, May 30th

- 5:00 PM Class Registration
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Introduction into the Scottish Rite and the Lodge of Perfection
- 7:30 PM Lodge of Perfection – 4th thru 6th Degrees
- 9:45 PM Closing (Approx)

Saturday, May 31st

- 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Class Start
- 9:00 AM 7th thru 16th Degrees
Lunch provided around noon
- 7:00 PM Closing (Approx)

Phase 2 - 17th thru 22nd degrees - Saturday, June 28th

Phase 3 - 23rd thru 29th degrees - Saturday, July 26th

Phase 4 - 30th thru 32nd degrees - Saturday, August 23rd

Director of the Work

Christopher N. Lebedeff, 32° KSA

Bring the Scottish Rite Degrees to Life —
Cast and Crew Needed!

The 2025 Pasadena Scottish Rite Reunion is fast approaching — and we need your help to make it unforgettable.



For our Digital Readers:

Watch our short Zoom video presentation to learn exactly how you can participate — whether as Cast or Crew. The video includes closed captioning for easy accessibility.

<http://bit.ly/3GIKwhO>

It only takes a few minutes — and will answer many of your questions!

In years past, we performed 7 of the 29 Scottish Rite Degrees. In 2023, we raised the bar — delivering 19 Degrees. In 2024, we achieved something extraordinary — presenting all 29 Degrees for the first time in decades. In 2025, we will continue this full tradition.

We are seeking:

- CAST: Brethren to perform speaking and non-speaking ritual roles

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Director of the Work, Continued...

- CREW: Brethren to assist with stagecraft, lighting, sound, props, and backstage support.

Rehearsals will be held in the weeks leading up to each Degree session to ensure everyone is confident and prepared.

Ready to step forward and serve?

Please email Stagecraft@PasadenaScottishRite.org with the following:

- Your Name
 - Phone Number
 - Your Email Address
 - Which weekends you are available
 - Whether you are interested in Cast or Crew roles, Or BOTH!
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Together, we will continue the legacy, strengthen our Brotherhood, and pass the Light forward to the next generation of Scottish Rite Masons.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Fraternally,

Bro Chris Lebedeff, Director of the Work
Pasadena Scottish Rite — Reunion Leadership Team
Cell - 818-642-3526

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IN MEMORIAM

Steven E. Oakley
Burbank Lodge No. 406
February 16, 2025

Lawrence Hainline
Canoga Lodge No. 611
January 22, 2024

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.

Pasadena Childhood Language Center



Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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Thank You to Our April 2025 Donors
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In Honor of

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite
Dress is Coat and Tie

MAY

Friday, May 2

5:00PM Cathedral Board
6:00PM Social
6:30PM Dinner
8:00PM Stated Meeting
Consistory in Charge
Womens Association

Saturday, May 10

10:00AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Saturday, May 23

10:00AM Discussion Group

Friday, May 30 & Saturday, May 31

Start of 2025 Reunion (see page 11)
4th -16th Degrees

SAVE THE DATE

Stated Meeting, June 5, 2025
Reunion 17^o to 22^o, June 28, 2025
Reunion 23^o to 29^o, July 26, 2025
Reunion 30^o to 32^o, August 23, 2025

Living Constitution, September 27, 2025

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