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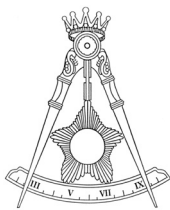
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My Brethren,

It goes without saying that meaningful progression of human endeavors are inspired by smart and ambitious men. Especially when ambition is utilized for the betterment of the society we share. Pasadena Scottish Rite is full of such men. Masons who walk the extra mile to keep the many working parts of this complex Valley working optimally. Once a year the four Masters have the privilege of acknowledging such a man by bestowing upon him, The Henville Award. This special achievement award is given to a Pasadena Scottish Rite Mason who exceeds standard work practices time and time again. I am pleased to announce this year's recipient of the Henville Award is Honorable Michael David Smith, 32° KCCH. The award ceremony will be held on the evening of the August Stated Meeting. Congratulations Mike!



I continue to be grateful for the selfless work exhibited thus far in making the first half of this year a success. The 100th Anniversary event was exceedingly effective in bringing our fraternal family together. It also showcased the generosity and vision the Valley of Pasadena has to offer the outside community and active candidates alike. As for the candidates, we gratefully accept into our Valley another full class of fine Master Masons from the various craft lodges in the area. Thanks to Director of the Work, Chris Lebedeff 32° with his team and with the insightful Classroom Director Keith Kramer 32° teaching, we are poised to host another successful reunion. I am pleased to report that several of my brethren from Burbank Lodge have gone through the reunion experience and others are preparing to attend in this 2025 cycle.

At the June Stated Meeting dinner we will be hosting First Knight Dick Sauer, 32° and the Knights of Saint Andrew who will be exemplifying a special flag ceremony presenting the flag of our country and the flags of our military services. Dick explains, this is a remembrance of their contributions and sacrifices of our freedom both past and present. Also, in attendance we will be pleased to introduce PSR Brother Dario Gamboa III, 32° who is the Potentate of Al Malaikah Shrine. He will offer a few remarks after dinner before the meeting.

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Venerable Master, continued...

As I reported to you in meetings past, I have instigated actions leading to a financial audit of the Lodge of Perfection. This action will be conducted by a known and respected accountant and masonic auditor. I expect this business to be carried out in July. It goes without saying that the inspection of our books is not being pursued with negative intentions. It is more of a clarification exercise, in order to bring transparency to our financial records after such a vigorous expenditure of money we have experienced over the past five years. In fact, I believe such forensic audits should be standard practice in our Valley every two years.

Over the past few years, I have been performing the duties of the PSR Almoner, an honor indeed but a challenge nonetheless. The finances on my end is straight forward, however it's the determination of what constitutes a fair charitable donation is the issue. Considering the amount the recipients home lodge is willing or able to donate before I act and does the person in need qualify for other masonic outreach services? Until recently, I have been held to a specific amount of denotable funds I can expend. But in light of the disasters that have befallen our masonic families in Altadena and the Palisades areas and of course an economy unique to the 21st century, we've found the relief funds I offer often fall short, even with the assistance of other masonic bodies. As of now, I am increasing the amount of money the Almoner is allowed to donate. There are still conditions and limits, (as there should be) however I am now able to donate a larger amount of financial relief than what we have before. Let me be clear, I hope you don't need my services. But if unfortunate circumstances put you or someone you know in a bind, we will be happy to assist.

Over the past years I have prided myself on ritual prowess. However, I missed something important along the way. Such as what the words in the little blue book truly mean. The word Charity in particular appears, and I was shallow enough to think of it not as a concept to be made real but only something to memorize. After many missed opportunities I'm finally on the path of true charitable thinking and acting.

Will you join me?

I pray you and your families enjoy a safe and healthy summer.

Fraternally,

Jeffrey W. Yates, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

The Secretary's Desk

Ill. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

At the time of writing this we had a total of 35 candidates in waiting to take the degrees in our Valley. I hope to see many if not all of the new members who have completed phase 1 of our 2025 reunion in memory of Ill. Harry R. Sprague, 33° at our meeting on June 6th.



For those of you who have been members for a while you will notice from the dues statistics data below that we currently have 65 members who have not paid thier 2024 or 2025 dues, if you have a financial hardship and are unable to pay please reach out to me or the Almoner so we can assist.

Fraternally,

Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

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Daily Recap of Membership

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	Begin	Initiations	Affiliations	Reinstatements	Deaths	Demits	Susp NPJ	Susp Other	Expulsions	Ending
Pasadena / Lodge	656	0	3	4	6	2	0	1	0	655
Pasadena / Chapter	657	0	3	4	6	2	0	1	0	655
Pasadena / Council	654	0	3	4	6	2	0	1	0	653
Pasadena / Consistory	652	0	3	4	6	2	0	1	0	651

Current Dues Statistics

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	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	339	51.8%	47.1%	52.7%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	89	13.6%	7.8%	6.8%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	65	9.9%	16.2%	8.4%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	70	10.7%	10.9%	10.6%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	92	14%	18.1%	21.5%

Total:

655

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

T. P. & P.

One of the first lessons we learn in Freemasonry is **TIME, PATIENCE and PERSEVERANCE** will accomplish all things. **TIME** is a unit of measurement that we all must deal with; you cannot control it. **PATIENCE** is the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. And **PERSEVERANCE** is the continued effort to achieve a goal, even in the face of difficulty, failure or opposition.



I certainly learned this lesson dealing with our Supreme Council while trying to ascertain why we were not granted our 2024 Valley Membership Achievement Award or VMAP for short. We had satisfied all the requirements by meeting the goals we set at the beginning of the year and were told by the VMAP administrator that we were well on track and no problems were seen. And yet, when the memo of achievement Valleys was published, we were not among those listed.

Upon inquiry, we were told we did not submit our 4th quarter report (later revealed that a computer glitch was to blame) and that our final submission was late even though we had received permission from the VMAP administrator to submit late due to personal issues.

Upon hearing this, I immediately called the House of the Temple and spoke to the VMAP administration to plead our case asking them to review our submission and grant the award because, in my opinion, we did comply with all the requirements and had obtained, in advance, a short extension for submission. A little over a week after this conversation and several sleepless nights of working on my next argument and plea to the VMAP administrator, our office received a letter from the Sovereign Grand Commander, Illus-

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

trious James D. Cole, 33° announcing that the Valley of Pasadena had been recognized as a 2024 VMAP recipient. T.P.&P. had paid off.

This means that we have been so honored every year since 2012 when this program was first instituted. We are one of a very small handful of Valleys to attain this achievement. This backs up what we say... we truly are one of the greatest Valleys in the Southern Jurisdiction.

I thank all of you, my brothers, for the dedicated work you have done in the past and the continued work you will do in the future. At our first quarter report, we are well on track to again receive recognition for 2025.

I must especially thank our VMAP chairman, Sir Knight Keith Kramer, 32° KSA for his dedication and commitment to the VMAP program. Without his labor, none of this would be possible. On behalf of the Valley of Pasadena, THANK YOU Keith!

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°
Personal Representative to the S.G.I.G.
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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.

June Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on June 6th

Cheese & Crackers

Garden Salad w/Honey Dijon Vinagrette Dressing

Chicken Florentine

Au Gratin Potatoes and Vegetables

Dinner Rolls and Butter

Dessert

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, June 4th at 2pm

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

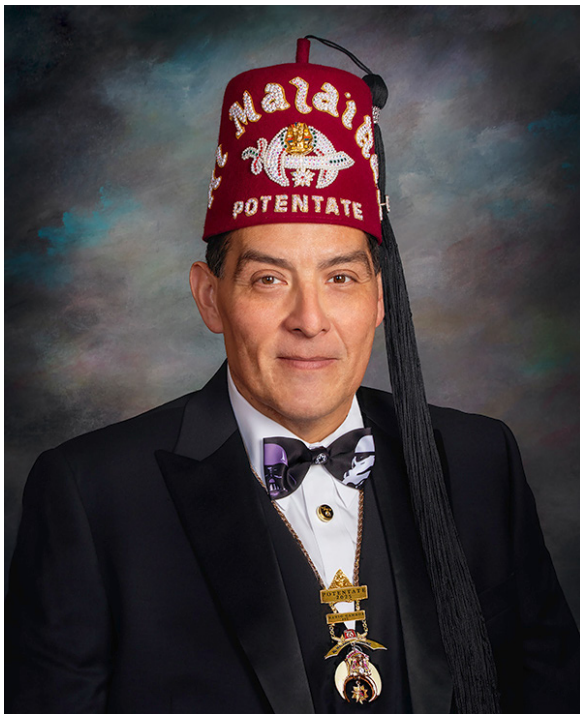
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For every petitioner for the degrees of Scottish Rite Degrees there is a Scottish Rite Mason who is his sponsor on whom rests the responsibility for proper training of the petitioner. The Scottish Rite Mason who signs the petition has a responsibility 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.



Noble Dario Gamboa III, born in Mexico, has built a life After graduating from Instituto Mexicano Madero in 1989, Dario and his family emigrated to the United States in 1991. Through hard work and determination, he established a thriving career as the owner of a trucking company and earned his MSCE certification in 1999, combining entrepreneurial drive with technical expertise. grounded in discipline, service, and leadership.

Dario began his Masonic journey in 2008 at Chino Valley Lodge #427, where he embraced the Craft's values of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 2009, he advanced further by earning the 32° in the Scottish Rite and becoming a Shriner. It was within the Shrine, with its mission of fun, fellowship, and philanthropy, that Dario truly found his Masonic home. His dedication includes supporting critical emergency air transport missions for children in need, reflecting the organization's core values of compassion and service.

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Potentate, Continued...

Committed to fostering fellowship with purpose, Dario has held leadership roles in the Stage Craft Unit and is affiliated with the Desert Patrol, Clowns, and Koppers. Beyond his Masonic work, Dario enjoys photography and music, passions that allow him to capture life's beauty and rhythm.

A devoted family man, Dario has been married to his wife, Lady Cielo, for 24 years. Together, they are the proud parents of one daughter. As Dario often says, "If my Masonic journey is a tapestry, Cielo is the Master Weaver, ensuring everything holds together when life gets messy." Her steadfast support has been the cornerstone of his success and his guiding light through every challenge. As he grew older, Dario channeled that spirited energy into disciplined pursuits, building a life filled with resilience, humor, and one not-so-secret weapon: his wife, Lady Cielo.

For Noble Dario Gamboa III, life's greatest successes are built on discipline, heart, and just the right amount of Star Wars wisdom. Whether mentoring young Nobles, helping kids through Shrine hospitals, or ensuring controversy stays behind the bushes, Dario proves that you don't need to be born a Jedi to change the galaxy—you just need heart, hustle, perseverance, and a really great support system. To every aspiring Noble, Dario's advice is simple: Embrace every opportunity, lead with integrity, and always lean on those who support you.

To every young Noble dreaming of stepping onto the Divan line, Dario's advice is simple: "Do or do not, there is no try." Embrace the chaos, lean on the people who love you, and never underestimate the power of the fez. Remember: "The Force will be with you. Always."



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2025 Ill. Harry R. Sprague 33° Memorial Class

Phase 2

Saturday, June 28th

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM Class Start

9:00 AM 17° & 18°

Lunch provided around noon

19°, 20°, 21° & 22°

5:30 PM Closing (Approx)

Phase 3 - Saturday, July 26th

23°, 24°, 25°, 26°, 27°, 28° & 29°

Phase 4 - Saturday, August 23rd

30°, 31° & 32°

Good Cheer Report

Herair Rostamian, 32° KSA

Hospital – Kidney Stones

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

The Librarian's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

Freemasonry and the two Saint Johns—John the Baptist and John the Evangelist—are deeply intertwined in Masonic tradition, both symbolically and historically. Their significance emerges in multiple layers: spiritual, ritualistic, and institutional.



1. Who Are the Saint Johns?

- John the Baptist: A fiery preacher known for baptizing Jesus. He represents moral rectitude, repentance, and spiritual preparation.
- John the Evangelist: Traditionally credited as the author of the Gospel of John, he symbolizes spiritual insight, light, and love.

2. Why Are They Important to Freemasonry?

a. Patron Saints of Freemasonry

Many Masonic lodges are dedicated to or named after the Saint Johns. These lodges are sometimes called “Lodges of St. John.” In older traditions, they are regarded as the patron saints of Freemasonry, much like guilds or orders in medieval Europe would adopt saints for spiritual protection and moral guidance.

b. Symbolism and Balance

The two Johns represent balance:

- John the Baptist: Stern, ascetic, focused on justice and repentance.
 - John the Evangelist: Gentle, mystical, focused on love and illumination.
- Together, they symbolize the duality at the heart of Freemasonry—action and contemplation, severity and mercy, law and grace.

3. Ritual and Calendar

- Masonic calendar: Two key feast days are often observed:
 - o June 24 – Feast of John the Baptist
 - o December 27 – Feast of John the Evangelist

These dates frame the solar year, aligning Masonic practice with natural cycles—a recurring theme in Masonic thought.

4. Historical Context

Some scholars argue that early Masonic lodges were aligned with St. John the Baptist as a carryover from operative stone mason guilds, which celebrated his feast as a holiday. Over time, especially with the rise of speculative Masonry in

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the 17th–18th centuries, John the Evangelist was included to round out the symbolic meaning.

5. Esoteric Interpretation

In some esoteric interpretations, the Saint Johns represent the gateway pillars (like Boaz and Jachin in Solomon's Temple), flanking the Masonic path toward light and truth. They serve as guardians of the spiritual threshold, a concept tied to initiatory traditions.

Summary

The Saint Johns in Freemasonry are not merely historical or religious figures. They are archetypes used to express core Masonic ideals:

- Morality
- Balance
- Spiritual growth
- Continuity with sacred tradition

Their dual patronage reflects Freemasonry's emphasis on both ethical living and inner enlightenment.

Learn more from the following books in our library:

1. Mackey, Albert G. *The Symbolism of Freemasonry*. New York: Masonic Publishing Co., 1869.
2. Mackey, Albert G. *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*. Chicago: The Masonic History Company, 1912.
3. Claudy, H.L. *Introduction to Freemasonry*. Washington, D.C.: The Temple Publishers, 1931.
4. Duncan, Malcolm C. *Duncan's Masonic Ritual and Monitor*. New York: David McKay Company, [1866].

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IN MEMORIAM

Robert D. Hafen
Coachella Lodge No. 476
December 25, 2023

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

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Leonard Manoukian, 32° KSA, Chairman Language Center Board

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite
Dress is Business Casual

JUNE

Friday, June 6
5:00PM Cathedral Board
6:00PM Reception for Al Malaikah
Potentate's Official Visit
6:30PM Dinner
8:00PM Stated Meeting
Lodge of Perfection in Charge
Womens Association

Saturday, June 14
9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Saturday, June 21
10:00AM Discussion Group

Monday, June 23
5:00PM Rite Care Board - on Zoom

Saturday, June 28
2025 Reunion Continues (see page 11)
17th -22nd Degrees

SAVE THE DATE

Stated Meeting, July 11
Reunion 23^o to 29^o, July 26

Scottish Rite Supreme Council Session
Washington, DC August 17-19

Reunion 30^o to 32^o, August 23

Scottish Rite Honors
San Francisco, September 14

Living Constitution, September 27

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