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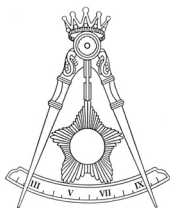
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My Brethren,

The Masonic experience has its ways of revealing honorable and skillful men, maybe more so in Scottish Rite Masonry. This being established, I wish to congratulate our newly minted 32° Scottish Rite Masons of the Illustrious Harry R. Sprague Reunion Class. I, with those in attendance at the September Stated Meeting Capping Ceremony, was pleased to witness them receive their black caps signifying accession to “The Master of the Royal Secret.” Now that the reunion



process is over and these fine men are “official” many may rightfully ask, what’s next? What can I do to distinguish myself in this labyrinth that is the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry? Let’s simplify this. Examine those masons who have already served our craft with distinction. And what better place to start than the men who recently received honors here in the Valley of Pasadena.

Honorables, Keith Kramer 32° KCCH, Leonard Manoukian 32° KCCH, Chris Lebedeff 32° KCCH and, Illustrious Charlie Fisher 33° Inspector General Honorary.

Although there are many other fine Masons in their caliber, these particular men have cultivated masonic careers that have physically improved the welfare of the Pasadena Scottish Rite by nurturing an environment where every member feels valued and respected. I personally know these men practice noble attributes in the operative word as well. What is their secret? These Honor Men have found what interests them in the ongoing process that motors the Pasadena Scottish Rite. They engage fully and sincerely. Our new members have been exposed to this theme in many variations I’m sure. Personal Representative, Illustrious Greg Gabriel 33° who is no slouch when it comes to masonic achievement, has spoken on the power of focused engagement many times. Listen to him. Your next step, my new and valued Brother, is to seek out what interests you in the Valley and then fully engage in the process and make the outcome better than before.

Some have remarked that The Scottish Rite is more of a spectator sport and not

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Venerable Master, continued...

interactive like the craft lodges. It is in truth, both visual and interactive. The path of the successful Scottish Rite man is that of personal interaction combined with training and encouragement.

Through meaningful experiences and over time, you, the new member, will build the bonds of your Brotherhood and fortify a lifetime allegiance to the Pasadena Scottish Rite, and forever the fraternity itself to you.

This will be my last communication in the Bulletin as your Venerable Master and as this centennial year draws to a close, I derive great satisfaction that the Pasadena Scottish Rite has accomplished so very much over the past century let alone the past year. We have enjoyed many fun events including the Centennial Celebration and time honored annual programs that define the Scottish Rite. We are now taking a more clinical and realistic approach to our finances. Many of you know that an audit of the Lodge of Perfection was recently fulfilled by an outside accountant. I am pleased to report that aside from one clerical issue, the final review came back favorable. The issue in question will be easily rectified. As an organization though, we have landed on a good spot at this particular time in history and deserve a hearty handshake of brotherly love and affection. 2026 however presents a whole new roster of issues, planning and hard work. I can't think of a more able Venerable Master than Honorable Vram Martirosyan, 32° to kick off the new Pasadena Scottish Rite Century. New and challenging Cathedral projects such as the restoration of our antique stage backdrops will take serious planning and financial awareness. Also in 2026, we will be hosting a statewide reunion in August. This huge endeavor will be a great opportunity for this Valley to show the world what a great Scottish Rite organization we really are. And to the newer members, please encourage the Scottish Rite masons in your Blue Lodges to adopt a degree in this project and act in the various theatrical roles. This will be of great service to Director of the Work, Honorable Chris Lebedeff 32° and be a great way to let us to learn more about you personally and get to know your work. I have faith that these challenging endeavors shall be successful. And I have no doubt that the men proceeding me, along with all the hard working masons and fine officers following them over the ensuing years (and those yet born) will have the skill set, focus and character to accomplish these, and all things.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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

The Secretary's Desk

Ill. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

September 27th was a busy day, it started out with 2 candidates traveling to the Valley of Los Angeles to receive the 30th and 32nd degrees.

Then in the evening we had 84 in the audience for our Living Constitution play, the production was again led by Ill. Charles Fisher, 33° and by Bro. Frank Barbano, 32° KSA. Several people mentioned to me that we served the best Spaghetti dinner, thanks our chef to Bro. Eusebio Sanchez 32°.



Currently we have 135 members who have yet to pay thier dues for 2025, if you are one of them please take care of it ASAP, or contact the office if you need to make other arrangements.

Fraternally,

Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

General Secretary

Daily Recap of Membership

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	Begin	Initiations	Affiliations	Reinstatements	Deaths	Demits	Susp.NPD	Susp.Other	Expulsions	Ending
Pasadena / Lodge	656	29	4	17	18	7	0	1	0	681
Pasadena / Chapter	657	28	4	17	18	7	0	1	0	680
Pasadena / Council	654	27	4	16	18	7	0	1	0	676
Pasadena / Consistory	652	27	4	16	18	7	0	1	0	674

Current Dues Statistics

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	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	105	15.4%	20.3%	23.9%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	287	42.1%	28.8%	30.6%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	135	19.8%	22%	13.4%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	63	9.3%	10.7%	10.5%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	91	13.4%	18.1%	21.7%
Total:	681			

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

Another Busy Season Ahead

Autumn is here. Daylight is becoming scarce, and darkness consumes the night. The holidays will soon be upon us and soon another year will have passed. But wait, there is much to do for our work as Scottish Rite Masons is never complete.



First, congratulations are in order to our new honor men. Illustrious Charles Fisher was coronated a 33°, Inspector General Honorary and honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. Charlie has dedicated many years of devoted service to our Valley, and he is well deserving of the recognition. We also have three brothers who have received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. Honorable Keith Kramer, 32° KCCH. Honorable Christopher Lebedeff, 32° KCCH and Honorable Leonard Manoukian, 32° KCCH. Again, hard work and dedication are the reasons for your promotion to this distinction. This is not the end of your attainments, just an extension of your contract for even greater achievements in the future. Well done all!

Next, my sincere thanks to all who made the production of the Living Constitution such a memorable evening. The meal was filling, the performance was inspiring, and the fellowship was tremendous. Thank you, Ill. Charlie and Sir Knight Frank, for taking on this arduous task of production. I hear Hollywood calling.

We still have many events on our calendar to do before the year is over. The Feast of Tishri, a Knighting ceremony, First Responder Recognition Night, holiday party and even a time capsule committal to be done.

I hope you will be engaged and a vital part of our Valley. It's just not the same without you!

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

Personal Representative of the Deputy in the Orient of California
DO IT RITE!

October Dinner Menu Stated Meeting on October 3rd

Cheese and Crackers

Italian Chop Salad,

Pork Tenderloin with Mushrooms and Merlot Wine Sauce

Rice Pilaf, Mixed Vegetables

Rolls & Butter

Dessert

Last day for reservations: Wednesday, October 1st at 2pm

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Carroll Eugene Gray IV, 32°

Pasadena Lodge No. 272

September 7, 2025

Candido Pedro Besu, 32°

Magnolia Park Lodge No. 618

September 16, 2025

Charles Spence Wilson, 32°

Lexington Lodge No. 104

July 4, 2025

Lawrence Eugene Young, 32°

Glendale Lodge No. 368

May 1, 2018

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 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.



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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 Librarian's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

The Feast of Tishri is a Masonic celebration observed by the Scottish Rite, particularly in the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

Origins and Meaning

- It draws inspiration from the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot), which occurs in the month of Tishri (around September/October).
- In biblical tradition, Tishri is the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar and is associated with harvest, thanksgiving, and reflection.
- The Masonic observance emphasizes gratitude, brotherhood, and reverence for divine providence.



Masonic Context

- The Feast of Tishri is not a public holiday but a ceremonial and symbolic banquet held within the Scottish Rite.
- It commemorates the dedication of King Solomon's Temple, which, according to tradition, took place during the Feast of Tabernacles.
- The ritual emphasizes the themes of unity, abundance, moral reflection, and the building of spiritual character.

Modern Observance

- Lodges often mark the Feast of Tishri with a festive meal, toasts, and reflections on the symbolic lessons of Masonry.
- It serves as a reminder of the moral and spiritual harvest that Freemasons are called to cultivate in their lives.
- The celebration strengthens fellowship among members and reaffirms the values of the Craft.

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Our New Honourmen



Charles J. Fisher, 33°



Keith D. Kramer, 32° KCCH



Christopher N. Lebedeff, 32° KCCH



Leonard Manoukian, 32° KCCH

California Biennial Honours Valley of San Francisco, September 13, 2025.



Pictured L to R

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°, Hon. Ara Maloyan, 32° KCCH, Hon. Leonard Manoukian, 32° KCCH, Hon. Christopher N. Lebedeff, 32° KCCH, Hon. Michael D.T. Smith, 32° KCCH, Hon. Keith D. Kramer, 32° KCCH, Ill. Charles J. Fisher, 33°, & Ill. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

Present but not in the photo were Ill. Stuart A. Wright, 33° & Hon. Mark A. Flint, 32° KCCH



Two candidates completed thier 30th and 32nd degrees on
September 27th at the Valley of Los Angeles.

Which makes a total of 29 new Masters of the Royal Secret for 2025

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Build Temples of the Living God in our Hearts by following Masonic Truth-justice, equity, morality, wisdom, labor, fidelity, brotherhood-to achieve. immortality.



The apron is crimson, lined and edged with the color saffron. On the flap is an equal balance, held by a hand of justice. In the middle of the apron is a representation of the Second Temple, on one side of which is a sword lying across a buckler, and on the other, a square and a triangle. On the left and right side are the Phoenician letters equivalent to the Greek letters Alpha and Theta. The colors, crimson bordered with that of the dawn (saffron), are symbolic of faith in the justice and beneficence of God, and of the dawn of hope for the persecuted, proscribed and oppressed. The equal balance, held by the hand of justice, is a symbol of righteousness and impartiality in judgment and of that equilibrium which the Deity maintains throughout the universe. The square and triangle are the appropriate emblems of your Masonic character. Masons, in this and higher degrees, wear

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the apron in order that they may never forget that they attained their high rank and dignity by means of Masonic labor; and that, remembering their first estate, they may be courteous and kind, as well as just, to the brethren of the lower degrees.



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Dress is Business Casual

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Friday, October 3

3:00PM Library Open
5:00PM Cathedral Board
6:00PM Social
6:30PM Dinner
Feast of Tishri
8:00PM Stated Meeting
Lodge of Perfection in Charge
Womens Association

Saturday, October 11

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Monday, October 20

5:00PM Rite Care Board - on Zoom

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