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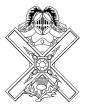
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Commander Council of Kadosh

Greetings,

December came quickly and here I am writing this, my last column as your Commander of Kadosh for 2025. With such a great year behind us, I can pass the jewels to my successor and feel satisfaction that I did my part to leave the Council better than I found it.



I am proud to be a member of this valley, and you should be too. If you have not been to a meeting in a while, let me relay what our VMAP chairman, Keith Kramer has frequently been told by the Supreme Council – Pasadena is one of the most successful valleys in the entire jurisdiction. Let's celebrate our many successes this year, such as the celebration of the 100th anniversary of our building with an enjoyable and well attended festive board; the performance all twentynine degrees of our Rite (a VERY rare thing today); the presentation of two additional plays, The Spirit of Hiram, and the Living Constitution; and our membership continues to grow, with over 30 candidates in this year's class. I look forward to the next 100 years, and what PSR can accomplish.

As we reflect on these accomplishments for 2025, let's remember to give credit and express our gratitude to the many hardworking members who made it happen: the executive team and lodge masters, the many committee chairs, the Director of the Work and degree masters, the stage crew, the classroom master, the Knights of St. Andrew, and of course the many, many, active brethren who donated their time and talents.

On a personal level, I'd like to thank my officers in the Council for the professional execution of their duties, and I've enjoyed their friendship over

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Commander, continued...

the last 5 years. Gratitude to Hon. Ara Maloyan for appointing me to the line and offering an opportunity to serve the valley. Thank you as well to our PR, Illustrious Gabriel for his support and direction; our Venerable Master, Hon. Jeffrey for his vision and leadership; Brothers Thorpe, Manoukian, and Sauer for the pleasure of serving with them; and of course my gratitude to all of the members of PSR, who make our valley such an enjoyable and meaningful place to experience Scottish Rite masonry.

Farewell (for now)!

Yours In Fellowship,

Jonathan "Dru" Wood, 32° Commander, Council of Kadosh

Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on December 5th

Butternut Squash Soup Green Salad New York Steak Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Rolls and Butter Raspberry Cheesecake

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

Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid. RSVP@pasadenascottishrite.org or 626-795-4213 Ext: 101

The Secretary's Desk

Ill. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

One of the unpleasant tasks that I have as Secretary is having to contact our members who are in danger of being suspended for non payment of dues, last month I mailed letters to 46 of our members who have not paid dues for the last 2 years and some for more. All of those were contacted by phone, email and snail mail.

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If you are having financial issues and cannot afford the dues please contact us, as we can work out payments or remit dues for those that have a genuine hardship.

Fraternally,

Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33° General Secretary 626 795-4213 ron@pasadenascottishrite.org

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Pasadena / Chapter	657	28	5	17	20	9	0	2	0	676
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Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	241	35.6%	22.7%	23.2%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	128	18.9%	20.9%	12.5%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	63	9.3%	10.7%	10.4%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	91	13.4%	17.8%	21.6%
Total:	677			

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

The Superheroes

With December falling upon us, all we see are the "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" sales as well as all the other discounts, distractions and madness that accompany the holiday season. We tend to forget that while we are out and about, crime is always lurking nearby. In fact, crime increases dramatically throughout the month of December.



While we are busy looking for that perfect gift, we lose track of our surroundings and become victims of senseless crime. Also, the rate of fire-related incidents has started to rise. Causes include things like electrical fires due to way too many decorations plugged into the system, dried out Christmas trees and decorations, even blocked chimneys can be deadly as we lite the traditional yule log.

But it's not all doom and gloom. The superheroes are watching over us. Oue local law enforcement and fire departments are standing by to save us from the seasonal calamity that awaits. These superheroes protect us from the would-be evil and destructive fires that would devistate our holiday spirit and seasonal good cheer. We as masons praise these superheroes in their diligence and professionalism even in the toughest situations.

That is why we celebrate them with dinner and recognition at our December meeting. Superheroes from the Pasadena police and fire departments, Altadena Sheriff's Station and the local California Highway Patrol Office will be our guests. Our Master of Ceremonies will be Brother Leo Stallworth from ABC News. Brother Stallworth is a member of Southern California #529 and Oasis #854 and is a strong supporter of masonry and first responders. If you attend just one event during the year, this is the one you do not want to miss!

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

Please invite your spouse, friends and prospective Scottish Rite masons to join us as we celebrate the holidays and our local Superheroes who protect us every day.

Happy and joyous holidays everyone.

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°
Personal Representative of the Deputy of the Orient of California DO IT RITE!



IN MEMORIAM

William James Clark 32° Lancaster Lodge No. 437 March 25, 2025

Elgene George Mainous Washington Lodge No.17 Ohio July 31, 2025

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

Good Cheer Report

Jack R. Carlson, 33° Was in Hospital

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

First Responder's Night Ohannes "Hovig" Antabian, 32° KSA

I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for all the first responders' courage, dedication, and selfless service to our community. Every day, they put themselves on the front lines — often in dangerous, uncertain, and stressful situations — to protect the lives and safety of others.

Each officer's commitment to duty, compassion for those in need, and their ability to remain calm under pressure always symbolizes the true spirit of heroism. Whether he/she



responding to emergencies, providing medical aid, maintaining public safety, or offering reassurance in moments of fear, their work makes an incredible difference.

Please observe their sacrifices that do not go unnoticed. The long hours, missed family moments, and personal risks they take are deeply appreciated by all of us who rely on their strength and professionalism.

On Friday, December 5th, 2025, Pasadena Scottish Rite will continue its tradition of honoring and supporting the courageous individuals who serve as our first responders at the City of Pasadena — including Firefighters, Police officers, Sheriff and CHP personnel. Their dedication, professionalism, and sacrifice remain the foundation of public safety and community resilience.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all first responders for their unwavering courage, integrity, and service. Their work continues to save lives, protect our communities, and embody the highest ideals of public service. Our organization remains committed to ensuring their efforts are

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First Responder's Night continued...

recognized, supported, and celebrated every year.

We ask you to join us at this special evening to honor all the officers for their sacrifices and dedication to protect our neighborhood and our Scottish Rite building.

On behalf of the Pasadena Scottish Rite members, we stand firm for their unwavering service and commitment. They inspire us all through their bravery and compassion.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Ohannes "Hovig" Antabian, 32° KSA Event Organizer

SCOTTISH RITE RESEARCH SOCIETY 'Studying our past to illuminate our future'

The Scottish Rite Research Society® (SRRS) was formed on May 8, 1991, when fourteen Scottish Rite Freemasons were granted a charter by the Supreme Council, 33°, S.J. The administrative offices of the SRRS are at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C., under the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. Activities and publications of the Society are governed by a Board of Directors, who are all Life Members of the Society, representing Scottish Rite valleys across the country.

Since its formation in 1991, the Society has become one of the most dynamic forces in contemporary Masonic research, pursuing a publication program that emphasizes quality—both in content and in physical form. The Society has grown to over 4,000 members worldwide since inception. Its publications have redefined the standards of Masonic scholarship. Anyone who is interested in deepening his or her understanding of Freemasonry would benefit from Society membership. One need not be a member of the Scottish Rite, or even be a Mason, to join the SRRS. Life Memberships are available by visiting http://scottishriteresearch.com/membership-join/.

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Your most appreciated contributions to the Childhood Language Center may be made in any of several ways. The first being as an undesignated contribution, the second being a contribution designated as applying toward a "365 Club" membership and lastly as applying to either "in Honor of" or as a "Memorial of" anyone you may wish.

Membership in the prestigious "365 Club" requires a contribution of at least \$365.00 in any one calendar year. The contributions may be made in increments, and are accumulative over any given year and when the goal of \$365.00 is met, suitable recognition will be published in the Scottish Rite Bulletin.

Leonard Manoukian, 32° KSA, Chairman Language Center Board

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Discussion Group meeting held on November 29th.



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.





KNIGHT OF THE EAST AND WEST.

Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of
Freemasonry
Book by Albert Pike



THIS is the first of the Philosophical Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; and the beginning of a course of instruction which will fully unveil to you the heart and inner mysteries of Masonry. Do not despair because you have often seemed on the point of attaining the inmost light, and have as often been disappointed. In all time, truth has been hidden under symbols, and often under a succession of allegories: where veil after veil had to be penetrated before the true Light was reached, and the essential truth stood revealed. The Human Light is but an im-perfect reflection of a ray of the Infinite and Divine.

We are about to approach those ancient Religions which once ruled Continued on next page

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Library Treasures, continued...

the minds of men, and whose ruins encumber the plains of the great Past, as the broken columns of Palmyra and Tadmor lie bleaching on the sands of the desert. They rise before us, those old, strange, mysterious creeds and faiths, shrouded in the mists of antiquity, and stalk dimly and undefined along the line which divides Time from Eternity; and forms of strange, wild, startling beauty mingled in the vast throngs of figures with shapes monstrous, grotesque, and hideous.



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SCOTTISH*RITE MASTER*CRAFTSMAN

Pasadena Childhood Language Center



Meghri Habashian, Office Coordinator

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite Dress is Coat and Tie

DECEMBER

Friday, December 5

3:00PM Library Open

5:00PM Cathedral Board

6:00PM Social

6:30PM Dinner

Honoring 1st Responders

8:00PM Stated Meeting

Council of Kadosh in Charge

Womens Association

Saturday, December 13

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Monday, December 22

5:00PM Rite Care Board - on Zoom

Wednesday-Thursday December 24 - 25 Office closed due to holiday.



SAVE THE DATE

January 2 - Stated Meeting January 23 - Installation

February 6 - Stated Meeting March 13 - Stated Meeting &

Spirit of Hiram





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