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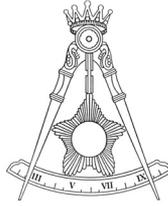
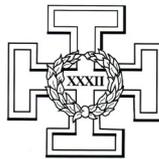
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Scottish Rite sitting in the Valley of Pasadena,
Orient of California acknowledge and yield
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Wise Master

Chapter of Rose Croix

Scottish Rite Remembrance and Renewal

In the quiet moments of reflection, we turn our thoughts to those who have walked before us to those Brethren whose labors, wisdom, and dedication helped shape the path we now follow. Their voices may be stilled, yet their teachings endure in every act of charity, every pursuit of truth, and every bond of brotherhood we uphold.



Remembrance is more than memory; it is a sacred duty. We honor their legacy not only by recalling their names, but by living the principles they cherished—integrity, compassion, and the unending quest for light. Their example calls us to stand steadfast in our obligations and mindful of the greater purpose that unites us.

Renewal, then, is our answer to remembrance. It is the rekindling of our commitment to the Rite, to our brethren, and to the ideals that transcend time. As we reflect upon the past, we are inspired to act in the present—with renewed vigor, deeper understanding, and unwavering faith in the values we share.

Let us move forward together, strengthened by memory and guided by purpose, ever striving to build upon the foundation laid by those who came before us. In remembrance, we find gratitude. In renewal, we find our future.

Ritual Elements The ceremony typically includes four major parts:

- Remembrance of Recently Deceased Brethren: Names of departed Masons are honored, reinforcing the bonds of brotherly love.
- The Mystic Banquet (Feast of the Paschal Lamb): Symbolizes fraternal unity and renewal, recalling both Jewish and Christian traditions and celebrating the shared principles of dedication and service.
- Tenebrae (Extinguishing of the Lights): Candles are extinguished sequentially symbolizing darkness, death, and despair, highlighting life's dualities: light/dark, good/evil, hope/fear.

Wise Master, Continued...

- **Fiat Lux (Relighting of the Lights):** Candles are re-lit as a symbol of renewed hope, faith, and the enduring presence of Light, reinforcing Masonic teachings of knowledge, and moral vigilance. Philosophical and Moral Lessons Central themes include:
 - **Love and Brotherhood:** “A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another” (John 13:34) underscores the universal obligation of fraternity and compassion.
 - **Duty and Personal Responsibility:** Masons are reminded of their commitments to the The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal is a solemn and reflective ritual of the Scottish Rite that commemorates departed brethren, honors historical and symbolic traditions, and encourages living Masons to embrace moral and fraternal renewal. Craft, community, and moral action, reflecting the symbolism of self-sacrifice and humility demonstrated by historical and religious figures.
 - **Renewal and Rebirth:** The timing near the vernal equinox mirrors the transition from darkness to light, fostering reflection on personal growth, ethical renewal, and a recommitment to Masonic ideals.
 - **Integration of Knowledge and Tradition:** The ceremony conveys lessons from ancient wisdom, medieval Masonic lore, and modern practice, encouraging members to translate symbolic instruction into everyday action.
- **Contemporary Practice**
 - **Personal Reflection and Growth:** Reconnecting with the ethical and philosophical roots of Freemasonry.
 - **Community and Brotherhood:** Strengthening fraternal ties among living members.
 - **Educational and Symbolic Understanding:** Reinforcing the moral and historical Narratives underlying Scottish Rite rites. In essence, the Ceremony serves as a bridge between historical rites and contemporary Masonic practice, combining commemoration, education, and moral reaffirmation while inspiring members to act in accordance with the principles of Light, Truth, and Fraternal Love.

Ohannes Antabian, 32° KSA
Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

Meet the Wise Master



Ohannes Antabian, 32° KSA *Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix*

Ohannes was born in Aleppo, Syria. He was the first born in his family then followed by 2 more male siblings. His parents raised him to be an upright individual and always consistent on helping to support any community functions.

In his early educational life in Aleppo, Syria where he attended the Armenian General Benevolent Union Elementary School, then American Aleppo College high school. He was then accepted to the University of Pennsylvania, PA to study general education and then Architect. Due to the weather and his parent's migration to U.S., he decided to relocate to Redondo Beach, CA. The family needed his assistance to operate their businesses. He diligently supported the family and continued his education at night. He obtained AA in International Business, then BA in Information Technology at American InterContinental University. Finally, he pursued his journey to complete the Master of Business Association at Pepperdine University. Additionally, he attained the certification of the Project Management PMI.

He loved the managing aspect of running his Construction company "Green Prime Construction, Inc." and "Beach Cities Engineering, Inc." He gained his California State Contractor of "A" and "B" General and Engineering licenses. He specializes in Building Retrofitting and Commercial construction projects.

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Meet the Wise Master, continued...

He has a son “Kevork Antabian” who is an Eagle Scout and Senior DeMolay. Ohannes’ dream is to see Kevork employed at the “Space X” as the main mechanical manufacturing engineer.

Ohannes joined the Masonic order and was raised in 1991 as a Master Mason at the Menorah Lodge No 623, which had several mergers and today it is called Southern California Lodge No. 529. He is a Past Master of Beach Cities Lodge No. 753 and Southern California Lodge No. 529. He has been a member of Pasadena Scottish Rite since 1991 by earning his rank as 32° then KSA. He was authorized to be the Director of the Wardrobe department. His talented skills assisted the PSR in several tasks from Golf Tournaments, First Responder’s event organizer and Temple Board consultant. Additionally, he served as the Commander of the Council of Kadosh, and currently pursuing to serve as the Wise Master – elect for the Chapter of Rose Croix. On his Masonic career, he is the Grand Superintendent of the Allied Masonic Degrees California-South, Celebrant of the SRICF Concordia College, Supreme Armeses for the Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots, Treasurer of the Al Malikah Shrine Golf Club, officer of the York Rite College, Knight Masons, Royal Order of Scotland – Robert the Bruce Association, Knight York Cross of Honor, Bellflower York Rite as (Past High Priest, Past Illustrious Master and Past Commander), Holy Royal Knight Templar Priest, Order of St Thomas of Acon, The Masonic Order of Pilgrim Preceptors and Golden State Chapter of Research.

He is multilingual in reading and writing the (English, Armenian, Arabic and Turkish) languages. He is active in Sports (Bicycle riding at the beach, Golf, Pickleball and Swimming).

The Secretary's Desk

Ill. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

This month our Stated Meeting will be at 5:00pm followed by dinner and the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal.



Last month we had about 150 in attendance for the Spirit of Hiram play, 50 of those were not members of the Scottish Rite. We had masons from all over the state in attendance.

Our 2026 reunion class in memory of Illustrious Vernon M. Dandridge, 33° is coming up on June 12th & 13th followed by the statewide reunion here at Pasadena on August 21st, 22nd & 23rd, now is the time to bring in those applications for membership.

In the data below you can see that 115 of our members have yet to pay thier dues for 2026 and 73 still owe for 2025. Please make an effort to get your dues current. If there is a personal finacial issue please reach out to me or the Almoner for assistance.

Fraternally,

Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

General Secretary

Daily Recap of Membership

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Valley of Pasadena Orient of California Southern Jurisdiction

	Initiations	Affiliations	Reinstatements	Deaths	Demits	Susp.NPD	Susp.Other	Expulsions	Current Membership
Pasadena / Lodge	0	0	1	6	2	0	0	0	633
Pasadena / Chapter	0	0	1	6	2	0	0	0	632
Pasadena / Council	0	0	1	6	2	0	0	0	630
Pasadena / Consistory	0	0	1	6	2	0	0	0	628

Current Dues Statistics

Accurate As Of: 3/26/2026 5:01:55 AM

	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	300	47.4%	43.7%	48.8%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	115	18.2%	9.9%	9.4%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	73	11.5%	17.6%	9.1%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	57	9%	11.1%	10.6%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	88	13.9%	17.7%	22.1%

Total: 633

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

All Hands on Deck

It's all hands on deck in the Valley of Pasadena. Well, not really a deck. More like the auditorium stage. You see, now that the Spirit of Hiram has concluded another successful run, it's time to start looking ahead to the Statewide Reunion in August and our own "first phase" of degrees in mid June.



To accomplish this monumental feat of coordinating with the other valleys who will participate in this venture, we will need the devotion and involvement of our membership in all levels of preparation and execution. I am asking for your commitment to becoming a part of our team to make this reunion the best this Orient has ever witnessed. No amount of help is too small, and no offer will be turned away. We will need actors, stagecraft, costumes, makeup, lights and sound, greeters, check-in, dining room, classroom and help in so many other areas. Please take up the challenge and help us show the rest of our Scottish Rite Brothers what the Valley of Pasadena is made of. Help make this a memorable experience for all. Contact our Director of the Work, Chris Lebedeff; our General Secretary Ron Alcorn; or myself to get involved.

And as mentioned earlier, how about that Spirit of Hiram? One of the most dramatic works to be presented on (and off) our stage. Now that the front row seats have been removed, that opens the floor to a useable space not available to us since the mid 1990'S. It engulfs the audience in the action, and I am looking forward to seeing what we will come up with for the reunion.

I congratulate all who were involved in the production. I have heard nothing but positive reviews from our visiting brethren and even a request to take the show on the road. Most Worshipful David Perry, PGM, said that the brothers of NorCal should see this performance. That speaks volumes of the dedi-

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

cation and love you have put into this play as many hours were spent honing and perfecting the production. Thank you all, my brethren. I look forward to next year's edition. 11.

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

Personal Representative to the Deputy in the Orient of California
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Master Craftsman Online College & Leadership Academy.

<https://mastercraftsmancollege.org/>

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April Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on April 3rd

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Salad with Ranch Dressing

Chicken California w/Avocado, Tomatoes & White Wine Sauce.

Rice & Mixed Vegetables

Rolls & Butter

Limoncello Cake

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

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

Fish or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.

Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid.

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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.



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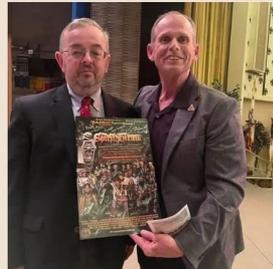
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A Sponsor's Responsibility

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.



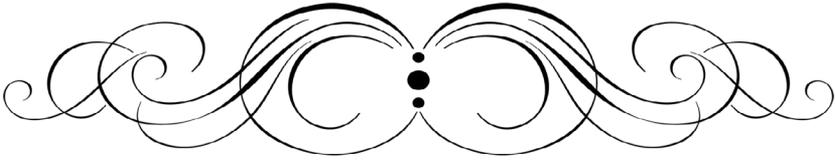
Cast and crew of the 2026 production of the Spirit of Hiram.



IN MEMORIAM

Howard Clifford Amundson, 32°
Magnolia Park Lodge No. 618
January 29, 2026

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



On the March Bulletin the cover citation read
Officers of the Council of Kadosh
but due to an error it was actually the Consistory Officers that were
shown. The correct photo is above.

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/>.

2026 Reunions

Phase 1

4th thru 6th degrees Friday, June 12, 2026
7th thru 16th degrees Saturday, June 13, 2026

California Statewide Reunion

4th thru 32nd degrees
Friday, August 21st
Saturday, August 22nd
& Sunday, August 23rd

Acacia Guild

This program recognizes all Scottish Rite, SJ, members who join by making a \$1,000 cash contribution in the Acacia Guild. This gift can be made in a single payment or can be made by contributing \$83.33/month for twelve months by credit card or ACH withdrawal from a checking or savings account. The \$1,000 gift will be split: one half will go to the House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation, Inc. to help with our Rebuilding the Temple Campaign and to support Temple maintenance; and the other will go to the Scottish Rite Foundation, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A, Inc., to assist with the RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program, scholarship programs, and other worthy activities.



Guild Benefits

Scottish Rite brethren who make a donation will receive an impressive award made of sterling silver hanging from a purple ribbon featuring the words "Acacia Guild" with an acacia branch prominently displayed. Each award also will be serially numbered on the back. Members of the Acacia Guild also will be able to participate in private, live discussions via the internet with the Grand Commander, attend a special reception at the Biennial Session, and enjoy other special limited benefits.

Why "Acacia Guild"?

The name was selected for specific reasons. First, the acacia plays a central role in Masonic lore and represents immortality. Secondly, as the original Freemasons belonged to guilds, it seemed appropriate that brethren who supported our philanthropies should be united in a similar body. Your gift in becoming a part of the Guild shows your dedication to the future of our philanthropies. You will be making a financial investment that will aid with our philanthropic challenges for years to come

More information regarding the Acacia Guild can be found at...

<https://scottishrite.org/giving/ways-to-give/acacia-guild/>

Pasadena Childhood Language Center



Meghri Habashian, Office Coordinator

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Thank You to Our March 2026 Donors

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Frank Barbano, Jack Carlson, Daniel R. Jones,
Ryan Sullivan, Cavin Smith

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Friends of the Center

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

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APRIL

Friday, April 3

4:00PM Cathedral Board

5:00PM Stated Meeting - Classroom

Chapter of Rose Croix in Charge

6:00PM Social

6:30PM Dinner

8:00PM Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

Saturday, April 11

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Monday, April 20

5:00PM Rite Care Board - on Zoom

Saturday, April 25

10:00AM Discussion Group

SAVE THE DATE

May 1 - Stated Meeting

June 5 - Stated Meeting

June 12&13 Reunion 4^o to 16^o

July 10 - Stated Meeting

August 7 - Stated Meeting

August 21-23 - Statewide Reunion

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