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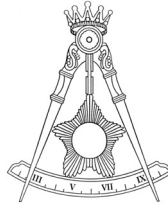
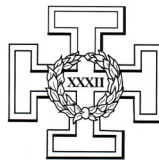
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Orient of California acknowledge and yield
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Master of Kadosh

Consistory

Greetings,

It is truly an honor to serve as Master of Kadosh. I am deeply grateful to be supported by such an outstanding line of officers, and I extend my best wishes to the officers of our other bodies for a successful year ahead. The Rite is clearly in capable hands.



Venerable Master Martirosyan has expressed a clear vision of making the Rite a place where Brothers and their families genuinely want to be, and I fully support that goal. The Rite should be more than a place we gather on the first Friday of the month for dinner and a meeting. It should be a place where we reconnect with friends, strengthen our bonds, and create lasting friendships and meaningful memories.

In my role as Director of the Membership and Ambassadors Program, I invite each of you to join us in this effort. Your involvement, ideas, and enthusiasm are essential. I am always open to suggestions on how we can continue to make the Rite a place you look forward to attending and participating in.

It is within the Consistory that our final two degrees, the 31st and 32nd, are conferred. While many Brothers may view these degrees as the completion of their journey to full membership in the Rite, they are, in truth, the beginning of a more important and lasting journey. These degrees remind us of the lessons learned throughout our Masonic path and provide clear guidance on what is expected of us as Scottish Rite Masons.

The 31st Degree calls upon us to judge ourselves by the same standard we use to judge others, carefully considering both our actions and our motives. The

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Master of Kadosh, continued....

32nd Degree challenges us to continually seek truth and knowledge and to be zealous and steadfast in fulfilling our duties—to God, our country, our families, our brethren, and ourselves.

By striving to live these principles each day, we embody the true meaning of Scottish Rite Masonry. In doing so, we become the men we envisioned ourselves to be when we first sought admission into Masonry at our Blue Lodge.

Fraternally,

Randy Marsh, 32 KSA
Master of Kadosh, Consistory

May Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on May 1st

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

Last day for reservations: Wednesday, April 29th at 2pm

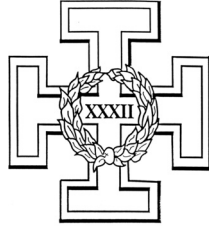
Number of Reservations at \$20.00 Per Person.....

Fish or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.

Remember - a reservation made is a reservation paid.

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Meet the Master of Kadosh



William R. Marsh, 32° KSA *Master of Kadosh, Consistory*

William Randolph (Randy) Marsh began his Masonic journey in 1998 at Foothill Lodge #305 in Monrovia, advancing to Master Mason in 1999. He served in various officer roles and was Master of the lodge in 2006. Following the closure of Foothill Lodge, Randy joined Arcadia Lodge #278, where he has held multiple leadership positions, including officers coach and two terms as Master, first in 2021 and then in 2024, and was honored with the Hiram award in 2023. He currently serves on several lodge committees and the lodge Temple Board.

Randy was introduced to Jobs Daughters in 2007 and spent 18 years actively supporting the organization. During his involvement with Jobs Daughters, he served as: Promoter of Fraternal Relations, a member of the guardian council, and Associate Bethel Guardian for Arcadia Bethel #210. The latter position, Randy occupied for 7 years, ensuring foundational support for those in the organization. He continues to contribute to the annual Grand Bethel on the setup committee.

In 2021, Randy joined the Scottish Rite in Pasadena and became a member of the Knights of St. Andrew. He has served on the KSA Council of Nine and is currently Knight High Councilor. He was appointed to the Consistory officer line by Sir Knight Michael Schiender. Randy's active involvement with the Valley of Pasadena persists in his duties with stagecraft for Rite degrees, both as a performer and stage crew, and as the director of the Membership and Ambassadors program.

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Meet the Master of Kadosh, continued....

Born in Noblesville, Indiana, Randy, and his family moved first to Battle Creek Michigan for 7 years before moving to California at age nine. He graduated from Monrovia High School and later earned his history degree and teaching credentials at Cal Poly Pomona. Randy has taught seventh grade history at Oak Avenue Intermediate School in Temple City for over 20 years and holds a master's degree in Medieval European History from American Public University.

Beyond teaching, Randy advises the school's WEB program, supporting student transitions into middle school and anti-bullying initiatives, and leads the speech and debate club. In 2020 he founded the Oak Avenue RISE Foundation, a nonprofit that assists students experiencing homelessness at his school.

Randy met his wife Lori in 2006 through E-Harmony, yes online dating does work, and they married in 2008. When not occupied with Masonic Obligations, Randy can often be found watching LA Kings hockey games, reading books on medieval history, gardening, or antique shopping with his wife.

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225TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL SESSION

**MOTHER COUNCIL OF THE WORLD
LIVE FROM CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

LIVE STREAM EVENT
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MAY 31, 2026
BEGINNING AT 1PM EASTERN

Live in 39 days
May 31 at 10:00AM

<https://sms.scottishrite.org/225live>

The Secretary's Desk

III. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

This month we will be having a reception for Steven J. Harris, Potentate of Al Malaikah Shrine who has been a member of our Valley since 1995.



For our 2026 reunion on June 12th & 13th we currently have 17 candidates (10 new candidates) and (7 carryovers)

In the data below you can see that 110 of our members have yet to pay thier dues for 2026 and 72 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	1	1	6	3	0	0	0	633
Pasadena / Chapter	0	1	1	6	3	0	0	0	632
Pasadena / Council	0	1	1	6	3	0	0	0	630
Pasadena / Consistory	0	1	1	6	3	0	0	0	628

Current Dues Statistics

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	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	306	48.3%	44.5%	49.9%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	110	17.4%	9.5%	8.6%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	72	11.4%	17.3%	8.9%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	57	9%	11.1%	10.5%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	88	13.9%	17.7%	22%
Total:	633			

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

May Already

This month we are offering three special happenings I think you will enjoy. First is the reception of our very own Brother Steven J. Harris, 32°, who is serving Al Malaikah Shrine as its 128th Potentate for 2026. Brother Harris will have some inspiring words for us and report on the state of the Shrine and the Shriner's Children's Hospitals.



After the reception of the Potentate, we will take a trip to the past and experience a Civil War drama of two Masonic brothers. Though war has torn them apart, their brotherhood and loyalty to the Craft, and their masonic oath, brings them together once again. This will be the third installment of our Reader's Theater Productions presented for your pleasure and we hope you will find it thought-provoking and timely for today's world.

Remember that we will start our reunion class in June, so membership applications are needed now. This class will present the 4th through 16th degrees in order for the new brothers to be part of our stated meeting. These brothers, and any new applicants will then join the Statewide Reunion in August when all 29 degrees will be presented to all candidates offering the mysteries of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Finally, after the meeting, we will seal the time capsule that will conclude the activities of the 100th Anniversary Celebration of our beautiful Cathedral. It will be a short, but meaningful exhibit of our love for our Scottish Rite and the fraternity we all share as brothers of the Rite.

Please plan to attend the May meeting as we have a wonderful evening planned for you.

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

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



Steven J. Harris was born in Japan and grew up in Santa Monica, California. He graduated from Santa Monica High School and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo before dedicating over twelve years to service as a US Army Signal Corps Officer in both the United States and Germany. Steve is a distinguished graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and transitioned to a career in finance in 1993. He retired as a Credit and Collection Specialist in 2023.

He began his Masonic journey in 1982 at Galilei Lodge #810A, Germany, receiving the Sublime degree the following year. In 1983, he also joined Scottish Rite, Valley of NATO and Aahmes Shrine Temple, subsequently becoming a life member of Pasadena Scottish Rite and Al Malaikah Shrine after relocating to Burbank in 1995.

Upon joining Burbank Lodge #406 in 1995, Steve progressed through various officer positions, serving as Master in 2012. He has subsequently held roles as Officer's Coach, Candidate's Coach, Financial

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Potentate, Continued...

Trustee, Hall Association Secretary, and President of the Los Angeles Masonic Service Bureau in 2024. He chaired the Grand Lodge's San Gabriel Valley Public Schools Advisory Council for thirteen years and holds membership with Lodge #50 of the Holy Land, Grand Lodge of Israel.

Additionally, Steve is affiliated with the National Sojourners, having served as Chapter President for Pasadena Chapter 265, Commander of Pershing Camp Heroes of '76, and Regional Representative for the Southern California Area – North. He joined the Burbank Shrine Club in 2002 and was President in 2008 and 2009. In 2014, he was appointed as one of the inaugural Shrine Lodge Ambassadors and continues in this capacity.

From 2015 to 2019, he served as Al Malaikah's Assistant Director of Shrine Clubs. Steve is active in the Stagecraft, Clowns, Ritual Cast, Motor Patrol, Marksmen Shrine Club, Legion of Honor, and Hillbilly Clan #69. He was appointed 2nd Ceremonial Master in 2019.

In 2019, Steve married Jenny, and together they have four adult children: Joe, Dan, and Jacob (residing in the Los Angeles Area), and Rachael (in the Bay Area). They enjoy spending their leisure time operating their scale train in Griffith Park and traveling. He values his longstanding Masonic heritage, shared with his grandfather, father, and numerous uncles, many of whom were also Al Malaikah Nobles.



Treasurer's Report

Miles H. Bresee III, 32° KCCH

From the Treasurer...As this is written, more than half of April is behind us, and we look forward to our May Stated Meeting, our upcoming Degrees, as well as hosting the Statewide Reunion this Summer. As in the past, a summary of our finances and investments are provided below by 'who'.



Event Center: The Event Center's ending balance at March 31st was \$128,863. This balance includes a prepayment of the recently booked parking lot rental of \$9,000 per month for 3 months (Mar-Jun).

Cathedral Association: Income thru March was \$116,308; or 21% of budgeted, and Expenses of \$68,009; or 14% of budget. Net Operating Gain was \$48,299. As many of you know, the majority of our multi-year renovations and repairs are behind us, with the completion of the Dining Room last year. Some upcoming items to be addressed are repairing damage to the kitchen door, a plumbing leak, repair of the Organ bellows, roof flashing, carpeting the Auditorium area where the 6 rows of seating formerly resided. Longer term items so far planned for our 5 Year Planning meeting are the Ladies Lounge and Men's Restrooms adjacent to the Dining Room, Office cabinets, parking lot paving and re-striping, and possibly a commercial washer and dryer.

Lodge of Perfection: Income thru March was \$106,333; or 27% of budgeted, and Expenses of \$81,784; or 24% of budget. Net Operating Gain was \$24,549. Member Dues paid so far, were 63% of budget. Within the LOP budget, the biggest driver of expenses are traditionally Salaries and related employment taxes. Although planned for and included in our budget, we are under in this area, primarily due to Mary Masoyan's absence.

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Treasurers Report, continued...

Investments: Our 1st Quarter meeting was held with our Investment Advisor, Bob McClure on April 8th. Quite a bit of the meeting focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI); how it is concentrated in the S&P 500 Index (representing 7 of the 500 companies in the index, but providing 34% of the market cap, and 3 times the returns of the remaining 493 companies. Bob also provided an interesting graph, depicting interrelationships between AI companies, where there are revenue sharing, design builds from one company to another, etc. In effect, a closed universe among itself.

Given the uncertainty of the 1st Quarter, especially with the onset of the Iran War on February 27th, the market was affected. From February 27th to March 31st, the Dow Jones fell 3,158 points; or 5.38%, and the S&P 500 decreased 350 points; or 5%. We need to keep in mind that these indexes are ALL stock or equities, and widely used as benchmarks. Our investment portfolios are not all stock or equities, but contain bonds and fixed income elements, as well. Our benchmark is Barclay's 60% Equity, 30% Fixed Income, and 10% Cash. Our 1st Quarter investment results are presented below, along with our benchmark.

Qtr/Yr to Date	1Yr	2Yrs	3Yrs	4Yrs	5Yrs	7Yrs	
Pasadena Scottish Rite *	-0.6%	9.3%	6.4%	9.0%	4.9%	4.7%	7.6%
Barclay's 60/30/10 Benchmark	-2.5%	12.3%	9.7%	12.4%	7.7%	7.8%	9.7%

*This is an aggregate of our 5 investment portfolios.

This quarter's article is probably the shortest I've written. A lot of moving parts in the economy affecting everything. As always, your questions, critiques, suggestions, etc. are ALWAYS welcomed! I'm not hard to find!!! Until next quarter...Miles 626 483-1342, or miles.bresee@pasadenascottishrite.org

Fraternally,

Miles H. Bresee, 32° KCCH

Treasurer

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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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.



2026 Ill. Vernon M. Dandridge 33° Memorial Class

Friday, June 12th

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| 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, June 13th

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| 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) |

Statewide Reunion - 4th thru 32nd degrees

Friday, August 21st

Saturday August 22nd

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Sunday August 23rd

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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

MAY

Friday, May 1

5:00PM Cathedral Board

6:00PM Reception for Al Malaikah

Potentate's Official Visit

6:30PM Dinner

8:00PM Stated Meeting

Consistory in Charge

Women's Association

9:00PM Sealing the Time Capsule

Saturday, May 9

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Monday, May 18

5:00PM Rite Care Board - on Zoom

Saturday, May 23

10:00AM Discussion Group

Sunday, May 31

Supreme Council 225th Anniversary

SAVE THE DATE

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

September 4 - Stated Meeting

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