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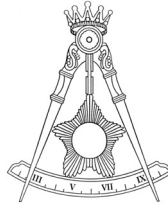
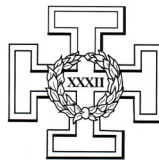
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of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-Third
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Venerable Master

Lodge of Perfection

As Venerable Master of the Pasadena Valley Scottish Rite, I feel it is important to remind the Brethren of the responsibility we accepted when we became members of this Rite. We did not simply join another organization, we committed ourselves to regular attendance, participation in our activities, and to sharing the burdens necessary to keep our Valley strong and successful.



A Valley cannot survive on the efforts of only a few dedicated Brothers while many remain absent. It is simply not fair that some continue to give their time, energy, and resources, while others cannot make the effort to attend even a simple dinner meeting once a month. Brotherhood is built through presence, participation, and fellowship.

One of the greatest things about our Valley is the opportunity each month to gather with Brothers from surrounding Lodges and Masonic bodies, many of whom we would otherwise rarely see. These dinners and meetings are more than routine events, they are opportunities to strengthen our bonds and preserve the spirit of Scottish Rite Masonry.

This year, our Valley also has the great honor of hosting the State Reunion for the Scottish Rite Degrees, where we expect well over 200 attendees from throughout the state. This is a tremendous undertaking and will require all hands on deck. From preparation and hospitality to degree work and supporting the many moving parts behind the scenes, every Brother's participation will matter.

I encourage every Brother to recommit himself to this Valley by attending meetings, supporting our events, and actively participating in the work of the Rite. The future and strength of Pasadena Valley Scottish Rite depends on all of us, not just a few.

Vram Martirosyan, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

June Dinner Menus

Stated Meeting on June 5th

Cheese & Crackers
 Garden Salad w/Honey Dijon Vinaigrette Dressing
 Chicken Florentine
 Au Gratin Potatoes and Vegetables
 Dinner Rolls and Butter
 Dessert

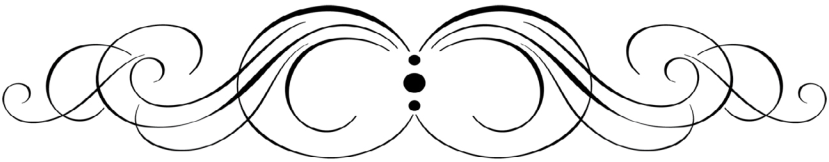
Last day for reservations: Wednesday, June 3rd at 2pm

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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Reunion Dinner on June 12th

Garden Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing
 Ribeye Steak
 Roasted Red Potatoes
 French Green Beans with Roasted Almonds
 Dessert

Last day for reservations: Wednesday, June 10th at 2pm

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

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The Secretary's Desk

Ill. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

On June 12th & 13th we will be having the 1st phase of our 2026 Reunion in Memory of Ill., Vernon M. Dandridge 33°, and our Valley will be conferring the 4th through 16th degrees. We currently have 24 candidates (17 new candidates) and (7 carryovers). The 2nd phase of our 2026 Reunion will be taking place during the Statewide Reunion being held at our Valley on August 21st, 22nd & 23rd. More info on page 9.



In the data below you can see that 99 of our members have yet to pay thier dues for 2026 and 69 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	2	3	6	4	0	2	0	633
Pasadena / Chapter	0	2	3	6	4	0	2	0	632
Pasadena / Council	0	2	3	6	4	0	2	0	630
Pasadena / Consistory	0	2	3	6	4	0	2	0	628

Current Dues Statistics

Accurate As Of: 5/30/2026 5:01:55 AM

	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	320	50.6%	46.2%	51.2%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	99	15.6%	8.4%	7.8%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	69	10.9%	16.9%	8.7%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	57	9%	11%	10.5%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	88	13.9%	17.6%	21.9%
Total:	633			

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

Signed, Sealed, Delivered

On May 1, 2026, after our stated meeting, the brethren of the Valley of Pasadena along their guests, retired to the P. R.'s office to participate in the dedication of the time capsule which marked the end of the 100th anniversary celebration of the cathedral. Locked in the vault are accounts of various activities which made headlines globally, nationally and locally including the accounts of our celebration along with the program, script, pictures and memorabilia presented that night. During the time capsule dedication, the following letter from our brethren to the future membership of the Valley of Pasadena was submitted:



Greetings, Brethren!

The Valley of Pasadena was constituted in 1895 and chartered in 1899, the seventh such Valley in the state of California. Our first home, from 1895 to 1905, was a space that was rented in the Stanton Building on the corner of Ramond Avenue and Colorado Boulevard in the heart of a growing Pasadena.

Our next home, from 1905 to 1925, was located at 77 North Fair Oaks Avenue in a building purchased by the newly formed Pasadena Cathedral Association. It served us well until a more suitable, larger, and permanent location could be found.

The Cathedral Association next purchased a large plot of land in 1923, which was located at 150 North Madison Avenue in Pasadena. After a groundbreaking ceremony was performed, construction began in April of 1924. The cathedral was completed in February of 1925, and the first meeting was held that very same month.

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

A massive, much needed renovation of the entire building was conducted from 2020 through 2024, bringing the structure back into code and its original glory. In February of 2025, a grand gala celebration of the 100th anniversary of that first meeting in our brand-new home was held. This commemorative time capsule was sealed and dedicated in May of 2026. The Valley of Pasadena was truly here to stay.

And so, my brothers, this grand lady of Scottish Rite Freemasonry is now in your hands. Treat her with love and respect. Give her the care and attention she deserves. She is the home of the Valley of Pasadena, the best Valley in the Southern Jurisdiction!

DO IT RITE!

After the time capsule was sealed and placed in its resting place, a final toast was presented. "To the Valley of Pasadena, the best Valley in the Southern Jurisdiction!" Enough said!

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

Personal Representative to the Deputy in the Orient of California

DO IT RITE!

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Master Craftsman Online College & Leadership Academy.

<https://mastercraftsmancollege.org/>

That's right: Master Craftsman is now ONLINE! Since its inception in 2009, the Scottish Rite Master Craftsman education program has been a leading source for Masonic education, not only here in the Southern Jurisdiction, but also across the globe.



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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

&

Sunday August 23rd

PASADENA



ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY

May 28, 2026

To: Scottish Rite Valleys

Re: 2026 California Statewide Reunion

When: Friday, August 21st to Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

Where: Valley of Pasadena Scottish Rite 150 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101

Hotel: We have arranged a discounted room rate of \$219 per night at the AC Hotel located at 19 S. Madison Ave. (1½ blocks south of us) for those of you that may want to stay closer to us during the reunion in August. The room block is Thursday 8/20 through Sunday 8/23, if you need to stay over till Monday 8/24 send me the name the room is reserved under and the reservation number and we can request the extra day for you. You can leave your vehicle in our parking lot for the entire Reunion.

<https://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1776287747972&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS JULY 25TH!

Food: Meals are \$140 for the entire reunion, if you are only staying for part of the reunion the cost breakdown per day for meals is Friday \$55, Saturday \$55, Sunday \$30
Friday continental breakfast, lunch & dinner
Saturday continental breakfast, lunch & dinner
Sunday continental breakfast & lunch

Registering for Statewide is through your Valley Secretary only. The Secretaries will be providing us with their list of Candidates and others who may be attending from your respective Scottish Rite Valley.

If you have any questions, you can reach me via email at ron@pasadenascottishrite.org.

Sincerely and fraternally,

 *Ronald W. Alcorn III*

Inspector General Honorary



General Secretary

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Candidates who have applied for membership in the Valley of Pasadena,
your meals during the reunion are included in your application fee.

Congratulations to Rick L. Baca 32°, KSA who was recently installed as the 168th Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of California.



Sir Knight Rick L. Baca, KCT, KYGCH
Grand Commander
Los Angeles Commandery No. 9
& Lady Robin



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.

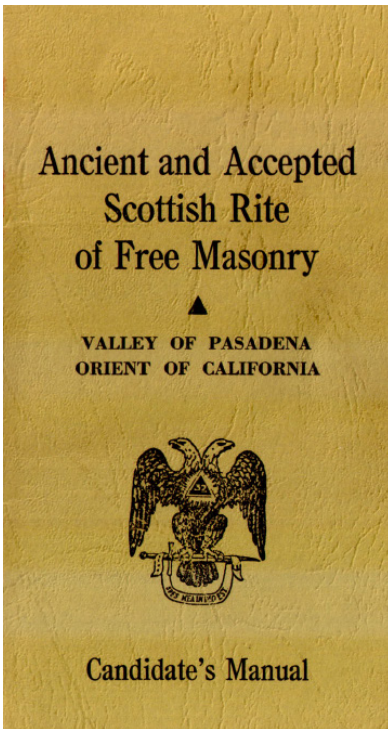


Library Treasures.

THE THREE ESSENTIAL LESSONS FOR THE SCOTTISH RITE CANDIDATE.

Candidate's Manual.

VALLEY OF PASADENA - ORIENT OF CALIFORNIA



1st. THE SCOTTISH RITE CREED

The cause of human progress is our cause, the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, the freedom of human conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all peoples everywhere the end of our contention.

2nd. TOLERANCE: THE FIRST SYMBOL OF THE WORK.

That Masonry teaches by symbolism is in itself a symbol of the tolerant attitude that one Mason should have toward the opinions of another.

The task of each is to do the work at hand; to be so busy in the cause of Masonry that we will have neither

time nor inclination to be critical of others who are working toward the same goal which we pursue.

By our own gradual growth and development we will be in position to observe the growth and development of our brothers.

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Library Treasures, continued...

3rd. ANCIENT MASONIC BENEDICTION

May no strife disturb thy days, nor sorrow disturb thy nights, and may the pillow of peace kiss thy cheek and the pleasures of imagination attend thy dreams; and when length of years hath made thee tired of earthly joys and the curtains of death gently close around the scene of thy existence, may the angels of God attend thy bed and take care that the expiring lamp of life shall not receive even one rude blast to hasten its extinction; and finally may the blessing of God wash thee free from all impurities and prepare thee to enter into the land of everlasting happiness.



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Meghri Habashian, Office Coordinator

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite
Dress is Business Casual

JUNE

Friday, June 5

5:00PM Cathedral Board
6:00PM Social
6:30PM Dinner
8:00PM Stated Meeting
Lodge of Perfection in Charge
Women's Association

Friday, June 12-13

Ill. Vernon M. Dandridge 33^o Memorial
Class Reunion. See info on page 8

Saturday, June 20

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Monday, June 22

5:00PM Rite Care Board - on Zoom

Saturday, June 27

10:00AM Discussion Group

SAVE THE DATE

July 10 - Stated Meeting
August 7 - Stated Meeting
August 21-23 - Statewide Reunion
September 4 - Stated Meeting &
Capping Ceremony
October 2 - Stated Meeting
November 6 - Stated Meeting

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