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Master of Kadosh

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Greetings,

September is Constitution Observance Month, a time to recognize the enduring importance of the United States Constitution and its role in shaping our nation.

Many are unaware that the Constitution was not the nation's first governing document. Following independence, the United States operated under the Articles of Confederation, which emphasized state sovereignty and limited central authority. While this reflected the founders' desire to avoid an overly powerful national government, it soon became evident that a stronger framework was necessary to promote unity and effectively address national challenges. This led to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia and the creation of the government we know today.

The Constitution reflects principles long associated with Freemasonry. Of the 39 men who signed the Constitution, 13 were Freemasons, including Benjamine Franklin and George Washington. Ideals such as religious tolerance, equality of opportunity, and self-governance have been central to both our fraternity and our republic. Freemasonry judges' individuals by their character rather than their religious beliefs or social standing, and each lodge governs itself through the election of its officers.

There is also a notable similarity between our system of government and the structure of Freemasonry. The Constitution divides authority between the federal government and the individual states, granting some powers jointly while reserving others to each. In much the same way, Freemasonry balances

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authority between the Grand Lodge and its constituent lodges, with certain powers shared and others retained by each body.

As we observe this month, let us reflect on these shared values and our responsibility to uphold them in our daily lives.

Fraternally,

Randy Marsh, 32º KSA
Master of Kadosh, Consistory

September Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on September 4th

Cheese & Crackers

Wedge Salad w/Bleu Cheese Crumbles & Ranch Dressing

Old Fashioned Beef Brisket
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Geen Beans
Dinner Rolls and Butter

Dessert

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, September 2nd at 2pm

Number of Reservations at $20.00 Per Person.....
Fish or Vegetarian on request only when making reservation.

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The Secretary's Desk

Ill. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

At our September 4th meeting, we will be presenting the members who completed thier 32° at the 2026 Orient Wide Reunion with thier 32° Caps, a Certificate and Challenge Coin for the Reunion, and a bag of books containing Morals & Dogma, A Bridge to Light, Introducing the Scottish Rite, The 75 year history of Pasadena Scottish Rite & a Valley of Pasadena Pin.

The 2027 dues invoices from the Supreme Council started arriving in your mailboxes last week. All checks need to be made payable to A & A Scottish Rite, please remeber to include a donation to our Rite Care Center with your dues payment. You can also pay online at http://members.scottishrite.org/ or pay via Zelle to pay@pasadenascottishrite.org if paying via Zelle please send me an email to let me know you have made the payment.

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	Explusions	Current Membership
Pasadena / Lodge	36	2	4	7	4	0	2	0	669
Pasadena / Chapter	35	2	4	7	4	0	2	0	667
Pasadena / Council	37	2	4	7	4	0	2	0	667
Pasadena / Consistory	37	2	4	7	4	0	2	0	665

Current Dues Statistics

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	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	30	4.5%	4.1%	3.8%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	338	50.5%	43.6%	48.3%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	156	23.3%	24.3%	15.6%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	57	8.5%	10.6%	10.3%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	88	13.2%	17.4%	22%
Total:	669			

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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The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

Unbelievable Weekend!

The 2026 Orient Wide Reunion is now in the history books. There were over 400 registrants in attendance and 132 of those became "Masters of the Royal Secret". This was a tremendous undertaking which started a year ago and culminated as the largest such event ever undertaken.

Over the weekend, I heard nothing but praise and complements regarding the efficiency, energy and grandeur of the proceedings. I heard comments on everything from how well the degrees were preformed to how delicious the meals were. From how easy the registration was to the easy and convenience of the hotel accommodations. The candidates were in awe of the high standard of the degree experience, and the members were amazed as to how well every aspect of the weekend came together. Valleys from all over the state came composed, in one weekend, to deliver a program that would make other Orients envious. Even though each Valley has its own interpretation of presenting their degree work, it all blended together seamlessly. It was a true example of how we can come together as a group and, even with our differences, have peace and harmony prevail. Several went as far to say the bar was raised and this will be the standard for all future Orient Wide events.

There are so many brothers to thank that it would take another three pages to list them all. To save paper and personal embarrassment of leaving someone out, let me say, in the humblest way possible, THANK YOU! While I have received many compliments about my part as Personal Representative of the host Valley, it was really all of YOU who made it work and it is YOU that deserve the credit and the praise. I am so blessed to be your P.R. and to work with so many amazing and committed brothers.

Overall, it was the Valley of Pasadena that spearheaded the operation and I, and the powers that be, were so very pleased with the outcome. Once again,

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you have proven that the Valley of Pasadena is indeed, "The Best Valley in the Southern Jurisdiction!"

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°
Personal Representative of the Deputy in the Orient of California
DO IT RITE!
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2026 California Orient Wide Reunion
Hosted by the Valley of Pasadena, August 21-23, 2026
There were 132 Candidates with over 400 in total attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Miles H. Bresee III, 32º KCCH

Greetings, Brethren... The June, or 2nd Quarter financial report, is always a problematic. As one whose career revolved around finances and investments, those reports were required to be 'timely'; in other words, prepared and provided as soon after the month end close as possible. In this case, 'the June numbers' were not available in time for publishing, and the quarterly meeting with our outside Investment Advisor had not been held. With the months of July and August being combined into one Bulletin, June's finances were delayed until September's Bulletin. Much like reading the newspaper (does anyone still do that???) a week or month later... Not a whole lot of interest in that!!! However, when I was first appointed to the position of Treasurer of our Valley, I promised 'openness and transparency' regarding our financial affairs. Which is not to say my predecessor or those before him were 'hiding anything', there was just more to provide other than checking account balances. It is something I've always felt strongly about, while serving on many Lodge, and nonprofit organizations over the years.

Numbers, numbers, numbers....OK, let's get into the numbers.

Cash Balances:
The Cathedral Association's balance at the end of June was $57,507.97. A separate entity under the Cathedral Association, is the Event Center, whose June ending balance was $146,517.75. The Lode of Perfection's balance on June 30, was $25,051.34. My colleague, Hon. Jeff Yates, our Almoner, had a balance of $4,604.31 on June 30th.

Cathedral Association – Budget vs Actuals
Hon. Ben Masoyan was successful in negotiating a parking lot lease agreement with a local firm, as well as securing some outside rentals. His efforts are

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reflected in substantial additions to the Cathedral Association's cash position through the Event Center. As a bit of background, several years ago, By Laws for the Cathedral Association were rewritten, updated, and approved by the Board. As part of this, the Event Center formally became included under auspices of the Cathedral Association; rather than a separate operation.

At the end of June, the Cathedral Association's income was $268,962.60, with expenses of $158,277.32. Thus, income was 48% of budget, and expenses were 32% of budget.

One of the expense 'drivers' not fully reflected in our expenses, was securing property insurance. Two main factors in securing renewal of this important insurance, was our building is 100 years old, and a number of potential insurers declined to consider us; and the other was the Altadena and Palisades fires of 2025. Hon. Vram Martirosyan, our Venerable Master, was able to find an insurer to provide coverage. The first premium payment of $38,645 was reflected in our June expenses.

Most of you will undoubtedly note that we have quite a bit of cash in the Event Center account, and the reason I'm highlighting it here...in the Cathedral Association comments, are for a couple of reasons. First, after completion of our mutli-year maintenance and improvement projects (culminating with the completion of the Dining Room), the Cathedral Board adopted a policy of 'cash flowing' future projects, and not drawing from investment accounts. So, we're been accumulating cash. And, second...there are several projects the Cathedral Board is waiting to start. One of these projects is to 'split' the large Ladies Lounge outside the Dining Room into separate Women's and Men's restrooms. And, convert the existing Men's restroom also adjacent to the Dining Room, but closer to the Language Center...into another Language Center room for CLC Clients. Another, project under discussion is to replace ALL of our costumes with new ones. This, is envisioned to be done over a 3 year period.

The above are a couple of fund earmarks. And, returning excess funds back

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into our investment accounts has not been 'forgotten'!

Lodge of Perfection – Budget vs Actuals

Similar to Blue Lodges, in general, the Lodge of Perfection 'doesn't make any money on its own', other than from dues, and in our case...authorized income/dividends/capital gains (not principal) from our Life Membership account. Income through June 30th was $150,464.50; and expenses were $135,332.77. Our income was 38% of budget; and our expenses were 40% of budget. The Lodge of Perfection's underrun, was again, in part due to Mary's absence from the Office. We have been able to provide funds to the Lodge of Perfection via authorized transfers from the Event Center checking account to the Lodge of Perfection checking account, as outlined and requested by the Treasurer at several Stated Meetings.

Investment Accounts

One of the main factors delaying our quarterly reports, is our Finance Committee arranging to meet with our Investment Advisor. It's impractical to meet with him before the end of the quarter, as 'actuals' remain unknown; thus, we do our best to schedule the meeting as close to the beginning of the following month as we can. Our meeting took place on July 15th, and a quorum was present. Bob McClure, our investment manager, started the meeting by summarizing economic events, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), the price of oil, while down...was expected to affect its use a 'inputs' to other products and services (transportation, pharmaceuticals, etc.), the War with Iran, inflation, the Fed's independence, and market (over) valuation. Hon. Vram Martirosyan asked a number of specific questions regarding how these affected our investment portfolio, and whether changes should be considered. The Committee agreed that with the current uncertainty, we should continue with our present portfolio, but keep an eye on 'when and how much' future changes might be.

Here are our performance results:

Account	Qtr to Date	12 Months	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Inception
Summary *	7.40%	12.90%	11.10%	10.50%	10.10%	5.20%	8.40%	7.40%
Benchmark	9.10%	14.40%	13.0%	13.90%	13.30%	8.50%	10.50%	9.90%

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Equities 60%, Fixed Income 30%, Cash 10%

*Rates of Return are consolidated averages for our 5 investment accounts. In consideration of 'space' constraints, returns for each of the underlying accounts are available for review upon request.

As of June 30th, our overall equity (stocks) allocation has creeped up to 66% against our target of 60%, due to the overall performance of the market. Both our investment advisor and Treasurer, feel there are elements of risk to both the economy and market, which dampen our enthusiasm for these 'supra normal' returns as being sustainable. Fixed income (Government, corporate, and other debt securities) is slightly below the target of 30%, at 27%, with Cash and Equivalents at 7.20% versus the target of 10%.

I think that the above pretty much covers the first half of the year's financial and investment performance. Questions, comments, requests, etc., are always welcome. While written in August, with our Statewide Reunion days away, you may find the Treasurer in a role in a couple of Degrees. Hint: He won't be one of the potted plants on stage. Perhaps I haven't said or expressed it, or enough...it has been...and remains a PRIVILEGE and HONOR to serve our Valley as your Treasurer. Proud to be part of the 'BEST D**M Valley in the Southern Jurisdiction'!!! Until next quarter, Miles miles.bresee@pasadenascottishrite.org, or 626 483-1342.

Fraternally,

Miles H. Bresee, 32º KCCH
Treasurer

Good Cheer Report

David Francis Philips, 33°

Please take a moment to call upon your distressed brethren.

Library Treasures.

READINGS
XXXII

An instructional and historical book written by Albert Pike for members of the Thirty-Second Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

THE TEMPLAR DOGMA

Born in Palestine, and defending the Cross for two centuries in Syria, the Order of the Temple was reared, as it were, and grew to manhood in the cradle, not only of the ancient oriental faiths, but of Christianity itself. Around it breathed the influences of the Hindu and Egyptian philosophy, naturalized in Asia Minor by Pythagoras; of the Persian creed, studied by the Hebrews while captives, and intermingled with the mystical enigmas of the Kabalah; of the Grecian and Alexandrian Platonism; of Gnosticism and the doctrines of Manes; and above all of the teachings of Saint John, whose followers never admitted the spiritual supremacy of Rome, and dissented from many of her doctrines.

The same anti-papal spirit, growing out of the natural repugnance of men of intellect to the yoke of a spiritual despotism that made Reason and Free Thought crimes, and which was hidden under the grotesque mask of Rabelais, behind the jargon of the Alchemical and Hermetic philosophy, in the Roman de la Rose, and in the splendid verse of Dante, ruled in the inner circle of the Order of the Temple, carefully concealed; and therefore the Order was destroyed.

The Scottish Masonry makes no war on Catholicism as a Religion. It resists only its claim of right, never abandoned, and in the last quarter of the 19th century re-asserted, to resort to force to compel

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men to believe what its infallibility decides to be truth in matters incomprehensible. It sees the Inquisitor's features behind the mask, and has learned in Brazil and elsewhere what Jesuitism and Ultra montanism are. The claws of the tiger are there still, and always will be, though sheathed in velvet. No Bull of ex communication of Freemasons has ever been revoked. It is a war a outrance between Light and Darkness.

Bibliographical source:
Pike, Albert. (2013). Readings XXXII: Instructions in the Thirty-Second Degree. Cornerstone Book Publishers. (Book originally published c. 1890s).

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite
Dress is Business Casual

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 4
5:00PM Cathedral Board
6:00PM Social Fellowship
6:30PM Dinner
7:30PM Ring & Capping Ceremony
8:00PM Stated Meeting
Consistory in Charge
Women's Association

Saturday, September 12
9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Saturday, September 19
6:00PM Living Constitution
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Monday, September 21
5:00PM Rite Care Board - on Zoom

Saturday, September 26
10:00AM Discussion Group

SAVE THE DATE
October 2 - Stated Meeting
November 6 - Stated Meeting
December 4 - Stated Meeting
January 8 - Stated Meeting
January 22 - Installation of Officers

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