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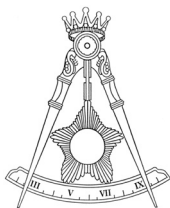
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The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite sitting in the Valley of Pasadena, Orient of California acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspector General Knights Commander of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-Third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States of America.



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Lodge of Perfection

Brethren,

First, congratulations to our new Masters of the Royal Secret, our 32° Masons from the recent State Wide Reunion. You have traveled through the degrees of the Scottish Rite and have been introduced to profound lessons of philosophy, morality, faith, and service.



With this article I want to bring all of our attention all the way back to the 4th Degree, Secret Master.

Why? Because before all the honors, titles, offices, and distinctions that may come in Masonry, there must first be duty.

The lesson I would ask you to carry forward is simple: Duty is greater than title. Service is greater than position. And the work itself must become our reward.

A Mason should never measure his contribution by the jewel he wears, the chair he occupies, or the recognition he receives. Titles are temporary. Offices eventually pass to another Brother. Honors may decorate a man's name, but they do not define his character.

What remains is the work he has done.

Did we answer when duty called?

Did we serve when nobody was watching?

Did we help a Brother without expecting recognition?

Did we leave our Lodge, our Valley, our community, and ultimately humanity better than we found it?

And our duty cannot end at the doors of the Lodge or the Scottish Rite. The principles we learn here must follow us into the world.

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Venerable Master, continued...

Within our fraternity, let us labor for the good of Masonry. Outside of it, let us labor for the greater Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

When we feed the hungry, comfort someone in distress, mentor a young person, strengthen our community, defend what is right, or simply extend a hand to someone who needs it, we are continuing the work.

And we should need no applause for doing it.

The opportunity to serve is itself the reward.

So, my Brothers, as we proudly carry the title of a 32° Mason, never forget the humble but powerful lesson we encountered near the beginning of our Masonic journey.

Seek not the title, seek the duty.

Seek not the recognition, seek the work.

And when the work is finished, may the satisfaction of having faithfully served God, our fellow man, and our Craft be reward enough.

Vram Martirosyan, 32° KCCH

Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

October Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on October 2nd

Cheese and Crackers

German Garden Salad

Honey Mustard Roasted Pork Tenderloin

Roasted Potatoes, Carrots & Green Beans

Rolls & Butter

Black Forest Cake

Last day for reservations: Wednesday, September 30th 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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The Secretary's Desk

III. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

At our October 2nd meeting, we will be having the Feast of Tishri followed by the presentation of membership patents to those who completed their degrees in August.

On the dues front I have had several members contact me about only paying the 2026 dues at this time instead of paying for both 2026 & 2027. If you want to just pay 2026 you can do that but remember that the 2027 dues are due before 1/1/2027.



Remember all checks need to be made payable to A & A Scottish Rite, please remember 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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	Initiations	Affiliations	Reinstatements	Deaths	Demits	Susp. NPJ	Susp. Other	Expulsions	Current Membership
Pasadena / Lodge	36	2	5	10	4	1	2	0	666
Pasadena / Chapter	35	2	5	10	4	1	2	0	664
Pasadena / Council	37	2	5	10	4	1	2	0	664
Pasadena / Consistory	37	2	5	10	4	1	2	0	662

Current Dues Statistics

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	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	103	15.5%	17.1%	19.5%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	274	41.1%	31.6%	33.3%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	146	21.9%	23.4%	14.9%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	56	8.4%	10.5%	10.3%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	87	13.1%	17.3%	22%

Total:

666

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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<https://www.facebook.com/PasadenaAASR>

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.

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

RiteCare in Pasadena

My brothers, Freemasonry supports many philanthropic causes and for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, it is our RiteCare Childhood Language and Speech Pathology Center. This program is committed to giving every child a voice regardless of ability to pay or the amount of care needed.



In fact, there is no charge for the clients who use our services. The program is funded by brothers like you and the California Scottish Rite Foundation. Donations are tax deductible and there are many ways to give. For just a dollar a day, you can be recognized by the Foundation as a member of the 365 Club. You can also donate when you renew your Scottish Rite dues each year, or whenever you wish by use of the QR code on the back of the Pasadena Scottish Rite business cards located in the office or ask any Ambassador for one. You can also donate online through the Pasadena website or with a check you can mail or drop off at the office. Just be sure to write PASADENA RITECARE on the check in order for our center to receive the credit.

We are now serving more clients than ever before due to our partnership with Pasadena City College (PCC) and its speech pathology curriculum. Students, under the supervision of an experienced and licensed professional, work with clients while obtaining valuable training and experience in the field of speech pathology as well as credits for their higher learning degree. The program is growing so quickly that we will soon exceed the space allotted within our cathedral building. The plan is to move our program to the PCC campus which will be more convenient for them and free up valuable space for us. It is a relationship that works well for both of us.

So please remember the our RiteCare program. Charity can work miracles. Just listen to a young child who has graduated from our program. It is heart-warming to hear a youngster with a voice, where there was only silence before.

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°

Personal Representative of the Deputy in California

Almoner

Jeffrey W. Yates, 32° KCCH

Brethren and Families,

The holiday season is rapidly approaching, bringing with it the responsibilities and joys of communal celebration. And in this case, the Pasadena Scottish Rite Family Christmas Party!

This year's party, hosted by the Lodge of Perfection and the RiteCare Childhood Language Center, will be held in the dining hall at the Pasadena Scottish Rite. Our holiday event will include seasonal treats, refreshments and special gifts presented to the children by Santa himself! Assisting Santa will be one of his elves and perhaps, Mrs. Claus will make an appearance.



Parents are encouraged to take lots of photos and if you wish, bring a special personal gift for Santa to present to your child.

The Pasadena Scottish Rite Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 19th 2026. We will begin at 11:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m. Santa and friends will appear when the most children are attending.

If you have any questions please contact me or Honorable Vram Martirosyan 32° Venerable Master LOP.

We look forward to seeing all of you!!

Fraternally,

Jeff Yates 32° KCCH
Almoner

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/>

IN MEMORIAM

Wesley R. Lind, 32°
San Marino Lodge No. 408
December 23, 2025

Nelson E Price
Glendora Lodge No. 404
March 13, 2025

John C Stewart
Old West Lodge No. 813
June 12, 2026

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

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/>.



*With love
from Santa*



2026 Christmas Party
Saturday, December 19th 11:30AM to 2:00PM

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Library Treasures.

PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE FOR THE SCOTTISH RITE

Henry C. Clausen, 33° Past Sovereign Grand Commander

CHAPTER ONE

General Instructions

The Name of The Supreme Council

The immortal bard Shakespeare asked, "What's in a name?" The name of The Supreme Council reveals history, tradition, glory and accomplishment. It should, therefore, be treated with dignity and recorded with accuracy. The official, full name of this Supreme Council is: 'The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.'



Shepherd's Tavern, Charleston, South Carolina.

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Library Treasures, continued...

Location of The Supreme Council

The Supreme Council was organized on May 31, 1801, in the city of Charleston, State of South Carolina. It is appropriate, therefore, that this birthplace should be the historic location of what is called the See of The Supreme Council. The Executive and Administrative Offices of The Supreme Council, however, are located in the magnificent structure called the House of the Temple in our Nation's Capital, Washington, D. C. To be authentic, all Decrees, Balustres, Charters, Diplomas, and other official documents must be issued from the House of the Temple



House of the Temple, Washington, D.C.

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Meghri Habashian, Office Coordinator

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Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

Dress is Coat and Tie

OCTOBER

Friday, October 2

5:00PM Cathedral Board

6:00PM Social Fellowship

6:30PM Dinner & Feast of Tishri

7:45PM Patent Presentations

8:00PM Stated Meeting

Lodge of Perfection in Charge

Women's Association

Thursday, October 8 - Tuesday, October 12

Office Closed

Saturday, October 17

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Monday, October 19

5:00PM Rite Care Board - on Zoom

Saturday, October 24

10:00AM Discussion Group

SAVE THE DATE

November 6 - Stated Meeting

December 4 - Stated Meeting

December 19 - Christmas Party

January 8 - Stated Meeting

January 22 - Installation of Officers

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