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Scottish Rite Thanksgiving

Albert Pike *contemplated how human beings are quick to remember bad times but often overlook everyday moments of peace and happiness.*

The tradition of celebrating the harvest on a Thursday goes back to Plymouth and the Pilgrims. The most famous of these was the three-day festival in 1621, when Plymouth governor William Bradford invited local Indians to join the Pilgrims feast.

But it wasn't until the 17th century that it became an annual custom. George Washington, issuing the very first Presidential proclamation, declared November 26th, 1789 as a day of national thanksgiving for the United States Constitution. But it never really caught on until 1863, when President Lincoln declared that Thanksgiving would fall on the fourth Thursday of November and the holiday began to be celebrated nationally.

Then comes Franklin D. Roosevelt, who decided after 75 years, he wanted to change what Lincoln had established. He proclaimed Thanksgiving as the next to last Thursday of November. Very few liked the change, and there was a huge controversy surrounding it. Some Americans simply ignored FDR and celebrated Thanksgiving as they always had on the date they always had. For the next two years, Franklin Roosevelt repeated the unpopular proclamation. Finally, in 1941, Roosevelt gave up on it. He signed a bill into law officially making the fourth Thursday in November the national holiday of Thanksgiving.

The spiritual meaning of thanksgiving is an inner posture of the heart that

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Wise Master, Continued...

recognizes God as the giver of all good things. The Spiritual Position reflects true thankfulness. The Form of Worship is in biblical terms, thanksgiving (Hebrew "tôwdâh or ydh", Greek "eucharisteo" and Armenian "Փառք Քեզ, Աստուած" Park Kez Asdvadz) they all mean the offering praise, confession, glory and acknowledging God's character for LOVE.

On this special auspicious and blessing holiday, I wish all the Pasadena Scottish Rite members and their families a blessed Happy Thanksgiving.

Ohannes Antabian, 32° KSA
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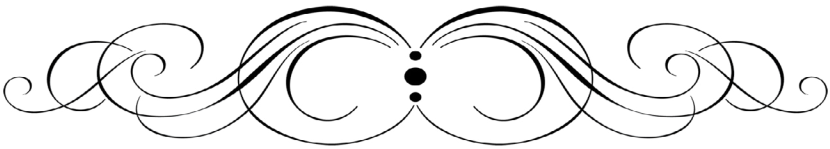

Dinner Menu

Stated Meeting on November 6th

Green Salad
Festive Turkey
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Roasted Sweet Potatoes
Maple Glazed Baby Carrots, Cornbread Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Pumpkin Pie

Last Day for reservations: Wednesday, November 4th 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

Ill. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33°

On the front cover of the bulletin this month is a photo of the 7 members of our Valley that are serving as Officers for the Grand Lodge of California for the 2026-27 term.

In the data below it shows that 142 of our members have already paid thier 2027 dues, but we have 243 that owe for 2026 & 2027.

Unfortunately last week I had the displeasure of having to mail a letter to 56 of our members who still owe dues for 2025 & 2026, warning them that they are in danger of being suspended for non payment of dues. We can arrange a remission of dues for legitimate financial hardship, any requests for remit we need in writing requests I receive are forwarded to the Almoner for review. If you need a remit please request before we get to the point of having to send suspend notices.

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	5	11	4	1	2	0	665
Pasadena / Chapter	35	2	5	11	4	1	2	0	663
Pasadena / Council	37	2	5	11	4	1	2	0	663
Pasadena / Consistory	37	2	5	11	4	1	2	0	661

Current Dues Statistics

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	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Active Members with Dues Paid in Full:	142	21.4%	24.8%	27.9%
Active Members with Current Dues Balance:	243	36.5%	24.5%	25.9%
Active Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	137	20.6%	22.8%	14.1%
Active Members that are Dues Exempt (A,L,R):	56	8.4%	10.5%	10.2%
Active Paid Life Members (E):	87	13.1%	17.4%	21.9%
Total:	665			

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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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°

The Grand Rite

Is there such a thing as the Grand Scottish Rite of Freemasonry? Well, no, there isn't. But for the next masonic year, the Grand Lodge of California will have many talented and loyal Scottish Rite masons in its Grand Line, and the Valley of Pasadena will host more than any other.

To start with, our own Honorable Ara Maloyan, 32° KCCH, was installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in California. His many years of hard work and dedication to our craft have finally led to the highest office in California masonry. Ara is the first Brother of Armenian descent to occupy the "Grand Oriental Chair" and the Armenian community is very excited. We are proud of this outstanding and well-earned achievement, and this Valley stands ready to serve at his will and pleasure in any way possible. From all of us from the Valley of Pasadena, CONGRATULATIONS MY BROTHER!

But wait, there's more. Chosen to assist him as part of the Grand Line and Ara's "Grand Family" are Bro. Narbeh Bagdasarian,32° as the Assistant Grand Lecturer of Division VII; Ill. Ronald W. Alcorn III, 33° as the Grand Standard Bearer; Ill. Sebouh Badoyan, 33° as the Grand Sword Bearer; Bro. Shaunt Der-Grigorian, 32° as the Senior Grand Deacon; Bro. Johathan M. Wood, 32° as the Grand Pursuivant; and Bro. Nicholas A.N. Hirlinger Saylor, 32° as the Assistant Grand Musician. Congratulations to all. The Valley is proud of you. We know you will serve the members of California Freemasonry to the best of your ability and hope that you will visit us as duty permits.

Again, congratulations to all of you. We are so proud of you, and we hope to be a big part of your experience. God speed in your travels wherever masonic purpose may require your presence. We hope your year long journey will lead you back to the Valley of Pasadena in the future.

Gregory J. Gabriel, 33°
Personal Representative of the Deputy in California
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Treasurer's Report

Miles H. Bresee III, 32º KCCH

Greetings, Brethren... The September or 3rd Quarter financial report, which I'm sure you've all been waiting for, is presented below.

So, what do we have? Numbers, numbers, numbers....OK, then, let's get into the numbers.

Cash Balances:
The Cathedral Association's balance at the end of September was $72,768.71. A separate entity under the Cathedral Association, is the Event Center, whose September ending balance was $131,268.43; reflecting a decrease of $32,249.32 for funds transferred to the Lodge of Perfection's operations. The Lodge of Perfection's balance on September 30th, was $45,299.08. Our Almoner, Hon. Jeff Yates account balance was $4,822.31 to finish out the quarter.

Cathedral Association – Budget vs Actuals
Not reflected in 3rd Quarter revenue, Hon. Ben Masoyan was again, successful in negotiating an additional parking lot lease agreement with a local firm for 12-14 additional vehicles, which are not yet included in our income, as this took place after September 30th.

At the end of September, the Cathedral Association's income was $178,656.88, with expenses of $248,518.52; a seemingly cost overrun of approximately $70K. $50K of this was a return of funds to our investment account as repayment of funds used for our 7 year building improvement and maintenance project; and a 'catch up' of premium expenses after securing property insurance, for which we were not able to record previously. Our income was 68% of budget, and expenses were 50% of budget...underruns in both categories, relative to 'where we should be' with ¾ of the year behind us.

As a reminder, we still have several projects in mind and Event Center funds

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earmarked for them. Returning excess funds back into our investment accounts has not been 'forgotten', and as we get closer to where we expect to 'land' at year's end with determine how much funding we may be able to return to our investment accounts!

Lodge of Perfection – Budget vs Actuals

Similar to Blue Lodges, 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 September 30th was $170,697.11; and expenses were $103,655.77. Our income was 66% of budget; and our expenses were 70% of budget. For those of you who may be keeping track...while not 'where we should be' as a percent, the Lodge of Perfection's dramatic increase in expenses from 38% in June to 70% in September was primarily due to hosting the Statewide Reunion in August. Funds were transferred 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

Our Finance Committee meeting took place on Wednesday, Oct. 14th at 6pm. Committee members present included Ill. Ron Alcorn, Ill. Seb Bedoyan, Leland Celestre, Jeff Yates, Hovig Antabian. and Tim O'Hair (who recently relocated to Ireland but joined us from New York). Bob McClure, our investment manager, started the meeting by summarizing economic events, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), the price of oil, while down... continued 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.

During our meeting, Bob presented several slides, one of which displayed various historical sector valuations at 40%, where the S&P 500 is currently. Some of you may remember them: Railroads 1839-1920 63%, 'Nifty Fifty' 1972-74 40%, Japan 1985-1995 44%, TMT (Tech, Media, Telecom) 1995-2007 41% and the current AI Big 10 42%. With this, Bob pointed out that

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historically, market changes are inevitable; but does not mean 'immanent'. Again, something to keep an eye on; and, as a reminder, while our exposure to AI is small, the 'market' may react negatively, affecting our portfolios.

Our 3rd Quarter performance results are presented below:

Account Summary *	Qtr to Date	12 Months	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Inception
	-1.60%	7.0%	6.60%	11.10%	11.20%	5.10%	8.10%	7.0%
Benchmark	0.60%	9.20%	10.50%	15.10%	14.60%	8.50%	10.30%	9.60%

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 September 30th, our overall equity (stocks) allocation has creeped up to 66.4% (nominally up from last quarter of 66%); against our target of 60%, due to the overall performance of the market. Both our investment advisor and Treasurer, continue to 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) remain slightly below the target of 30%, at 26.4%, with Cash and Equivalents at 7.20% versus the target of 10%.

Prior to presenting our investment results, Bob shared with us a 'navigation' analogy. We set out from point A to point B with a pre-determined course. Along the way, we take 'navigational fixes', to see where we are; if we're on track or off course. Should we see, let's say another (and larger) vessel on the horizon, from a distance, it's hard to tell exactly how big it may be, if it is steaming away or towards us; and more importantly...a threat of collision. As we travel, we take continual fixes, including that of the vessel on the horizon. We note that vessel, while no longer on the horizon, is tracking our way. We need further, refined assessments if we might collide, or we may pass by safely

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from each other. Managing investments is much like the navigation analogy.

After the presentation of the economy, the '40% valuations', and our portfolio returns, Hon. Jeff Yates asked, 'What is the ship we need to be concerned about?' An excellent question, btw!!! Bob said, if interest rates continue to rise, they have the inverse effect on prices; making the value of our holdings appear to be less (most folks forget or don't know they have enjoyed greater dividends either reinvested or providing an income stream). If we held individual bond securities, rather than 'pooled' in mutual funds, we can sell that bond for one offering a higher yield and/or we can look for bond funds with a shorter duration. Duration is a measure of a bond's 'life'; for example, 2 year Treasury's vs 7 year Intermediate, or 30 year bonds. The shorter duration, the less effect interest rates have. Bob will keep an eye on the bond side of our portfolio and consider moving some of our bond funds into shorter duration bond funds. As noted in the meeting, is things start to go south with unanticipated events, we can call a Finance Committee meeting. We don't have to wait for a quarter to pass!

Until next quarter, Miles miles.bresee@pasadenascottishrite.org, or 626 483-1342.

Fraternally,

Miles H. Bresee, 32º KCCH
Treasurer

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William R. Marsh, 32° KSA

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William R. Marsh, 32º KSA
Knights of Saint Andrew

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Leonard Manoukian, 32° KSA, Chairman Language Center Board

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite
Dress is Coat and Tie

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 6
5:00PM Cathedral Board
6:00PM Social Fellowship
6:30PM Dinner
8:00PM Stated Meeting
Chapter of Rose Croix in Charge
Women's Association

Saturday, November 14
9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Monday, November 16
5:00PM Rite Care Board - on Zoom

Thursday, November 26
Happy Thanksgiving
Office Closed

Friday, November 27
Office Closed

Saturday, November 28
10:00AM Discussion Group

SAVE THE DATE
December 4 - Stated Meeting
December 19 - Christmas Party
January 8 - Stated Meeting
January 22 - Installation of Officers
February 5 - Stated Meeting

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