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Dear Brothers,

I write this article on the morning after our May stated meeting which featured a guest lecture from Illustrious Robert G. Davis 33° G.C., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons... and what an amazing night it was! For all the challenges we face in keeping our beloved organization alive, this meeting showed how well it can work when everything goes right. I think I speak for many of us when we acknowledge that despite the negatives of living under the lockdown culture of Covid, there have in fact also been some “positives” to performing Scottish Rite Masonry within this new dynamic.



Last night we had 45 attendees, who not only showed up to hear our guest lecturer, but stayed through the end of the business meeting as well. That is an impressive number by any metric, and that really speaks to one of the “pluses” of the virtual aspects of our meetings. By now we’ve probably all heard talk about working to preserve what has been seen as improvements in our meeting practices as we contemplate going back to in-person gatherings. We accept email and phone calls as the standardized and most basic level of communicating with friends, coworkers, and loved ones; should Masonry not likewise evolve?

Obviously, when Masonry was created nothing like this technology existed. However, now that we have access to innovations such as allowing the attendance and participation of Brothers who are either too old or infirm to be with us, albeit electronically, or those who are otherwise geographically challenged in regard to ease of attendance, it begs the question: **WHY WOULD WE NOT WANT TO INTEGRATE THESE INNOVATIONS INTO OUR PERMANENT MEETING PRACTICES?**

The corporate and business world has certainly seen the value in these
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Venerable Master, continued...

developments. I don't think it's fantasy to say that some sort of in-person and virtual meeting hybrid would not be an optional way to conduct business moving forward. And most especially so, why not for Valleys that find themselves facing extinction due to lack of participation? This new hybrid model could benefit both thriving Valleys and those needing a much desired boost in participation.

And speaking of our guest speaker (jumping back to my opening paragraph)... last night was the culmination of one of the goals and dreams I've had for more than a decade. Many years ago, when I first gave thought to one day becoming Venerable Master (would that honor ever befall me) one of the things I most knew I wanted to do was to share my passion of education and travel in the name of breaking bread and waxing philosophically with Brothers far and wide.

This reminds me also of one of the central tenets that has always kept me moving forward within Masonry, that is to never stop learning, never stop seeking, never stop pushing onward and upward. The journey inward toward the divine spark is not one we can complete in this lifetime. All that we can strive for is to stay on the path, and not be lured into the traps and pitfalls presented to the elu on his journey to perfection; like Galahad seeking the grail, or our very own Constans on his night of vigil and temptation.

Guthrie Scottish Rite has always held a special place in my heart, not only for their ritual but also for their absolutely stunning temple in the truest sense, both spiritually and architecturally. And even more so for the membership and mentorship exhibited by Brothers such as Bob Davis, Jim Tresner (RIP), Richard Massad, Chuck Dunning, David Williamson, and many, many others. I hope that you all enjoyed a little taste of that experience of a Scottish Rite traveling man, and that the balance of this year allows us to continue finding the road rising up to meet us.

Sincerely,

Simon A. McIlroy, 32° KCCH
Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection



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The Secretary's Memo Pad

Ill. William F. Rook, 33°

2021 Conversation

As we move closer to reopening our Masonic Fraternity and we are planning our reunion, tentatively scheduled in November, a brother approached me at how disappointed he was over Reunion presentation.

He was concerned that in two weekends he was made a Master of the Royal Secret. He felt that the knowledge and degrees presented were few and communication process was short.



I conversed with him and relayed the concept that what was presented to him was only a preview. It was presented in hopes that the applicant would take advantage of the many sources to a self-study approach to the other degrees. I proceeded to list those aids to assist in discovering the full beauty of the Fraternity.

I reminded him of our once monthly group study of each of the degree with ready to go materials made available to aid the discussion.

I also reminded him of the Master Craftsman self- study program. There he would encounter a wealth of knowledge.

I introduced him to the Scottish Rite Research Society and many sources of knowledge provided for him in his self -study process.

I suggested he take advantage of our library which has a vast number of books and literature on Masonry.

I invited him to visit Guthrie, Oklahoma where each year they have a weekend where all 29 degrees are presented on stage.

I informed him that prior to our stated meeting we have prominent

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speaker/lecturers on different aspects of Masonry.

In essence we as the Scottish Rite are not going to give the answers in a weekend, a week a month or a lifetime. Because each answer is unique to the applicant journey. The applicant finds his answer in the exterior world, but in the in external world of his thoughts and knowledge. He must study to find his own true meaning to the Royal Secret of harmony and balance in his our individual life.

In fact, if you look at one of the oaths you took in the 32nd degree, you vowed and promised to do so.

Bill

IN MEMORIAM

Scott Manoogian
Glendale Lodge No. 368
April 26, 2021

Michael Coye
Pasadena Lodge No. 272
April 27, 2021

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

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.

The P.R.'s Corner

Ill. Rees Padfield, 33°

Brethren,

The light at the end of the tunnel is becoming clearer and it is not an oncoming train. Our governor and Grand Master are lessening the restrictions on meetings. There are preparations that must be accomplished before we can meet. Our Site-Specific Plan and the work to meet the Pasadena Health Department will take a time to prepare and get approval. Therefore, our Stated Meeting in June will be by Zoom. If all goes well within



the State and the Health Department, we will have our July Stated Meeting and dinner as in-person with our SGIG in attendance. We will, however, continue to use Zoom for those who can not attend. The same rules for sign ups and registration will apply. As of the writing of this article, to attend in person you must have your Covid-19 vaccination cards or a negative Covid-19 within the previous 72 hours. These you will have to present to be admitted. You must also make a reservation with the office. You will receive specific dinner table directions and specific seat directions in the auditorium. These we must do to meet state requirements for tracking and tracing. Hopefully, these rules will be relaxed in the future.

The month of June recalls several dates in military history.

June 4, 1944

U.S. 5th Army under General Mark Clark liberated Rome.

June 6, 1944

Invasion of Europe via Normandy, 150,000 troops landed and 15,000 were lost.

June 18, 1812

Senate passed 19 to 13 to declare war on Great Britain.

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

June 18, 1815

Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo ending 23 years of warfare.

June 22, 1941

Germany invaded Russia.

June 25, 1950

Korean War began.

June 28, 1919

Treaty of Versailles signed ending WWI.

Everyone remembers D-day as the 6th of June 1944 and that it was a major turning point of the war in Europe. There is another June date to be remembered as the turning point of the war in the Pacific during WWII. It was the Battle of Midway, June 3-6, 1942. Grand Admiral Yamamoto devised a plan to secure the eastern Pacific to prevent another Doolittle type raid. His overall plan was to execute a diversionary attack on the Aleutian Islands while attacking Midway Island and fortifying as a Japanese outpost. His plan was to attack causing the US to send its carriers to defend and then be ambushed. The US had broken the Japanese code and sent carriers to attack the Japanese force. The US navy strikes damaged four major Japanese carriers that participated in the attack at Pearl Harbor. The four were scuttled. The loss of the veteran Japanese airman along with the carriers caused a major turning point in the war in the Pacific. The Japanese Pacific offensive was derailed.

We plan on having a Reunion this fall, assuming we can meet. It is time to tell your members of your Blue Lodges about the Scottish Rite and how they can further their study in Masonry by joining the Pasadena Scottish Rite. As we continue to recover from this pandemic, if you need any assistance or know someone who may need assistance, please notify our General Secretary.

Rees Padfield, 33°

Personal Representative

Knights of the Double Eagle Program

Robert Artinian, 32° KCCH

As previously discussed at our zoom meeting on May 7, 2021, our valley has initiated an awards-based program called the Knights of the Double Eagle. Its intended purpose is to recognize, reward and incentify members of the valley to participate and get more involved by participating and engaging in events and activities conducted and sponsored by the valley. All members in good standing at the valley of Pasadena are eligible to become a Knight of the Double Eagle.

The program will be effective each year beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st. A knighting ceremony will take place in March of the following year conducted by the P.R. and the Venerable Master and all friends and family will be able to attend.

This year the program will commence beginning July 1, 2021. All points will start to accrue starting July 1 except the Master Craftsman courses. Credit will be given for courses completed prior to July 1 if it is submitted for approval and verified by December 31, 2021.

Some examples of activities one can participate and receive points are: joining the Knights of Saint Andrew and becoming active there. Participating in Reunion activities such as being a cast member, part of Wardrobe or stage crew, lighting crew, participating, and attending special events held by our valley, etc.

Below, please find a link to the website where you need to sign up to participate as well as view tutorials to help with any questions you may have.

Please contact any of the committee members with inquiries: Illustrious Ron Alcorn (ron@pasadenascottishrite.org), Honorable Gregory Gabriel (gregoryjgabriel@gmail.com), Honorable TJ Oliva (quarryworkman@gmail.com) and Honorable Robert Artinian (robertartinian@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance for your participation. <https://www.de32.org/>

How to enroll in your Valley's program

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmO70rYLVX0>

How the KDEA web site works

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RLdi8QfdaY>

Fraternal Regards,

Robert Artinian

Lodge Ambassadors

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA

Freemasonry is described in its own ritual as a “Beautiful or Peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols”. The symbolism of Freemasonry is found throughout the Masonic Lodge, and contains many of the working tools of a medieval or renaissance stonemason.

Traditions tell us about our ancestors and their values. When a Brother joins the Scottish Rite and completes his degrees, he’s participating in an ancient tradition. He is actively pursuing the eternal quest for a higher awareness and becoming a noble man. During this process he’s joining his brothers from many generations that have shaped this ancient tradition.



The pursuit of higher awareness and becoming a noble man begins in the Blue Lodge. It is there that a man learns that all degrees in Freemasonry represent a journey. The Entered Apprentice degree teaches that the lodge is a representation of the world and that our journey through it is a representation of our own life’s journey. The second degree, Fellowcraft, teaches that to make meaningful progress in life it take a combination of education, experience, emotion and intuition. It is in this degree that you learn the spirit within that can lead to self-improvement. In the third degree called the Master Mason is when you come face to face with your worst enemy, your ego.

After this preparation, he is ready to advance to the higher awareness which can be discovered in his journey through the Scottish Rite. The progressive degrees of the Rite are designed to carry the man to a new level of insight. Each degree contains a lesson, explores a spe-

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Lodge Ambassadors continued...

cific set of ideas and gives personal insight about his own journey in life. The Scottish Rite has four Bodies, Each Body is a quest. Quests never end and continue throughout our lives. Taken together, they are immensely important in who we are capable of becoming.

In the Scottish Rite, we learn that every action we take, or don't take, has consequences. We learn that we create our own future by our actions. Our actions build both on our past and on our future. Actions matter. The Scottish Rite gives us the tools to have whatever life we want.

Please forward this article to a worthy Brother Master Mason of your Blue Lodge. It may spark an interest in him. If so, The Pasadena Scottish Rite will greet him with open arms and invite him to proceed with his masonic journey!

Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA
ambassadors@pasadenascottishrite.org

Current Year Membership Statistical Changes	
Initiations:	0
Affiliations:	2
Reinstatements:	5
Deaths:	5
Demissions:	0
Suspensions (Non-payment):	1
Suspensions (Other reasons):	3
Expulsions	0
Current Lodge Membership	724

Current Dues Statistics				
	Count	% of Total	Orient Wide Avg.	Jurisdiction Wide Avg.
Members with Dues Paid in Full:	395	54.6%	49.9%	53.5%
Members with Current Dues Balance:	81	11.2%	6.9%	6.7%
Members with Arrears Dues Balance:	42	5.8%	13.1%	8.9%
Members that are Dues Exempt:	109	15.1%	11.5%	10.3%
Paid Life Members:	97	13.4%	18.6%	20.7%

A Few Words about “The Master Craftsman” Study Program Steven D. Klein, 32° KCCH

Our beautiful reunions convey much wisdom in a very compact time frame. There is a lot of information to absorb. Indeed, one could make a good point that the degrees provide for a lifetime of study. But it can be hard to know exactly where to start. Addressing that concern, the Supreme Council created the Master Craftsman program. The MC program gives one’s desire for further light in Masonry: and specifically, Scottish Rite Masonry, a structure upon which to begin.

The Master Craftsman program is a self-paced program. Proceed at your own comfortable speed. There are no deadlines to meet. It is not a sprint, unless you want it to be. Take your time and enjoy the journey! My own Master Craftsman journey was about 7 years.



The MC begins with a history of the founding and the structure of the Scottish Rite itself. Later, you will study each degree, in order, from 4th to 32nd, delving into the symbolism, characters and plots of the degrees, one by one, to absorb the meaning and wisdom. The questions start from basic fill-in-the-blank to multiple choice. These type of questions are meant to show you have learned the basic information of these degrees. The essay questions are designed, in part, to ask you to look inward to see how you apply the moral lessons of the degree to the challenges you face in your daily life.

I have had a few brothers tell me the phrase ‘essay question’ sends shivers down their spines. Please let me reassure you that there isn’t a right or wrong reply to these questions. Your answers are confidential. They aren’t published anywhere! The graders just want to see that you’ve put some thought into the answers. And who are some of the graders? Some of the most prominent officers and scholars in Scottish Rite. I had quizzes graded by illustrious Brothers De Hoyos, Ron Seale and Brent Morris. Don’t let their titles worry you. We are all on the level. I cherish the comments they made and you will cherish comments from whomever may read your quizzes. When you’ve reached the final course on “Morals and Dogma,” the new annotated version of the tome by Ill; DeHoyos makes the book accessible and understandable to modern readers. And frankly, I found it utterly fascinating.

Contact me at sdklein2005@yahoo.com

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Steven Klein, 32°, KCCH

A graphic with a background of radiating lines in shades of orange and red. In the center is a large red blood drop. The word "Summer" is written in a white cursive font across the top of the drop, and "FULL OF LIFE" is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font across the bottom of the drop.

Summer
FULL OF LIFE

**Pasadena Scottish Rite
Blood Drive**

**Location: Dining Room
150 N Madison Ave
Pasadena, CA 91101**

**Wednesday, June 9, 2021
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

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**SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
As of April 30, 2021**

Beginning Balance April 1, 2021	\$	<u>82,779.87</u>
Deposits:	\$	45,867.60
Checks # 3314 - 3335	\$	109,184.67
Payroll Taxes	\$	741.75
Debit Card charges	1,063.56	
		<u>110,989.98</u>
		<u>17,657.49</u>

Check 3316 Early, Cassidy \$46,654 Insurance
 Check 3320 Los Angeles County \$16,452/57 Property Taxes
 Check 3330 Reilly SR LLC \$26,900 Repl Microphones & Sound Equip for FCC Compliance Rqmts
 Check 3333 J L Painting & Construction \$8,000 Progress Pymt Conf & Knight's Rooms
 Check 3334 J L Painting & Construction \$2,350 Knight's Room ceiling/plaster repairs and remove light fixtur
 Check 3335 Jan-Serve \$1,594.73 Monthly Cleaning

Uncleared Transaction	<u>\$3,075.71</u>
Ending Balance as April 30, 2021	<u><u>\$14,561.78</u></u>

Deposits Breakdown:
 Apartment Rent - March 2021 \$ 1,760.00
 Parking Lot Lease The REMM Group 16,127.60
 Parking Lot Rentals 1,080.00
 From Acct. AT&T Buyout 26,900.00

\$ 45,867.60

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TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of April 30, 2021			
Opening Balance April 1, 2021	\$	58,909.99	
Deposits	\$	45,036.19	45,036.19
Checks	\$	30,975.50	
Paychex charges (payroll, taxes and fees)	11,099.91		
Debit Card charges	293.62		
		<u>42,369.03</u>	42,369.03
Cleared Balance		<u>\$61,177.15</u>	
Uncleared Transactions	\$	27.52	27.52
Register Balance April 30, 2021		<u>\$61,149.63</u>	

Deposits Breakdown:
 Members Dues for 2021 \$ 5,803.79
 Credit for Counterfeit check 9,600.00
 Buy Out Acct. Erroneously deposited to Lodge 28,903.00
 Candidates Fees 700.00
 Payroll Taxes - Credit 29.40

(For Comparison)

Account	12/31/2020	4/30/2021	Change from Dec. 20 to Apr. 21
4063 - FSR Life Membership Acct.	\$ 242,643.73	\$ 267,192.84	24,549.11
4066 - FSR Almoner Acct.	16,073.74	19,775.88	831.31
4067 - Cathedral Assoc. Acct.	\$ 416,219.98	\$ 454,460.98	38,241.00
4068 - Lodge of Perfection Main Acct.	\$1,819,463.14	1,645,328.06	170,714.53
3495 - Buy out Acct.	\$ 170,158.76	\$ 110,575.21	(59,583.55)
	<u>2,667,430.18</u>	<u>2,842,182.58</u>	<u>174,752.40</u>

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Pasadena Childhood Language Center



Meghri Habashian
Office Coordinator

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William F. Rook

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Scottish Rite Calendar

Keep Friday Nights for Scottish Rite

JUNE

Wednesday, June 2

Deadline for Jul. & Aug. Bulletin articles!

Friday, June 4

7:30PM Virtual Stated Meeting
 Guest Speaker: Ill. S. Brent Morris, 33° GC
 Topic: A Timeline of the Masonic Higher Degrees

Lodge of Perfection in Charge
 You must register in advance to attend this meeting, registration info will be sent out by the Secretary via email.

Saturday, June 5

9:30AM Knights of Saint Andrew

Friday, June 25

7:30PM Ambassadors Meeting
 If you are interested in being a Scottish Rite Ambassador for your lodge contact Massimo Del Grande, 32° KSA at ambassadors@pasadenascottishrite.org

Saturday, June 26

10:00AM Discussion Group
 You must register in advance to attend this meeting. If you would like to participate contact Charles Fisher, 32° KCCH at arroyoseco@hotmail.com

