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### Scottish Rite to Sponsor NASCAR Racing Team

Washington, D.C., January 3, 2007 — The Scottish Rite Racing Team was officially announced and introduced by NASCAR, BC Motorsports, and the Frank Cicci Racing team at the Scottish Rite House of the Temple on Saturday, January 6, 2007, at 11:00am. NASCAR representatives, the Racing Team, and members of the Masonic community were available to the media. The House of the Temple is located at 1733 Sixteenth St. N.W., Washing-

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#### Friday, February 16, 2007 Los Angeles Scottish Rite Workshop

Supper 7 p.m.  
Workshop 8:00 p.m.

#### Friday, February 23, 2007 5th Degree conferral

Supper 7 p.m.  
Degree 8:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, February 13, 2007 Advisory Council Meeting

Meeting 7 p.m.

Reservations 1-323-937-

#### Friday, February 9, 2007 Stated Meeting Council of Kadosh Festival

Stated meeting 7 p.m.  
Dinner 7:30 p.m.

### "Great Expectations for the New Year"

*By Blackie Passarelli, 32° K.C.C.H., Venerable Master*

A great honor has been bestowed upon me in being elected and installed as Venerable Master of the Los Angeles Valley of the Scottish Rite. I am sincerely grateful to all those who made this honor possible and want to extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to all those officers who will be serving with me during the year. We will have a great team of leaders and I am sure that with the help of our Personal Representative, Sam Pitassi, and our Director of the Work, Ron Hopkins, we will have a most successful year.

Our activities will start with a degree workshop, continue with the Spring and Fall Reunions for the Mandatory Degrees, and provide the conferring of nine other degrees, the

Fifth through the Thirteenth. We will also have a reception of our Grand Master, Mel Stein, on September 7, 2007. We are also considering some social functions outside of the Santa

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### Ritual Workshop Scheduled

On February 16th we will be holding our annual Ritual Night at Santa Monica Masonic Center. All degree masters, actors, and Scottish Rite Masons interested in our ritual are invited to attend. Dinner will be served at 7 PM, after which we will discuss the upcoming year's ritual events.

This year we are beginning a  
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### Newly Installed 2007 Officers of Los Angeles Scottish Rite



Photo courtesy of Ronald Balin

Left to right: George W. Black 32°, Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix; S.K. Camino L. Passarelli, 32° KCCH, Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection; S.K. Rodney T. Laderas, Commander of the Council of Kadosh and Richard K. Pierce, 32°, Master of Kadosh of the Consistory

## Los Angeles Valley Chapter, Knights of Saint Andrew

In 2003, with the Blessing of the Personal Representative to the Los Angeles Valley, Ill.: R. Stephen Doan, 33 the Charter Officers organized a Chapter of Knights of Saint Andrew in the Valley of Los Angeles, Orient of California.

The Los Angeles Valley Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew was chartered on March 14, 2003 at the Santa Monica Masonic Center in the city of Santa Monica. Our charter group consisted of 12 from the Los Angeles Valley.

We are taught in our Blue Lodges that the principle tenets of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. As Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Mason we are taught in the 29th degree that the great virtues of knighthood are: humility, patience, self-denial, chari-

ty, generosity, clemency, virtue, truth and honor.

The Knights of Saint Andrew is not only a great way for those joining our valley to get involved and learn about Scottish Rite Masonry, it is also a great way for the Black hat members who have been around for awhile to get involved in their Valley and to help keep the Valley active and vibrant. The Knights of Saint Andrew Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction have proven themselves in this area. New Membership has increased and the retention of current members has improved. Each Chapter has become a visible and integral part of their Valley's leadership.

The Los Angeles Valley Chapter of the Knights of Saint Andrew is an organization that gets its members involved. We are about making the valley active and alive. we are very proud of what the charter member have accomplished since our first installation in March 2003. We have been asked to do many things and we have never disappointed. We have reconstituted the Greeters committee that welcomes every member to our meetings, we have taken over registering members for our stated meeting dinners, we have operated the Child ID program for the Valley, we have participated in the degrees, and we have had our first initiations. The best part of what we have been able to accomplish is that along with the work that we have done for the valley, we have had a great time doing it and created new and lasting friendships among our members. What our chapter will do in the future will be decided by our members and the needs of the Valley.

As of the time of this writing we have a total of 15 members 9 who are members of the Officer Corps of the four bodies in our Valley. There are have two members who are officers in the Lodge of Perfection, two mem-

## Venerable Master

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Monica Masonic Center like a Table Lodge, trips to museums, and maybe even a trip to the Griffith Observatory.

Brethren, I believe we will be having an enlightening and entertaining year and do encourage you all to attend these events whenever possible. Also, remember that all the degree nights will be preceded by a dinner and will be open to our ladies.

## Ritual Workshop

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three-year cycle in which all the Scottish Rite degrees will be conferred. This will be the first time we will present all the degrees using the newly revised Hutchens ritual. With the exceptions of January, August, and December, each month we will either confer a degree or hold a Reunion. Schedule permitting, the Friday preceding each degree has been set aside as a rehearsal night for the cast. All ritual events will be at Santa Monica this year.

Following each degree we will hold a discussion session. These have proven to be very popular and a source of further light in Masonry, as we explore the history of the degree, its symbolism and context in Masonry, the lessons it teaches, and parallels and analogies in society.

This year we will be holding two Reunions, one on March 30/31, and the other on October 19/20. All five mandatory degrees will be presented in two days. Our last Reunion proved to be quite successful, with a class in excess of 20 new members. Mark these dates on your calendar, and tell any brethren in your Blue Lodge interested in joining the Scottish Rite about this opportunity.

Our Valley has always taken pride in the quality of our Degrees, both in presentation and in imparting Masonic light. With your help, this will be another great year for our Valley.

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The bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Los Angeles, Orient of California, acknowledge the authority and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors 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 Freemasonry, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose See is at the Grand Orient of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, now sitting at Washington, D.C., of which Illustrious RONALD A. SEALE, 33° is Sovereign Grand Commander.

## Think About It!

By Ron Koretz, 32° K.C.C.H.

Consider the plight of Cindy and Eugene Pacheco. They are both fans of the Denver Broncos, and, since that team usually plays on Thanksgiving, they typically invite their family to their Colorado home for dinner and to watch that football game. Shortly before the game, they found out that a new arrangement with their cable company required that they would have to purchase a premium package in order to be able to receive the broadcast. Since they did not want to pay an extra \$70 each month in order to watch one game, they realized that they had to make other arrangements.

Before you read any further, decide what arrangements you would make. One alternative solution, namely changing to a satellite network, was not possible because of an inadequate amount of time to get it connected.

This is what Cindy was quoted as saying: "Now we're scrambling. We're trying to find a place to watch it, or we'll just have to go to a bar. The family will have to leave. Our teenager will have to stay home and watch our little boy. It's unfair. It's some kind of ploy to make money."

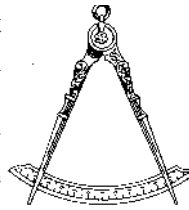
Indeed, the story in the newspaper largely focused on the dollars that were at stake. However, I found the perspective of the Pacheco's to be even more disturbing than the greed of the National Football League or the cable networks. It seemed to me to be more unfair to the family to call off the Thanksgiving dinner so the two adults could go to a bar to watch a football game. In fact, if the Pacheco's want to worry about greed, what selfish message are they making to two impressionable youngsters about values? The message of their actions is speaking so loudly that it is impossible to hear what they are saying. While football

may be something a family can share as part of Thanksgiving, the real reason for the holiday is to spend the time together, regardless of what is (or even is not) being watched on television.

Think about it.

## FIFTH DEGREE Perfect Master February 27, 2007

In the Fifth Degree, Perfect Master, we learn that life is uncertain - death may call at any time and that the noblist portion of humanity is virtue for virtue's sake.



The Master Hiram was an industrious and an honest man. What he was employed to do he did diligently, and he did it well and faithfully. He received no wages that were not his due. Industry and honesty are the virtues peculiarly inculcated in this Degree. As Perfect Masters we should be industrious and honest.

The Master Hiram is an example to be imitated, a man who led a wise and virtuous life. We should always keep our houses in order for we know not when our journey upon this earth shall end.

## SILENCE . . .

The Book of Constitutions guarded by the Tyler's sword may be as is claimed, a new emblem among us, but the virtue it commemorates, silence, is an old and excellent one. How much better it would be if we thought more and talked less. This virtue seems to have been more prized by the ancients than by us. The disciples of many of the ancient philosophers were required to practice absolute silence for long periods of probation, and so important was it deemed in their religious and philosophical systems that it was allotted a special deity, Hipocrates, who was represented as full of eyes and ears, signifying that many things are to be seen and heard but little to be spoken.- From: *The Symbolism of Masonry* - by Oliver D. Street, PGM, Alabama

# Calendar

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS February 2007

Friday, February 9, 2007  
Stated Meeting, Council of Kadosh Festival  
Stated Meeting 7 p.m.

Dinner and program 7:30 p.m.  
(Reservations Required, cost \$12.50)  
Menu: TBA

Tuesday, February 13, 2007  
Advisory Council Meeting  
Santa Monica Masonic Center  
"Riviera room" — 7 p.m.

Friday, February 16, 2007  
LASR Workshop  
Supper 7:00 p.m.  
Workshop 8:00 p.m.

February 23, 2007  
Fifth Degree Conferral  
Supper 7:00 p.m.  
Degree 8:00 pm.

Friday March 9, 2007  
Public Schools Night  
(Reservations Required, cost \$12.50)  
Menu: TBA

**Knights Of St. Andrew  
Stated Meetings**  
First Friday of the Month  
7 p.m. — Riviera Room

## Scottish Rite Racing

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ton, DC. The Scottish Rite race car will be driven by veteran driver Brian Conz, who himself is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason. Brother Brian, who began his career in 1988 in the Street Stock Division, later moved to the ARCA/REMAX Series in 1996. Brian has 15 wins, 79 top fives, and 108 top ten finishes to his credit and will be in the running for the Raybestos Rookie of the Year honors.

He will be piloting the Scottish Rite #34 Chevrolet for Frank Ciccini Racing based in Mooresville, N.C. The team will be celebrating its 20th season in the Busch Series in 2007 and is the oldest running team in series history. With 743 starts and 19 victories, the team has fielded drivers such as current NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Champion Todd Bodine, Randy LaJoie, and David Green, along with a long line of NASCAR's favorite driver's. Owner Frank Ciccini states, "We are so excited and privileged to have such an honorable organization associated with us, we look forward to a long-lasting relationship with the Scottish Rite and Brian."

Scottish Rite Racing will compete in the 2007 NASCAR Busch Series commencing at the Daytona Interna-

## 'Quick Quotes'

We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise we Harden *Goethe*

You may get to the foot of the mountain by thinking, but you don't get to the top without faith. *Anon*

You can build a throne with bayonets, but you can't sit on it for long. *Boris Yeltsin*

Take a little time every day to notice the contents of your mind. This act of noticing, although very simple, is one of

tional Speedway in Florida on February 17th for the full 35 race schedule.

Scottish Rite Masons and the Racing Team are very excited about their partnership. After the thrill of a NASCAR race is over, the Scottish Rite hopes its racing team will leave an increased awareness of childhood speech and learning disorders and the vital importance of early diagnosis and treatment. Dean R. Alban, 33°, Director of Membership Services for the Scottish Rite said, "If we can help just one more child learn to speak and communicate, then our race team will have served its purpose."

the most powerful steps to bringing about change. What you don't see, you cannot change. *Deepak Chopra*

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it. *Henry Ford*

## Knights of St. Andrew

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bers who are officers in the Chapter Rose Croix, four members who are officers in the Council of Kadosh, one member who is an officer in the Consistory.

Our stated meeting night is the first Friday of every month at the Marie Calendar's Restaurant in Marina del Rey at 6:00 pm. We have semi-open business meetings and guests are always welcomed. We meet in a semi private Room in the restaurant. Occasionally our Stated meeting night coincides with the Valley's Stated Meeting. On these nights we meet at the Santa Monica Masonic Center.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Howard Cashion**



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