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## PR's Corner . . .

USO Operation Phone Home continues to generate funds to purchase prepaid calling cards for service members overseas. The Scottish Rite Masons of North America made a generous contribution of \$40,000 to the campaign. This donation allowed the purchase 7,500 phone cards branded with the Scottish Rite Masons logo. There are more than 500,000 Scottish Rite Masons in the United States. This donation is

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## A Brief Los Angeles Valley History

Albert Pike's desire to establish the Scottish Rite in all parts of California led to an organizational meeting in the "City of the Angels," a small town of about 12,000 in 1885. Pentalpha Lodge No. 202 on Main Street was the scene of the constitution of King Solomon Lodge of Perfection No. 14, Robert Bruce Chapter of Rose Croix No. 6 and the Hugh Des Paynes Council of Kadosh No. 3. The Bodies met at the Main Street

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**Friday, January 12, 2007**

**Annual Installation**

**of Officers**

**Dinner 6:30 p.m.**

**Installation 8:00 p.m.**

**Officers in Tuxedos and Caps**

**Make Reservations**

**for dinner at**

**323-937-2566**

## "It Was a Very Good Year!"

*By Ill. William Nemoy, 33°, Venerable Master*

Not to paraphrase Frank Sinatra's song of the same title, but it was my reply to the question asked by Ill, William F. Stovall, 33°, "Was it a good year?," at his reception in November, and I explained that considering all things, the challenges faced by the Los Angeles Valley were positively met by his Personal Representative, the Officers of the Bodies, the Directors of the Work, Degree Masters, Knights of St. Andrews, Committee Chairmen and all members participating in various capacities. Precisely, it was a team effort which produced exceptional results for the welfare and growth of the Valley. Brother Stovall in his

remarks to the audience expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Orient of California and the Supreme Council of the 33°. Personally, may I add my acknowledgment to all concerned for the efforts expended in the Year 2006. Particularly for the support and best wishes. If you have not yet read the Sovereign Grand Commander's message published in the November issue of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction` Northern Light" magazine, I encourage you to read Ill. John Win. McNaughton's "It Takes a Team". To the elected officers of the Bodies for 2007, I extend my sincere wish for a successful year.

## 2007 OFFICERS LOS ANGELES SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

### LOS ANGELES LODGE OF PERFECTION

Venerable Master . . . . . Camillo L. Passarelli, 32° KCCH  
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## A Brief Valley History

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Location for less than two years when they moved to First and Spring Streets where they held meetings for ten years.

At that time only the Grand Consistory of California in San Francisco conferred the Consistory Degrees. The distance and expense involved prompted the constitution of a "Particular Consistory" in Los Angeles. By 1895, the "lodge room" in the Bonebreak Building on First and Spring became inadequate and an impressive three story Masonic Hall was built at 431 Hill Street. It was occupied by the Scottish Rite Bodies, the York Rite and three blue Lodges.

By 1900, the membership had reached about 200 and so a larger Temple was erected at 929 Hope Street, "with a little money and a lot of faith."

In spite of the losses to Santa

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Past Venerable Masters at the November Stated Meeting. Front row, let to right: Michael Newfield, Ronald Hart, William Bottoroff, Wiiiiam Nemo, 2006 Venerable master, Mel Nahin, Ronald Hopkins, Xavier Pitassi, Personal Representative. Rear row, left to right: Donald J. Spencer, Joseph Bullock, R. Stephen Doan and Sherman Ostrom.

### 2007 Los Angeles Scottish Rite Officers *(Continued from Page 1)*

#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER ROSE CROIX

Wise Master . . . . .	George W. Black, 32°
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Junior Warden . . . . .	Fred Shooshani, 32°
Orator . . . . .	Shay Maghame, 32°
Master of Ceremonies . . . . .	O. Gary Pealer, 32°, KCCH
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Assistant Expert . . . . .	Floyd L. Merrel, 32°, KCCH
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Guardian of the Temple . . . . .	Jonathon P. Dilley, 32°

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Orator . . . . .	George D. Machalani, 32°
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Marshal of Ceremonies . . . . .	Has Hosseinzadeh, 32°
Turcopolier . . . . .	Rafi Kureghian, 32°
Draper . . . . .	Melvin L. Rogers, 32°
First Deacon . . . . .	Brian P. Bezner, 32°, KCCH
Second Deacon . . . . .	Krikor O. Hazarshahian, 32°

#### LOS ANGELES CONSISTORY

Master of Kadosh . . . . .	Richard K. Pierce, 32°
Prior . . . . .	Sam S. Pirnazar, 32°
Preceptor . . . . .	Ernest Lara, 32°, KCCH
Chancellor . . . . .	Kim B. Andres, 32°
Minister of State . . . . .	Lee A. Abramson, 32°, KCCH
Prelate . . . . .	Johnny L. Jett, 32°
Master of Ceremonies . . . . .	Ara Maloyan, 32°
Expert . . . . .	Allen S. Bershin, 32°, KCCH
Assistant Expert . . . . .	Mahmoud Ghaffari, 32°, KCCH
Captain of the Guard . . . . .	Dahlan Netsch, 32°



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#### ALLEGIANCE

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.

## PR'S Corner

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just one of our organization's numerous charitable contributions. If you are interested in contributing to this worthy cause, please call 1-800-901-1501.

Thank you to all who attended our Holiday Party. Ill. Sherm Ostrom had to rent a moving van to carry home all the toys donated. The group from the Roger Wagner Chorale brightened our holiday spirits.

At our December Stated Meeting, we also elected the officers for 2007. There are fifty officers in the four bodies of the Los Angeles Scottish Rite and each has agreed to serve to the best of their abilities. As I know all of them, I have no doubt that they will. If you are interested in serving your Valley in any capacity, as an officer or volunteer, please let me know. Our Annual Installation of Officers will be on Friday, January 12, 2007. As there will be no Stated Meeting, dinner will be at 7:00 PM followed by the Installation at 8:00 PM. Our Deputy in California, Ill. William F. Stovall, will be the Installing Officer.

We will have some changes next year. We will have two reunion classes. The first one will be in March and the second one will be in November. You can start sending petitions in now for our March Class. As usual, we will honor a worthy brother called from labor.

We will have only one night a month for degree conferral. This will give the Degree Directors a night to rehearse with the cast. Since we will be using the new

shortened ritual, we may confer two degrees on some nights.

We are changing the format of the Bulletin and we are going to have paid advertisements to offset the cost. We will have the advertising rates in the next bulletin.

Lastly, we are motivated to create an education program for all the brethren. The ritual of the Scottish contains philosophical and esoteric teachings that could benefit the Brethren once brought to light. We plan to have Quarterly speakers and have regular meeting with structured lessons.

Please attend our Installation of Officers and show your support for our new Officers.

## 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.

# Calendar

**VALLEY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**Santa Monica Masonic Hall**  
 926 Santa Monica Blvd.,  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January 2007

Friday, January 12, 2007

Annual Installation of Officers

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Installation 8 p.m.

(Reservations Required, cost \$12.50)

Menu: TBA

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

February 27, 2007

Fifth Degree Conferral

Supper 7:00 p.m.

Degree 8:00 pm.

## Knights Of St. Andrew Stated Meetings

First Friday of the Month  
7 p.m. — Riviera Room

Contact Jim Meyer —1-310-420-4320

## 'Quick Quotes'

We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise we harden. GOETHE

You june 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

## A Brief Valley History

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Barbara (1931) and Bakersfield (1945) when they were instituted, the growth continued. The membership in 1950 reached 7,378 with a class of 300. It was time for another new Cathedral. After diligent search was made, the Rite purchased four lots on Wilshire Boulevard to build a new Temple. The Cathedral, four stories high, with an exterior of Italian Travertine marble, embellished with mosaics and gold lettering and adorned with eight 15 foot statues is, indeed, a monumental edifice.

On April 28, after 55 years at the Hope Street address, the first Stated Meeting of the Rite was held on October 6, 1961.

It is quite natural that the Los Angeles Bodies are deeply involved in theatrical and musical performances. An orchestra had been established as early as 1911 and the Scottish Rite Male Chorus held its 40th birthday in 1955. The Scottish Rite Players staged many productions for the entertainment of the brethren and their families.

The one-day class of 330 candidates in November 1974 brought the

membership to over 11,000. In 1980, Los Angeles was the largest Valley in the second largest Orient of the Southern Jurisdiction, and the 14th largest Valley in the Jurisdiction.

*(from the LASR Website)*

### *“Quotable Quotes , , ,”*

It is not so much our friend's help that helps us as the confident knowledge that they will help us.

ERNEST HEMINGWAY

Perfectionism is the enemy of creation, as extreme self-solitude is the enemy of well-being. JOHN UPDIKE

You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try. BEVERLY SILLS

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**Jack M. Grossman**  
**Robert Lazar Samarzich**  
**Logan S. Wagner**  
**Maurice Franco**  
**Marvin Whitman**  
**Leon Samuel Paule**

## CLC CONTRIBUTORS

Melville H. & Alice Nahin in celebration of Xavier & Shelley Pitassi's 44th Anniversary

Melville H. & Alice Nahin in celebration of Myron E. Smith's 100th Birthday

Melville H. & Alice Nahin in celebration of Sheldon Stan's election as

President of the California State Bar

Melville H. & Alice Nahin in loving memory of Jack Rose's mother

Melville H. & Alice Nahin in loving memory of E. Arthur Haglund's wife Barbie

Melville H. & Alice Nahin to Robert Frederick & Family in loving memory of Reva

Ralph M. & Vi Fellows in loving memory of Richard Hart

Officers & Brethren of the LASR in celebration of Myron E. Smith's 100th Birthday

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