

San Fernando Valley York Rite Bodies

March 2017 Bulletin

Please join Masons from the four corners of the State and beyond honoring Most Excellent Companion Sam Pitassi KYGCH at the First Presbyterian Church in Burbank (details below). He has served our organization with distinction for many years. He entered into Eternal Rest on Saturday February 11, 2017.

Please invite your Master Mason friends to join Signet Chapter No. 57 on Saturday March 18 at 8 am. You can print a Petition at [Petition to Join](#)

We look forward to your participation in our March events.

Fraternally,

Carlos H. Gonzalez KTCH, KYGCH, PGC
Secretary/Recorder

PS: Errors, misquotes and omissions in this Bulletin are purposely scattered in these pages for your

amusement and enjoyment and not meant to cause any inconvenience to anyone.
Thank you for your understanding.

On the mend

Do you know of anyone else who is "under the weather"?
Please send me an e mail and let me know about him/her.

If you have any updates on the health condition of any of our members or ladies mentioned above please send me an e mail at secretary@sfvyrb.org

Thank you.

Agenda for March 2017

Friday March 3

Los Angeles Assembly No. 42 SOOB

Saturday March 4

at 11 am

Memorial Service honoring
Most Excellent Companion
Sam Pitassi KYGCH
First Presbyterian Church
521 East Olive Avenue
Burbank, Ca 91501

Sunday March 5

at 8:15 am

Masonic Service Bureau of Los Angeles
85th Annual Masonic Breakfast
Hilton Hotel LAX
5711 W. Century Blvd.

Monday March 6

Signet Chapter No. 57 RAM
Stated Convocation
Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Sunday March 12

Daylight Saving Time
(one hour forward)

Friday March 17

Saint Patrick's Day
Los Angeles Assembly No. 42 SOOB

Saturday March 18

Signet Chapter No. 57 RAM
Chapter Degrees at 8 am

Monday March 20

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9
Stated Assembly
Dinner at 6:30 pm

Friday March 24

The Spirit of Hiram
Pasadena Scottish Rite

Monday March 27

Omega Council No. 11 CM
Stated Assembly
Conferral of Cryptic Degrees
Dinner at 6:30 pm

Saturday April 15

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9
Conferral of Chivalric Orders
at 8 am

**Los Angeles Assembly No. 42
Social Order of the Beauceant**

Dear Beauceant Sisters,

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!! Green is the color of the day, Enjoy!!!



Last month, we have installed our Worthy Chaplain, Mrs. David Woody, Congratulations! We missed her during the installation because of her eye surgery. Thanks God, she's doing very well now. We still have a couple of vacant positions in our line of officers. Hopefully we will be able to fill it soon.

Our deepest sympathy to our Sister Shelley Pitassi and her family for the loss of a love one, Sam Pitassi. May he rest in peace. Please remember that your Beauceant sisters are always here for you.

To our Birthday celebrants for the month of March, we wish you Happy Birthday and Good Health. May you all have many more birthdays to come.

Mrs. Charles Trullinger - Mar 6.
Mrs. Bruce Ewald - Mar 21.
Mrs. Barbara Miller - Mar 30.

Looking forward to see you all on our next Stated Meeting. Please call me if you will not be able to attend.

Beauceant Love and Care,

Mrs. Cirilo Marquez
President

Meeting Schedule:

Mar. 3, 2017- Brown Bag / Dessert
11:30 AM Lunch
12:30 PM Stated Meeting

Mar. 17, 2017 - Hot Lunch / Dessert
11:30 AM - Lunch
12:30 PM -Stated Meeting

Mar. 20, 2017-Serving for LA Commandery 9 Dinner

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Mistress of the Wardrobe

Vacant

Daughter of the Household

Vacant

Inner Guard

Mrs. Michael Cortez

Outer Guard

Vacant



Dear Companions and Ladies,

March is upon us and Spring is just around the corner. The Royal Arch Degrees are steadily approaching and for many of us we have one more opportunity at our next Blue Lodge Stated Meetings to announce this event. Our degree Festival falls on the third Saturday, March 18th. As you all know, these degrees only happen twice a year so please make a push for anyone who may be interested to submit their application soon. The next Degree conferral will not be until September! Also, I would encourage the members to attend and support these Brothers on their journeys on becoming our newest Companions.

Please remember to make your reservation for the March 6th meeting dinner. Or, if you have already made a reservation but find that you need to cancel, please let Carlos know so he can adjust the head count. Otherwise, you might get a \$10 invoice for dinner in the mail!

Also, I have tickets available for the Grand Master's Breakfast. If you are interested in attending, it is free to Signet members. The only requirement is that you wear your red jackets and you help hand our some applications! Please let me know if you would like to attend. I look forward to seeing you at our next Degree Conferral!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Excellent Companion Matt Hyde
2017 High Priest

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Omega Council No. 11 - Cryptic Masons

Companions,

I would like to start off this month's article taking a moment to recognize the loss of one of our own, Most Excellent Companion Xavier "Sam" Pitassi, known and loved by all. You've already read about Sam's considerable accomplishments



and titles, but I will just write briefly about the Sam I knew. Whenever I heard about some obscure Masonic order or degree I knew I could always ask Sam about it, not only would he have a wealth of knowledge about my inquiry, then he would always inform me that he was also a member. There was in fact a running joke amongst us that there wasn't a Masonic organization that Sam did not belong to.

While Masonry can sometimes be unpredictable, you could always count on Sam to be positive, upbeat, and solution oriented. And even through his advanced years and health challenges, he remained whip-smart, funny, and active. So wherever you are when you read this, take a moment and say a little prayer thanking Sam for being part of our lives and our fraternity - Lord knows we need more like him. Be like Sam.

On a lighter note, I am pleased to announce that this year's production of the Super Excellent Master Degree is proceeding splendidly. We have secured a location, date, crew, and caterer. I am now in the preliminary stages of casting the speaking parts and then will move on to the large number of nonspeaking roles in the degree. Please email me and let me know if you can participate. One of the most impressive things about this degree is the sheer size of the cast on stage. It is also notable as being a bit of a hybrid degree between the style of our usual York Rite "theater in the round" format and the more Scottish Rite style of the degree being performed on a stage with all the accoutrements.

As always, please keep putting the word out about the degrees coming up and getting petitions turned in. New membership, engagement, and retention are the lifeblood of any organization and especially of ours.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Simon A. McIlroy
Illustrious Master

Rehearsals at Van Nuys Masonic Center:
May 6th, 2017 - 10 am / June 3th, 2017 - 9 am / July 22nd,
2017 - 9 am

Dress Rehearsal at Long Beach Scottish Rite:

August 5th, 2017 - 9am

Performance at Long Beach Scottish Rite:

August 26th, 2014 - 9am (9am Registration * 10am Degree
* 12pm Lunch)

Degree Package \$20 * Includes Lunch, Degree Certificate,
Lapel Pin, and Program
(Available for all Attendees - NOT a Degree Fee)

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Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 - Knights Templar

Sir Knights, Ladies, and Friends,

March is the month for our degree conferrals. First, the Chapter degrees on Saturday, March 18, 7:30am for registration and continental breakfast; the Council degrees on Monday, March 27, 6:30pm registration and dinner, 7:30pm degrees; and culminating with the Commandery Orders on April 15, 7:30am for registration and continental breakfast. Let your non-York Rite Masons know what a great experience it is to be part of the York Rite - see our Recorder or go to our website for a petition.



Our 2017 Grand York Rite Annual Sessions is coming up quickly on May 21-24. The Grand Commandery meeting day is Monday, May 22, so it will be much easier for you to attend the Commandery session this year with needing just one weekday off. The drill team will be competing on Sunday, May 21, in the morning. Many members drive up on Saturday and stay over to support our very own National Championship Los Angeles Comandery No 9 Drill Team compete. If you plan on attending, please make your reservations early. You can visit <http://www.ca-gyrs.org/> to make your reservation - the

deadline is April 1st.

The month of March is traditionally a time for renewal and regeneration. The Vernal Equinox marks the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator - the imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator - from south to north. This happens on March 19, 20 or 21 every year, which also marks the beginning of the season of Spring. The Spring Goddess (known by many names, including Flora, Hebe, Ostara or Easter, and Persophone) celebrates the turning of the wheel of the year as the death and decay of winter gives way to a time of renewal and rebirth. The month of March is when the Scottish Rite celebrates the Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. It is a remembrance of those that have gone before and a celebration of renewal for the coming year.

IHS,

Sir Knight David J Williams
Commander

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Please send me an e mail to secretary@sfvyrb.org if there are any errors or omissions that need to be corrected.

Sincerely,

Carlos H. Gonzalez - Secretary/Recorder
San Fernando Valley York Rite Bodies

