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Our Next Bureau Meeting: Sunday November 21, 2004

Pasadena Scottish Rite 150 N. Madison Ave Coffee and Rolls at 9:15 AM Meeting at 10:00 AM

Our Speaker Will Be: Worshipful Larry L. Adamson Director, Midnight Mission

Start gathering clothes and bring them to the meeting. We will have a truck parked there to collect them. You can bring both men's and woman's clothing.

SUNSET LODGE #369

Saturday, November 6, 2004, Sunset will host a Reception for the Grand Master at the Sunset Masonic Center 1720 Ocean Park Blvd. 6:00pm social–7:00pm dinner. The cost is \$20.00. Contact Michael Wamback (310) 450-5071.

BURBANK LODGE #406

Burbank is hosting a Reception for the Grand Master and having a Rededication Ceremony for their new lodge building on Saturday, November 20, 2004, at the Burbank Masonic Center at 406 Irving Dr. The festivities will start at 1:00pm with a barbecue. For reservations call Jason Cunningham at (818) 848-3750.

Ventura Scottish Rite Unity Program

On Saturday, November 27, 2004, the Ventura Scottish Rite will host a reception honoring the Grand Master and the **Presiding Grand Officers of the York Rite.** This is an excellent opportunity to meet all of these Masonic Leaders in one spot. The location is the Oxnard Masonic Center, 341 S. K Street in Oxnard. Social hour is at 5:30pm. Dinner is at 6:30 and the program follows. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Call Tiny Potter at (805) 484-4150 for reservations.

PASADENA SCOTTISH RITE

Pasadena will confer all the mandatory degrees on two weekends in November, the $12^{th} \& 13^{th}$ and the $19^{th} \& 20^{th}$. This is an excellent opportunity to see the Scottish Rite Degrees portrayed on stage and in costume. For petitions and information call Herb Wilkins at (626) 795-4213.

LOS ANGELES SCOTTISH RITE

On Friday evening, November 12, 2004, the LASR will host a Reception honoring our new Grand Master. It will be held at the Santa Monica Masonic Center, 926 Santa Monica Blvd at 7:00 pm. Dinner will cost \$10.00. For reservations call Ron Hart at (323) 937-2566

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SCOTTISH RITE

Does that name sound new to you? You are right, it is! Illustrious H. Douglas Lemons, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector will present "Letters General Temporary" to the new Scottish Rite Valley on Friday, November 5, 2004 at Van Nuys Masonic Center, 14750 Sherman Way. Social Hour is at 6:00 pm. Dinner is at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$15.00 for prime rib or salmon. You can call Fred Price at (818) 763-6365 or Gerard (818) 980-8370 Deprest at for reservations.

Tickets are now ON SALE For our Annual Breakfast honoring The Grand Master April 10, 2005 The Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles \$7.50 per person - \$75.00 per table of ten Tables are assigned in order of the

receipt of reservations. Your check makes your reservation. Seating is limited to 600. <u>We expect a capacity crowd !</u>

Institute for Masonic Studies

The Institute for Masonic Studies was founded in 1997 to foster Masonic knowledge and understanding among the Masons of California and the larger world of Freemasonry. Visit it at:

www.freemason.org/ims

The Checkered Pavement

The Checkered or Mosaic Pavement is an Ornament of the Masonic Lodge Lost and Found. It represents the *DEITY* as perceived in ordinary life.

The light and dark squares represent paired opposites, a mixture of mercy and justice, reward and punishment, passion and analysis, vengeance and loving kindness. They also represent the human experience of life, light and dark, good and evil, ease and difficulty. But that is only how it is perceived.

The squares are *not* the Masonic Symbol; the Pavement is the Masonic Symbol. The light and dark squares fit together with exact nicety to form the Pavement, a single thing, a *UNITY*.

Perhaps the inferior symbolism previously confounding the symbol with the thing symbolized, that is, the substitution of a material for a mental object of worship...an inadequate and sensual conception of the Deity... should be discarded in favor of replacing the gross symbolism by a purer one.

The Checkered/Mosaic Pavement represents the *DEITY* as perceived in ordinary life, a *UNITY* or *ONE*. As we approach the Holy Altar of Freemasonry, "The Checkered/Mosaic Pavement" is nowhere to be found thereabouts, as in many of our Masonic lodges anymore. Yet it is inescapable to defend this omitted ornament nowhere in sight, as described in the Entered Apprentice Mason lecture given many times over.

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