

THE BULLETIN BOARD

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Happy Holidays



The Executive Board and the Staff of the Masonic Service Bureau of Los Angeles wish you and yours a most joyous holiday season.

OUR NEXT BUREAU MEETING

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Sunday, January 11, 2015

Pasadena Scottish Rite

150 North Madison Ave.

Continental Breakfast at 9:15 AM

Meeting Starts at 10:00 AM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
including Year End Reports,
Officer Election/Installation
and
Introduction of New Masters

Please Note:

Three Bureau Representatives should be selected by the 2015 Masters/Masters-Elect as soon as possible. They and our Bureau Past Presidents will be the voting members for the new Bureau Executive Committee. Preliminary ballots will be issued with our January Bulletin. This meeting is a good time for the new Masters to attend and learn more about our Bureau. Also, group photos will be taken and posted on our website.

INSTALLATION NOTICES!

Lodges: Don't forget to post your Installation dates on our Service Bureau Calendar, along with your other events. Access our Web Site: www.lamsb.org. – click on "Forms"

"On The Level" with our Grand Master

In a new series of short video presentations recently initiated by *Most Worshipful Russ Charvonia*, our Grand Master is sharing his thoughts on many different subjects important to California Masons, along with significant Masonic activities and other upcoming topics of interest each month. Three editions have already been offered to date.

These talks can be accessed by computer via YouTube "Masons of CA" or by clicking on the "News" items on the cover page of www.freemason.org as they are presented over the coming weeks. Definitely worth watching!

Decorators Needed!



Supporting the theme of this year's event, "Inspiring Stories", our *Shriners Hospitals for Children* will again participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade January 1st, with a new Float entitled, "A Million Stories of Hope and Healing". The above photo shows a drawing of the Float, which will have one of the Hospital's patient ambassadors, Alyssa Mercado, riding on it. Opportunities are available for volunteers to help decorate the Float. Groups that wish to help, starting December 29th, should contact by e-mail the Shrine Public Relations Office at shclavolunteers@shrinenet.org for further details.



\$1.2 Million for "Raising A Reader"

In 2010, recognizing the importance of family engagement in the success of public school students, three of our most-recent Past Grand Masters came together to commit during their GL Years to a three year partnership with the "Raising A Reader Program", one of the nation's largest and most successful literacy programs. This partnership has allowed for the expansion of the Program into public elementary school classrooms for the first time in its history.

Thanks to the generous support of Masons throughout California, \$1,200,000 has been raised for this important strengthening of our public school education! With this gift, "Raising A Reader" will now be able to add the program into 400 classrooms, which means that over 50,000 families will benefit from the implementation of this generous gift. What a wonderful contribution to education and our community!



**AL MALAIKAH
KIDS HOLIDAY PARTY**
at the Shrine Auditorium

Family Event Free and Open To All
Saturday, Dec. 20, Noon until 3 P.M.



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