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“What am I Supposed to Do?”

Companions,

It's time to wish all Companions **“Happy New Year.”** The starting of a new year is a welcoming and celebration of change in our fraternity. It is the time to install the new leaders of our respective bodies in their respective offices. It is also the time for those new leaders to begin the process of leadership.

It was at a recent installation I was approached by one of these new leaders. He introduced himself as the Principal Conductor of the Work Elect of his Council. It was easy to see that he was enthusiastic about serving his Council in that office, so much so that he asked me one of the best questions I've ever been asked: “What am I supposed to do?” Unfortunately, there was no

quick or easy answer forthcoming. I've had to think about it for several weeks.

The best answer I could come up with: **Develop a Vision and Effect Change.**

How does a leader do that? All require effort, but here are a few suggestions:

- Actively work to improve the ritual in your Council. Work in the ritual. Encourage others to work in the ritual. If your Council confers neither of our degrees, form a Royal Master Degree team. If your Council already confers the Royal Master Degree, form a Select Master Degree team. If your Council already confers both degrees, encourage new members to learn the ritual and participate in the conferral of our degrees at every level. Much of our York Rite is about conferring quality ritual. Often, the reason new members are drawn to our Councils is to experience the conferral of the degrees.

- Educate yourselves and your Companions about Cryptic Masonry's wonderful charity: Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, (CMMRF). You will be hearing a lot about the CMMRF in the near future. However, at this time, too many of our Companions have never heard of it, and even more do not know its mission. In most of our Councils, the opportunity is there for our Council leadership to take active roles in promoting the CMMRF.

- Lead a membership drive. This is especially important if your council is actively conferring degrees. This is also an activity that you will need to coordinate with your Royal Arch Chapter or Chapters. Employ the Carlos Gonzalez Method of Membership Development. It can be found at this location:

http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/ra_pdf_files/gonzalez_method_040612.pdf.

Reach out to the Lodges in your area and let the Brothers know about York Rite Masonry. You will be surprised at how many have never heard of it. New members coming into our York Rite bodies will give much more significance to the need for quality ritual.

- Attend the York Rite Leadership Seminars. The Leadership Development of Committee of the California York Rite has provided a superb program for our York Rite leaders this year. You will find the program for next year even better. **Plan on attending.**

- Hold a planning meeting with the members of your Council. Find out what their visions are of

the future of York Rite Masonry in your Council and area. Share your vision with them. This is a great exercise, as it engages many more members in the activities and the future of the York Rite.

- It is very important to plan for your year as the presiding officer. Set some time aside to develop a written plan for your year as Illustrious Master. This exercise will add considerably to the York Rite experience for your members and will make your efforts, while serving as a leader, much more enjoyable.

My Companions, these are only a few of the activities you can do as a leader in your Council of Cryptic Masons. There are many others. Finding quality activities on which to expend your efforts as a leader will require you to have a vision of what you want your Council to become. Asking the question, “**What am I supposed to do?**” is a great first step in developing that vision. If you have a vision, the change will follow.

**Sincerely and Fraternally,
David Chesebro, Grand Master**

Itinerary

- o Saturday, January 10 – San Luis Obispo Installation of Officers
- o Sunday, January 18 – King David Council Master of Ceremonies
- o Wednesday, January 21 – Long Beach Council Installation of Officers
- o Thursday, January 29 – Alpha Council Installation of Officers
- o Sunday, February 22 – Grand York Rite Reception Modesto

For the latest schedule details:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/council/calendar.html>

Reflection

Companions,

As we enter this New Year, I am reflecting on what was accomplished in 2014. Our craft is growing in this state and I see a wonderful chance to increase the number of new members in York Rite. Most of these new members are looking for life’s answers and continued lessons they learned in the Blue Lodges. Our gentle craft and its lessons are as important and prevalent today as they were in the past. Brotherly love, relief and truth, integrity, honesty, charity is just the tip of the iceberg of what we teach. With the help of our Ritual staff, headed by Director of Ritual Ken Nagel, we have

increased the quality & importance of our beautiful Ritual, which will be continued this year.

We will also continue with our Leadership Training lead by our dedicated leaders Bud Ramsey, Randy Downey & Greg Hall who has developed a course that can be useful in our York Rite Bodies as well as our everyday life. Their work took a long time of study and experience to develop and we greatly appreciate their sharing these lessons with our present and future leaders.

Our Grand Officers, led by Most illustrious Grand Master David Chesebro, are diligently working to improve our Councils in every aspect where we think will help make a difference. Remember this is OUR York Rite and your input is extremely important. We need to know what will make your York Rite experience and that of your companions be improved and more meaningful.

I saw a great quote by journalist Joshua J. Marine recently, which I thought would give us something to think about. “Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful” Let us all rededicate ourselves this coming year to make it a banner year for our York Rite.

**Fraternally,
William E. Price, KYCH
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work**

Annual Reports

T ’was the week of Christmas and heard through the house, Keys were a tapping and clicking of the mouse.

Annual Reports were due and prepared with care making Ken Hope happy and dancing on air.

It is pretty much an acceptable fact that my wife is the poet in the family, and she does cringe every time I make an attempt at poetry. Fortunately, I am better with databases than I am with poetry.

The first database is for your registrations for the Grand York Rite Sessions. I have received a couple of requests already and they have been processed. They took advantage of sending in their form prior to February 28th and make their payment by March 31st. I hope to have the GYRS website up by the time of publication, but they are on the Facebook Group page or you can send an email to reservations@ca-gyrs.org to have the forms sent back to you. Also, use the same e-mail address for the Souvenir Ad Program.

The other database I have been working on, is the York Rite Membership Database designed to be used with Microsoft Access (2007 – 2013). This is available on an AS IS basis to any secretary at no charge for the file (you are responsible for buying the MS Access license). It does come with operating instructions. Any support or customization is available for a small fee. If you want the file, please send me an email.

**Fraternally,
Dave Glass**

Far & Wide Communications

Communications is vital for York Rite Masonry as Communications is vital for any entity, and is the key to any success. To those seeking further light in Masonry; to those seeking further information about us; to those just “reading”; these publications are an attempt to disseminate information throughout our York Rite. Become a part of this activity, **resolve to act, resolve to become a part of this communications, and resolve to become involved.**

Secretaries, Recorders, Dias Officers, and those responsible in keeping Companions informed of events, please

- 1) Disseminate **“Encompasser”**, a quarterly publication by the York Rite of California, **far & wide** throughout your York Rite Bodies;
- 2) Disseminate **“Workman”**, a monthly publication by the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of California, **far & wide** throughout your York Rite Bodies;
- 3) Disseminate **“Sword & Trowel”**, a monthly publication by the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of California, **far & wide** throughout your York Rite Bodies;
- 4) Disseminate **Grand York Rite Facebook**, a Facebook Web Page address, **far & wide** throughout your York Rite Bodies; &
- 5) Disseminate **Grand York Rite Web Site**, an internet access address for Grand York Rite of California, **far & wide** throughout your York Rite Bodies.

Medical Research Foundation

Through basic & clinical research, conducted by Indiana Center for Vascular Biology & Medicine, (ICVBM) & supported by Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, ([CMMRF](http://www.cmmrf.org/)), advancements

are being made to discover cures for many of today's health problems, prevent major diseases, & finally, to save lives. We have the opportunity to improve the human condition for those most dear to us & ourselves. We invite you to become a part of this team & join our partnership in discovery. Let's do something great together!

Link: <http://www.cmmrf.org/>

CMMRF

Companions,

It is the season for remembering those who need of our help in many ways. It is the time to give to those charities that mean to most to use personally. To me it is our charity, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. If you have not given this year now is the time to do so. All donations need to be in by December 26, 2014 so that I may process the proper receipts and mail all donations to [Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation](http://www.crypticmasons.org/) in Nashville, Indiana. Please take a few minutes and think about our charity.

Listed on the Grand York Rite Website <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/council/council.html> are the websites with all the information to help you in your decision.

**Fred J. ‘Tiny’ Potter,
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Scholarships

Scholarships are offered by the Masonic Family of Freemasons in California.

Companions, consider these scholarships for our Masonic youth groups, your children, & grandchildren.

Scholarship forms are available to students to fill out. Make sure that they get them in on time or they will not be considered.

Companions, your children & grandchildren may receive financial help for attending school. After opening up Scholarship Center website, have them go to bottom of page & find the Scholarship Manual in (PDF format – 450KB) to download.

There they will find instructions for filling out the forms.

This is the [link](#) which will take you to the public Grand Lodge web page on scholarships. All the

information you need should be right there. This is a complete manual that you can download that talk about all of the scholarships available from the California Masonic Foundation as well as the [Scottish Rite](#), [York Rite](#), [Eastern Star](#), [High Twelve](#), [DeMolay](#), [Job's Daughters](#), & [Rainbow for Girls](#).

Masonic History

William Cody was born in LeClaire, Iowa, on February 26, 1846; and by the age of fourteen he already had a job as a rider for the Pony Express and joined 9th Kansas Cavalry by the time he turned seventeen.

Three years later he married Louisa Frederici in St. Louis.

At age 24 Buffalo Bill, as he was now known, became a Master Mason at Platte Valley Lodge No. 32 in Nebraska. Entered Apprentice: March 5, 1870, Fellowcraft: April 2 1870, Master Mason: January 10, 1871

At the age of 40 he petitioned Euphrates Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, of North Platte, Nebraska on September 1, 1887. He was advanced to the Degree of Mark Master, inducted into the oriental chair and received and acknowledged a Most Excellent Master on November 14th, 1888. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree on November 15th, 1888

At the request of Platte Valley Lodge of North Platte, Golden City Lodge No. 1 conferred Masonic burial rites on June 3, 1917, atop Lookout Mountain, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Estimated 15,000 Brethren were present at the burial ceremony having walked or ridden to the top of Lookout Mountain. Reference: <http://www.plattevalleylodge32.org/history.html>

Fantastic, Super, even Excellent

One Candidate's View of the Super Excellent Master's Degree Conferral

I've received most every Masonic degree offered Freemasons in the Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, AMD, & YRC. Add to that all the degrees in which I've taken a major role, conferred upon vast numbers of aspiring candidates at lodges & race track. Then there is inspection of Sir Knights for the Commandery. So, I thought I knew a thing or two about Masonic degrees, & yet decided to receive the one last remaining degree, that I had successfully avoided for years, in order

to achieve a complete slate. A piece of cake, this Super Excellent Master Degree must be, yes sir.

Mark Harris, Bill Ellison, & countless volunteers from all over California proved that this degree conferral was, however, something remarkably special. About 100 of us Freemason candidates, hungering for dinner & further light, gathered together in the lobbies of the Oakland Scottish Rite building, wondering what this evening would bring. How can a Master be Super Excellent? Isn't Most Excellent good enough?

We all filed into the cavernous Scottish Rite auditorium, & then our seating, close in to the mammoth stage. MEPGHP Ed Fentume was across from us with ritual book in hand, ready to save the poor embarrassed cast member, who may have just experienced a momentary lapse of memory. MIGM David Chesebro was nearby, & spoke well of the spectacle we would soon experience. The room went hushed, primed for what was to follow.

IM Carl Brickner & his host Oakland Council officers entered the stage, welcomed the assembly, & opened this Council in familiar fashion. No surprises yet. Then it began: with symbol explanations, amazing lighting effects, & beautiful singing. Our interest was increasing rapidly. The huge stage was opened with grand back-drops & cast members in elaborate costumes. What a display. The play began; the history of two ancient kings.

I looked around & everyone I saw was riveted on the actors, & the energy they emitted totally captivated those of us lucky enough to be witnessing it. I watched Ed Fentume, who didn't need to correct errors, because there weren't any. He was sitting there enjoying the performance, along with David Chesebro, happy that all was going very well. The rest of us hung on the words & visuals to the very end.

I heard that cast members came from far & wide, & were expected to memorize the ritual & floor-work by themselves, with few if any rehearsals. Since this degree is so massive an undertaking, it isn't performed very often. One would expect, as a result, that cast members would have to re-learn their parts for every performance. How time consuming & laborious that must be. These cast members must love participating, or they would not make the effort. Of special note were Companions Steve Campbell, Scott Colcord, & Tyler Layne. Excellent.

At the end, after Oakland Council closed, we all poured out in front of the stage to discuss & congratulate. Many candidates had worked that day, & we all ate before the performance. It was late. You would expect that we would be sleepy & immediately leave in mass to go home. Speaking to how great our excitement was, most, however, stayed & milled around for a half hour or more.

Bud Warder
Oakland Council Recorder

Christmas with our Troops



We volunteers had one goal in mind: Give back to those who have given so much for us. Military families at Camp Parks Training Facility in Dublin, California are away from home, family, and friends, attending two years of training before being deployed

somewhere else in the world. How lonely at Christmas, I thought, especially for the children of these families. Just how would Santa find them, so far away from home? How awful it must be to miss the Christmas Spirit.

Taking to heart the strong Christmas message of love, compassion, and making better the lives of others, San Ramon Presbyterian Church volunteers, aptly named the “**Building Bridges**” group, created a solution nine years ago. Their solution was a twofer, to give a taste of Christmas to complete strangers, for a brief moment in time, and to give back to our Military who have given so much for us, and have expected so little in return.

The great tenets of our Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, are front and center, when you act for the benefit of those who truly inspire. The SRPC Christian group, of which I’m a member,

and we Freemasons, are simpatico in thought, word, and deed.

Building Bridges volunteers have provided a large Christmas dinner, with all the trimmings, for years, and I heard this year was to be the largest: about 350+ families. An Army band would play Christmas songs, and GPS coordinates given to Santa, so the good children could receive gifts. Base Commander Lt Col Christopher Gerdes and Command Sgt Major Richard Kreiberg would be there to insure that no one would leave sad or hungry. Wow, just what was needed!

Local Army leadership figured out what to do long before we did. They created a “Community Covenant” to encourage local cities, citizens, and groups to participate in making the lives of troops and their families more normal and comfortable. The folks want to participate because we all understand the high price that our troops and families pay, in order to serve us. The cost of Freedom is high. We owe the troops!

I arrived on base in early afternoon, and passed the Army checkpoint. Never having visited Camp Parks, I then made several wrong turns, trying to find the Base Community Center, but I finally arrived. Several other Building Bridges volunteers were in sight, among the plumes of aromatic barbeque smoke, emanating from 50 large Tri-Tip roasts slowly cooking over white-hot coals. How delicious they must taste, I thought. Troops, out for their daily runs, marched and ran by, trying very hard not to break formation to find out what smelled so good. Could they have thought that in a few hours they would know what was behind that alluring odor?

There were challenges to our success, however, namely no on-site ovens and food preparation tables. Two Building Bridges leaders years ago decided to rent, or request, what was needed. And then caravan tables, propane ovens, barbeque pits, and tables to the base with vans and SUVs. Building Bridges volunteers cooked at home, then brought to base: 20 crocks full of mashed potatoes, 20 trays of chicken fettuccini, 20 trays of asparagus and other vegetables, huge bowls of salads, and the makings of 1200 appetizers. There has never been a shortage of SRPC folks who want to help. Our leaders create new jobs to keep new Building Bridges volunteers busy.

Another local organization that coordinates volunteers with needs, City Serve, made and brought the deserts, and Pleasanton Rentals provided rental discounts.

Our Building Bridges leader had group names for us, like “**Master of the Grill**” for the barbequers. Hey, Master of the Grill, you’re needed outside! Get it done before it rains! With her expert drill sergeant handling, all our efforts fit together perfectly, so that the dinner was ready in time for serving. However, one huge glitch did appear which could have de-railed the dinner: the propane oven rental didn’t work, just as it was needed to heat the chicken fettuccini and vegetables. Our leader’s solution: Fill an Army clamshell portable cooker with coals, light ‘er up, and start cooking the trays of food. Believe it or not, this worked as well as with an oven.

The Army MWR (Moral Welfare Recreation) Program supports Military families, and provided wrapped Santa presents for his bag of goodies. How happy the kids would be this Christmas. MWR staff prepared the night’s program, and publicized it to the troops. They asked us Building Bridges folks to eat with the troop families when we finished serving them.

The result? Over 350+ Military families came and feasted upon the good will and delight that is Christmas. I sat and ate with a family from El Paso. They were stationed at Camp Parks for two years, and the husband did not know his next assignment, but was happy with the training he was receiving. His wife was quiet at first, but then very friendly when she came to know just who we were and what we were doing. Their son kept looking at Santa Claus and the other children, and beamed when told he could go to Santa. The Army band played Christmas Carols. Blessed was this night.

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Note: Hyperlinks or links to other pages or web sites are prevalent throughout the document. Please notice my name, Ken Hope’s name above; or other references, especially the reference “**Sword and Trowel**”; if you run your mouse over these names you will see “**Ctrl + Click to follow link**”. These are valid links to York Rite information.

A line of Jackets for our York Rite bodies continues to be available: MP.ENTERPRISES. The price for red and blue is great -- \$75.00 plus tax and shipping, for sizes 34 to 49 in short, regular and tall; and \$87.00 plus tax and shipping for sizes 50 to 60, also in short, regular, and tall. Purple Jackets are little more expensive at \$95.00 for the smaller and \$107.00 for the larger. Also available are Men’s and ladies’ vests, tuxedos and shirts, pins, patches, and flags, and OES T-Shirts. Contact Max Luy at (510) 502-3224; or at his website: www.mpenterprises.weebly.com; or directly to his email at maxluy@hotmail.com.

Have you gone to our Grand Council website lately? www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/ Do you know that there you can find rosters of officers, forms that you need, and a complete copy of the **Officers Guide. *The Officers guide helps you plan and know what is expected you.***

Grand Council Cryptic Masons Officers

We, the officers of Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, are here to assist you, Please call upon us.

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California Grand York Rite
Leadership Seminar

This seminar is designed specifically for the York Rite Officers and Members to help prepare them to be good leaders, or more knowledgeable members, in their respective Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies and all York Rite Masons are encouraged to attend.

The following is an overview of what will be covered:

- Grand Chapter, Council, & Commandery vs General Grand Chapter/Council & Grand Encampment – How Grand Bodies work
- Administration of Constituent Bodies
- Communications
- Protocol and Special Events
- Ritual, Tactics, & Uniforms
- Mentoring vs Coaching
- Leadership

Note: This is not a ritual seminar/school of instruction

Five seminars have been scheduled as outlined below. If you cannot attend the one nearest you, please attend one of the others. Please RSVP so we can plan lunch and materials accordingly.

All seminars are scheduled on a Saturday from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM and lunch will be provided. There is no charge to the attendees. Dress is casual.

<i>DATE:</i>	<i>LOCATION:</i>
May 31, 2014	Sacramento Masonic Center 1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2809 <i>(there's a charge for parking)</i>
June 28, 2014	Bellflower Masonic Center 9813 Beach Street, Bellflower, CA 90706-5917
September 13, 2014	San Jose Masonic Center 2500 Masonic Drive, San Jose, CA 95125-2019
November 22, 2014	Vesper Masonic Center 822 Main St, Red Bluff, CA 96080-2759
January 31, 2015	Vista Masonic Center 761 Eucalyptus Ave, Vista, CA 92084-6251

RSVP to Bud Ramsey, 5160 Poston Drive, San Jose, CA 95136-3320
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Grand York Rite Reception

Sunday, February 22, 2015
2:30 PM Social, 3:00 PM Dinner
Modesto Masonic Center
800 Rose Avenue
Modesto, CA 95355

Please join in honoring:



Most Excellent Companion
Jon D. Humphreys, KYGCH
Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons of California



Most Illustrious Companion
David L. Chesebro, KYGCH,
Grand Master Grand Council
Cryptic Masons of California



Sir Knight
Carlos H. Gonzalez, KYGCH
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery
Knights Templar of California

Hosted by Officers and Members

Modesto Chapter No. 49
Sonora Chapter No. 2
Stockton Chapter No. 28

Modesto Council No. 61
Sonora Council No. 5
Stockton Council No. 10

Modesto Commandery No. 57
Pacific Commandery No. 3
Stockton Commandery No. 8

In Celebration of:

Tri-County York Rite Masonry

A delicious BBQ Chicken meal by Modesto York Rite will be served followed by a heartfelt and celebratory program, concluding with Dessert.

Dress: Western or Casual
Cost: \$15 per person

Please R.S.V.P. by check to "Modesto York Rite" by Monday, February 16th, 2015 to:

York Rite c/o Donald Scott
3024 Laramie Drive
Modesto, CA 95355.

You may also email: Don Scott KYCH (djscott43@gmail.com) or Phone (209)480-7719

Please Include:

Name/Title: _____ Name/Title: _____

Name/Title: _____ Name/Title: _____

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2015 Grand York Rite Sessions May 16th to May 20th, 2015 – Bakersfield, CA

Each person attending must fill out a registration form. Please print your names and titles as you would like it printed on your badge.
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 Lady / Guest Title(s): _____
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Arrival Date / Time: _____ Departure Date / Time: _____ Shuttle Requested? No Yes
 (Enter travel details in comments section)

I am a member of: **RAM #** _____ **CM #** _____ **KT #** _____ Drill Team Participant

*R.O. is Reservation Only. There is no charge for the event. However, if you plan to attend, please mark it on your reservation form

Day/Date	Time	Please enter the number of Meals/Events you are requesting	Price	Total
Sat - 16 th	10:30 AM	AMD In-Gathering Registration Fee _____ Your AMD Council Number _____	\$3.00	
	11:00 AM	• AMD Lunch _____	\$10.00	
	12:15 PM	• Degrees: Excellent Master _____ Knight of Constantinople _____	\$15 ea	
	5:30 PM	• Ye Ancient Order of Corks _____	\$20.00	
		• Festive Board Table Lodge Dinner (Open to all Master Masons) _____	\$50.00	
	1:00 PM	Something for the Ladies – Bunco Tournament? _____	\$5.00	
Sun - 17 th	11:30 AM	Battalion & Belles Brunch Chicken Caesar Salad _____ Beef Fiesta Tostada Salad _____	24.00	
	4:00 PM	Vespers Service (<i>Memorial Service for all 3 Bodies</i>) _____ (First 50 attendees at the service will receive a \$2 rebate)	\$1.00	
	6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet	\$39.00	
		Marinated Flank Steak _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Eggplant Parmesan _____		
	Shortly after the banquet	Order of the Golden Poppy _____ (<i>Open to all Masons</i>)	\$15.00	
Mon - 18 th	7:00 AM	Grand Council Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) Scrambled Eggs & Ham _____	\$25.00	
	10:00 AM	Ladies Masonic Information Session S.O.O.B. Meet and Greet _____	*R.O.*	
	12:00 PM	CM Ladies Luncheon: Clam Chowder _____ Potato Soup _____	\$25.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon: Oriental Chicken Salad _____ Veg _____	\$24.00	
	1:30 PM	Leadership Seminar "Light" Session _____	*R.O.*	
Tue - 19 th	7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) French Toast _____	\$28.00	
	10:00 AM	Ladies Masonic Information Session (<i>Topic TBA</i>) _____	*R.O.*	
	12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon Buffet (Burgers and Hot Dogs) _____	\$25.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon Fiesta Tostada Salad _____ Veg _____	\$24.00	
	1:30 PM	Royal Arch Research Chapter _____	*R.O.*	
Wed - 20 th	7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) Scrambled Eggs & Sausage _____	\$25.00	
	10:00 AM	Ladies Masonic Information Session <i>Masonic Protocol Lesson for the Ladies</i> _____	*R.O.*	
	12:00 PM	RAM Ladies Luncheon Croissant Club Sandwich _____ Egg Salad on Croissant _____	\$25.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Chapter Luncheon Croissant Club Sandwich _____ Egg Salad on Croissant _____	\$25.00	
	1:30 PM	York Rite College Meet and Greet _____	*R.O.*	

Check# _____ enclosed payable to Grand York Rite of CA

Invoice me via PayPal check to be paid by Mar. 31 (latter option only available for forms sent by Feb. 28th)

Comments: _____

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More information on the other (or back) page.

2015 Grand York Rite Sessions May 17th to May 21st, 2014 – Bakersfield, CA

Please send page 1 of this form and payment to:

CA-GYRS PO Box 402 Penryn, CA 95663-0402

Reservation forms postmarked after 04/18/14 are subject to a 25% late fee –

Forms submitted onsite will be charged a \$10 onsite processing fee

Contact the **Bakersfield Doubletree Hotel**

3100 Camino Del Rio Ct Bakersfield, 93308 @ (800) 222-TREE(8733)

tell the agent that you are in the **Grand York Rite Group**

for your hotel reservation **before 04/10/15** Room rate: \$93.00 for balcony rooms

(\$10 more per night if you requested a courtyard/pool facing room) +taxes

There is also a link on www.ca-gyrs.org to make your hotel reservation online

Questions, **General Chairmen : Paul Erickson & Fred "Tiny" Potter** chairmen@ca-gyrs.org

please contact: **Executive Officer:** James Baum, (760) 843-9258 executiveofficer@ca-gyrs.org

Meal/Event reservations: Dave Glass (916) 616-3283 reservations@ca-gyrs.org

No refunds after May 04th, 2015 unless approved by the Grand York Rite Sessions Executive Committee.

More forms (including the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master & Past Commanders Association), menus and schedule are available from www.ca-gyrs.org.

A few words about Reservation Only events:

Although there is no charge for these events, please enter in a numerical value for the events you want to attend. This provides a headcount for the preparation of the event. Also, if the event is cancelled or changed you can be notified.

AMD In-Gathering:

Excellent Master & Knight of Constantinople Degrees: each includes degree certificate, card & lapel pin
Ye Ancient Order of Corks: (Net proceeds will benefit a local children's charity)

Available for all who attend the dinner for the one time degree fee of \$20, which includes a degree certificate, life-time Cork membership card, lapel pin and special challenge coin. All future Festive Boards will honor your challenge coin and/or membership card. Membership is open to AMD members only.

Festive Board Feast A seven-course formal black tie dinner. Reservations only.

Bunco Tournament. \$5 Buy in. Prize pool: First Place Winner: 40% of the proceeds, Second Place Winner: 20% Third Place: 10%. Final 30% divided to the York Rite Charities

Sunday Vesper services. Vespers is our gathering to honor our departed Companions and Sir Knights. All are encouraged to attend. You may ask, why is there a charge for Vesper Service? Last year about 1/3 of the people who marked down they were attending actually showed up. This year, as part of your vested interest in attending, the first 50 people that stay for the service will actually get double their money back!

The Ladies Masonic Information Sessions are designed as an informal gathering in the Lake Rooms for our Ladies during the Business Meetings.

Monday will be a Social Order of the Beauceant.

Tuesday is still under discussion – we will have that posted later on the website.

Wednesday will be the "Protocol" section of the Leadership Seminar designed for the Ladies.

Get a sampling of the **York Rite Leadership Seminar** on Monday afternoon in the Lake Rooms

Members of the **Royal Arch Research Chapter** (and those that want to join) will be gathering on Tuesday afternoon in the Lake Rooms.

Learn about what the **York Rite College** does at the Meet and Greet on Wednesday afternoon in the Lake Rooms.

Events are subject to change based on reservation responses or other factors.