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**Editor's Message**

I spoke to a previous editor of this magazine and he suggested the two-column format, so I am trying that this quarter. Your feedback would be useful on this format, as well as on a number of other issues. For example, how important is it to

you and/or your membership, to receive this magazine in hard-copy form. Would one hard-copy per local body be worthwhile, or is digital delivery via the website, or email, sufficient for your purposes?

t will also be helpful to hear from each Chapter, Council and Commandery as to content. There will always be certain items appearing in these pages during the course of the quarterly publications each year. For example, the October, January and April editions will contain information about the upcoming Grand Sessions. When a York Rite Cruise, or other fundraising activity is planned, that basic information will also be provided, as soon as it is available. In this regard, see the information below on the Cruise planned for 2011. Eight couples have signed up to this point. **If you are considering this Cruise, try to get your reservation made before the end of this year**, as the Cruise Line will start releasing the cabins in our reservation block on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

If your local bodies are involved in activities that they would like to broadcast throughout the State or other areas, please send hardcopy to the Encompasser at the following address: 2713 Hoffman Woods Lane, Carmichael, CA 95608. Electronic versions are preferred as they simplify the compilation process, but I will be happy to type in from original documents. Send electronic documents to [philipandnancy@aol.com](mailto:philipandnancy@aol.com). However you choose to transmit your material, please include a brief note giving us permission to publish the item in the Encompasser.

I will try to be balanced, over time, with the articles presented, so certain material may be saved for later use, especially if it is not time-dated. So as you produce or acquire information that may be of interest or use to our general membership, please send it along. The following Christmas message is adapted from a talk I gave at the Nevada City York Rite Christmas celebration. I trust you will find it interesting from a Knight Templar perspective. In that spirit may you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, as well.

*Phil Hardiman, JPGHP*

### **A Christmas Message**

I was raised, as we say in Masonic circles, over 33 year ago in the Temple in downtown

Sacramento at 12<sup>th</sup> and J Streets, which was built in 1918 by five Blue Lodges and three York Rite bodies – Chapter #3, Council #1 and Commandery #2. The picture nearby shows



the front of the building, guarded by Templar Knights. As the assistant manager of the building, I have many occasions to give tours of the Ballroom and the Lodge Rooms. In the Red Room, where the York Rite bodies meet, are pictures of many of our early Eminent Commanders, going back to 1853! As I describe the room during a tour, I point out that the Commanders have been the leaders of the Knight Templar group that has met there for over 90 years. This always gives me the opportunity to make the point that I wish to make for you tonight – that we do know where the Treasure is buried! Unfortunately, most visitors assume I am facetiously referring to “treasure of gold and silver,” and show no interest in exploring the Truth of what I tell them.

These Knights that guard the Sacramento Temple always remind me of that great Harrison Ford movie – The Last Crusade, wherein one aged Knight (the last of three Brothers) has guarded, for 700 years, the Holy Grail. The Grail, of course, for many in the popular culture, is very valuable, worth much, and symbolic of that great Treasure which the Templar Knights supposedly discovered when they conquered Jerusalem during the First Crusade. To reach the room where the Grail has been secreted by these Knights, a treasure

seeker must pass three tests in order to gain access: 1) Become penitent; 2) walk in the footsteps of the Name of God; and 3) Prove his worth by taking a leap of Faith. The first test stipulates that “Only the penitent man shall pass.” At the last instant Harrison Ford realizes that the penitent man is humble, that he kneels before God, that he must kneel to pass the test – and he does so as several large saw-like blades appear to dismember him, just failing to do so because he is kneeling. The second test requires the seeker to “walk in the footsteps of the name of God.” Without quibbling over the actual Name, we can appreciate the Masonic, indeed Royal Arch, significance of the Name as a WORD, representing Love and Light and the Life Force given us by the Almighty. Getting the Name right saves Ford, our seeker, from falling into the Abyss – ie, falling away from God into eternal darkness. The third test requires the seeker to make a leap of Faith, to discard his trust in his visual senses and step out on an invisible path that leads to the Grail Room. His father (Sean Connery) urges him on – “You must believe, boy. You must believe.” And so he steps out, seemingly to fall 1,000 feet into the Gorge, but his feet actually land onto an invisible path which then becomes visible – and so he finally makes it to the Grail Room.

Once in the room, this treasure seeker discovers that the Grail is actually still hidden amongst many beautiful and finally crafted, ornate cups, only one of which could have caught the blood of Christ on the Cross and be the actual Holy Grail. The final test comes in trying to select the right cup as that Holy Grail. This requires the seeker to realize that the Lord, a poor, unassuming carpenter, would *not* drink from a gaudy, bejeweled, rich man’s cup, but rather from a simple, unadorned carpenter’s cup. And so our treasure seeker finds the treasure he sought, only to learn that that Treasure is not a tangible object – but the Godliness he learned while seeking the physical object and passing the tests: Godliness characterized by penitence, by humility, by obedience, by the worship of the name of God, and by that Leap of Faith. It is that Faith which is the true treasure, which we bury in our hearts when we finally understand that our physical senses are inadequate in helping us to perceive spiritual matters.

This understanding is re-enforced in one of the Council Degrees where the narrator teaches the candidates that “If I die, it will be buried there.” Without revealing Council esoteric work, let me simply offer my interpretation that what “It” is that is buried is the Love and Light and Life given us by the Almighty, and that where “It” is buried is not underground but within our bodies (represented by the physical Temple) – ie, in our hearts.

And so we celebrate tonight that Templar treasure which we bear in our hearts – the Lord Jesus Christ. Remember his words in Matthew 6:19-21: Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**Merry Christmas!**

## **Why the Royal Arch?**

The following test was provided by email from Nigel Gallimore. You may find it useful as a source of information to share with Blue Lodge brethren when trying to attract them into membership.

## **Why Join the Royal Arch?**

**I find it difficult to understand why more brethren do not seek membership in the Royal Arch.**

No Rite of Freemasonry covers the world, as does Royal Arch Masonry. In every country, and on every continent will be found Royal Arch Chapters, eager and willing to receive their companions from other parts of the world into the full fellowship that characterizes Royal Arch Masonry.

In our own country, we find upwards of 750,000 members in 3,000 Chapters in every

state. All Chapter business is conducted in a Royal Arch Chapter.

Royal Arch Masonry is said to have derived its origin from the original Masonic Degrees and traditions. The Royal Arch was described "as the heart, root, and marrow of Freemasonry" by Laurence Dermott, Secretary of the Antients Grand Lodge of England.

The Degree of Royal Arch Mason is founded upon the destruction of the first and the building of the second Temple. The ceremonies of the Degree have an interesting and graphic historical setting, and a profound and reverential moral significance. The Royal Arch Degree is the complement of the Master's Degree, the unfolding into a second volume of the history of that which was lost to its final recovery. Without the Royal Arch, the Master's Degree is like a song half sung, a tale partly told, or a promise unfulfilled.

### **Why should anyone join the Royal Arch?**

My first reason would be that indissoluble link to Blue Lodge (Craft) Freemasonry. Another reason would be companionship and enjoyment. But, above all, joining the Royal Arch should increase your enjoyment of Freemasonry. It brings with it new experiences, new insights and new Companions, all of which add to our pleasure and our enjoyment of Freemasonry.

Every Master Mason aspires to attain the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. All wish most earnestly to receive all the light and instruction which pertains to the Ancient Craft - the origin and foundation of the Institution. In the life of every Master Mason, moreover, there comes a time when he realizes that he has not yet attained that goal, that he is not yet in possession of all the rights and light of a Master Mason, as these were known and understood by his ancient brethren.

**But he does not realize that the goal of his aspirations is near at hand - in the Royal Arch Degree.** Our progress through Freemasonry is a journey of self-discovery and self-knowledge.

In the Craft we are presented with eminently practical principles and rules which, if we follow them in our lives, we would hope to live a life of service to our fellow man and pleasing to God, however we worship Him.

But we are not simply practical beings. We have a vital spiritual aspect to our natures which is addressed in the Royal Arch. In essence the Royal Arch, without transgressing the bounds of religion, invites the candidate to consider the nature of God and his relationship with Him.

In that way the Royal Arch completes the man by leading him from the practical to the spiritual, and the Craft and Royal Arch form "pure ancient masonry".

**The Capitular Degrees are a set of four degrees controlled by the Royal Arch Chapter.** They center on the construction phases of Solomon's Temple, with the exception of the degree of Past Master, hence the title of Capitular.

**Mark Master** - A Degree that emphasizes the lessons of regularity, discipline, and integrity. It is a most impressive Degree centered on the story of the Fellowcraft of the quarry and their role in the building of the Temple. Its importance in English Craft Masonry can be judged by the fact that it operates as a separate Grand Lodge, and is highly sought by members of the Craft in that jurisdiction.

**Past Master (Virtual)** - A Degree that emphasizes the lesson of harmony. This Degree is conferred because ancient custom required that a Mason must be a Past Master in order to be exalted to the Royal Arch. In some Grand Jurisdictions this Degree is conferred upon all sitting Masters of the Blue Lodge. The Degree confers no actual rank upon the recipient, but is exemplified to maintain the ancient custom.

**Most Excellent Master** - A Degree that emphasizes the lesson of reverence. This Degree is centered on the dedication of the Temple after its completion, particularly the consecration of the Sanctum Sanctorum and

the descent of the Host into the Temple. It is complimentary to the Mark Master Degree and completes the symbolic lessons introduced in that Degree.

**The Royal Arch** - The completion of the Master Mason Degree and the summit of the original Degrees of the Blue Lodge as practiced in the Antients Lodges of England before 1820. The Degree explains the origins of the Substitute Word found in the Master Mason Degree, the recovery of the Ineffable Word, and its concealment within the Royal Arch Word. This Degree, together with the Master Mason Degree, may have once been exemplified as one large or "super" Degree, with the Master Mason Degree explaining the loss of the Master's Word and the Royal Arch explaining the recovery of the Master's Word. The presiding body is a Chapter, and the presiding officer is a High Priest (titled Excellent).

**The Degree of Royal Arch Mason** will be justly appreciated by all who are Exalted to that Most Sublime Degree, particularly by those who are seeking to complete their Masonic education. It reveals the full light of Ancient Craft masonry, presents it as a complete system in accordance with the original plan and confers at last the rights and light of a Master Mason in fact as well as in name. It truly leads to a fuller understanding of the purposes and spirit of Freemasonry, for standing upon this towering summit we are able for the first time to perceive the completeness of the Ancient Craft and to understand how all its forms and ceremonies, from the Entered Apprentice to the Master Mason's Degree, are the preparation for the final goal, the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

**The motto of the Royal Arch is - *Kodes La Adonai*.** It means - "Holiness to the Lord." Royal Arch Masonry is not a religion and does not endeavor to fix ones conception of God. Royal Arch Masonry regards your religious belief as your own; it does not attempt to influence your belief. It only asks that you have a belief. The motto of the Royal Arch - "Holiness To The Lord" - ever reminds us of the reverence due the Great and Beneficent Author of our existence,

who is a Being without beginning of days or ending of years.

A Royal Arch Mason is taught to continually attempt to build with Plumb, Square and Level, that Temple of Character which is the great goal of our gentle Craft.

Having completed your degrees in Symbolic Masonry (Blue Lodge), your next step in advancing in York Rite Masonry is the Chapter of Capitular Degrees.

**If you are not yet a Royal Arch Freemason and you seek more light in Masonry then just ask a Brother of your lodge who is already a Companion of a Royal Arch Chapter. They will guide you on the path to membership. There are also many Past Masters of Craft Lodges that are not Royal Arch Companions. They are particularly welcome to join the Royal Arch as well as all Master Masons.**

### **What is Masonic Week**

by Sir Knights Thurman C. Pace Jr.,  
M.E.H.P.G.M.  
and Dan Pushee P.C., KCT

Perhaps it can be defined as an "In-Gathering" of Masons of National Appendant Bodies for the purpose of conducting Annual Meetings. It provides an excellent opportunity to meet and "converse on the level" with many well known Freemasons, especially of the York Rite. It is also a time to enjoy excellent banquets and even "fun degrees".

In the beginning: "The Sovereign College of Allied Masonic and Christian Degrees was established in Richmond, on January 15, 1892, by the Reverend Hartley Carmichael, who had immigrated to the United States via Canada from Dublin, Ireland. He presided over the College as Sovereign Grand Master until January 18, 1901. After Carmichael's death, the Sovereign College moved to Norway, Maine, where it met until 1933. In 1932, the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of

the United States of America formed in Salisbury, North Carolina. In 1933, said Council entered into articles of Union with Sovereign College of the Allied Masonic and Christian Degrees which was ratified by both parties. The Grand Council met in North Carolina through March 29, 1937, except for two years when meetings were held in Alexandria, VA. Effective February 21, 1938, the Grand Council moved to Washington, D.C., where it has met continuously through February, 2007, with the exception of 1945 when no annual meeting was held due to WWII. The first four meetings in D.C. were held at the Hamilton Hotel, the next two at the Washington Hotel, then nine at the Raleigh Hotel, followed by five at the Statler Hotel. The first meeting at the Hotel Washington was on February 21, 1959, where the Grand Council met through the February, 2007, meeting for a total of 49 continuous Annual Meetings. In 2008 we returned to Alexandria, VA, where we last met in 1934." Through the years additional organizations have joined in participating in what is now an "expanded week" of activities.

**This and other information regarding Masonic Week, Hotel Registration and Meals can be found at:**

<http://www.yorkrite.com/MasonicWeek/index.html>

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**“Serving God By Serving Others”**

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**AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE WITH THE SIR KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF GRAND  
COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CALIFORNIA**

I invite you to come and celebrate with us at the First Annual Grand Encampment West Coast Easter Observance, April 22-24, 2011 in Los Angeles, California.

The West Coast Easter Committee has planned three eventful days of fun and fellowship for all participants.

Beginning with Breakfast on Good Friday, including tours to the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium (former host of the Academy Awards) and the Getty Museum, a Grand Banquet on Saturday, and concluding with the Knights Templar Easter Observance on Sunday morning; your three day stay in the City of Angels will offer you time to visit with old friends and make new ones.

Your registration will include some special gifts to remind you of your participation in this historical event; including a commemorative coin, souvenir booklet and a specially created pin for this blessed event.

I believe you will be very happy with the efforts the entire committee has extended to make your stay with us in California a pleasant experience that you will remember for a lifetime.

For hotel arrangements, contact the Radisson at USC, 3540 S. Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90007  
(213) 748-4141 ex. 1395

In Service to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, I remain,

David J. Kussman, KTCH, KYGCH  
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Grand Encampment Knights Templar

"First Annual"

West Coast  
Easter  
Observance

Grand Commandery of California  
along with  
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"Together as One"

Held at the Shrine Auditorium  
Accommodations at  
Radisson Crowne Plaza

#### Tour No. 1 - Shrine Auditorium

The Shrine Auditorium comprises the single largest proscenium style stage in North America with a free standing balcony, providing over 6,300 seats and an adjoining 54,000 square foot Exposition Center. Over the years, the Shrine Auditorium and Expo Center has been selected as the West Coast location for the American Music Awards, BET Awards, the Grammys, Screen Actors Guild Awards, NAACP Image Awards, and the Academy Awards. Over 60 years old, the Auditorium is recognized as a historical monument. The Shrine is privately owned and operated by the Al Malaikah Auditorium Company. The original Shrine Auditorium was completed in 1906. On January 11, 1920, the Auditorium burned to the ground. It took six years of planning and fundraising before the new Auditorium was completed. Once rebuilt on the same site of the original Auditorium, the facility was unique among the theatre structures because of its size, versatility and unique interior and exterior design. Lunch will be included.

#### Tour No. 2 - The Getty Center

The Getty Center in Los Angeles presents J. Paul Getty's collection of Western art from the Middle Ages to the present against a backdrop of dramatic architecture, tranquil gardens, and breathtaking views. Enjoy lunch at one of their two cafés that offer affordable and healthy options.

## Itinerary

### Thursday - April 21<sup>st</sup>

Registration: 5:00 p.m.

### Friday - April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Good Friday Breakfast: 7:00 a.m.

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Tour No. 1: 11:00 a.m.

(Shrine Auditorium)

### Saturday - April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Breakfast on your own

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Tour No. 2: 10:00 a.m.

(The Getty Center)

Photos: 4:00 p.m.

Banquet Line Up: 6:00 p.m.

Formal Banquet: 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday - April 24<sup>th</sup>

March to Shrine: 6:00 a.m.

Breakfast: 7:00 a.m.

Easter Service: 9:00 a.m.

The Lord's Prayer  
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever.  
Amen.



# Grand Encampment Knights Templar



WEST COAST EASTER OBSERVANCE  
 APRIL 22 – APRIL 24, 2011  
 Hosted by Grand Commandery of California  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Beauceant Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_ (Email): \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS DEADLINE JANUARY 31, 2011**  
**No Refunds AFTER February 28, 2011**

DATE / TIME	EVENTS	PRICE PER PERSON	NUMBER ATTENDING	TOTAL
	<b>Registration (for York Rite Members only):</b> Includes Commemorative Coin, Lapel Pin and Souvenir Book.	\$45.00	\$	0.00
After January 31, 2011	<b>Late Registration (for York Rite Members only):</b> Includes Commemorative Coin, Lapel Pin and Souvenir Book.	\$55.00	\$	0.00
04/22/11 – 7:00 AM <b>Friday</b>	<b>"Good Friday" Breakfast</b>	\$20.00	\$	0.00
04/22/11 – 11:00 AM <b>Friday</b>	<b>Tour 1: The Shrine Auditorium</b> with lunch provided (Donation will be sent to the Shiners' Children's Hospital).	\$15.00	\$	0.00
04/23/11 – 7:00 AM <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	\$20.00	\$	0.00
04/23/11 – 10:00 AM <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Tour 2: The Getty Museum</b> with lunch on your own	\$30.00	\$	0.00
04/23/11 – 7:00 PM <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Formal Banquet:</b> Sir Knights in full dress uniform; ladies and guests in evening attire.	\$40.00	\$	0.00
04/24/11 – 7:00 AM <b>Sunday</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	\$20.00	\$	0.00
04/24/11 – 9:00 AM <b>Sunday</b>	<b>Easter Observance</b> at Shrine Auditorium	\$0.00	\$	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

Make checks or money orders payable to: "Knight Templar Easter Observance"

– Memo: 2011 West Coast Easter Observance

Mail check and Reservation Form to:

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# California York Rite Masons Cruise May 1-6, 2011

## Fundraiser benefiting Royal Arch Philanthropies

Five days leaving from San Diego, CA, on Sunday May 1, 2011 and sailing to Vancouver, BC, Canada on Friday May 6, 2011

Day	Destination	Arrival	Departure
1	San Diego, CA	-	05:00 PM
2	At Sea	-	-
3	At Sea	-	-
4	Astoria, Oregon	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
5	Victoria, B.C.	12:00 PM	11:59 PM
6	Vancouver, B.C.	08:00 AM	

Cruise Line: Holland America Line      Ship Name: Westerdam  
Group Leader: Rosalie Woergoetter      Contact Email: yourhappytrails@sbcglobal.net  
Contact Phone: 510-581-8234      CA-CST # 2057620-40

Accommodations: Log on to [www.yourhappytrails.net](http://www.yourhappytrails.net), click on the "Groups" tab at top of the page and click "View Details" to select one of the following cabins and make your deposit of \$300.00. The final payment is due February 7, 2011.

(Please note: Use Firefox or Explorer as Google Chrome may not open "Details")

Cabin Type:	Occupancy:	Pricing per cabin (2):
Superior Verandah Suite SY	Double (2)	Base Price : \$ 1248.00
		Total Price : \$ 1342.98

2 lower beds convertible to 1 queen-size bed, bathroom with dual sink vanity, full-size whirlpool bath, shower and additional shower stall, large sitting area, private verandah, 1 sofa bed for 1 person, floor-to-ceiling windows. Approximately 389 sq. ft. with verandah.

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Deluxe Verandah Ocean-View VF	Double (2)	Base Price : \$ 1048.00
		Total Price : \$ 1142.98

2 lower beds convertible to 1 queen-size bed, bathtub, shower, sitting area, private verandah, floor-to-ceiling windows. Approximately 254 sq. ft.

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Ocean View F	Double (2)	Base Price : \$ 848.00
		Total Price : \$ 942.98

2 lower beds convertible to 1 queen-size bed, bathtub, shower. Approximately 185 sq. ft.

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Inside K	Double (2)	Base Price : \$ 748.00
		Total Price : \$ 842.98

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Price includes all taxes and fees.

A donation of \$25.00 per person is included in the rates for Royal Arch Philanthropies.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**\*\*\*PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED\*\*\***

Travel Insurance is recommended and available on [www.yourhappytrails.net](http://www.yourhappytrails.net) Click on the "Extras" tab at top of the page.

Fees may apply for name changes/corrections and cancellations.

## **Port and Ship Highlights**

### **San Diego, CA**

Sunshine and fun are business as usual in San Diego. Walk on Coronado Island's sandy beach, take in the Old Town that brings the city's early Spanish days to life, have a wild time at the famous San Diego Zoo or a whale of a good time at Sea World. Sample shore excursions: San Diego City Tour; Sea World; San Diego Zoo.

### **Astoria, Oregon**

The end of the trail for the Lewis and Clark Expedition, now a showcase of historic forts and museums. Nearby: elegant Victorian tea rooms and charming seaside resorts. Sample shore excursions: Historic Astoria & Fort Clatsop; Seaside and Cannon Beach.

### **Victoria, B.C.**

A touch of England awaits: afternoon tea, double-decker buses, the famed Butchart Gardens - a brilliant tapestry of color spread across 50 blooming acres. Sample shore excursions: A Taste of Victoria: City Lights with Wine & Chocolate; Ale Trail & Pub Tour.

### **ms Westerdam**

The ms Westerdam is the third in Holland America Line's series of Vista-class ships. As such, she embraces the latest industry and environmental technologies such as her use of a diesel-electric power plant for optimal energy efficiency and an Azipod propulsion system. Most of her staterooms have ocean views and many have private verandahs.

The theme of ms Westerdam's art collection is Dutch heritage in the New World. Art ranges from paintings of historic Dutch ships, such as Henry Hudson's Half Moon, to a huge Indian silver-overlaid wood palace doorway, a bone tobacco pipe carved in the shape of a woman's head to a collection of 5,000-year-old pre-Columbian carved limestone figures from Ecuador. Contemporary pieces include an original Andy Warhol portrait and signature sculptures by Sedona artist Susanna Holt.

Deck plan available upon request by email to [yourhappytrails@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yourhappytrails@sbcglobal.net)  
(2 pages, 5 MB each @ 300 dpi, color)

Family and friends are also welcome to join us for a fun-filled voyage!

# California Grand York Rite Sessions

## Advance Information

### Bakersfield CA May 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Greetings Companion and Sir Knights,

Please note that the 2011 Grand York Rite Sessions will be on different dates and a different venue than years past. The dates are May 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. The location is the Bakersfield Doubletree Hotel 3100 Camino Del Rio Ct Bakersfield, 93308.

You may book your room now: online from [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org) or call the Doubletree Hotel reservation line at (800) 222-TREE(8733) tell the agent that you are in the Grand York Rite Group for your hotel reservation before 04/20/11 (however, the room block may be filled by that date) Room rate: \$90.00 +tax

Reservation forms, menus, schedule and other forms are available on the webpage [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org)

Also, we need your continued support with the Souvenir Program Advertisements. This vital source of revenue is key for expenses like Ladies Hospitality, sound systems, sessions materials, etc. The form is included in the Encompasser and on the website.

Some new (and resurrected) items for this year:

- We have expanded the AMD In-Gathering this year for two degrees and a festive board Table Lodge 7-Course Prime Rib Dinner for the AMD Companions.
- The Golden State Royal Arch Research Chapter plans to hold a meeting.
- We plan to have the Knights Templar Ritual Competition.
- After a long absence, we have brought back workshops; these will be held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons for those not eligible to receive the Past Commander's Association or Order of High Priesthood.
  - Workshop A: Budget Preparation, Audits and Organization Oversight
  - Workshop B: Official Receptions and Visitations - Planning and Execution
  - Workshop C: The Carlos Gonzales Method for Membership Growth

**Attend all 3 workshops and get a \$5 rebate!**

The Past Commander's Association, Order of High Priesthood and Thrice Illustrious Master will also be presented (their separate registration forms are available on [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org)).

Our vendors are back for your Masonic regalia and other items of interest.

Please remember: **Reservation forms postmarked after 04/20/11 are subject to a 25% late fee. Additionally, all forms submitted onsite will be charged a \$10 onsite processing fee, so please register early. EVERY attendee must register!**

# 2011 Grand York Rite Sessions May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 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)

Do you prefer your confirmation by:  email (default)  none  phone call (latest time to call \_\_\_\_\_)

Name: _____	Lady / Guest: _____
Title(s): _____	
Lady / Guest Title(s): _____	
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____	
Zip: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____	

Arrival Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Shuttle Requested?  No  Yes (Also enter travel details in comments section)

I am a member of: RAM # \_\_\_\_\_ CM # \_\_\_\_\_ KT # \_\_\_\_\_  Drill Team Participant

Day/Date	Time	Event / Meal please mark your choices or <input type="checkbox"/> No Events/Meals	Price	Total
Sat May 21st	12:00 PM	AMD In-Gathering Registration (AMD dues card required for entry) _____	\$2.00	
	1:30 PM	Royal Ark Mariner Degree (includes certificate and lapel pin) _____	\$15.00	
		Installed Noah Commander Degree (includes certificate and lapel pin) _____	\$15.00	
	5:00 PM	Festive Board Table Lodge Prime Rib Dinner (AMD Members Only) _____	\$45.00	
Sun May 22nd	8:00 AM	York Rite College Breakfast <b>Breakfast Burrito</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$19.00	
	11:30 AM	Battalion & Belles Brunch <b>French Connection</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	
	6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet <b>Char-Broiled Tri-Tip</b> _____ <b>Salmon</b> _____ <b>Stuffed Portabella Mushroom</b> _____	\$39.00	
Mon May 23rd 	7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast: Open to Sir Knights <u>and</u> Ladies <b>Country Scramble</b> _____	\$19.00	
	12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon <b>Fiesta Tostada Salad</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon <b>Fiesta Tostada Salad</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	
	1:30 PM	Workshop C _____ 2:15 PM Workshop A _____ 3:15 PM Workshop B _____	\$5 ea	
Tue May 24th 	7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast: Open to the Companions <u>and</u> Ladies <b>Cheese Blintz</b> _____	\$19.00	
	12:00 PM	RA Ladies Luncheon: <b>Oriental Chicken Salad</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Chapter Luncheon: <b>Croissant Club</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	
	1:30 PM	Workshop A _____ 2:30 PM Workshop B _____ 3:30 PM Workshop C _____	\$5 ea	
Wed May 25th 	7:00 AM	Grand Council Breakfast Open to the Companions <u>and</u> Ladies <b>French Connection</b> _____	\$19.00	
	12:00 PM	CM Ladies Luncheon <b>California Cobb Salad</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon <b>Grilled Chicken Sandwich Caprese</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions, **General Chairmen** : Ken Nagel (510) 468-9864, Randy Downey (408) 255-3719 or Bud Ramsey (408) 224-9431 [chairmen@ca-gyrs.org](mailto:chairmen@ca-gyrs.org)  
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 No refunds after May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 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.](http://www.ca-gyrs.org)

# 2011 GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS Souvenir Ad Program Order Form

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# Petition for Conferral of Degrees

To the Companions of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_, Royal Arch Masons:

I request the Degrees of your Chapter be conferred upon me, as indicated below:

- Mark Master Degree only.** I submit no fees with this petition. However, if I am elected, and if I subsequently wish to receive the degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master and/or Royal Arch Mason, I will submit the fee for degrees of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ before receiving any of these additional degrees.
- All Degrees of the Chapter.** Specifically, the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason. I submit the fee for degrees of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ with this petition.

Should my petition be granted, I promise cheerful compliance with all the usages, customs, laws and regulations of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California.

In presenting this petition, I truthfully state the following:

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ in City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the jurisdiction of \_\_\_\_\_.

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
(If retired, give former occupation)

I have lived in California since \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever previously petitioned for any of the Degrees of a Royal Arch Chapter ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ If "yes", where and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

I vouch for the good character and Masonic standing of the petitioner and recommend approval of his petition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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