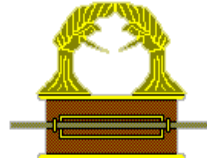


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Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

As the Grand Capitular year draws to a close, I am put in mind of legacies – that which we leave for those who come after us. I reflect on my term in office, and what I may have accomplished this year. I think about my contributions, my actions, the words I have spoken, and how all of these things may have affected individual Companions, our Chapters, and York Rite in general. Of course I hope that I have left a lasting positive impression, and that the craft might be a little better off than it was before. I hope I have inspired some to be better Royal Arch Masons.

I ask you to think along the same lines. How does what you do and say affect others? How might your conduct inspire others do be better – better individuals and better Masons? What contribution do you make toward the prosperity and growth of your Chapter? What are you doing toward your own growth and betterment, such that those around you choose to emulate you, and thus improve themselves?

All of us have it within ourselves to be better people. It should be a lifelong process of self-improvement. The goal, as a Royal Arch Mason is to become better, and then work to improve our craft, to strengthen our Chapters, to bring more Masons into the fold, to shed more light in Masonry, and to increase the Companionship for all concerned. We should, each one us, strive to be remembered as someone who made a difference – but not for self-

aggrandizement. Do it to improve the craft, and to inspire others to do the same. What will your legacy be? What will you leave for the craft, and for those Companions who come after you?

I urge you to think about your legacy in every interaction you have in Royal Arch Masonry, and in Masonry in general. Every meeting you attend, every activity in which you participate, every conversation with a Companion, is an opportunity to improve the craft and leave a lasting impression. With everything you do, think about the fact that you are adding another stone in the edifice of your legacy. And with that thought – act accordingly.

Companions, our Grand sessions are rapidly approaching – May 19-23 in Visalia. Registration forms are available on the Grand York Rite website, www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org We will be in a new venue this year, at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia. It should be fun to try out our new digs. I encourage as many Companions as possible to attend. If you are planning on attending, I recommend you get your registration in as soon as you can. Please don't wait until the last minute. I look forward to seeing you all in Visalia.

As always, Companions, my virtual door is open by means of email and telephone. I invite you to contact me with questions, concerns, ideas, or suggestions.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

Randy R. Downey, KYGCH
163rd Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of California

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

We just concluded a 'fun' SOI in Downey Chapter this past Saturday for over 30 Companions (at least it was fun for me!). This happened despite two major conflicts, one from Grand Lodge and one from Grand Commandery on the same date in the same basic area! The food and fellowship was fantastic and many thanks to Downey Chapter, EC Ray Broomfield GPS and EC Gary Iverson DGL Dept 4 for their outstanding support of this day! Not to worry, there are still two more SOIs scheduled this Grand Capitular year! The next will be at King David Lodge in San Luis Obispo on Saturday, 31 March and the finale will be at Siminoff Lodge in Union City on Saturday, 28 April. All of these informal schools will kick off at 9:30 am

and complete at 3:00 pm including lunch (I would say it was free; But you have to show up and work with us first!). The dress is casual and bring your ritual books so that no one has to say they are sorry later for not knowing their part by memory! All Good and see you there!

Best Regards - Your humble Grand Lecturer!

MARK MASTER DEGREE

PETALUMA Royal Arch Chapter #22 is pleased to announce that on Monday March 19, 2018 it will be conferring the Mark Master degree at 7:30 PM at the Petaluma / Hamilton Lodge located at 9 Western Ave. in Petaluma, California. All area Royal Arch chapters who have potential candidates are invited. We would

be most pleased to confer the degree upon them. If you have a candidate(s), please contact the chapter's secretary, Red Hunt by phone at 707-664-8398 or our High Priest John Monahan by email @ twowillowjdn@gmail.com, by Monday, March 12th. You are also encouraged just to visit us on the conferral date. We'd appreciate all you companions to join us for an evening of fellowship.

John.Monahan
(707) 319-7593

WOODLAND CHAPTER FESTIVAL

The four Capitular Degrees will be offered at the Blue Lodge in Woodland on March 24th -- 228 Palm Ave, Woodland, CA 95695-2844. Coffee and donuts at 8:00 am, Degrees start at 9:00 am. Sacramento Chapter #3 will confer the Mark Master; Delta Chapter #27 will confer the Past Mster and Most Excellent Master Degrees; and Woodland Chapter #46 will confer the Royal Arch.

SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

Workshops will be offered at Grand Sessions this year for Secretaries and Recorders. Of great interest to many of you will be the opportunity to learn about the Masonic Membership Solutions used to maintain membership data for local bodies. See the Grand Sessions Registration document at the end of this newsletter for details.

Secretaries new and old: near the end of this newsletter you will find a two-page document that serves as guidelines for Secretaries – especially new ones.

Another good source of information for the Secretary can be found in the Grand Chapter Forms and Documents folder, called Chapter Secretary Desktop Procedures, at:

<http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyrf/forms/Chapter/>

If you are prompted for a username and/or password, call your Inspector, or anyone in the CONTACTS section below.

GRAND SESSIONS 2018

Dates for the 2018 California Grand York Rite

Monday, May 21, 2018 – Grand Council
Tuesday, May 22, 2018 – Grand
Commandery
Wednesday, May 23, 2018 – Grand
Chapter

A copy of the flyer announcing the change to the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, and showing future years as well, is included at the back of this newsletter. Behind that flyer you will find the Registration Document for Grand Sessions in 2018.

Also note the flyer appended to this newsletter announcing the AMD In-gathering on Saturday, the 19th, in Bakersfield, at the Masonic Temple.

Finally, there are Secretary/Recorder Workshops being offered this year on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, at 1:30pm. Try to make at least one of them. You will have an opportunity at these Workshops to learn about the database system used by Commandery – Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS). Grand Commandery has established a pilot program to allow local Recorders to update this database directly themselves. To be included among this group of Recorders it is essential that you attend a Workshop and receive the necessary training!

If your organization(s) would like to support the cost of organizing Grand Sessions, please consider buying an AD in the Souvenir Program. Go to the following link and click on [2018AdOrderForm](#).

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

It is a requirement of the Constitution that all High Priests receive this Order. Altogether, 22 candidates received this Order in the afternoon of May 23rd 2017. If you are a newly elected or installed High Priest, or a Past High Priest who has not yet received the order, you should plan to do so at the Grand Chapter Convocation on May 23rd next year, at 2:00 pm in the afternoon. See the application below in the document labeled SECRETARY ESSENTIALS.

GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

For further info about Scholarships, go to the following website:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/rara.html>

The Masonic Family has a large number of scholarships available to our youth, but how many of those in need of assistance really "KNOW" they are available?

California Royal Arch \$1,000 Scholarship requirements:

- A member of the Masonic Family (ie: Rainbow, Jobs Daughter or Demolay)
- A US Citizen
- A California Resident
- A 3.0 Grade Point Average

Enrolled or Accepted at an Educational Institution

Deadline to apply for the 2018 Scholarship Program will be published in January 2018. Scholarship requirements will remain the same. Early submissions can be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Chapter Secretary at

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons
Attn: Grand Secretary
11428 East Artesia Blvd. – Suite 13
Artesia, CA 90701-3872
Telephone: (562) 924-6500
E-mail: FDB.Scholarship@gmail.com

Once chosen, the award of \$1,000 is renewable for a total of 4 years, as long as the requirements are maintained. Do you know a Rainbow Girl, Job's Daughter or DeMolay that could benefit by knowing this information? What are you waiting for - make that call!



THE CLOTHES LINE

A line of Jackets for our York Rite bodies continues to be available at 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.

ENCOMPASSER

The **October 2017** edition of the **Encompasser** is now available at the following website, as is the January 2018 edition. Our apologies for the late transmission and availability, but the move of the Grand York Rite Office from Artesia to Sacramento was very time-consuming and prevented a more timely mailing. Please note that the October edition was the last hard-copy edition – all future editions will be digital. If you must have hard-copy, please call the Grand Secretary’s office at the contact numbers listed below.

http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser_issues.html

OR

Go to <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org> and click on The Encompasser on the left of the top toolbar.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST’S CALENDAR JANUARY 2018 TO MAY 2018

Date	Event	Location
Mar 9-10	Officers’ Conference	Visalia
Apr 19-21	Grand Chapter	New Mexico
Apr 22-May 5	Grand Chapter Trip	Canceled
May 19	AMD Ingathering	Bakersfield Masonic Temple
May 19-24	Grand York Rite	Visalia

If you would like to attend any of these events and need to know particulars about where and when

and cost, please call any of the contact numbers below, or go to the Grand York Rite website calendar at:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/ghpcalendar.html>

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Website:

WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG

SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org.

Scroll down and click on "York Rite Forms and Documents"

Then click on Grand Chapter logo.

A window opens where you enter the userid, which is "cagyr" and the password, which is "brio"

Scroll down to Officers Manual, which has info for the Secretary, and print that out. Priorities are as follows:

1. **Membership control** -- Especially important is the very last item, "Royal Arch Monthly Report." If you fill this out each month, whenever you encounter changes to the membership, you will find it much easier at the end of the year to produce the year-end report, which is used to compute the amount of per capita the Chapter needs to pay. That payment is due by Jan 15th each year. Important changes to your membership include new members, demits, remits and deaths. Maintain e-mail addresses for members and you can easily then forward the monthly newsletter, The WORKMAN, to them.
2. **Per Capita** -- The Per Capita payment, due each Jan 15th, does not require action by the Chapter to be paid. You will need good, up-to-date membership data in order to compute the end-of-year number of active members that is crucial to computing your per capita payment. Without good data you will most likely overpay your per capita requirement. It is sensible to wait until the first of the new year to begin your process. It is also sensible, if you have access to the Grand Lodge database, to check each member to see if they are still alive
3. **Insurance** -- The Insurance payment, due each July 15th, does not require action by the Chapter to be paid. You will be billed for the payment by the Grand Secretary.
4. **Lodge Book of Marks** – Maintain this up-to-date, or perhaps arrange for a PHP to take on the responsibility of maintaining.
5. **Minutes** – Take good minutes, but don't over-do it by trying to capture everything that is said. Focus on having a clear representation of motions made and the vote count by which they passed or failed. In addition to keeping petitions in a separate file, it is good practice to replicate the basic petitioner information in the minutes. It is also a good practice to keep the names of attendees at each meeting in the minutes. If conferring a degree, keep a copy of the cast members and the candidate(s).

6. **Grand Chapter** – Before the May meeting, remind the Dais officers they are responsible to attend, and arrange a stipend if your Chapter can afford it. Remind members who expect to attend to be sure to take their dues cards. If Dais Officers cannot attend, they may issue a proxy, or the Chapter may elect a representative. The appropriate forms can be obtained on the Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials."
7. **Order of High Priesthood** – Be sure the current HP and PHPs know they are eligible to receive this Order. In fact, it is a Constitutional requirement! Share the petition below with them and send to the Grand Secretary:

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD PETITION

Chapter No. _____

High Priests and Past High Priests, who have not received the Order of High Priesthood, may complete the following petition for membership and submit it with the required fee of \$50.00 to the Chapter Recorder prior to February 15. - The Order will be conferred during Grand Sessions

Make check payable to: ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

To the Grand Convention of Anointed High Priest of California:

Companion _____

First Middle Last _____

Address City State ZIP _____

Birth Date Office Tel # incl. area code Home Tel # incl. area code _____

I am a member of _____ Chapter No. _____

I (am the Elected)(am)(was) High Priest of _____ Chapter No. _____
 Located at _____ having served during _____.

Companion _____

Signature _____

For Grand Secretary's use only:

___ Life Membership - fee \$35.00. The below listed items were issued:

___ Bible

___ Honorary Membership - no fee. ___ Membership Card

___ By-laws

___/___/___ Date petition received. ___ History

___ Lapel Pin

___/___/___ Date initiated. ___ Certificate

The completed petition with fee must be in the Grand Secretary's Office, 801 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA90813 no later than April 1. If not, the certificate may not be prepared for presentation during the next conferral of the Order.

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**2018
Official California
Allied Masonic Degrees Ingathering**

*May 19, 2018
Bakersfield Masonic Temple
1920 18th St. Bakersfield, California 93301*

Degrees

The Scarlet Cord Royal Ark Mariner
2nd Grade: Lector

Program

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm: Open for Registration

Registration.....\$3.00

Degree Fees: \$15 per degree; includes degree card, certificate and lapel pin.

3:00 pm: exemplify degrees

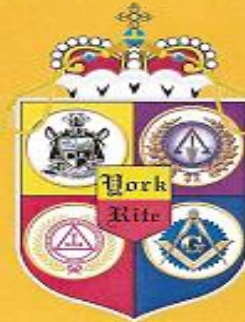
5:30 pm: Ye Ancient Order of Corks will be available for all who attend the Festive board Feast. There is no extra charge for those that have received the degree and coin at our Ingathering; a \$25 fee for those that have not received the Cork Degree at our Ingathering.

6:00 pm: Festive Board Feast; Reservations only, no tickets sold at the door. Dress: AMD or dark coat and tie.

Registration form: www.alliedmasonicdegrees-calif.org

Degrees exemplified by Western Council No. 41

Grand Sessions 2018, 2019, and 2020
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Contact the **Wyndham Hotel**

9000 W Airport Dr Visalia, California 93277 +1-559-651-5000

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

for your hotel reservation **before 04/10/18** Room rate: \$95.00 +taxes

Questions, contact the following below:

- **General Chairman: Brett MacDonald** chairman@ca-gyrs.org
 - **Executive Officer: Lee Whalen**, executiveofficer@ca-gyrs.org
 - **Meal/Event reservations: Dave Glass** reservations@ca-gyrs.org
- No refunds after May 09th, 2018 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 (*R.O.*) 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.

Saturday:

"The Official CA Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD) Ingathering" will be held at the Bakersfield Masonic Temple, 1920 18th Street, Bakersfield (75 miles from the hotel). Events start at 2:30 pm and end with a Festive Board dinner at 6 pm. Please go to: <http://alliedmasonicdegrees-calif.org> to register.

Knight Templar Ritual Competition. Details of the Ritual Competition will come from the Inspector General. If you are participating, please mark it in the field

Secretary / Recorder Workshop. Meet our new Grand Secretary / Recorder. He will be going over forms, processes and the proposed online membership database. This is intended for all Secretary / Recorders and Dais Officers that want to understand the duties. The same material is covered on each session (Sat. Mon. Tue & Wed). Please mark on the day you will attend.

Sunday:

Grand York Rite California (GYR CA) Corporation Annual Meeting, Event starts at 8:00 am to completion of business. All members of the GYR CA Corporation are cordially invited to attend. Agenda for this annual business meeting will be published separately."

Vesper services. Vespers is our gathering to honor our departed Companions and Sir Knights. All are encouraged to attend

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