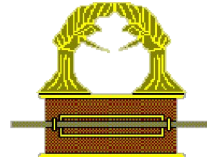


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Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

This Grand Capitular year is almost over, and our Grand Sessions are just around the corner. I hope you are planning on being with us in Visalia, May 19-23. Please be there as we attend to the important business of our Grand Chapter. We will greet visitors and dignitaries from far and wide. Most of all, we will have the opportunity to be together, to enjoy the fellowship that is so much a part of York Rite Masonry, and learn from one another. It will be all the better with you in attendance.

Most of you know that Most Illustrious Companion James Baum has served as the Executive Officer for our Grand Sessions for many years. This is a very important and arduous job, and the person holding it receives very little in the way of recognition or gratitude. M.I. Jim has decided to retire at the end of these Grand Sessions. I personally want to thank him for the outstanding job he has done these many years. He has worked so very hard, has done so very much, and our Grand York Rite bodies are made better by his service. Please join me in congratulating him on a job well done.

Companions, I hope that we can all learn by Jim's example. The lessons taught us in York Rite Masonry are to give of oneself, without looking for anything in return. We should all be willing to work for the betterment of our craft and the betterment of each other, while expecting that in return, we will find only the satisfaction of a job well done. In many of our Chapters, we see the living embodiment of these lessons – Companions who work tireless to ensure the success of Chapter activities, of degree conferrals, of meetings, dinners, and so on. Too often, however, you find that it is one or two Companions who do all the work. You probably don't have to think too hard to know who I'm talking about. Obviously, I applaud the willingness of these Companions to work so hard. But it makes me wonder, where is everyone else? A few individuals, no matter how energetic and sturdy, can only carry Royal Arch Masonry for so long. Companions, we must all step up. We must lighten the load for those who have carried the weight of our Chapters for so long. We must work together, to make our Chapters even stronger. We owe to them, and we owe it to ourselves, to make sure that our craft continues to thrive.

Throughout this year, you have heard me say, "Let your light shine." Well, this is your chance to do just that. Get yourself actively involved in making your Chapter better. Plan an event. Take an office. Learn a new degree part. Call your Companions and urge them to attend. Do something for the better of our craft. Really let your light shine on others, so that they see your example and want to emulate you – to become an active and vital part of Royal Arch Masonry. Please don't continue to stay at home on meeting nights, or to show up and watch others carry the load. Be part of the solution – that solution that makes the light of Royal Arch Masonry truly shine.

Companions, as I said, our Grand sessions are rapidly approaching – May 19-23 in Visalia. Registration forms are available on the Grand York Rite website, www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org. If you haven't registered, please do so now. 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

When you receive this, the second of our three SOIs will have been held in San Luis Obispo. Each of this year's schools are "back to basics" in studying the opening, balloting and closing of a Royal Arch Chapter. With the remaining time we will

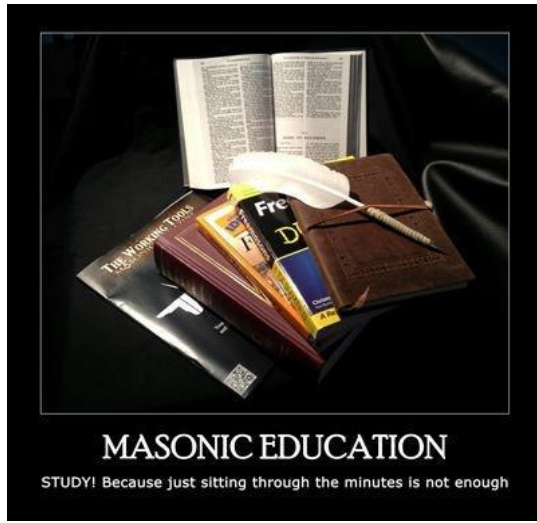
discuss the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees from a floor work and esoteric

perspective. Our last SOI is set for Union City on Saturday, 28 April. All of these meetings start at 0930 and complete at 3 pm! The dress is CASUAL red! Lunch is provided and bring your ritual book! Next year will be a different topic, so don't put

off attending! See you at the Home in April!

Best Regards - Your humble Grand Lecturer!

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER



Companions,

I hope when you receive this message, you are in good spirits, and in good health. It is always remarkable how quickly time passes by. My year as High Priest of this research chapter is almost over and soon there will be a changing of the guard. I want to thank all of you for the support you have given our chapter and the support I have felt from all you who were able to join us last year in Bakersfield and in San Francisco. I expect that you will continue to support Golden State Research Chapter in the years to come. Remember that this year's annual meeting has moved to Visalia to be held on May 23. Please mark your calendar.

That date, May 23, will also be a big milestone for me personally. If elected, I will have the honor to serve you in a different capacity, as your Grand High Priest. As I advanced through the Grand Chapters progressive line, I had the opportunity to visit many chapters and meet so many amazing companions. I feel so blessed for the experiences I have had so far and if

elected, I look forward to the year to come and meeting more of our companions as I travel throughout the state.

Remember that the Golden State Research Chapter needs your support. You can do this by simply by sharing your own research papers or even using a research paper from our GS Research Chapter's web site with your companions at one of your convocations or even with your brothers in the Blue Lodge. By simply sparking conversation of our work with your brothers or companions, you are promoting our work and helping us in achieving our goals.

In closing, for our chapters to be successful and grow, not only the officers of the chapter but also the members must take an active part. If all of us could attend at least 3 chapter meetings (25%) this year, our chapter will become stronger and grow. Remember that; *"without you, they can do little or nothing; with you, they can accomplish great things"*.

"Be safe and I hope I can see you in my travels".

Fraternally,

REC Anthony "Tony" Yuson, KYCH
High Priest, Golden State Research Chapter

MARK MASTER DEGREE

PETALUMA Royal Arch Chapter #22 conferred the Mark on Monday March 19th. Here's what the High Priest, John Monahan, said of the event ahead of time: "All of us here in Sonoma County are bannng together to strengthen our York Rite ties and welcome your attendance. We have a total of eight candidates this evening from all three Sonoma County Chapters. All of our candidates are planning on attending our Comptche Festival this June. It is my hope that we have a STRONG attendance this evening.

As we all know, what completes the candidates degree experience is the Brotherhood that they see and feel sitting on the sidelines. so that they have positive & powerful experience. Hopefully they will return home wishing to seek further light in their Royal Arch journey.”

WOODLAND CHAPTER FESTIVAL

The four Capitular Degrees were offered at the Blue Lodge in Woodland on March 24th. Here’s the class of 21! Many thanks to the Festival Director, Tommy McClellan, DGL, and all the Degree Masters who pulled together ritual teams from Woodland, Sacramento, Auburn, Chico and Marysville Chapters.



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/cagy/forms/Chapter/>

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

MARK MASTER DEGREE AT SACRAMENTO SCOTTISH RITE

On July 17th, bring candidates to the Scottish Rite in Sacramento for a unique experience – the Mark Master Degree conferred on all those found to be worthy and well qualified! Cost for dinner and a degree coin is only \$20. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for details.

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 the 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!

OR



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

Please note that the October edition was the last hard-copy edition – all future editions will be digital. The January edition is now available on the website, and the April edition will be soon posted. 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

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
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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Wyndham Visalia
9000 W Airport Drive,
Visalia, California 93277



May 19 thru 23, 2018

May 18 thru 22, 2019

May 16 thru 20, 2020

Rite Nite 2018

FURTHER LIGHT PROGRAM



Mark Master Degree



Valley of Sacramento Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95819-2604

Tuesday, July 17, 2018
Social 5:30pm – Dinner 6:00pm
Mark Master Degree 7:00pm

Menu

Pulled Pork
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Rolls
Desert

Cost: \$20.00 Includes Dinner, Degree and Event Coin



RSVP: Scottish Rite Office, (916) 452-5881 (Specify “Rite Night”)

For further information contact:

Robert Morrison

(530) 345-5958 or bpmorrison@sbcglobal.net

Candidates must fill out a Royal Arch Application to view the degree.
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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: _____

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

Please list the Number(s) that you are a member of

*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 - 19 th	8:00 AM	Knight Templar Ritual Competition __	*R.O.*	
	1:30 PM	Secretary / Recorder Workshop __	*R.O.*	
	2:30 PM	AMD Ingathering and Festive Board Dinner register at: http://alliedmasonicdegrees-calif.org		
Sun - 20 th	8:00 AM	GYR CA Corporation Annual Meeting __	*R.O.*	
	11:00 AM	Battalion & Belles Brunch Executive Breakfast Buffet __	\$24.00	
	1:00 PM	Drill Team Participant __	*R.O.*	
	4:00 PM	Vespers Service (Memorial Service for all 3 Bodies) __	*R.O.*	
	6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet Beef & Chicken Duo __ Pacific Salmon __ Pasta Primavera __	\$40.00	
Mon – 21 st	7:00 AM	Grand Council Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet __	\$18.00	
	12:00 PM	CM Ladies Luncheon: Cobb Salad __ Special Dietary __	\$16.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon: Southwestern Fiesta Buffet __ Special Dietary __	\$23.00	
	1:30 PM	Secretary / Recorder Workshop __	*R.O.*	
Tue – 22 nd	7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet __	\$18.00	
	12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon Orange Chicken __ Special Dietary __	\$22.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon Traditional Meatloaf __ Special Dietary __	\$23.00	
	1:30 PM	Secretary / Recorder Workshop __	*R.O.*	
Wed – 23 rd	7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet __	\$18.00	
	12:15 PM	RAM Ladies and Grand Chapter Luncheon Herb Roasted Chicken __ Special Dietary __	\$23.00	
	1:30 PM	Secretary / Recorder Workshop __	*R.O.*	

Special Dietary notation: We will try to accommodate those with special dietary needs and work with the hotel chefs. Please note your dietary concern: **Vegan** __ **Vegetarian** __ **Gluten Free** __ and mark the count in each meal line above. If we are unable to accommodate for that meal, you will be contacted ahead of time and refund issued if you based on your decision. There is a full meal description on the www.ca-gyrs.org website.

Check# _____ enclosed payable to **Grand York Rite of CA** or Invoice me via PayPal

Comments: _____

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

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Please send page 1 of this form and payment to:

CA-GYRSPO Box 402 Penryn, CA 95663-0402

No reservation forms will be accepted after 05/10/18

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.