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Grand High Priest's Message

Dear Companions:

"Honorando Antientes" These words can be found on the bottom banner of my Grand High Priest pin for this Capitular Year. I promise to reveal the symbolism contained in this pin as the year progresses. This Latin expression translates to "Honoring the Antients" and refers to the Antient Grand Lodge of England which split off of the Premier Grand Lodge of England early in recorded Masonic History. The Premier Grand Lodge was formed in 1717 and the Antient Grand Lodge split off from the Premier Grand Lodge some years later. The discussions and negotiations over the differences that caused this split went on for many years finally resulting in the Unified Grand Lodge of England, UGLE, which formed in 1813. One of the important reasons for the split was over the retention of the Royal Arch Degree in Blue Lodge Masonry. The Antients were adamant that the Royal Arch Degree was the "pinnacle of perfection in Craft Masonry" and insisted that it be retained while the Premier Grand Lodge which became the Modern Grand Lodge of England at the breakup held that the addition of the Master Mason Degree was enough to complete the Hiram legend and therefore all the light that should be retained in a Lodge of Master Masons. It is to the Antients and their strong faith in the Royal Arch Degree, that we can be thankful for the eventual compromise which led to the formation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this country in 1797 and its counterpart in England to preserve for posterity the special lessons taught to us in Royal Arch Masonry. So one of the many meanings of this pin, is to be thankful to those of our 'Antient' Brethren who understood the necessity of keeping alive and conferring more light in Masonry that we may continue to learn, study, understand and share those moral and ethical lessons taught to us in the

York Rite and its many allied bodies, e.g. AMD, KM, RCC, HRAKTP, YRC and KYCH to name a few. The Greek letters refer to the initials of the 161st Grand High Priest of California and the date "AI 2545" refers to the current date in our history, the Year of Illumination, 2545. A time in our illustrious history 530 years before the present epoch. The color of the banner is solid Navy Blue and refers to the form of the void in the beginning of the Universe. The writing and figures are all in Gold which has the special characteristic of not being corruptible or corroded with time.

We are forever indebted to our Masonic forefathers for designing a place wherein we can conduct "civil meetings", i.e. a Lodge of Master Masons, where we can discuss matters of import without fear of retribution, retaliation or unwarranted denial of our liberty and property. What a privilege it is for us to be able to bring the light of York Rite Masonry into this environment for the betterment of these good men and for the increased greatness it devolves upon ourselves! Don't hide our light, bring it to the Lodge in your hearts and arrange to share it with our less enlightened brethren.

I want to thank all of the Royal Arch Masons who attended gatherings with us in July at Van Nuys, Newhall, San Luis Obispo, Kernville, San Diego and Salinas! It was truly a pleasure to meet and greet the Great Masons that come to these meetings! Your attendance will not go unrewarded! I look forward to August and more opportunities to meet with many more of you in Alameda, South San Francisco and in Bakersfield! I will also see a few of you in Buffalo, New York for Grand Encampment and in Tucson AZ for their Grand Sessions.

Don't forget to purchase a challenge coin this year to help subsidize the Royal Arch Scholarship fund. It costs only \$20.00 and all of the contributions go directly to the Scholarship fund (i.e. the DeBarrows-Wohlfarth Scholarship fund) to fund this year's scholarship recipients. Remember, like all true challenge coins; don't get caught in a CA Royal Arch Masonic venue without one or the first round is on you! It's a worthy cause and it directly helps our Masonic family in CA! Until next time - Go Big Red!



STEVEN R. GOAD
161st Grand High Priest

GOLF TOURNEY

The Auburn York Rite 10th Annual Golf Tourney is scheduled now for August 29th. Fees for the 4-man scramble are only \$25. Deadline for filling is August 17th. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.



GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

For info about Scholarships, go to the following website:

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

If you have the resources, please consider making a significant donation on behalf of our Masonic Youth. Send any excess cash

(!) to the Grand Chapter Scholarship Program at 11428 E. Artesia Blvd, #13, Artesia, CA 90701-3872

Remember that all donations to the Scholarship Program are Tax Deductible, so keep this in mind as you plan your annual giving and when you pay your dues.

OPERATIONS & TRAINING **MANUAL**

For decades, we have all clamored for a single document that gives us what we need to effectively run our organizations. General Grand Chapter has now produced the Manual which meets this need for Chapters – and each Chapter should acquire at least one copy for use by its Dais Officers. Councils and Commanderies can benefit from this production as well. Although it is oriented to the Chapter needs, and contains some info specific to the capitular ritual, it does contain the following chapters, which will be found to be useful by all bodies:

- A. The Art and Science of Leadership
- B. Officer Selection & Development
- C. Protocols and Governance
- D. Membership Management
- E. Presentation and Education
- F. Dues, Fees and Budgets
- G. Communications and Public Relations
- H. Strategic Planning and Development

This new Manual is well worth the cost of \$25.00. It can be ordered from the General Grand Chapter as follows:

By writing to General Grand Chapter RAM, PO Box 128, Greenfield, IN 46140; or via email at: ramintl@sbcglobal.net

INFORMATION ON **RECEPTIONS, FESTIVALS** **& DEGREES**

At the very end of this Newsletter you will find copies of flyers for many of the activities throughout the year – some, but not all, Receptions as well as Degree conferrals, whether individual or part of a Festival. For other events not included here, refer to the Grand High Priest Calendar summarized below, or with full details, at the Grand York Rite website. Of particular note are the Northern California York Rite Festival for Chapter and Council on August 15-16 2015, in Red Bluff; the outdoor Mark Master Degree in Half Moon Bay the morning of August 29th; and the Colorado River Fall Festival (CRFF) in Laughlin, NV on Oct 19-20, 2015. Go to www.crff.org for information on the latter. A Ladies' Tea at the CRFF is shown on one of the flyers at the end of this newsletter.



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 **July 2015** edition of the Encompasser has been mailed and is now on the website. Go to <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org> and click on The Encompasser on the left hand toolbar. **You can help us control cost by letting us know you are willing to take the Encompasser by email only.**

Check out the new format available – you can now read the Encompasser online! No need to even print it out. Many thanks to our web-master, Excellent Companion Richard Thornton, for his efforts in applying this technology to our needs!

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR JULY – DECEMBER 2015

Date	Event	Location
July 3	4-Way Reception	Van Nuys
July 4	4 th of July Parade	Newhall
July 4	Drill Team BBQ	LA #9
July 5	Ice Cream Social	San Luis Obispo
July 11	New England Dinner, Ventura Valley Scottish Rite	Camarillo
July 18	Reception, Dist 17	Kernville
July 23	Official Visit	San Diego
July 24	AVAILABLE FOR RECEPTION	
July 26	3-Way Reception	Salinas
July 31	3-Way Reception	Fairfield
August 1	3-Way Reception, East Bay YR	Alameda
August 2	3-Way Reception, Peninsula YR	Orange Park, South SF
Aug 6 – 9	Grand Encampment Triennial	Buffalo, NY
Aug 14 – 15	Ritual Staff Conference	Bakersfield
Aug 20 – 23	Grand Chapter Sessions	Arizona

Aug 26	3-Way Reception	San Jose
Aug 28 – 30	Inspector's Retreat, South	Irvine
Sept 5 – 7	AVAILABLE FOR RECEPTION	
Sept 12	Capitular Festival	Van Nuys
Sept 19	Blue Lodge District Officers' Meeting	Bishop
Sept 28	Council Degrees	Van Nuys
Oct 3	Commandery Orders	Van Nuys
Oct 8	3-Way Reception	Sebastopol
Oct 9 – 11	Annual Communication, Grand Lodge	San Francisco
Oct 11	3-Way Reception	Sacramento
Oct 17	AVAILABLE FOR RECEPTION	
Oct 18 – 20	Colorado River Fall Festival	Laughlin, NV
Oct 23	Table Chapter	Van Nuys
Oct 30 – Nov 1	Southwest Regional	Las Vegas, NV
Nov 15	3-Way Reception	Santa Monica
Nov 19 - 22	World Conference, Grand Masters	San Francisco
Nov 24 – 30	Thanksgiving Holiday	
Dec 5	AVAILABLE FOR RECEPTION	
Dec 19	AVAILABLE FOR RECEPTION	
Dec 22 – 30	Christmas Holiday	
Dec 31 – Jan 3	New Years Holiday	



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New Flyer - New Date - Same Time

Auburn York Rite

TENTH ANNUAL

GOLF TOURNAMENT



BLACK OAK GOLF COURSE

Saturday - August 29th 9:00 A. M.

Format: Four Man Scramble

\$ 25

Includes : Green Fee, Bar-B-Q Lunch & Prizes

Sign-up Deadline ~~June~~ ^{July} 17th

Name _____ **Amount \$** _____

Mail Entries To: Don Lamoureux

5587 Cold Springs Dr.

Foresthill, CA 95631



East Bay York Rite

Presents the 47th Annual
Pilgrimage into the York Rite

2015 Honoree: Dennis A Wallace, PM, PHP, PC

Saturday, September 26, 2015

7:30 A.M. Registration; 8:30 A.M. Degrees Begin
Royal Arch Degrees (\$30.00)

Saturday, October 3, 2015

8:00 A.M. Registration; 9:00 A.M. Degrees Begin
Council Degrees (\$30.00)

Saturday, October 24, 2015

7:30 A.M. Registration; 8:30 A.M. Orders Begin
Commandery Orders (\$30.00)

Alameda Masonic Hall

2312 Alameda Avenue, Alameda, California

Lunch provide @ \$10

All Candidates must be preregistered with the East Bay York Rite Association Registrar

Marlon Rogers PO Box 892, Lafayette, CA 94549

marlon.rogers@comcast.net 925-596-3312



Sacramento Area York Rite Bodies:

Auburn, Folsom, Nevada City, Sacramento, Woodland, Yuba City

Invite you to attend a

Grand York Rite Reception

Honoring

Steven R. Goad, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Brett A. MacDonald, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Sir Knight Fenton R. Mereness, Right Eminent Grand Commander

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Sacramento Masonic Temple

1123 J Street, Sacramento, California

Social Hour at 4:00 PM

Dinner 5:00 PM

Program to follow

Seating is limited. Please make your reservation with
Richard Wilson (916) 704-6908 D246rich@surewest.net
Phil Hardiman (916) 712-4814 Philipandnancy@aol.com

RSVP NO LATER THAN October 4, 2015

NOTE: No Tickets Sold At the Door

Cost for dinner is \$20. RSVP with your choice of Steak, Chicken or Veg.

**Make Checks Payable to Sacramento York Rite Bodies
And send to Sacramento York Rite, 1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

Dress is Suit or York Rite Coat and tie for men and dress or pant suit for ladies.



Colorado River Fall Festival

LADIES CRAZY TEA

Tuesday - October 20, 2015 - 12:30 p.m. Cost \$20.00



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