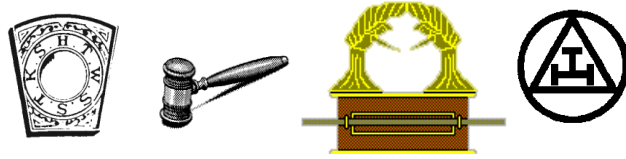


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Grand High Priest's Message

Dear Companions:

This month I want to discuss the symbolism behind the overall shape of the GHP pin:



The equilateral triangle has been used as an emblem of deity throughout several millennia of civilization. In this representation, the entire Universe is within the boundary of the deity, represented by the equilateral triangle! In other words, the triangular boundary represents the extent of deity in our Universe which is All Pervasive! The red background outside of the circle denotes the connection between the light of the Royal Arch and deity. In other words, all the Light of the Universe is contained within the triangle and is therefore within the context of the Royal Arch Degree. But what of the Navy Blue banner at the bottom or outside of the South Face of the triangle? "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth, and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God" (represented here by the South Face of the triangle, the principal emblem of deity) "moved upon the face of the waters (represented by the Navy Blue banner). The banner represents the darkness and void that was the Universe before God said, "Let there be light." Now there IS Light within the Universe!

I want to thank all of the Royal Arch Masons who attended gatherings with us in August at Alameda, South San Francisco, Grand Encampment in Buffalo NY, the Grand Chapter of CA Ritual Conference in Bakersfield and Grand YR Sessions in Tucson AZ! It is Always a pleasure to meet and greet the Great Royal Arch Masons that come to these events! Three highlights are worthy of special mention: Congratulations to SK David Kussman of Orange County, who was elected Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and received the Grand Cross of that Order! Many Congratulations to MW Brother John L. Cooper III, PGM of Masons in CA, who was presented with the Ephraim Kirby Award of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International at the Alameda Reception. It is the highest honor to be conferred upon a Companion by General Grand Chapter) and I must add it was most deserved for all of his work on behalf of our beloved Fraternity and the Royal Arch in particular! Finally, my personal thanks to MEC Louis Bartrand, the General Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons International who highlighted our successful ritual staff conference in Bakersfield on the 15th with his message on Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA). I can't wait for September to arrive and provide more opportunities to meet with many of you in San Luis Obispo on the 3rd for their First Mark Master Degree in recent memory (years)!! Van Nuys for their RAM Festival on the 12th, the CA Masonic Symposium in Pasadena on the 20th, and many more including the Council Degrees in Van Nuys on the 28th! What a Great Time to be a York Rite Mason! We, as Royal Arch Masons, provide and preserve the original Light beyond Blue Lodge!!

Don't forget to purchase a challenge coin this year to help subsidize the Royal Arch Scholarship fund. THEY ARE GOING FAST AND NO MORE WILL BE STRUCK WHEN THESE ARE GONE! 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

MARK MASTER AT GRAND LODGE

Planning for the Mark Master Degree conferral on Friday night, October 9th, at Grand Lodge is proceeding apace. The cast has been completed the cast. There will be a social event afterwards, with location and times to be posted and announced at Grand Lodge.

I will repeat my exhortation of last month: Now is the time for each High Priest, and his dais officers, to help make this event an historic success. You can each do this by visiting Blue Lodges in September and early October, collecting petitions for this class, and arranging to ballot upon the petitioners in your local Chapter before the Annual Communication on October 9th. Your Secretary will then simply apprise us of the names of your petitioners, and we will take it from there. You do not need a dispensation to hold a Special Convocation to ballot on petitions, but you should provide timely, written notice to your membership. See Section 105 of the Constitution, for clarification. So plan ahead and, if need be, begin now to make arrangements to have a Special Convocation for balloting upon petitioners to the Grand Lodge Class. Information and forms have been sent to Chapter High Priests to facilitate communications with the host Chapter. You can find the documents and petitions at the link provided in the leaflet at the end of this newsletter.

Again, your focus on conferring the Mark Master Degree this year will have a tremendous effect, in the aggregate – not only to build our membership base and improve our revenue stream, but also to satisfy our obligatory requirement to provide Masonic light and knowledge to our less informed brethren. The next month is crucial – I urge you to set an example for your companions by getting the word out to our Blue Lodges. Send this Newsletter to your membership and, by doing so, encourage them to do the same! Thanks for your contributions.



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 Mark Master Degree at Grand Lodge; 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.**

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR
JULY – DECEMBER 2015

GRAND CHAPTER CONTACT
INFORMATION

Date	Event	Location
Sept 5 – 7	AVAILABLE FOR RECEPTION	
Sept 12	Capitular Festival	Van Nuys
Sept 19	Blue Lodge District Officers' Meeting	Bishop
Sept 20	CA Masonic Symposium	Pasadena
Sept 26	AVAILABLE FOR RECEPTION	
Sept 28	Council Degrees	Van Nuys
Oct 3	Commandery Orders	Van Nuys
Oct 9 – 11	Annual Communication, Grand Lodge	San Francisco
Oct 11	3-Way Reception	Sacramento
Oct 17	Chapter SOI	Bellflower
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 7	Commandery Orders	Ventura
Nov 12	3-Way Reception	Sebastopol
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 12	LA9 Masonic Symposium	Van Nuys
Dec 19 – 30	Christmas Holiday	
Dec 31 – Jan 3	New Years Holiday	

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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



Wear Your Crazy Tea Dress



Attention Royal Arch Masons in California!

HELP YOUR BROTHER “MAKE HIS MARK” !!!



To introduce Master Masons to the Degrees of the Chapter, our Grand Chapter has authorized the conferral of the Mark Master Degree to interested Brethren without fee.

A petition to the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is still required, to take advantage of this opportunity.

“Keystone Classes” are being planned for this program now, for group conferrals of the Mark Master Degree throughout the state in the Fall of 2015.

This is where **YOU** come in. Please talk with that Brother you would like to recommend to your Chapter, and tell him of this opportunity to “sample” the further degrees of the York Rite. To help you explain this opportunity to your Lodge Brethren, the following new materials are available to you:

- A new Petition for this introductory Mark Master Degree.
- A brochure inviting a Brother to explore the Chapter Degrees.

You can print these new materials from the Grand Chapter website, at <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/royalarch.htm> Or you can ask any Chapter Secretary, District Inspector, or Grand Chapter Officer for copies of these new materials.

Be sure to explain the advantages of this opportunity to your Lodge Brothers:

- The Mark Master Degree expands and extends the Craft Degrees, shedding further Light on what it means to be a Mason.
- Further Degrees in the Chapter are entirely optional.
- This is an opportunity to share Masonic fellowship with members of other Lodges in the local community.
- No proof of proficiency is required to advance in Degrees.

-- Companions, please talk with your Blue Lodge Brethren today!! --

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Chapter, Council, or
Commandery?

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- Escort you on your trip
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- Handle all issues that may arise

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