

# THE WORKMAN



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## GRAND HIGH PRIEST MESSAGE

### MISCELLANEOUS THOUGHTS

The Colorado River Fall Festival, from which your three grand dais officers have just returned, was again a success! Held in Laughlin, Nevada, October 19-21, this York Rite Festival celebrated its 24<sup>th</sup> year with 53 candidates from several jurisdictions. It was a pleasure to share the two-day event with so many Companions and Sir Knights from Arizona, Nevada, Utah, South Dakota, and elsewhere.

Your Grand High Priest now looks forward to a busy November – beginning with the Southwest Regional York Rite Conference in Ontario, and continuing with three receptions, celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Triple Tau Chapter, receipt of his own Golden Veterans' Award from Grand Lodge, a Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremony for a new basketball arena in Sacramento, a leadership seminar in Red Bluff, a visit to the Masonic Home "HarvestFest" in Union City, and concluding with attendance at the Northern California DeMolay Convention in Sacramento. Pray for strength – a very busy month!

If this seems a rambling article – it probably is. I seem to have a solid case of "writer's block" this month. But if you have been reading past articles, you will already know my central message for

the year – the importance of increasing the value of our York Rite activities through improved leadership and inspired vision for the future. And that belief and commitment continues. I can only say it again – we do important work, and it deserves the best efforts at leadership we can bring to it.

Along that line, please note our last Leadership Seminar in Northern California for this year is on November 22<sup>nd</sup> in Red Bluff. Full information is elsewhere in this publication. If you have not attended one of these seminars, and live north of Modesto and Salinas, now is the time. Make a reservations with “Bud” Ramsey, and attend in Red Bluff on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

My Companions, I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months. Until then, in the words of our motto for the year, **“Be the Change You Want to See.”**

**JON HUMPHREYS**  
**Grand High Priest**

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**YORK RITE LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**  
**COMING TO RED BLUFF**

**DON JACKSON, REST IN PEACE**

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

The next York Rite “Leadership Seminar,” is on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Masonic Center in Red Bluff. This will be the last seminar in Northern California this year.

These seminars, jointly sponsored by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, are providing current and future leaders with tools and information designed to improve leadership skills and strengthen our York Rite management.

All Chapter members who have not attended this year’s northern seminars in Sacramento and San Jose are invited and strongly encouraged to attend this one in Red Bluff.

Admission is free and a free lunch is provided. See details on the announcement later in this newsletter.

**Note** that reservation is requested, to Bud Ramsey, so he can plan for adequate materials and lunches. His phone and e-mail are on the last line of the attached flyer.

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Remaining Seminars this year are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 22	Vesper Masonic Center (Red Bluff)
January 31	Vista Masonic Center

From Don’s wife to his Companions:

It has been one year since we had Worshipful Don Jackson among us. That is right: a YEAR. I can't believe it either.

To mark the date, a loving gift of a flagpole has now been installed on our property. It sits high on the north border to oversee the whole farm. A bronze plaque, embedded in a large stone, is placed at its base, to forever commemorate his life. It shows Don's beloved square and compasses plus the message, "Until we meet again."

I am still reaping the rewards of your volunteering and generosity since his diagnosis, treatment, and after his death. We very much appreciate all of the jobs done here at the farm, both great and small. Don trusted his Masonic brothers would not forget him, and most certainly you have all remembered me.

Your gentle kindness and patience with my grief has been incredible.

Brothers and friends, thank you for loving Don Jackson too. Thank you for missing him. Thank you for taking your Masonic promises to your deepest heart. I am forever grateful.

Joan Jackson

## **MEET YOUR GRAND OFFICERS**

### **Grand Marshal (North)**



**THOMAS and ANGIE CHAVEZ**

Excellent Companion Tom Chavez was born in Manila, in 1952. He holds a B.S. Degree from Letran College, and has been self-employed in his own insurance business for over 30 years.

Tom is a Past High Priest of California Chapter No. 1, and has served as the Chapter's Officers' Coach since 2011. He is also a Charter Member of Siminoff Chapter No. 163 in Union City. He is an Illustrious Past Master of California Council No. 2, C.M., a Past Commander of California Commandery No. 1. K.T., and is a member of San Francisco Priory No. 38, Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

Our Grand Marshal (North) was raised a Master Mason in Crocker Lodge No. 212 (Daly City) in 1997, and served as Master in 2003. He has served as Inspector of the 321<sup>st</sup> Masonic District

since 2009. He is also a member of California Lodge No. 1 and Mission Lodge No. 169.

Tom currently serves as Sovereign Master of Golden Gate Council No. 95, A.M.D. and as Master of Kadosh in Consistory. He is a Knight Commander Court of Honour, San Francisco Valley, Scottish Rite, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Tom and Angie have four children, and five grandchildren. The couple lives in Daly City.

### **Grand Treasurer**



**JERRY and NORMA WOHLFARTH**

Most Excellent Companion Jerrold A. "Jerry" Wohlfarth was born in Washington, D.C. He married Norma in 1962, and the couple share two daughters, three grandsons, 1 granddaughter, and 5 great grandchildren.

Jerry has a B. A. in Political Science, and an M.B.A. in Computer Information Systems. He is retired from the Marine Corps with the rank

of Captain, and also from Science Application International Corp.

He began his Masonic career in Pearl Harbor Lodge in 1975, is a life member of Hiram Lodge No. 10, in Washington, D.C., and served Vista Lodge No. 687 as Master in 1986 and 1997. Jerry has served the Grand Lodge of California as a Trustee of the California Masonic Foundation. He is a former Inspector of the 637<sup>th</sup> and 490<sup>th</sup> Districts, and recently retired as Inspector-at-Large.

Our Grand Treasurer was our Grand High Priest in 2007-2008, and has been our Grand Treasurer since 2008. He is also the General Grand Treasurer of Royal Arch Masons, International. He is a Knight York Grand Cross of Honor, and a recipient of the order of the Purple Cross. He is a Past Governor of San Diego York Rite College, and Past Puissant Sovereign, San Diego Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He has served the Scottish Rite as Venerable Master. He is an Inspector General Honorary of the 33 Degree.

Jerry has received many awards for Masonic service, including the Hiram Award, the Grand Cross of Color (Rainbow Girls), and the Service Award of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. He is also Past President, Camp Pendleton Chapter, National Sojourners, Past Commander, Heroes of '76, Past President, Vista High Twelve Club, and Past California State Director, National Camping Travelers.



### **LEADERSHIP DO'S AND DON'T'S**

An Article Submitted by Arthur H. Walton

In the articles on leadership to date, I have been examining the positive characteristics of leadership. In this article I want to examine the things that you need to guard against as you are performing your role of leadership in your Chapter. There is a positive side to leadership but there is also a negative side, possibly and unethical side to being a leader.

The following is list of this you will want to guard against when you assume a role of leadership in your Chapter:

First, do not use your position for personal gain. You are a leader in your Chapter to serve others.

Second, do not promote you own personal goals and vision. Make sure you align your goals with that of the Chapter.

Third, do not censure criticism or opposing views. As a leader of your Chapter, consider every Brother's input and yes, you may even learn from your critics.

Fourth, do not demand that you decisions be accepted without question. As a leader you want to simulate your members to come forth with their ideas.

Fifth, do not communicate in one direction. God gave us two ears and one mouth. This suggests that there was the intention to listen as well as speak.

Sixth, do not be insensitive to your Brother's needs. As a leader you are a coach, a developer and supporter of your member's abilities and needs. Also, never forget to share recognition for Chapter accomplishments with your Brothers. A simple "thank you" or "good job" is worth more than you can imagine.

Finally, do not rely on convenient standards to satisfy your own self-interests. As a leader use guidelines that satisfy your Chapters interests and your Brother's needs. As Ann Landers once said "The ultimate measure of

leader is the treatment given to someone who can do him (the leader) no good.”

Robert P Vecchio in his book on Organization Behavior states that “Leadership based on referent power (high level of admiration or respect that you earn as a leader from your followers) and characterized by self-confidence, sense of purpose, and an articulated vision.” So as the song writer posed, “accentuate the positive” and ignore the negative.

## **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 at the Grand York Rite website.

## **ROYAL ARCH HISTORY**

Of particular interest to all Companions and Sir Knights is the new addition to the History of the Royal Arch – Volume 4 is now available, which takes the history through 1996. This is the supplement to the original 3 Volume set prepared by Everett R. Turnbull and Ray V. Denslow. The 4<sup>th</sup> Volume can be purchased for \$25. Volumes 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the History of Royal Arch Masonry have been reprinted. These books are hardbound and approximately 500 pages each. The cost is \$ 100.00 for all 4 books plus \$ 15.00 shipping and handling in USA. Foreign shipping could cost more. Payment by check or credit card. Contact the General Grand Secretary to order books. [ramintl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ramintl@sbcglobal.net)

## **RAM INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER**

As you know, our Grand Chapter is associated with the General Grand Chapter RAM International. The General Grand Chapter is now publishing a newsletter with international scope. Issue number 35 for September 2014 has been forwarded to local Chapter officers, and can be accessed directly at:

<http://eepurl.com/2d88b>. The October edition, number 36, is available at: <http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=3c0aac733b0437cb093526bde&id=cab2a178d6&e=03a77e3401>.

Please share as appropriate with your companions. In the new format, scroll down in the message to find the state-specific entries for California. Prior editions from March 2012 can also be found under the Library tab at the Research Chapter website: [www.goldenstatechapter.org](http://www.goldenstatechapter.org)

## **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](http://www.mpenterprises.weebly.com); or directly to his email at [maxluy@hotmail.com](mailto:maxluy@hotmail.com).

## **ENCOMPASSER**

The **July 2014** edition of the Encompasser is in the mail and should be on the website soon. 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 CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS**

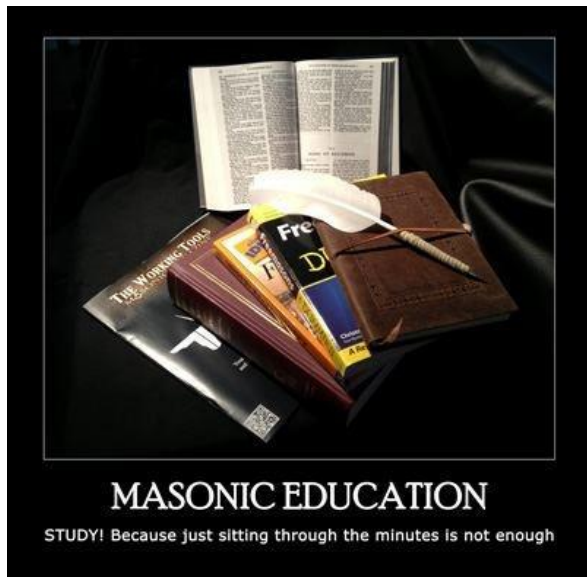
For info about Scholarships, go to the following website:

<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.**

### **GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER**



The website located at [www.goldenstatechapter.org](http://www.goldenstatechapter.org) now contains a copy of the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Grand Orations booklets. Also included is a copy of "The Royal Arch Path," by MEC Phil Hardiman, KYGCH.

The latest Semi-annual meeting was opened in Ample Form by MEC Jon Humphreys at 12:15 pm, with EC Paul Ericson as Chaplain and EC Dave Sokol as Principal Sojourner. Approximately 20 companions were present.

Under **membership** status, nineteen petitions were read – 17 members of Sacramento Chapter #3, submitted by EC Dongo, and two who were present and recommended by Bill Price and Dave Sokol. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that all be elected, including those entered on the roster since last meeting. Total membership now includes 272 living members.

EC Sokol suggested that he would like to see the Mark Master conferred at Grand Lodge again, as we did five years ago, with 81 new Mark Masters advanced at that time. After some discussion, EC Dongo established a Committee, to be chaired by MEC Hardiman, to pursue this as an option for future years. Others on the Committee include REC Steve Goad, Bill Price, and Loren Piper.

MEC Hardiman then presented his paper, entitled I HAVE IT, published in the October 2014 edition of the Encompasser, dealing with modern dietary habits and the salutary benefits of a high-FAT diet, as opposed to a high CARB diet. He explained how a new book out, The Big Fat Surprise, Why Butter, Meat and Cheese Belong in a Healthy Diet explains that it is eating too many Carbs that cause obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and so forth.

The meeting was closed in Ample Form by MEC Humphreys at 1:00 pm.

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**GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR  
FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Oct. 31 – Nov. 1	Southwest Y-R Conference	Ontario
Nov. 2	3-way YR Reception	Santa Monica
Nov. 5	Official Visit and MSA Presentation – Long Beach Chapter	Long Beach
Nov. 6	Receive Golden Veterans Award	Riverside
Nov. 9	Cornerstone Ceremony – Sacramento Arena	Sacramento
Nov. 13	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Triple Tau Chapter	Bellflower
Nov. 15	Masonic Homes Harvest Fest	Union City
Nov. 17	G.H.P.'s Reception – Orange County Chapter	Anaheim
Nov. 21	3-way Y-R Reception	Nevada City
Nov. 22	Y-R Leadership Seminar	Red Bluff
Nov. 27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	
Nov. 28	Nor-Cal DeMolay Convention	Sacramento
Dec. 13	Installation of Elk Grove Lodge No. 173	Elk Grove
Dec. 14	Install Washington Lodge No. 20	Sacramento
Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS !	

Details available on York Rite website at:

<http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/ghp/calendar.html>



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Triple Tau Chapter No. 33 R.A.M.  
Sesquicentennial

150 Year Anniversary

1864 - 2014



... Pioneers who blazed a path for this Chapter one hundred and fifty years ago traveled on highways in southern California that were unexplored. The path was rough and rugged. But, the men who paved the way were men with fruitful purposes ...

You are invited to join us at the  
Sesquicentennial gala celebration of  
**Royal Arch Chapter No. 33**  
To be held at the  
**Bellflower Masonic Center**

**Date:** Thursday, November 13, 2014  
**Time:** Dinner Served at 6:30 p.m.  
**Attire:** Men - RA Jacket and black slacks  
or Business Suit Preferred  
Women - Dinner Wear

**Special Guest:** M.E.C. Jon D. Humphries, Grand High Priest to present the Sesquicentennial Plaque to the Chapter.



**Dinner Reservations Are Required:** Dinner will be provided at no charge to guests who RSVP before end of business; Tuesday, November 11, 2014.

*RSVP by emailing or calling Kenneth Hope. See contact info below.*

*GUESTS WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL SESQUICENTENNIAL "COMMEMORATIVE COIN"!*



Entertainment: TBD

**Meet At The  
Bellflower Masonic Center  
9813 Beach Street, Bellflower, CA**

**Parking:** Rear of, and across the street from the Bellflower Masonic Center.

**RSVP: Kenneth Hope - Tel: (562) 924-6500**

**Email: [ca.yorkrite@verizon.net](mailto:ca.yorkrite@verizon.net)**



November 21, 2014

Time: 6:00 P.M.

108 1/2 N. Pine Street  
Nevada City, CA  
95959

Contact: Gary Schlusser  
530-277-2490



**2014 GRAND OFFICERS RECEPTION**

## Nevada City York Rite Bodies

### 2014 California Grand York Rite Officers Reception



On November 21, 2014 Nevada City York Rite Bodies will co-host a reception of the 2014 California Grand York Rite Officers with Auburn, and Sutter Creek York Rite Bodies. We invite you to share a dinner of Pot Roast or Chicken (by special request only) and meet the 2014 Grand York Rite Officers. The price for dinner will be \$15.00 payable in advance. Reservations are required. Please RSVP using the reply card attached below, by November 14, 2014.

#### Highlights

- 6:00 P.M. Dinner
- 6:30 P.M. Introduction of Officers from each co-host York Rite Body
- 7:00 P.M. Presentations in the Dining Room

Nevada City York Rite Bodies

**PLEASE CLIP OUT AND MAIL BACK THIS RSVP**

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Grass Valley, CA  
95949

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

	Quantity	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Felix's Pot Roast \$15.00 each		
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Request Only! Chicken, \$15.00		



*California Grand York Rite*  
***Leadership Seminar***

This seminar is designed specifically for the York Rite Officers and Members to help prepare them to be good leaders, or more knowledgeable members, in their respective Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies and all York Rite Masons are encouraged to attend.

The following is an overview of what will be covered:

- Grand Chapter, Council, & Commandery vs General Grand Chapter/Council & Grand Encampment – How Grand Bodies work
- Administration of Constituent Bodies
- Communications
- Protocol and Special Events
- Ritual, Tactics, & Uniforms
- Mentoring vs Coaching
- Leadership

*Note: This is not a ritual seminar/school of instruction*

Five seminars have been scheduled as outlined below. If you cannot attend the one nearest you, please attend one of the others. Please RSVP so we can plan lunch and materials accordingly.

*All seminars are scheduled on a Saturday from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM and lunch will be provided. There is no charge to the attendees. Dress is casual.*

<i>DATE:</i>	<i>LOCATION:</i>
May 31, 2014	Sacramento Masonic Center 1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2809 <i>(there's a charge for parking)</i>
June 28, 2014	Bellflower Masonic Center 9813 Beach Street, Bellflower, CA 90706-5917
September 13, 2014	San Jose Masonic Center 2500 Masonic Drive, San Jose, CA 95125-2019
November 22, 2014	Vesper Masonic Center 822 Main St, Red Bluff, CA 96080-2759
January 31, 2015	Vista Masonic Center 761 Eucalyptus Ave, Vista, CA 92084-6251

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