





Raymond A. Broomfield, GHP Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California

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Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

Tomorrow, my chapter is having a practice. An in-person practice!

The thought of working together, of shaking the cobwebs off our ritual and floor work, being helped and helping. You don't realize how much you have missed the comradery until you find yourself staring at your ritual, imagining the other officers reciting their parts. The whole being greater than the few. That is our fraternity; that is what it means to be a Royal Arch Mason. Working towards a common purpose of doing good work for the betterment of others, especially our brothers and companions.

Let us strengthen our Chapters by our presence, attend practices, help make a quorum at our meetings. It will lift your spirits and renew your faith in our teachings of brotherly love.

Fraternally,

Raymond A. Broomfield, KYGCH 167th Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons of California

Grand High Priest Decision 2021-002

Continuation of Grand High Priest Decision 2020-001

"The Grand High Priest Decision 2020-001 allows the use of Media during current State Mandated Restrictions, commencing July 30, 2020, to remain in effect until further notice. The decision continues in effect until further notice. Raymond A. Broomfield, May 22 2021"

A copy of Ray's decision is appended to the back of this newsletter

Grand High Priest Decision 2021-003

ReOpening Directive. See Directive at the end of this newsletter.

GRAND SESSIONS 2021 & 2022

Many Thanks to Dave Glass, Tom Krummell, Richard Fonseca, Marty Cusing, Gregg Hall and Jordan Yelinek for the work they did in organizing the three Grand Sessions this year. Also, Muchos Gracias to Ricky and Dennis Ward for their steady hand in soliciting and receiving and preparing the Souvenir Program, which will be available on the website as soon as tomorrow, July 1st!

Grand Sessions in 2022 has two dates: March 5th for the Officers' Conference; and May 14-19 as follows: May 15, Sunday – Grand Banquet May 16, Monday – Grand Chapter May 17, Tuesday – Grand Council May18, Wednesday --Grand Commandery May 19, Thursday – Corporation

GRAND LECTURER

Companions All

As we are starting to meet again face to face, it is gratifying for me to observe the work our Chapters are doing to meet together again In Person! The GHP has issued orders that cancel the dispensation to open in Ample form by other than Constitutionally authorized officers. We are supposed to be operating face to face by September.

If Chapters desire to continue doing Virtual meetings this fall, please let your Department Grand Officer know so that the issue can be revisited by the GHP this summer. The issue of blended meetings in the fall is also still under consideration with the proviso that the openings and closings are done only face to face. This transition back to the way we were before the Pandemic is a relief and our hope is to preserve some of the benefits gained from Virtual meetings where we were able to visit with Companions that we have been unable to see for years due to their health and/or distance from our meeting places! Let's plan for a win-win on this issue!

While many of our fall festivals and receptions have been canceled for safety and proficiency, e.g. Colorado River Fall Festival, and Comptche, to name a few; I am hopeful that our candidates can now find new venues to pursue the light in the Royal Arch degrees! Please keep working hard to restore our craft to its former glory!

Best Regards-- Your Humble Grand Lecturer, Steve

<u>RECEPTIONS</u>

Several in-person receptions have now been planned and scheduled! SF Peninsula on Sunday, August 1st (Orange Park in San Francisco); East Bay on Saturday, August 7th (Island City Lodge in Alameda); and Union City on August 24th. See flyers at the end of this newsletter.

Regarding Parking at events in Alameda, be sure to check beforehand regarding the situation on Alameda Avenue. The Island City Lodge is located at 2312 Alameda Ave.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The registration information for the 2021 SWYRC in now up and available to view and register.

Welcome - Southwest York Rite Conference (swyrc.org)

PLEASE distribute this information to all your state's Chapters, Councils, and Commandries. If you can, please list it on your state's Grand York Rite website and social media platforms; let's get the word out.

Thank you for all you do; it is extremely appreciated, and I hope to see you all in Vegas.

R.E.C. Erick VanEckhoutte, DGGHP/SW Region

SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

Secretaries new and old: near the end of this newsletter you will find a two-page

document that serves as guidelines for Secretaries and Recorders – 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/cagyr/forms/Chapter

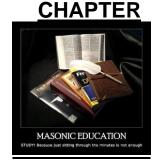
If you are prompted for a username and/or password, call your Inspector, or anyone in the CONTACTS section below.

ENCOMPASSER

The April 2021 edition is now available on the website. If you must have hard-copy, please call the Grand Secretary's office at the contact numbers listed below.

https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser %20issues/Encompasser_April_2021.pdf

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH



Companions,

The next Research Chapter meeting has now been scheduled for Saturday October 9th at 12:15 pm at the Annual Communication. You do not need to be a member to attend!! But we will be happy to read your petition at the time. A blank petition is provided at the end of this newsletter. Please complete and send to the new Secretary, Jonathan Prestage at jonathan.prestage@gmail.com.

Jonathan was elected and installed at our meeting on February 22nd, along with EC Thomas Chavez, High Priest; Ron Alcorn, King; David Rathgeber, Scribe; and Phil Hardiman, Treasurer.

GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for 2022 are now available: <u>http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/rara.html</u>

The deadline to apply for the 2022 Scholarship Program is March 2, 2022. Submissions can be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Chapter Secretary at

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons Attn: Grand Secretary 1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Telephone: (562) 924-6500 x 1123 E-mail: sec-rec@yorkriteofcalifornia.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 -- \$115.00 plus shipping, for sizes 34 to 49 in short, regular and tall; and \$125.00 plus shipping for sizes 50 to 59, also in short, regular, and tall; and \$135.00 plus shipping, for sizes 60-69. 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: <u>www.mpenterprises.weebly.com</u>; or directly to his email at maxluy@hotmail.com.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR JULY 2021 TO MAY 2022

Date	Event	Location
Last	Inspector/Adjutant	Zoom,
Sunday	Meeting	2:30pm to
-	-	4:30 pm
August	3-Way Reception	SF, Orange
1, 2021	and Picnic	Park,
		Noon
Aug 7,	3-Way Reception	2312
2021		Alameda
		Ave,
		Alameda,
		2:30 pm
Aug 13 –	General Grand	In-Person,
Aug 18,	Council + Grand	Minneapolis
2021	Encampment	
Aug 24,	3-Way Reception	Union City
2021		
Sept 25,	Chapter Festival	Alameda,
2021		8:00 am
Sept 25,	Chapter Degrees,	Yuba City,
2021	MMM & PM	8:30 am
Oct 8 –	Grand Lodge	In-Person,
10, 2021		8am to 5pm
Nov 4-8,	SRICF	Louisville
2021		
Nov 6,	Grand Chapter	Lake
2021	Golf Tourney	Chabot,
		Oakland,
		8:00 am
Nov 13,	Chapter Festival,	Woodland,
2021	MEM & RAM	9:00 am
Nov 25	Thanksgiving	Everywhere
Dec 25	Christmas	Everywhere
Mar 5,	GYR Officers'	Visalia
2022	Conference	

May 14 –	GYR Grand	Visalia
19, 2022	Sessions	
May 16, 2022	Grand Chapter	Visalia
May 17,	Grand Council	Visalia 8:00
2022		am
May 18,	Grand	Visalia, 8:00
2022	Commandery	am
May 19,	Grand YR	Visalia, 8:00
2022	Corporation	am

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/royala rch/ghpcalendar.html

TAX REPORTING

Robert Wellington of Orange County Chapter No. 73 is willing to assist Chapters with guidance to restore their tax exempt status, if needed. If you would rather speak to a brother, Companion and Sir Knight, than an IRS or FTB agent, feel free to contact Bob at 714-396-0846, or <u>rozekroy@gmail.com</u>

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GRAND SESSIONS, FORMS & SCHEDULES Website:

WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG

SECRETARY and/or RECORDER ESSENTIALS

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

Scroll down and click on "York Rite Forms and Documents." Then click on the appropriate 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 information for the Secretary, and print that out. Many concepts in the Grand Chapter manual are relevant to the Councils and Commanderies.

Priorities are as follows:

- <u>Dues Collection</u> You should send out dues notices no later than October, with payments from members due by December 31st.
- 2. <u>Membership control</u> -- Especially important is the very last item, "Royal Arch Monthly Report." This is relevant to you as a Secretary/Recorder if you do not yet have a userid for access to MMS – Masonic Membership Solutions. If you fill the paper report 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.
- 3. Do not cavalierly suspend members for non-payment of dues. There is a Constitutional process that should be followed rigorously in order that members, who may have moved and not received your dues notice, are treated fairly. See the following sections of the relevant Constitution in order to learn about this process:

Chapter: See Section 201 in the Constitution at http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Chapter/ROYAL%20ARCH%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf

Council: See Section 30-10 in the Constitution at http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Council/Grand%20Council%20Co http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Council/Grand%20Council%20Co http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Council/Grand%20Council%20Co <a href="http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Council%20Council%

Commandery: See Section 347 in the Constitution at http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Commandery/GRAND%20COMMA http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Commandery/GRAND%20COMMA http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Commandery/GRAND%20COMMA http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Commandery/GRAND%20COMMA <a href="http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/commandery/grand-ndery-grand-ndery-

- 4. <u>Per Capita</u> -- 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 end-of-year number of active members that is crucial for us when we compute your per capita payment. Without good data you will most likely overpay your per capita requirement. It is sensible to begin your process near the end of the CY, as soon as possible. It is also sensible, if you have access to the Grand Lodge database, to check each member to see if they are still alive. But most important is getting a userid to utilize MMS.
- 5. <u>Insurance</u> -- The Insurance payment, due each July 15th, does not require action by the Chapter, Council or Commandery to be paid. You will be billed for the payment by the Grand Secretary-Recorder.
- 6. <u>Lodge Book of Marks</u> Maintain this up-to-date, or perhaps arrange for a PHP to take on the responsibility of maintaining.
- 7. <u>Minutes</u> 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). Also, please send the candidate class names to the Grand Secretary.
- 8. <u>Grand Sessions</u> Before the April meeting, remind the Dais officers they are responsible to attend, and arrange a stipend if your Chapter, Council or Commandery can afford it. Remind members who expect to attend to be sure to take their dues cards. If Dais Officers of the Chapter and Council cannot attend, they may issue a proxy, or they may elect a representative. This is true also for Commanderies, whose members cannot issue proxies. The appropriate forms can be obtained on the Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials."
- 9. 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 with them and send to the Grand Secretary. This requirement does not appear to be true for the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree or the Past Commander's Association. Petitions for all three bodies are available at the secure website.

Petition for Affiliation

Golden State Chapter of Research Royal Arch Masons



To the Excellent High Priest, Officers and Members of Golden State Chapter of Research, Royal Arch Masons of California:

I,	, respectfully represent that
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last N	ame)
• I am / not a resident of the State of California bu	t resident in
• I am a Master Mason in good standing of under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of	Lodge No, F.&A.M.,
• I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing of under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of	Chapter No, R.A.M.,
• I desire to be affiliate with Golden State Chapter	as a dual/plural member of your Chapter; and
• If elected to membership, I promise cheerful com Constitution of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter	pliance with the Bylaws of Golden State Chapter and or of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California.
In connection with this petition, I provide the following a	additional information about myself:
Residence Address	City State Zip
Residence Telephone Mobile phone	eEmail
Business Address	City State Zip
Business Telephone	
Date of Petition, 20 Petition	Signature of
·,,,	
Recommendations:	
The undersigned, member of Golden State Chapter, reco	mmend the Chapter grant this petition:
1. Signature Pr	inted Name

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Grand High Priest Decision on Conducting business via Media during current State Mandated Restrictions, commencing July 30, 2020, is to remain in effect until further notice.

- 1. Any Chapter meeting for the purpose of Conducting Business, i.e. Monthly Stated Conclave, under this Grand Jurisdiction, may open in Ample Form using any Electronic Meeting software. i.e. Zoom, Google Meet, Conference Call etc., that has a secure method of admittance, accompanying a private access code (password, etc.) as long as the <u>Department Grand Officer</u> (DGO) has authorized same. All efforts should be made by the presiding Chapter High Priest to notify and accommodate a member that requests participation.
- 2. Each opening of a Chapter must be authorized as stated above
- 3. Only a Department Grand Officer, a Deputy Grand Lecturer (DGL) and duly qualified Inspector and Past Grand Elected Officer may conduct an Opening and Closing of a Chapter in Ample Form.
- 4. The Deputy Grand Lecturers and Inspectors must be qualified by the respective Department Grand Officer.
- 5. Any DGO, DGL or Inspector or other Past Grand Officer that conducts such an opening as listed above is required to be in attendance at the entire meeting in order to close in Ample Form.
- 6. Business allowed:
 - a. Business to be conducted is listed in ARTICLE IX Order of Business

§1 Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons with the exception of:

- i. Balloting on Applications is not permitted until further notice
- ii. No Degree work is permitted
- 7. Voting on Bill payment or such may be done as a Voice vote or by hand vote.

Ray Broomfield

Raymond A. Broomfield Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California May 22, 2021



GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CALIFORNIA

GRAND YORK RITE OFFICE 1123 J ST. SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-2809 (562) 924-6500

June 17, 2021

Decision 2021 - 003

On June 15, 2021 the State of California lifted its emergency restrictions on meetings and events.

In compliance with Grand Master Art Weiss's "Reopening Directive II Addressing June 15th Removal of State-Imposed Restrictions on Meetings and Events" issued June 2, 2021, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of California has adopted the following procedure.

- Royal Arch Chapters may conduct in-person meetings and events in compliance with county and city restrictions, if any. Individual counties and cities may choose to continue their own meeting limitations, in which case those limitations continue in force.
- Attendees at Royal Arch meetings and events must comply with any state, county or city guidance relating to face coverings in effect at the time of the meeting/event.
- Royal Arch Masons are not required to show proof of a negative COVID test or vaccination card to attend in-person meetings unless required by the county or city.
- Effective July 1, 2021, only those Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers enumerated in Section 65 of the Grand Constitution of Royal Arch Masons of California are authorized to perform Ample Form ritual.
- Until September 1, 2021, Chapters may continue, at their discretion, to hold virtual stated meetings consistent with my May 2021 Directive on Virtual Stated Meetings, with the Ample Form modification mentioned above.
- The use of a blended or hybrid stated conclave, whereby members are attending the same meeting in person and other members via video conferencing, is not authorized at this time.

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(Decision 2021 - 003 continued)

Let us use this time wisely by having practices to refresh our ritual and floorwork for our meetings, plan festivals to welcome new companions, and schedule social events to renew our friendships. We all have missed the comradery of our fellow companions that give strength to our fraternity.

My directive has no force or effect after my term as Grand High Priest ends.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ray Broomfield

Ray Broomfield Grand High Priest

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Grand High Priest Golf Tournament North

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California

Proceeds support: Royal Arch Research Assistance DeBarrow/Wohlfarth Scholarship Program Grand Chapter Programs

Stroke Play - System 36 scoring

Date:	Saturday, November 6, 2021
Place:	Lake Chabot Golf Course
	11450 Golf Links Road, Oakland, CA, 94605
Time:	8:00 AM Shotgun Tee off

Signup Cutoff Date: Sunday, September 17, 2021

Registration:	Between 7:00 AM and 7:45 AM
Entry Fee:	\$125.00 per perSon [Includes Golf & Cart, Tee prize, Lunch]

This golf tournament is intended to raise funds for great charities. You or your organization can sponsor a hole for \$150, and 100% of the proceeds will go towards these charities.

To sponsor a hole, contact Thomas Chavez at 650-766-2319 or email @ thomas.c.chavez@gmail.com.

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Grand High Priest Golf Tournament Nov. 6, 2021 Fund Raiser

Please return this portion Make Checks payable to:

East Bay York Rite Association or EBYRA

Player

Mail to: Marion Rogers 7273 Hansen Drive Dublin, CA 94568

Address:

Name:

Email:

If you have any questions, contact

Thomas Chavez at 650-766-2319

Rollie Caabay at

707-246-6376 Marion Rogers at 925-596-3312

Telephone:

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SAN FRANCISCO-PENINSULA-PALO ALTO YORK RITE BODIES

annual Picnic & Grand York Rite Reception HONORING

GRAND HIGH PRIEST ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CALIFORNIA

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M. .. Peter Champion, KYGCH M. .. 9. .. Peter Champion, KYGCH GRAND MASTER CRYPTIC MASONS OF CALIFORNIA

> R. E. David Studley, KGC, KYGCH GRAND COMMANDER KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CALIFORNIA

Sunday, August 1, 2021 11:00 am gather time | 1:00 pm lunch

Orange Park 35 W Orange Ave South San Francisco, CA 94080

RSVP BY JULY 25 \$15/ADULT \$8/CHILD 7-12 OR FREE/CHILD UNDER 6

> RSVP & Checks to CA Commandery #1

MAIL TO: ART WALTON 34400 MISSION BLVD APT 1210 UNION CITY, CA 94587

QUESTIONS? Mori Moriuch (925) 260-9880 mhmoriuchiegol.com

Grand York Rite Reception EAST BAY YORK RITE

Honoring

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Raymond A. Broomfield, KYGCH Most Illustrious Grand Master, Peter G. Champion, KYGCH Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK David W. Studley, KYGCH

Date: Saturday, August 7, 2021

Time: 3:00 P.M. Social 3:30 P.M. Dinner

Location: Alameda Masonic Hall 2312 Alameda Avenue Alameda, California

R.S.V.P. with a Check to "East Bay York Rite"

Send to: **Federico Baclig** 5021 Vesteny Ct., Antioch, CA 94531-7812 925-216-1174

eastbayyorkriteassn@aol.com

<u>Cost \$25.00 per Person</u> <u>PLEASE R.S.V.P. before July 31, 2021</u>

Please include your menu selection along with your RSVP

<u>menu selections:</u>

<u>Chicken Veronique, Roasted Beef Tri-tip, or Stuffed Acorn Squash</u>



Union City York Rite Bodies

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES TO THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021 at 7:00PM (PDT) VIRTUAL ZOOM THREE WAY GRAND YORK RITE RECEPTION

Honoring

Raymond A. Broomfield and Lady Christine 167th Most Excellent Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California

Peter G. Champion and Lady Janice 161st Most Illustrious Grand Master Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California

David W. Studley 163rd Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commander of Knights Templar of California

Topic: Union City YRB Three-way Grand York Rite Officers Reception Time: Aug 24, 2021 7:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/96070558648?pwd=RU5nanUvL3IjQ2srUjJoZExZSGVM dz09

> Meeting ID: 960 7055 8648 Passcode: 2021