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Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

"I Am a Royal Arch Mason."

Congratulations to all the new officers and returning officers being installed in your Chapters. You have a great opportunity ahead of you to help shape the future of York Rite Masonry here in California. What is the biggest opportunity available to you? The answer is to exalt new Royal Arch Masons. Yes, we need new members. Increased membership is the rising tide that will float most all of our ships. I see a greater opportunity for us. We have the chance to help another man with building his Masonic edifice. We know this is a journey one cannot make on his own. That is implicit in the very nature of the Royal Arch Degree.

I know that many Chapters are struggling in California. However, even the Chapters that are experiencing difficulties have a great core of dedicated York Rite Masons. My question to every Chapter is: what is your plan to increase membership? I strongly believe that every Chapter should have such a plan. That plan needs to be communicated to every one of the Chapters members. You know what your Chapter's strengths and challenges are, what resources are at your Chapter's disposal. There are a number of membership programs out there you can adopt, or create your own. You have that dedicated core of Royal Arch Masons that are more than willing to help. You're a member of a Blue Lodge. I am certain you know a Mason you can lead on a path he has not known. You can help him building his Masonic edifice. You know what needs to be done. Now go do it.

One thing I have come to realize is that I do not have photos from the events I have attended as Grand High Priest. I have posed numerous times with you companions at receptions, installations and visits to your Chapters. I am always on the other side of the camera. I would appreciate you sending to me any pictures of these events that you believe I would like have for my album. husmann@sebastiancorp.net

Below is a link to the pictures taken at the installation of officers and following reception held at our last Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A 1drv.ms f s-

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I ended the January article with the Latin phrase: "Nil nisi clavis deest." The translation from Latin is, "Nothing is wanting but the key." Here is the next Latin phrase for your consideration.

"Si talia jungere possis sit tibi scire satis"

R. Scott Husmann, KYGCH 168th Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of California

GRAND LECTURER

Companions All:

February marks the time to complete our Installations and prepare for spring to summer degrees. We should be forming Mark Master and Past Master degree teams to induct Good Masons into the mysteries of the Royal Arch! I am already seeing notices of Festivals in both Northern and Southern CA in Feb and March and want to encourage every Chapter to form a degree team in the Mark Master and/or Past Master degrees!

Some of our Festivals are moving to confer only the Most Excellent and Royal Arch Degrees to reduce the workload on them and make the day shorter, easier and more enjoyable for all! This movement

makes it even more important that our candidates see the Mark and Past Master degrees locally before attending a Festival to complete the Royal Arch degree! You can help with this transition in your District or Chapter by encouraging and participating in a Mark Master or Past Master degree in Your Chapter this spring! We also have the Prologue to the Mark Master in final review for release this month for you to perform locally to prospects in your Chapter or Lodge to help with recruitment! Check with your Inspector early in Feb to look over this important addition to our tool chest for your use locally!? I look forward to great prospects coming to us this spring season! All the Best -

Your Most Humble Grand Lecturer

Steve

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND ORDERS

Several Festivals are upcoming for the Fall and Spring. See Flyers at the end. Of particular note are:

Shasta York Rite Association

Feb 4, 2023 at 9am (see flyer)

Sacramento-Sierra YR Association

March 25, 2023 at 9am, Woodland

San Bernardino: moved to 2023

Feb 11, 2023 at 9am

March 8, 2023 at 7pm

April 1, 2023 at 9am

East Bay

Sept 23, 2023 at 7:30am

Oct 14, 2023 at 8:00am

Oct 28, 2023 at 7:30am

GRAND SESSIONS 2023

It is installation season and I want to paraphrase part of the charges given to the presiding officers 'It is his privilege and duty ... to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter either in person or by proxy ...'

Of course, the Grand York Rite Sessions are not just limited to the dais and grand officers. You will see the reservation form in this issue. Also is the Souvenir Program Ad request form. This program promotes publicity for your York Rite Body and helps defray costs of the Sessions for materials, rentals and hospitality will supplies. We not encounter the supply chain issue like last year and will have the printed copy at the Sessions and a PDF after the sessions which will include the results.

The Grand York Rite Sessions are May 14th to May 17th and held again at the Wyndham Visalia Hotel. In addition to the traditional activities, we will be offering the Order of Zanzibar – a fun degree for everyone, with the proceeds to benefit the CMMRF, after the banquet on Sunday evening.

All of the forms needed are available on the website: www.ca-gyrs.org.

March, 3-5 Officers' Conference

May 14, Sunday – Grand Banquet May 15, Monday – Grand Commandery

May 16, Tuesday - Grand Chapter

May 17, Wednesday – Grand Council May 18, Thursday – Corporation

Thanks,

Dave Glass

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.

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER



Companions,

Golden State Chapter is dedicated to the studv Capitular dearees of of Freemasonry. Our Chapter promotes excellence in Masonic scholarship by quarterly meetings with the holding sharing papers and introducing subscription members and our regular members to our website. The next Chapter meeting is via Zoom on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Noon (12:00 pm) - you do not have to be a Golden State Chapter member to attend this meeting. The Zoom join the meeting instructions are listed below. Our following and Annual Chapter Meeting will be in person on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 4:00 pm, at the Grand York Rite Sessions in Visalia CA.

Any Royal Arch Mason, in good standing within a Chapter of any jurisdiction in amity with the Grand Chapter of California, is welcome to apply for affiliation with the Chapter as a full member. Any other person may become a Subscription member and receive information by our emailings and attend non-tiled meetings, but will enjoy no other privileges. We can

read your Petition to Affiliate at any of our petition meetings. Α blank and instructions provided this are newsletter. Questions may be directed to the Golden state Chapter of Research Secretary Bruce Rick bar972@outlook.com.

GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications and the Policy statement for 2023 are now available at the website: http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/rara.html
The deadline to apply for the 2023 Scholarship Program is March 3, 2023. Submissions can be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Chapter Secretary at

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons Attn: Grand Secretary 8815 Indian Wells Ct

Santee, CA 92017-2434 Telephone: (619) 993-4840

E-mail: Grand.Secretary.ca@gmail.com



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: www.mpenterprises.weebly.com; or directly to his email at maxluy@hotmail.com.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2023 TO MAY 2023

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Date	Event	Location
Feb 4,	Mark and Past	Orland, 8:00
2023	Master Degrees	am
Feb 11,	Fall Festival,	San
2023	Chapter Degrees	Bernardino,
		8:00 am -
		4:00 pm
Feb 25	KYCH & YR	Red Bluff or
	College	Auburn
Mar 3-5,	Grand Officers'	Visalia
2023	Conference	
March 8,	Cryptic Festival	San
2023		Bernardino,
		9:00 am
Mar 11,	3-Way Reception	San Diego
2023		
Mar 11,	Research	12:00 pm
2023	Chapter zoom	noon
Mar 12,	3-Way Reception	Inland
2023		Empire
Mar 25,	Royal Arch	Woodland
2023	Festival	8:00 am
April 1,	Commandery	San
2023	Festival	Bernardino,
		9:00 am
May 13-	Grand Sessions	Visalia
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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

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 rozekroy@gmail.com

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GRAND SESSIONS, FORMS & SCHEDULES

Website: <u>WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG</u>

SECRETARY and/or RECORDER 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 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:

- 1. <u>Dues Collection</u> You should send out dues notices no later than October, with payments from members due by December 31st.
- 2. Membership control -- 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%20Cou

Commandery: See Section 347 in the Constitution at http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Commandery/GRAND%20COMMA
http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/

- 4. 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 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. 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). Also, please send the candidate class names to the Grand Secretary.
- 8. Grand Sessions 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,		, respec	tfully represent that
I am / not a resident of the Se	tate of California but resident in		
I am a Master Mason in good	d standing of	Lodge No	, F.& A.M.,
under the jurisdiction of the	Grand Lodge of	;	
I am a Royal Arch Mason in	good standing of	Chapter No.	, R.A.M.,
under the jurisdiction of the	Grand Chapter of	;	
I desire to be affiliate with G	olden State Chapter as a dual / p	lural member of you	r Chapter, and
If elected to membership, I p	romise cheerful compliance with	n the Bylaws of Gold	en State Chapter
and Constitution of the Most	Excellent Grand Chapter of Roy	yal Arch Masons of t	he State of
California.			
Residence Address	I provide the following additiona	State	Zip
Residence Telephone	Mobile Phone	Email:	
Business Address:	City	State	Zip
Business Telephone:			
Date of Petition	, 20		
Signature of Petitioner			
Recommendations:			
The undersigned, member of Go	lden State Chapter, recommend t	the Chapter grant this	s petition:
-	Printed Name		_

Red Bluff Chapter No. 40 RAM and the NorCal York Rite Association

Proudly present



The Mark Master and Virtual Past Master Degrees

To be conferred on February 4, 2023

At Orland Laurel Lodge 431 Colusa St Orland, CA

> 9 am - Registration 10 am - Degree conferral 12:30 - Lunch

All RAM Chapters are invited to attend with their candidates.

For more information please contact
David Sokol
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Spring 2023 York Rite Festival

Royal Arch Chapter Degrees
Mark, Past, Most Excellent & Royal Arch
Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.

Cryptic Mason Council Degrees Royal Master & Select Master Wednesday, March 8, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

Knights Templar Commandery Orders Red Cross, Malta & Order of the Temple Saturday, April 1, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.

Please Check-In Early! Sharp Time Set - Conferral of Degrees & Orders

All at the

San Bernardino York Rite Masonic Temple 2888 Arrowhead Avenue San Bernardino, California 92405-3805 sbyrb@juno.com

Please be early to avoid delays / Prompt conferral times are set



2023 GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS Souvenir Ad Program Order Form The printed program will be available at Grand Sessions (in black and white / grayscale) AND a full color PDF format for distribution after the Sessions.

Company Name or Organization		
Contact NameP	hone	E-mail
What do You Want Your Ad to Say? Camera ready ad material is preferred. Provide an attachm the following formats: pub, pdf, docx, doc, wpd, jpg, jpeg, br To ads@ca-gyrs.org Payment must accompany Ad request, payable "Grand York Rite of CA" or use your credit can https://ca-gyrs.square.site/ad-orders DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING AD REQUESTS Send Ad and Payment to CA-GYRS 1123 J Street Sacramento, CA 9581	e to ard at S: 4/25/23	Please enter quantity: Full Page @ \$180.00 each Half Page @ \$90.00 each Quarter Page @ \$45.00 each Eighth Page @ \$25.00 each Business Card @ \$25.00
or email ads@ca-gyrs.org Questions: Tom at (562) 924-6500	4-2009	each Name on Name Page (list below) @ \$5.00 each Total Amount
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oncern: Vegan	We will try to accommodate those with special dietary needs and work with the hotel chefs. Ple. Vegetarian Gluten Free and mark the count in each meal line above. If we are unable to ontacted ahead of time and refund issued based on your decision. There is a full meal description	o accommodate	

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

More forms (including the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master, Past Commanders Association & Dignitary Introduction), menus and schedule are available from www.ca-gyrs.org. For your convenience, we are allowing you to register and pay for the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master and Past Commanders Association with your other meals and events. You must also include those respective forms with this one. We will forward the information and funds to the appropriate degree coordinators.

2023 Grand York Rite Sessions May 14th to May 17th, 2023 – Visalia, CA
Please send page 1 of this form and payment to:
CA-GYRS 1123 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814-2809

Meal reservations are locked & will not be accepted after 05/01/23 (don't even ask)

Onsite registration is available to the Companions and Sir Knights attending sessions without ordering meals. Please be aware that Name Tags will not be printed for late registrants, so please register before the deadline. No refunds after May 8th, 2023 – unless approved by the Grand York Rite Sessions Executive Committee

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* or register online via www.ca-gyrs.org Room rate: \$99.00 +taxes.

Hotel reservation deadline is **05/01/23** *Pending room block availability – best to register early*

Questions, contact the following below:

• General Co-Chairmen: chairmen@ca-gyrs.org Ray Broomfield (805) 482-6756 and Steve Goad (760) 608-1585

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.

Grand York Rite California (GYR CA) Corporation Annual Meeting. The 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.

Allied Masonic Degrees Statewide Meeting. Representatives from each A.M.D. Council are requested to attend. This meeting will be to discuss A.M.D. at the statewide level and future degree presentations by the respective A.M.D. Councils.

Vesper services. Vespers is our gathering to honor our departed Companions and Sir Knights. All are encouraged to attend.

The Order of Zanzibar. Is a "Fun Degree" open to all, which will be held after the Grand Banquet. The cost for this degree is \$25. Proceeds from this degree will be donated to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Fund.

The Grand Installations. We kindly request that you mark down the number of attendees for each of the Installations. This is to properly prepare the caterers for the reception following the installations.

Golden State Chapter of Research. All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend. For a small fee of \$20, you can submit your petition at the meeting to become a lifetime member of the Golden State Research Chapter, and receive a copy of the Grand Orations Booklet 2020-2022.

MMS (Masonic Membership Solutions) Training. This is directed to our Secretaries / Recorders and Assistant Sec/Recs on using the MMS System and for others like the Dais Officers to understand the application. Phil and Tom are available for orientation and consultation upon request. Simply email mms@ca-gyrs.org prior to May 1st 2023 with a day and time convenient for you and they will make an attempt to fit time for you into the overall schedule.