THE WORKMAN





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<u>Grand High Priest's Message</u> "CONNECT * COMMUNICATE * COMMITMENT"

Greetings Companions,

July was a memorable experience for me and my wife Angie. On July 2nd, we traveled to San Luis Obispo to attend The San Luis Obispo York Rite 3 Way Reception and the Ice Cream Social. MIGM Mike Sherman and I presented the 50 years membership in Capitular and Cryptic Mason to Companion Howard Beltz. I also had the honor to present the Meritorious Service Award to MIPGM of Cryptic Masons Peter Champion. It was a pleasure to see everyone who attended enjoy themselves at this event.

Our next stop was in San Fernando Valley York Rite Association in Van Nuys, CA. We attended the 4 Way Reception held at Signet Chapter 57. All of us Head of the Bodies, had the opportunity to be with the Grand Master of Masons of CA., the Most Worshipful Randy Brill. Most especially, the Santa Clarity Parade, it was a great festivity. In our section of the parade, LA Commandery No. 9 "the Drill Champion" headed by PC Rick Baca marched ahead of us followed by the four leaders riding in a nice convertible. I tell you companions: my wife Angie had a great time waving her hand to the

spectators, Lol. At the end of July, we will be traveling again to the City of Bellflower, CA to attend the 3 Way Reception, honoring members who attained their 25th and 50th years of membership.

My Worthy Companions, throughout my term, my advocacy is to have more Mark Master degrees. If we have more Mark Master companions, there will be more possibilities to increase membership of York Rite. Companions, I expect that each department will have more Mark Master degrees. This last July 19th, Department 1, conferred the Mark Master degree on 12 candidates; 7 of the 12 already informed the host Chapter, California Chapter No 1, that they will continue to the Royal Arch degree.

Companions always promote my theme the 3 "C", CONNECT, COMMUNICATE, and COMMITMENT. We, companions, are the Ambassadors of the Blue Lodge. Let us <u>C</u>onnect to the blue lodge brothers; <u>C</u>ommunicate to them about York Rite, when they become Royal Arch; and ask for their <u>C</u>ommitment. It also applies to us; we must have the Commitment to our own Chapter. We must motivate them and give them good information about York Rite.

Companions, read the WORKMAN for more information regarding any future events. "Holiness to the Lord." God bless you all!

Sincerely and fraternally,

ME Thomas C. Chavez, KYGCH 7169th Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons of California

SAN DIEGO FESTIVAL – HUGE!

San Diego Chapter No 61, (EC Jonathan Robles HP), and Jerrold A Wohlfarth No. 130, (EC Jon Rick HP), respectively, held our long-awaited Royal Arch Festival on Saturday July 22nd at the Vista Masonic Lodge. Wohlfarth Chapter Companions provided cast members for the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees. San Diego Chapter provided the cast members for the Royal Arch degree.

Twenty-five, YES 25, new companions were exalted. See the picture nearby!! It was a long day but everyone enjoyed the fellowship and Companionship of the day! Our Thanks to Jerrold A. Wohlfarth Chapter No. 130 for hosting the work. EC Tom Colgan and crew provided a wellreceived luncheon.

Well done to all the Cast Members, old and new, that performed the Work. It has been since 2019 that the degrees were held in San Diego County. We dusted (er cleaned) the costumes, polished off the rust from the Ritual, and shared props as required! Thank you to one and all. When we work together we can achieve Great Things!

Congratulations to all the NEW Companions exalted.

REC Dick Bullard, Grand Secretary

GRAND LECTURER

Companions All:

Many of our Chapters are traditionally dark in August, but all should be planning for the resumption of labor in the fall! There are many Festivals planned for September and October around the state and we should support them even if all we can do is attend! Our Craft needs new members to preserve the word and this is done locally one Master Mason at a time! It has come to my attention that some (a minority to be hoped?) of our Dias Officers are not proficient for their installed stations and this has been tolerated by the ritual staff? Our fraternity will fail if we allow this for the sake of "keeping the Chapter alive". My charge to the ritual staff is to ensure our Dias Officers And the Captain of the Host are all proficient in the ritual of opening and closing without using a ritual book as a crutch (WWBLD?)! The sheriff on the beat is our Inspectors and they are strictly charged to call out bad or no ritual for what it is, namely the death of our Craft! No new member will be impressed by the disregard of our ritual and a lack of commitment on the part of the Dias Officers and COH to know the work from memory! This is fundamental to our Craft and more importantly what sets us apart from other Masonic bodies competing for our prospective members in the Blue Lodge! I would rather see the Chapter Consolidate than have it's (and All Royal Arch) reputation sullied over such a disregard for our fundamental tenets! Please use this time before installation season to work on the ritual of office and ensure the future viability of each Chapter!

All the Best - Your Most Humble Grand Lecturer

Steve

<u>CRFF</u>

What the hay is CRFF you ask??

Well, it's the acronym for the Colorado River Fall Festival. All York Rite degrees and orders are conferred over a two-day period. This year the conferral is planned for October 22-24. That's three days you say??!!?? Well, yes – the 22nd is a Sunday, when all candidates must arrive for orientation by 7:00 pm. Chapter Degrees start early on Monday morning, Council Degrees in the afternoon, with an excellent banquet provided Monday evening. Commandery Orders are conferred on Tuesday, the 24th.

If you have candidates waiting, consider CRFF – the conferrals are arranged at the Riverside Hotel, owned by the Don Laughlin family. Don was a Mason. The arrangements are very good, especially in this inflationary period – you will not be disappointed. Go to the following website to get the Registration Package:

https://crff.org/index.php/new-register-now

Holiness to the Lord!!

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND ORDERS

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

Inland Empire (San Bernardino) August 19, 2023 September 13, 2023 October 7, 2023

Sutter Creek September 9, Mark Master

East Bay (Alameda)

Sept 23, 2023 at 7:30am Oct 7, 2023 at 8:00am Oct 14, 2023 at 7:30am

GRAND SESSIONS 2024

Grand York Rite activities in 2024 will take place at the Marriott in Burbank. The Officers' Conference is set for March 1-3, and Grand Sessions for May 16-21.

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 the new website*:

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER



Companions,

The next Research Chapter meeting is at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, October 28, 2023, shortly after noon. You do not need to be a Royal Arch Mason to attend this meeting. We will be glad to hand you a petition and read it at this meeting. We will also have the Grand Orations Book, years 2020-2022, for a donation of \$10.00. Only a few are left after our last meeting at Grand Sessions in Visalia.

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. We can read your Petition to Affiliate at any of our meetings. A blank petition and instructions provided are in this newsletter. Questions may be directed to the Golden State Chapter of Research Secretary:

Bruce Rick at: <u>bar972@outlook.com</u>.

https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/york-rite-formsdocuments/chapter/Chapter%20Secretary%20Desktop %20Procedures%20v2.pdf



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 email to his at maxluy@hotmail.com.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR AUGUST 2023 TO MAY 2024

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Date	Event	Location
August	Chapter	Kernville
1, 2023	Reception	5pm
August	3-Way Reception	East Bay,
5, 2023		Alameda
August	3-Way Reception	Orange
6, 2023		Park, SF
		10:30 – 2:30
August	3-Way Reception	San Jose
19, 2023		11:00 am
August	Triennial	Branson
11-17,		Missouri
2023		
Sept 1-3,	SoCal DeMolay	Riverside
2023		

Sept 9, 2023	Mark Master	Sutter Creek 1:00 pm
Sept 16 -	Ritual	Visalia
17, 2023	Conference	
Sept 23,	Chapter Festival	Alameda,
2023		7:30 am
Oct 14,	3-Way Reception	Santa
2023		Monica
Oct 19 –	Grand Sessions	Philippines
26, 2023		
Oct 27 –	Grand Lodge	San
29, 2023		Francisco
Nov 20 –	Vacation Cruise	The Ocean
Dec 1		somewhere
Nov 23,	Thanksgiving	Everywhere
2023		
Nov 24-	NorCal DeMolay	Burlingame
26, 2023		_
Mar 1-3,	Officers'	Burbank
2024	Conference	Marriott
May 16-	Grand Sessions	Burbank
21, 2024		Marriott

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 rozekroy@gmail.com

GRAND CHAPTER CONTACT INFORMATION

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WWW.YORKRITEOFCALIFORNIA.ORG

GOLDEN STATE CHAPTER OF RESEARCH Website: <u>WWW.GOLDENSTATECHAPTER.ORG</u>

GRAND SESSIONS, FORMS & SCHEDULES Website: <u>WWW.CA-GYRS.OR</u>

SECRETARY and/or RECORDER ESSENTIALS -- REVISED

Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: <u>www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org</u>. The new website will require you to have a userid, and to have established a password. Once you LOGIN, you will see a long white line, above which you will see:

ROYAL ARCH FORMS CRYPTIC COUNCIL FORMS COMMANDERY FORMS

Then click on the appropriate FORMS. In ROYAL ARCH FORMS, 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 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> Membership information is now managed in the MMS system – Masonic Membership Solutions. Important changes to your membership include new members, suspensions, demits, 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

https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/documents/royalarch/ROYAL_ARCH_Constitution_2022_final.pdf

Council: See Section 30-10 in the Constitution at

https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/crypticcouncil/pdf/Grand Council Constitution 2022.pdf

Commandery: See Section 347 in the Constitution at

https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/york-rite-formsdocuments/commandery/GRAND%20COMMANDERY%20Constitution%20 2022.pdf

- 4. <u>Per Capita</u> -- The Per Capita payment, due each Jan 15th for Chapter and Councils (and April 1st for Commanderies) does not require action by the Chapter, Council or Commandery to be paid. You will need good, up-todate end-of-year numbers of active members in MMS. This is the source of your Per Capita bill. Without good data on your membership in MMS 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. Do so before the end of the year. But most important is getting a userid to utilize MMS so you can enter deceased and suspended data.
- 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 or Grand 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 or Grand Recorder.
- 8. <u>Grand Sessions</u> Before the May 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, however, cannot issue proxies. The appropriate Chapter forms can be obtained on the Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials." Or, alternatively, the forms for all three bodies can be found at <u>www.ca-gyrs.org</u>.
- 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 <u>www.ca-gyrs.org</u>.



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:

, respectfully represent that
Lodge No, F.& A.M.,
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Chapter No, R.A.M.,
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ral member of your Chapter, and
he Bylaws of Golden State Chapter
l Arch Masons of the State of
information about myself:
StateZip
Email:
StateZip

Recommendations:

The undersigned, member of Golden State Chapter, recommend the Chapter grant this petition:

1. Signature _____ Printed Name _____

GRAND HIGH PRIEST VISIT

Kern River Valley Chapter #162

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN WITH US AS WE WELCOME OUR GHP

TUESDAY, AUGUST I, 2023

562 James Road, Kernville Social 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM MSA Presentation

Cost \$15 per person RSVP to: Tom McKinney tommckinney77@gmail.com 760 417-9265



East Bay York Rite

Cordially invites you to: The Grand York Rite Reception Honoring

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Thomas C. Chavez, KYGCH Most Illustrious Grand Master Michael T. Sherman, KYGCH Right Eminent Grand Commander SK Roger S. Ross, KYGCH

Date: August 5, 2023

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: Fred Baclig 5021 Vesteny Ct., Antioch, CA 94531 925-216-1174 Eastbayyorkriteassn@aol.com Cost \$25.00 per Person

PLEASE R.S.V.P. before July 25, 2023

See next page for parking



Alameda Masonic Temple (Island City Lodge) – 2312 Alameda Ave., Alameda, CA 94501

Free Street Parking (if no meters) on Weekends, but always check posted signs before parking

- A Oak St. between Alameda Ave. and San Jose Ave.
- B Encinal Ave. unmetered sections between Oak St. and Walnut St.
- C Park Ave. W. and Park Ave. E. between Encinal Ave. and Jackson Park
- D Encinal Ave. between Park Ave. E. and Broadway
- E Broadway between Central Ave. and Encinal Ave.

Pay All Day Hourly Parking on Weekends

F Alameda Civic Center Garage - 1442 Oak St.

Variable Availability on Weekends, but free

G Alameda High School Parking Lot - on Oak St. between Alameda Ave. and Central Ave.



Union City, CA 94587 arthurhwalton@gmail.com | 510-441-3913 The San Jose York Rite Bodies Are pleased to invite you to attend a Grand York Rite Reception Honoring:

Most Excellent Thomas C. Chavez Grand High Priest

Most Illustrious Michael T. Sherman Illustrious Grand Master

And

Sir Knight Roger S. Ross Right Eminent Grand Commander

To be held at: Gateway Pavilion Area, Vasona Park 333 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos, California

On Saturday, August 19, 2023 Social at 11:00 AM, Lunch at 12:30 PM, Program to follow.

Cost for Lunch is \$20. All proceeds to benefit York Rite Charities.

Pay by check

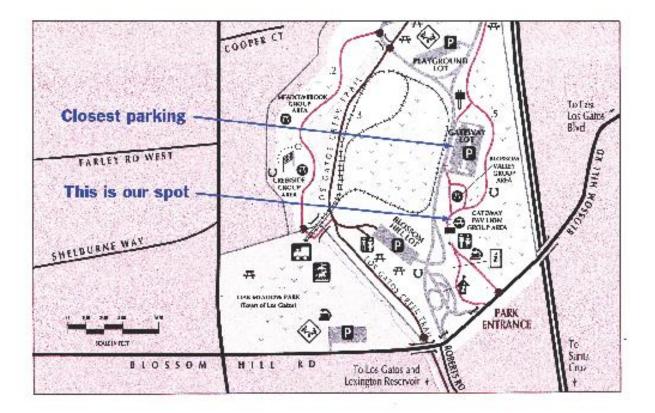
Check payable to: San Jose Council No. 20 Mail to: Daniel Doornbos 2165 Carobwood Lane San Jose CA 95132-1213

Pay by credit card

Contact Secretary/Recorder Daniel Doornbos at 408-802-7480 or daniel.doornbos@icloud.com to request an invoice.

RSVP deadline is August 6, 2022

See the map on the opposite side.



Fall 2023 York Rite Festival

Royal Arch Chapter Degrees Mark, Past, Most Excellent & Royal Arch Saturday, August 19th, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.

Cryptic Mason Council Degrees Royal Master & Select Master Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

Knights Templar Commandery Orders Red Cross, Malta & Order of the Temple Saturday, October 7th, 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 <u>sbyrb@juno.com</u>

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

Sutter Creek Weekend



Mark Master Degree At Historic Sutter Creek Masonic Temple Saturday, September 9, 2023 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled weekend on September 9 at historic Sutter Creek! Gold Country Royal Arch Chapter No. 11 will confer the Mark Master Degree in the Sutter Creek Masonic Temple beginning at 1:00 p.m. While we are conferring the degree, our non-Masonic guests can enjoy the boutique shopping district on Main Street. We will then have dinner together that evening at a nearby restaurant. For those who would like to stay overnight, there are three historic hotels in town.



Hotel Sutter





Sutter Creek Inn

For More Information: John L. Cooper III, PHP (650) 224-9189 or <u>ilcooper@freemason.org</u>

Reach out to all the Master Masons in your area to invite them to this event. There is no degree fee to receive the Mark Master, however, they do need to be voted into Gold Country Chapter or their local York Rite Chapter to receive the degree. Petitions for the Auburn York Rite Bodies can be emailed by sending a request to <u>news@aburnvorkrite.org</u>

A special meeting will be held that day to vote for candidates if need be.



California Yacht Club 4469 ADMIRALTY WAY, MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292 Dress Code: Suit or York Rite Jackets! Send RSVP to mj@mj.org

GRAND YORK RITE OF CALIFORNIA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

MILTON MOSSLER ABBOTT, JR.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS 2023 GRAND CONVOCATION REPORT

Grand Officers

Grand High Priest......Thomas C. Chavez......California Chapter No. 1 Grand King......David E. Sokol.....Shasta Chapter No. 9 Grand Scribe......David G. Rathgeber.....J.A. Wohlfarth Chapter No. 130 Grand Treasurer.....Leland G. Routt.....Stockton Chapter No 28 Grand Secretary......Richard W. Bullard......San Diego Chapter No. 61 Grand Lecturer.....Steven G. Goad.....Norris C. Viles Chapter No. 153 Grand Chaplain North.....Jason Hui......California Chapter No. 1 Grand Chaplain South.....Richard Villegas......High Desert Chapter No.127 Grand Captain of the HostDavid Anderson......Solano Chapter No. 43 Grand Principal Sojourner...Michael Miller..Santa Monica Bay Chapter 97 Grand Royal Arch Captain..Jonathon Prestage.Siminoff DL Lodge No 163 G.M. of the Third Veil......Walter Crossley.....Oakland Chapter No. 36 G.M. of the Second Veil......Rollie Caabay.....Naval Chapter No. 35 G.M. of the First Veil......Ted Gardner......Ancient Chapter No. 31 Grand Orator.....Antonio Cimarra.....California Chapter No. 1 Grand Marshall North.....Dinesh Chhabra...... Oakland Chapter No. 36 Grand Marshall South..Massimo del Grande...Santa Monica Bay Chapter 97 Asst. Grand Secretary...Thomas A. Krummell...Gold Country Chapter No. 11 Grand Soloist.....K. Mark Harris......Doric Chapter No. 66 Grand Musician......Arthur H. Walton......Howard Chapter No. 14 Grand Sentinel......Sam Maffei.....Napa Chapter No. 30

AWARDS

GRAND CHAPTER RAM 2023

HIGH PRIEST of the YEAR	R STATE Robert A.L. Whitfield
Department 1	<u>Robert A. L. Whitfield</u> <u>Doric 66</u>
Department 2	Jake Scharosch Woodland 46
Department 3	Vincent Porcaro Kern River 162
Department 5	<u>David Vassall San Diego 61</u>

SECRETARY	of the YEAR	STATE_	Sherm Ostrom
Department 1_	Jeffrey Schloo	Petalun	na No 22
Department 2_	John L. Barnes	son III	Chico No 42
Department 3	Gary Jackson	Kern Valle	ey No. 75
Department 4_	Sherm Ostrom	Santa I	Monica Bay No 97

GRAND HIGH PRIEST DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Department 1	Marty Cusing
Department 2	Mike Edwards
Department 3	Lynn Wallingford
Department 4	Sherm Ostrom
Department 5	Richard Villegas

RUSSELL D. ROBERTS PERPETUAL TROPHY Marion P. Rogers Doric No. 66

MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD Joseph Dongo – Sacramento Chapter No. 3

RITUALIST OF THE YEAR <u>Thomas C. Handel – J.A. Wohlfarth Chapter No.130</u> <u>David Sokol – Shasta Chapter No. 9</u>

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AWARDS

ROYAL ARCH SWEETHEART

Robyn Husmann

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL – BRONZE

<u>Tommy Lee McClellan – Woodland Chapter No 46</u>

EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD

Myron Tisdel - Shasta Chapter No. 9

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-01 - Per Capita Increase of \$3.00	Passed
Resolution 2023.02 - Modifies Fee Structure for Restoration	Passed
Resolution 2023-03 - Standing Committees Cleanup Legislation	Passed