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## GHP MESSAGE

Companions:

My theme for this year is "Quality"

Webster defines quality as that which makes something what it is. Characteristic, element, attribute, the degree of excellence which a thing possesses, excellence, superiority. I believe everyone has there own definition of quality, from the way something is made to the way we live our lives.

The three qualities I would like to bring to your attention are 1) the quality of life for our young children; 2) the quality of education for our young adults; and 3) the quality of our Royal Arch Degrees and Functions.

This year we are proud to say we are making great advancements in our Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) Philanthropy. We are now working with three different organizations, all working with Central Auditory Processing Disorders (CAPD) research. The first is located at the University of Connecticut, where Dr Frank E. Musiek is the Director of Auditory Research. The University of Connecticut facility at Storrs, Connecticut has ten sound rooms for CAPD studies. Given the reputation of Dr. Musiek, great things can be expected.

The second organization is the Hearing Health Foundation. They where given a grant of \$100,000 to be used in grants of \$25,000 for four students doing CAPD research.

The third organization is Autism Speaks of New York City. The RARA Board of Directors awarded a \$100,000 grant to work specifically with their toddler program, focusing on infants 12 to 36 months of age and testing for both CAPD and Autism. Autism Strikes 1 in 110 births and 1 in 70 in boy births. We hope that many of our Royal Arch Masons will participate in the more than 90 walks around the country, to raise awareness and funds for continued research.

We are also still progressing with our Fred DeBarrows Education Fund. We where able once again to fund five Scholarships this last year through

your generous donations. This year I am doing a fund raiser for the Fred DeBarrows Education Fund. A coin dedicated to raising enough money to fund five more Scholarships directly and the remaining proceeds to go in to the general Fred DeBarrows Education Fund to build up our principal. We must keep in mind that our youth groups are our future.

We are getting new members each year and they are get younger. Through television and the movies, Masonry is becoming of interest to our young adults. This new age of Masons are searching for more and coming into the York Rite Bodies wanting more. That is were we need to show our qualities. As that brother starts by making his mark until he receives the true word, we must give them the quality they expect in our degrees. If we don't give them a quality performance in our degrees or the education in our meetings, we will not retain them for long. They did not come to hear the minutes read and pay the bills and go home. They came to find more and learn more. We have worked on an educational disc this past year with several companions. They have searched several resources to come up with 63 educational articles that can be presented at your stated convocations. Take the opportunity to read an article and open the floor for discussion of the article. These articles can be found at the Grand York Rite website

(<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/raeducation.html>), and also at the Research Chapter website (<http://www.goldenstatechapter.org/library.html>).

Remember to contribute to the DeBarrows Scholarship Fund.

Fraternally,  
**Bob Wright, Grand High Priest**

**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 9 for July of 2012 has been forwarded to local Chapter officers. Please share as appropriate with your companions. Under Grand Chapters on the left side of the Newsletter, check for California specific news. In the June edition, you will find copies of the flyers

distributed at Grand Sessions for the upcoming 3-Way Receptions, if you need further info for those events.

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)

**FORTY FOR FORTY**  
**Royal Arch Festival**  
**Comptche, CA**  
**June 23, 2012**



- First Row: Antonio Weary; Thomas Weary; Markos Balopoulos; MEC Bob Wright, GHP, Scribe; Nathan Lee, Eric Love; Tony Waller
- Second Row: Keith Weatherholt; James Putnam; Jethro Rumualdo; Daniel Giddings; Rollie Caabay; Jun Noguera; Romeo Marquez; Ray Allbritton
- Third Row: Ray, Schmalz; Bryan Fontz; Nick Berberian; David Ryan; Bill Sereni; Eric Mosness; Mikal Litzza
- Fourth Row: MEC Sean Foran, Principal Sojourner

In the picture of above are shown the 21 candidates who participated in the **Forty For Forty** Celebration at Comptche 2012 – this being the 40<sup>th</sup> year in which the Royal Arch Festival has been held at the Tunzi Ranch.. Although we did not reach our original goal of 40 candidates, we had a great success with as many candidates as we could realistically handle in

the surroundings! Five other candidates had registered but could not attend, due to unforeseen circumstances. Nine Chapters contributed candidates: Sacramento #3 (2), Petaluma #22 (2), Antioch #31 (3), Napa #30 (4), Naval #35 (2), Oakland #36 (1), Santa Rosa #45 (4), Doric #66 (2), Marin #102 (1). Following is a picture of the “Comptche Chapter Room,” taken from the vantage point of the newly refurbished bleacher seats! Just behind EC Jason Canellos in the foreground with Horst Winkle, is the River Jordan, which plays so prominent a role in the Royal Arch Degree. Jason served as RWM in the Past Master Degree.



What a debt we owe to the Tunzis, and their son Steve and his girl-friend Megan, for their help that night – to say nothing of the use of the ranch for the entire week-end!



This was, indeed, a family event: 34 ladies came with their husbands, along with a number of children; and four DeMolay boys assisted in the Cook Shack. Of the 34 ladies, 24 caravanned into Mendocino, with two of the kids, under the lead of Nancy Hardiman, for shopping, site seeing, and lunch at the Mendocino Hotel, where 22 of them dined as a group. The Master of Mendocino Lodge #179 gave the Ladies a tour of the Lodge and a description of the Marble Monument (actually redwood, in this case!) atop the Lodge building.

Many of the best Capitular Ritualists in the entire State participated in the four degrees. Past Grand Lecturer Sid Cerates prompted for all degrees and, thankfully, did not have much to do to keep him busy! Under Degree Master **Most Illustrious Bob Whitfield, MIPGM**, the following conferred the Mark Master Degree: Bob Morrison (RWM), Phil Hardiman (SW and Lecture Answers), Doug Hoover (JW), Rich Wilson (SD), Michael Patterson (JD), Fred Smith (JO), Gerald Woergoetter (SO), Bob Whitfield (MO and Lecture Questions), Russ Kennedy (Marshal), Dave Sokol (Chaplain).

After the degrees on Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the group enjoyed a Roast Pig dinner, prepared by Fiji experts, under the direction of MEC Don Read, Jr., PGHP. The Group was lucky to have no rain on Saturday. However, since it rained on Friday, the Fish Fry was moved up to the Tunzi house, where Larry and Lorraine graciously hosted a dinner in their living room for about 45 brethren, candidates, and an assortment of wives and children!

EC **Jason Canellos** (PHP of Santa Rosa #45) served as RWM for the Past Master degree, with Johnathon Norgrove (PHP of Santa Rosa #45) as the SD.

**Right Eminent Fred Smith**, PGC, served as RWM for the Most Excellent Master Degree. He was assisted by EC Malcolm Hill (SW), Milton Ott (SD), Robert O’Dwyer (Marshal), Phil Hardiman (JD and Lecture), Dick Jolley (King Solomon and Charge), Bob Morrison (Chaplain).

**Most Excellent Phil Hardiman**, PGHP, served as High Priest for the Royal Arch Degree. He was assisted on the dais by EC Rich Wilson (King) and Most Excellent Bob Wright, GHP (Scribe); EC Tom McClellan as Captain of the Host and MEC Sean

Foran, PGHP, as Principal Sojourner. The Veils were EC Mark Rose (M1), EC Bob Morrison (M2), EC Dick Jolley (M3), and David Sokol (RAC). Phil gave the Lecture, Dave Sokol the Cryptogram, and Dick Jolley the Charge.

**EC Red Hunt**, Secretary of the host Chapter, Santa Rosa #45, handled the stagecraft for all four Degrees.

Many thanks are due to the **Comptche Outdoor Degree Association** for organizing and hosting this stellar event. The President, EC Rich Fonseca, and Secretary/Treasurer, Most Illustrious Martin McKeay, MIPGM, spent many days in advance preparing for the event. Mike Petersen, cook extraordinaire, purchased all the food and supervised the cooking during the three days of the event. Dave Gibson brought the DeMolay boys, and gave them direction and instruction. Many thanks, Companions!

In closing, the Association donated \$100 to the Grand High Priest for his charitable endeavors, and the companions and candidates present purchased over \$400 of medallions used by MEC Bob in support of the Fred DeBarrows Scholarship Fund!

### **NEW CHAPTER INSTITUTED**

Siminoff Daylight Chapter UD  
Masonic Home at Union City  
34400 Mission Blvd  
Union City, CA 94587-3664  
June 27, 2012

A new Chapter has been established at the Masonic Home in Union City, with 66 charter members from around the State! The institution ceremony was performed on June 27<sup>th</sup> by MEC Robert V. Wright, Jr., Grand High Priest, with MEC Edgar Fentum (PGHP, 2003) as the High Priest. Shown below are most of the officers along with the instituting team. The ceremony was conducted at the San Jose Masonic Center, just before a York Rite Reception for the presiding Grand Officers.



The High Priest made the following remarks to those assembled Companions:

We have an opportunity to write a new Chapter in the history of Royal Arch Masonry. (*That is not just a play on words!*) There was never a more propitious time for the formation of a new Chapter -- A Royal Arch Chapter that will retain the traditions of Royal Arch Masonry and yet be receptive to the challenges of changing times, values and perceptions.

Recently there has been a surge of new Masons joining our fraternity. Some tell me they joined Freemasonry to seek a deeper meaning to their lives which they hope to discover through the esoteric symbolism of our degrees.

As Royal Arch Masons are we ready to meet the challenge of a new generation of Masons seeking 'further light in Masonry'? In many cases we are not. Royal Arch Masonry, in some of our Chapters, is like a stage coach rumbling down the freeway. They just trudge along in the sublime belief that what is adequate for us, was adequate for those before us will be adequate for a new generation of Freemasons! Companions, they are wrong. I am gratified to read that our Grand High Priest emphasizes 'quality' and will implement a program of Royal Arch Education - - two items close to my heart! Siminoff Daylight Chapter will participate in any program offered by the Grand Chapter.

In the ever challenging world of today there are many interesting things to do. Siminoff Daylight Chapter must give value to those who give us their valuable

time and substance to those who seek a deeper understanding of our degrees.

We have had enough of disorganized Stated Convocations with long-winded minutes. We are tired of Chapters opened late with fractured ritual, *often badly read from ritual books*, then continued with casual chitchat and sustained by those who have nothing to say - then take all evening saying it!

The Royal Arch Degree in the United States is embedded with the most profound symbolism of any Royal Arch Degree anywhere in the world, possibly any degree in Freemasonry. Many of our Companions last experienced the degrees when they were exalted as Royal Arch Mason! That is especially true in the Masonic Home. Siminoff Daylight Chapter will encourage many Companions to return to Royal Arch Masonry.

Chapters of Royal Arch Masonry hold Convocations in Tabernacles. *Convocation*, when Royal Arch Chapters emerged in the mid to late 1700's, referred to a religious meeting and *Tabernacle* referred to a sacred place. We are not a religion nor are we a religious organization. Siminoff Daylight Chapter will recognize the dignity and sanctity of the Tabernacle in which we hold Convocations.

Chapters must confer degrees as without that they lose the very reason for their existence. Festivals have become necessary but they are also a 'cop out' for Chapters not to perform. Festivals, regardless of how well they are managed, do not give the vital initiatic experience in the same way as when conferred by one's own Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery. We have become inured to allowing someone else do the work! Siminoff Daylight Chapter will be challenged to confer all the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry. Two examples of such Chapters are Signet No 57 with 498 members and Sebastopol 117 with 42 members. They both confer all the degrees and have excellent social programs.

I hereby set out a 9 point Manifesto which I hope will be the foundation and keystone for Siminoff Daylight Chapter:

1. All Convocations and meetings must represent Royal Arch Masonry with dignity, excellence and pride.

2. Within two years of this date this Chapter should aim to confer all four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry.

3. Every Stated Convocation must start promptly and all business conducted expeditiously.

4. The Chapter will adopt a Strategic Plan and Mission Statement, similar to that created by E. Comp. John L. Cooper III K.Y.C.H. for the Grand Chapter; it will maintain a close tie with the Golden State Chapter of Research, (which I Chartered in 2003) and any other Research organization so that "... giving a lecture, or part of a lecture or causing the same to be done' is part of every Stated Convocation.

5. There should be an opportunity for Royal Arch Masons to enjoy 'fraternal fellowship' and 'camaraderie'. A fraternal 'Festive Board' offers just such an enjoyable experience.

6. Family involvement is important. However, every Stated Convocation does not have to be a family event. Far better to arrange a separate special event with the ladies and family.

7. Presiding over this Chapter should not be a sinecure - another addition to a resume - but rather an opportunity to serve, to innovate, to stimulate, to educate, to strive for excellence and elevate this Chapter to new heights.

8. Over the next two years Companions will be encouraged to attain the General Grand Chapter Ritual Jewel.

9. Finally, our Motto is "Veritas, sapientia et desiderium ad ulterius lux." Truth, Wisdom and desire leads to further Light.

The first outdoor Mark Master Masons degree by Siminoff Daylight Royal Arch Chapter U.D. will be on July 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 9.30 a.m. at the Masonic Home, Union City. Subject to approval by the Grand High Priest! .

Thanks to all the 66 Charter members who petitioned for Siminoff Daylight Chapter. Thanks to the Officers who bravely accepted the dubious pleasure to serve with me. A special thank you to Excellent

Companion Bob McCain, High Priest and the Companions of Howard Chapter R.A.M. No 14 for affording us this opportunity to meet and be 'Instituted' and especially for their generous donation of Officers jewels and Aprons. Thank you all for attending.

Thank you, once again, Most Excellent Companion Robert Wright, GHP, for Instituting Siminoff Daylight Chapter. We hope that you will see fit to consecrate this Chapter in the not too distant future now that our Bylaws and Charter have been approved by the Charters Committee.

Edgar W. Fentum P.G.H.P., K.Y.G.C.H.

### **GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS**

For info about 2012 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.**

### **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) 527-5728, or cell: (510) 502-3224; or email at [maxluy@hotmail.com](mailto:maxluy@hotmail.com).

### **ENCOMPASSER**

The **July 2012** edition of the Encompasser is now available 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.**

**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!**

### **GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER**

**The latest meeting of the Research Chapter was held in Bakersfield on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, after the Grand Chapter Annual Convocation and the conferral of the Order of High Priesthood.**

The website located at [www.goldenstatechapter.org](http://www.goldenstatechapter.org) now contains a copy of the 2010 and 2011 Grand Orations booklets. At the latest convocation, the Chapter approved the publication of the 2012 Grand Orations. This will also contain the paper delivered by our out-going High Priest, Richard Wilson, Inspector, and the Vesper Service and West Coast Easter Observance messages given by Tom Boles, the out-going Grand Prelate.

Peter Eiserloh was elected as High Priest, and our Research Chapter web-master, Casey Latham from the High Desert, was elected King. Our Scribe, Dan Kaffka, preferred to remain as Scribe. After a brief and failed attempt to encourage the out-going High Priest to move in as Secretary, Yours Truly was re-elected as Secretary, and Grand Secretary, Ken Hope, as Treasurer.

The next meeting will be at Grand Lodge on Friday night, during the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, at 5:00 p.m. outside the library. The new Grand Orations booklet should be available at that time.

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<b>JULY</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	3-Way Victorville	Jim Baum 760-843-9258
<b>AUGUST</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-Way Fairfield	Randy Billingsley 707-344-1685 David Anderson 707-421-8054
4 <sup>th</sup>	3-Way Alameda	Tony Yuson 925-709-0885
5 <sup>th</sup>	3-Way South SF	Ted Lyau 415-337-1979
15 <sup>th</sup>	Scottish Rite Appreciation Night	San Diego
16 <sup>th</sup>		San Diego
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup>	San Gabriel Valley #100, MSA Award	San Gabriel Valley
16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Salinas #59	Monterey Masonic Center
21 <sup>st</sup>	Grand Lodge	San Francisco
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Grand Lodge	San Francisco
29 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Auburn	
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Orange County Chapter #73	Anaheim
21 <sup>st</sup>	Colorado	Laughlin, NV

	River Fall Festival	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Colorado River Fall Festival (RA Degree)	Laughlin, NV
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Colorado River Fall Festival	Laughlin, NV
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SouthWest Regional York Rite Conference	Ontario, CA

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King Solomon Council #29 of  
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Vacaville Commandery #38  
Knights Templar

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Reception**

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Robert V. Wright Most Excellent  
Grand High Priest  
Raymond D. Godeke Most  
Illustrious Grand Master  
Sir Knight Howard "BUD" Ramsey  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

**Friday August 3, 2012**

Fairfield Masonic Lodge  
412 Travis Blvd. Fairfield,  
California

Social Hour at 6:30 PM  
Dinner 7:30 PM  
Program to follow

Seating is limited; please make your  
reservation with  
Randy Billingsley (707) 344-1685  
[rwbillingsley@comcast.net](mailto:rwbillingsley@comcast.net)  
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Vacaville Assembly #29 International  
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Dress is Suit or York Rite Coat and tie  
for men and dress or pant suit for ladies.



**Channel Islands York Rite Association**

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**GRAND YORK RITE RECEPTION**

**Saturday, June 16,2012**

**Oxnard Masonic Center**

**314 North K St. Oxnard**

**Social - 6:00 p.m. Dinner - 6:30 p.m.**

**FILIPINO CUISINE**

**FARE - \$15.00 PER PERSON**

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**FRED ERVAST**

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**PH.: 805-389-0787**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE SENT**

**BY: June 10**

**Program - 7:30 p.m.**

**Questions or inquiries? e-mail Fred:**

**fastfinn@verizon.net**

**Inland Empire**

**Three Way Reception**

**July 7. 2012**

**3:00f»ffllo6:00fl»m**

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**92395**

No Host Bar

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Entertainment

\$20.00 per person: Choice of

1. Bacon wrapped Sirloin Steak No Total \$ \_

2. Chicken Breast No Total \$ \_

3. Vegan No Total \$ \_

Salad, Baked Beans, Veggies, Rolls

TOTAL Enclosed \$

Desert, Coffee/Tea

Paid Reservations must be made by Friday June 29, 2012

**Absolutely No Tickets will be sold at the door.**

Make Checks out to James Baum

PO Box 599

Helendale, Calif 92342-0599

Home: 760-843-9258

Cell: 760-885-0256

Email: jamesgbaum@msn.com

**Grand York Rite**

**Reception**

**Date:**

August 4, 2012

**Time:**

3:00 P.M. Social 3:45 P.M. Dinner

**Location:**

Alameda Masonic Hall

2312 Alameda Avenue

Alameda

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

Send to: Tony Yuson

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**PLEASE R.S.V.P. before July 30, 2012**

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