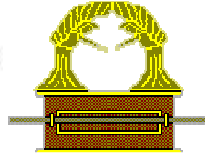




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campsite – I urge you all to consider making the trip to Comptche at least once. If at all possible, put June 23, 2012 on your calendar, and bring some candidates. Next year will be the 40th Anniversary, so the theme will be “40 For 40” – that is, 40 candidates for the 40th anniversary celebration! They have had that many before in years past – with our growth surge, we can do it again! Hope to see you there. See the write-up by Bob Whitfield, MIGM, who was the degree master for the Mark Master.

As RARA is in flux currently and extremely well funded, Judy and I are fully committed to supporting and building the DeBarrows scholarship fund. Please consider a tax deductible gift to this charity supporting California's Masonic Youth orders.

Fraternally,

Bill Allen, Grand High Priest

GHP MESSAGE

Companions:

This first month on the job has been very interesting, with receptions in Ventura, San Bernardino, Marin and San Jose. The friendliness and generosity of our Chapters is unmatched and I thank all our Companions for their contributions and honorary life memberships. My enjoyment at these events wasn't marred in the least by the side-swiping I took in Oakland, by a woman talking on her cell phone. She was still yakking away when I went over to get her insurance info!

June was capped by the Capitular Degrees conferred in an outdoor setting at the Tunzi Ranch in Comptche, near Mendocino. Excellent conferrals by Companions from at least nine different Chapters! The ranch is a terrific

COMPTCHE OUTDOOR DEGREES

By: Bob Whitfield, MIGM - Grand Council

This year, for the first time, I went to the Comptche Outdoor Royal Arch Degrees Conferral. I had heard about this event over the course of many years but never made the effort. This year our Past Grand High Priest, Phil Hardiman, asked me to help form a Mark Master Degree Team and I made the commitment. There were so many things that I was not sure of. Most of the concerns revolved around where I was going to, and what others used for sleeping

accommodations (tent, trailer, or RV). I did not want to be the only person in a tent surrounded by RVs. While I initially was going to stay at a hotel in Mendocino, about 11 miles away, I ended up opting to camp out in the back of my 4-Runner. I brought camp chairs, a bottle propane lamp, and flashlight. What I did not bring, I never missed because everyone had something to share.

When I arrived I was surprised at how huge the Tunzi Ranch (site for the degrees) actually was. The other surprise was that only Masons and their families inhabited this for the weekend. There were members making sleeping quarters in tents, trailers, RVs, and even just the beds of their trucks. There were so many sites to set up any level of accommodation you could even imagine. There was a large enclosed kitchen area with gas stoves, refrigerators, triple stainless steel sinks, and more. There was a huge barbecue pit for potential steak fries, and gigantic picnic styled tables that would seat a hundred people. There were separate, clean bathrooms, with double modern sinks, and a shower area with warm water.

The degree site was a large clearing next to a small stream and tiered stadium styled seating with wood bench seats for sideliners. There was a wood stage that could be used if needed. It was pretty nice. The quality of the Degree Conferrals was outstanding. There were some fabulous ritualists on hand to carry off the major speaking parts and our Grand High Priest, Bill Allen, was there to watch over everything. It would be unfair to conclude without giving high praise to the enormous effort of Phil Hardiman who coordinated all of the Degree needs, and to Guy Chalmers, who coordinated the reservations and food needs. There were many others, including several DeMolay young men, who put in yeoman's work.

Before I left, I took many photos to help those who may consider coming a visual aid of the beauty of Tunzi Ranch. We are looking at the possibility of bringing the Council Degrees to Comptche. Place this event on your calendar as one worth going to. I hope to see you there next June.

AUBURN JOBBIE MAKES GOOD

On Thursday, June 23, 2011, Miss Megan Goudy was chosen out of eleven girls to hold the title of Miss California Job's Daughter. This next year she will be

traveling the state of California visiting Job's Daughters Bethels, DeMolay Chapters, Rainbow Assemblies, and any Adult Fraternal Bodies she can. She will also be attending events such as Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Court of Amaranth, as well as speaking to local lodges, chapters, and Masonic bodies.

Megan is a Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 148, Auburn, where she served in the office two times. She has held an office each term since she joined in September 2003 and has gained many benefits from being in the organization. In addition to the accomplishments in her Bethel, Megan has also won awards at the state and international level for writing, singing, and competing in ritual recitation. All of these experiences have given her the tools she needs to make this year successful for her term as Miss California Job's Daughter.

These experiences have also helped her in her academic career. Megan currently attends William Jessup University, where she will be studying Psychology as a sophomore in the Fall. Because of all of her hard work in academics, both in high school and college, Megan has received the Fred DeBarrows Royal Arch Scholarship as well as the C.E. Towne Scholarship from the Masons of California.

While she knows this year will be quite busy with her schoolwork and her duties as Miss California, she is excited for all the possibilities open to her and cannot wait to meet new people! You are sure to see her traveling the state this year, speaking, making friends, and raising money for her travel fund with the sale of Miss California Job's Daughter pins and charms.

If you have any questions for her or wish to invite her to an event, you can contact her at her email address, which is: mcjd2012@gmail.com.

YORK RITE COUNCIL CRUISE

Mark Harris is organizing another cruise as a Council Fund Raiser – a 5-day Bajo Meco Cruise, Nov 27th through Dec 2nd, 2011. Cabin prices range from \$394 to \$414 to \$524. Deposit of \$200 will lock in your price, with final payment due Sept 1st, 2011. Call Mark at 415-922-2916.

LIVE ON! O MASONRY, LIVE ON

Here's another offering of Lawrence Greenleaf, Past Grand Master of Colorado:

Say not, say not, that Masonry is waning in its power,
Supplanted by the secret swarms which multiply each
hour;

It hath no rivalry with these; it seeks not, but is
sought;

Relief a tenet, not an end, sole object of its thought.
Their single aims are incidents within its vast

purview,

Which sweeps the starry universe and canopy of blue,
Which traverses the lines of earth, the flaming sun its
guide,

With sleepless vigil seeketh truth where'er it may
abide.

It sees the Hand Omnipotent which traced the Grand
Design,

And bows in adoration ere it graspeth square and line
—

Live on! O Masonry, live on!

Live on! O Masonry, live on! Thy work has scarce
begun;

Live on! nor end, if end there be, till earth's last
setting sun.

Live on! thy work in ages past hath but prepared the
way;

For every truth thy symbols teach there's pressing
need today.

In cultured or unlettered age humanity's the same,
And evermore the passions rage whose furies thou
wouldst tame;

Would but the nations heed thy Plumb — war's
carnage soon would end,

Thy Level rivalries subdue, thy Square to virtue tend,
Thy Trowel spread that true cement which doth all

hearts unite,

And darkness comprehend and glow with thy
immortal Light —

Live on! O Masonry, live on!

Live on! O Masonry, live on! Thy "G" forever blaze,
To penetrate the mists of doubt, and heavenward turn
our gaze.

To set our hearts aflame with zeal where'er our tasks
may lie,

Within the quarry's gloomy depth, or on the turret
high.

Or, mingling with the outer world, amid its noisy din,
Ne'er, ne'er, may we forget without, the lessons
taught within.

Reflected ever may they be in upright lives and pure,
For on foundation such as this shall Masonry endure.

Till merged in those intenser rays that mark the
Perfect Day,

Its blessed light, while earth revolves, shall never
fade away —

Live on! O Masonry, live on!

GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

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 Patsy Baker Luy at her office: (510) 527-5728, or cell: (510) 502-3224; or email at maxluy@hotmail.com.

ENCOMPASSER

The **July 2011** 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.**

PETITIONS

New petitions and brochures about the Chapter are available on the website at:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/royalarch.htm>

Simply scroll down to the lower half of the page.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Dennis Dyer, DGL, has developed access to a number of information materials related to Royal Arch Masonry. He says: "I have compiled a Royal Arch Education CD, containing numerous articles and books, with valuable assistance of two inspectors: Steve Bass and Ray Broomfield in attempt to address perceived chapter membership problems throughout the state.

"It appears more members leave through the back door via death and apathy than enter the front door after Blue Lodge outreach. Once you have a new member how do you retain him -- that is the question. I would suggest education is a way to start the process. We hear there is great interest in Masonry as evidenced by thousands of contacts at Grand Lodge after the Dan Brown Books, with particular interest in the spiritual aspects of Masonry as taught by allegory and symbolism. Are we prepared to answer the inevitable questions? You will be better equipped to do so after digesting the contents of this CD. Optimally an action plan to retain new members would be to form an education committee after digesting the CD and planning education at every stated convocation."

These items will soon be loaded on the Research Chapter website. Until we are able to make that happen, fell free to contact Dennis for a copy of that CD: 805-758-0043, or ddyer39@verizon.net.

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER

The Research Chapter hosts a website at: <http://www.goldenstatechapter.org/>, which is well worth your while accessing.

The Research Chapter has also prepared a publication of the Grand Orations and Vesper Services message given at the Grand Sessions in April 2010. Copies are available for a suggested \$5 donation by sending a request to the High

Priest. A publication for the Orations of 2011 should be available during the summer, no later than our next meeting during the Annual Communication at Grand Lodge. Stay tuned for further details.

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GRAND HIGH PRIEST ITENERARY

Jul-11		
Friday, July 01 5:00 PM	3-Way Reception San Fernando Valley York Rite	San Fernando Valley York Rite 14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA 91405
Sunday, July 03	Ice Cream Social	859 Marsh Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Monday, July 04 9:00 AM	4th July Parade	Old West Lodge No. 813 Newhall, CA
Tuesday, July 05	Eastern Star	Escondido
Wednesday, July 06	San Diego Scottish Rite	San Diego
Thursday, July 07 12:00 - 1:00 pm	Red Cross of Constantine	San Diego
Thursday, July 07	Escondido Tyre RAM	Escondido
Friday, July 08 Saturday, July 09 Sunday, July 10	RCC SW Regional	Salt Lake City
Monday, July 11	Consuelo Lodge Stated Meeting	Escondido
Thursday, July 14	Paul McCleary 50 Year Pin	Escondido
Saturday, July 16 through Saturday July 23	Vacation	Top Secret
Tuesday, July 26	Escondido OES PM/PP Dinner	Escondido
Aug-11		

Tuesday, August 02	Eastern Star	Escondido
Wednesday, August 03	San Diego Scottish Rite Reception	San Diego 1895 Camino Del Rio So San Diego, CA 92108
Thursday, August 04	Red Cross of Constantine	San Diego
Friday, August 05	Imperial Valley Commandery	115 E. Baroni Blvd Imperial, CA 92251
Saturday, August 06 3:00 PM	Bay Area 3-Way Reception	Oakland/Allameda 2312 Alameda Avenue Alameda, CA 94501
Sunday, August 07	3 Way Reception	Orange Park, So. San Francisco
Monday, August 08	Consuelo Lodge Stated Meeting	Escondido
Wednesday, August 10 Thursday, August 11 Friday, August 12	Arizona Grand York Rite Sessions	Holidan Inn & Suites 1515 North 44th Street Phoenix, AZ
Saturday, August 13 10:00 am - 3:30 pm	Scottish Rite All Masonic Picnic	Baker Field San Diego
Saturday, August 13 11:00 am - 8:00 pm	Royal Order of Scotland Degrees	Buena Park, CA
Wednesday, August 17	San Diego Scottish Rite	San Diego
Friday, August 19 Saturday, August 20 Sunday, August 21 Monday, August 22 Tuesday, August 23 & Wednesday, August 24	Supreme Council	Washington, DC
Thursday, August 25 Friday, August 26 Saturday, August 27 Sunday, August 28	General Grand Chapter	Raleigh, NC
Monday, August 29		
Tuesday, August 30		
Wednesday,		

August 31		
Sep-11		
Thursday, September 01	Escondido Tyre RAM	1331 S. Escondido Blvd Escondido, CA 92025
Thursday, September 01	Red Cross of Constantine	San Diego
Saturday, September 03	Mason of the Year (Grand Master) San Diego Scottish Rite	1895 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, California 92108-3683
Tuesday, September 06	Eastern Star	Escondido
Wednesday, September 07	San Diego Scottish Rite	San Diego
Thursday, September 08 Friday, September 09 Saturday, September 10 Sunday, September 11	Redding 3-Way, Sept 9th; Chico 3-Way, Sept 10th	195 Masonic Avenue, Redding, CA 96003 1110 W. East Ave; Chico 95926-3072
Monday, September 12	Delta Chapter 2-Way	956½ Lincoln Wy; Auburn 95603-5244
Wednesday, September 14	Masonic Information Night	1895 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, California 92108-3683
Thursday, September 15	Escondido Helix, CM	1331 S. Escondido Blvd Escondido, CA 92025
Saturday, September 17	Royal Arch Degrees	1331 S. Escondido Blvd Escondido, CA 92025
Wednesday, September 21	Cryptic Masons Degrees	1331 S. Escondido Blvd Escondido, CA 92025
Friday, September 23 Saturday, September 24	Grand Lodge	San Francisco
Sunday, September 25		
Tuesday, September	Eastern Star	Escondido

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Wednesday, September 28	San Deigo Scottish Rite 32 Practice	San Diego
Oct-11		
Tuesday, October 04	Eastern Star	Escondido
Wednesday, October 05	San Diego Scottish Rite	San Diego
Thursday, October 06	Red Cross of Constantine	San Diego
Friday, October 07	Imperial Valley Commandery	115 E. Baroni Blvd Imperial, CA 92251
Monday, October 10	Consuelo Lodge Stated Meeting	Escondido
Wednesday, October 12	Scottish Rite Information Night	San Diego
Thursday, October 13	Imperial Valley RAM/CM	115 E. Baroni Blvd Imperial, CA 92251
Friday, October 14	SR Honors - San Diego Scottish Rite	San Deigo
Saturday, October 15		
Wednesday, October 19	OES Grand Chapter	Fresno
Thursday, October 20		
Friday, October 21		
Saturday, October 22		
Sunday, October 23		
Monday, October 24	Orange County Reception	303 W. Lincoln Avenue Anaheim, CA 92805
Thursday, October 27	NCSRA Dinner	Carrow's Restaurant, Escondido
Friday, October 28	SW YR Regional	Phoenix, AZ
Saturday, October 29		
Sunday, October 30		
Nov-11		
Tuesday, November 01	Eastern Star	Escondido
Wednesday, November 02	San Diego Scottish Rite	San Diego
Thursday, November 03	Red Cross of Constantine	San Diego
Saturday, November 05	OES Installation	Escondido
Monday,	Consuelo Lodge Stated	Escondido

November 14	Meeting	
Wednesday, November 16	San Diego Scottish Rite	San Deigo
Thursday, November 17	Escondido Helix, CM	Escondido
Friday, November 18	SDSR Fall Reunion Dinner	San Diego
Saturday, November 19	SDSR Fall Reunion/Degrees	San Diego
Tuesday, November 22	OES PM/PP Dinner	Escondido
Dec-11		
Thursday, December 01	Red Cross of Constantine	San Diego
Friday, December 02	Imperial Valley Commandery	115 E. Baroni Blvd Imperial, CA 92251
Tuesday, December 06	Eastern Star	Escondido
Wednesday, December 07	San Diego Scottish Rite	San Diego
Thursday, December 08	Imperial Valley RAM/CM	115 E. Baroni Blvd Imperial, CA 92251
Monday, December 12	Consuelo Lodge Stated Meeting	Escondido
Thursday, December 22	NCSRA	Carrow's Restaurant Escondido
Thursday, December 29	Knight Masons/San Diego Scottish Rite	San Diego
Jan-12		
Feb-12		
Mar-12		
Apr-12		
May-12		
Saturday, May 19	Grand York Rite Sessions	Bakersfield
Sunday, May 20		
Monday, May 21	Council	
Tuesday, May 22	Commandery	
Wednesday, May 23	Chapter	

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