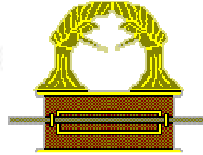




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GHP MESSAGE

Companions:

Now is the time to get plans in order for the New Year. You should have an installation in a couple of months, and at that time it would be a good idea for you to announce your plans for your Chapter for the New Year. Try at least to put on a Mark Master Degree for all those Master Masons "found to be worthy and well qualified." Concentrate especially on Blue Lodges in your area and to which your members belong. Plan on making special visits, speaking at Stated Meeting dinners, or other functions, and hand out petitions. Try to do so at least once every quarter. While you do this, remember the FORTY FOR FORTY program -- we are trying to get at least 40 candidates for the celebration of the 40th annual Comptche festival (see below). All we need is 2 candidates each from 20 Chapters. If your chapter is in Northern California, please make a special focus on this program. Go to the following website for support

documents to help you market the Mark Master program in general:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/Documents.html>

Plan also during the year to keep your Stated Convocations interesting by providing interesting tidbits of information to your companions regularly. The new Education Program, spear-headed by Dennis Dyer with the help of Ray Broomfield and Steve Bass, is a source of over 50 relevant and informative articles. Go to the Research Chapter website, click on Library, and go to the bottom-right of the screen for access to this material. See below for other means of access.

Plan also to attend Grand Sessions in May, and participate in the Order of High Priesthood, if you haven't already. This is significant and superior ritual, and you will find yourself blessed by the conferral. Urge any High Priests or Past High Priests you may know to make an effort to attend also.

Plan to come to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and, if you're there on Friday night, come to the annual meeting of the Research Chapter on the second floor Library.

Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable year as you shepherd your Chapter.

Charity - it's a huge part of who we are! It has been published that Masons give three million dollars per day to various charitable organizations. As I've said in my presentations these past months, every dollar

presented to Judy and I will be donated to the Fred DeBarrow scholarship fund. The interest and outside income go directly to our Jobs Daughters, Rainbow, and DeMolay youth. My vision is to grow this fund to support our youth in the future with realistic assistance monies while giving them small financial support now with our limited resources. Most of you are parents, grand, and great-grand parents. You are fully aware of the costs of sending a youngster to school. Your contribution and/or a group contribution from your Chapter may make the difference in one of our youth's lives. I ask that you consider that the next time you spend a few bucks on an indulgence, double or triple that amount a few times each year and take pride as you watch the fund grow and the assistance to our Masonic youth make a positive impact on the world.

Take a personal part in the future!

Fraternally,

Bill Allen, Grand High Priest

MUSIC

Last month, we shared a poem from the first of Carl H. Claudy's series of three small booklets from 1931: INTRODUCTION TO FREEMASONRY, I, for Entered Apprentices; II, for Fellowcrafts; and III, for Master Masons. They have been recently republished by The Temple Publishers, and are available from Southern California Research Lodge. The following poetic gem appears in the second booklet:

*As battle-weary men long for the sea
Like Tired children, seeking Mother's breast,
And in it srestless endlessness find rest,
It's crashing surf a soothing systole;
As seeks the storm tossed ship he harbor's lee,
So mariners upon life's deep, hard-pressed
To wseather boiling trough and mounting crest,
Steer for the shelter of Freemasonry.
Her ancient waves of sound lap on the strand,
A melody more God's than man's. We hear,
Like gentle murmurs in a curved sea shell
Which whispers of some far off wonderland
Where lightning flashes from blue skies and clear,
The rolling thunder of the ritual.*

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

ENCOMPASSER

The **October 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.**

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!

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

Last month, we announced this program as developed by Dennis Dyer, Ray Broomfield and Steve Bass. They have compiled an information source, available on CD, as an attachment to email, or by download from the Research Chapter website. It contains numerous articles and books, which can be used to address perceived chapter membership problems throughout the state, especially with regard to membership retention: "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?" The material available to you now through this program will help you be a source to your companions, new and old alike.

These items are now loaded on the Research Chapter website. For other access methods, please 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 is now available and will be distributed at our next meeting during the Annual Communication at Grand Lodge.

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GRAND HIGH PRIEST ITENERARY

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
Wednesday Nov 09	32 Degree Practice	San Diego
Monday, November 14	Consuelo Lodge Stated Meeting	Escondido
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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