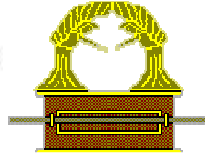




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GHP MESSAGE

Companions:

Most Installations have now been completed. A plan for 2012 should have been formulated by now, and this plan should include establishing a Team to confer the Mark Master, if your Chapter does not already have one. Membership growth can be promoted most easily by conferring the Mark Master, not only because it gives our Blue Lodge brethren a "taste" of Royal Arch Degrees, but it promotes learning by your companions. Most importantly, this puts your Chapter in a position to advance candidates throughout the year, if your Chapter does some or all of the 3 remaining degrees, or to send candidates to your local Festivals. I especially want to emphasize the importance of GREAT degree work for upcoming Spring festivals, as the first impression for new

candidates. Quality ritual will help candidates see that we are a quality organization that they should want to be a part of for the future.

Your Executive Committee will be meeting in early March, and will be considering awards to be granted during Grand Sessions. If you have worthy Companions for these awards, now is the time to make this known to your Department Grand Officer. These awards include Secretary and High Priest for the Year for your Department. One of the five in each category will be named High Priest and Secretary for the State. It is always constructive to recognize worthy brethren, and I urge you to take these awards seriously. Also, at a Chapter level, consider companions for recognition with the Meritorious Service Award. Like the Hiram Award, only one per Chapter per year may be issued.

Finally, I want to emphasize the Scholarship Program donations, as we are getting ready to decide the awardees for 2012. We will be able to cover five \$500 awards for 2012 and we need the support of all companions to achieve our goal without using part of the principal of the DeBarrow Fund. Make your tax-deductible donation now, at the beginning of the year and help our youth orders kids take that important step to financial security.

Best wishes to you all, again, for a Happy New Year!

Fraternally,

Bill Allen, Grand High Priest

IRAM 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 4 for February 2012 will soon be 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.

FORTY FOR FORTY

Speaking of Festivals, each Chapter, especially those north of Fresno, should consider taking candidates to the beautiful outdoor setting near Mendocino, where Larry Tunzi allows the use of his ranch and amphitheater for conferral of the Chapter degrees. This year is especially significant, as this Festival at the ranch in Comptche (9 miles inland from Mendocino) is celebrating its 40th year! The theme is Forty For 40!! So if you have candidates for any or all of the Chapter Degrees, bring them to Comptche. Camping on the Ranch is at no cost! And there is a shack with men's and ladies' restrooms, and a co-ed shower. And of course a cook shack for preparation of the Friday night Fish Fry and the Saturday night Bar-be-Que. Nancy Hardiman will be planning a trip into Mendocino or Fort Bragg for shopping and lunch on Saturday, June 23rd, while we confer degrees.

GRAND LECTURER'S CHAPTER SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2012
9:30AM TO 2:30PM
PALO ALTO MASONIC TEMPLE
461 FLORENCE STREET
PALO ALTO, CA 94301

LUNCH TO BE PROVIDED. COST \$5 PER PERSON
TO OFFSET THE COST OF RENTAL

ALL OFFICERS SHOULD ATTEND AS WELL AS
ANY MEMBERS OF RITUAL TEAMS DELIVERING
DEGREES

PLEASE RSVP TO GREGG HALL AT 408-656-2459
OR GREGGAHALL@GMAIL.COM SO THAT WE
CAN HAVE ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE

A MASONIC SONG YE SONS OF OLD KILLIE

The following song is by Bro. Robert Burns. Though short, it bears some important relationship to the Mark Master Degree, in its proscription against Envy. Burns himself "is the 'Willie' in the song Ye Sons of Auld Killie (a contraction of Kilmarnock) composed and sung by Burns on the occasion of his admission as an honorary member of St. John Lodge." You may learn more about our Brother Burns at the website which was the source for this quote:

<http://www.masonicdictionary.com/burns.html>.

Ye sons of Auld Killie, assembled by Willie,
To follow the noble vocation;
Your thrifty old mother has scarce such
another
To sit in that honoured station.
I've little to say, but only to pray,
As praying's the ton of your fashion;
A prayer from the muse you well may excuse,
'Tis seldom her favorite passion.

Ye powers who preside o'er the wind and the
tide,
Who marked each element's border,
Who formed this frame with beneficent aim
Whose sovereign statute is order,
Within this dear mansion may wayward
contention,
Or withered Envy ne'er enter,
May secrecy round be the mystical bound
And brotherly love be the center.

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.

ENCOMPASSER

The **January 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 will there find copies of the registration documents for Grand Sessions as well as for the 2nd Annual West Coast Easter Observance.

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 Golden State Chapter of Research of the Holy Royal Arch is pleased to announce the release of an updated website, just in time for the new year.

The website located at www.goldenstatechapter.org features an all new look to better capture the academic and esoteric work that the Golden State Chapter is dedicated to pursue and share with fellows and members. With an updated backend system, the

website will be scalable to meet the ever expanding technology available on the web. Many more features and updates will be released in the near future and the Golden State Research Chapter invites members and those looking for further light in the Royal Arch to visit the website today.

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GRAND HIGH PRIEST ITENERARY

Mar -12		
Friday Mar 9 - 11	Grand Officers Conference	
May-12		
Saturday, May 19	Grand York Rite Sessions	Bakersfield
Sunday, May 20	Council Commandery Chapter	
Monday, May 21		
Tuesday, May 22		
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