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1 may have to scroll down to find it. In the blank space
 2 preceded by "Team Name" enter the words "Royal
 2 Arch Masons of California." Click on the SUBMIT
 3 button, and you should get an entry for our team.
 4 Click on our Team Name, and then a list of all the
 4 Teams will show up. Scroll down to Royal Arch
 4 Masons. When you click on that, you will see near
 4 the top of the screen the phrase "[Join our Team.](#)"
 5 Follow instructions, become a member of the Team,
 5 and make a donation!

5 Please also keep Pam and Eric Sandstrom in your
 6 prayers. See the brief article below and consider
 7 contributing whatever you can. All donations to the
 8 Golden Redwood Priory will be passed on to Pam.

GHP MESSAGE

Companions:

The time is now to make an impact on our General Grand Chapter Charity – RARA. There is still time to join me in a **Walk for Autism** on April 20th in Pasadena. I have signed up a team to participate in it. Everyone can go to the Web site and sign up to join me in the walk or make a donation. **So far \$555 has been donated – our goal is \$5,000. Please help us reach this Goal.** Go to the Autism Speaks Web site: <http://www.autismspeaks.org>. Click on the "Attend a Walk" button in the upper right corner. Click on "Search for Team" on the left side of the screen. You

Finally, remember to attend Grand Sessions in May, particularly Grand Chapter on May 20th. New High Priests and Past High Priests should attend and apply for conferral of the Order of High Priesthood in the afternoon of the 20th. See the Grand Sessions website for further information: <http://www.ca-gyrs.org>. Remember that Dais officers are obligated to attend, either in person or by proxy. Proxy forms can be obtained on the website.

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

MARK SANDSTROM MEMORIAL

The Golden Redwood Priory, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, has established a fund to be given to Mark's family to help them through this time, and as a tribute of our affection for Mark and for them. Send any contributions you may wish to make to: Golden Redwood Priory No. 82, c/o David Sokol, Registrar, 7076 Riata Drive, Redding, CA 96002-9719.

FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND

When discussing Freemasonry's origins, attention is normally focused on two locations : England and Scotland. To England, for its part, possesses some clues about the fraternity's ancient past. Also England can claim the world's first Masonic "grand lodge", the Premier Grand Lodge of England that was founded on June 24, 1717 as the Grand Lodge of London and Westminster and it existed until 1813 when it united with the Ancient Grand Lodge of England to create the United Grand Lodge of England.

However, the descriptions concerning England can be somewhat misleading, as the events of 1717 related not to English Freemasonry in general, but to Freemasonry in London and Westminster in particular. There is nothing in the surviving accounts to suggest that the members of the Four Old Lodges in London had anything more in mind than a gathering or organization of local lodges. Even six years later, in Anderson's *Constitutions* of 1723 (but not, it should be noted, in those of 1738) the Charges were stated to be "for the use of the Lodges in London", and the General Regulations "for the use of the Lodges in and about London and Westminster". The fact that Grand Lodge in 1723 and 1724 passed various resolutions concerning lodges "in or near London", "within the Bills of Mortality", and "within ten miles of London", indicates the restricted jurisdiction of Grand Lodge in those early years. Even within these somewhat narrow limits, the authority of Grand Lodge was far from complete.

Now Scotland, on the other hand, has produced some of Freemasonry's most important historical records. It is from Scottish documents, dating to the late 17th century, that the transition from "operative" to

"speculative" Freemasonry is most clearly seen. But Ireland, too, has had its part to play in this story, one no less important, but often omitted, from most Masonic histories.

Ireland is known for its medieval castles, monasteries, and cathedrals. Not surprisingly, its Masonic ties are early and well-documented. One of Irish Freemasonry's prized relics, the "Ball's Bridge Square", dates to 1507. Discovered in Limerick in 1830, it bears the Masonic inscription: "I will strive to live with Love & Care Upon ye Level By ye Square." In 1629, Bishop Bedell, who was Bishop of Kilmore and Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, recorded in his diary: "The petition of the Freemasons and Bricklayers of Dublin answered." By 1688, a lodge of speculative Masons was meeting at Trinity College, Dublin. A "Tripos" or speech, dating to that same year, includes the notation: "From Sir Warren, for being Freemasonised in the new way, five shillings." A catechism, known as the Trinity Manuscript, bears the endorsement: "Free Masonry February 1711". It is the earliest known document to recognise three classes of Mason, each with its own secrets.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland is the world's second oldest Masonic grand lodge. Its first known meeting occurred on June 26, 1725. According to the *Dublin Weekly Journal*, more than one hundred "gentlemen" met at "the Yellow Lion in Warbrough Street" and later went to "King's Arms". The procession included "the Masters and Wardens of the Six Lodges of Gentlemen Freemasons, who are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Master and the Private Brothers all in coaches", it being a rainy day. A new Grand Master, Rt. Hon. the Earl of Ross was then elected. The election of a "new" Grand Master, of course, implies that the Grand Lodge of Ireland was in existence before 1725. Just how long before, however, is not known.

During the 18th century, Ireland had hundreds of Masonic lodges throughout the countryside. While the Grand Lodge met in prominent civic and guild hall buildings in Dublin, such as the Tailor's Hall in Back Lane, the Cutler's Hall in Capel Street, and the Assembly Rooms on South William Street, most lodges met in inns, taverns, and coffee houses. Military regiments at this time carried Irish Freemasonry around the world, establishing lodges

and creating fraternal ties that last to this day. A few examples are illustrative. Lodge No. 218, attached to the 48th Foot, brought Freemasonry to Cuba in 1763. Irish Masonic lodges were chartered in Jamaica in 1767. In 1769, Bro. Jeremiah French, a Captain in the 29th Foot and member of Lodge No. 322, became the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts' first Senior Grand Warden. In 1775, Lodge No. 441, attached to the 38th Foot in Boston, initiated Prince Hall and fourteen African- Americans into Freemasonry. It was through an Irish Masonic lodge, therefore, that "Prince Hall" Masonry came into being. In 1781, Bro. Brownrigg, a member of Lodge No. 441, became the Grand Lodge of New York's first Senior Grand Warden. In 1783, an Irish Masonic lodge was established in Barbados. Irish Freemasonry's influence, clearly, was far reaching. It even altered the course of English Freemasonry and may have helped introduce a new Masonic body, the "Royal Arch", to the world.

English Freemasonry, during the early 18th century, was suffering from neglect. In 1751, it was divided into two Grand Lodges: the Antients Grand Lodge (properly titled the "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Institutions") and the Premier Grand Lodge of England (derogatorily referred to as the "Moderns"). For many years, Masonic scholars accused the "Antients" of being a splinter group. This was not the case. The Antients Grand Lodge was formed by London-area Irish Freemasons who were denied admittance to local English lodges. The Antients, though less "aristocratic", proved better organized and very popular. It also aggressively chartered its own lodges throughout the British Empire. The Antients undeniable success resulted in its merger with the Grand Lodge of England in 1813. Much of the Antients' Irish-based ritual went on to replace that of the "Moderns" in the new United Grand Lodge of England. It should also be noted that the term "Ancient", when used today in "Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons", is a nod to the Antient (Ancient) Grand Lodge and, consequently, Freemasonry's underlying Irish heritage.

By the early 19th century, Irish Freemasonry spanned the globe. Back in Ireland, however, it was about to face two serious challenges. The "Famine" struck Ireland in 1823. Not only did the population suffer starvation and emigration, there was also political unrest. Indeed, some Masonic lodges became focal points of nationalist sentiment. Consequently,

Freemasonry, together with other "secret societies", was suspended in Ireland until 1825. The next assault came from the Roman Catholic Church. Rome's criticism of Freemasonry was not new. That had begun in 1738 with Pope Clement XII's "In Eminenti". Subsequent Popes Benedict XIV and Pius VII issued their own condemnations in 1751 and 1821. But "Quo graviora", issued by Pope Leo XII in 1826, was different. It was widely publicized in Ireland and many Catholic Freemasons, threatened with excommunication, were pressured to resign. Bro. Daniel O'Connell, an Irish patriot and ardent Catholic, was one of these.

Notwithstanding such difficulties, the Grand Lodge of Ireland persevered. To better administer its worldwide lodges, the Grand Lodge delegated some of its authority to subordinate, "provincial" grand lodges in 1868. In 1869, "Freemasons' Hall", located on Molesworth Street in Dublin, was completed. This was the first Grand Lodge space specifically built for Masonic meetings. It remains the seat of Irish Freemasonry to this day.

There are some 850 lodges presently operating under the Irish Constitution. The Grand Lodge of Ireland supervises all provincial grand lodges (Northern and Southern Ireland and overseas), the Metropolitan Dublin lodges, and all foreign and military lodges operating outside a provincial grand lodge. There are thirteen provincial grand lodges in Ireland and twelve overseas (Bermuda, Far East, Ghana, India, Jamaica and the Bahamas, Natal, New Zealand, Nigeria, South Africa (Northern), Southern Cape, Zambia, Zimbabwe). Unlike other Masonic jurisdictions, Irish Craft Masonry recognized four Masonic degrees: Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason, and Installed Master. There are no ciphers or study-aids for learning Irish Freemasonry's rituals. It is still done, as it has always been done, "mouth to ear". Toward that end, the Grand Lodge of Ireland and its provincial grand lodges hold "Lodges of Instruction" to ensure that Irish Freemasonry's traditional working is maintained.

Provided by Nigel Gallimore

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

The Northern California York Rite Association has set the dates for the Chapter and Council Degrees to again be the third weekend in August. The Mark and

Past Master Degree will be on Friday, August 16, 2013 with the Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch Degrees on Saturday, August 17, 2013. The Royal and Select Master Degrees will also be done on the same Saturday. The Commandery Orders will be given Saturday, November 9, 2013. See below for the that gives details about the events.

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THE ROYAL ARCH PATH

Several High Priests have asked MEC Phil Hardiman for copies of his booklet The Royal Arch Path for the purpose of giving them to newly exalted companions. So MEC Phil is going to order more (there are no other copies available at this time) and would like to know if other Chapters or High Priests would like a supply. Please contact him by April 18th, so he knows how many to order, either at (916) 712-4814 or at philipandnancy@aol.com.

ROYAL ARCH HISTORY

Of particular interest to all Companions and Sir Knights is the new addition to the History of the Royal Arch – Volume 4 is now available, which takes the history through 1996. This is the supplement to the original 3 Volume set prepared by Everett R. Turnbull and Ray V. Denslow. The 4th Volume can be purchased for \$25. Volumes 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the History of Royal Arch Masonry have been reprinted. These books are hardbound and approximately 500 pages each. The cost is \$ 100.00 for all 4 books plus \$ 15.00 shipping and handling in USA. Foreign shipping could cost more. Payment by check or credit card. Contact the General Grand Secretary to order books. ramintl@sbcglobal.net

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 17 for March 2013 has been forwarded to local Chapter officers. Please share as appropriate with your companions. In the new format, scroll down in the message to find the state-specific entries for California. Prior editions from March 2012 can also be found under the Library tab at the Research Chapter website: www.goldenstatechapter.org

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

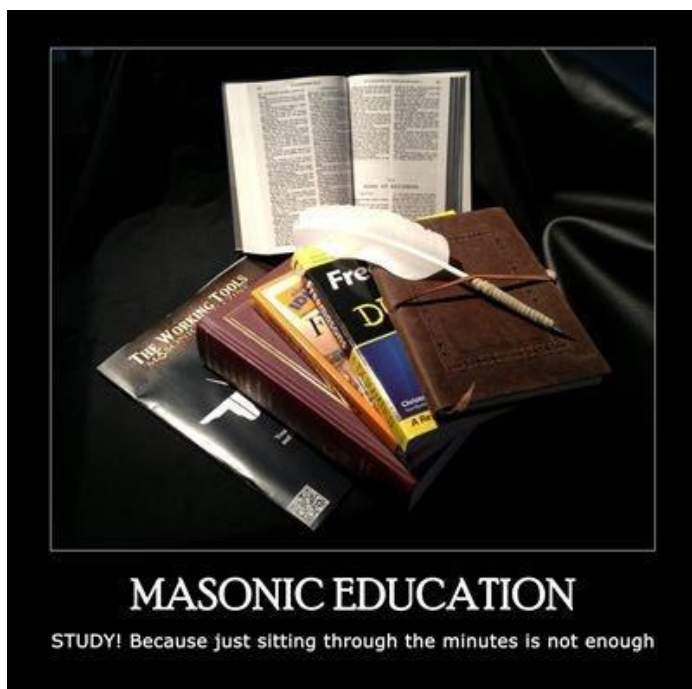
A line of Jackets for our York Rite bodies continues to be available at MP. ENTERPRISES. The price for red and blue is great -- \$75.00 plus tax and shipping, for sizes 34 to 49 in short, regular and tall; and \$87.00 plus tax and shipping for sizes 50 to 60, also in short, regular, and tall. Purple 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 **April 2013** 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 website located at www.goldenstatechapter.org now contains a copy of the 2010 and 2011 Grand Orations booklets. Also included is a copy of “The Royal Arch Path,” by MEC Phil Hardiman, KYGCH.

NEXT MEETING: May 20, 2013 at 3:00 pm at Grand Chapter in Bakersfield.

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GRAND HIGH PRIEST ITENERARY

FEBRUARY		
4th	Installation	Oxnard #86
MARCH		
8-10 th	Grand Officers Meeting	Bakersfield
23 rd	Rainbow Grand Sessions	Fresno
APRIL		
13 th	Reception	Redding
19 th	Grand Sessions	New Mexico
MAY		
11 th	Grand Sessions	Utah
18 th – 22 nd	Grand Sessions	Bakersfield
20 th	Grand Chapter	
21 st	Grand Council	Bakersfield
22 nd	Grand Commandery	Bakersfield

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

Grand York Rite Reception
HONORING

Robert Wright, GHP, Raymond Godeke, MIGM, "Bud" Ramsey, GC

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2013

Location: Milton and Naomi Abbott's Garden Yard
Address: 2974 Eagle Lane
McKinleyville, CA 95519-8055

Time: Social 1:00 pm
Dinner 3:00 pm - Dinner Cost \$20.00
Salmon - Tri-tip - BBQ Oysters

Attendees Companions, Knights, Ladies and Guests

Reception Reservations: Milton Abbott, PGC
2974 Eagle Lane
McKinleyville, Ca 95519-8055
Phone: 707-839-4102

Contact Person: Myron Tisdel
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Hotel: Quality Inn
1209 Fourth Street
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Dress: Dressy Casual

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Northern California York Rite Association 2013 York Rite Festival

Red Bluff Masonic Temple 822 Main St Red Bluff CA

CHAPTER DEGREES

Friday August 16th 2013 6:00 PM

Mark Master and Past Master Degrees

Saturday August 17th 2013 8:00 AM

Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees

Lunch 12:00 PM Saturday: Cost \$10.00

Menu; Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Beverage

COUNCIL DEGREES

Saturday August 17th 2013 1:00 PM

Royal Master and Select Master Degrees

Candidate Fee \$15.00 (Includes both Chapter and Council Degrees)

Commandery Orders

Saturday, November 9, 2013 8:00 AM

Red Cross, Full Form Malta, Order of the Temple

Candidate Fee \$10.00

Lunch served between Malta and The Order of the Temple: Cost \$10.00

Menu: Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Beans, Beverage

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