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Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

"I Am a Royal Arch Mason."

The holiday season is upon us. And, as it happens to us every year, we find we have scheduling conflicts between our Masonic activities, family lives, and holiday celebrations. Masonry has given us tools and instructions on how we can best divide our time. I do encourage you to attend the Christmas Observance programs hosted by your Commandery of Knights Templar. I always appreciate the program Auburn Commandery No. 4 hosts for all Masons and their families. The event is a significant reminder to me of the Masonic values that bind us together in this fraternity.

My thanks and appreciation for those of you are finishing your terms in the offices of your Chapter. Well done Companions on another successful Capitular Year. Congratulations to those of you that have been elected, or are about to be elected, High Priest of your Chapter. You have many important tasks ahead you as you prepare to preside over your Chapter. You have budgets to prepare, offices to fill, and committee appointments to make. One of the most important tasks you have is to prepare a plan for your term and effectively communicate that plan to your members. Many Chapters utilize executive committees to aid in those efforts. Whatever way your Chapter executes planning, please do it. You know what your Chapter needs, what it can accomplish, its strengths and weaknesses, and who the companions are that will see it done.

For some of you that have been elected to one of the Dais Offices in your Chapter, the officer qualification questions and ritual qualification may seem like an unnecessary burden. I can't stress enough the importance of those requirements are for the long-

term viability of Royal Arch Masonry. But there is another significant aspect to this exercise, your own personal achievement. There is great personal satisfaction that comes with those accomplishments. Your Companions will see that in you. Your Inspectors and Department Grand Officers are there to help you succeed.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to our Royal Arch Inspectors too. They will be preparing their annual reports on the Chapters in their districts. We had a chance to discuss the intention of the annual reports at the ritual conference back in October. We talked about the reports as a useful tool to help the Chapters. They are also important to Grand Chapter as we determine what programs and guidance to implement for the benefit of all of us California Royal Arch Masons.

The East Bay York Rite Association reported that 23 candidates were exalted at their annual Fall Pilgrimage. They also reported that five new candidates received the Mark Master Degree later in November. Congratulations to Ancient Chapter No. 31, Naval Chapter No. 35, Oakland Chapter No. 36, Doric Chapter No. 66, Morris Siminoff Chapter No. 163, along with the Councils and Commanderies that comprise the East Bay York Rite Association.



Congratulations EBYRA

-In Memoriam -

We learned of the passing of Most Excellent Companion William Wesley Price. He entered into rest on November 16, 2022. MEC Price served as Grand High Priest of California for the 1993-1994 Grand Capitular Year. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in Oregon Military Lodge, UD, in Frankfurt Germany on July 9. 1959 and raised to the Degree of Master Mason in Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 268 in Tacoma, Washington on November 5, 1959. He served as Worshipful Master of Vacaville Lodge No. 134 in 1985. Several tributes to MEC Price were shared in email messages upon his death noting his unequaled service to our country, his courage, his patriotism, his pride, loyalty, faith, and a shipmate. Rest in peace Most Excellent Companion. I ask that Chapters pray in a moment of silence at your next Stated Convocation in the honor and remembrance of this distinguished Mason. Merry Christmas to All!

R. Scott Husmann, KYGCH 168th Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of California

GRAND LECTURER

Companions All:

Happy Holidays and Best Hopes for a continued renewal of interest in Royal Arch in California! I am encouraged by the planning I see happening to confer our degrees in the spring of 2023! I am excited to support the introduction of a revised Manual of Ceremonies in January and the rollout of an optional Mark Master Degree Prologue this month! Please provide feedback via the ritual staff and your **Department Grand Officers once you have** seen the product! Change is slow (on purpose), but needed for us to meet he desires of our new members for more light in Masonry! Your continued interest in learning the purpose and meaning of our ritual is what makes us different! Happy Year End to 2022 and looking forward to next year with encouragement!

Your Most Humble Grand Lecturer

Steve

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND ORDERS

Several Festivals are upcoming for the Fall and Spring. See Flyers below. Of particular note are:

East Bay: 9/24, 10/1 and 10/15 Colorado River: 10/23, 10/24 and 10/25

San Bernardino: moved to 2023

Feb 11, 2023 at 9am March 8, 2023 at 7pm April 1, 2023 at 91m

GRAND SESSIONS 2023

March, 3-5 Officers' Conference

May 14, Sunday – Grand Banquet May 15, Monday – Grand Commandery May 16, Tuesday – Grand Chapter May 17, Wednesday – Grand Council May 18, Thursday – Corporation

SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

Secretaries new and old: near the end of this newsletter you will find a two-page document that serves as guidelines for Secretaries and Recorders – especially new ones.

Another good source of information for the Secretary can be found in the Grand Chapter Forms and Documents folder, called Chapter Secretary Desktop Procedures, at:

http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Chapter
If you are prompted for a username and/or
password, call your Inspector, or anyone
in the CONTACTS section below.

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER



Companions,

Golden State Chapter is dedicated to the of Capitular degrees study Freemasonry. Our Chapter promotes excellence in Masonic scholarship by holding quarterly meetings with the sharing of papers and introducing subscription members and our regular members to our website. The next Chapter meeting is on via Zoom on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 10:00 am - you do not have to be a Golden State Chapter member to attend this meeting. The Zoom join the meeting instructions are below and have been sent to Chapter members. Our following quarterly meeting will be another Zoom style meeting on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 10:00 am. Our Annual Chapter Meeting will be in person on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 4:00 pm, at the Grand York Rite Sessions in Visalia CA.

Any Royal Arch Mason, in good standing within a Chapter of any jurisdiction in amity with the Grand Chapter of California, is welcome to apply for affiliation with the Chapter as a full member. Any other person may become a Subscription member and receive information by our emailings and attend non-tiled meetings. but will enjoy no other privileges. We can read your Petition to Affiliate at any of our meetings. Α blank petition and instructions are provided in this newsletter. Questions may be directed to the Golden State Chapter of Research Secretary Bruce Rick at: bar972@outlook.com.

Join our December 3, 2022, 10:00am PST Golden State Chapter of Research Zoom Meeting

https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/8146860052 4?pwd=WW5Ta1NwM1d2M1JQNk5MbmlS YVpxdz09

Meeting ID: 814 6860 0524

Passcode: 7s2kGc

Meeting ID: 814 6860 0524

Passcode: 465311

GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications and the Policy statement for 2023 are now available at the website: http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/rara.html
The deadline to apply for the 2023 Scholarship Program is March 3, 2023. Submissions can be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Chapter Secretary at

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons Attn: Grand Secretary 8815 Indian Wells Ct Santee, CA 92017-2434

Telephone: (619) 993-4840

E-mail: Grand.Secretary.ca@gmail.com



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 -- \$115.00 plus shipping, for sizes 34 to 49 in short, regular and tall; and \$125.00 plus shipping for sizes 50 to 59, also in short, regular, and tall; and \$135.00 plus shipping, for sizes 60-69. Also available are Men's and ladies' vests, tuxedos and shirts, pins, patches, and flags, and OES T-Shirts. Contact Max Luy at (510) 502-3224; or at his website: www.mpenterprises.weebly.com; or

directly to his email at maxluy@hotmail.com.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR DECEMBER 2022 TO MAY 2023

Date	Event	Location
Feb 11,	Fall Festival,	San
2023	Chapter Degrees	Bernardino,
		8:00 am -
		4:00 pm
Feb 25	KYCH & YR	Red Bluff or
	College	Auburn
Mar 3-5,	Grand Officers'	Visalia
2023	Conference	
March 8,	Cryptic Festival	San
2023		Bernardino,
		9:00 am
Mar 11,	3-Way Reception	San Diego
2023		
Mar 12,	3-Way Reception	Inland
2023		Empire
Mar 25,	Royal Arch	Woodland
2023	Festival	
April 1,	Commandery	San
2023	Festival	Bernardino,
		9:00 am
May 13-	Grand Sessions	Visalia
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If you would like to attend any of these events and need to know particulars about where and when and cost, please call any of the contact numbers below, or go to the Grand York Rite website calendar at:

http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/ghpcalendar.html

TAX REPORTING

Robert Wellington of Orange County

Chapter No. 73 is willing to assist Chapters with guidance to restore their tax exempt status, if needed. If you would rather speak to a brother, Companion and Sir Knight, than an IRS or FTB agent, feel free to contact Bob at rozekroy@gmail.com

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WWW.GOLDENSTATECHAPTER.ORG

GRAND SESSIONS, FORMS & SCHEDULES Website: WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG

SECRETARY and/or RECORDER ESSENTIALS

Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org.

Scroll down and click on "York Rite Forms and Documents." Then click on the appropriate logo. A window opens where you enter the userid, which is "cagyr" and the password, which is "brio"

Scroll down to Officers Manual, which has information for the Secretary, and print that out. Many concepts in the Grand Chapter manual are relevant to the Councils and Commanderies.

Priorities are as follows:

- 1. <u>Dues Collection</u> You should send out dues notices no later than October, with payments from members due by December 31st.
- 2. Membership control -- Especially important is the very last item, "Royal Arch Monthly Report." This is relevant to you as a Secretary/Recorder if you do not yet have a userid for access to MMS Masonic Membership Solutions. If you fill the paper report out each month, whenever you encounter changes to the membership, you will find it much easier at the end of the year to produce the year-end report, which is used to compute the amount of per capita the Chapter needs to pay. That payment is due by Jan 15th each year. Important changes to your membership include new members, demits, remits and deaths. Maintain e-mail addresses for members and you can easily then forward the monthly newsletter, The WORKMAN, to them.
- 3. Do not cavalierly suspend members for non-payment of dues. There is a Constitutional process that should be followed rigorously in order that members, who may have moved and not received your dues notice, are treated fairly. See the following sections of the relevant Constitution in order to learn about this process:

Chapter: See Section 201 in the Constitution at http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Chapter/ROYAL%20ARCH%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf

Council: See Section 30-10 in the Constitution at http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Council/Grand%20Council%20Cou

Commandery: See Section 347 in the Constitution at http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Commandery/GRAND%20COMMA
NDERY%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf

- 4. Per Capita -- The Per Capita payment, due each Jan 15th, does not require action by the Chapter to be paid. You will need good, up-to-date end-of-year number of active members that is crucial for us when we compute your per capita payment. Without good data you will most likely overpay your per capita requirement. It is sensible to begin your process near the end of the CY, as soon as possible. It is also sensible, if you have access to the Grand Lodge database, to check each member to see if they are still alive. But most important is getting a userid to utilize MMS.
- 5. <u>Insurance</u> -- The Insurance payment, due each July 15th, does not require action by the Chapter, Council or Commandery to be paid. You will be billed for the payment by the Grand Secretary-Recorder.
- 6. <u>Lodge Book of Marks</u> Maintain this up-to-date, or perhaps arrange for a PHP to take on the responsibility of maintaining.
- 7. Minutes Take good minutes, but don't over-do it by trying to capture everything that is said. Focus on having a clear representation of motions made and the vote count by which they passed or failed. In addition to keeping petitions in a separate file, it is good practice to replicate the basic petitioner information in the minutes. It is also a good practice to keep the names of attendees at each meeting in the minutes. If conferring a degree, keep a copy of the cast members and the candidate(s). Also, please send the candidate class names to the Grand Secretary.
- 8. Grand Sessions Before the April meeting, remind the Dais officers they are responsible to attend, and arrange a stipend if your Chapter, Council or Commandery can afford it. Remind members who expect to attend to be sure to take their dues cards. If Dais Officers of the Chapter and Council cannot attend, they may issue a proxy, or they may elect a representative. This is true also for Commanderies, whose members cannot issue proxies. The appropriate forms can be obtained on the Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials."
- 9. Order of High Priesthood Be sure the current HP and PHPs know they are eligible to receive this Order. In fact, it is a Constitutional requirement! Share the petition with them and send to the Grand Secretary. This requirement does not appear to be true for the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree or the Past Commander's Association. Petitions for all three bodies are available at the secure website.



Petition for Affiliation

Golden State Chapter of Research, Royal Arch Masons

To the Excellent High Priest, Officers and Members of Golden State Chapter of Research, Royal Arch Masons of California:

I,		, respe	ctfully represent that
I am / not a resident of the S	tate of California but resident in		
I am a Master Mason in good	d standing of	Lodge No	, F.& A.M.,
under the jurisdiction of the	Grand Lodge of	;	
I am a Royal Arch Mason in	good standing of	Chapter No.	, R.A.M.,
under the jurisdiction of the	Grand Chapter of	;	
I desire to be affiliate with G	olden State Chapter as a dual / 1	plural member of you	ır Chapter, and
• If elected to membership, I p	romise cheerful compliance wit	th the Bylaws of Gold	den State Chapter
and Constitution of the Most	Excellent Grand Chapter of Ro	yal Arch Masons of	the State of
California.			
in connection with this petition,	I provide the following addition	al information about	myself:
Residence Address	City	State	Zip
Residence Telephone	Mobile Phone	Email:	
Business Address:	City	State	Zip
Business Telephone:			
Date of Petition			
Signature of Petitioner			
Recommendations:			
The undersigned, member of Go	lden State Chapter, recommend	the Chapter grant thi	is petition:
1 Signature	Printed Name	a	

Spring 2023 York Rite Festival

Royal Arch Chapter Degrees
Mark, Past, Most Excellent & Royal Arch
Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.

Cryptic Mason Council Degrees Royal Master & Select Master Wednesday, March 8, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

Knights Templar Commandery Orders Red Cross, Malta & Order of the Temple Saturday, April 1, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.

Please Check-In Early! Sharp Time Set - Conferral of Degrees & Orders

All at the

San Bernardino York Rite Masonic Temple
2888 Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, California 92405-3805
sbyrb@juno.com

Please be early to avoid delays / Prompt conferral times are set



2023 GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS

Souvenir Ad Program Order Form

The printed program will be available at Grand Sessions (in black and white / grayscale)

AND a full color PDF format for distribution after the Sessions.

Company Name or Organization			
Contact Name	Phone	E-mail	
What do You Want Your Ad to Say? Camera ready ad material is preferred. Provide an attachment in ar the following formats: pub, pdf, docx, doc, wpd, jpg, jpeg, bmp, png To ads@ca-gyrs.org Payment must accompany Ad request, payable to "Grand York Rite of CA" or use your credit card at https://ca-gyrs.square.site/ad-orders DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING AD REQUESTS: 4/25, Send Ad and Payment to CA-GYRS 1123 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814-2809 or email ads@ca-gyrs.org Questions: Tom at (562) 924-6500		Please enter quantity: Full Page @ \$180.00 each Half Page @ \$90.00 each Quarter Page @ \$45.00 each	
		Eighth Page @ \$25.00 each Business Card @ \$25.00 each Name on Name Page (list below) @ \$5.00 each	
Check this box if this is an update to a previous submission Names for the Name Page (at \$5 each)	Chec	Total Amount or Payment submitted at https://ca-gyrs.square.site/ad-	
File attachment name(s):			



2023 Grand York Rite Sessions May 14th to May 17th, 2023 – Visalia, CA

Each person attending must fill out a registration form Please print your names and titles as you would like it printed on your badge Do you prefer your confirmation by: email (default) none phone call (latest time to call _____)

Lady / Guest Address:	Title(s): _	Phone: e-mail:	State: _	
Lady / Guest Address: Zip: Arrival	Title(s): _	Phone: e-mail:	State:	_
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number(s) that y	ou are a mei	mber of RAM # KT #		
		y. There is no charge for the event. However, if you plan to attend, please mark it on you please enter the number of Meals/Events you are requesting	ur reservatio Price	n form Total
		GYR CA Corporation Annual Meeting	*R.O.*	Total
		Allied Masonic Degrees Statewide Meeting Your AMD Council Number	*R.O.*	
		Battalion & Belles Brunch Southwestern Buffet	\$31.00	
		Drill Team Participant	*R.O.*	
		Vespers Service (Memorial Service for all 3 Bodies)	*R.O.*	
	4.00 T W	Grand York Rite Banquet	11.0.	
Beef & Chicken Duo		\$47.00		
	0.30 FIVI	Pacific Salmon Vegetarian Option	\$47.00 \$30.00	
1/2 hour after the E	anguet ends	Order of Zanzibar	\$25.00	
		Grand Commandery Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet	\$23.00	
		KT Ladies Luncheon Lasagna Rolettes Special Dietary	\$32.00	
12:15 F		Grand Commandery Luncheon Deli Style Buffet	\$27.00	
		Past Commander's Association <i>Must include the PCA Application</i>	\$30.00	
		Grand Commandery Installation attendee	*R.O.*	
		Grand Chapter Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet	\$23.00	
		RAM Ladies Luncheon: Grilled Salmon Caeser Salad Special Dietary	\$28.00	
		Grand Chapter Luncheon Meatloaf _ Special Dietary	\$27.00	
		Order of High Priesthood Degree Must include the OHP Petition	\$50.00	
		Grand Chapter Installation attendee	*R.O.*	
		Grand Council Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet	\$23.00	
		CM Ladies Luncheon: Ladies Tea Special Dietary	\$32.00	
		Grand Council Luncheon: Barbeque Buffet	\$39.00	
3775		Thrice Illustrious Master Degree	\$40.00	
		Golden State Research Chapter	*R.O.*	
		Grand Council Installation attendee	*R.O.*	
Paid by chec	k #	(Payable to CA Grand York Rite) or credit card at https://ca-gyrs.square.site		
your dietary c accommodate	oncern: Ve e	n: We will try to accommodate those with special dietary needs and work with the hotel cl gan Vegetarian Gluten Free and mark the count in each meal line above. If we are ur eal, you will be contacted ahead of time and refund issued based on your decision. There ca-gyrs.org website.	nable to	

More information on the other (or back) page.

Events are subject to change based on reservation responses or other factors.

More forms (including the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master, Past Commanders Association & Dignitary Introduction), menus and schedule are available from www.ca-gyrs.org. For your convenience, we are allowing you to register and pay for the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master and Past Commanders Association with your other meals and events. You must also include those respective forms with this one. We will forward the information and funds to the appropriate degree coordinators.

2023 Grand York Rite Sessions May 14th to May 17th, 2023 – Visalia, CA Please send page 1 of this form and payment to:
CA-GYRS 1123 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814-2809

Meal reservations are locked & will not be accepted after 05/01/23 (don't even ask)

Onsite registration is available to the Companions and Sir Knights attending sessions without ordering meals.

Please be aware that Name Tags will not be printed for late registrants, so please register before the deadline.

No refunds after May 8th, 2023 – unless approved by the Grand York Rite Sessions Executive Committee

Contact the **Wyndham Hotel** 9000 W Airport Dr Visalia, California 93277 +1-559-651-5000

Tell the agent that you are in the **Grand York Rite** Group or register online via www.ca-gyrs.org

Room rate: \$99.00 +taxes.

Hotel reservation deadline is 04/01/23 Pending room block availability - best to register early

Questions, contact the following below:

- General Co-Chairmen: chairmen@ca-gyrs.org Ray Broomfield (805) 482-6756 and Steve Goad (760) 608-1585
- Meal/Event reservations: reservations@ca-gyrs.org Dave Glass (916) 616 3283

A few words about Reservation Only (*R.O.*) events:

Although there is no charge for these events, please enter in a numerical value for the events you want to attend. This provides a headcount for the preparation of the event. Also, if the event is cancelled or changed you can be notified.

Grand York Rite California (GYR CA) Corporation Annual Meeting. The event starts at 8:00 am to completion of business. All members of the GYR CA Corporation are cordially invited to attend. Agenda for this annual business meeting will be published separately.

Allied Masonic Degrees Statewide Meeting. Representatives from each A.M.D. Council are requested to attend. This meeting will be to discuss A.M.D. at the statewide level and future degree presentations by the respective A.M.D. Councils.

Vesper services. Vespers is our gathering to honor our departed Companions and Sir Knights. All are encouraged to attend.

The Order of Zanzibar. Is a "Fun Degree" open to all Cryptic Masons which will be held after the Grand Banquet. The cost for this degree is \$25. Proceeds from this degree will be donated to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Fund.

The Grand Installations. We kindly request that you mark down the number of attendees for each of the Installations. This is to properly prepare the caterers for the reception following the installations.

Golden State Royal Arch Research Chapter. All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend. For a small fee of \$20, you can submit your petition at the meeting to become a lifetime member of the Golden State Research Chapter, and receive a copy of the Grand Orations Booklet 2020-2022.

MMS (Masonic Membership Solutions) Training. This is directed to our Secretaries / Recorders and Assistant Sec/Recs on using the MMS System and for others like the Dais Officers to understand the application. Phil and Tom are available for orientation and consultation upon request. Simply email mms@ca-gyrs.org prior to May 1st 2023 with a day and time convenient for you and they will make an attempt to fit time for you into the overall schedule.