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Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

Winter is behind us and the bright days of Spring 2021 are here. April also means Grand Sessions are within view and much planning needs to be accomplished. Grand Chapter has 6 Resolutions pending. They are posted on the Registration page and also on the Grand Chapter website. While most deal with general housekeeping there is one that is very important and a long time in development. That is RESOLUTION 2021-01 PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER RECOGNITION. Much contemplation and discussion went into this resolution -- all of it very positive. The Executive Committee are all very enthusiastic about it and we are certain each of you are also. The text you will notice recognizes specifically the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons State of California and Jurisdiction, Inc. I have notified Most Excellent Dr. Donald Ware and he is most pleased and anxious. We can expect mutual recognition from them in the very near future. Please read over all the Resolutions and be ready for the discussions.

Be sure to Register for all three sessions as soon as you can. It is very important to get those in as soon as possible. There will also be a Souvenir booklet much like last

years was. Please have your Chapter consider an advertisement in the booklet. Those forms are also on the Registration pages. I want to acknowledge Excellent Companions Dave Glass, Rich Fonseca and Mark Harris for their diligence and unstinting perseverance. Thanks to each of you.

Sharon and I have completed our COVID vaccinations and even passed the 2 week waiting period. I hope each of you and your families are well.

See you in MAY!

Fraternally,

Richard W. Bullard, KYGCH
166th Grand High Priest
Royal Arch Masons of California

GRAND SESSIONS 2021

Companions and Sir Knights

With COVID-19 restrictions still in place, the 2021 Grand York Rite Sessions will be virtual meetings only. These will take place on three consecutive Saturdays in May.

- **Saturday, May 8th:**
 - **The Grand York Rite of California Annual Corporation meeting at 8:00 AM (tiled session)**
 - **The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Annual Assembly at 10:00 AM (tiled session)**
 - **The Grand Council public awards and Installation at 2:00 PM (open to all)**
- **Saturday, May 15th:**
 - **The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Annual Convocation on May 15th at 10:00 AM (tiled session)**

- **Saturday, May 22nd:**
 - **The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Annual Convocation at 9:00 AM (tiled session)**
 - **The Grand Chapter public awards and Installation at 2:00 PM (open to all)**

Each event, listed above, has its own link for attendance and will be emailed to you. In all cases, the respective virtual rooms will be opened 30 minutes prior to the event to allow the hosts to admit the participants.

The morning sessions are all tiled and as such you will need to sign in with your name that matches your registration form in order to be admitted. Please be dressed for these virtual sessions as you would be if attending in person.

All of the registrations are online (no paper forms) this year. The Grand Sessions website www.ca-gyrs.org has the links to register for the sessions. Deadlines for registering are one week prior to the event for all VOTING members (to allow the credential committees to vet and prepare). All other attendees may register up to three days prior to the event. Membership validation will be required for the tiled meetings, so please register early.

All three bodies will be voting on legislation this year. There is a page on the website with the proposed resolutions posted, for your preview. You will also be able to download the Proxy / Elected Official Forms that must be filled out and submitted to the Grand York Rite Office two weeks prior to each event, if the Dais Officers are unable to attend the Sessions.

Also available on the website is the Souvenir Program Ad Request Form. We continue our tradition for you to advertise your business, organizations, congratulatory messages, etc. in our Souvenir Program. As it was last year, this will be available in PDF format for downloading after the Sessions, which will include the results of the Sessions. And because this produced electronically, this will be a full color program. You are authorized to vote to pay for the advertisements in your Chapter, Council and Commandery virtual meetings. The deadline for

accepting the Ad requests is on May First.

GRAND LECTURER

Companions All

As we head into spring and the real possibility of opening our Chapters again within a couple of months, please start planning for using the ritual again! The GHP dispensation for Inspectors and DGLs to open in Ample Form will expire on 22 May and we need to begin planning to go back to a face-to-face ritual in June! Speaking of 22 May, please plan to sign up and attend our Chapter Grand Session starting at 0900 on Saturday 22 May which will be entirely virtual again this year. There are 6 Resolutions that need to be addressed and the annual Installation of Officers in the afternoon! Please consider placing an add in our souvenir program commemorating this once in a lifetime event which will forever document our resilience in surviving this pandemic! We will be stronger than ever when this is at last over!

Best Always - Your Most Humble and Currently Isolated Grand Lecturer!
Steve

MARK MASTER EDUCATION

Last year, Gold Country Chapter #11 presented an online discussion forum about the Mark Master Degree. It was

intended for those Master Masons who have petitioned to receive the Mark Master degree and those that have received the degree and seek further explanation. The presentation was well received.

In the spirit of Masonic Education and to keep the interest of those Mark Master Candidates, petitioners or recipients, Gold Country Chapter is extending an invitation statewide for a Zoom Meeting on Friday, April 30th at 7:00 PM. The presentation will be facilitated by E.C. Jarrod Washington, R.E.C. Scott Husmann, and Chairman of Royal Arch Masonic Education, E.C. John L. Cooper, III, PGM. This does not go into the esoteric work, but is designed to supplement the lessons within the degree, like why there are marks on the Mason's work. It is intended to encourage attendee discussion and consideration.

Please share this information with your Mark Master candidates / petitioners / recipients. Registration is required at www.tinyurl.com/ssdwkcs and we are limited to 90 registrants.

If you have questions, please email masonic-education@auburnyorkrite.org

COMPTCHE– 2021

The Festival at Comptche, was unfortunately cancelled last year. But now is the time to begin planning for 2021, with the hope that the onerous lockdowns will be lifted by then. Bring a busload of candidates, family and friends and set up tents in the common area.

See the picture below to see how much space is available for parking, RVs, tents, and so forth.

Be sure to put Comptche on your Calendar this year. The Capitular Festival

is presently scheduled for June 26th, 2021.



SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

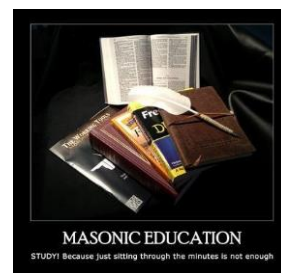
Secretaries new and old: near the end of this newsletter you will find a two-page document that serves as guidelines for Secretaries and Recorders – especially new ones.

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,

The next Research Chapter meeting has now been scheduled for Monday night May 31st at 7:00 pm. You do not need to be a member to attend!! But we will be happy to read your petition at the time. A blank petition is provided at the end of this newsletter. Please complete and send to the new Secretary, Jonathan Prestage at jonathan.prestage@gmail.com.

Jonathan was elected and installed at our meeting on February 22nd, along with EC Thomas Chavez, High Priest; Ron Alcorn, King; David Rathgeber, Scribe; and Phil Hardiman, Treasurer.

GRAND CHAPTER **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications for 2022 are now available:
<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/rara.html>

The deadline to apply for the 2022 Scholarship Program is March 2, 2022. Submissions can be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Chapter Secretary at

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch
Masons Attn: Grand Secretary
1123 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone: (562) 924-6500 x 1123
E-mail: sec-rec@yorkriteofcalifornia.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS-- 2021

The Fred DeBorrow & Jerry Wohlfarth Royal Arch Scholarship Fund was established for helping members of our California Masonic Youth Orders as they pursue their college education or education in a trade school. The scholarship fund, managed by the Grand Chapter, has maintained an historical

balance of around \$100,000. The investment earnings from the fund have been used to award 5-7 scholarships annually to selected applicants from the Masonic Youth Orders. The scholarship fund recently received a \$25,000 bequeath from the Wohlfarth estate. The scholarship fund has also benefitted from investment earnings over the year, bringing the balance to about \$134,000.

This year we received sixteen applications. Applications for the scholarships were submitted by members of all three of the Masonic Youth Orders. Five of the applications were from previous recipients for renewing their grant. It was the recommendation of the scholarship committee to Most Excellent Companion Bullard that eight scholarships be awarded this year. We recommended that all five returning applicants be renewed for \$1,000. We also recommended awarding \$1,000 scholarships to three of the new applicants.

It is truly inspiring to read the applications that include letters of recommendation from the leaders of the Bethels, Assemblies and Chapters as well as the letters from community leaders. The future is bright in the hands of these young adults. We only wish we could award more scholarships. Coincidentally, the administrators of the Knights Templar Education Foundation and the Sacramento Valley Scottish Rite scholarship programs are inquiring whether the applications to our Royal Arch Scholarships might meet their eligibility requirements. We hope so.

I wish to express my gratitude to Most Excellent Companion Richard Bullard for the opportunity to serve on this committee. My thanks to the members of

the Royal Arch Scholarship Committee: Excellent Companions Oliver Martinez, Gary Creason and Thomas Chavez for their service. And a very special thanks to our Grand Secretary, Right Excellent Companion Phil Hardiman.

R. Scott Husmann, Chairman
GGRAM Scholarship Committee



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.

ENCOMPASSER

The January 2021 edition is now available on the website. If you must have hard-copy, please call the Grand Secretary's office at the contact numbers listed below.

[http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser%20issues/Encompasser October 2019.pdf](http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser%20issues/Encompasser%20October%202019.pdf)

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR MARCH 2021 – MAY 2021

Date	Event	Location
Last Monday	OSI, 921 Masonic District	7:00 PM
Second Tuesday	Past Masters Meeting	11:00 AM to 1:00 pm
Second Tuesdays	Exec Comm	Virtual at 6:00 pm
Second Tuesday	San Diego Commandery	7:00 PM
First Wednesday	San Diego Scottish Rite	6:00 PM
Fourth Thursday	San Diego Chapter and Council	7:00 PM
First Friday	San Diego Lodge #35	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
13-Apr	Exec Comm	Virtual 6:00 pm
8-May	Grand YR Corporation	Virtual, 8:00 am
8-May	Grand Council	Virtual, 10:00 am
15-May	Grand Commandery	Virtual 10:00 am
22-May	Grand Chapter	Virtual 9:00 AM

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 714-396-0846, or rozekroy@gmail.com

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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. **Dues Collection** – 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:

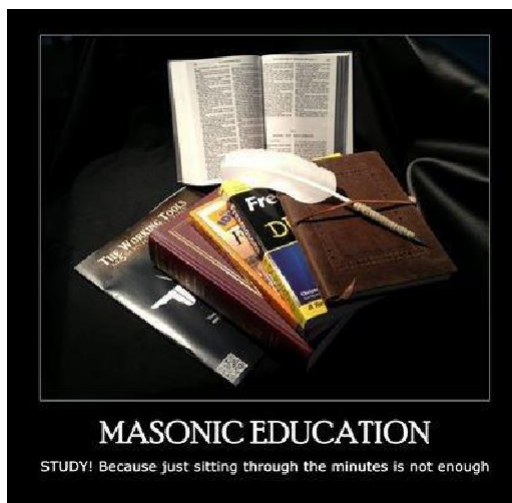
Chapter: See Section 201 in the Constitution at <http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Chapter/ROYAL%20ARCH%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

Council: See Section 30-10 in the Constitution at <http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Council/Grand%20Council%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

Commandery: See Section 347 in the Constitution at <http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Commandery/GRAND%20COMMANDERY%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. **Insurance** -- 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. **Lodge Book of Marks** – 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.

Golden State Research Chapter



Topic: Golden State Research Chapter is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: May 31, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom -- HOLD CTRL KEY DOWN WHILE CLICKING LINK

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/87980549645?pwd=emRoakl2SWhLRWR0emVzSXhwVIMzdz09>

Meeting ID: 879 8054 9645

Passcode: W7tp3w

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Passcode: 404611

Find your local number: <https://scottishrite.zoom.us/u/kciVzUSId4>

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, _____, respectfully represent that
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

- I am / not a resident of the State of California but resident in _____
- I am a Master Mason in good 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 Golden State Chapter as a dual/plural member of your Chapter; and
- If elected to membership, I promise cheerful compliance with the Bylaws of Golden State Chapter and Constitution of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California.

In connection with this petition, I provide the following additional information about myself:

Residence Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Residence Telephone _____ Mobile phone _____ Email _____

Business Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Telephone _____

Date of _____ Signature of _____
Petition _____, 20 _____ Petitioner _____

Recommendations:

The undersigned, member of Golden State Chapter, recommend the Chapter grant this petition:

1. Signature _____ Printed Name _____



2021 GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS Souvenir Ad Program Order Form

The program will be available in full color PDF format for distribution after the Sessions

Company Name or Organization _____

Contact

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Mailing Address City, State Zip _____

What do You Want Your Ad to Say?

Camera ready ad material is preferred. Provide an attachment in any of 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 we will invoice you via PayPal to use your credit card.

DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING AD REQUESTS: 5/01/21

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

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