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Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

I am packing up my Grand High Priest Apron and Collar that was passed to me from Most Excellent Leland Routt last year and so on over the years. Each time I placed the collar and apron on, I realized how much I owe each of the previous Grand High Priests and the responsibility those items carry. So, am I passing it on to Right Excellent Ray Broomfield, "should he be" elected as Grand High Priest on the 22nd day of May 2021. As you all know we have to use those words because in Masonry we are taught to take nothing for granted. Only by hard work, dedication to our jobs assigned or elected to seats of leadership as we move through our masonic journey, do we have any possibility to serve. Right Excellent Ray has been a great friend and colleague over these past few years. I can say with confidence he can and will do this job to the best of his abilities.

To the Progressive line, including the Grand Secretary and Grand Assistant Secretary and especially the Grand Lecturer, I cannot thank you enough for your patience and your willingness to do your tasks with remarkable fortitude. When I asked for your input, you each willingly offered it. On most of those occasions we were all of a like mind. But on those few when we seemed to have some differences of opinions, you

were also willing to share those. Because of the plans developed, you enabled our Chapters to navigate the unknowns of the COVID-19 Pandemic. And now, in the near future it seems, we will be able to resume in- person meetings. I so look forward to that time, to observe and participate in beautiful ritual and welcome new Companions into the Royal Arch.

I also want to recognize the appointed Grand officers and Department Grand Lecturers and Inspectors. When we were able to have Receptions or Open Chapter meetings you all did your job and met, talked and encouraged the Chapter Officers and members. To all the Chapter High Priests and Officers, a hardy “Well Done!” because of each of you, our Chapters survived one of the worst trying times in our history. You are remarkable.

And Companions all, I offer my heartfelt appreciation for attending our Chapter meeting using technology most of us were not even aware existed or dreamed of ever having an opportunity to use, much less even WANTED TO! But you did and because of it we can soon share The Royal Arch with brother Masons who are eagerly awaiting to join the Royal Arch...whether they know they want to or not.

My Capitular Pin includes the working tools. Our ancient Companions used those tools to discover hidden treasures as we all are aware. As I have mentioned in these articles during the year, the tools we wielded this past year, our Electronic Devices whether Desk Computers, laptops or smart phones, an attached video camera and a software platform, were the tools we used this year discover our own hidden treasures. To be able visit and hear each other’s voices, to see each other faces and to stay in communication. After all, is that not the primary reason we are Masons? We are Royal Arch Masons. Never forget that fact.

Thank you all. See you at Grand Sessions on May 22, 2021. And I will see you down the road!

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 now May 22nd.

GRAND LECTURER

Companions All

As we approach our annual Grand Session on May 22nd, it is good to reflect momentarily on what has transpired during the past year! We have endured this entire period in various forms of lock-down which has clearly prevented us from practicing our profession as Masons! The cost of this enforced separation has yet to be realized as we tentatively approach opening our Chapters again to face-to-face meetings. I have great confidence in our Chapters and Inspectors that we can quickly overcome our layoff and all of us can resume our great work in the vineyards of Freemasonry! I would reinforce to all that we aren't looking to just "get through it" to meet face-to-face; but rather to resume the great work we are known for doing in this Great Jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masonry! To this end, work on reopening in proper form with the ritual we all know! My hope is that the next few months will allow us more liberties indoors and we can resume performing our degrees as they were meant to be conferred! There is no current rush to reopen face-to-face; but plan to be there by the fall (September) if at all possible! One step at a time does the trick. First open and close, then the degree that you are best at doing, then assistance to other Chapters trying to put together a Festival to arrive at the ultimate goal of properly exalted new Royal Arch Masons in California! Before I close, I must tip my hat to our Grand High Priest, Dick Bullard! History has dealt him a far different year than the rest of us are used to seeing! Yet, his steady hand, sage

advice and terminally positive attitude despite the Pandemic have been largely responsible for the great state of our Grand Chapter today! Our profession grants superpowers to our Grand High Priests between Grand Sessions; yet Most Excellent Dick has approached this with humility and a great sense of historical perspective from the past and going forward into reopening! We are far better off for his sacrifice and willingness to serve under these adverse conditions! Well Done, good and faithful servant!

Your Humble Grand Lecturer - Steve.

p.s. Don't forget to support our Grand Sessions by attending and contributing to the history of this time through your presence in the Sessions Souvenir Program! It will definitely become one of the primary historical records of these momentous times! The deadline for ads is the 22nd of May to coincide with the last Grand Session of this year! Don't be left out, but show history that your Chapter was alive and functioning during the pandemic!

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

GRACE DEE MAY MUSEUM

The museum is proud to announce that the Los Angeles Independent Shorts Awards has honored the Grace Dee May Museum with an Honorable Mention Award for the Museum's video trailer, "The Knights of Early Los Angeles" which shares the history of the Knights Templar. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter and view the video on the GDM Museum's website: www.gracedeemay.org.

COMPTCHE– 2021

The Festival at Comptche for June 26th has unfortunately been cancelled. But now is the time to begin planning for 2022, the onerous lockdowns will surely 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 for next year. The Capitular Festival will be scheduled for June 25th, 2022.



SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

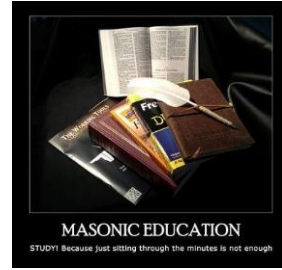
Secretaries new and old: near the end of this newsletter you will find a two-page document that serves as guidelines for Secretaries and Recorders – especially new ones.

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

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S
CALENDAR
MAY 2021



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 April 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.

[https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser%20issues/Encompasser April 2021.pdf](https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser%20issues/Encompasser%20April%202021.pdf)

| 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 |
| 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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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:

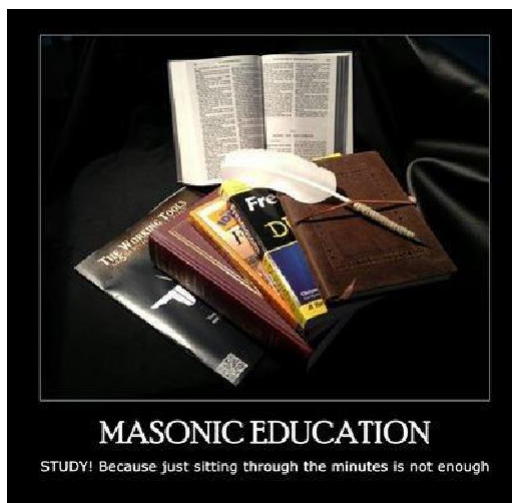
Chapter: See Section 201 in the Constitution at <http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Chapter/ROYAL%20ARCH%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

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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Meeting ID: 879 8054 9645

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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

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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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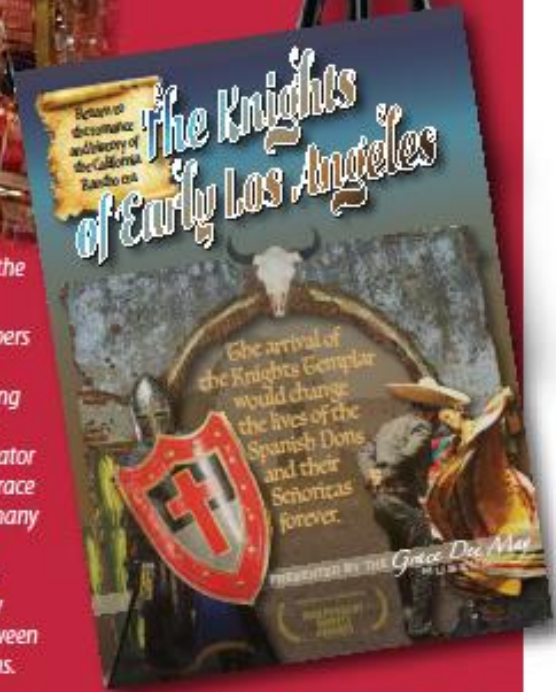
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Roll out the Red Carpet for the California York Rite Bodies!



We're proud to announce that the Los Angeles Independent Shorts Awards has honored the GDM with an Honorable Mention Award for the Museum's video trailer, "The Knights of Early Los Angeles".

The film festival released its list of winners in various categories of short films, documentaries, live action, fantasy, animation, and trailers.

The Grace Dee May Museum's entry "The Knights of Early Los Angeles", the trailer for an upcoming documentary feature, takes viewers back to the historic and romantic Rancho days of California and begins the saga of a new era with the coming of American and European immigrants

who changed a sleepy pueblo into the dynamic City of Los Angeles.

"The story of the impact that members of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 Knights Templar had on the founding and development of Los Angeles is incredible," reports Sean Foran, Curator and President of the Board of the Grace Dee May Museum. "The names of many of these Freemasons live on as the names of communities, streets and businesses. However, until now, few have heard of the connections between these men as Masons and as citizens. So we're honored that this video produced by the Grace Dee May Museum has been recognized among the entries by the LA Independent Shorts Awards."

www.gracedeemay.org

View the trailer, "The Knights of Early Los Angeles", visit:
<https://youtu.be/BJ2-7DOWRjw>



Watch for screenings of "The Knights of Early Los Angeles" at other Film Festivals around the world including:

Cairo Shorts Film Festival, Cairo, Egypt
Cine Al Patio Shorts, Buenos Aires, Argentina
European Cinefest Golden Nika, Brandenburg, Germany
Grace Film Festival, San Francisco, CA, USA
Independent Shorts Awards, Los Angeles, CA, USA

IndieX Film Fest, Los Angeles, CA USA
Leuven International Short Film Festival, Leuven, Belgium
Moscow Shorts, Moscow, Russia
The Pigeon International Film Festival, Isafjordur, Iceland
Sunlight International Film Festival, Berlin, Germany