

**Most Illustrious Companion
Eduardo Estrada, KYGCH
159th Grand Master**

Sword & Trowel

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Vision Statement

Cryptic Masonry is an organization where men of good character come together to improve themselves, their families, and their communities. It is where the highest Masonic values are learned by its member and applied in all their doings. As Cryptic Masons, we learn a way of life from our ancient teachings, develop meaningful and fulfilling lifelong relationships, and grow as enlightened men. We never hesitate to go out of our way to assist a widow, or a fallen brother.

Furthermore, membership in our Cryptic Councils provides us with a place where we, and our families, can find spirituality and likeminded positive thinkers, and where members of our community can depend on us for stability, leadership, and enlightenment.



In Memory of

Wednesday, November 13, 1946 William Earl Price born Pensacola, Florida; Died Saturday, August 17, 2019, 72 years, 9 months 4 days

Biography of William Earl Price Most Illustrious Grand Master, 2016-2017

Bill is married to Janet, and they have two grown children, Amanda (32) and Dylan (22). Bill was born in Pensacola, Florida on Wednesday, November 13, 1946, was raised in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Bill has been a member of the Stationary Engineers Union, Local 39 since 1983. He served as an auditor on their executive board until 2010. He was a rank and file contract negotiator and delegate to the San Mateo Labor Council.

Blue Lodge:

- Raised - December 8, 1983 San Mateo Lodge #226
- 2003 - Served as Master for San Mateo Lodge #226
- 2008 - Served as Master for Burlingame Lodge #400
- 2007 - Hiram Award recipient, San Mateo Lodge #22
- 2005 - 2010 - Temple Board, San Mateo Lodge #226
- 2010 - 2014 - Inspector for Grand Lodge of California, District #333.
- 2015 - Grand Lodge Youth Orders committee
- Served as a candidate Coach for both of the above Lodges.

Scottish Rite: Burlingame Bodies, AASR:

- 2004 - Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection
- 2009 - Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix
- 2011 - Master of Kadosh of the Consistory
- 2004 - 2005 - Fellow of the Craft
- 2004 - Chieftain of the Knights of St. Andrew
- 2005 - Knight Commander Cross of Honor (KCCH) recipient
- 2013 & 2014 - Chairman for Scottish Rite Golf Tournament
- 2014 - current - General Secretary
- 2015 - recipient of 33rd Degree
Scottish Rite Lodge Membership Lodge Diplomat
Stage Manager
Chairman of "Quiz Kids" Scholarship Program for Scottish Rite & Peninsula York Rite Bodies

Peninsula York Rite Bodies:

- 2005, 2006 - High priest of King Solomon's Chapter #95, Royal Arch Masons, San Mateo
- 2007 - Eminent Commander, Golden Gate Commandery #16, Knight Templars, San Mateo
- 2009 - Illustrious Master, California Cryptic Council #2, San Mateo
- 2010 - Knight of the York Cross of Honour
- 2010 - Secretary, Recorder of Peninsula York Rite Bodies
- 2004 - 2009 - Inspector, Dept. IV, Division A, Grand Commandery of California
- 2009 - 2014 - Assistant Director of Ritual, Division A, Grand Commandery of California
- 2010 - Cryptic Council Recorder of the Year
- 2010 - RAM Grand High Priest Distinguished Service Award
- 2010 - Knight Templar Distinguished Membership Award
- 2011 - Knight Templar Recorder of the year
- 2012 - Meritorious Service Medal Award - Knights Templar
- 2011/2012 Progressive line appointment Grand Sentinel, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of California
- 2012 - 2013 - Appointed Grand Steward in Grand Council of California

- 2013 - 2014 - Appointed Grand Conductor of the Council in Grand Council of California
 - 2014/2015 - Elected Grand Principal Conductor of Work of Grand Council Cryptic Masons
 - 2015 - Appointed Grand Council State Representative to Missouri
 - 2015/2016 - Elected Deputy Grand Master of Grand Council Cryptic Masons of California
 - 2016/2017 - Elected Illustrious Grand Master of Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California
- Member, Order of High Priesthood
 Member, Past Commander's Association, Past Virtual Prior
 Affiliated Member of California Commandery #1, San Francisco
 Officer's Coach, King Solomon's Chapter #95

Other Masonic Memberships:

- El Camino York Rite College - Currently Herald
- Allied Masonic Degrees, Golden Gate Council #95, Sovereign Master in 2006
- Red Cross of Constantine, St. Phillip Conclave, Puissant Sovereign 2015 - 2016
- Golden Gate Masters and Past Masters Association. President in 2011
- Knight Masons, Clanna Ruid Ruid #58, Past Excellent Chief
- Southern California Research Lodge
- Scottish Rite Research Society
- Golden Gate Research Society

Non-Masonic Organizations:

- Member, King's Mountain Archers, Inc.
- Member, E. Clampus Vitus, Lord Sholto Douglas Chapter
- Member, Adult School Advisory Council for San Mateo, CA

Notes and cards to our home are preferred and would be much appreciated. In lieu of flowers, Bill would've preferred donations in his name to Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) sent to Tiny Potter at: 345 N. Otono Ct, Camarillo CA 93012-6822.

Warm Fuzzies vs Cold Pricklies Part II



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California
Eduardo Estrada, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons-California

Dear Companions All,

At the end of my previous article I left you with the question, “What do you carry in your apron? I hope you took the initiative to contemplate on how you interact with your masonic brethren. Hopefully, it reminded you of one of our fraternity’s higher goals: “To spread the cement of Brotherly Love and affection, that cement which unites us into one sacred band or society of brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, but the noble emulation of who can best work or best agree. In other words, although it could be said that we are exemplary in practicing brotherly love, we should always improve upon such and continue to strengthen our bond. As we seek to implement such in our lives, no matter how loving we may be, this does not indicate that we have arrived at a place of self-sufficiency. Rather, we are to realize that we can always improve the extent to which we can emulate brotherly love. As we become exemplars, by way of ambassadors to the profane world, this would serve as a counter balance to the rash of incidents of hatred that is occurring today.

The Greek word for brotherly love is transliterated "Philadelphia," a compound involving two words: "phileo" (love) and "adelphos" (brother). It literally means "the love of brothers." It describes the love which Masons cherish for each other as brethren. We are truly a “band of brothers” with love being the cement that binds our hearts together. The world would know us by the love we show our brethren and our fellow man. In all aspects of life, our activities are performed in an honorable way so that we can reflect the fact that we are masons in the most positive light. Because our brand of brotherly love extends to the point of living and working harmoniously with everyone, we gain the respect of those who are not masons. The truth is that we are teaching and preaching the love of our fellow man, whether we see them at our convocations, in the workplace, and in our daily lives. The world needs to see us making a difference!

My father founded several lodges in Mexico, and was a founder and chief editor of a local newspaper in Los Angeles. What struck me most about how he conducted himself was the manner in which he treated his employees, the janitor sweeping the floors, the server at the lunch counter, and anyone else with whom he came into contact. He treated them with kindness, respect, admiration, and integrity. I try never to forget this lesson as I am convinced that we are only as good as our last act. It is not about what we look like, where we are from, or what profession in which we dedicate our time. It’s about the character that we build for ourselves that enables us to circumscribe our desires and to keep our passions within due bounds towards all mankind.

It is no wonder that Freemasonry, with its high principles of civility, has long held the imagination of the public. Historians have also been drawn to Freemasonry as a way to study questions about civil society and social life and have thus explored its public and political significance.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



Eduardo Estrada
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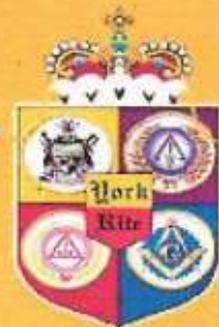
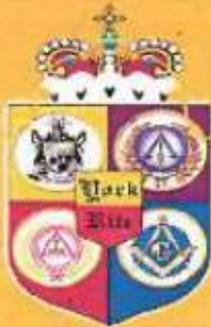
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

EC William Bowler Jefferies, otherwise known as Bill, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019, but was not present at Grand Sessions to receive it. As a consequence, Bob Morrison, Dave Sokol, Ed Reid, and Yours Truly went to Chico to present it to him at a luncheon, special called for the purpose.



Grand Sessions

Grand Sessions 2018, 2019, and 2020
Come join us as we move up the road



Wyndham Visalia
9000 W Airport Drive,
Visalia, California 93277



May 19 thru 23, 2018
May 18 thru 22, 2019

MAY 2 THRU 6, 2020

Northern California York Rite Association



On Saturday, August 10, 2019 the members of the Northern California York Rite Association gathered in Red Bluff and conferred the Royal Arch degrees on nineteen Master Masons. It has been three years since this organization put on these degrees. Royal Arch Chapter members from Shasta Chapter No. 6 out of Redding began the day by putting on the Mark Master degree.

Many thanks to EC Myron Tisdal PGC and Companion Mike Murphy for agreeing to help EC David Sokol create a new Mark Master degree team from the Redding Royal Arch Chapter. EC Richard Jolley from Chico Chapter No. 42 did an outstanding job of conferring the Past Master degree. EC Dick is a Camp Fire survivor and was presented a Past Prior jewel to replace the one that was lost in his home that burned down in Paradise, following his work as the Right Worshipful Master for the Mark Master degree.

EC Scott Husmann Royal Arch Department Grand Officer gathered a team from the Auburn area who are members of the Sacramento Sierra York Rite Association and did a wonderful job on the conferral of the Most Excellent Master degree. EC Scott performed the part of Right Worshipful Master for this degree and should be proud of both his and the rest of the team's work. A special thank you to all the members of this degree team that made the early morning drive up to Red Bluff to help out with the Festival.

Companion Andy Rieland with help from his lady Linda and their grand daughter Sarah served up a delightful lunch that was enjoyed by all the Companions present. At lunch EC George Durfee was elected and installed as the Northern California York Rite Association President for the coming year or until the next RAM degree festival is held up in the Far north.

After lunch the officers and members of Red Bluff Royal Arch Chapter No. 40 put on robes and conferred the Royal Arch Degree. EC David Sokol served as High Priest and did a magnificent job with that part. Assisting EC David was EC Tommy McClellan from Woodland Chapter No. 46 who did the part of Captain of the Host and gave the Key Lecture. The highlight of this degree, and I would say the day, was the performance of EC Joseph Dongo on his flawless and impassioned delivery of the lecture for the Royal Arch Degree. If ever you get a chance to see EC Joseph do any ritual work please do yourself a favor and go watch him. I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

I wish to extend a special thank you to both EC Tom Krummell and EC David Glass. EC Tom prompted for all four of the degrees and kept us from going too far astray, particularly that character that did the Principal Sojourner's part in the Royal Arch degree. EC David did his magic with the electronic devices that he brought with him and provided stunning visual aids and enhancements to all the degrees. Again, thank you to both of you for all you did to help make the degree festival a memorable experience to all that attended.

The members and candidates in attendance were treated to an appearance of the Grand High Priest Most Excellent Companion Leland Routt who traveled from Tracy to attend the Festival. MEC Leland congratulated all the members of the degree teams and encouraged the new candidates to "Get Involved" to enhance their York Rite masonic experience. The Grand High Priest was unable to stay for the Royal Arch Masons Degree because he had to attend another event in Stockton later that day. The day ended with the Department Grand Officer EC Scott Husmann thanking the degree teams and congratulating all the newly made Royal Arch Masons.

Robert A, Morrison NCYRA Secretary



Northern California York Rite Association

Note!!! Date Change Council only

Fall Festival

Chapter Degrees Saturday, August 10, 2019

Doors open at 7:30A.M. Degrees to begin at 8:30 A.M.

Coffee, Donuts & Lunch

Red Bluff Masonic Lodge

822 Main St.

Red Bluff, CA 96080

Cost Candidates and Companions \$20.00

Council Degrees, Friday September 20, , 2019

Doors open at 6:00P.M. Degrees to begin at 7:00 P.M.

Refreshments before and after Degrees

Humboldt Lodge

517 G St, Eureka, CA 95501

No Cost for Candidates or Companions

Commandery Orders Saturday November 2, 2019

Doors open at 7:30A.M. Orders to begin at 8:30 A.M.

Coffee, Donuts & Lunch

Redding Family Masonic Center

195 Masonic Ave.

Redding, CA 96003

Cost for Candidates and Companions \$20.00

Southwest York Rite Conference



Southwest York Rite Conference

November 1-2, 2019
The Orleans Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Companions & Sir Knights,

We look forward to seeing you at the 2019 Southwest Regional/Department Conference to be held at the Orleans Casino, in Las Vegas, Nevada November 1-2.

We've "labored in the quarries" for many hours to insure this will be the best Regional yet. This year's conference includes a reduced registration fee, premium quality meals, and an upgraded hospitality room; all for your comfort and enjoyment.

The GG Chapter, GG Council, and Grand Encampment have again obtained reduced room rates for you at the Orleans, **BUT you must make your reservations by September 30th** or the rates will increase significantly. Go to <http://www.OrleansCasino.com/groups> and use the group code A9YRC10 to book. You can also call the Orleans for your reservation at 1-800-675-3267, however the online process is faster because you avoid hold times. Room rates are \$54 per night for Thursday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday and \$105 per night for Friday and Saturday. There is a small resort fee and taxes which will be added to those amounts.

The Orleans is located at 4500 W Tropicana Avenue and is only 4 miles from McCarran International Airport. There is ample free parking onsite at the Orleans, and transportation to and from the airport is readily available via taxi, Uber, or Lyft.

The key to us getting affordable meeting space and accommodations is supporting the venue by having plated meals there. A lot of effort has been put forth this year to provide a VERY high quality meal at an affordable price. Not only do our bodies not make money from these meals, but this conference has even subsidized them to some extent to make them affordable for you. So please reserve and plan on eating the 3 plated meals with us. **Meal reservations must be made by October 15th!** Please also note that the Orleans buffet is extremely busy on Friday and Saturday (due to Senior and Local promotions, etc) and there are very long lines. Please do not plan on having meals there as it is highly unlikely you will be in and out in under an hour.

There are special activities for the ladies planned that will include shuttle transportation. Please refer to the ladies options in your registration packet.

If you have any questions you may contact the Arrangements Chairman, James Baum, at swrddgm@gmail.com.

Be sure to submit your registration by October 15th to avoid the \$15 late fee!

We can't wait to see you in November.

Take care and God Bless,

James (Jim) Baum, KYGCH
Southwest Regional Deputy General Grand Master
General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

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East Bay York Rite Association

East Bay York Rite Association
Presents the 51st Annual
Pilgrimage into the York Rite

2019 David M Shull Memorial Honoree: K. Mark Harris

Saturday, September 21, 2019

7:30 A.M. Registration; 8:30 A.M. Degrees Begin

****Chapter Degrees, exc. Royal Arch (\$30.00)***

Saturday, September 28, 2019

7:30 A.M. Registration; 8:30 A.M. Degrees Begin

****Royal Arch Degree and Council Degrees (\$30.00)***

Saturday, October 05, 2019

7:30 A.M. Registration; 8:30 A.M. Orders Begin

****Commandery Orders (\$30.00)***

Alameda Masonic Hall

2312 Alameda Avenue, Alameda, California

Lunch provided @ \$10 on September 28 and October 5

All Candidates must be preregistered with the East Bay York Rite Association Registrar

EMAIL to Fred Baclig: Waipahu6870@gmail.com

Call/Text: [925-216-1174](tel:925-216-1174)

****Degree Fees to EBYRA to be paid by Sponsoring Organizations***

Sebastopol



Royal Arch Sebastopol Chapter #117
Petaluma Chapter # 22
Santa Rosa Chapter #45
Marin Chapter # 102 /
Redwood Empire Council #46 Cryptic Masons
Santa Rosa Commandery #14 Knights Templar



Cordially Invites You, Your Family & Friends to attend our:

THREE-WAY GRAND YORK RITE RECEPTION

Honoring

Leland G. Routt, DSM-B, KTCH, KYCH – Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Eduardo Estrada, KYCH – Most Illustrious Grand Master
Sir Knight William A. McBroome, Jr., KYCH – Right Eminent Grand Commander

Saturday, October 12th 2019
Sebastopol Masonic Center
373 N Main St, Sebastopol, CA 95472
Social Hour/Cocktails @ 5:30 pm
Dinner @ 6:30 pm
Program 7:30 pm

Cost for Dinner: \$27

Please RSVP by Saturday, 04 October 2019

Please make your reservations with
Robert Mengelberg, PHP
Phone: (707) 823-3520 / Email: bobwrm@aol.com
Make checks Payable to Sebastopol Royal Arch #117



SACRAMENTO SIERRA YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY TO
THE ANNUAL 3-WAY RECEPTION

HONORING

Leland G. Routt, DSM-B, KTCH, KYGCH - Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Eduardo Estrada, KYGCH - Most Illustrious Grand Master

William A. McBroome, Jr. KYGCH - Right Eminent Grand Commander

Sunday October 20, 2019

**Sacramento Masonic Temple
1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814**

Social Hour: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:30 pm

Program: 7:30 pm

DINNER: \$30 Per Person

**Prime Rib carving station, with chicken option, baked potato,
salads, drinks, and dessert**

Please RSVP by October 18, 2019

With

Phil Hardiman, PGHP

Phone: 916-712-4814

Email: PhilipandNancy@aol.com

STOCKTON YORK RITE

GRAND GRAND

RECEPTION HONORING



Most Excellent Companion Leland G. Routt DSM-B, KTCH, KYGCH
Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons of California



Most Illustrious Companion Eduardo Estrada, KYGCH
Grand Master Cryptic Masons of California



Sir Knight William A. McBroome, Jr., KYGCH
Right Eminent Grand Commander Knights Templar of California

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019
11:30AM-12:30PM SOCIAL HOUR 12:30PM-3:30PM LUNCH & PROGRAM
STOCKTON MASONIC TEMPLE 340 EAST MARKET ST. STOCKTON, CA
R.S.V.P. WITH A CHECK TO "STOCKTON YORK RITE" PRIOR TO OCTOBER 19, 2019

SEND TO: STEVEN FOWLER
14050 BRANT RD. LODI, CA 95240-9783
SMEOWLER01@ATT.NET

PRICE: \$25 SINGLE, \$40 COUPLE

Santa Monica Bay York Rite Bodies

Companions, Brothers, Sir Knights and Ladies,

Santa Monica Bay York Rite Bodies

invite you and your guests to the

Grand York Rite Reception

honoring...

**Most Excellent Grand High Priest,
Leland Routt, KYGCH**

**Most Illustrious Grand Master,
Eduardo Estrada, KYGCH**

**Right Eminent Grand Commander,
William McBroome, Jr., KYGCH**



Sunday, November 3rd, 2019

Sunset Masonic Center
1720 Ocean Park Blvd
Santa Monica, CA 90405

Social: 5:30
Dinner: 6:30

Cost: \$35 per person, \$60 per couple

<http://grandyorkrite.rsvpify.com>

Dann



Thank you Heidi, and the members of Eureka Court 109, Order of Amaranth for this surprise at our Grand Officers Official Visit. Our Anniversary is 2 days away yet but this O.V. was tonight. Our California Grand Royal Matron and Grand Associate Mayron, and their escort, Pat Rose honored us with their presence tonight as well. Thank you all!

Scholarships

Companions, your children, grandchildren, & for some, great-grandchildren may receive financial help for attending school. After opening up Scholarship Center website, have them go to bottom of page & find the Scholarship Manual in (PDF format – 450KB) to download.

There they will find instructions for filling out the forms.

This is the [link](#) which will take you to the public Grand Lodge web page on scholarships. All the information you need should be right there. This is a complete manual that you can download that talk about all of the scholarships available from the California Masonic Foundation as well as the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Eastern Star, High Twelve, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, & Rainbow for Girls.

Grand Chapter Scholarships Awarded

Six awards in the amount of \$1,000 each have been granted in 2019:

Angelina Harris
Sarah Hegenbart
Kiley McCombs
Taylor McCombs
Elizabeth Miller
Amanda Ruble

Here's a picture of our Royal Arch Captain, Dave Sokol, presenting the Scholarship check to Elizabeth Miller in Red Bluff.



Grand Lecturer, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

Companions All

I rolled over last night and it suddenly became fall! That's right, it's time for fall festivals throughout the state and the usually sedate and low key summer break is over for most of our Chapters! As your Chapters and Associations are planning these annual degree conferrals, remember that quality ritual work is the key to our recruitment and retention of new York Rite members! It's quite easy to get trapped in a rush to "GetR Done" because of the next set of degrees and Orders following hard on the heels of the Royal Arch with no time to correct if something happens to the cast or venue! This is a necessary evil, I understand and live with; But, I enjoin everyone to work with our ritual staff, especially the Inspectors and DGLs and vice versa to ensure that we approach these festivals with consideration for the issues that confront the Chapters involved and the duty imposed on the ritual staff to ensure that only quality work is performed at these gatherings! There is a great deal of flexibility allowed by our Constitution in where the degrees are held, how many Chapters are involved and how many degrees are performed in any one day! Please do your best to find ways to accommodate these issues locally so that Both the Chapters involved and the ritual staff can do their jobs for the Harmony of the Whole and with a successful outcome! Canceling a festival or degrees should be considered as a last resort because it indicates to All a failure to coordinate these issues successfully! I wish everyone success in the fall season and a universal celebration at the sharing of more light in Masonry!

The six man opening is on its way to you through the ritual staff this Labor Day weekend. The information on the ritual staff retreat is out via separate email for those Companions invited to join us in Visalia on 5-6 October! Have a safe and productive September and a harmonious Festival season!

Your Most Humble Grand Lecturer – Steve.

Editor's Thoughts

Humour or some of us remember these years

1955 - 63 Years Ago...Comments made in the year 1955!

I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$10.00.

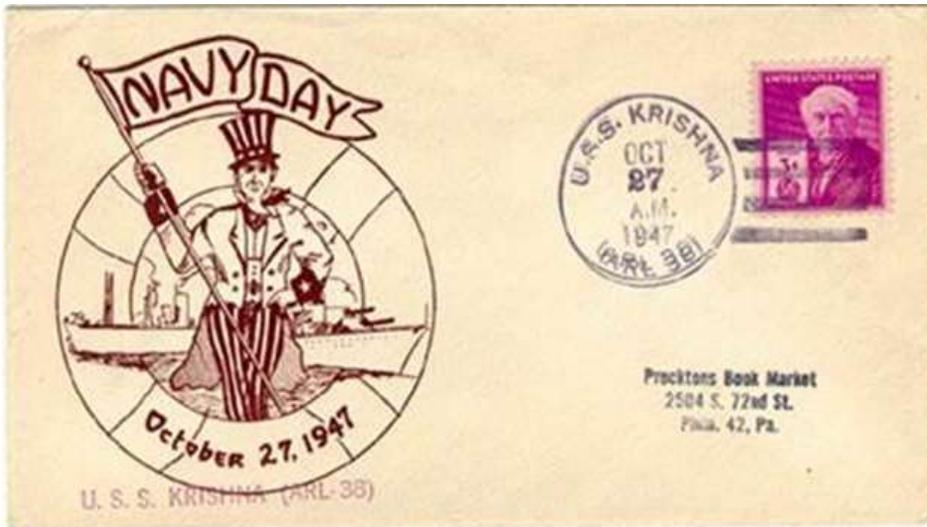


Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$1,000.00 will only buy a used one.



Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter?





If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.



When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost more than 20 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying DAMN in GONE WITH THE WIND, it seems every new movie has either HELL or DAMN in it.



I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.

Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$50,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.



I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They're even making electric typewriters now.

It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.



It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.



I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.



Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to government.

The fast food restaurant is convenient for a quick meal, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.



There is no sense going on short trips anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$2.00 a night to stay in a motel.

Now that we have Humor out of the way as our first topic and since I know each of you (reader's) advance directly to my comments, let's get on with it.

Bill and I had a dream, I do not know why he was in my dreams but he was my mentor. When I was appointed as Grand Sentinel, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of California we laid out a plan to visit each Council in the State within two years and then to repeat visitations until that time I became Illustrious Grand Master but that dream crashed and my mentor was Most Excellent Companion Bill Wine, Past Grand High Priest (Deceased).

We were going to talk, to offer our time and support to build upon their base, to become well known in their community. Well, never got that chance but maybe it did happen. Do not know if it a result of discussions, wishful thinking or more than likely, someone else's discussion but Modesto Lodge No. 206 is growing, building upon their base. When a bunch of us were trying to keep Modesto Chapter, Council, and Commandery a viable entity we discussed many activities. We discussed Bowling Night, a Chocolate/Wine Night, etc. Now I have noticed Modesto Lodge No. 206 having Masonic Camping Trip July 24-26, 2019, 60's Fever Party, Constitution Night, etc.

But we do have some fantastic news, Van Nuys York Rite is excellent with their activities, San Bernardino and San Diego are excellent and Red Bluff is stepping up. WOW, Thank you Companions, Brother's, and Sir Knights.

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 & Sword and Trowel, 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 membership data in order to compute the end-of-year number of active members that is crucial to computing 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).

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.

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