

# THE WORKMAN



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## Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

As 2020 draws to a close we cannot help but look back at the year we have all experienced. It was, to say the least, an unprecedented year for Masonry and for our beloved York Rite bodies. A delayed Grand Sessions, using a technology that most of us had never heard of to hold our meetings, Virtual elections and Installations to name but a few. We have heard, if not thought, "This is not what I thought Masonry was going to be like when I joined!" "These shut downs have ruined the Royal Arch." "I want it the way it used to be!" Interesting remarks to be sure. But being the optimist I think I am, I want to look at the glass as half full not have empty.

I want to ask each of you, "So, what have you gained during these past 8 months?" I believe we have found ways to maintain our communications with the members of our Chapters. We have held Receptions throughout the Bay area that have been so very enjoyable. We can meet electronically to get our Chapter business done. We can hold

**Elections and Virtual Installations. I myself was able to attend the Grand Sessions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Massachusetts early in November. An Interesting Day to say the least. Did you know that 9:00AM EST is 6AM PST? Made for an early day!! I was even asked to have the opening remarks and welcome to all the visiting Dignitaries. I have plans to meet the Royal Arch Masons of Maryland to just discuss Freemasonry and how to spread the word in particular of York Rite Masonry this Monday evening at the more civilized time of 7:00PM EST. San Luis Chapter had an educational lecture by the Right Eminent Colin Prout of Victoria Australia on Hagai! All these things to have an opportunity to do and only be dressed from the waist up!**

**As we all know, “What we get from Masonry is simply what we put into it.” What we give to each other is what we receive in turn. We welcome each other no matter where we are or how we meet. We give to our Chapters and in turn our Chapters grow in strength and in numbers. It may seem this current pandemic has no end but it will. What we each need to do is be ready for that time. Start now by refreshing your Degree parts. Read the Chapter opening and closing ritual. What do those words really means? Why do the veils have such a vital part to our Opening? Is it that the Blue Veil is our link back to our Lodges? Or the Purple Veil explains the mixture of the candidate beginning to understand the path he has chosen and the Red speaks of the dedication of those companions that carry on the story? Maybe it’s that the White Veil is witness to the glory of the Supreme Architect and the realization of who we all knew him to be? Or is it something else? Let me know.**

**Life goes on. Through good times and not so good times. Through sickness and through health. Through new life being brought in the world and sadly saying goodbye to other loved ones. Through life’s normal times and through life’s changes. Many of you have experienced these things during the 2020. I do want to share one change coming in particular to a San Diego Royal Arch. Excellent Companion, W. Austin Swank and Lady Julia and little William are making a change. EC Austin is our current Grand Orator, DGL for Dept 5, Secretary of Chapter No 61, Ritual leader and other positions. He is making a career move to Texas. Austin is a jet engine mechanic tech extraordinaire, or so he says! He has been offered a position as Test Operation Technician – Propulsion and Test Development with SpaceX. I know it was a hard decision for he and Julia to make but will be a great one for all three of them. He will be missed in our Masonic Family in San Diego and in California. He promises to be at Grand Sessions to fulfill his commitment as Grand Orator. Please congratulate him on his new career!!**

**I will close now by wishing each of you and your families and very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a Happy Holidays and Especially A Very Happy New Year. I look forward to 2021 and the opportunities and challenges it may bring. God bless you all!**

**Fraternally,  
Richard W. Bullard, KYGCH  
166<sup>th</sup> Grand High Priest  
Royal Arch Masons of California**

## **MEC RANDY DOWNEY** **SURGERY**

Friends,

I wanted to let you all know that I have been diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer. I will be going in for surgery this Friday, December 4. I will be in hospital 2-3 days. The surgery will be followed by a course of chemotherapy. I don't know yet what that will consist of or how long I will be on it. This is, of course, a scary time, but I'm very fortunate to have Micki by my side, keeping my spirits up and helping me to stay strong. I will keep everyone apprised of my progress.

Randy

## **GRAND SESSIONS 2021**

Grand Sessions for 2021 are now scheduled for May 15-20, 2021. Grand Council will meet on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>; Grand Commandery on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>; and Grand Chapter on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Corporation will meet the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **GRAND LECTURER**

Companions All

I trust that the Holiday Season finds you well, at home and safe! The pandemic rages on as I write this and is expected to continue for some time! The best scientific guess as to when we will be able to meet again face-to-face is the May-June time frame depending on how quickly the bad actors in our state can get their second vaccination plus two weeks of antibody production. Since this group is at the bottom of the current priority list, it

will be some time before the efficacy of the vaccine will reach them! Remember that our re-opening is largely dependent upon the county numbers for new cases per week per 100,000 in population! Masons are but a drop in this bucket and we will have to wait until the vaccine is widely available in CA before we will achieve yellow status! This having been said, I encourage everyone to check out the vaccines as they become available and choose the one that has the least risk for your personal situation (they are not all the same) and get a pair (it takes two to tango!). In the meantime, here is where we stand on ritual and meetings: We CAN do stated Convocations and Installations by using the Ample Form opening and closing ritual delivered by an authorized Grand Chapter Officer; we CAN vote on bills, Bylaws resolutions and election of Chapter Officers where the ballot is NOT considered confidential by using a "raise hand" or "poll" (if available) feature of the meeting virtual software, e.g. Zoom, Free Conference Call, Go to Meeting, etc.; we CAN ballot on affiliations and new candidates where the ballot should be anonymous by using Survey Monkey in the anonymous response mode of the software; we CAN NOT perform ritual or Officer Qualifications virtually at the present time! There is a PowerPoint slide deck available from the Grand Secretary to assist your Chapter in opening and closing and Installation of Officers. These slides are modifiable for you to customize for your Chapter locally! Please avail yourselves of these slides if desired to help in your upcoming Chapter events. Finally, if there is enough interest at this late date, I am happy to put on a Zoom training event for the state to provide some tips and tricks for scheduling and conducting a stated Convocation via Zoom. Please discuss this at the Chapter level and email me or

the Grand Secretary of your interest in such an event, ~1 hour, during the week of 14 Dec before the Holidays take us in different directions! Don't forget to take advantage of the many Masonic lectures that are available locally to help keep your Chapter Virtual Meetings informative to your members while we wait for better times! In the spirit of the season, I wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday!

Your Most Humble Obedient Grand Lecturer

Steve

## GENERAL GRAND TRIENNIAL

This convocation was opened virtually, by MEC Jim Hodge, on November 21<sup>st</sup>, with 595 companions in attendance from around the world. A number of luminaries were present, in particular Most Eminent Grand Master Jeff Nelson, and Most Puissant Monty Glover. The Budget was passed with total revenues expected for 2020-23 to be \$741,400. No new per capita charge was brought up or acted upon! A new website will soon be released, and the following awards were announced:

**Silver:** Russell Sayer, AZ

**Gold:** David Riggs, KY; Dr. Frank Muzak, AZ; and Marcus Trelaine, DC.

The new General Grand High Priest is Steven Tiner, and the new General Grand King is Teko Foly. The new General Grand Scribe is Chadwick Burks, who we know well as our SW Deputy General GHP over the last few years. There were 403 registered voters present and Chad received 56.2% on the second ballot. And finally, the new Southwest Deputy is Erick VanEckhoutte, and our Ambassador remains MEC Gary Spriggs.

## GRACE DEE MUSEUM

Enjoy a relaxing day and take a moment to visit the Grace Dee May Museum Instagram site, Facebook page and website to learn more about the Masons who Marked Thanksgiving Day.

<http://www.facebook.com/gracedeemaymuseum>

<https://www.gracedeemay.org/what-s-on>

An online gift shop has been created, and the information about it is included at the end of this edition.

## COMPTCHE-2021

The Festival at Comptche, was unfortunately cancelled this year. But now is the time to begin planning for next year, 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 for 2021. The Capitular Festival will be on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

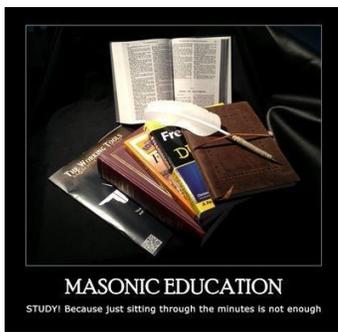
Secretaries new and old: near the end of this newsletter you will find a two-page document that serves as guidelines for Secretaries and Recorders – especially new ones.

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/cagyrf/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 by HP Dave Sokol for Monday night February 22nd 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 Bob at [bpmorrison@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bpmorrison@sbcglobal.net).

A paper entitled "Who was Moses" was just presented this evening (Nov 30<sup>th</sup>) and

the Bibliography for the paper is attached to this newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A Morrison, Secretary

## CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

For those of you who are Knights Templar (and there are many of you who are not!), Sacramento Commandery #2 is celebrating Christmas on December 12<sup>th</sup> with the standard annual observance program, however this time via Zoom. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for particulars.

## GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

The application period for the Royal Arch Scholarships for 2020 is now closed. Applications for 2021 Scholarships are now available at:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/rara.html>

The Masonic Family has a large number of scholarships available to our youth, but how many of those in need of assistance really "KNOW" they are available?

California Royal Arch \$1,000 Scholarship requirements:

A member of the Masonic Family (ie: Rainbow, Jobs Daughter or DeMolay)  
A US Citizen  
A California Resident  
A 3.0 Grade Point Average  
Enrolled or Accepted at an Educational Institution

The deadline to apply for the 2021 Scholarship Program is March 2, 2021. 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](mailto:sec-rec@yorkriteofcalifornia.org).

Once chosen, the award of \$1,000 is renewable for a total of 4 years, as long as the requirements are maintained. Do you know a Rainbow Girl, Job's Daughter or DeMolay that could benefit by knowing this information? What are you waiting for – make that call!



### 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](http://www.mpenterprises.weebly.com); or directly to his email at [maxluy@hotmail.com](mailto:maxluy@hotmail.com).

## ENCOMPASSER

The **October** 2020 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\\_April\\_2020.pdf](http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser%20issues/Encompasser_April_2020.pdf)

## GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 2020 – 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
Dec 8	Exec Comm	6:00 pm
Dec 11	Hannukah	All Day
Dec 12	Sacramento Christmas Observance	Virtual 10:00 am
Dec 25	Christmas everywhere	The entire Day!
Jan 12	Exec Comm	Virtual 6:00 pm
Feb 6	4-Way Reception	Virtual from Auburn
Feb 9	Exec Comm	Virtual 6:00 pm

Feb 20	3-Way Reception	San Diego Virtual
Feb 22	Research Chapter	7:00 pm
Mar 9	Exec Comm	Virtual 6:00 pm
March 12 – 13, 2021	Officers' Conference	Visalia
Apr 13	Exec Comm	Virtual 6:00 pm
May 16, 2021	Grand Banquet	Visalia, 6:00 pm
May 17, 2021	Grand Council	Visalia, 8:00 am
May 18, 2021	Grand Commandery	Visalia, 8:00 am
May 19, 2021	Grand Chapter	Visalia, 8:00 am
May 20, 2021	Grand YR Corporation	Visalia, 8:00 am

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**GRAND SESSIONS, FORMS & SCHEDULES**  
 Website:

[WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG](http://WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG)

**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](mailto:rozekroy@gmail.com)**

## SECRETARY and/or RECORDER ESSENTIALS

Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: [www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org](http://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 31<sup>st</sup>.
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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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# **Guidelines for a VIRTUAL 3/4-Way Reception: How to do it well!**

- **Host must arrange, develop the Virtual invitation and distribute to all guests.**
- **Expected dress: Appropriate Jackets, Term ties, lapel pins, Collar and Jewel. Communicate this in the invitation!**
- **Prepare the agenda and distribute with the invitation electronically at least 1 week prior to the Actual Meeting date.**
- **Meeting Host check waiting room for virtual admission and verification of guests. Plan at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the Reception.**
- **Master of Ceremonies – Welcome and statement of purpose for the reception.**
- **Honorary Chaplain - INVOCATION – No altar or Bible is required for the reception!**
- **Designated Officer - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE OR National Anthem (Ensure that you have a picture of the flag of our country with 50 stars that can be displayed onscreen!)**
- **Master of Ceremonies or his Designated Officer introduces non-Grand York Rite Officers in attendance, e.g. special guests, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, Shrine, White Shrine, Youth Group leaders, etc.**
- **Master of Ceremonies – introduce first Grand York Rite Head of Body to all OR (preferred) the Grand Officer in charge of introductions for that Grand Body (note that this is a Requirement for introductions of the Grand Master of Masons)! Order of speaking should be either Royal Arch, Council, Commandery and Grand Master OR Council, Commandery, Royal Arch and Grand Master as desired by the Master of Ceremonies. Please inform the Grand Heads of Bodies which order they will be speaking Before the Reception begins!**
- **Grand Head of Body Speaking - should ask one of his Grand Officers (usually one of the Grand Marshals in attendance) if not already recognized by the Master of Ceremonies to do the introduction of the Grand Head of Body Speaking After introducing the Current and Past Grand Officers present along with the DGLs and Inspectors (ritual staff as appropriate) in attendance either Before his remarks (preferred) or After his remarks (also OK). Don't forget to do these introductions!! Grand Head of Body Speaking then proceeds to deliver his remarks in full.**
- **Master of Ceremonies – After thanking the speaker, he can ask for questions for that Grand Head of Body and/or Introduces the presiding officer of each sponsoring constituent body present (including Blue Lodge Masters when it is**

the GM turn) and calls upon each one in turn with the host constituent bodies last in each group to make whatever virtual presentation (arranged IN ADVANCE) they have for the Grand Head of Body Speaking. Don't forget to include the Grand Master in these presentations! This would include charitable donations to the charities of that Body if appropriate AND gifts for the lady of the Grand Head of Body Speaking if desired.

- **Grand Head of Body Speaking** – makes his presentations (virtually) back to each presiding officer and his spouse (if present or otherwise desired) or the senior officer present from that constituent body and his lady (if present). Once all exchanges have been made virtually, he announces that his part is complete.
- **Master of Ceremonies** – Introduces the next Head of Body Speaking or the Grand Officer in charge of introductions for that body (preferred). Repeat the procedure above for each Grand York Rite Body present. If there is a musical interlude, the Master of Ceremonies will introduce the interlude per the announced agenda and ask for appreciation of the performers. If the Grand Master of Masons is speaking (not just in attendance as a guest), then ensure that all thanks and acknowledgements for putting on the event are done Before the Grand Master is introduced!
- **Master of Ceremonies** – wraps up with thanks for the folks that made the reception possible, don't forget the Host of the virtual meeting IF the Grand Master of Masons is Not speaking (otherwise done before the introduction of the Grand Master of Masons). Finally, introduce the Chaplain for the Benediction. Adjourn!

**Notes:**

- **Dress Code:** The invitation will set the appropriate dress code for the event. The Master of Ceremonies should be dressed for Blue Lodge unless he is presenting as the presiding officer of one of the constituent bodies in attendance. All presenting officers should be dressed as the Grand Head of Body they are supporting prescribes. Changing coats and ties for each segment of the program is acceptable if desired, but not necessary unless presenting on behalf of that body. The Grand Officers and presenting Officers should be dressed as prescribed by the Grand Head of Body they are representing; coat, tie and jewel to match the Grand Head of Body's desires. All other officers and members will wear the respective coat and tie of the constituent body they wish to represent. It is desirable to change coat, tie and uniform if presenting for more than one constituent body.
- **Setup of Lodge Room** if utilized for pictorial ceremonial purposes will be with **Constituent Body Banners** (Chapter, Council, Commandery, Blue Lodge, as desired, AMD, etc.). Altar will be draped with an altar cloth with a Closed Bible surmounting, (if desired for viewing).

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# SACRAMENTO COMMANDERY No.2

The soul is protected  
by the armour of  
faith, just as the  
body is protected by  
the armour of steel.

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**You, Your Family, and Friends**  
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The Knights Templar

## Christmas Observance

and

Renewal of Knightly Vows

**December 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM**

**Zoom Access Link**

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### **Participation of:**

- **REGC Cirilo Marquez, Grand Commander**
- **Reverend Sir Knight Raymond Davies, Grand Prelate**

# SACRAMENTO SIERRA YORK RITE ASSOCIATION GRAND YORK RITE RECEPTION



*HONORING*



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



Most Illustrious Companion  
**Robert A. Morrison, KYGCH**  
160th Grand Master  
Cryptic Masons of California



Sir Knight  
**Cirilo P. Marquez, KYGCH**  
162nd Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Knights Templar of California

*With special guest*  
Most Worshipful  
**Arthur H. Weiss**  
Grand Master  
F&A Masons of California



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021  
10:00AM**

Hosted By Auburn York Rite

**Royal Arch Masons**  
**Sacramento Chapter No. 3**  
**Nevada City Chapter No. 6**  
**Gold Country Chapter No. 11**  
**Washington Chapter No. 13**  
**Woodland Chapter No. 46**

**Cryptic Masons**  
**Sacramento Council No. 1**  
**Marysville Council No. 3**  
**Sierra Nevada Council No. 13**

**Knights Templar**  
**Sacramento Commandery No. 2**  
**Auburn Commandery No. 4**  
**Nevada Commandery No. 6**  
**Marysville Commandery No. 7**

All Masons and guests are invited to join the Virtual Reception via this Zoom link:  
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Grand Officers, Ritual Staff, High Priests, Illustrious Masters, & Eminent Commanders  
Please register in advance to be properly introduced or to make a presentation during the event  
via an email to: [reception@auburnyorkrite.org](mailto:reception@auburnyorkrite.org) with your name and title

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## **ELECTION PROCEDURES USING SURVEY MONKEY FOR ROYAL ARCH ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest gave us permission to use the Survey Monkey platform to hold our Chapter election of officers. Survey Monkey is a free program that anyone can download and use to publish a ballot. The Companions voting do not have to have the program loaded on their device in order to vote. The purpose of this document is to guide Companions through how this process might work.

### **PUBLISHING THE SLATE OF OFFICERS**

The first step is to publish the proposed slate of officers to the members of the Chapter. This list must include all the elected positions: High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, and Secretary. This should be done by whatever means the secretary normally uses to communicate with the membership. The list should be published far enough in advance of the scheduled election for the members to see it and consider it. Preferably the list is published two weeks in advance of the meeting, but less is acceptable.

As part of publishing the slate of officers, clear instructions should be included as to how a Companion can nominate someone for an office who is not listed on the slate; i.e. "other nominations". The following is a recommended method for accomplishing this:

"Should a Companion wish to nominate someone other than those listed on the slate of officers, he must send his nomination to the High Priest at (insert email address) no later than (insert time) on (insert date). Additionally, it is the responsibility of the Companion wishing to make the nomination to contact the nominee and have the nominee inform the High Priest of his willingness to accept the nomination. This acceptance must also be received by the High Priest by the same date and time." NOTE: The due date and time *should* be the morning prior to the scheduled election so that the ballot can be created as needed.

### **RESULT OF PUBLISHING THE SLATE**

If no other nomination is received AND accepted, it is not necessary to create a ballot and use the Survey Monkey program to vote. Someone not on the ballot can be selected to state at the meeting that "there being no other nominations I move the secretary cast the unanimous ballot for (name) High Priest, (name) King, (name) Scribe, (name) Treasurer, and (name) Secretary, of this Chapter for the upcoming Capitular Year." Anyone can second and a voice vote can then be held. The High Priest would then follow the normal procedures for asking Companions to accept their position.

If he desires, the High Priest could create and disseminate a ballot instead of using the method outlined above.

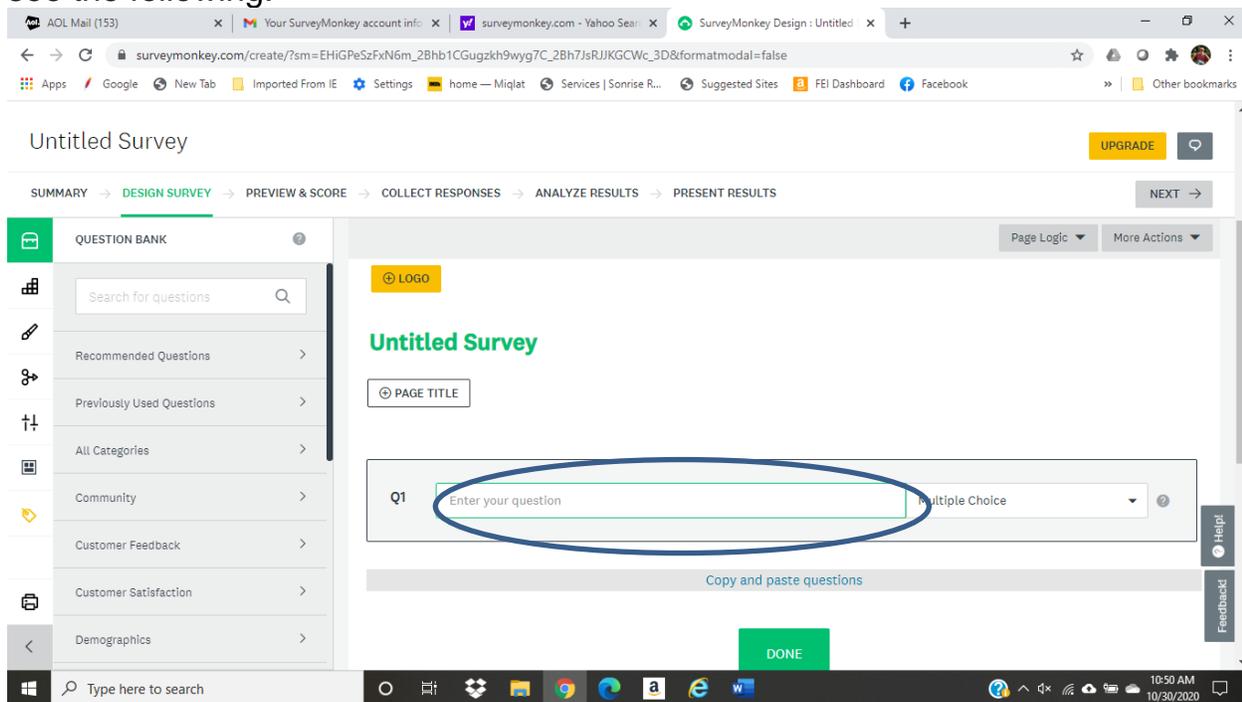
If a nomination is received and accepted in a timely manner, then a ballot must be prepared and utilized. Survey Monkey provides a link to the ballot that the

secretary can send out to all Companions in good standing. The link should be sent 10 to 15 minutes in advance of the scheduled meeting where you plan to vote to ensure Companions have it in time to vote. In this communication let the Companions know that votes will be accepted from the time of receipt of the link to 30 minutes after the meeting opens. The purpose for this is to ensure Companions at least log in during the meeting time. After all, if we were having in person meetings they would have to be present to vote.

The following is designed to help the Host set up and run the balloting in Survey Monkey.

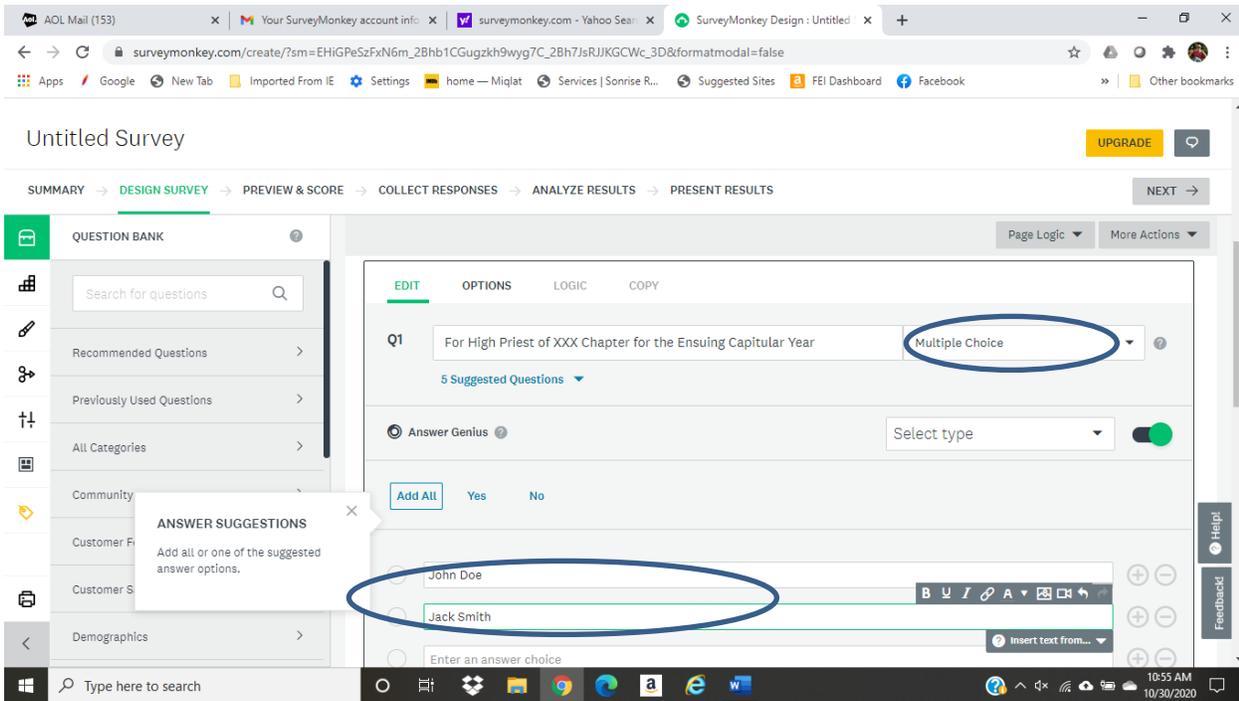
## CREATING THE BALLOT

1. If the host does not have a Survey Monkey account, go to [surveymonkey.com](https://surveymonkey.com) and click on the box “sign up free”. Follow the instructions and create an account. If the host has an account, go ahead and log in.
2. Once logged into your account click the button at the top of the page that says: “Create Survey” Under “Create a New Survey” click “Start from Scratch” You will see the following:



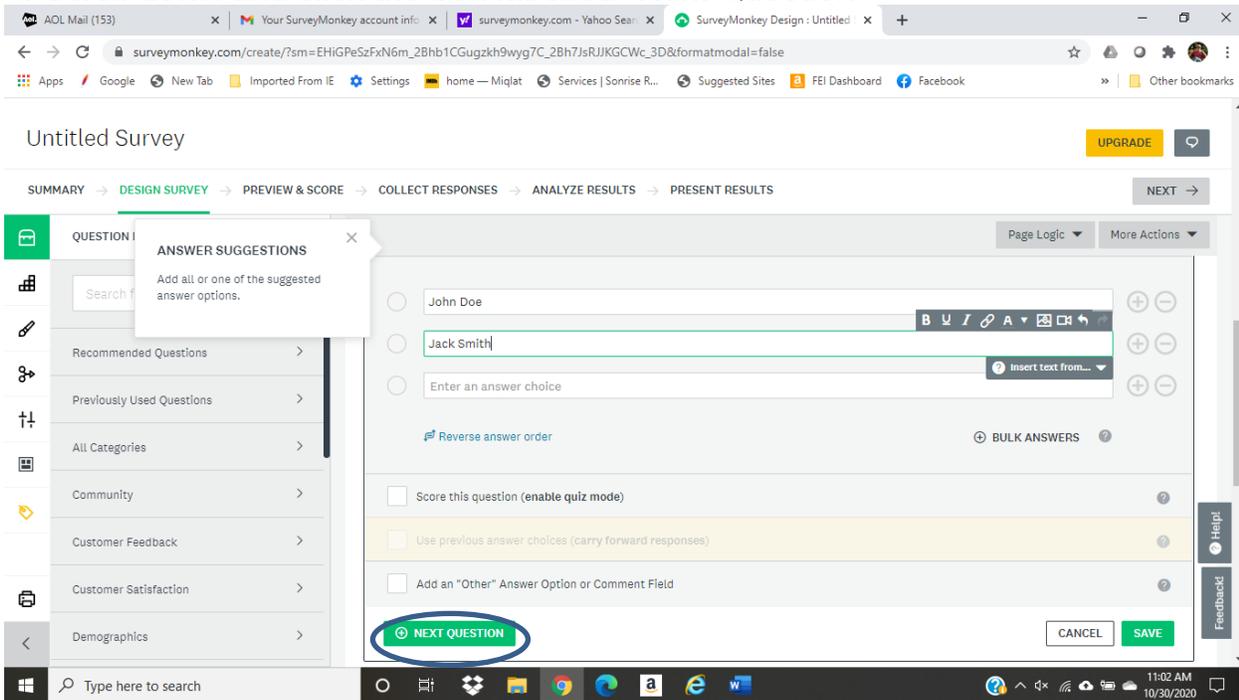
3. Where it says Q1 “Enter your question” (where the added circle is in the above photo) Type your first question. It could be something like “For High Priest of XXX Chapter for the Ensuing Capitulnar Year”

4. From the drop down box next to the question select “Multiple Choice”. NOTE: You must click on the drop down and select multiple choice even if that is what appears in the box already. You will then get a screen that allows you to fill in your nominees. Simply type in their names as shown below.



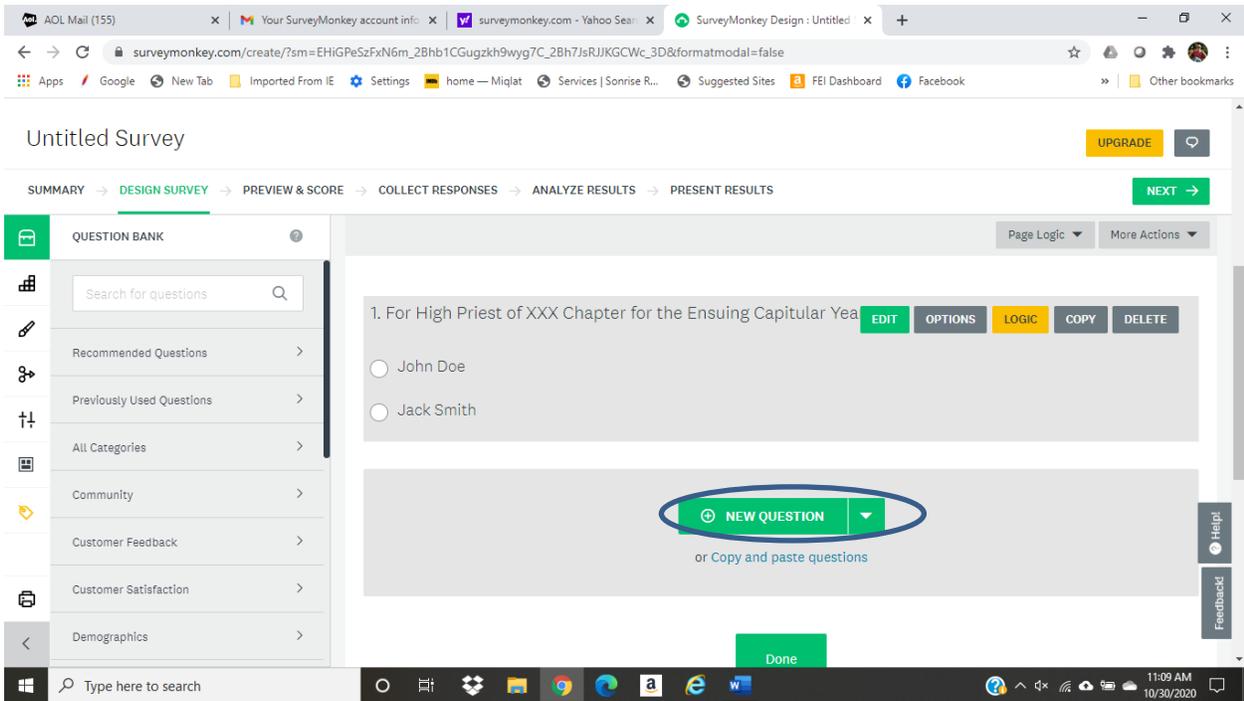
5. If there is only one nomination for the office the question should read: “For Companion John Doe to serve as High Priest of XXX Chapter for the ensuring Capitular Year”, and the answers should be “Yes” and “No”

6. Scroll down and click the box labelled “Next Question”



7. Repeat steps 3 through 6 for King, Scribe, Treasurer, and Secretary.

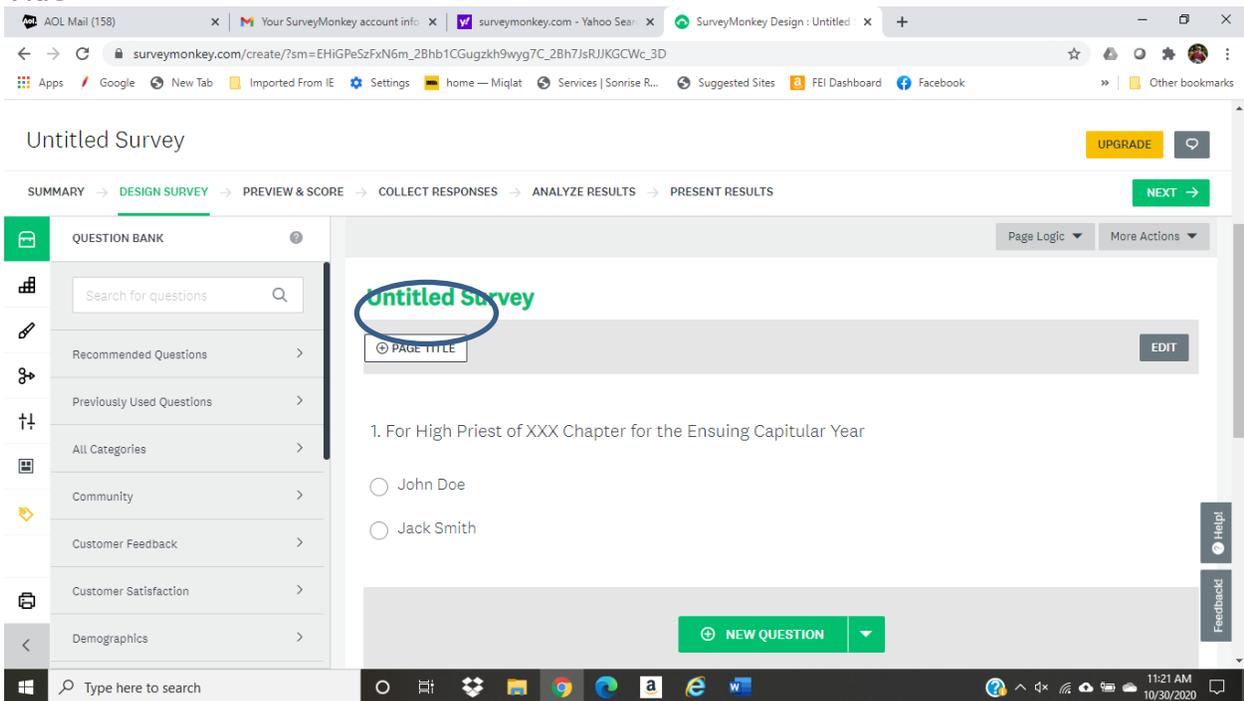
NOTE: If you click save before you are finished with all your questions it will bring you to the following page. In that case simply click on “New Question” and repeat steps 3 through 6 as needed.



The “Done” button at the bottom of the page is part of the survey, you need not use it to create your survey.

Once you have completed all five questions click on the “Save” button to get to the page printed above.

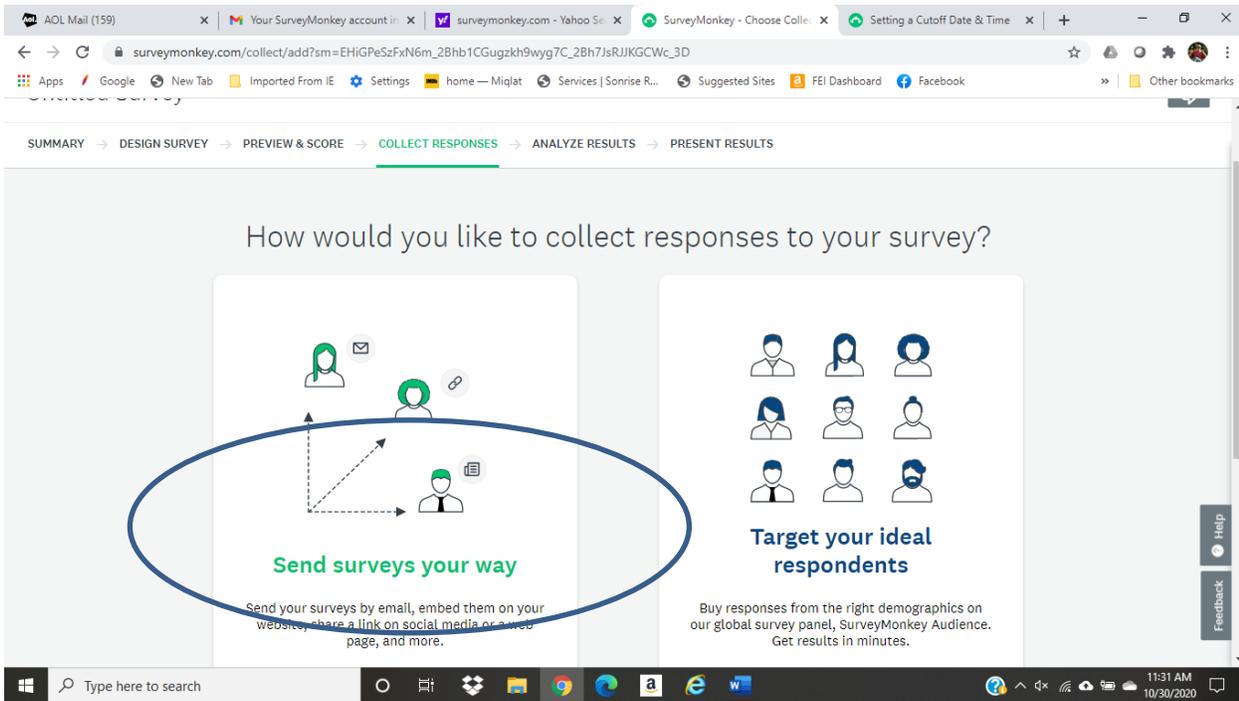
8. If you wish to give your ballot a title, go to the top of the page and click “Page Title”



You will get a drop down menu that allows you to enter a title and description if you choose. Hit save to return to the above page.

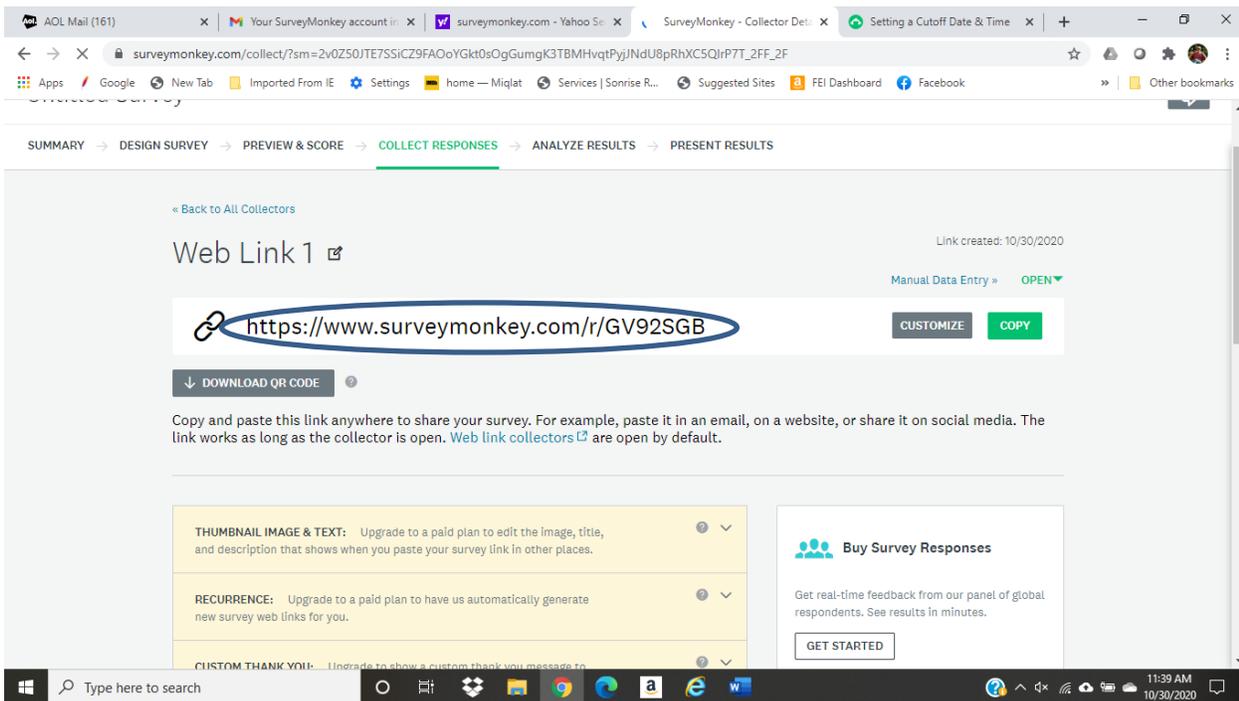
9. At the top of the page click “Next”, this will bring you to the Preview and Score page. Simply look over the page for accuracy and click “Next” again.

10. This brings you to the “Collect Responses” page.

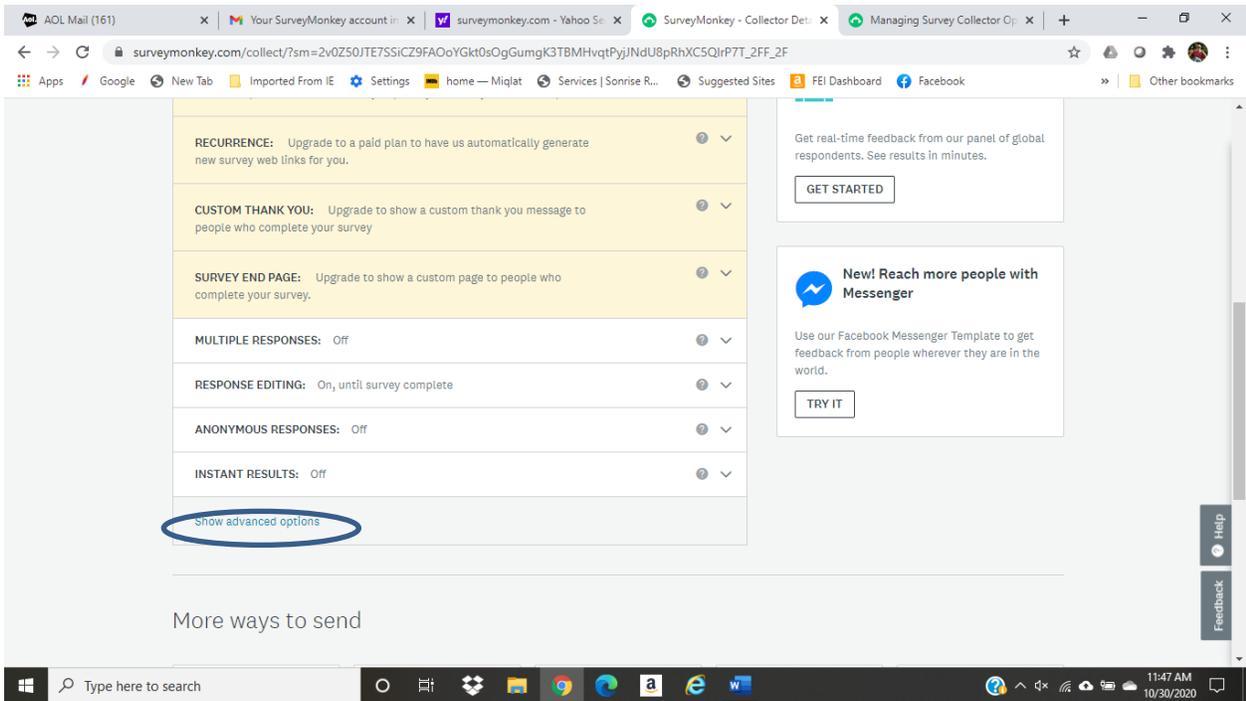


Click on “Send Surveys your way”

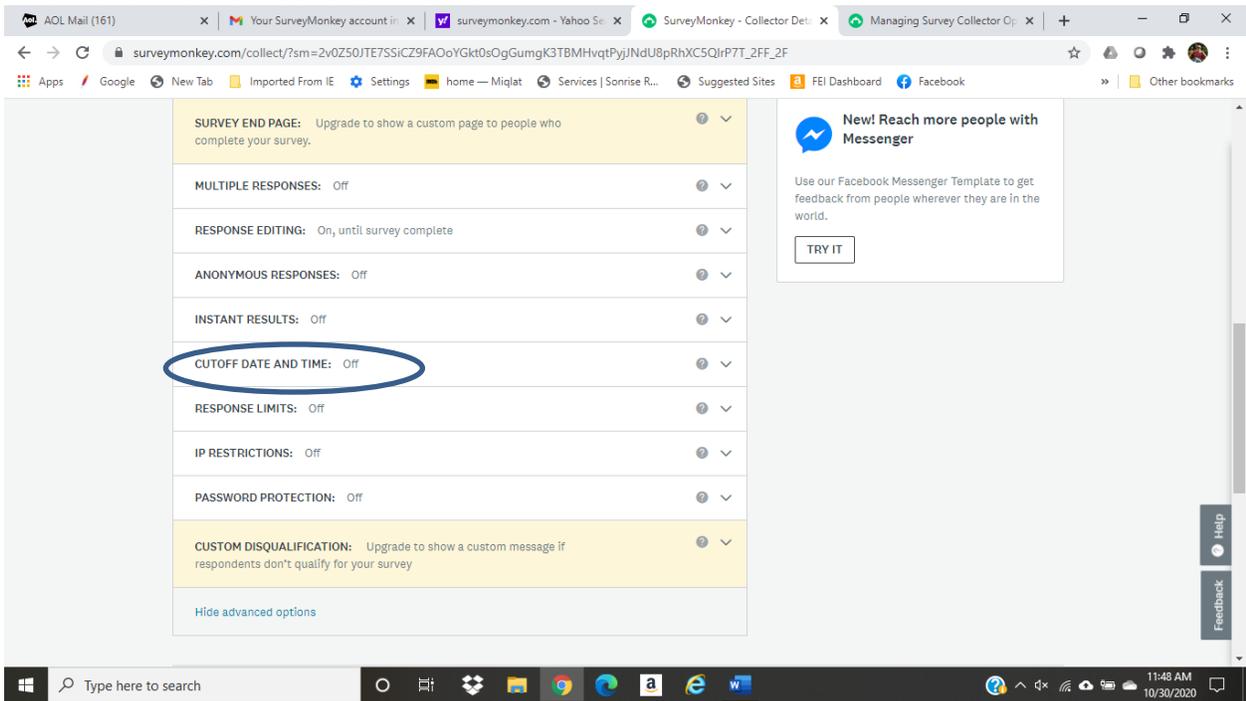
11. Click on “Get Survey Link/Share a Link”, this will give you a link to your survey. This link is what the secretary will send to those Companions eligible to vote in the election, and should be sent 10 to 15 minutes prior to the meeting.



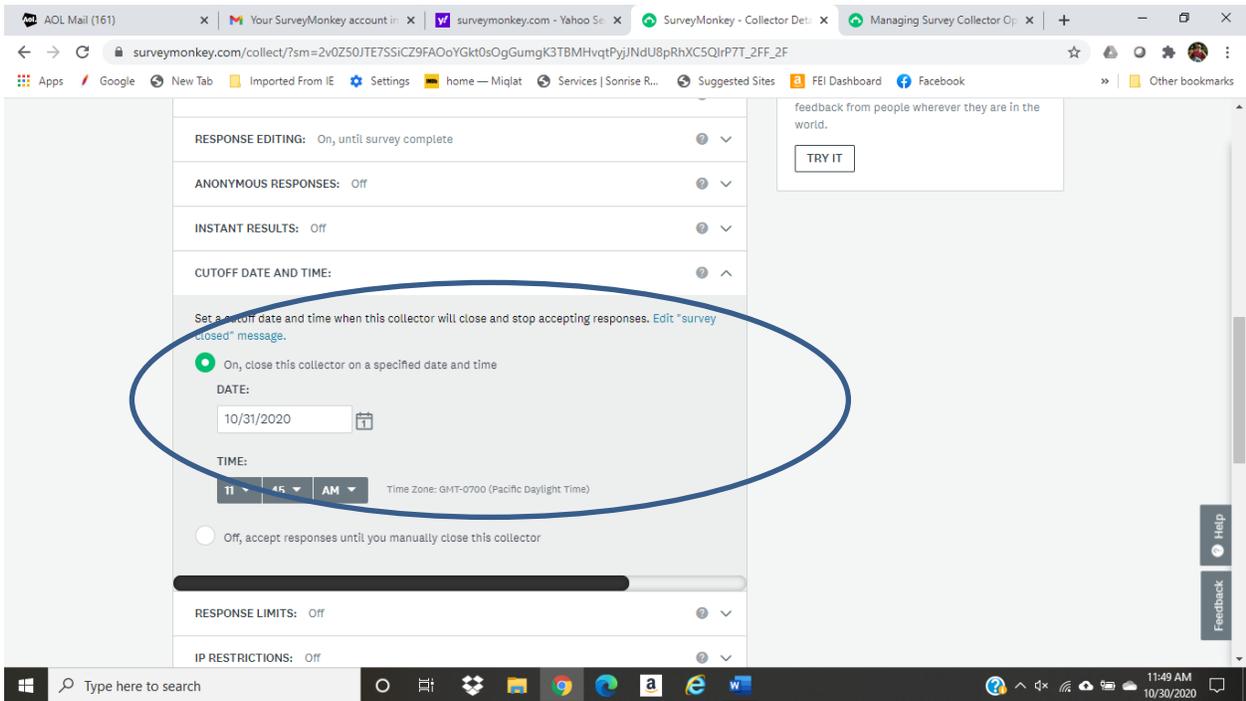
12. To set the automatic cut off time at 30 minutes past meeting opening, scroll down on this page and click “show advanced options.:



Then click “cutoff date and time”

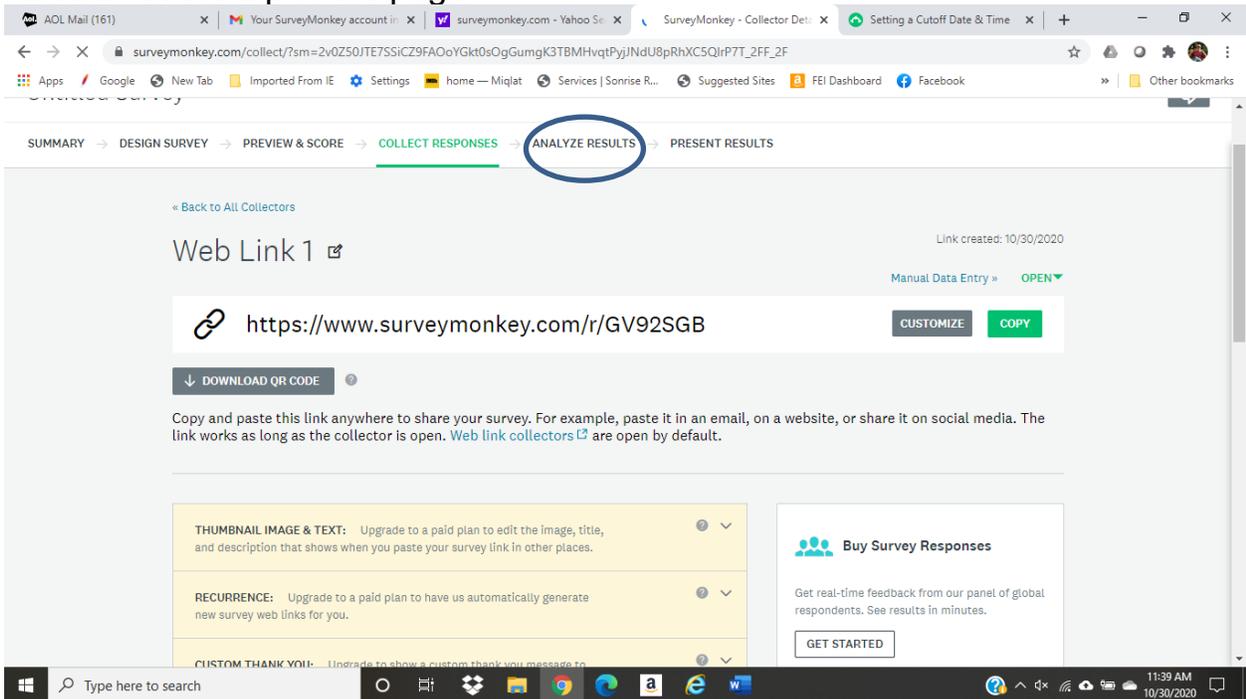


Select “On” and enter your required date and time.



Then click on “Edit survey closed message” and type in whatever message you want to give companions who try to vote after the balloting is closed.

13. The host will receive results as they come in. These are easy to read on the Analyze Results page which can be reached by clicking on the words “Analyze Results” at the top of the page.



14. The High Priest declares the balloting closed at 30 minutes after meeting opening, and the host privately contacts the High Priest with the results of the balloting. The High Priest announces results and asks the individual Companions if they are willing to serve. The High Priest declares the Companions elected and the process is complete. While this process is fairly straight forward, it is by no means fool-proof. Host are strongly urged to do a test survey with the Dais officers prior to the live election.