

THE WORKMAN



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Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

The mid-summer is upon us, including the seasons heat. It is a time of vacations and in many cases your Chapter may be dark. A free night! What to do with a night off? Why not plan a visit to a local Lodge in its place. Show that the York Rite Mason is active in his Blue Lodge. This is how we can gain members from Masons who are sitting in our Lodges but have never really had the exposure to the York Rite.

At one time that was the case in my own Lodge. Then along came a York Rite Mason who was active. He encouraged me to become active again after a very long time of absence. He encouraged new members from the Masons in the Lodge. Many were Scottish Rite (that is good) but they had never been approached about York Rite. Today, that trend has changed in my Lodge. We have about an equal number of Scottish and York Rite Masons with many members involved in both. If each York Rite Mason reaches out to their Blue Lodge Brothers we will grow, possibly even double our membership in a very short period of time. Don't stop there! Reach out and encourage current inactive members to come back and take part in our Chapters. Some have told me they really don't want to be officers at this time. We need sideliners too! I know many officers have been disappointed performing the opening in an empty room. Let's fix it!

My travels around the state have been very enjoyable -- meeting new Companions and ones I haven't seen in some time as well. This month I will be in Arizona visiting our Companions at their annual session. In the last few years I have had the opportunity to visit almost all of the Southwest region Royal Arch bodies, missing only Hawaii. I was hoping to make their session this year but again conflict may prevent it. I have sent to them our greetings from California. During those visits along with the social activities we get to talk about common problems and share ideas on how to approach them.

Your officers have been working to improve our Grand Chapter. We have been carefully looking at expenses and procedures. We are putting new procedures in place to keep us on a good financial setting for years to come. These new changes and implementation of them is being carefully analyzed and worked through by the entire progressive line so the we are in complete agreement before proceeding with any changes. Some hard decisions are being made but with unanimous support of your officers they will be the right choices for our future.

We had a bit of shaking in Ridgecrest. Our members there had some minor personal damage for the most part. The Lodge experienced around \$25,000 damage to the inside. With no major structural damage to the building. Our Grand Lecturer was among those with damage. We can be thankful that none of our people experienced personal injury.

I wish you well and hope to see many of you in my travels.

Fraternally,

Leland G. Routt, KYGCH
165th Grand High Priest
Royal Arch Masons of California

COMPTCHE– 2020

The outdoor festival this year was a great success, and Chapters should be planning now to build a class of candidates for next June.

See the picture below for the 10 new Companions exalted this year: David Sonnenberg, Jeff Schloo, Paul Stathatos, Tim Giddings, Jesse Grossmann, Mark Davis, Rex Pembroke, Ariyeh Schmeder, Paul Abeyesekera, and Robert McKenzie.



Be sure to put Comptche on your Calendar for 2020. The 2020 Festival, if you can see your way there (!), will be on June 27th, 2020.

GRAND LECTURER

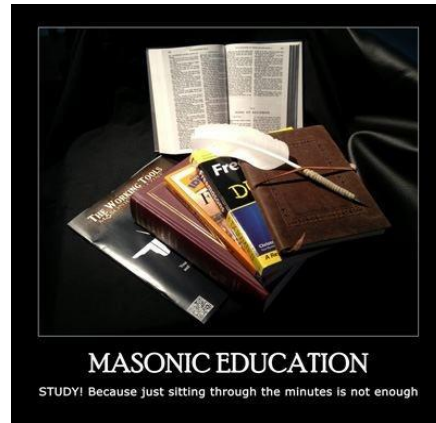
Companions,

This past month has been busy with admin tasks; but August is looking up for renewed energy for the fall festivals and degree conferrals! The Business-Only six man opening has been reviewed by the Grand High Priest and will be going out for final review and dissemination at the beginning of August.

We will be printing revised rituals with that approved opening included as well. Hopefully they will be ready for shipping to you by Labor Day? Likewise, the qualification questions for incoming HP, K and Sc in 2020 should be available by Labor Day to pass to your incoming dais officers. We will also be reworking the Manual of Ceremonies for printing in the fall with additional ceremonies for healing and anniversary celebrations. The ritual staff will be meeting with the executive committee to discuss these items and to review our ritual during our annual ritual retreat on Sat-Sun 5-6 October in Visalia. All in all, a busy summer to prepare for a productive fall season! I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer season in a far less "shaky" place than I am cleaning up from!?

Your Most Humble Grand Lecturer –
Steve.

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER



Companions,

On Tuesday, May 21, 2019 the Golden State Chapter of Research for the Holy Royal Arch met at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, California. Most Excellent Companion Randy Downey PGHP opened the meeting in Ample Form. After a brief talk about William Preston, the annual election of officers was held but no installation happened because several of our officers were absent. The installation will take place Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the meeting at 12:15pm in San Francisco, during the Grand Lodge Annual Communications.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert A Morrison, Secretary

SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

**SECRETARIES AND RECORDERS
NOTE: PLEASE KEEP THE LAST
THREE SATURDAYS IN AUGUST
OPEN FOR SPECIAL DAY-LONG
TRAINING, LOCATIONS TO BE
ANNOUNCED VERY SOON.**

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

GRAND SESSIONS 2020

Dates for the 2020 California Grand York Rite

Monday, May 4, 2020 – Grand Commandery

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 – Grand Chapter

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 – Grand Council

A copy of the flyer announcing the venue as the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, and showing future years, is included at the back of this newsletter.

GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Pictures of presentations will be forthcoming in future editions.

information about Royal Arch Scholarships for 2020, will be posted at the following website later in the year:

<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 2020 Scholarship Program is March 1, 2020.

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.

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; or directly to his email at maxluy@hotmail.com.

ENCOMPASSER

The July 2019 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://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser_issues.html

OR

Go to <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org>

and click on The Encompasser on the left of the top toolbar.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR

AUGUST – DECEMBER 2019

Date	Event	Location
Aug 3	3-Way Reception	Alameda
Aug 4	3-Way Reception	South SF, Orange Park
Aug 10	Fall Festival	Red Bluff
Aug 14 -17	AZ Grand Sessions	Tucson, AZ
Aug 17	8-Way Reception	Barstow
Sept 5-8	Grand Sessions	Denver
Sept 12 - 14	Grand Sessions	Wyoming
Sept 21	Council Degrees	Eureka
Oct 1	53rd Anniversary	???
Oct 4-6	Chapter Ritual Conference	???
Oct 12	3-Way Reception	Sebastopol
Oct 18 - 19	Annual Communication	SF, Grand Lodge
Oct 20	3-Way Reception	Sacramento
Oct 21 - 22	Fall Festival	Colorado River
Oct 26	3-Way Reception	Stockton
Nov 1-3	SW Regional Conference	Las Vov 3egas
Nov 2	Commandery Orders	Redding
Nov 3	3-Way Reception	Santa Monica
Nov 28	THANKSGIVING	EVERYWHERE
Nov 29	NorCal DeMolay Conference	
Dec 4	Christmas Party	Acacia Creek
Dec 7	Christmas Party, Masonic Temple	Tracy
Dec 21	Bethel Installation	Tracy
Dc 25	CHRISTMAS	EVERYWHERE

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>

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

WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG

SECRETARY and/or RECORDER ESSENTIALS

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

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

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

Priorities are as follows:

1. **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:

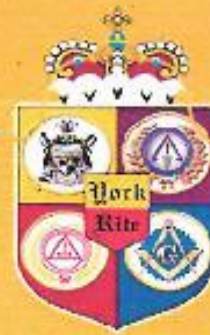
Chapter: See Section 201 in the Constitution at <http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Chapter/ROYAL%20ARCH%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

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 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.

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 thhru 22, 2019

MAY 2 THRU 6, 2020

A REMINDER – PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The East Bay York Rite Association invite you to

Grand York Rite Reception

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Leland Routt, KYGCH

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Eduardo Estrada, KYGCH

Rt. Eminent Grand Commander, SK William McBroome, Jr., KYGC

Date: August 3rd, 2019

***RSVPs are Required**

Social: 3:00pm

Dinner: 3:30pm

Location: Alameda Masonic Hall

2312 Alameda Avenue

Alameda, California

***RSVPs are Required**

RSVP with a Check to "East Bay York Rite

Send to Federico Baclig

5021 Vesteny Ct., Antioch, CA 94531

Text/Call 925-216-1174

email: waipahu6870@gmail.com

The cost of the meal is: \$25 per Person

YOU MUST RSVP so enough food is ordered

PLEASE RSVP before July 27, 2019

Peninsula York Rite Bodies and San Francisco York Rite Bodies
will be hosting the
Annual York Rite Picnic and Grand York Rite Reception
Honoring



Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Leland Routt, KYGCH
 Royal Arch Masons of California



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



Right Eminent Commander
SK William McBroom Jr., KYGCH
 Knights Templar California

Sunday, August 4, 2019
11:00 am gathering time; 1:00 pm lunch

Orange Park

Orange Avenue & Memorial Drive
 Eucalyptus Sheltered Area
 South San Francisco, CA

Reservations are a must!

Price: \$15.00 per person (13 years and older)

Children 7-12 years old: \$8.00

Children 6 and under: free



Reservation deadline: July 30, 2019

Reservations received after deadline and at the door will be charged \$20.00 per person!

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Send this form along with your check before: July 30, 2019

Yes! I don't want to miss this fun picnic event!

Name: _____

Total number in my party (including myself) adults: _____ @ \$ 15.00 each

children between ages of 7 to 12: _____ @ \$ 8.00

children ages of 6 and under: _____ free

Enclosed is a check with a total of: \$ _____



Please make check payable to: **Golden Gate Commandery #16**

Mail this stub and your check before 7/30/2019 to: **Bill Price – 4004 Branson Dr. San Mateo, CA 94403**



Northern California York Rite Association

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, Saturday September 21, 2019

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

Coffee, Donuts & Lunch

Humboldt Lodge

517 G St, Eureka, CA 95501

Cost for Candidates and Companions \$20.00

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

For more information contact

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Mail reservation and check to

Dave Sokol Registrar/Treasurer

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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