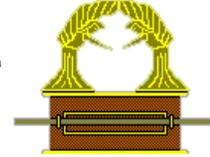


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Leland G. Routt, GHP Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California

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Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

The month of June has been a fast one with trips north and south. We started in Red Bluff for a great meal and a very relaxed casual reception. Red Bluff may be warm in June but they are a great group to visit. Well worth the trip! Next was Channel Island in Oxnard. Again, a great meal and very nice crowd. I enjoyed it immensely. One of the gifts was a hand painted poppy that was done by Fred Ervast's grand-daughter for my wife. It happens to be Leslie's flower as Grand Royal Matron for California Amaranth.

I had the honor this year to announce winners of Royal Arch Scholarships at the Jobs Daughters Grand Bethel and was well received. Thanks to Excellent Companion R. Scott Husmann and the rest of his Scholarship committee for their hard and timely work to make the selections in time to actually announce the winners this year at Jobs Daughter Grand Bethel. The announcements showed the youth at Grand Bethel and the affiliated adults who we are and our support for them. At this point it is still boys 0, girls all, as there will be scholarships for Rainbow Girls announced at Grand Assembly in the spring.

From Ontario a quick run overnight to the fantastic Tunzi Ranch, in the Mendocino woods for the annual Comptche Outdoor Royal Arch Degrees. I have been going to this event for several years, but I must say that this year the degrees were the best I

have attended in Comptche. Guy Chalmers and his crew did a great job putting the whole event together and a special "well done" to the Inspector Excellent Companion John Monahan for his work in putting the ritual teams together for all four degrees. This is a difficult job since some of the participants do not get to practice as a team, but come from a distance away and have to fit in with those that have practiced together. Thank you Larry Tunzi for hosting this event on your ranch. This completed 47 years of Royal Arch degrees in your outdoor setting!

I also represented California at the Nevada Grand Sessions following Comptche. It was nice to visit with our Companions in Nevada and see how they are coping with the same membership problems as us.

Membership starts in the Lodge. Without the growth of Master Masons we can't grow our Chapters with new Companions. When we help our Lodges to stay alive and grow, everyone benefits. We must offer to new master masons "the rest of the story" in the Royal Arch. At Comptche this year again a Master Mason of 15 years stood up after the completion of the degrees and told how the degrees helped him understand the Craft degrees he had received many years before.

I have seen a method that really works to bring more members into Royal Arch. Not only more members but active new members! I call it the Joseph Dongo method because he has used this approach very effectively in Sacramento. He became a candidate coach in his Craft Lodge. As he worked with the candidate through the degrees he also told them bits and pieces of information about Royal Arch Masonry. By the time they received their third degree they were ready and interested to become Companions. His success rate is 19 of 20 new companions have become active in the York Rite! Stay active in your blue Lodge. Wear your coat of Red (or Purple) to Lodge. Then tell them about us.

I look forward to seeing more Companions around the state in the weeks to come.

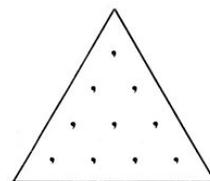
Fraternally,

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

COMPTCHE– 2019

The outdoor festival was a great success – though not because we achieved our goal of 47 candidates for the Pythagoras Class. The Almighty took this opportunity to instruct us all in the nature of Pythagorean symbology: The number 47 is probably coincidental in Pythagoras' scheme of things, but the

number 10 is not, it being the number of Jods in an equilateral triangle, known as the Tetractys:



Both the Jod and the Triangle are emblems of Deity, hence how significant that He sent us 10 candidates, not 47!

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



Our Grand Lecturer gave a brief but informative talk on Pythagoras, his history and ideas. This was followed by the distribution of commemorative lapel pins to those in attendance, followed by a New York Steak BBQ! Be sure to put Comptche on your Calendar for next year. The 2020 Festival, if you can see your way there (!), will be on June 27th, 2020.

GRAND LECTURER

Companions,

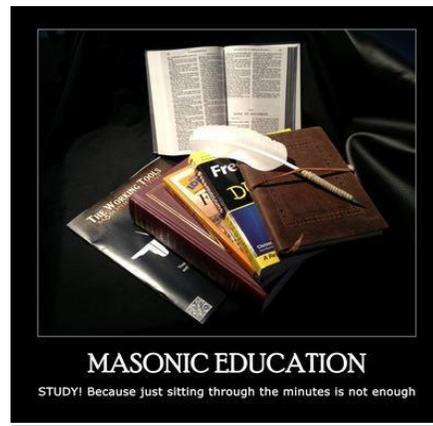
Having just returned from the outdoor degrees at Comptche, I was very pleased with the overall quality of the work and want to thank all the combined casts for their expertise and dedication to giving our candidates a truly special experience to remember! Special thanks to Guy Chalmers, Larry Tunzi and the Inspector John Monahan for organizing a special event at Tunzi Ranch for this 47th year! Well Done!!

We are putting the finishing touches on the opening ritual for Business Only Chapters with six to eight members

present. A couple of points for clarification as we roll this out for all to use this fall: 1) Even though the Veils are not speaking parts in this opening, they should be set up in the Chapter room as a visible reference to their presence in the ritual; 2) The seventh and eighth Companions present short of a normal quorum of nine can sit either as Chaplain, Sentinel or as a Veil, Secretary or Treasurer without having to speak. I much appreciate the feedback I have received, from those Chapters who are Beta testing the new ritual, for their helpful comments. Thanks again one and all!

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. In addition to the usual reading of the minutes and the paying of the bills, Excellent Companion Jonathan Prestage, Research Chapter High Priest, gave a talk on William

Preston and the Royal Order of Scotland. The research on this topic is still ongoing by EC Prestage and he has asked for help in locating material about this subject. Specifically a book, British Freemasonry 1797-1813Vol III.

The annual election of officers was held but no installation happened because several of our officers were absent. The Royal Arch Research Chapter 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 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 January 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

JUNE – DEC 2019

Date	Event	Location
July 3-4	Reception and Parade	Van Nuys/Newhall
July 6	Ice Cream Social	San Luis Obispo
July 14	3-Way Reception	Los Gatos
July 19-20	Red Cross of Constantine	Sacramento
July 20	SRICF -- Concordia	Marina del Rey
July 21	RAM BBQ & MSA	Kernville
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

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Website:

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>

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:

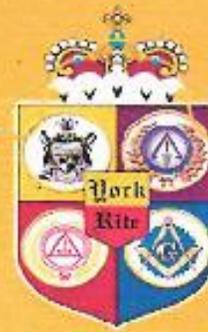
Chapter: See Section 201 in the Constitution at <http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Chapter/ROYAL%20ARCH%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

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



**SATURDAY
JULY 6, 2019
SAN LUIS OBISPO
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**



**2019
San Luis Obispo
York Rite
Ice Cream Social**

**Annual Event
Recognizing
Grand York Rite
Presiding Officers**

**Meet Your
Statewide Grand
York Rite Leaders**

**Learn About York
Rite and Have Fun**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO
MASONIC CENTER**

859 Marsh Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

11:30 Social
Noon - Lunch,
Ice Cream, and
Program

Dress - Casual

RSVP
By June 29th
dlchesebro@gmail.com

or
805-459-2618



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

7076 Riata

Redding, CA 96002



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
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Make checks Payable to Sebastopol Royal Arch #117