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## **Grand High Priest's Message**

**Companions,**

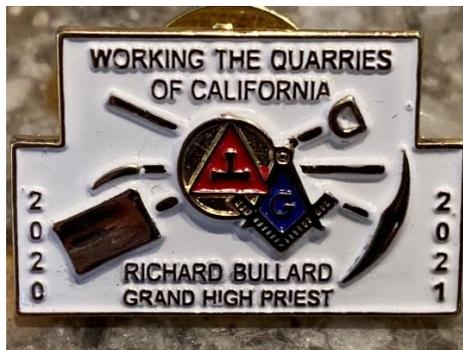
**I wish to thank you for the confidence you have shown by electing me as the 166<sup>th</sup> Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California. The Installation was a very humbling experience for me and one that will live in my memory. When MEC Rick Baskin ask me to join the appointed line all those years ago, I was very excited and a little intimidated by his offer. We were in our Commandery Uniforms at a small church in El Cajon, CA as our local Commandery had gone to participate in the service at Illustrious Robert Winterton's church. Rick was very aware of my love of the Royal Arch and knew I wanted to support it in any way I could. So many thanks to him.**

**I came late to Masonry as I was 53 years old at the time I petitioned San Diego No 35 in 2004. That was a decision I will never regret, for Masonry has given me a focus that I try to live every day. Royal Arch followed quickly then the rest of the York Rite. Randy Brill, as incoming Master of San Diego 35, offered me the position of Marshall in 2009. I was elected Master of San Diego 35 in 2013.**

So here we are in 2020 and this year has not been what any one of us ever envisioned. From suspension of all in-person Masonic Meetings to Zoom Meetings that have enabled us to at least pay our bills and check in with each other. Toilet paper hoarding and Face Masks encouraged even at your Bank! Washing your hands for 20 seconds? Hey, a quick rinse always worked in the past!

So where do we go from here? The Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter is meeting on a regular basis to determine how we can continue to meet and keep our Chapters healthy and functioning. In our first meeting we discussed the need to allow our Chapter Officers to not only pay bills but conduct the business of their Chapters. A decision is forthcoming on how we can open and meet via the Internet. Our Deputy Grand Lecturers and Inspectors will be involved. Elections are on the horizon as well as Installation of Officers so that will be included in our discussions. We are even looking at a plan to host virtual Grand Officer Receptions.

Companions, we are all very lucky to have a very dedicated group of Grand Officers and Department Grand Officers (DGO). We are all very aware you have questions and ideas. Please reach out to your DGO's. They are ready, willing and able to assist in every way.



My pin this year has several different items included but I believe that each of them are easily interpreted. The motto on the pin states "Working the Quarries of California." Then there are the Working Tools of a Royal Arch Mason. In the center is a modification of Most Excellent Companion Jerry Wohlfarth's lapel pin. I will take the next few messages here in the Workman to elaborate on them and what they mean to me and to each of us.

Thank you again for the honor you have bestowed. Although we may not be able to meet face to face for several more weeks or months, we have many things to do this year. Each of us has a part to play in how we can achieve and meet our goals during these unprecedented times. "Together We Stand, United We Fall". See you down the road.

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

## **GRAND SESSIONS 2020**

### **Companions and Sir Knights**

As you know by now, the Grand Chapter Virtual Annual Convocation was held, successfully, on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, using the Zoom platform. The new officers and results of the awards and the legislation are published in the Souvenir Program, now available as a PDF file. You can find this on the website at [http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/council/pdf/2020\\_Grand\\_Session\\_Book.pdf](http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/council/pdf/2020_Grand_Session_Book.pdf) or get a digital copy via email from your Chapter Secretary.

## **GRAND LECTURER**

### **Companions All**

August finds us all still stuck behind doors contrary to my earnest hopes to get something of a break this summer to stay physically connected with each other and our Chapters! I hope that everyone has had a chance to view the official results of the Grand Chapter last month and view the outstanding job that the Ward brothers did on the 'virtual' souvenir program for us all! Many thanks to those Chapters and individuals that provided input to that program despite our inability to meet in person as we had hoped for! My thanks to all of the Companions that supported the four Resolutions that passed last month, especially 2020-01 which made our 6-8 Companion opening part of our Grand Chapter Ritual in CA in perpetuity! While we are on the subject of Chapter openings, I know that many of you are wondering how we are going to get through this Capitular year during this protracted pandemic delaying the important work

of Capitular Masonry? I have it on good authority that a method of allowing virtual stated convocations of our Chapters to permit new business is forthcoming in the next few days from our Grand High Priest. Stay tuned for a directive from him on how we can conduct the business of the Chapters and start to function again so far as the pandemic restrictions still in force will allow us to meet safely! While practicing our ritual in Chapter is still waiting for authority to meet, there is currently no prohibition on finding private home venues that are secure (tiled) enough to allow one-on-one practice of Chapter ritual in the interim! Clearly, anyone doing so, must do so safely and more importantly feel secure enough to meet outside of your home environment! Such a method could however, be used to qualify new officers for next year? While there is no hard and fast requirement to elect and install new officers for next year during this pandemic; I am certain that some turnover must occur due to a variety of reasons! My purpose here is to help Chapters facilitate, where possible, those necessary turnovers without abrogating the high ritual standards we still expect from our presiding leaders! So with the help of the Grand High Priest to allow us to meet as Chapters and to provide us very soon with a legal Capitular way to elect officers and new members; we can keep moving ahead until that bright day when we can indeed meet as Companions again and practice our profession as Royal Arch Masons! Until that Glorious Day, stay safe and be careful to stay healthy!

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

## GRACE DEE MUSEUM

As you may recall from earlier articles in this newsletter, our Past Grand High Priest, Sean Foran, has participated in the establishment of this museum. A new 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, originally set for June 27<sup>th</sup> this year, has now been officially canceled. But now is the time to begin planning for next year. 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 2021 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

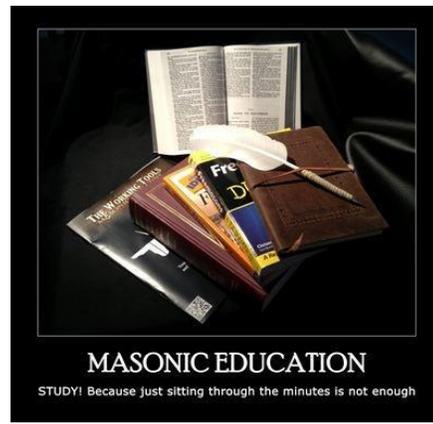
Secretaries and Recorders – especially new ones.

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/cagyr/forms/Chapter>

If you are prompted for a username and/or password, call your Inspector, or anyone in the CONTACTS section below.

## GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER



Companions,

The installation of Officers elected at the annual meeting in Visalia last May took place Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the semi-annual meeting in San Francisco, during the Grand Lodge Annual Communications. The meeting in the new Lodge Room constructed on the Grand Lodge premises was filled with over 26 members present, and 8 new petitions were presented and balloted upon.

There will not be an Annual Meeting at the July 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation, nor is it known yet whether there will be a semi-annual meeting during Grand Lodge. Stay tuned!

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A Morrison, Secretary

## GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

The application period for the Royal Arch Scholarships for 2020 is now closed. Applications for 2021 Scholarships will soon be 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 1, 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 April 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 October 2019.pdf](http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser%20issues/Encompasser%20October%202019.pdf)

## GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR

### AUGUST 2020

Date	Event	Location
July 15	Grand Chapter	Virtual ONLY.
Sept 28	Triennial	Louisville, KY

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 "will be assisting Whittier Chapter with its necessary documentation if needed, or any other body that might need some guidance." 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)

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## 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 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 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.

William H. "Doc" Harmon III  
High Desert Chapter No. 127

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS - 2020 GRAND CONVOCATION REPORT**

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Grand Treasurer .....	Leland G. Routt, Stockton No. 2
Grand Secretary .....	Philip A. Hardiman, PGHP, Sacramento No. 3
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Grand Master, Second Veil.....	Richard M. Villegas, High Desert No. 127
Grand Master, First Veil.....	Christopher N. Radcliffe, Tyre No. 130
Grand Orator .....	W. Austin Swank, San Diego No. 61
Grand Marshal North .....	Rollie Q. Caabay, Naval No. 35
Grand Marshal South.....	Thomas R. Handell, Triangle No. 155
Grand Musician .....	R. Aaron Bullard, San Diego No. 61
Grand Soloist .....	Thomas E. Colgan, Triangle No. 155
Grand Sentinel .....	John E. Trexel, San Diego No. 61

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL AWARDS**

**EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD**

Richard D. Baskin ..... San Diego Chapter No. 61

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN BRONZE**

Gary M. Iverson ..... Whittier Chapter No. 91, Long Beach No. 84

**SWEETHEART AWARD**

None

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CALIFORNIA AWARDS**

**GRAND HIGH PRIEST DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

David G. Rathgeber.....	Triangle Chapter No. 155
Marion P. Rogers.....	Doric Chapter No. 66
Steven M. Fowler.....	Stockton Chapter No. 2
Ronald W. Alcorn .....	San Gabriel Valley Chapter No. 100

**HIGH PRIEST OF THE YEAR**

High Priest the Year for the State ..... **Marty Cusing** ..... California Chapter No. 1  
..... King Solomon’s Chapter No. 95  
High Priest of the Year Department #2. . . . **Jon Huffine**.....Woodland Chapter No. 46  
High Priest of the Year Department #5 **Steve Lerner**.....Triangle Chapter No. 155

**SECRETARY OF THE YEAR**

Secretary for the State **Robert V. Wright, Jr**.....Oxnard Chapter No. 86  
  
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Secretary of the Year Department #2 **Patrick Andersen** ..... Red Bluff Chapter No. 40  
Secretary of the Year Department #4 **Ron W. Alcorn III**..... San Gabriel Valley Chapter No. 100  
Secretary of the Year Department #5 **W. Austin Swank**..... San Diego Chapter No. 61

**DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

**Robert K. Geiger**..... Whittier Chapter No. 91  
**Joseph K. Dongo**..... Sacramento Chapter No. 3

**MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD**

**W. Austin Swank** ..... San Diego Chapter No. 61  
  
Chapter with the highest percentage increase in membership (15.7%) ... **Petaluma Chapter No. 22**  
  
Chapter with the highest number of exaltations (16)..... **Signet Chapter No. 57**

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**RUSSELL D. ROBERTS PERPETUAL TROPHY**

**Lynn Wallingford**.....Oxnard Chapter No. 86

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**GRAND LECTURER’S RITUAL MEDAL**

**Anthony T. “Tony” Yuson** .....Ancient Chapter No. 31  
**Lee P. Whelan**.....Riverside Chapter No. 67  
**R. Scott Husmann** ..... Gold Country Chapter No. 11

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2020-1 To change ritual to Open a Chapter with 6-8 ..... Passed**  
**Resolution 2020-2 To cleanup sections of the Constitution ..... Passed**  
**Resolution 2020-3 To increase per capita by \$3.00 ..... Passed**  
**Resolution 2020-4 To revise purpose of GHP Chapter and issue Bylaws ..... Passed**



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