

The Sword and Trowel is a monthly Newsletter published by Grand York Rite, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of California and provides information to all Companions and friends.



Discover meaning of "Cryptic Mason": traditions, leadership and values.

Let us, your Officers, Grand Officers Grand Council Cryptic Masons, help you on your personal Masonic Journey. Your Grand Officers are here to help you as a Friend, Brother, Companion to further your York Rite Experience. Remember, there is no Stranger among us, just a friend whom we have not yet had the pleasure of meeting.

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162 years young

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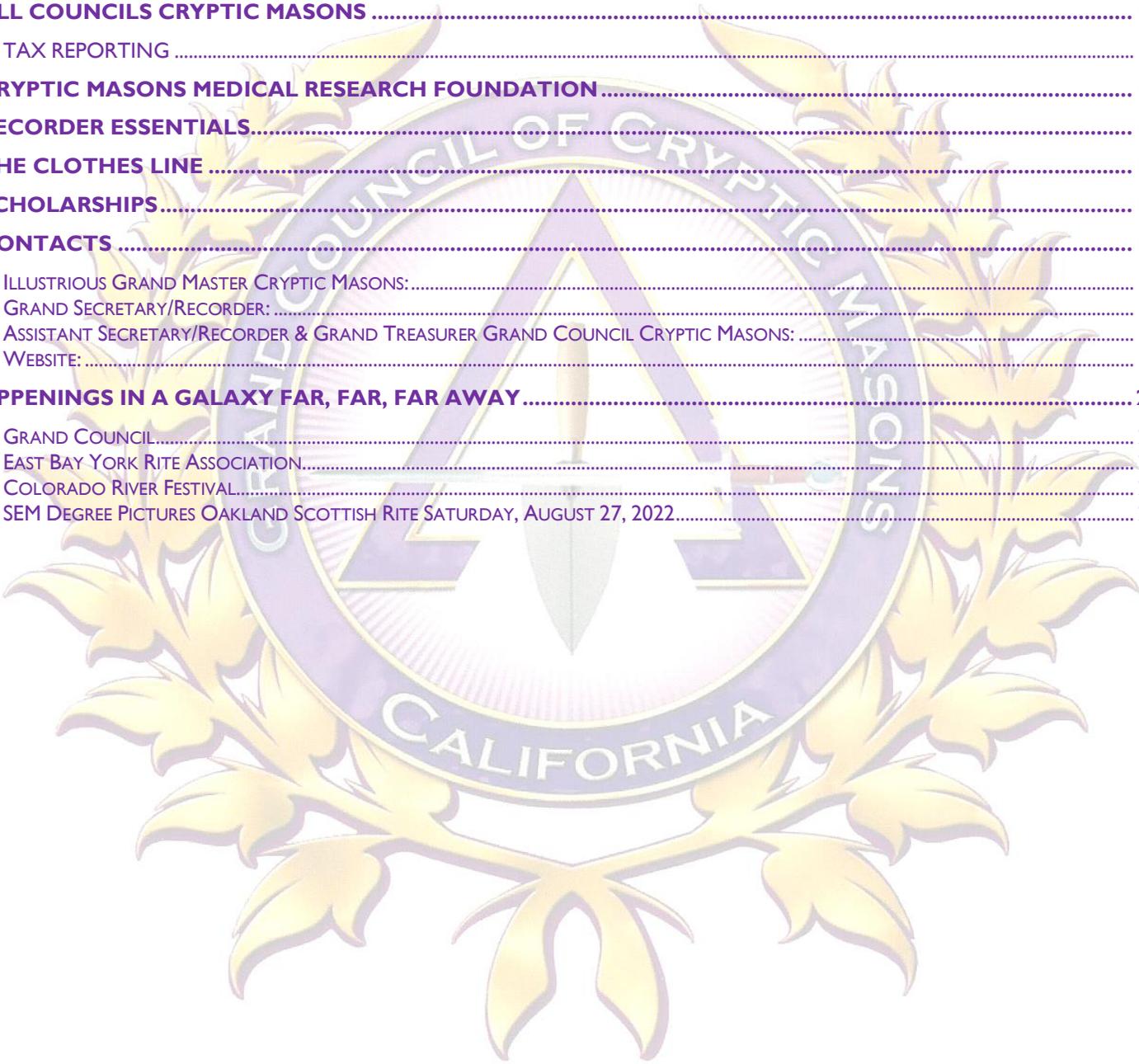


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VISION STATEMENT

Cryptic Masonry is an organization where men of good character come together to improve themselves, their families, and their communities.

It is where the highest Masonic values are learned by its members and applied in all their doings.

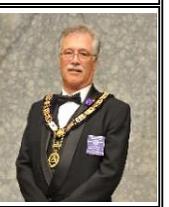
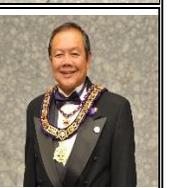
As Cryptic Masons, we learn a way of life from our ancient teachings, develop meaningful and fulfilling lifelong relationships, and grow as enlightened men. We never hesitate to go out of our way to assist a widow, or a fallen brother.

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



GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OFFICERS

We, Grand Officers, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of California, have pledged to serve you, our beloved Companions to achieve excellence and satisfaction of your well-earned labor. We aim for your best and most imaginative efforts as we emerge from this life-changing pandemic to reconstruct our world in a better way

	<p>Most Illustrious Companion <u>Guy M. Chalmers</u>, KYGCH & Lady Jeanne Grand Master Grand Council Cryptic Masons of California Redwood Empire Council No. 46</p>		
<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Michael T. Sherman</u>, KYCH Deputy Grand Master Grand Council Cryptic Masons Helix Council No. 58</p>		<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Jeffrey A. White</u>, & Lady Lisa Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Grand Council Cryptic Masons Pacific Council No. 37</p>	
<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Thomas Krummell</u> KYCH Lady Marcia Grand Treasurer Grand Council Cryptic Masons Sierra Nevada Council No. 13</p>		<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Philip Hardiman</u>, KYGCH, MEPGHP, & Lady Nancy Grand Recorder Grand Council Cryptic Masons Sacramento Council No. 1</p>	
<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>K. Mark Harris</u>, KYCH Grand Director of Ritual Grand Council Cryptic Masons Oakland Council No. 12</p>		<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Thomas Krummell</u>, KYCH Lady Marcia Assistant Grand Recorder Grand Council Cryptic Masons Sierra Nevada Council No. 13</p>	
<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Marion P. Rogers</u> Grand Chaplin (North) Grand Council Cryptic Masons Oakland Council No. 12</p>		<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Robert K. Geiger</u>, KYCH Grand Chaplin (South) Grand Council Cryptic Masons Adoniram-Whittier Council No. 83</p>	
<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Andrew B. Pippin</u>, KYCH, & Lady Juli Grand Captain of the Guard Grand Council Cryptic Masons Ventura Council No. 15</p>		<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Christian G. Marano</u>, KYCH & Lady Mara Cristina Grand Conductor of the Council Grand Council Cryptic Masons San Luis Obispo Council No. 38</p>	
<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Richard A. Fonseca</u> Grand Steward Grand Council Cryptic Masons Redwood Empire Council No. 46</p>		<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Steven P. Christensen</u> Grand Sentinel Grand Council Cryptic Masons Redwood Empire council No. 46</p>	
<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Morris H. Moriuchi</u> Grand Marshal (North) Grand Council Cryptic Masons California Council No. 2</p>		<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Matthew J. McColm</u> Grand Marshal (South) Grand Council Cryptic Masons Helix Council No. 58</p>	
<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Steven R. Goad</u>, KYGCH Grand Orator Grand Council Cryptic Masons Bakersfield Council No. 28</p>		<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Peter L. Cunningham</u> Grand Bible Bearer Grand Council Cryptic Masons Visalia Council No. 42</p>	
<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Joseph L. Wallach</u> Grand Standard Bearer Grand Council Cryptic Masons Sacramento Council No. 1</p>		<p>Right Illustrious Companion <u>Walter A. Ancheta</u> Grand Musician Grand Council Cryptic Masons California Council No. 2</p>	

HELLO AUTUMN

Grand Greetings



Hello Autumn. The days are getting shorter, the temperature is cooler, and we even got a little rain. Can you feel the change of seasons? There is definitely an attitude change to begin planning for the next Masonic year and who will charge in to the leadership roles to make a difference. We must groom them by teaching the requirements of the office, by helping them plan events to be held next year, and by correcting any unintended mistakes they may have made. These things take time and is why we must start early to have a well organized and thoughtful year ahead of us. Don't think this is just for our junior brothers, these standards apply to the highest ranks of our fraternity if we want a successful outcome. Help is available throughout our Craft, from Past Masters, professional members, and certainly from our Grand Lodge in San Francisco. We are blessed with the very best programs offered by the hard

working staff of the Grand Lodge, who are emulated across the Nation and around the world. We would be foolish to ignore such a treasure chest of opportunities.

In our Cryptic councils we must do our best to improve the interest generated by our distinct mystery in masonry. We have a story to tell which will complete the legend of Hiram Abiff and join the circle of perfection among the fellowship of kings. It's an interesting story that unfolds more as we study it. This education is why I've mandated that a portion of our Stated Assemblies be dedicated to the study of our mysteries. It takes only a small amount of time to trigger the thoughts which takes us to the research of the many levels of meaning contained in the craft of masonry. This research which connects so many dots in the continuum of our lives is fascinating in the simple and not so obvious way it is presented to us. This is perhaps why our Craft has survived for over 300 years for those who have ears to hear.

We are now emerging from a pandemic which has shut down so much of our society for over two years. It has changed the way we drive, dress, think, and go to Meetings. We even begin to think that this is how things will be from now on and get really depressed and negative. In my opinion, this is the low mark of the bell curve and presents us with a huge opportunity to radically change for the better and make history. This is a time for creative thinking and people who are willing to proudly stand and be an example to others. We can do these things, I know it! What we need most right now is Positive Attitudes. It's hard to face the reality of negative people all around us and firmly declare to be positive. But this is what we need to change things and make history, believe in yourself and the lessons taught in Masonry and be positive that you will succeed, what you envision is what you will become.

I want so much for all of us to realize how special Masons are. The world generally doesn't know who we are and what we do as Masons. Revealing that we teach morality, practice charity, and desire to make better men may be the change that makes history. Maybe these times will give us the opportunity to talk about how Masonry has made us better and can do the same for those who have eyes to see the benefits for themselves. We have to talk openly and honestly, and in my opinion, most positively. We have to show that it is actually fun to be a Mason because we feel better as a result. That's what I mean when I ask to have more fun at our meetings. I believe we'll catch more bees with honey so spread the word. It's fun to learn and that's what we are really good at. I can't until our Annual Grand Communication on October 21-23 in San Francisco when we'll enjoy the biggest gathering of Masons and revel in our brotherhood. See you there.

Fraternally yours,

Most Illustrious Guy M. Chalmers, KYGCH
Grand Master Cryptic Masons of California

Biography

Born March 8, 1950 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Raised in Kansas City, Missouri by my single Mother, father having died in the Korean War, the youngest of four children. Played high school football, second team all State my junior year then spending my senior year 8 months in a cast from a knee injury. Was active in student government and attended Boys State, an invitational program to advance potential leaders. Received the Optimist Club "Boy of the Month" in March, 1968, graduating that same year.

I went to college at Central Missouri State in Warrensburg, Missouri, majoring in political science. While there, started a volunteer program linking college students with troubled youths from the juvenile court, applied for state funding in front of congress and was granted more than we asked for - the program is still operating to this day.

Moved to Southern California in 1970, attending classes at UC Irvine, paying my own way by working the night shift at Denny's restaurant. Moved to San Francisco in 1971, continuing my education at UCSF and working in a cabinet shop making furniture. Developed a love of working with wood, dropped my collegiate pursuits and learned how to build houses, I just couldn't work enough to pay for school and thought I'd found my calling working with my hands.

Starting as a carpenter in the construction business building single-family, custom homes, working up the ladder as a journeyman, and with twenty-three years of experience ended that occupation as a job supervisor. In 1994, started CPR Marketing, Chalmers Public Relations, designing artwork and words for brochures, newsletters, and advertising. Started a picture framing shop in Steamboat Springs, Colorado for 1 year, worked in Sausalito on sailboats, 2 years, sailed on the Barlovento in the Master Mariners race and back from Hawaii across the Pacific Ocean, 29 days and two tropical storms.

I have been happily married to my wife, Jeanne Marie, since 1979, 43 years, living in the same house in Petaluma that we bought one month before we were married. The Good Lord has not blessed us with any children though we manage to get our fill with our cousins between us, and their children. Jeanne has been the rock on which the foundation of my life has flourished and she is also my very best friend and confidant. We like to travel throughout the United States and overseas whenever we can save enough money.

I always wanted to be a Mason because of the moral principals it stands for, but not knowing any better, didn't apply for membership until I was forty-five years of age. I had thought that membership required an immediate family member to be a Mason, and growing up without a father, I figured that I wouldn't qualify. Once informed that one only needed to ask to be a Mason, I eagerly dived into my Masonic studies and have found a home for my inquisitive nature and inclination to carry on the family legacy, which I've since discovered has a long family history of Masons extending back to Cornwall, England, in the 1700's.

I applied for and was initiated (2/28/96), passed (4/17/96), and raised (6/19/96) at Vitruvius Lodge #145, in Bloomfield, California, where I was proud to serve as Worshipful Master in 2001, then as the Secretary for the next eight years. Vitruvius Lodge was chartered in 1860 and has occupied the same location in Bloomfield, a small farming community about five miles from the coast at Bodega Bay. The Lodge presently has 52 members and always has been small because of its rural location. The present Lodge building has stood since just after the 1906 earthquake, which leveled the original structure.

I affiliated with Petaluma-Hamilton Lodge #180, in 2009, served as Master in 2011, then Treasurer of the Lodge for three years until serving again as Master in 2015. Then in 2016 was called upon to serve as Secretary for the next six years and presently serve as the Assistant Secretary. The beautiful temple in Petaluma is a historical monument, being one of Petaluma's first and finest buildings and located in the very center of town. The Lodge serves as the home for the three York Rite bodies in Sonoma County as well as the Rainbow for Girls and an AMD Chapter.

I love this fraternity so that I've joined the Northern and Southern California Research Lodge, serving as Master of NCRL in 2002 and Treasurer for 13 years thereafter. I received the only Hiram award ever given by the NCRL. I joined the Scottish Rite Research Society, and the Philalethes International Masonic Research Society, where I was the President of the newly chartered (2/17/01) Henry Wilson Coil Chapter in San Francisco. I'm a member of Britannia Council #303, Allied Masonic Degrees, in Los Altos, served as Sovereign Master in 2013 and Secretary for these last ten years. I truly value these research memberships as the place where I can learn the most about Masonry and meet the very best thinkers and authors of Masonic literature.

I've furthered my Masonic education enjoyably in the York Rite bodies of the Royal Arch, Cryptic Council, and Knights Templar. High Priest of Petaluma Chapter #22 six times, the Illustrious Master of Redwood Empire Council #46 two times, and Eminent Commander of Santa Rosa Commandery #14 twice. I was selected as a Knight of the York Cross of Honor (KYCH) in San Francisco Priory #38, and served as Prior in 2012. I have been the Secretary of the Comptche Outdoor Royal Arch Degrees Association in Mendocino County since 1998. As much as I've been satisfied with the York Rite, I've recently submitted an application to join the Scottish Rite valley and dive deeper into the mysteries of our Craft.

In 2016, Most Illustrious Grand Master, William Price, KYGCH, appointed me to the progressive line of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California as the Illustrious Grand Sentinel. Then serving one year each as Grand Steward, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and Deputy Grand Master. On May 17, 2022, I was installed as the Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of California, an honor I'm most proud and humble to hold, 26 years after becoming a Mason.

Nor do I think that I am at the pinnacle of Masonry and it's all downhill from here. I am a Mason for life and as long as I can speak, I will continue to be a Candidates coach and help to make good Masons in their journey through life. I believe that the Craft of Masonry makes the best men for this world and with over 300 years of experience this has proven to be true, thank God.



Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California

GENERAL ORDER 2022-01 TEMPORARY TRUSTEESHIP OF VISALIA COUNCIL NO. 43

Whereas, Visalia Council No. 43 is not able to hold a Stated Assembly for lack of a quorum, and has not done so for several years; and

Whereas, representatives of both Councils have met and agreed upon terms of a future consolidation; and

Whereas, the Grand Council Constitution authorizes the Grand Master to order a Temporary Consolidation, as follows:

Section 34-3. TEMPORARY CONSOLIDATION UNDER TRUSTEESHIP.

- 1. When a Council is in a condition in which it is subject to suspension or revocation of its charter for its continuous failure to perform its duties, as prescribed by Article XXXV of the Constitution and, in lieu thereof, a temporary consolidation of such Council with another Council is expedient or imperative, for the protection of the rights of its members, the Grand Master may order such Temporary Consolidation under Trusteeship with another chartered Council near its location.*
- 2. Before taking such action, the Grand Master shall cause a thorough investigation to be made of the conditions of such Council by the Department Grand Officer or others appointed for this purpose.*
- 3. The effect of such order shall be the suspension of the charter of such Council which shall be delivered into the custody of the Trustee Council. Constitution of The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of California.*
- 4. All property and funds of such Council shall be held in trust by the Trustee Council which shall collect the dues of its members and other accounts receivable, pay all outstanding indebtedness from such funds and maintain separate bank accounts, records and inventories of such Council.*
- 5. At the next Annual Assembly, the Grand Master shall make a complete report of his action relating to such trusteeship to Grand Council, together with his recommendation with reference thereto.*
- 6. Grand Council may then either terminate the trusteeship, continue it to its next Annual Assembly or order the permanent consolidation of such Council with the Trustee Council or any other Council.*
- 7. In the event such permanent consolidation is ordered, the members of such Council shall become members of the Trustee Council or any other Council, its funds and properties shall become the property of the Trustee Council or any other Council and its charter shall be surrendered to Grand Council.*

Therefore, under Section 34-3 of the Constitution, I hereby order the Temporary Consolidation under Trusteeship of Visalia Council No. 43 with Bakersfield Council No. 28, as the Trustee Council. Bakersfield Council No. 28 will be meeting on the fourth Saturday of March, June, September, and December, at 10 AM, at the Taft Masonic Temple, 521 North St., Taft, CA.

Guy M. Chalmers
Most Illustrious Grand Master, 2022-2023
Signed: September 26, 2022

DEEP, DEEP SOUTH OF CALIFORNIA

Hello Companions from the deep south of California

Well summer is over and fall is coming into season. We welcome the cooler weather down here (if you consider mid 80's cooler that is). Blue Lodges are finally starting to catch up on their degree work from the last couple of years being bogged down from the pandemic. Some York Rite Bodies have held their degree festivals while others have decided to wait until the spring of 2023 to start performing their festivals. What our York Rite Bodies have done is get the permission from the district Inspectors and Masters of the Blue Lodges holding their 3rd Degrees is to let the York Rite Bodies show up in our perspective color coats. Not to recruit but to show awareness and interests to what else is out there. Having a petition in hand would be a great idea just in case. Just saying.



Another thing that we are looking into is going to the Blue Lodges and performing the Mark Master Degree for free on would be candidates desiring further light in Masonry or what I would like to call the rebuilding of the Temple. Of course, they would still need to be voted on from your local RA Chapters, but it is still a great start in getting new members to join the York Rite Bodies. We're also looking into holding the degree festivals further apart from each other. Instead of doing RA degrees one week and then Council degrees one to two weeks later followed by Commandery Orders another one to two weeks after that; we're looking at holding the RA degrees one week wait a couple of two three months to do the Council degrees and then wait another two three months to hold the Commandery Orders. What we're hoping for is to allow the incoming candidates a chance to absorb and learn what they have gone through, plus it gives the degree teams time to get ready for the next degree since so many of us do all three degrees & orders. This is something I would hope everyone would take into consideration or at least start looking at in the future.

As I'm talking about degree teams, how many of the Councils are getting their new candidates to shadow or get involved in participating and being a part of a degree team? If you're area is performing two-degree festivals a year this would be a great time to give some of our members a chance to sit on the sidelines and take a break. We're always looking for ways to get our new members involved more and here's one way to do just that. Or ask your new members to write a brief presentation and present it at one of your meetings on what their experience was going through the degrees. It's called getting them engaged and being a part of your Council. It also gives them the sense of being a part of a great organization. Just throwing some suggestions out there. You never know until you try. Let me know if you have any suggestions that might work.

Let's talk briefly on CMMRF. A good portion of our Council's work on a strict budget and sometimes can't afford to put money in their budget for CMMRF. If I can make a small suggestion. Why don't our Council's do what I see our Blue Lodges are doing. Have the IM make an announcement during the meeting that he'll place his hat on the alter for donations for CMMRF after the meeting. Then in November take that money and donate for a once-a-year donation. This would probably work with RA for their charity (RARA) & for the Commandery Eye foundation. OES down here does it at the end of their meetings by having a "Happy-Happy" and a "Birthday/Anniversary" box. Donations are then presented to their charities or fund raisers. Guess what it works. Again, just making suggestions. I'm not always right, but I'm not always wrong. Just trying to get ideas out there to at least spark some interests and maybe you can come up with your own ideas that work and then share with the rest of us. Please we need your donations.

Ok almost done. In May at our next Grand York Rite Sessions, you'll be getting new heads of bodies to carry everyone through 2023-2024. If everything goes according to schedule:

- Excellent Companion Thomas Chavez will be elected your next Grand High Priest (contact information: Thomas.c.chavez@gmail.com)
- I (Michael Sherman) will be elected your new MIGM of Cryptic Masons (contact information: Wolfen1106@cox.net and
- Sir Knight Roger Ross will be elected your new Grand Commander (contact information: rogesq25@sbcglobal.net).

Please get us on your calendars as early as possible. Next year will be very busy and we would like to make sure we make all the receptions in California.

Lastly, I hope all our Councils are receiving the Sword & Trowel. If you are not please have your Recorder contact our Grand Recorder (Phil Hardiman) at grand.recorder.cm.ca@gmail.com to start getting the latest up to date information in California. Are you also getting correspondence from our General Grand Council (contact information: tothecraft@ggccmi.org). You can request to get the newsletter or have your Recorder request access and he can then send it out to the membership. A lot of great information out there that you can use for your individual Council's.

Thank you for lending an ear and may God Bless you and your families

Right Illustrious Companion

Michael T. Sherman

Deputy Grand Master

DGO Department 8 – Arch 12&13

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of California



FALL IS UPON US



Happy Birthday to all Companions & their loved ones having a birthday in October.

Personally, I have great news; I was asked by a friend & Masonic brother to re-affiliate with Valley Lodge No. 135. I thought why not, I enjoyed the lodge while a member and secretary. I sent my paperwork into the secretary and was elected in June. Decided to attend in July and the wives had created a fantastic dinner. Finished and went to stated.

During a brief period, not really paying that much attention, because I was looking at all the sideliners & thinking about the fantastic dinner, I briefly heard the secretary resign and then the Master asked me to step out of the room. My mind went click, click, click and I was elected Secretary.

Why Blue Lodge fascination with Shrine, Scottish Rite, Eastern Star and not York Rite.

When a Fellowcraft Mason is raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, he is usually presented with a few items, basically a Bible, a few items by friends, and always a presentation by Shriners and Scottish Rite. But the primary reason he is always surrounded by members of the Lodge, not sent someplace to be given degrees by people he does not know, usually accompanied by secretary/recorder

Example, when I left Valley Lodge No. 135 in 2014 that was the last, they heard of York Rite. Most of the members are Shriners and many are Scottish Rite, NONE are York Rite. During a recent conversation during a stated with Valley Lodge No. 135, York Rite was mentioned. Worshipful Master approached after the meeting and said, he had thought about York Rite and wanted to become a Sir Knight but no one discussed York Rite in the lodge or the lodges he attended.

We, York Rite, have members less than 3,000 for the entire state of California. Why is this, we have a web site, we publish "The Workman", "Sword and Trowel", and "Cross and Crown" and yet, York Rite is basically 'Unknown'. Very recently, talking with another York Rite member, he knew what the Workman was, but did NOT know about the Sword and Trowel or the Cross and Crown.

We must get the "Workman", "Sword and Trowel", and "Cross and Crown" into the hands of all York Rite Members and then find a way to get these same publications into the hands of Masons.

I have been Secretary for Valley Lodge No. 135 for a few days but will begin to send to all members of Valley Lodge No. 135, the publications of "Workman", "Sword and Trowel", and "Cross and Crown".

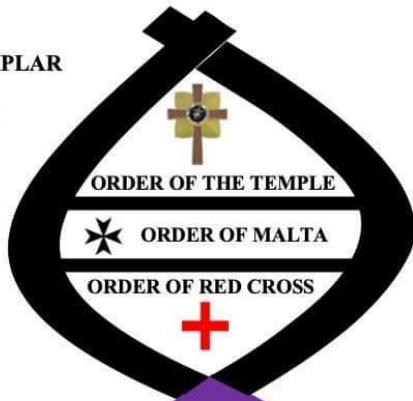
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Richard E. Thornton

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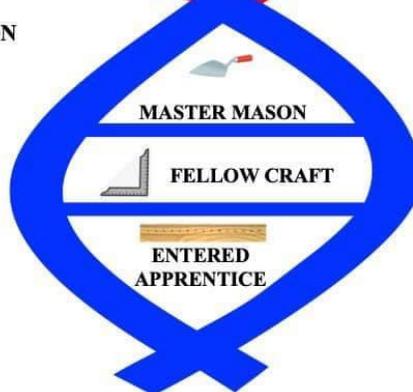
ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS



ROYAL ARCH MASON



MASTER MASON



CHIVALRIC MASONRY:

The Order of the Red Cross: The story told in the ritual for the Red Cross acts as a link between the Capitular Degrees and the ones that follow and bridges the period between the Old and New Testaments.

The Order of Malta: The story of this order begins by making the candidate a Knight of St. Paul or the Mediterranean Pass.

The Order of the Temple: Confers knighthood on the pilgrim making him a Knight's Templar. Every Christian Mason should be a Knights Templar.

CRYPTIC MASONRY

Royal Master: The Temple is nearing its completion and certain Overseers are anxious to receive the Master Word and be honored with the rank of Royal Master before their employment ceases. Shortly before his death Hiram Abif explains to one of these Overseers, Adoniram, that with patience and industry he will, in due time, receive it. This discourse is widely regarded as the most beautiful in any Masonic Degree.

Select Master: The preparations for the building of the Temple having commenced in the Mark Master Degree, the three Grand Masters are anxious that the form of the sacred treasures, including the Ark of the Covenant, could be lost forever in the event of the Temple being sacked. They therefore arrange for a small number of Select Masons, sworn to secrecy, to construct a secret vault beneath the Holy of Holies and deposit replicas therein.

Super Excellent Master: The Temple had stood in all its glory for nearly 400 years but had then fallen to Nebuchadnezzar and his army. The King and his principal citizens were taken into captivity in Babylonia. Zedekiah, Nebuchadnezzar's puppet King, has rebelled against him and fled, leaving the remaining citizens to defend the Temple and pledge their devotion to God.

CAPITULAR MASONRY

Mark Master: It concerns the workmen building King Solomon's Temple. The Degree of Mark Master teaches the candidate the value of workmanship, honesty, and charity and how they received their wages.

Past Master: In the York Rite system, the Past Master is a symbolic degree, and the candidate isn't actually installed as the Master of a Lodge.

Most Excellent Master: Deals with the completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple.

Royal Arch Mason: The completion of the story started in the Symbolic Lodge Degrees, about the search for secrets that were once lost now discovered.

IS THE YORK RITE IN YOUR DNA? IT SHOULD BE!

ALL COUNCILS CRYPTIC MASONS

TAX REPORTING

During a Grand Officer, ADR, DGO, REF, & Inspector's meeting last night, This MASON volunteered to help York Rite Masons

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

Oh Lord, I am beside myself jappering, for all you Yankee's, that's talking to yourself or as a squirrel turned lose in church just as the Southern Baptist Preacher is beginning to begin his 2-hour sermon.

I have been given permission by our new Illustrious, now have you ever thought about that word, "Illustrious", is there any way you can say Guy is "illustrious" that is why he shorten it to "Most".

What was I going to say, Oh Yea, Guy has given me permission to write and put information into this Newsletter anything concerning Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation.

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\$1,000 -Nine Arch Triangle Plaque & Gold Lapel Pin with 1 Diamond Chip

\$2,000 -Gold Lapel Pin with 2 Diamond chips

CMMRF this year is March 6, 2022. There is a goal of having each Cryptic Mason donate at least \$5. Donating online is easy and you can sign up for monthly donations at any level of giving.

<https://www.cmmrf.org/donate/>



Donor Recognition Program

Because we appreciate your generosity, appropriate lapel pins and plaques are awarded based on cumulative totals.

Individuals

- \$ 50 – Bronze Lapel Pin
- \$ 100 – Bronze Lapel Pin with Stone
- \$ 150 – Silver Lapel Pin
- \$ 300 – Silver Lapel Pin with Stone
- \$ 500 – Gold Lapel Pin
- \$ 750 – Gold Lapel Pin with Stone
- \$ 1,000 – General Grand Master’s Plaque & Gold Lapel Pin with 1 Diamond Chip
- \$ 2,000 – Gold Lapel Pin with 2 Diamond Chips
- \$ 16,000 – Gold Lapel Pin with 1 Large Amethyst and 1 Diamond Chip

Councils

- \$1,000 – General Grand Master’s Plaque
- \$2,000 – Extender Bar for Plaque

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Freemasonry seeks to improve the community by improving the individual. Therefore, Councils of Cryptic Masons are found working with Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies, giving more opportunities to improve one’s skills in leadership, public speaking, interpersonal relationships, and administration. This empowers Masons to become better leaders in their career, church, and community. Councils also work with these and other Masonic groups in community service projects to demonstrate Masonic teachings as a way of life.

The General Grand Council established the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation to give Cryptic Masons an opportunity to turn Masonic philosophy into a living practice. Issues like diabetes, stroke, poor circulation, heart failure, wound healing, and many other diseases share the common denominator of blood vessels, so vascular research is a vital part of treating many different kinds of illnesses.

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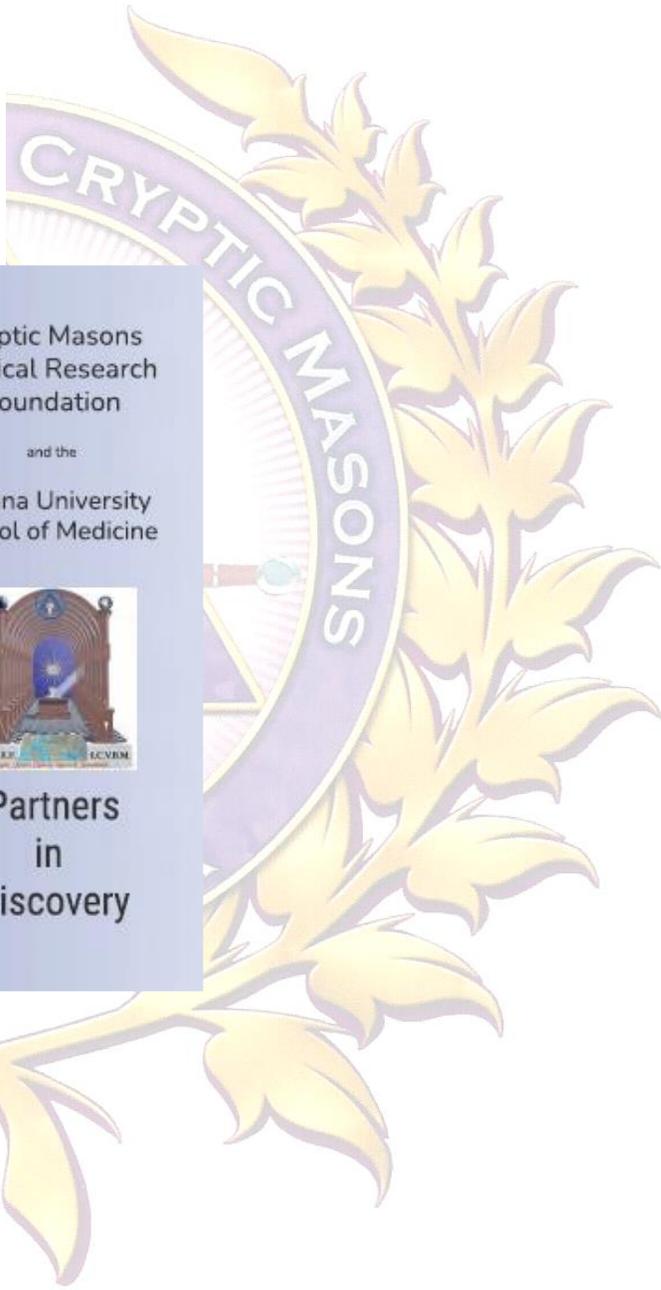
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Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org.

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 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 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). 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 dies are available at the secure website.

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Companions,

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

There they will find instructions for filling out the forms.

This is the link which will take you to the public Grand Lodge web page on scholarships. All the information you need should be right there. This is a complete manual that you can download that talk about all of the scholarships available from the California Masonic Foundation as well as the

Scottish Rite, York Rite, Eastern Star, High Twelve, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, & Rainbow for Girls.

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East Bay York Rite Association
Presents the Annual
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2022 David M. Shull Memorial Honoree: Federico B. Baclig, Jr.

Location: Alameda Masonic Hall
2312 Alameda Avenue
Alameda, California

Chapter Degrees, Saturday, September 24, 2022

Registration 7:30 a.m. Degrees to begin 8:30 a.m.

Cost per Candidate \$30 - To be paid by Sponsoring Chapter

Council Degrees, Saturday, October 1, 2022

Registration 8:00 a.m. Degrees to begin 9:00 a.m.

Cost per Candidate \$30 - To be paid by Sponsoring Council

Commandery Orders, Saturday, October 15, 2022

Registration 7:30 a.m. Orders to begin 8:30 a.m.

Cost per Candidate \$30 - To be paid by Sponsoring Commandery

Lunch Provided @ \$10

(Lunch: No charge for Candidates - \$10 for all others)

All candidates must be preregistered with the East Bay York Rite Association's Registrar

For more information contact

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R.S.V.P. with a Check to "East Bay York Rite"

Send Reservation and check to: Fred Baclig – Registrar

5021 Vesteny Ct.

Antioch, CA 94531-7812

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Festival!

We have a new online registration system for your convenience, (<https://crff.org/>) and all of the required forms are right there to simplify the process. Please remember the following while planning your travels and preparing your candidates:

- ***ALL CANDIDATES must be pre-registered in order to participate!*** CRFF Festival registration for all participants including Candidates must be RECEIVED by October 1. Candidates, this registration is in addition to the application you made to your York Rite Bodies.
- The Request for Courtesy Work by the Candidate's York Rite Secretary/Recorder must be received by the Candidate Registrar by October 1.
- Hotel Registration (included with CRFF registration) must be made by October 1 (Special Accommodations - room upgrades, etc. - ***NO LATER than September 1***). ***Reservations made directly to the Hotel will not reflect CRFF rates.***
- Attendees and Candidates from other Jurisdictions are encouraged to contact us so we are aware of your presence (Jurisdictions MUST be recognized).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at:
<https://crff.org/index.php/contact-us>

PARTICIPATE! - We are always looking for more Companions and Sir Knights to get involved! If you have a degree team, expertise, or are from a jurisdiction wishing to get fully involve please contact us at:
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SEM Degree Pictures Oakland Scottish Rite Saturday, August 27, 2022



