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Freemasonry and the future

by Frederick L. Sorsabal, Senior Grand Warden Grand Lodge of California

Freemasonry has had a phenomenal history. From small groups of workmen concerned primarily with preserving their status as highly skilled craftsmen, it has evolved over the past almost three centuries into a fraternal and philosophical society covering a major portion of the entire earth and with several million members. It is properly known as the world's largest and most prestigious fraternal organization. It is not necessarily good because it is old, but it is old because it is good. Interesting, though the past of Freemasonry unquestionably is, its future well may be even more so. Obviously, the future cannot be predicted with any appreciable degree of certainty. But Freemasonry, like every human institution, is subject to forces external to itself and over which it has no control — forces that in considerable part will shape its destiny. Some of those forces are emerging in our time and lend themselves to a speculative appraisal. Duty clearly rests on those in positions of leadership to be aware of these forces and to the extent of their ability, condition the fraternity to cope with them.

Our Masonic history has been phenomenal. Our past is secure. Masonry in the United States had a silent but large part in shaping this country, it's fundamental life, and certainly it's laws. Would the American Revolution have been different if brother Washington and most of his generals were not held together by that peculiar tie which Masons spin and weave between men?

But what of our future? What of our dreams? Gillet has said: "we are always looking to the future; the present does not satisfy us. Our ideal, whatever it may be lies fur-

ther on." This is certainly true of Masonry. The golden age is not in the past but in the future. Longfellow said, "look not mournfully to the past it comes not back again; wisely improve the present it is thine; go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear and with a manly heart." This, my brothers, should be our determination.

It is interesting to note that there appears to be a movement, although small at this time, to go back to basics: showing personal responsibility; strengthening the family; becoming involved in our communities. All of the principles that are taught in Masonry.

The future of Masonry depends upon many things. Today, the strides in science and technology have brought us prosperity beyond our wildest dreams.

All of these changes require different use of our talent, our time, ourselves, and the ways in which we are family members. Either we adapt ourselves to these changing times, or we will no longer exist. The same is true of our great fraternity. No one is asking Masonry to change only that it adapt to today's and tomorrow's world. Our ancient brethren saw a need to adapt to their environment after Euclid's theory of geometry was rediscovered and published; thus revealing the secrets of the operative Masons and how they constructed the large edifices of their time. They saw the need to adapt as their speculative craft diminished and witnessed a loss in membership in their guilds. These ancients began to accept into membership, men who had no connection with the building trades; men

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who had an interest only in the moral principles encouraged by the guilds. If they had not taken this bold step, the Freemasons, as we know them today, might not exist.

Like our ancient brethren, we must change our approach to, and visible exemplification of, that, which is good. Allen Roberts, in his book, "The Craft and Its Symbols," expresses this thought very well. He says: "The principles of Freemasonry are transmitted unimpaired, but the vehicle through which they are expressed, changes as the years go on." We need to continue to change our way of imparting the teachings of Freemasonry to those who will seek them, and in so doing, it is within the limits of probability we will find new ways to attract worthy well-qualified men to apply for membership in our fraternity. Some of you will say, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." Expressed another way: "If you wish to keep what you are getting, keep doing what you are doing." Doesn't this really mean we are doing the same thing over and over again like we used to? Masonry must learn to adapt to the shifts in our society. Remember I did not use the word change.

Your Grand Lodge has recognized a need to provide an option for qualified men to join our ranks by providing the possibility for one-day conferral of all three degrees. This legislation is a carry over to the 2004 Annual Communication. This summer, the Grand Master has requested an exemplification of the process by which our jurisdiction would conduct a one-day conferral if approved. We will have 5 such exemplifications throughout California (possibly in San Diego, Long Beach, San Francisco, Fresno, and Sacramento) and I would hope that each of you could come to the venues and see what is being proposed.

The future of Freemasonry depends upon leadership your leadership, your direction. We must have good leaders at the grass roots of our order. We need men full of energy, vision, and a willingness to work. We need a base of younger men who speak out and are not "put in their place" by us older Masons. We need to focus our attention upon the young men in our lodges (and we are seeing more and more younger men joining our ranks) by giving them increased Masonic knowledge and an opportunity to become participants and not mere spectators. I want to emphasize that Freemasonry has a place in the future if we

provide programs for the diverse generations we have in our fraternity. Interests must fit both our elder statesmen and our newer, younger members and their families. However, the future of freemasonry rests with the younger men.

A good leader will see what works in his lodge. Any organization is but the lengthened shadow of its leaders. Our leaders will provide the necessary goals and programs for our lodges to attract and retain its members. A good

leader will remember to make his lodge meetings more than just boring repetition of our ritual or degrees. A great leader will provide an avenue for the family to enjoy our Masonic heritage. Bringing non-Masons into those quality activities could well provide a cadre of potential members for our lodges and also for your orders. Quality leadership will provide the desire for members to attend and to retain their membership. Begin by developing fellowship in your lodge. Remember, you can't shake hands with a clenched fist.

The future of Freemasonry depends also upon education. The necessary education and instruction to our new members is needed to understand the meaning of our very important Masonic lessons. Let us not be like the small child who has learned to count to ten but cannot recognize any of the numbers and would not know what to do with them even if he or she knew what they look like.

In our Masonic educational programs, are we giving too much emphasis to a fixed course or routine, a repetition of forms or phrases, without giving attention to meaning and instruction as to how these truths are to be applied to everyday life. I ask, how much do you know about Freemasonry. I am sure many of you are good ritualists. You know the work, words, signs, grips; but if this is the total of your masonic education, you have learned only the first lesson. You cannot do, unless you know, but knowledge without application is of little value. We know that it is possible to change the trend of an entire nation in a single generation if the ideals which are desired could be implanted in the youth of that generation. The same is true in Masonry. Implant the great teachings and ideals of our fraternity in our new members and our Masonic future would surpass even the imagination of the most optimistic person.

I believe you can play a very significant role in a new Mason's education. You should recommit to your lodge that you want to be involved with the new Mason — whether it is through the one-day conferral or through our present method — as his mentor. You would then commit to see that the new Mason attended his lodge, helping him learn about the fraternity, meeting his family and friends, and most importantly, making sure that he knows something about freemasonry as well. This is a way to show our brother what freemasonry is all about and I am sure that he will see your enthusiasm, not only for your blue lodge, but for your Royal Arch Chapter, your Cryptic Council, your Commandery of Knights Templar.

The future of Masonry also depends upon dedication and service, dedication to the point of faithfulness to the tenets of our fraternity, which begins with faithfulness in attendance at the regular meetings of your lodge. I am

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Gordon Alexander K.Y.G.C.H. Most Excellent Grand High Priest 2004-2005

Gordon was born in St. Louis, MO on December 10th 1941. He attended Missouri Military Academy where he attained the rank of Capt. and Company Commander. Moving on to Country Day School in St. Louis and Missouri U. in Columbia MO. He married Letitia "Tish" Peters in 1964 and they came to California where Gordon became a Columbia Records recording artist and wrote the song "Strawberry Tea" for Tiny Tim's "Tip Toe Through the Tulips" album. Gordon has been a Real Estate Broker for the past 24 years.



Gordon was raised in Zenith Mount Olive Lodge on April 10, 1991 where he served as Master in 1997. Gordon also served as Master of North Hollywood Lodge in 1999. He is currently a plural and Life Member of Beverly Hills Lodge. He is a Past President of the 324th Masonic District Officers Association and has served on several Grand Lodge Com-

mittees.

Gordon is a Member of the Los Angeles Scottish Rite where he served as Commander of the Council of Kadosh and received the designation Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He is a Member of the Valley York Rite Bodies where he served as High Priest of Signet Chapter No. 57, Illustrious Master of Omega Council No. 11 and Commander of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 resulting in the designation of Knight York Cross of Honour in Los Angeles Priory No. 27. Gordon served two separate terms as Grand Soloist of the Grand Chapter.

He is a Past President of the Los Angeles/Trojan Shrine Club and was designated "Man of The Year" for the Legion of Honor Shrine club in 1996 and 2001. He is the Past Secretary, for California, of Quator Coronati Correspondence Circle, Past Sovereign Master of Santa Monica y San Juan (now the George Hadley Himes) Council No. 214, Allied Masonic Degrees, Founding Secretary of the St. Lawrence Association, Allied Masonic Degrees and recipient of the Red Branch of Erie.

Larry A. Reynolds Sr., K.Y.G.C.H. Most Illustrious Grand Master 2004-2005

I was born April 3, 1942 in Iowa City, Iowa. My adoptive parents, Lucille and Fred Reynolds, had no other children. We lived in Randolph, Iowa until 1951, when we moved to the Roseville area. I met and married my first wife of 39 years, Georgina Stumbo, raising three boys; Larry Anthony, Thomas Scott, and Steven Clark. Georgina died in June 2000. In October 2000, I married my childhood sweetheart, Barbara. Barbara and I have adopted two girls, but have not completed the adoption of three others. The girls travel with us when possible. Barbara has seven more adult children.



Masonic History: I am a first generation Mason. My current wife's father, Julian Patton, was a member of Roseville #222 and Penrhyn Gold Hill #32. Our daughters are active in International Order of Job's Daughters, Bethel #4, and International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Barbara is Past Worthy Matron of Penrhyn Chapter # 159 Order of the Eastern Star.

Blue Lodge: Initiated May 06, 1981. Raised July 1981. Master 1998. Sacramento Lodge #40.

Scottish Rite: Joined Scottish Rite 1987. Knight Commander Court of Honor 2001.

York Rite Bodies: Joined Roseville Chapter #146 Royal Arch Masons 1991. Joined Roseville Council #54 Cryptic Masons, 1991. Joined Rosewood Commandery #21 Knights Templar 1991.

DAN ROBERT MCDANIEL, K.Y.G.C.H. Right Eminent Grand Commander 2004-2005

Sir Knight Dan was born and reared in Texas. He attended Texas A&M University, and while there received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. He graduated from West Point in June 1950 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army. After 20 years of varied command and staff assignments, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He joined SRI International at Menlo Park, CA. After 17 years he left SRI to join Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Sunnyvale, CA. He retired from Lockheed in 1994 as Chief Scientist for Defensive Missile Systems. He received an MS in Nuclear Physics from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a PhD in



Applied Physics from Stanford University. He served as a Visiting Scholar at the Hoover Institution during the period 1995-2002. He is married to Helen Joann Bonar, and they have three children and two grandchildren. They reside in Los Altos and attend Foothill Baptist Church.

Dan was raised in Fraternity Lodge No. 1111, AF&AM, El Paso, TX in 1953. He affiliated with Los Altos Lodge No. 712, serving as Master in 1993. He served as High Priest of Palo Alto Chapter No. 93, Illustrious Master of Palo Alto Council No. 51, and Commander of Palo Alto Commandery No. 47. He was appointed Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery in 1998. Dan is a member of San Jose Scottish Rite Bodies, invested as a KCCH. He has served California Grand Lodge as a District Inspector, a Trustee of the California Masonic Foundation, and is President of the Board of Nob Hill Management, Inc.

COOKBOOK PROJECT

The Ladies of the Grand Commandery have undertaken a cookbook project this year. This will be a collection of the favorite recipes from York Rite ladies throughout the state of California. The proposed title of the cookbook is “**California Gold.**” The recipes are being collected by the wives of the Grand Commandery Department Commanders for each Department. The cookbook will be professionally prepared and published, with individual credit being given for each recipe in the book. The resulting cookbook will then be sold wherever Masons gather: Commandery, Council, and Chapter meetings, Grand Sessions, Grand Lodge Communication, Grand Encampment Triennial gatherings, etc. The proceeds of this project will be donated entirely to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

**For information call
Helen McDaniel, 650-965-0151.**

Grand Chapter to Celebrate 150 Year Anniversary!

Your Grand Chapter will offer some GREAT memorabilia in the coming months. Please watch your e-mail or check with your Chapter secretary for details.

We have a handsome stone coffee mug, polo shirts, ball caps, and even red jackets....all with the official Sesquicentennial logo ... available at prices which will fit your budget.

Your Chapter can order the shirts for an “official uniform” during the warm months!

**Information will be forthcoming,
but if you cannot wait,
contact Jerry Wohlfarth at
jerrywohlf@cox.net**

The Keystone

by Johnathan Lindsay, Member,
Van Nuys Royal Arch Chapter #135

Currently on the best seller book lists is *The Da Vinci Code*, by Dan Brown (Doubleday, 2003).

The author weaves legends with facts to develop a novel which is an exciting murder mystery; he refers to Masonry, especially the Knights Templar, a good number of times. The following two passages may be of interest to Royal Arch Masons. The first passage, found on page 201, gives a context which may help understand the second passage, found on page 203.

(1) Sophie furrowed her brow. “That’s strange, because my grandfather always told me the Rose meant *secrecy*. He used to hang a rose on his office door at home when he was having a confidential phone call and didn’t want me to disturb him. He encouraged me to do the same.” *Sweetie*, her grandfather said, *rather than lock each other out, we can hang a rose – la fleur des secrets – on our door when we need privacy. This way we learn to respect and trust each other. Hanging a rose is an ancient Roman custom.*

“Sub rosa,” Langdon said. “The Romans hung a rose over meetings to indicate the meeting was confidential. Attendees understood that whatever was said *under the rose – or sub rosa –* had to remain a secret.”

(2) The legend was specific.

The keystone is an encoded stone that lies beneath the sign of the Rose.

“Robert?” Sophie was watching him. “What’s going on?”

Langdon needed a moment to gather his thoughts. “Did your grandfather ever speak to you of something called *la clef de voûte*?”

“The key to the vault?” Sophie translated.

“No, that’s the literal translation. *La clef de voûte* is a common architectural term. *Voûte* refers not to a bank vault, but to a *vault* in an archway. Like a *vaulted* ceiling.”

“But vaulted ceilings don’t have keys.”

“Actually they do. Every stone archway requires a central, wedge-shaped stone at the top which locks the pieces together and carries all the weight. The stone is, in an architectural sense, the key to the vault. In English we call it a keystone.” Langdon watched her eyes for any spark of recognition.

Sophie shrugged, glancing down at the cryptex. “But this obviously is not a keystone.”

Langdon didn’t know where to begin. Keystones as a masonry technique for building stone archways had always been one of the best-kept secrets of the early Masonic brotherhood. *The Royal Arch Degree. Architecture. Keystones.* It was all interconnected. The secret knowledge of how to use a wedged keystone to build a vaulted archway was part of the wisdom that made Masons such wealthy craftsmen, and it was a secret that they guarded carefully. Keystones had always had a tradition of secrecy.

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sure that most of you are faithful attendees of your craft lodge, but you must seek out the reason why more members aren't attending.

Dedication to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, and showing and practicing these principles in our homes and our communities, is vital for the future of Masonry. Masonry we are told, strives to make good men into better men. We must practice the virtues and display sound moral judgement within the lodge but outside as well.

The fundamental principles of Masonry are the foundation of a healthy society. Whenever the guidelines of society are bent, redirected, or removed too far, then society tends to return to absolute standards which are proven. As Masons, we must promote these fundamental principles. Each of us must commit to make a difference. We must be reassured that every Mason practices the virtues for which we subscribe. We must have a genuine concern for our neighbors. We can no longer live within ourselves, even though we may want to, remembering the phrase, "no man is an island, entire of itself." By helping and sharing with others, we influence them. You will continually influence through your words and actions. Gandhi said, "I am my messenger." Your words and behavior are just the representation of your real self. Don't chip away at integrity.

The future of Freemasonry depends upon action. We must put into action the ideals, the teachings, and the principles of Freemasonry. In our great fraternity, we need to become "doers of the word and not hearers only." "By their works, ye shall know them" is most true when spoken of Masons. We must walk our talk.

Masonry in action is a group of men at work seeking to overcome the spirit of selfishness. Our true spirit is one of friendship, companionship, and brotherly love. Ours is an organization in which we are taught that we have not only a duty to God but also a duty to assist our fellow man. When it is our time for God to measure us, he will measure not by the words spoken, but by the deeds done. Our communities will also. If we, ourselves, cannot see in our craft a purpose in the community which is wider than our internal aims, then we will never draw into our ranks the quality of men we need, neither will we be able to convince the outside world that Freemasonry is a family of organizations which has a beneficial influence on the affairs of the community at large.

Masonry in action is a group of men practicing toleration. Toleration for opposing viewpoints and ethnic diversity. Adlai Stevenson indicated, "tolerance is the key to peace, for there can be no peace unless there is mutual toleration between peoples, systems and cultures.

Masonry in action is a group of men seeking to over-

come the spirit of immorality. When we follow the teachings of morality and virtue, we become better men and, thus, inherit a better world. You cannot have a better world without better men.

"Your task: To build a better world, God said.

But I answered, "how, the world is such a large, vast place, so complicated now, and I so small and useless am; there's nothing I can do.

But God, in all his wisdom said,


"Just build a better you."

My brothers, and friends, Masonry in this century will adapt to our society; however the fundamentals of our craft will never change. Each of us has the responsibility to use our abilities, time and possessions for the benefit of our Lodge, the Craft, the Family of Freemasonry and as important, our communities. In our changing society, the challenge to practice these fundamental principles will ever be before us. I say to you "let your Masonic principles live outside the lodge room for everyone to see, admire and emulate; then and only then will Masonry live and flourish.

In Memoriam

Sir Knight
Robert M. Bussman

Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honour
Knight Commander of the Temple
Past Grand Commander (1989-90)
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of California



Born
March 19, A.D.: 1921, A.O.: 803

Called from labor on
February 28, A.D.: 2004, A.O.: 888

*"Now the laborer's task is o'er;
 Now the battle is past;
 Now upon the farther shore,
 Lands the voyager at last."*

Services were held on Wednesday, March 3, 2004. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation or the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund (c/o Grand Recorder, 801 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, California 90813-4414) will be greatly appreciated.

2004 GRAND SESSIONS REPORT

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Grand High Priest Gordon C. Alexander, Signet Chapter No. 57
 Grand King William N. Wine, Ancient-Antioch Chapter No. 31
 Grand Scribe Russell D. Roberts, Tulare Chapter No. 71
 Grand Treasurer George Feick, Jr., PGHP, Signet Chapter No. 57
 Grand Secretary Kenneth G. Hope, Triple Tau Chapter No. 33
 Grand Lecturer Don E. Lamoureux, Delta Chapter No. 27
 Grand Chaplain Carlos H. Gonzalez, Signet Chapter No. 57
 Grand Captain of the Host Don E. Lamoureux, Triangle Chapter No. 155
 Grand Principal Sojourner John L. Cooper III, King Solomon's Chapter No. 95
 Grand Royal Arch Captain Sean N. Foran, Signet Chapter No. 57
 Grand Master of the Third Veil Mourad Kaplanian, Signet Chapter No. 57
 Grand Master of the Second Veil George M. Ezmirian, Signet Chapter No. 57
 Grand Master of the First Veil Mark R. Sandstrom, Azusa Chapter No. 80
 Grand Orator Julian H. Cambridge, George Burnham Chapter No. 152
 Grand Marshal C. Miles Scandrett, Signet Chapter No. 57
 Grand Organist Rush Robinson Signet, Chapter No. 57
 Grand Soloist Thomas E. Colgan, Triangle Chapter No. 155
 Grand Sentinel John G. Stonebreaker Tyre, Chapter No. 130
 Assistant Grand Secretary Albert M. Lewis, Triple Tau Chapter No. 33
 General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze Donald A. Read, Jr., Naval Chapter No. 35
 Grand High Priest Distinguished Service Medal

Haven E. Best, Sebastopol Chapter No. 117
 Robert White, Vectensian Chapter No. 7852 (U.K.)
 Dennis L. Ward, Keystone Chapter No. 56
 Pete Lagatta, Jr., Tyre Chapter No. 130

Jon D. Humphreys, Sacramento Chapter No. 3

High Priest of the Year for the State Stephen C. J. Hill, Palo Alto Chapter No. 93
 High Priest of the Year Dept #3 Daniel C. Kaffka, Jr., Ventura Chapter No. 50
 High Priest of the Year Dept #4 George N. Thomas, Whittier Chapter No. 91
 Secretary of the Year for the State Steven M. Fowler, Stockton Chapter No. 28
 Secretary of the Year Dept #2 Thomas A. Krummell, Roseville Chapter No. 146
 Chapter with the highest percentage increase (9.1%) Corinthian Chapter No. 51
 Chapter with the highest number of new members (31) Signet Chapter No. 57

Resolutions

Resolution 2004-1 . . . to raise the Per Capita to \$8.00 - Passed
 Resolution 2004-2 . . . to allow the principle to be used if predicted revenue falls short - Passed

**2004 GRAND SESSIONS REPORT
 GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS**

Most Illustrious Grand Master Larry A. Reynolds, Sr. Roseville Council No. 54
 Deputy Grand Master Jose A. Fiss Alhambra Council No. 25
 Grand Principal Conductor
 of the Work Robert G. Grauer Redwood Empire Council No. 46
 Grand Treasurer James G. Baum, MIPGM, Redwood Empire Council No. 46
 Grand Recorder Kenneth G. Hope, Shekinah Council No. 35
 Grand Director of Ritual Ken G. Nagel, San Jose Council No. 20
 Grand Chaplain (North) Robert L. Henson, Roseville Council No. 54
 Grand Chaplain (South) Rickey O. Ward, Valley Council No. 27
 Grand Captain of the Guard William J. Ryland, Alhambra Council No. 25
 Grand Conductor of the Council John C. Carpenter, Jr., Bakersfield Council No. 28
 Grand Steward Frederick J. Potter, Ventura Council No. 15
 Grand Sentinel Alfred M. Cockrell, Jr, Roseville Council No. 54
 Grand Orator Larry L. Adamson, Omega Council No. 11
 Grand Marshal (North) David P. Glass, Gateway Council No. 13
 Grand Marshal (South) Dennis L. Ward, Valley Council No. 27
 Grand Organist Carl F. Miescke, San Jose Council No. 20
 Grand Soloist James L. Bailey, Roseville Council No. 54
 Grand Bible Bearer James E. Burkett, Orange County Council No. 14
 Grand Standard Bearer Robert A. L. Whitfield, Oakland Council No. 12
 Assistant Grand Recorder Albert M. Lewis, Shekinah Council No. 35
 General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International
 Cryptic Mason of the Year Ken G. Nagel, San Jose Council No. 20
 Adult Leadership Award Mrs. Katie Ryland
 Illustrious Master of the Year Louis R. Jensen, Butte Council No. 50
 Recorder of the Year Thomas A. Krummell, Roseville Council No. 54

Ritualist of the Year for the State William S. Dann, Shasta Council No. 6
 Ritualist for Dept #2 Price Reynolds, Marysville Council No. 3
 Ritualist for Dept #3 Bill Wilson, Visalia Council No. 43
 Ritualist for Dept #4 Bruce Hudson, Alpha Council No. 39
 Ritualist for Dept #5 Edward L. Tiu, Shekinah Council No. 35
 Ritualist for Dept #6 David B. Murr, Riverside Council No. 59
 Grand Master of Ish Sodi Award, Robert A. L. Whitfield, Oakland Council No. 12
 Fredrick L. Smith, Roseville Council No. 54
 David P. Glass, Gateway Council No. 13
 William E. Long, San Luis Obispo Council No. 38
 Herbert E. Howland, Jr., Alhambra Council No. 25
 David B. Murr, Riverside Council No. 59

Grand Master's Achievement Award

Gateway Council No. 13; Alhambra Council No. 25; Bakersfield Council No. 28
 Council with the highest percentage increase (.2.7%) San Jose Council No. 20
 Council with the highest increase in number of members (22) Omega Council No. 11

Resolutions

Resolution 2004-1 to determine location for Annual Assembly - Passed
 Resolution 2004-2 . . . to increase Per Capita by \$2.00 - Passed

**2004 GRAND SESSIONS REPORT
 GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**

Grand Commander Dan R. McDaniel, Palo Alto Commandery. No. 47
 Deputy Grand Commander Milton M. Abbott, Jr., Eureka Commandery No. 35
 Grand Generalissimo Charles R. Waterman, Jr, Vacaville Commandery No. 38
 Grand Captain General Paul E. McElwain, Los Angeles Commandery No. 9
 Grand Senior Warden Gary D. Miller, Riverside Commandery No. 28
 Grand Junior Warden William D. Robertson, Naval Commandery No. 19
 Grand Prelate Fr. Charles E. Maier, Orange County Commandery No. 36
 Grand Treasurer O. Reed Bollin, REPGC, Golden West Commandery No. 43
 Grand Recorder Kenneth G. Hope, RE(H)PGC, Golden West Commandery No. 43
 Grand Standard Bearer David J. Kussman, Orange County Commandery No. 36
 Grand Sword Bearer Casey W. Norris, Vacaville Commandery No. 38
 Grand Warder Howard W. "Bud" Ramsey, San Jose Commandery No. 10
 Grand Sentinel Calvin G. Lessing, Palo Alto Commandery No. 47
 Organist John E. Vanderby, Golden Gate Commandery No. 16
 Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U.S.A.
 Knight Templar Cross of Honor Robert W. Holder, Golden West County No. 43
 Knight Commander of the Temple Marshall F. Parker, Riverside No. 28
 Companion of the Temple Mrs. Grace Maier
 Honorary Past Grand
 Commander Kenneth G. Hope, Golden West Commandery No. 43
 Grand Commandery Knights Templar of California
 Commander of the Year for the State Kenneth L. Edwards, Stockton No. 8
 Recorder of the Year for the State Charles E. Williams, St. Omer No. 30
 Drill Team Competition
 Class "B" Champion Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, 973 points
 Class "C" Champion Golden West Commandery No. 43, 989 points
 Class "D" Champion California Commandery No. 1, 969 points
 Class "D" Orange County Commandery No. 36, 953 points
 Commandery with the highest percentage increase (10.7%) St. Omer No. 30
 Commandery with the highest increase in the number of members (19) Los Angeles #9 and San Diego #25

Resolutions

Resolution 2004-1 To establish name tags for the uniform. PASSED
 Resolution 2004-2
 To establish a metal ribbon bar for the summer uniform. PASSED
 Resolution 2004-3
 To establish when the summer uniform may be worn. FAILED