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Grand High Priest Message:

As I near the mid-point of my year as your Grand High Priest we have visited over 40 of the 62 Chapters in the State, grateful for the generous donations we have received for our favorite charity, the DeBarrows Scholarship Fund. We have sat down to many delicious meals and enjoyed entertainment of all kinds.

My association with David and Martin has resulted in the formation of the Three Amigos. I could not have hoped for two better associates to travel with and get our message out of the togetherness of the Grand York Rite Bodies of California. The three of us attended three York Rite/Scottish Rite Unity Nights and were well received by the Scottish Rite Bodies.

Please remember to put the Cruise from San Diego to Vancouver on your calendar from May 1 - 6. Information to be found elsewhere in this publication. NOTE: **Prices shown are per cabin, not per person.**

Also, there is still time to register for the Colorado River Fall Festival. You can either use the form included herein, or go to the website at www.crff.org. Note an important change: rather than give the Royal Arch Widows Degree this year, the Super Excellent Master Degree will be conferred.

Teddy G. Hammack
Grand High Priest

BATTALIONS AND BELLES

Good Morning you all! Now you may not be familiar with the lingo but in South America, that is, South Texas, “You All” is plural while “Y’all” is Singular, while “All Y’all” means everybody in God’s Creation!!!!!!

I have been asked to provide you with a brief history of Battalion and Belles. Now, why I was chosen for this daunting task is still a mystery to me, although I think it had something to do with me being the only person in the area when the Chesbro’s came up with the idea!

I have been told that Battalions and Belles has a unique and colorful history. You may already be aware of this but in case you aren’t, it is unique to Cryptic Masonry here in California. The organization actually began in 1961 when Irvin B. Beckham was Grand Master of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California. Most Illustrious Irv was a member of the Southern California (today Shekinah) Council No. 35. To show their support for their Grand Master, they organized a group of supporters to attend his receptions throughout his Cryptic year. They called themselves “Beckham’s Battalions.” Other Councils joined in the support activity and when Irv Beckham’s year came to a close, the support group decided to continue this show of support for future Grand Masters of the Grand Council. They renamed themselves “Battalions and Belles” since the wives have become an integral part of the effort.

Northern California soon followed with their version of the support groups counterpart and for years, all of California Cryptic Masonry and their ladies vigorously and visible engages in activities to support. The Council in Northern California Battalions and Belles remains a visible group of enthusiasts. For the past four years Southern California for many reasons, has virtually all but disappeared from the scene. We wish to re-invigorate this organization here in the place of its origin. In that effort we need new members. We are currently in the process of scheduling social events to bring together the level of support that once existed so dynamically, and also have reinstated the annual meetings for election of officers and to discuss our future growth path.

Membership is open to any Cryptic Mason at \$5 per family per year. We are also investigating the feasibility of getting Battalions & Belles medallions made again. They are attractive jewels to wear around the neck and many of our members do not have them. We hope you will join with us in this endeavor to “raise” a once proud and productive Masonic organization to its rightful “level” of support activity.

Remarks delivered by Raymond D. Godeke, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, at the Battalions and Belles Luncheon, April 25, 2010

Serving God by Serving Others

By SK Carlos H. Gonzalez, Grand Senior Warden

On Sunday June 27, 2010 several Sir Knights of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 wearing their traditional black & white Drill Team shirt and their Ladies served food to the homeless of Los Angeles at the Midnight Mission in downtown. They also presented the Mission with a \$2,500 check donation.

The Midnight Mission is one of the oldest continuously operating human services organizations in the Los Angeles region. Located in the Skid Row area of downtown Los Angeles, the Mission runs one of the most efficient direct service operations in the country. The Midnight Mission was founded by Masons and is closely associated with Freemasons in California. President and CEO Larry Adamson is a Past Grand Master of Masons in California. Several Past Grand Masters serve in its Board of Directors. During its 95 year history, the Mission has been a consistent beacon of light for those with nowhere else to turn.

Pictured below are the Sir Knight and Ladies of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 ready to start serving dinner to the homeless.



Pictured below from left to right are SK Carlos H. Gonzalez KYCH, KYCH (Grand SW), SK Thomas Derby, KYCH (Grand Sentinel), SK David Kussman KYCH, KTCH (Grand Commander of California) and a member of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 , SK Larry Adamson, CEO of the Midnight Mission, a Past Grand Master of Masons in California and a very proud member of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 receiving our check donation on behalf of the Midnight Mission, SK Donald J.

Spencer KYCH, KTCH (Recorder of LA No. 9) and SK Richard T. Cooper KYGCH, KCT, a Past Grand Commander of California and his Lady Norma.



Pictured below are SK David Kussman KYCH, KTCH the Grand Commander of California, SK Larry Adamson, CEO of the Midnight Mission and a Past Grand Master of Masons in California and SK David Rush, Commander of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9.



Pictured below are several 2010 Officers and Sir Knights of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 ready to serve food.



Serving God by Serving Others is our Grand Commander's motto for 2010. Nothing more fitting than to serve food to the homeless. We salute you Grand Commander Kussman and congratulate you on a most successful year in office. You make us all very proud to be Knights Templar.



California York Rite Masons Cruise

May 1-6, 2011

Fundraiser benefiting Royal Arch Philanthropies

Five days leaving from San Diego, CA, on Sunday May 1, 2011 and sailing to Vancouver, BC, Canada on Friday May 6, 2011

| Day | Destination | Arrival | Departure |
|-----|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | San Diego, CA | - | 05:00 PM |
| 2 | At Sea | - | - |
| 3 | At Sea | - | - |
| 4 | Astoria, Oregon | 08:00 AM | 05:00 PM |
| 5 | Victoria, B.C. | 12:00 PM | 11:59 PM |
| 6 | Vancouver, B.C. | 08:00 AM | |

Cruise Line: Holland America Line Ship Name: Westerdam
Group Leader: Rosalie Woergoetter Contact Email: yourhappytrails@sbcglobal.net
Contact Phone: 510-581-8234 CA-CST # 2057620-40

Accommodations: Log on to www.yourhappytrails.net, click on the "Groups" tab at top of the page and click "View Details" to select one of the following cabins and make your deposit of \$300.00. The final payment is due February 7, 2011.

(Please note: Use Firefox or Explorer as Google Chrome may not open "Details")

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| Cabin Type: | Occupancy: | Pricing per cabin (2): |
| Superior Verandah Suite SY | Double (2) | Base Price : \$ 1248.00 |
| | | Total Price : \$ 1342.98 |

2 lower beds convertible to 1 queen-size bed, bathroom with dual sink vanity, full-size whirlpool bath, shower and additional shower stall, large sitting area, private verandah, 1 sofa bed for 1 person, floor-to-ceiling windows. Approximately 389 sq. ft. with verandah.

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|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Deluxe Verandah Ocean-View VF | Double (2) | Base Price : \$ 1048.00 |
| | | Total Price : \$ 1142.98 |

2 lower beds convertible to 1 queen-size bed, bathtub, shower, sitting area, private verandah, floor-to-ceiling windows. Approximately 254 sq. ft.

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|--------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Ocean View F | Double (2) | Base Price : \$ 848.00 |
| | | Total Price : \$ 942.98 |

2 lower beds convertible to 1 queen-size bed, bathtub, shower. Approximately 185 sq. ft.

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|----------|------------|-------------------------|
| Inside K | Double (2) | Base Price : \$ 748.00 |
| | | Total Price : \$ 842.98 |

Price includes all taxes and fees.

A donation of \$25.00 per person is included in the rates for Royal Arch Philanthropies.

PLEASE NOTE:

*****PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED*****

Travel Insurance is recommended and available on www.yourhappytrails.net Click on the "Extras" tab at top of the page.

Fees may apply for name changes/corrections and cancellations.

Port and Ship Highlights

San Diego, CA

Sunshine and fun are business as usual in San Diego. Walk on Coronado Island's sandy beach, take in the Old Town that brings the city's early Spanish days to life, have a wild time at the famous San Diego Zoo or a whale of a good time at Sea World. Sample shore excursions: San Diego City Tour; Sea World; San Diego Zoo.

Astoria, Oregon

The end of the trail for the Lewis and Clark Expedition, now a showcase of historic forts and museums. Nearby: elegant Victorian tea rooms and charming seaside resorts. Sample shore excursions: Historic Astoria & Fort Clatsop; Seaside and Cannon Beach.

Victoria, B.C.

A touch of England awaits: afternoon tea, double-decker buses, the famed Butchart Gardens - a brilliant tapestry of color spread across 50 blooming acres. Sample shore excursions: A Taste of Victoria: City Lights with Wine & Chocolate; Ale Trail & Pub Tour.

ms Westerdam

The ms Westerdam is the third in Holland America Line's series of Vista-class ships. As such, she embraces the latest industry and environmental technologies such as her use of a diesel-electric power plant for optimal energy efficiency and an Azipod propulsion system. Most of her staterooms have ocean views and many have private verandahs.

The theme of ms Westerdam's art collection is Dutch heritage in the New World. Art ranges from paintings of historic Dutch ships, such as Henry Hudson's Half Moon, to a huge Indian silver-overlaid wood palace doorway, a bone tobacco pipe carved in the shape of a woman's head to a collection of 5,000-year-old pre-Columbian carved limestone figures from Ecuador. Contemporary pieces include an original Andy Warhol portrait and signature sculptures by Sedona artist Susanna Holt.

Deck plan available upon request by email to yourhappytrails@sbcglobal.net
(2 pages, 5 MB each @ 300 dpi, color)

Family and friends are also welcome to join us for a fun-filled voyage!

California Grand York Rite Sessions

Advance Information

Bakersfield CA May 21st – 25th, 2011

Greetings Companion and Sir Knights,

Please note that the 2011 Grand York Rite Sessions will be on different dates and a different venue than years past. The dates are May 21st to the 25th. The location is the Bakersfield Doubletree Hotel 3100 Camino Del Rio Ct Bakersfield, 93308.

You may book your room now: online from www.ca-gyrs.org or call the Doubletree Hotel reservation line at (800) 222-TREE(8733) tell the agent that you are in the Grand York Rite Group for your hotel reservation before 04/20/11 (however, the room block may be filled by that date) Room rate: \$90.00 +tax

Reservation forms, menus, schedule and other forms are available on the webpage www.ca-gyrs.org

Also, we need your continued support with the Souvenir Program Advertisements. This vital source of revenue is key for expenses like Ladies Hospitality, sound systems, sessions materials, etc. The form is included in the Encompasser and on the website.

Some new (and resurrected) items for this year:

- We have expanded the AMD In-Gathering this year for two degrees and a festive board Table Lodge 7-Course Prime Rib Dinner for the AMD Companions.
- The Golden State Royal Arch Research Chapter plans to hold a meeting.
- We plan to have the Knights Templar Ritual Competition.
- After a long absence, we have brought back workshops; these will be held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons for those not eligible to receive the Past Commander's Association or Order of High Priesthood.
 - Workshop A: Budget Preparation, Audits and Organization Oversight
 - Workshop B: Official Receptions and Visitations - Planning and Execution
 - Workshop C: The Carlos Gonzales Method for Membership Growth

Attend all 3 workshops and get a \$5 rebate!

The Past Commander's Association, Order of High Priesthood and Thrice Illustrious Master will also be presented (their separate registration forms are available on www.ca-gyrs.org).

Our vendors are back for your Masonic regalia and other items of interest.

Please remember: **Reservation forms postmarked after 04/20/11 are subject to a 25% late fee. Additionally, all forms submitted onsite will be charged a \$10 onsite processing fee, so please register early. EVERY attendee must register!**

2011 Grand York Rite Sessions May 21st to May 25th, 2011 – Bakersfield, CA

Each person attending must fill out a registration form (Please print your names and titles as you would like it printed on your badge)

Do you prefer your confirmation by: email (default) none phone call (latest time to call _____)

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| Name: _____ | Lady / Guest: _____ |
| Title(s): _____ | |
| Lady / Guest Title(s): _____ | |
| Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ | |
| Zip: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____ | |

Arrival Date / Time: _____ Departure Date / Time: _____ Shuttle Requested? No Yes (Also enter travel details in comments section)

I am a member of: RAM # _____ CM # _____ KT # _____ Drill Team Participant

| Day/Date | Time | Event / Meal please mark your choices or <input type="checkbox"/> No Events/Meals | Price | Total |
|--|----------|---|---------|-------|
| Sat May 21st | 12:00 PM | AMD In-Gathering Registration (AMD dues card required for entry) _____ | \$2.00 | |
| | 1:30 PM | Royal Ark Mariner Degree (includes certificate and lapel pin) _____ | \$15.00 | |
| | | Installed Noah Commander Degree (includes certificate and lapel pin) _____ | \$15.00 | |
| | 5:00 PM | Festive Board Table Lodge Prime Rib Dinner (AMD Members Only) _____ | \$45.00 | |
| Sun May 22nd | 8:00 AM | York Rite College Breakfast Breakfast Burrito _____ Veg _____ | \$19.00 | |
| | 11:30 AM | Battalion & Belles Brunch French Connection _____ Veg _____ | \$23.00 | |
| | 6:30 PM | Grand York Rite Banquet Char-Broiled Tri-Tip _____ Salmon _____ Stuffed Portabella Mushroom _____ | \$39.00 | |
| Mon May 23rd  | 7:00 AM | Grand Commandery Breakfast: Open to Sir Knights <u>and</u> Ladies Country Scramble _____ | \$19.00 | |
| | 12:00 PM | KT Ladies Luncheon Fiesta Tostada Salad _____ Veg _____ | \$23.00 | |
| | 12:15 PM | Grand Commandery Luncheon Fiesta Tostada Salad _____ Veg _____ | \$23.00 | |
| | 1:30 PM | Workshop C _____ 2:15 PM Workshop A _____ 3:15 PM Workshop B _____ | \$5 ea | |
| Tue May 24th  | 7:00 AM | Grand Chapter Breakfast: Open to the Companions <u>and</u> Ladies Cheese Blintz _____ | \$19.00 | |
| | 12:00 PM | RA Ladies Luncheon: Oriental Chicken Salad _____ Veg _____ | \$23.00 | |
| | 12:15 PM | Grand Chapter Luncheon: Croissant Club _____ Veg _____ | \$23.00 | |
| | 1:30 PM | Workshop A _____ 2:30 PM Workshop B _____ 3:30 PM Workshop C _____ | \$5 ea | |
| Wed May 25th  | 7:00 AM | Grand Council Breakfast Open to the Companions <u>and</u> Ladies French Connection _____ | \$19.00 | |
| | 12:00 PM | CM Ladies Luncheon California Cobb Salad _____ Veg _____ | \$23.00 | |
| | 12:15 PM | Grand Council Luncheon Grilled Chicken Sandwich Caprese _____ Veg _____ | \$23.00 | |

Check# _____ payable to **Grand York Rite of CA** or invoice me via PayPal

Workshop A: Budget Preparation, Audits and Organization Oversight **Workshop B:** Official Receptions and Visitations - Planning and Execution
Workshop C: The Carlos Gonzales Method for Membership Growth Attend all 3 workshops and get a \$5 rebate

Comments: _____

Please send this form and payment to: **CA-GYRS 6431 Valley Hi Dr. Sacramento, CA 95823-4838**
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Questions, **General Chairmen** : Ken Nagel (510) 468-9864, Randy Downey (408) 255-3719 or Bud Ramsey (408) 224-9431 chairmen@ca-gyrs.org
 please contact: **Executive Officer:** James Baum, (760) 843-9258 executiveofficer@ca-gyrs.org
 S:EC U: 10/6/10 **Meal/Event reservations:** Dave Glass (916) 454-5335 reservations@ca-gyrs.org
 No refunds after May 10th, 2011 unless approved by the Grand York Rite Sessions Executive Committee. **More forms (including the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master & Past Commanders Association), menus and schedule are available from www.ca-gyrs.org.**

2011 GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS Souvenir Ad Program Order Form

Company Name or Organization _____

Contact Name _____ Contact Phone _____ Contact E-mail _____

Mailing Address City, State Zip _____

Please enter quantity:

- _____ Full Page @ \$160.00 each
- _____ Half Page @ \$85.00 each
- _____ Quarter Page @ \$45.00 each
- _____ Eighth Page @ \$25.00 each
- _____ Business Card @ \$25.00 each
- _____ Name on Name Page (list below)
@ \$5.00 each

Total Amount _____

Check # _____ or Invoice me via PayPal
Names for the Name Page (at \$5 each)

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 Camera ready ad material is preferred (Black and White or Gray scale only). We can assist you in creating your ad. Provide on a separate page, the exact wording of your ad. Submit logos, pictures (original B&W or Gray scale only—no color or “scanned pics”) or business cards that are to be used in the ad on an accompanying sheet.
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 12572 Jackson Heights Dr. El Cajon, CA 92021-1766

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Colorado River Fall Festival

Riverside Hotel & Casino, Laughlin, NV

October 17, 18, 19, 2010

For your Hotel Reservation - All reservations/cancellations **must be made through CRFF** by mail by October 1, 2010. Hotel check-in 2:00PM – checkout 12:00 noon.
All times are Pacific Daylight time.

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____ CELL PHONE _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Room Request (circle appropriate):

Handicap King Double Smoking Non-Smoking (No Room)

For our information and for your Name Badge, check as applies:

Candidate S.E.M Candidate only

Non-Participant or Hotel Room only (No Name Tag)

(If you are a Candidate, your Sec./Rec. must send "Request for Courtesy Work" to the Candidate Registrar by 9/30/2010 - if you are a S.E.M. candidate only, you may register on-site.)

For your badge: (All attendees must register for Name Badge to attend sessions or participate.)

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

TITLE (IF DESIRED): _____

NAME FOR YOUR LADY'S BADGE (IF DESIRED): _____

THE CHARGES

Festival Registration (Masons, Candidates only)

\$15.00 (\$25.00 if postmarked after Oct 1)

\$ _____ .00

Hotel Room Sun/Mon/Tues \$115.00 for all three nights, single or double (two queen beds) \$164.64 for three nights, one king bed

\$ _____ .00

Banquet \$32.50/person

\$ _____ .00

Ladies Tea Party \$15.00

\$ _____ .00

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$ _____ .00

Make all checks payable to, and mail to:

Colorado River Fall Festival

7938 Center Street

Mohave Valley AZ 86440-9206

Need confirmation? · Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or email address.

E-mail address for hotel registration questions – stoney5@citlink.net

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