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Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

My article was originally going to be about a topic that I first spoke about at our Grand Chapter installation in Bakersfield and have been addressing at receptions throughout the state, Servant Leadership. However, Excellent Companion Ray Broomfield, our Grand Royal Arch Captain, has written an outstanding article on this topic, so I would direct you to his article immediately below. My favorite information source on Servant Leadership is The Servant Leader by James A. Autry. It is an excellent read and available though Amazon.

I will take this opportunity to discuss an event that occurred in September of 1787 that is particularly relevant as we move to elect a new President to lead our great nation. I would ask you to reflect on the rights and privileges that we enjoy that allow us to meet in our various stated meetings and convocations, and enjoy the benefits of Freemasonry.

In September of 1787 the Founding Fathers signed the most influential document in American history, the United States Constitution. Many Americans believed that the Articles of Confederation created a weak, ineffective central government. So, Congress authorized delegates to gather in Philadelphia and recommend changes to the existing charter of government for the 13 states. However, from the start of the convention, it became clear that the delegates were forming an entirely new form of government. The Preamble of this history-changing document makes it clear why it was written:

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

In “The Constitution: The Essential User’s Guide”, the Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, put it this way:

“What makes the Constitution worthy of our commitment? First and foremost, the answer is our freedom. It is, quite simply, the most powerful vision of freedom ever expressed. It’s also the world’s shortest and oldest national constitution, neither so rigid as to be stifling, nor so malleable as to be devoid of meaning.”

Our Constitution has been an inspiration that changed the trajectory of world history for the perpetual benefit of mankind. In 1787, no country in the world had ever allowed its citizens to select their own form of government, much less to select a democratic government. What was revolutionary when it was written, and what continues to inspire the world today, is that the Constitution puts governance in the hands of the people.

There are men and women fighting and dying this very day in many places in our troubled world over the right to do the very things that we do every month in our Stated Meetings. Things like meeting in private and keeping the nature of our discussions to ourselves – like correcting the official record of our proceedings when it is in error – like deciding how our money will be spent – and like casting a secret ballot upon important measures, such as who will be admitted to our deliberations and who will lead us. Indeed, our business meetings are truly celebrations of democracy – embodying, as they do, the rights of self-government, secret ballot, etc. And they are celebrations that millions around the world would like to be able to enjoy.

In our Nation we have, by the Grace of God, pretty well resolved these issues. But not so everywhere, and nothing is guaranteed for the future. As we approach the 229th anniversary of the final signing of our Constitution on September 17th – let us remember to be grateful and say a prayer for our great nation and for the men and women that defend it at home and abroad.

Richard D. Baskin, KYGCH
162nd Grand High Priest

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Companions,

For the last few months I have had the opportunity to attend several receptions for

M.E.C. Baskin throughout the state. At these receptions, the presiding Grand officers are asked to share their comments on our York Rite and I found it very interesting that they each selected similar topics such as communication. One topic of M.E.C.

Baskin's, "Servant Leadership", differed from the rest.

There are many different styles of leadership, whether it be authoritarian, paternalist, democratic or any of the many other styles. Each has a time and place where it is most effective, and other times when it inhibits performance of an organization. If the authoritarian style is the only hammer in your tool box, then you tend to treat every problem as needing a whack from the authoritarian hammer.

Servant Leadership comes at leadership from a different perspective, more philosophical. Having a willingness to serve people is one of its key principals. Being a servant is not the same as subservient, in fact it is leading from a concern for the welfare of others, listening to their problems, and trying to see your actions from their perspective. A servant leader wants to help others reach their potential.

In the role of a leader you are charged with accomplishing tasks through the actions of others. Being a servant leader does not require you to give up authority or responsibility. You still need to provide direction to those for whom you are responsible.

Perhaps General Colin Powell (Ret.) captures the essence of Servant leadership. "Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership."

Think about the people in your organization that you would call servant leaders. Maybe it's the High Priest who goes into the kitchen to help prepare the Chapter dinner before a meeting, or is one of the servers. You

probably know someone who always has the time to listen to your problems, a person you respect for their advice. A companion that always seems to have time to help you with a task. Those qualities are not dependent on a title; they are a measure of the individual's core value to be a servant that helps others achieve.

Servant leaders are the people who lead your organization. There is more information on the Internet about Servant Leadership. It is well worth the read.

Fraternally,
Ray Broomfield
Grand Royal Arch Captain

GRAND CHAPTER **SCHOLARSHIPS**

For info about Scholarships, go to the following website:

<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

Deadline to apply: To be determined

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!

COLORADO RIVER FALL FESTIVAL

The 2016 dates for this major event are Oct 16 through the 18th. There is a Ladies' Program, arranged by our own Sandra Coe. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter. Go to <http://www.crff.org/index.php/2016> to register. The deadline is Oct 1st.

INFORMATION ON RECEPTIONS, FESTIVALS & DEGREES

At the very end of this Newsletter you will find copies of flyers for some of the remaining activities throughout the year – some, but not all, Receptions as well as Degree conferrals, whether individual or part of a Festival. For other events not included here, refer to the Grand High Priest Calendar summarized below, or with full details, at the Grand York Rite 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 -- \$75.00 plus tax and shipping, for sizes 34 to 49 in short, regular and tall; and \$87.00 plus tax and shipping for sizes 50 to 60, also in short, regular, and tall. Purple Jackets are little more expensive at \$95.00 for the smaller and \$107.00 for the larger. Also available are Men's and ladies' vests, tuxedos and shirts, pins, patches, and flags, and OES T-Shirts. Contact Max Luy at **(510) 502-3224**; or at his website: www.mpenterprises.weebly.com; or directly to his email at maxluy@hotmail.com.

ENCOMPASSER

The **July 2016** edition of the Encompasser has now been published. It can be found at http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser_issues.html OR. Go to <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org> and click on The Encompasser on the left of the top toolbar.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR
SEPT 2016 – FEB 2017

Date	Event	Location
Sep 1	Red Cross	San Diego
Sep 3	Grand Chapter Officer/Ritual Staff Conference	Bakersfield
Sep 6	Stated Mtg # 626	Chula Vista
Sep 7	Scottish Rite	San Diego
Sep 10	Grand Master's Reception, Scottish Rite	San Diego
Sep 11-16	Personal Days	San Diego
Sep 17	RAM Festival	Escondido
Sep 22	Chapter Meeting	San Diego
Oct 4	Stated Mtg # 626	Chula Vista
Oct 5	Scottish Rite	San Diego
Oct 6	Red Cross	San Diego

Oct 9	3-Way Reception	Santa Monica
Oct 12	Scottish Rite Info Night	San Diego
Oct 16 – 18	Colorado River Fall Festival	Laughlin, NV
Oct 21-22	Scottish Rite Fall Reunion	San Diego
Oct 27 – 30	CA Grand Lodge	San Francisco
Oct 29 – 30	Southwest Regional Conf	Las Vegas, Nevada
Nov 2	Scottish Rite	San Diego
Nov 3	Red Cross	San Diego
Nov 7	3-Way Reception	Petaluma
Nov 12	SRICF California College	San Diego
Nov 19	3-Way Reception	Victorville
Nov 24	THANKSGIVING	U. S. A.
Dec 1	Red Cross	San Diego
Dec 4	AMD Ikopah	San Diego
Dec 6	Stated Mtg # 626	Chula Vista
Dec 7	Scottish Rite	San Diego
Dec 25	CHRISTMAS	Everywhere
Dec 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE	U. S. A.
Feb 11	3-Way Reception	San Diego

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

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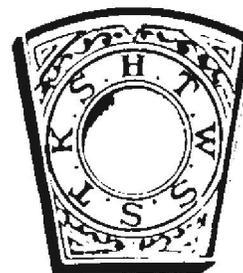
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GRAND SESSIONS, FORMS & SCHEDULES

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Attention Royal Arch Masons in California!

HELP YOUR BROTHER “MAKE HIS MARK”!!!



To introduce Master Masons to the Degrees of the Chapter, our Grand Chapter has authorized the conferral of the Mark Master Degree to interested Brethren without fee.

A petition to the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is still required, to take advantage of this opportunity.

“Keystone Classes” are being planned for this program now, for group conferrals of the Mark Master Degree throughout the state in the Fall of 2015.

This is where **YOU** come in. Please talk with that Brother you would like to recommend to your Chapter, and tell him of this opportunity to “sample” the further degrees of the York Rite. To help you explain this opportunity to your Lodge Brethren, the following new materials are available to you:

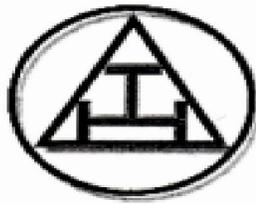
- A new Petition for this introductory Mark Master Degree.
- A brochure inviting a Brother to explore the Chapter Degrees.

You can print these new materials from the Grand Chapter website, at <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/royalarch.htm> Or you can ask any Chapter Secretary, District Inspector, or Grand Chapter Officer for copies of these new materials.

Be sure to explain the advantages of this opportunity to your Lodge Brothers:

- The Mark Master Degree expands and extends the Craft Degrees, shedding further Light on what it means to be a Mason.
- Further Degrees in the Chapter are entirely optional.
- This is an opportunity to share Masonic fellowship with members of other Lodges in the local community.
- No proof of proficiency is required to advance in Degrees.

-- Companions, please talk with your Blue Lodge Brethren today!! --



East Bay York Rite

Presents the 48th Annual
Pilgrimage into the York Rite

2016 David M Shull Memorial Honoree: Cornelius Buys

Saturday, September 24, 2016

**7:30 A.M. Registration; 8:30 A.M. Degrees Begin
Royal Arch Degrees (\$30.00)**

Saturday, October 1, 2016

**8:00 A.M. Registration; 9:00 A.M. Degrees Begin
Council Degrees (\$30.00)**

Saturday, October 15, 2016

**7:30 A.M. Registration; 8:30 A.M. Orders Begin
Commandery Orders (\$30.00)**

Alameda Masonic Hall

2312 Alameda Avenue, Alameda, California

Lunch provided @ \$10

All Candidates must be preregistered with the East Bay York Rite Association Registrar

Marion Rogers PO Box 892, Lafayette, CA 94549

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Colorado River Fall Festival

LADIES TEA

Tuesday - October 18, 2016 - 12:30 p.m

We will have Margaritas

Cost \$30.00

Wear you best , crazy or funny HAT



www.closet.com 118597



Again we will collect Teddy Bears, but please keep the size to about 12".

Also Beanie Caps and Mittens.

Any questions please call me Sandra Coe 626-485-5596.

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