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Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2017! Barb joins me in hoping everyone had a wonderful and joyous holiday season. This time of the year is always special as we make that extra effort to spend time with friends and family, and to give thanks for the many blessings our Creator has given us. We wish each of you a safe, prosperous and happy New Year.

It is New Years day as I write this and I am thinking about the New Year's Resolutions that I should be making. Lose weight -- receptions this year and the holiday season have added a few pounds; maybe workout more; or attend more Masonic events. Actually, there won't be any resolutions, mainly because we all know what needs to be done and that only requires the dedication and drive to get it done. As Masons that means suiting up and showing up at our stated meetings and convocations. Even if we are sideliners, we still have an important duty. We can assist the Officers set up, greet Brethren or Companions, reach out a friendly hand to that new guy to let him know that he is welcome and we appreciate him taking time out of his busy schedule to join us. If you are an Officer, you can be a steward of your Companions time by being prepared and well organized. Business meetings allow us to run our organizations and if managed correctly can be informative and educational. Opening and closing can also be a time to educate, by knowing your ritual and performing it to the best of

your ability, you communicate many important truths. The time we give to our Masonic endeavors is one of our most precious resources we have and should be something we are proud to share with our Companions.

This month we will conclude our installation season and with that we look forward to seeing the plans of our new offices fulfilled. This is the ideal time to review the duties and responsibilities of the dais officers. What is required to lead your particular Chapter? Each chapter is unique and requires a different set of skills to run it effectively. However, the one thing that is constant is the fact that you are a servant to our great fraternity. As you make decisions, start that process from the standpoint of a Servant Leader and work toward the betterment of your Chapter and your Companions.

I start the new year confident our Chapters are in good hands and look forward to seeing us continue our efforts to improve our ritual and revitalize Masonic education in each of our meetings.

After reviewing my article, I guess I do have a New Year's Resolution, and it will be the same one I have had for many years: to try and be a better Mason in deed and action.

Richard D. Baskin, KYGCH
162nd Grand High Priest

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

The next Triennium will be held in Portland on August 23 through August 30th next year. General Grand Chapter will be held on Tuesday August 29th, with General Grand Council meeting on Monday the 28th. You should put these dates on your calendar now, and plan to register before July 26th, 2017 to get the best rates. Hotel RSVPs are due July 31st, 2017.

This meeting is open to all Companions. This may be the closest the Triennial will be to California in at least 9 years, so give

attendance next year your serious consideration. In addition to the meetings, there are numerous other activities planned, and services available, that you may want to avail yourself of. See the 2-page flyer at the end of this newsletter.

FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

Companions All,

The Companions in attendance at the School of Instruction (SOI) in Bellflower were for the most part NOT dais officers. They jumped in and took on roles that they were not accustomed to doing for the sake of more light in Capitular Masonry! As a result, the day went quickly with many discussions of "why" we do the things that we do in our ritual and "why" some things that we do could use a critical review in light of connecting our esoteric work to a philosophical viewpoint that can be explained to All Capitular Masons (both new and 'seasoned') in California! To understand what I am referring to, please attend one of our two remaining SOI's in the Central Region on Saturday, 25 March at Hanford Temple or in the Northern Region on Saturday, 1 April at Woodland Lodge and learn for yourself! All of these SOI's will start

at 9 am (8 am for coffee and pastries) and end promptly at 3 pm! Oh, and bring your ritual book because these SOI's are NOT a test of your ritual knowledge; but rather a vehicle for us to review and better understand the ceremonies of Capitular Masonry without the stress of "performance" together! The Grand High Priest will even buy your lunch for attending! How can you beat a deal like that? A Free lunch and More Masonic light in one package deal? I look forward to seeing all of you at one or the other SOI! Until then, Happy Holidays and Best Regards to All. "Holiness to the Lord"!

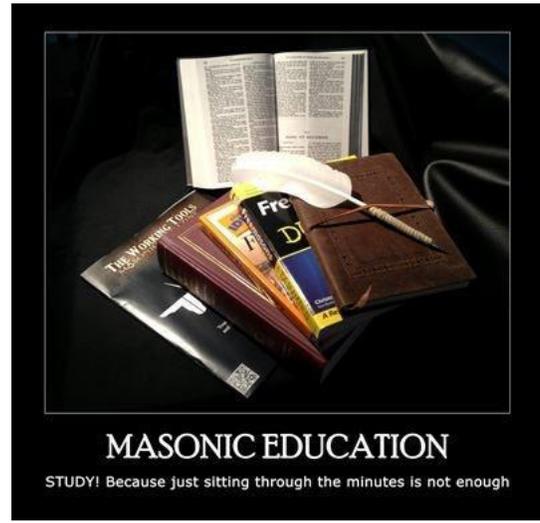
Steve Goad, Your most humble Grand Lecturer

NABUCCO

An Opera by Verdi about Nebuchadnezzar is being offered **Live in HD** by the Metropolitan Opera on January 7, 2017, at 9:55 am PST. Nebuchadnezzar is played by Placido Domingo. To view this performance, you need only go to your local theater. It is played in over a thousand theaters nationwide simultaneously. You will of course notice the connection to our Royal Arch Degree, and will enjoy the music immensely – especially the Chorus of Hebrew Slaves “Va Pensiero.” In fact, creative Chapters ought to consider playing this Chorus mid-way through the Royal Arch conferral! To listen to ‘Va Pensiero,’ go to the following YouTube site: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2F4G5H_TTVU.

For a synopsis of the performance on January 7th, go to the following Met site: <http://www.metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/SynopsisCast/Nabucco/>

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER



The mission of the Golden State Research Chapter is to stimulate interest among Royal Arch Masons by expanding their knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry through research leading to the publication of educational materials that expand the understanding of Royal Arch Masons in their history, traditions, and symbolism

Information describing why this Chapter was formed is available at WWW.GOLDENSTATECHAPTER.ORG.

The next meeting for our Research Chapter will be held in Bakersfield during the York Rite Grand Sessions in May. All Companions are invited and encouraged to attend.

I encourage all Royal Arch Companions to join the Golden State Chapter of Research in order to receive further light in our beautiful Capitular Degrees. Our website address is www.goldenstatechapter.org, where we post many papers and newsletters. This is also where you will find an application of affiliation to the Chapter. To become a member of the Research Chapter

candidates must submit an application form and a \$10.00 fee. There are no annual dues in the Research Chapter. Our flagship publication is publishing the Grand Orations of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Vespers Service of the Grand Commandery.

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
- Enrolled or Accepted at an Educational Institution

Deadline to apply for the 2017 Scholarship Program will be published in Jan 2017. Scholarship requirements will remain the same. Early submissions can be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Chapter Secretary at

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons
Attn: Grand Secretary
11428 East Artesia Blvd. – Suite 13

Artesia, CA 90701-3872
Telephone: (562) 924-6500
E-mail: FDB.Scholarship@gmail.com

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!

Recipients have been chosen and five scholarships will be issued by the end of 2016!



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 **October 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.

THE RIFLE RAFFLE

The Henry Repeating Arms Company has donated one of their Golden Boy Freemason Tribute Edition rifles to each Grand Commandery in the United States. See the flyer on page 11 below. Here in California, the Grand Commandery is holding a raffle with 100% of the proceeds to go to the Educational Foundation, which could generate as much as \$50,000 for scholarship purposes. Please note that such a raffle is permitted under terms of Section 1200.050 of the California Masonic code. See Grand Commandery line officers or Inspectors to find out how to purchase tickets for this worthy educational cause.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR DEC 2016 – MAY 2017

Date	Event	Location
Jan 1	NEW YEAR's Day	U. S. A.
Jan 3	Chula Vista #626	Chula Vista
Jan 4	Scottish Rite	San Diego
Jan 5	Red Cross	San Diego
Jan 8	YR College Degree	San Diego
Jan 9	Lux Lodge Installation	San Diego
Jan 10	Commandery	San Diego
Jan 11	Scottish Rite Installation	San Diego
Jan 12	Signet Chapter	Van Nuys

	Installation	
Jan 16	MLK Birthday	U.S.A.
Jan 20	Chula Vista #626 Installation	Chula Vista
Jan 21	Shrine Nobility Ball	San Diego
Jan 26	San Diego #61 Chapter Meeting	San Diego
Jan 28	SRICF Meeting	San Diego
Feb 1	Scottish Rite	San Diego
Feb 2	Red Cross	San Diego
Feb 7	Chula Vista #626	Chula Vista
Feb 11	3-Way Reception	San Diego
Feb 14	Commandery Meeting	San Diego
Feb 20	Presidents' Day	U.S.A.
Feb 25	Chapter #61	San Diego
Feb 26	Red Cross Winter Social	San Diego
Mar 1	Scottish Rite	San Diego
Mar 2	Red Cross	San Diego
Mar 4	KYCH	San Diego
Mar 7	Lodge #626	Chula Vista
Mar 10-12	Grand York Rite Officers Conference	Bakersfield
Mar 14	Commandery	San Diego
Mar 23	Chapter #61	San Diego
Mar 25	Grand Lecturer OSI	Hanford
Apr 1	Grand Lecturer OSI	Woodland
Apr 1	Lodge #626	Chula Vista
Apr 5	Scottish Rite	San Diego
Apr 6	Red Cross	San Diego
Apr 6-9	New Mexico Grand York Rite	New Mexico
Apr 11	Commandery Meeting	San Diego
Apr 12	Scottish Rite Extinguish Lights	San Diego
Apr 16	EASTER: Relighting the Lights Ceremony	San Diego
Apr 26	Masonic Information Night, Scottish Rite	San Diego
Apr 27	Chapter #61	San Diego
Apr 29	SRICF	San Diego
May 2	Lodge #626	Chula Vista

May 3	Scottish Rite	San Diego
May 4	Red Cross	San Diego
May 9	Commandery	San Diego
May 19-24	Grand York Rite Sessions	Bakersfield
May 19-20	Scottish Rite Spring Re-union	San Diego
May 25	Chapter #61	San Diego

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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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WWW.YORKRITEOFCALIFORNIA.ORG

GOLDEN STATE CHAPTER OF RESEARCH Website:

WWW.GOLDENSTATECHAPTER.ORG

GRAND SESSIONS, FORMS & SCHEDULES Website:

WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG

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!! --

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Checks payable to CA Grand Commandery - memo: EDU FUND
Additional tickets available from: CAKTRIFLE@gmail.com
11428 E Artesia Blvd #13, Artesia, CA 90701

**General Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons
International
70th Triennial
Convocation**



**General Grand Council
Cryptic Masons
International
46th Triennial
Assembly**

REGISTRATION FORM

**Triennial Sessions will be held in Portland, Oregon
Wednesday, August 23, through Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

Registration received prior to July 26, 2017: \$175

Registration received after July 26, 2017: \$250

Registration fees are for members only (no fees for our Ladies)

Hotel reservations must be made by July 31, 2017 to receive the discounted rate

Name: _____ Lady's Name (if attending): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Current Masonic Title: _____

General Grand Chapter Office: _____

Grand Chapter Office: _____ State: _____

General Grand Council Office: _____

Grand Council Office: _____ State: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____ Departure Date: _____ Time: _____

Travel by: Air (airline/flight number/arrival time): _____

Auto: _____ Other mode of transportation: _____

**Red Lion on the River
909 North Hayden Island Drive
Portland, OR 97271
503-978-4513**

ROOM RATES/AVAILABILITY NOT GUARANTEED AFTER JULY 31, 2017
Room reservations must be made by July 31, 2017 to receive the discounted rate of U.S. \$122 + tax for single or double occupancy
Ask for the special "York Rite Triennial" rate when making reservations

Date/Registration	Event	Number	Rate (USD)	Line Total
Registration Fee	Companions only (there is no registration fee for Ladies)			
	Companions PRIOR to July 26, 2017		\$ 175	
	Companions AFTER to July 26, 2017		\$ 250	
TOUR REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 26, 2017, FOR ALL TOURS				
Thursday, August 24	Portland Microbrewery Tour (6-10 p.m.)		\$ 75	\$ 0.00
Friday, August 25	Northern Oregon Coast Tour		\$ 100	\$ 0.00
Saturday, August 26	Columbia River Gorge Tour		\$ 65	\$ 0.00
Saturday, August 26	Dinner - Table Lodge with the Ladies (Herb Roasted Chicken Pecata)		\$ 45	\$ 0.00
Sunday, August 27	Dinner - Western Barbeque		\$ 40	\$ 0.00
Monday, August 28	Council Ladies Luncheon - Roasted Chicken Parmesan		\$ 30	\$ 0.00
Monday, August 28	Council Men's Luncheon - Roasted Chicken Parmesan		\$ 30	\$ 0.00
Monday, August 28	Triennial Banquet - Mesquite Honey Glazed Salmon		\$ 50	\$ 0.00
Monday, August 28	Triennial Banquet - Ribeye		\$ 50	\$ 0.00
Tuesday, August 29	Chapter Ladies Luncheon - Roasted Pork Loin		\$ 30	\$ 0.00
Tuesday, August 29	Chapter Men's Luncheon - Roasted Pork Loin		\$ 30	\$ 0.00
PLEASE LIST DIETARY RESTRICTIONS HERE:				
TOTAL DUE (U.S.D.)	Make checks payable to "70th Triennial Convocation"			\$ 0.00

Please ensure that your payment is in U.S. Dollars
 Complete and print two copies of this form.
 Keep one form for your records and mail the other to:
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 Burien WA 98148-1709
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