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Sir Knight Robert C. Coe Grand Commander, 2002-2003 1945-2019

Robert Craig Coe was born in Altadena, California, on June 18, 1945, and was raised in Alhambra where he received his public education. While a teenager, he was a member of Alhambra Chapter, Order of DeMolay, where he served as Master Councilor, and has been honored by DeMolay with the Chevalier and Legion of Honor Degrees. After returning from his Army service in Viet Nam in 1970, he joined the First Christian Church of Alhambra, and in 1972 he graduated from California State College at Los Angeles with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He is a Certified Public Accountant, and presently has his own practice in Arcadia.

On May 27, 1972, he married Saundra Lee Hill of Los Angeles, six months after their first blind date at a Past Master's Dinner.

In 1966 he was Raised in Alhambra Lodge No. 322, where he served as Master in 1979. In 1970 he was exalted in San Gabriel Valley Chapter No. 100, and served as High Priest in 1988, 1990 and 1993. He was greeted in Alhambra Council No. 25 in 1970, and served as Illustrious Master in 1991-1993. He was knighted in Alhambra Commandery No. 48 in 1972, and served as Commander in 1990. He presently serves as Secretary/Recorder of the three bodies in Rosemead. Alhambra Commandery consolidated with Pasadena and Glendale and is now San Gabriel Valley Commandery No. 31. He has served Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery on various committees, and served as Inspector of the 12th Cryptic Arch in 1995-1997. He has received the Master of Ish Sodi Award, the Grand Master of Ish Sodi and also the Meritorious Service Award from his Commandery. He is also serving as Liaison to the York Rite from Southern California Jurisdiction, Order of DeMolay. He is a Past Governor of Southern California York Rite College No. 110 and served as Sovereign Master of Excalibur Council No. 218, AMD in 1998; he has also served as Worthy Patron of Alhambra Chapter No. 193, OES and Sierra Madre Chapter No. 299. He also is an active member of Los Angeles Priory No. 27; Brian Boru Council No. 38, Knight Masons and Saint Croix Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He is also a member of Triple Tau Chapter No. 33, RAM; Oasis Council No. 64, CM; Southern California Research Lodge; Missouri Lodge of Research; Southern California Past Master's Association; as well as the California Order of High Priesthood; Thrice Illustrious Master Council and Past Commander's Association

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General Order #5-2018

Sir Knights,

On January 4, 2019, Sir Knight Robert "Bob" Coe, KCT, KYGCH Past Right Eminent Grand Commander of California and Past Right Eminent South West Department Commander passed on to his eternal reward.

Sir Knight Bob was born on June 18, 1945 in Altadena, CA. He grew up in Alhambra, CA and was a member and Master Councilor of Alhambra Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. He received the honors of Chevalier and the Legion of Honor. He served his country in Vietnam in the Army and returned home to get a college degree from California State College in Los Angeles and become a Certified Public Accountant.

In May of 1972 he married Saundra after meeting her at a Past Masters Dinner.

Bob was raised in Alhambra Lodge #322 in 1966 and served as Master in 1979. He joined the Chapter and Council in 1970 serving San Gabriel Valley Chapter #100 as High Priest in 1988, 90 and 93; Alhambra Council #25 as Illustrious Master from 1991 to 1993;

Bob was a Past Governor of Southern California York Rite College #110, Sovereign Master of Excalibur Council #218 AMD, Worthy Patron of both Alhambra Chapter #293 and Sierra Madre Chapter #299 OES. He was also a member of Los Angeles Priory #27, Brian Boru Council #38 Knight Masons, and Saint Croix Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He was awarded numerous service awards from these organizations.

He was Knighted in Alhambra Commandery #48 in 1972 and served as Commander in 1990. He served as Recorder for a number of years after that through several consolidations. He was appointed to the office of Grand Warder by Sir Knight Donaldo Robinson in 1997, and progressed through the line. He was elected as the 144th Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2002. Sir Knight Bob was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple in 2005. He was appointed by Sir Knight Richard Baldwin to serve as the Right Eminent Grand Department Commander for the Southwest Department for 2006 – 2009.



Anthony T. Yuson, Grand High Priest

Companions,

My hope is that when you are reading this message, you are in good health and in good spirits. This being my April message, I am reminded that this privilege that I have been granted to serve all of you, will soon come to an end. It is an amazing journey and the lessons I have learned, the people that I have met and the memories I have collected have made all of the long and tedious roads worth the effort.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming Grand Sessions in May. Along with the important business we conduct, I view our annual meeting as a reunion, where I get to see friends and brothers once again to share stories and enjoy each other's company. For me, the business is important but being with my friends, some of whom I haven't seen for some time, is just as important. I hope to see you there.

Later this month, our Grand Lecturer has set up a school of instruction in Northern California. It will be held in the Masonic Lodge in Yuba City on April 20th. More information is available at the end of this month's newsletter. If you haven't had the chance to attend one of ME Steve's sessions, you will really enjoy it. I guarantee that you will walk away from the session with a better understanding of our ritual and with more information that you can share with the companions in your chapters and with your brothers in your lodge.

We are also preparing for the Comptche Royal Arch Pilgrimage. This is the 47th anniversary of this truly amazing event. Our hosts, the Tunzi family, with help from Companions from the Marin/Sonoma County Royal Arch Chapters, do a great job to give us a great experience. This event always attracts companions from all over California, many bringing their family who spend the day enjoying the beautiful Mendocino coast while we confer our degrees in one of the most beautiful settings, I've ever had a chance to deliver our ritual. I have wonderful memories of this place and I'd love to create new one with you.

As I have always closed with every article, I have written this year, for our chapters to be successful and grow, not only the officers of the chapter but also the members must take an active part. If all of us could attend at least 3-chapter meetings (25%) this year, our chapters will become stronger and grow. Remember that: "without you, they can do little or nothing; with you, they can accomplish great things".

"Be safe and I hope I can see you in my travels".

Fraternally,

Anthony "Tony" Yuson, KGYCH
Grand High Priest,
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California

"You are the Steps to our Future'

William S. Dann, Illustrious Grand Master

Companions

With the greatest respect and humility,

William S. (Bill) Dann

Most Illustrious Grand Master Cryptic Masons California



Gregg Hall. Grand Commander

California Supplement Grand Commander's Message for February 2019

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

For the most part Installations are now behind us and it is time to move into full swing in our Commanderies. You should have your committees in place, your budgets passed, and practicing for your inspection. Remember, the inspection is not about how you compare to other Commanderies, it is about how you compare to the standard. Look at it as a challenge to improve over you results from the previous year.

Now is also the time we start preparing for our Annual Sessions. Any proposed legislation should be submitted to our Grand Recorders office, no later than 90 days prior to sessions but preferably prior to the Officer Conference in May. You also need to make your hotel and meal reservations; the website is up and running. Our Commandery sessions are on Wednesday this year, but on Sunday we have our drill competition, Vespers service and Grand Banquet all of which are events everyone should experience. Remember Sessions are open to all Sir Knights and their Ladies, not just the Dias officers and Past Commanders. Chris and I have enjoyed these sessions for a long time now and hope that more of you will join us this year.

At this time, we are 2/3rds of the way through the Grand Commandery Year. I have enjoyed meeting many of the Sir Knights on my travels and there is still some time to go. Most of the Receptions are behind us now, but I am sure that I will see some of you at other events or possibly even at your home Commandery before we get to May.

Now is also the time to submit any applications for the KCTH award. Only two may be issued this year, so if someone from your Commandery is deserving please get it in as quickly as possible.

Finally, I hope that you have been using the short education pieces that are being put out by our Grand Orator, Sir Knight Bill Miklos. They are a great way to get some interest in exploring deeper into our beautiful order.

Grand Commander

PS. Please keep Sir Knight Steve Alderete in your prayers as he recovers from shoulder surgery, as well as our Past Grand Commanders Coe and Robertson as they struggle with health issues.



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California Supplement Grand Commander's Message for March 2019

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Sir Knight Robert Coe, PGC. Bob laid down his working tools in January. And while I was unable to attend, the Sir Knights of California helped to lay him to rest with a Templar Funeral Service, headed by Tom Thomas our junior PGC.

We are gearing up for our Grand Officers Conference in March, this is where we meet and plan for what will take place at our Grand Sessions. We look at legislation, awards, and welcome the new appointee to the progressive line. I know that Sir Knight McBroome is in full swing setting his agenda, and I am looking forward to seeing what Bill will bring to make our Grand Commandery stronger.

In January, I had the privilege to participate in the MLK parade in Los Angles with our Prince Hall Brethren. This has become a tradition at this point with both Grand Masters and both Grand Commanders riding in the same car. California is leading the way with our interactions. If you haven't visited a PHA lodge or York Rite body, make it a priority to do so. You will not be disappointed.

My time as your Grand Commander is growing short, but most of the official functions are finished. It is my hope and plan that I can get out and visit a few of the local Commanderies for a visit at your stated conclave.

Finally, please if you have any ideas, suggestions, concerns on where you would like to see your Grand Commandery headed, please reach out to me or your Department Commander. Remember this is your Grand Commandery, the officers are here to drive it where you want to go.



California Supplement Grand Commander's Message for April 2019

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April is upon us and it is almost time for Grand Sessions. As legislation becomes available, it will be posted on the Grand York Rite Webpage. Please make sure that you read it before sessions so that you can make an informed decision. One piece that I hope will be done is the revision to our constitution. However, if it is not ready by May 1st we will have to hold it over till the following year, because everyone will need a little time to go through it prior to voting.

April is also the month of Easter this year. As a Christian Organization, we have a duty to attend a Knight Templar Easter Observance. The Grand Encampment hosts 3 across the country on Easter Sunday. If you are like me, you would prefer to be in your home Church that Sunday. So please schedule your observances on suitable day of our choosing near to Easter Sunday. This year let us make a concerted effort to reach out to those Sir Knights that you haven't seen in some time and get them reengaged by attending your Easter Service. This is also a great event to invite other Christian Masons who have yet to join, so that they can get exposed to our Order.

The other event that most Commanderies have this month is their inspection. Inspections are to be completed by May 1st. Remember this is not a competition against other Commanderies it is a competition against your Commandery from last year. Have you improved upon where you were last year? That should always be the goal.

It has been a pleasure traveling the State this year and meeting so many of you along the way. Next month will be my final article. It is amazing how quickly the year has gone.

Finally, if you haven't made your reservations for sessions, now is the time to do so. The hotel block will be up either April 29th or when we run out of rooms. The meal registration ends May 8th. No exceptions will be made so please make sure that you get it in on time, so you are not

disappointed.

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California Supplement Grand Commander's Message for Mav 2019

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

This is my final message to you as your Grand Commander. It is hard to believe how quickly the year has gone by, and not just the year, but the last 7 that I have been privileged to serve.

Chris and I have very much enjoyed our travels and meeting so many fine Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights and ladies along the way. We will be very close to 20K miles driven this year traveling up and down the state. But it was those that we got to spend time with that have made it all worthwhile.

It is my fervent hope that though this experience I have managed to make a difference for this Grand Commandery that I love so much. Few are given the opportunity that I was given, hopefully the Sir Knights will think that we are stronger now than we were last year.

I also hope that those that are following me in the line appreciate the openness of communication and decision making that happened this year. I suspect that my leadership style this year has surprised some folks along the way. It is a very different situation sitting in the east than it is to be a progressive officer and Department Commander. As such, it takes a different approach. I tried very hard this year demonstrate that difference.

It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to have served you, the Sir Knights of California. I look forward to my final duty of conducting the 161st Grand Conclave and seeing Sir Knight McBroome installed as my successor.

Chris and I hope to see many of you in Visalia later this month, we have a lot of actives planned though out the sessions, Drill Team Competition, Vespers Services, Grand Banquet, Commandery Breakfast, Men's and Ladies Lunches, Sessions, Past Commander's Association, Installation, and of course the Hospitality Room. Something for everyone to enjoy we hope.

God Bless you all, and remember, This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.



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SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

Forms & Documents, you will need are located at Grand York Rite website: Grand York Rite of California.

- Scroll down and click on "York Rite Forms and Documents"
- Then click on Grand Chapter logo.
- A window opens where you enter the userid and password (all in lower case)
 - Userid: "cagyr"
 - Password: "brio"
- Scroll down to Officers Manual, which has info for the Secretary, and print that out.

Priorities are as follows:

- 1. **Membership control:** Especially important is the very last item, "Royal Arch Monthly Report." If you fill this 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.
- 2. **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 membership data in order to compute the end-of-year number of active members that is crucial to computing your per capita payment. Without good data you will most likely overpay your per capita requirement. It is sensible to wait until the first of the new year to begin your process. It is also sensible, if you have access to the Grand Lodge database, to check each member to see if they are still alive
- 3. **Insurance:** The Insurance payment, due each July 15th, does not require action by the Chapter to be paid. You will be billed for the payment by the Grand Secretary.
- 4. **Lodge Book of Marks:** Maintain this up-to-date, or perhaps arrange for a PHP to take on the responsibility of maintaining.
- 5. **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).
- 6. **Grand Chapter:** Before the May meeting, remind the Dais officers they are responsible to attend, and arrange a stipend if your Chapter can afford it. Remind members who expect to attend to be sure to take their dues cards. If Dais Officers cannot attend, they may issue a proxy, or the Chapter may elect a representative. The appropriate forms can be obtained on the Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials."
- 7. **Order of High Priesthood:** Be sure current High Priest and Past High Priests know they are eligible to receive this Order. In fact, it is a Constitutional requirement! Share the petition below with them and send to the Grand Secretary:

Order of the High PriestHood Petition

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD PETITION Chapter No	
High Priests and Past High Priests, who have not received the Order of High Priesthood, may complete the following petition for membership and submit it with the required fee of \$50.00 to Chapter Recorder prior to February 15 The Order will be conferred during Grand Sessions	o the
Make check payable to: ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD	
To the Grand Convention of Anointed High Priest of California:	
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For Grand Secretary's use only:	
Life Membership - fee \$50.00. The below listed items were issued:	
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Honorary Membership - no fee Membership Card	
By-laws	
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// Date initiated Certificate	
The completed petition with fee must be in the Grand Secretary's Office, 1123 J Street, Sacram CA 95814 no later than April 1. If not, the certificate may not be prepared for presentation durithe next conferral of the Order.	



Grand High Priest Chapter Under Dispensation

PETITION FOR THE MARK MASTER MASON DEGREE

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of GRAND HIGH PRIEST CHAPTER U.D., Royal Arch Masons of California: I, the undersigned petitioner, respectfully represent that I am a Master Mason member in good standing of Lodge No. _____, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _; and that I desire to receive the Mark Master Mason Degree of Capitular Masonry. I submit no fees with this petition. However, if I am elected, receive this degree, and if I subsequently wish to receive the degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, I will submit a Petition to Affiliate with a local Chapter of Royal Arch Masons along with the degree fees required by that Chapter. I further represent that I have not, within six months past, made application to and been rejected by any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons*; and I promise, if found worthy of membership, to conform to all the usages, customs, laws and regulations of the above named Chapter and the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California. * If such application has been made, state the name and location of the Chapter on the line above. FULL PRINTED NAME: _____ _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____ Contact Phone: _____ E-mail: ____ Place of Birth: Date of Birth: Occupation: Dated: _____Signature: ____ Closest Chapter or Chapter Preference (if any): REFER TO (Please Print): REFER TO (Please Print) Companion: State: Zip: State: Zip: E-Mail: E-Mail: Secretary Pro Temp Area: MMM Degree Conferred Yes / No Date Completed: Affiliated with Royal Arch Chapter:

Notes:

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 <u>link</u> 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 <u>Scottish Rite</u>, <u>York Rite</u>, <u>Eastern Star</u>, <u>High Twelve</u>, <u>DeMolay</u>, <u>Job's Daughters</u>, & <u>Rainbow for Girls</u>.

Grand Chapter Scholarships

For information about Royal Arch Scholarships for 2019, go to the following website: Scholarship Fund or 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 2019 Scholarship Program will be March 1, 2019. 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

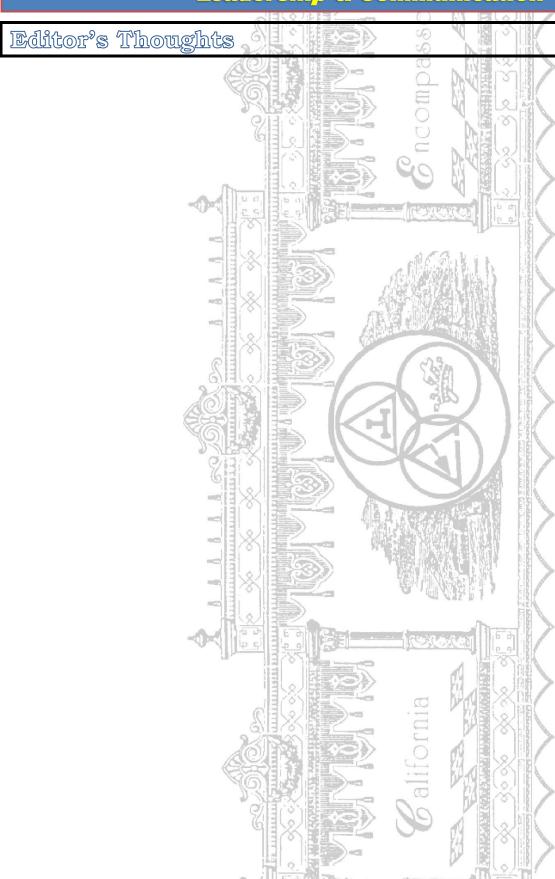
1123 J Street

Sacramento, CA 95814 Telephone: (562) 924-6500 x 1123 E-mail: sec-

rec@yorkriteofcalifornia.org.

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! Note above that no DeMolay received an award this year. If you know a qualified DeMolay, please bring this information to his attention.

Leadership & Communication



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The First Templar Pirate - Grand Orator

The First Templar Pirate?

In my last paper, we discussed the fact the Templars had a massive fleet and that they also relied on the various merchants of Venice, Genoa, Florence, and Pisa for ships and supplies. La Rochelle was a "free city" and therefore the hub of their northern fleet. Marseilles, was also a major port for them as well. Why is this important?

Acre, was their most important major city port of that of the Crusader states and was the last major bastion of the Knights Templar. In 1291, that city was captured and destroyed thereby affectively ending the Crusader presence and arguably the reason for the Templar existence.

However, a curious thing happened at the end of that siege, a Templar ship captain Named Roger de Flor using his ship the Falcon, transported many of Acres most important citizens and treasure to a safe place. Once there accusations abounded accusing him of not turning over the full treasure but instead keeping it for himself. He was tossed from the Templars by the new Grand Master: Jacques De Molay. He left Marseilles and went to Geno purchased a new vessel name "Oliveta" and fitted the vessel as a true warship. This allowed Roger to become the "scourge of the Pisa, Genoa, Provence, Catalonia, Spain and Barbary" which men of various nationalities all flocked around his banner and eventually became histories "The Catalan Company"

Roger's main base was the island of Sicily and therefore he could easily range across the Mediterranean With the natural instinct of a great leader of men he knew how to pay his mercenaries well so that over a period of time the, "Catalan Company" became one of the fiercest, and most feared mercenary bands in Asia Minor. So successful were these warriors that they never lost a battle and in time Roger became a Grand Duke and was even named "Caesar" by Andronicus Palaiologos!! Emperor of the Byzantine Empire.

Fate was to intervene by the Emperors co- regent, Michael Palaiologos IX, who lured Roger and his companions to a feast where they were trapped and killed. The year was 1305.²

The infamous Roger de Flor perished but his legend lives on.

I will leave this question for your consideration, was he the real "Jolly Roger"?

Bill Miklos

Grand Orator

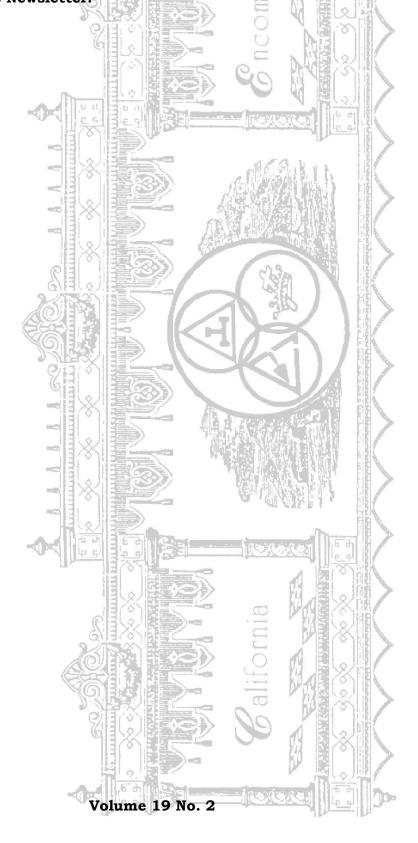
 $^{^{}m 1}$ The Chronicle of Ramon Muntaner, translated by Lady Goodenough in PDF format page 393

² A.A. Vasiliev, A History of the Byzantine Empire, 324-1453 Madison Wis University of Wisconsin Press 1952,

Activities around the State & Beyond & Beyond

Companions and Sir Knights,

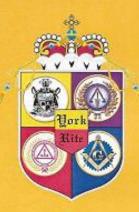
This section is reserved for your and ours York Rite Bodies. To fill this section, I do copy Masonic pictures off of the internet. Please help me turn this quarterly newsletter into a California York Rite Newsletter.



Grand Sessions 2018, 2019, and 2020 Come join us as we move up the road







Wyndham Visalia 9000 W Airport Drive, Visalia, California 93277





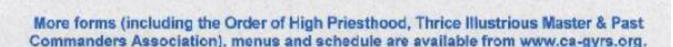
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Sun - 19 th	8:00 AM	GYR CA Corporation Annual Meeting	R.O.*	
	11:00 AM	Battalion & Belles Brunch Executive Brunch Buffet	\$24.00	
	1:00 PM	Drill Tesm Participant	H.O.*	
	4:00 PM	Vespera Service (Memorial Service for all 3 Bodies)	R.O.*	
	6:30 PM	Grand York Ritc Banquet: Steak Au Poivre Pacific Salmon Chicken Cordon Bleu Special Dietary	\$43.00	
Mon – 20th	7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet	\$17.00	
	12.15 PM	Compined RAM Ladies and Grand Chapter Luncheon: Charbroiled Beef Medallions Grilled Salmon Special Dietary	\$28.00	
	1:30 PM	Order of High Priesthood Degree Must include the OHP Petition	\$50.00	
	1:30 PM	Secretary / Recorder Workshop	R.O.*	
Tue - 21 rd	7.0C AM	Grand Council Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet	\$17.00	
TAB	12:00 PM	CM Ladies Luncheon: Deli Style Buffet Special Dietary	\$28.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon: Western Style BBQ Special Dietary	\$34.00	
	1:30 PM	Thrice Illustrious Master Degree Must Include the TIM Petition	\$40.00	
	1:30 PM	Secretary / Recorder Workshop	R.O.*	
	2:30 PM	Golden State Research Chapter attendee	R.O.*	
Wed - 22nc	7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet	\$17.00	
	12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon Griffled Salmon Breast of Chicken Carbonara Special Distary	\$28.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon Deli Style Buffet Special Dietary	\$26.00	
	1:30 PM	Past Commander's Association Must include the PCA Application	\$30.00	
	1:30 PM	Secretary / Recorder Workshop	R.O.*	

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Comments:



TO THE PERSON OF THE PERSON OF

2019 Grand York Rite Sessions May 18th to May 22nd, 2019 - Visalia, CA Please send page 1 of this form and payment to:

CA-GYRS 1123 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814-2883

Meal reservations are locked & will not be accepted after 05/08/19 (don't even ask)

Onsile registration is available to the Companions and Sir Knights attending sessions without ordering meals.

Please be aware that Name Tags will not be printed for late registrants, so please register before the deadline.

Contact the **Wyndham Hotel** 9000 W Airport Dr Visalia, California 93277 +1-559-651-5000

Tell the agent that you are in the **Grand York Rite** Group or register online via www.ca-gyrs.org

Room rate: \$95.00 +taxes.

Hotel reservation deadline is 04/05/19 Pending room block availability - best to register early

Questions, contact the following below:

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- Meal/Event reservations: Dave Glass reservations@ca-gyrs.org or call +1 916 616 3283
 No refunds after May 09th, 2019 unless approved by the Grand York Rite Sessions Executive Committee.

A few words about Reservation Only (*R.O.*) events:

Although there is no charge for these events, please enter in a numerical value for the events you want to attend. This provides a headcount for the preparation of the event. Also, if the event is cancelled or changed you can be notified.

Secretary / Recorder Workshop. Our Grand Secretary / Recorder will be going over forms, processes and the online membership database (MMS). This is intended for all Secretary / Recorders and Dais Officers that want to understand the duties. Attendance is required to obtain access to MMS. The same material is covered on each session (Sat. Mon. Tue & Wed). Please mark on the day you will attend.

Sunday:

Grand York Rite California (GYR CA) Corporation Annual Meeting, Event starts at 8:00 am to completion of business. All members of the GYR CA Corporation are cordially invited to attend. Agenda for this annual business meeting will be published separately.

Vesper services. Vespers is our gathering to honor our departed Companions and Sir Knights. All are encouraged to attend

Tuesday:

Golden State Royal Arch Research Chapter. All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend. For a small fee of \$20, you can submit your petition at the meeting to become a lifetime member of the Golden State Research Chapter.

For your convenience, we allowing you to register and pay for the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrous Master and Past Commanders Association with your other meals and events. You must also include those respective forms with this one. We will forward the information and funds to the appropriate persons.

Events are subject to change based on reservation responses or other factors.





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Comptche - 2019

In 2019 we will celebrate the 47th annual conferral of the Capitular Degrees. You well know that 47 is a significant number in Masonry. As explained in the Hieroglyphical Emblems of the Third Degree lecture, "The 47th Problem of Euclid was an invention of our ancient friend and brother, the great Pythagoras, who, in his travels through Asia, Africa and Europe, was initiated into several orders of Priesthood, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason." The Comptche Outdoor Degree Association has, therefore, decided to name next year's class in honor of Pythagoras, and establish a goal of 47 candidates! To achieve this laudable objective, it is crucial that all Companions begin now to identify prospective candidates, and continue to do so throughout the year, and be always ready to talk about the Royal Arch Degree. Plan on making a Lodge or a Family vacation out of the event and stay a few days! The Fish Fry Friday night and the BBQ Saturday night are always events of great conviviality, to be enjoyed by friends, brothers and family alike!

Larry Tunzi, a Companion and owner of the Ranch, allows us to park RVs, or setup tents, on the property in order to enjoy the Festival without excess travel and boarding cost, if you choose to do so. In addition to the cook shack, there is a separate shack for dressing and showering, as well as men's and women's facilities. See picture below:

In the following picture, you can see some of the space that is available for parking RVs. Off to the right and left are areas under the trees for camping, enjoyed by many Companions each year



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47th ANNUAL COMPTCHE OUTDOOR ROYAL ARCH DEGREES



Tunzi Ranch - Comptche, CA Saturday - June 22rd, 2019



All four degrees will be conferred on Saturday. The Prologue begins at 8:30 a.m.

Reservations: Deadline is Mon., JUNE 17th. The remote location, price of gasoline, and the cost of food require us to charge 20% more after that date. Mail your Reservation form (below) and check to: Guy Chalmers, 50 Lohrman Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952. For more information, call Guy at 707-477-3046.

Climate & Misc.: The coastal climate is either foggy and cold, or hot; Think layers. Dress attire is always casual. There's plenty to do so come a couple of days early. This is a cattle ranch so watch your step. No dogs allowed. In the town of Mendocino, 10 miles away, you can visit historical landmarks, go salmon fishing, or just enjoy the senic coastline. Ft. Bragg, 8 miles north of Mendocino, is also historical and a great place to visit.

Accommodations: You could make a vacation around this event. Self-contained RVs and tent campers are welcome to set up from 6/20 - 6/24. Campfires only in designated areas. There are no 120v hookups. There is a chemical blue room in the meadow. Restrooms at the degree site have hot water and a shower in the men's is available to women. Motels are available at the coast, 30 minutes on a dark and winding road from the RAM site. Call as soon as possible for your reservations, it's a popular tourist area.

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RV's and Tent Campers Welcome



Comptche Cook Shack

Reservations for the BBQ are requested				(under 12 half-price)
Friday, June 21nd		Comp.	<u>L</u> ady	<u>Child</u>
6:00 p.m Fish Fry	\$15.50			
*Saturday, June 22rd				
7:00-8:30 Breakfast	\$10.00			
Comps Association Expense	\$12.00	<u>\$ 12</u>		
Noon Companions Lunch	\$12.50			
5:30 p.m Barbeque	\$20.00			
Sunday, June 23th				
8:00 a.m Breakfast	\$10.00			
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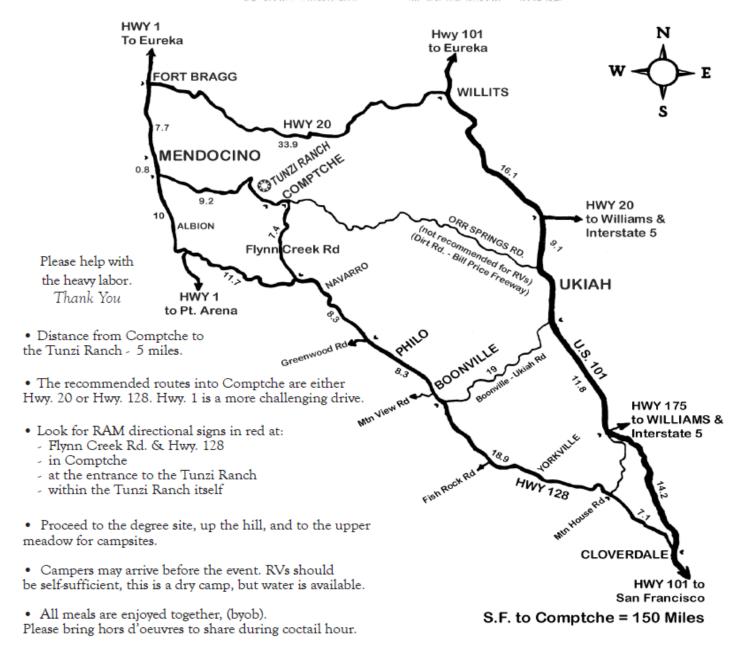
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Make payable to: Comptche Outdoor Degree Association

*The degree site and shower restroom are men only on Saturday from 9am - 3pm

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Pease send by JUNE 17th - Thank you! Add 20% to your total after that date



Mail to:

Guy M. Chalmers 50 Lohrman Lane Petaluma, CA 94952-3609



Long Beach



Greetings Most Illustrious Bryan,

Thank you once again for the honor of attending our Stated Assembly and hosting you at Long Beach Council #26 last night. I truly hope you enjoyed your time fellowshipping together with our Companions, and we appreciate you taking the time to deliver the talking points from General Grand Master Dave Grindle as well. The Companions were very happy to have received all the information regarding General Grand Council and our charity and to be able to purchase nearly all the items you brought with you to continue to support the CMMRF!

I've attached our group pictures from last night so that you have them, and as promised I also CC'd our Inspector, IC Rob Wellington so that you may continue to remain in touch with him as well.

It was a true honor and pleasure meeting you and to have made a new friend, especially a fellow Long Beach State Alum! Thank you for sharing some of your Masonic journey and travels with us. It made for a fun and special time together!

Blessings on your continued travels and journey my brother!

J. Michael Roy, IPM, KYCH Illustrious Master Long Beach Council #26

(November 24, 1942 Long Beach Hospital - looks a lot different now)





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Santa Barbara



Bruce A. Rick, Commander St. Omer Commandery No. 30 Santa Barbara, CA

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Ray Bloomfield did such a good job at our first (25+ years) multiple commandery School of Instruction that I wanted to write about it.

At other SOI's I've attended, there weren't any pictures, other than from the manuals.

Ray was a little reluctant for me to share in such a wide forum, because of the drawings, but is willing to take any heat from sharing his artwork. Although, I would think only accolades will come. We'll see.

Joint Commandery Knights Templar School of Instruction

by Bruce A. Rick, Commander, St. Omer Commandery No. 30, Santa Barbara, CA

An excellent way to help your newest members learn about the Knights Templars conclave ceremonies is to have a School of Instruction in a low impact, quiet atmosphere with older members, who also like the refresher teachings. It is also beneficial to have multiple Commanderies attend the session.

One such session was recently held in Santa Barbara, CA at the St. Omer Commandery No. 30, and

led by Sir Knight Ray Broomfield, Adjutant

Department 3 of the Grand Commandery of California.

The Ritual and the Manual of Ceremonies and Tactics were the basic tools for this lecture/question and answer session. In addition, the California 9 Man Opening was regularly highlighted for giving the school attendees real life examples of the teaching items.

For those who want to hold their own local School of Instruction and would like a good outline, the general item categories are listed.

Light refreshments were provided to start the morning for those traveling early.

Welcome and introductions were made.

The Prelate's Prayer started the program.

An overview was given on our Knights Templar hierarchy (Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery, Department, District, and Commandery or Camp). Sir Knight Ray Bromfight

Adjutant for Department 3

Grand Commandery of California

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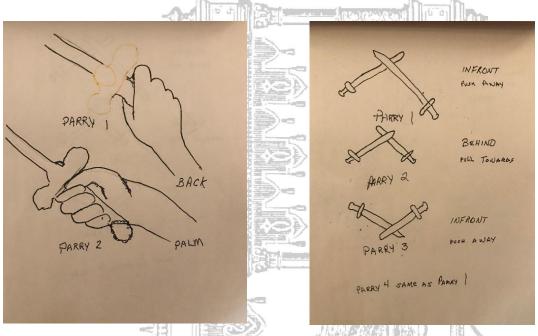
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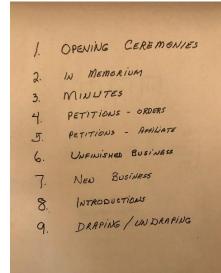
Next came the uniform, medals, shoes, cap and mantel, sling, sword and scabbard, belt and gloves. Note that anecdotal stories came from the lecturer as well as the audience, with questions and answers continuing to clear up many misunderstandings between Commanderies.

Then the Manual of the Sword. Here Adjutant Broomfield started his infographics. Because this session was not recorded, the pictures of these charts are meant to give you a sense of the range of subjects covered. The fact is that they had a significant impact, as learning tools, to this audience with a vast range of experience from new to well-practiced Sir Knights. These should be a must in any School of Instruction for their visual aid in explaining how and why we do things written in our manuals.

The simple diagrams led many to comment that they now have many mental reminders.



Meeting Opening Floor Work - Tips - Balloting



- 1. MILLING

 2. COME TO CARDER

 3. FORM LINE

 4. RECEIVE COMMANDER

 5. REHEARSAL

 6. FORM TRIANGLE

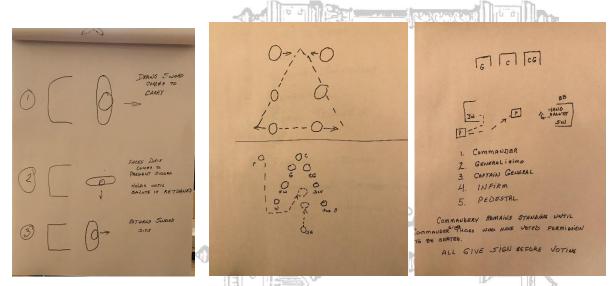
 7. SIGNS

 8. REHEARAL OF DUTIES

 9. COMMANDERY OFENEROR BUSINESS

 10. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- FORM LINES

Meeting Opening Floor Work - Tips - Balloting (continued)

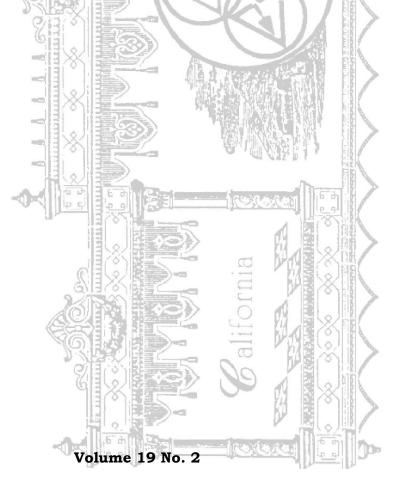


Also covered were: Meeting Closing, Inspections, and Review of all things covered With a final wrap-up, and a Prelate Prayer for safe travel, the companions were dismissed.

Not to forget that there were breaks and a lunch, the tone of the entire session was one of comradery and peace. Although all had something to contribute, their ideas were helpful to the overall success of this school.

Although there were no Certificates of Completion, all of the attendees graduated to the next level of understanding if not of everything in all the manuals, at least each has a better understanding of his role as he attends each Knights Templar event.

Contact Adjutant Broomfield with your questions at: raybroomfield@msn.com.



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