



Auburn York Rite & Placer Shrine Club

February 2011 Newsletter



Auburn York Rite

Delta Chapter No. 27 RAM

Stated Convocation - 2nd Mon- 7:30

Gateway Council No. 13 CM

Stated Assembly -4th Mon 7:30 PM

Feb-Apr-June-Sept-Oct-Nov

Auburn Commandery No. 52 KT

Stated Conclave - 3rd Mon 7:30 PM



Placer Shrine Club

General Membership Meeting (Pot Luck)

4th Tues Jan, March, May, Sept.

Board of Directors 4th Tuesday

Feb, April, June, Oct.

PV is in second weekend in July.

The next deadline for articles is February 23rd to be turned into the

editor, Dave Glass, by sending an email to: auburnyorkrite@gmail.com, hand deliver or mail to Dave Glass 6431 Valley Hi Dr. Sacramento, CA 95823-4838

Anyone can submit an article or spotlight that would benefit the Auburn York Rite and/or Placer Shrine Club.

February Calendar and upcoming events

Mon. Jan. 31 st	7:00 PM	Delta Chapter Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degree
Sat. Feb. 5 th	All day	Ben Ali BASCO Meeting & Dinner
Mon. Feb. 14 th	6:30 PM	Delta Chapter Dinner & Meeting
Mon. Feb. 21 st	6:30 PM	Auburn Commandery Dinner & Meeting
Tue. Feb. 22 nd	7:00 PM	Placer Shrine Club Board of Directors Meeting
Sat. Feb. 26 th		Placer Shrine Club Crab Feed
Mon. Feb 28 th	6:30 PM	Gateway Council Dinner & Short Meeting Royal Arch Widows Degree Practice
Sat. Mar. 19 th	8:00 AM	SSYRA Chapter Festival in Woodland
Mon. Mar 28 th	6:30 PM	York Rite Social Night – Dinner & Royal Arch Widows Degree

Royal Arch Widows Degree – March 28th



We need Companions to 'confer' the Royal Arch Widows Degree.

This is a 'fun' degree to be presented to our ladies.

Looking for: 1 major part, 2 minor parts and 3 non-speaking parts at least. Some of the parts have been assigned already. Please contact Excellent Companion Bob Henson at (916) 725-2414 or bhenson@surewest.net to take part in something for the ladies. There will be a practice on Feb. 28th.

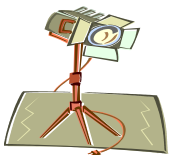
Time to register your ladies to join us.

Please provide the name of the lady participating to Dave Glass.

Dinner at 5:30 PM (reservations please!)

Degree at 6:30 PM

The price for the evening is only \$13 per couple (\$8 single)



Spotlight on... Our lucky winners

There were about one third of our members who paid their dues and turned in their survey forms prior to December 31st. **THANK YOU** to those members. For the others, please get your dues and survey forms turned in.

At the Royal Arch Installation, Paul Wolford was randomly selected and received a \$10 check. At the Commandery Installation, Russ Harris was randomly selected as a winner and seeing as he was in attendance, he received 10 lottery tickets as a bonus (and won even more money). The Council Installation, no one was more surprised that I when the Illustrious Master (finally) said stop and the name on the screen was David Glass - the audience saw the result before I did. And the lottery tickets that came with it were winners too!

Delta Chapter No. 27, Royal Arch Masons
Scott Husmann, Excellent High Priest



Companions,

Hope you were some of the companions that were able to attend our Chapter's installation last month. If you were, you not only witnessed a very nice turnout, but also a balanced blend of new Royal Arch Masons ready to lead alongside our long time experienced Chapter leaders. That happened to be the theme of my short speech. We are able to blend progress and renewal with rich traditions at our Masonic installations.

Delta Chapter will confer the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees this January 31st. I am hopeful that you receive the newsletter or some other reminder of the Degrees in time to make your plans to attend. One of the most important things you can do for your Chapter is to attend the Degrees when they are conferred. What better way to display to the new the companions the brotherhood of Royal Arch Masonry. Dinner will be served before the Degrees at 6:30 PM.

R. Scott Husmann
High Priest, Delta Chapter 27 RAM

Gateway Council #13, Cryptic Masons
Tom Krummell, Illustrious Master
Illustrious Master's Frantic February Frolic



Happy February, Companions and Brethren. This is the month of Presidential birthdays. Some of the more obvious are MW George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, but add William Henry Harrison (February 9) and Ronald Reagan (February 6) to the list.

The month with the most presidential birthdays is October with six. The presidents born this month are John Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Chester A. Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight David Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter. Interestingly enough, the second most popular month for presidential birthdays is November with five. The most sparse month is a tie between June and September, each claiming only one president. June claims George H.W. Bush, and September has William Howard Taft.

Can we make anything from this skewed distribution of birthdays? Perhaps and perhaps not. 43 total presidents (44 if you count Cleveland twice, as many do, because of his separate terms of office) may not be a large enough sample to create a scientific conclusion regarding birth-months. Yet, we can say that the spring months, taken together, have a dearth of births. This could be because many of the early presidents had fathers who participated in historic events, which usually occurred in the summer months. This would mean these men were more likely to be absent from home at the crucial moment nine months before the spring season...

Royal Arch Widows Degree on March 28 is NOT a serious observance designed to evoke pangs of hurt and loss of a husband, but is a FUN presentation by the Chapter (with, of course, assistance from the Cryptic Council!) which honors the wives and ladies of our members who stay home while we Masons further our Masonic endeavors. You have undoubtedly heard of "Golf Widows," "NASCAR Widows," and other similar monikers. We have "Royal Arch Widows" who put up with our nights of meetings and practice. Bring your Lady to this degree and watch the fun as the symbols on the Royal Arch Keystone are decoded for their benefit, shoes are collected for shipment to Africa, and the Royal Executioners create all sorts of mischief. And, oh yes, there is a tasty dinner included.

Finally, thank you to all of the Companions who joined us on Monday, January 24th for the 114th Annual Installation of Officers. We have some new officers in the line who are going to get their feet wet by learning new ritual, and we have some officers with years of experience who are going to sit on the sidelines and enjoy letting newer members take on the duties. I foresee a very interesting year, and will enjoy working with Companion Scott Husmann and Sir Knight Bruce Pruitt to keep Auburn York Rite an attractive organization for the membership, their families and the community at large.

Fraternally,
Tom Krummell, Illustrious Master

Auburn Commandery #52, Knights Templar
W. Bruce Pruitt, Eminent Commander



Greetings, Sir Knights and Ladies. Auburn Commandery was treated with a very enjoyable Installation Ceremony on February 17. Our Grand Commander, Sir Knight David Kussman, flew up from Orange County to preside. S.K. Milt Abbott, PGC served as Inst. Marshal, and S.K. Don Lamoureux, PC was Inst. Prelate. The ceremony was done beautifully. S.K. Charles Fink arranged for refreshments, prepared and served by two ladies who are his business associates. The food was truly delicious. S.K. Phil Hardiman PC took a series of beautiful pictures. You will be able to see them at the February assembly. We had several visitors; our own S.K. John Cooper, Jr. Grand Warden, and his wife Heather, were in attendance.

All Sir Knights are strongly urged to attend the February meeting. Whether you have a uniform and sword or not, you can participate, or at least enjoy, the work to be done in preparation for the annual inspection (April). We will try to provide swords, etc. for as many as possible (and continue to get more). A portion of the meeting will be practice for that inspection. Having sharp looking uniforms, and proficiency in the sword manual of arms, are two things that build pride and interest in a Commandery.

Did you know that the 29th Triennial of the Grand Encampment was held in San Francisco in 1904? The Grand Master arrived for the East by train, and was met by a mounted drill team (matched trappings and black horses; the captain on a white horse). He was escorted to the ferry and to the Sir Francis Drake Hotel. Later he went back across the Bay to greet his counterpart from England (an Earl), and the two lead a parade down Market Street. Tall columns lined the street with Templar crosses on the top. The Ferry Building was decorated with lights, forming various Masonic symbols! We cannot duplicate those days, but we can, with our modern capabilities, also demonstrate in several ways, the value of the beliefs and principles of Templary. SEE YOU IN FEB.

Fraternally, Bruce

Dave Glass has found a source for the Red, Purple & Blue Blazers (they also have Green for AMD) at www.blazerdepot.com. If we order 12 units or more, the cost is \$59 for sizes 36-46, sizes 48 - 50 +\$10.00, sizes 52 - 54 +\$15.00, sizes 56 - 58 +\$20.00, size 60 +\$30.00. If the order is less than 12 units, the cost is \$5 more. There is also a shipping charge of 6%. Contact Dave with your size and color desired. The order will be placed on Feb. 28th.

Placer Shrine Club
Matt Enright, President - Elect

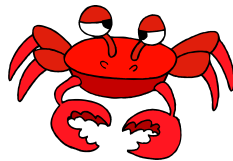


2011 promises to be a very active year for the Placer Shrine Club. We have our Crab Feed coming up Saturday, February the 26th. This is our annual fund raiser, and has always been famous as being one of the finest Crab Feeds around. Tickets are available at \$35 each, this is still a good bargain for a wonderful meal and a great cause. For tickets and information , call Norm Clow at 530-885-2144, or, Matt Enright @ 530-432-2772.

The weekend after the Crab Feed, we will be running our annual Screening Clinic in Grass Valley. Screening Clinic Chairman, George Harper has been busy putting all of the particulars together, and everything is looking good for this March 5th event at the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital in Grass Valley. George can be reached at 530-265-5310 if you have any questions, or would like to offer your assistance.

Last year the club held numerous events such as the 49er Football game, and the Golf Day. We will be coming up with more of the same this year, and are expecting good things to come for the Placer Shrine Club in 2011!

Fraternally,
Matt Enright
Club President



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Chicken!



Abraham Lincoln was not a freemason. He applied for membership in Tyrian Lodge, Springfield, Ill., shortly after his nomination for the presidency in 1860 but withdrew the application because he felt that his applying for membership at that time might be construed as a political ruse to obtain votes. He advised the lodge that he would resubmit his application again when he returned from the presidency.

Source: [10,000 Famous Freemasons](#), William R. Denslow. Note that this claim has not been corroborated by either the Grand Lodge of Illinois or Tyrian Lodge.

YORK RITE CRUISE



Up to this point in time 17 cabins have been reserved. The next release of cabins will occur on January 31st, so cabins may still be available. But if the type you would prefer is not, or if you need help with the online processing, call Rosalie at 510-581-8234, and she will be happy to help. It is important to act now, if you wish to go on this trip, which is a 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.

Cruise Line: Holland America Line

Ship Name: Westerdam

Group Leader: Rosalie Woergoetter

Email: yourhappytrails@sbcglobal.net

Contact Phone: 510-581-8234

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 four cabin options 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"). Cabins range from \$842.98 to \$1,342.98, double occupancy. \$25 per person will be donated to the York Rite Philanthropies. (Information copied from the January 2011 "The Workman" Newsletter.)