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A TRIBUTE TO OUR LONGEVITY

(AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR FUTURE EXISTENCE)

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PRESENTED ON:- TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005, AT BAKERSFIELD, CA.

From time immemorial, human beings have engaged in various forms of celebrations. This caputular year 2004 - 2005, our Grand Royal Arch Chapter is adhering to this inherent tradition, celebrating its one hundred and fiftieth year of continuous existence.

We are all guilty of the sin of forgetfulness, because it is so easy for us to forget very important occurrences which affect us and it is obvious, within this fraternity one would query oneself as to why the necessity of these celebrations and what they allow us to do. They certainly offer us opportunities of quantity and quality. We are given the chance to be reminded of our Genesis, the vicissitudes we encountered along the way and its history. This offers the new members the privilege to be educated about York Rite Masonry. Furthermore, about the quality, we are given a door of opportunity to take another closer and unbiased look as to what we have done in the past, what we are doing at the moment and to recommend positive modifications which would assure our York Rite Freemasonry of a bright and positive future. I have come upon this saying, "To progress, to grow, we must change." This is a truism and most appropriate at this time of our history as we contemplate our future existence and the positive steps we are required to take to get there.

From observations, one is apt to conclude, that our fraternity has always suffered an aversion to positive change. But we must not hesitate to effect change when change

may affect our fraternity positively. I believe should we fail or hesitate to make necessary modifications, we will encourage our own stultification and assure our demise.

During the year, as I traveled to the different receptions and other events, it was quite interesting to observe the closeness of our three Grand York Rite Bodies. This cohesion is truly commendable and must be encouraged. However, this triadic operation is not a finished one. It cannot be a finished one since there is a fourth and major part our Blue/Craft Lodges and without them our demise is assured.

The Grand Chapter ought to put together an aggressive but short educational program which will dove-tail at the end of the third degree. This can take the form of a five minute verbal presentation with a small literature package given out at the end. This same short presentation can be made a small but necessary part of the Wardens' workshops. There are too many brother masons who are not cognizant of the importance of York Rite Freemasonry. They are aware of the Scottish Rite and Shrine and may even become a member of both organizations the same day. But what of the York Rite? Very little or no information is imparted. This has to change.

Many years ago, one of my professors taught a class on "Change and its Inevitability." This was usually an overflowing class. I can still hear his voice in my head say-

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ing we must be prepared for change because when we are not prepared, change can shock us out of our established and comfortable pattern. Also, he said, we must be prepared to manage change. Some of the consequences of modification are predetermined, others cannot be fathomed. The uncomfortables are what cause fear and consternation, then comes the resistance to change, a phenomenon of which we are guilty, like the three degrees the same day.

While many members are resistant to the notion of conferring all three degrees the same day, I suspect our Grand Lodge is prepared to invest in or already has invested the necessary energy to bring this project to fruition. I am encouraged and assured that with some tenacity, the "One Day Class" or a variant thereof is here to stay because it is one of the paths to Freemasonry's future existence.

We have a heritage, after one hundred and fifty years of continuous operation in this, our Golden State. One might ask how might we preserve our heritage? Let me hazard a response. Keeping our customs and traditions strong and viable, acquiring more members and by developing an aggressive educational program.

In closing, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, permit me to thank you for offering me the opportunity to serve with you and the other Grand Officers of this Noble Grand Body. Be assured that I will forever treasure the new friendships which are being developed and the experiences acquired. We comfort ourselves that right reason will prevail, that our heritage will survive. Moreover, let me call upon two injunctions. The first, the last sentence of a letter from George Washington, it was addressed to a Hebrew Congregation, in Newport, Rhode Island, "May the father of all mercies scatter light and not darkness, upon our paths, and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in his own due time and way, everlastingly happy." The solution to our problems, thus ensuring our future, is in each one of us.

Two hundred years later Ronald Reagan, concluded his second inaugural address by describing what he called "The American Sound." He said, "It is hopeful, big-hearted, idealistic, daring, decent and fair. We sing it still!" He continued by saying, "We raise our voices to the God who is the author of this most tender music." Let us therefore enter the future with certainty and with a renewed sense of profound commitment and devotion, never wavering, never daunting, never faltering, all for the benefit and the eternal survival of all Freemasonry and all humanity everywhere. God bless our Grand Chapter and its officers; God bless Freemasonry.

BILL GATES' SPEECH TO MT. WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL IN VISALIA CALIFORNIA

Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with this! To anyone with kids of any age, here's some advice. Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school.

He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping — they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

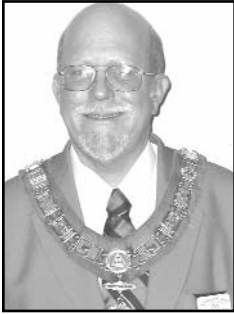
Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

Biography of William N. Wine

Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter 2005/2006

Bill was born in San Francisco and raised in what used to be the lazy, laid back, bed room community of Concord California.



Bill is a 1972 graduate of San Francisco State University with a major in Speech. It is this interest in communication that led him to his life's work as a Senior Programmer Analyst.

It was in Concord that Bill acquired skills in leadership through his activity in the Boy Scouts and the Order of DeMolay. At the age of 13

he attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

In 1967 he served Carquinez Chapter Order of DeMolay as Master Councilor. This was followed by Master

Councilor of East Bay Division and Jurisdictional Master Councilor of Northern California in 1970.

At the age of 21 Bill joined Mt. Diablo Masonic Lodge F&AM No. 448. He immediately became an officer, learned the charges and was active in the third degree. In 1979, at the age of 28, he served as Master of the Lodge and repeated this service in 1985.

Bill has served the Grand Lodge of California on a few committees. He was Chairman of the Masonic Education Committee for five years.

Bill has joined over 30 Masonic related organizations and been the head of many including Patron of Concord Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. Bill served as High Priest of Ancient-Antioch Chapter #31 for three years. Bill is currently a line officer for his local Council and Commandery.

Bill is also in the officer line for the York Rite College.

Jose A. Fiss, K.Y.G.C.H.

145th Most Illustrious

Grand Master of Cryptic Masons

My name is Jose Assa Fiss, I was born in a small town named Banes, province of Oriente in Cuba, on June 16, 1936. I had to start working at a very tender age, one day in 1949, when I was about thirteen years old, a young man approached my boss, who was a Mason, to ask him if he would sponsor me in to the De Molay, which was known as AJEF, for Association of Youngsters Hope of the Fraternity.



Going to adult school to learn the basic skills of the English language was one of the best things that ever happened to me, for I met Rosa Maria there, the woman that

became my wife in 1957, and who is still my wife in 2005.

Also in 1957 I started to work for General Motors Assembly Division, a job that I held for thirty years. In 1974 I met a man there who asked me if I was a Mason, my answer was "no but I would like to be." He sent me to a man named Robert Kirkwood, a General Foreman at the plant. Bob Kirkwood got my application, signed it, and coached me through all three degrees.

I retired from GM in 1987, and that is when I started to attend lodge regularly until I was appointed Jr. Steward, and went through all stations, at the end of my year as Worshipful Master, Illustrious Albert G. Cowan 33°, and Companion Gordon C. Alexander, now Most Excellent Grand High Priest, honored, and introduced me to the York Rite.

MILTON M. ABBOTT, JR., K.Y.G.C.H.

California's 147th Knights Templar Grand Commander

I was born in Arcata, CA., November 13, 1935. Moved to Napa, CA. In 1940; graduated from Napa High School in 1953. Joined the U.S. Air Force in 1954 and was honorably discharged 1957. Graduated from Napa Jr. College in 1959, attended Sacramento State College 1959-1962. Joined the California Highway Patrol in 1964 and retired in 1992. Married Naomi Ruth Nelson in 1987. This is my third marriage and Naomi's second. We share 8 children, and 15 grandchildren. We reside in McKinleyville, CA. And attend the First Presbyterian Church of Blue Lake.



MASONIC HISTORY

Humboldt Lodge #79: Raised 2/13/69. Master of Lodge 1974. Grand Lodge Masonic Homes Bd. 1 9 9 0 - 1 9 9 9 . Hiram Award 1997. Humboldt Chapter #52 Royal Arch

Exalted 7/10/71. High Priest 1994. Order of High Priesthood 4/27/94. Grand Soloist 1995 and 2000. Meritorious Service Award. Pacific Council #37: Select Master 9/21/71. Illustrious Master 1981. Thrice Illustrious Master 4/25/94. Grand Soloist 2001. Eureka Commandery #35: Knighted 11/14/90. Commander 1993. Past Commander's Association 4/26/94. Inspector ADOR Department #8. Grand Line appointment 1999. Meritorious Service Award. Ben Ali Shrine. Red Cross of Constantine St. Francis Conclave. KYCH San Francisco Priory #38 (in Officer Line). Sciots Pyramid #20 Charter Surrendered. Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests New Covenant Tabernacle #68. Sacramento Valley York Rite College #159. Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of Santa Rosa, Orient of California. Redwood Shrine Club. Scottish Rite Club of Northwestern California. Arcata Chapter #207 Order of Eastern Star, Past Patron 1977; 79; 90 and 95. Azalea Shrine #47 White Shrine of Jerusalem, P.W.O.S. 79-80; and 83-84.

2005 GRAND SESSIONS REPORT
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS
GRAND OFFICERS

Grand High PriestWilliam N. Wine, Ancient-Antioch Chapter No. 31
Grand KingRussell D. Roberts, Tulare Chapter No. 71
Grand ScribeJerrod A. Wohlfarth, Triangle Chapter No. 155
Grand TreasurerGeorge Feick, Jr., PGHP, Signet Chapter No. 57
Grand SecretaryKenneth G. Hope (H)PGHP, Triple Tau Chapter No. 33
Grand LecturerDon E. Lamoureux, Delta Chapter No. 27
Grand ChaplainMark R. Sandstrom, Azusa Chapter No. 88
Grand Captain of the HostJohn L. Cooper III, King Solomon's Chapter No. 95
Grand Principal SojournerSean N. Foran, Signet Chapter No. 57
Grand Royal Arch CaptainRuss Morgan, Naval Chapter No. 35
Grand Master of the Third VeilF. Alan Weinstein, Palo Alto Chapter No. 93
Grand Master of the Second VeilPhillip R. Hertzog,
Sebastopol Chapter No. 117
Grand Master of the First VeilGordon G. "Bud" Warder, Doric Chapter No. 66
Grand OratorJulian H. Cambridge, George Burnham Chapter No. 152
Grand MarshalLarry G. Hammel, Ancient-Antioch Chapter No. 31
Grand SoloistEdgar Blake, Naval Chapter No. 35
Grand SentinelJames "Mike" Campbell, Signet Chapter No. 57
Assistant Grand SecretaryAlbert M. Lewis, Triple Tau Chapter No. 33

1ST ANNUAL GRAND YORK RITE OF CALIFORNIA AWARD
Marshall F. Parker

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN BRONZE
Sidney H. Cerates, Howard Chapter No. 14

HONORARY PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Kenneth G. Hope, Triple Tau Chapter No. 33

GRAND HIGH PRIEST DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
William N. Wine, Ancient-Antioch Chapter No. 31
Emanuel Tau, Triple Tau Chapter No. 33
Robert V. Wright, Jr., Oxnard Chapter No. 86
David M. Shull, Ancient-Antioch Chapter No. 31
Frederick G. Kleyn III, Imperial Valley Chapter No. 109

HIGH PRIEST OF THE YEAR FOR THE STATE
Ralph B. Dash, Signet Chapter No. 57

High Priest of the Year Dept #1 Gordon G. "Bud" Warder, Doric Chapter No. 66
High Priest of the Year Dept #3 Leland G. Routt, Stockton Chapter No. 28
High Priest of the Year Dept #5 Gerald R. Lynn, Darius San Diego Chapter No. 61

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR FOR THE STATE
Thomas A. Krummell, Roseville Chapter No. 146
Secretary of the Year Dept #1 Clark E. McConnell,
Ukiah Chapter No. 53 & Mendocino #88

Secretary of the Year Dept #3 Frederick W. Ervast, Jr., Ventura Chapter No. 50
Secretary of the Year Dept #4 Arthur C. Meigs, Long Beach Chapter No. 84
Secretary of the Year Dept #5 Dennis L. Ward, Keystone Chapter No. 56

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP AWARD
Howard W. "Bud" Ramsey, Jr., Howard Chapter No. 14
William R. Duenas, George Burnham Chapter No. 152

MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD
William M. McVicker, Stockton Chapter No. 28
Ernie F. Tumulad, George Burnham Chapter No. 152
Robert H. Vleerick, Downey Chapter No. 157

Chapter with the highest percentage increase (6.9%) San Luis Chapter No. 62
Chapter with the highest number of new members (22) Signet Chapter No. 57

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2005-1 To change the name of Darius San Diego Chapter #61 to San Diego Chapter #61 - Passed
Resolution 2005-2 To permit Grand & Past Grand Officers to open & close a Chapter in Ample Form - Passed
Resolution 2005-3 To have the Public Relations Committee produce promotional material - Tabled
Resolution 2005-4 To add the Grand Chapter Website as a Standing Committee - Tabled
Resolution 2005-5 To create a new Royal Arch Masonic Education Committee - Tabled
Emergent Resolution
2005-1 To bestow the title of Honorary Past Grand High Priest to Kenneth G. Hope Passed

2005 GRAND SESSIONS REPORT
GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS
GRAND OFFICERS

Most Illustrious Grand MasterJose A. Fiss, Alhambra Council No. 25
Deputy Grand MasterRobert G. Grauer, Redwood Empire Council No. 46
Grand Principal Conductor the Work William J. Ryland, Alhambra Council No. 25
Grand TreasurerJames G. Baum, MIPGM, Redwood Empire Council No. 46
Grand RecorderKenneth G. Hope, (H)MIPGM, Shekinah Council No. 35
Grand Director of RitualKen G. Nagel, San Jose Council No. 20
Grand Chaplain (North) C. Leslie Dent, MIPGM, King Solomon's Council No. 29
Grand Chaplain (South)Bruce E. Hudson, Alhambra Council No. 25
Grand Captain of the GuardJohn C. Carpenter, Jr., Bakersfield Council No. 28
Grand Conductor of the CouncilFrederick J. Potter, Ventura Council No. 15
Grand StewardAlfred M. Cockrell, Jr., Roseville Council No. 54
Grand SentinelMark R. Sandstrom, Foothill Council No. 42
Grand OratorCarlos H. Gonzalez, Omega Council No. 11
Grand Marshal (North)Robert A. L. Whitfield, Oakland Council No. 12
Grand Marshal (South)Dennis L. Ward, Valley Council No. 27
Grand OrganistErnesto C. Balba, Jr., Alhambra Council No. 25
Grand SoloistEugene N. Nomicos, San Pedro Council No. 45
Grand Bible BearerMartin F. McKeay, Redwood Empire Council No. 46
Grand Standard BearerRafael Hernandez, Omega Council No. 11
Assistant Grand RecorderAlbert M. Lewis, Shekinah Council No. 35

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL
Cryptic Mason of the Year David P. Glass, Gateway Council No. 13
Adult Leadership Award Mrs. Vivian McCleary
Lady of the Council Award Mrs. Shirley Gross

HONORARY PAST GRAND MASTER
Kenneth G. Hope, Shekinah Council #35

ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR
Harvey B. Lyman, Alpha Council No. 39

RECORDER OF THE YEAR
William T. Thornton, San Pedro Council No. 45

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP AWARD
Howard W. "Bud" Ramsey, Jr., San Jose Council No. 20

MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD
William M. McVicker, Stockton Council No. 10
Frederick G. Kleyn III, San Diego Council No. 23
David C. Hollowell, San Diego Council No. 23

GRAND MASTER'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Alhambra Council No. 25; Palo Alto Council No. 51

COUNCIL WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE

(2.2%) Marysville Council No. 3

COUNCIL WITH THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MEMBERS

(21) Omega Council No. 11

RITUALIST OF THE YEAR FOR THE STATE

Carlos H. Gonzalez. Omega Council No.11

- Ritualist for Dept #1C. Alberto Chavez, California Council No. 2
- Ritualist for Dept #2Frank D. Foote, Sierra Nevada Council No. 44
- Ritualist for Dept #3Dennis M. Meritt, Stockton Council No. 10
- Ritualist for Dept #5Ernest J. Morris, Jr., Pomona Council No. 21
- Ritualist for Dept #6Stephen E. Alderete, Valley Council No. 27

GRAND MASTER of ISH SODI AWARD

- William S. DannPacific Council No. 37
- Philip A. HardimanSacramento Council No. 1
- Isador Ortega, Sr.Merced Council No. 47
- Richard T. CooperOmega Council No. 11
- Ken G. NagelSan Jose Council No. 20
- H. Edward BarrOmega Council No. 11

Council with the highest percentage increase (2.2%) . .Marysville Council No. 3

Council with the highest increase in number of members (21)Omega Council No. 11

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 2005-1 to limit the number of awards of the Order of the Purple Rose to 2 per year - Passed
- Emergent Resolution 2005-1 to bestow the title of Honorary Past Grand Master to Kenneth G. Hope - Passed

**2005 GRAND SESSIONS REPORT
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
GRAND OFFICERS**

- Grand CommanderMilton M. Abbott, Jr., Eureka Commandery No. 35
- Deputy Grand CommanderCharles R. Waterman, Jr.
Vacaville Commandery No. 38
- Grand GeneralissimoPaul E. McElwain, Los Angeles Commandery No. 9
- Grand Captain GeneralGary D. Miller, Riverside Commandery No. 28
- Grand Senior WardenWilliam D. Robertson, Naval Commandery No. 19
- Grand Junior Warden .David J. Kussman, Orange County Commandery No. 36
- Grand PrelateFr. Charles E. Maier, Orange County Commandery No. 36
- Grand TreasurerO. Reed Bollin, PGC, Golden West Commandery No. 43
- Grand Recorder Kenneth G. Hope, (H)PGC .Golden West Commandery No. 43
- Grand Standard BearerCasey W. Norris, Vacaville Commandery No. 38
- Grand Sword Bearer Howard W. "Bud" Ramsey .San Jose Commandery No.10
- Grand WardenMyron A. Tisdell, Redding Commandery No. 50
- Grand SentinelHerbert E. Neely, Eureka Commandery No. 35
- OrganistJohn E. Vanderby, Golden Gate Commandery No. 16

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE U.S.A.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

David J. Kussman, Orange County Commandery No. 36

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

Robert C. Coe, San Gabriel Commandery No. 31

Anthony P. Wordlow, Sacramento No. 2

Arthur C. Meigs, Long Beach No. 40

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE

Mrs. Marge Bollin

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CALIFORNIA

COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

William E. Purcell, Modesto No. 57

RECORDER OF THE YEAR

Calvin G. Lessing, Palo Alto No. 47

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Howard W. "Bud" Ramsey, Jr., San Jose No. 10

MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

William M. McVicker, Stockton Commandery No. 8

COMMANDERY WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE

(3.1%) San Luis Obispo No. 27

COMMANDERY WITH THE HIGHEST INCREASE

IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS

(27) Los Angeles No. 9

DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

- Class "B" Champion ,Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, 936 points
- Class "C" Champion ,Golden West Commandery No. 43, 974 points
- Class "D" Champion ,California Commandery No. 1, 985 points
- Class "D" ,Orange County Commandery No. 36, 982 points

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 2005-1 To permit the wearing of a clerical shirt & collar. PASSED
- Resolution 2005-2 To change the size of the California bar. PASSED
- Resolution 2005-3 To change the size of the name badge PASSED
- Resolution 2005-4 To make the wearing of the name badge optional. FAILED
- Resolution 2005-5 To determine the position of the Past Commander's jewel. PASSED
- Resolution 2005-6 To allow for installations at places other than their own Asylum. FAILED
- Resolution 2005-7 Permits a Commandery to confer Orders in another Asylum without dispensation. PASSED
- Resolution 2005-8 Permits a Commandery to hold an election after December without dispensation. PASSED
- Resolution 2005-9 To remove the requirement of a Commandery to furnish uniform & accessories. PASSED

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

[From the April 1999 Watuppa Lodge

(Massachusetts) Trestleboard]

Southern California Research Lodge F&AM

Knights Templar were members of a medieval religious and military order officially named the Order of the Poor Knights of Christ and popularly known as the Knights of the Temple of Solomon or Knights Templar because their first quarters in Jerusalem adjoined a building called Solomon's Temple. The order developed from a small military band formed in Jerusalem in 1119 by two French Knights, Hugues de Payens and Goddeffroi de St. Omer, to protect pilgrims visiting Palestine after the first crusade. Military in purpose from its beginning, the order thus differed from the other two ancient Knights organizations, which began as charitable institutions and only subsequently developed into military organizations.

The natural desire of visiting those holy places which have been sanctified by the presence, and rendered memorable by the sufferings of the founder of the Christian religion, drew during the early ages of Christianity crowds of devout worshipers and pilgrims to Jerusalem. To such a height did this religious enthusiasm arrive that in 1064 not less than 7,000 pilgrims assembled from all parts of Europe around the holy sepulcher.

The year following, Jerusalem was conquered by the wild Turcomans, 3,000 of the citizens were massacred, and the command over the holy city and territory was confided to the Emir Ortok, the chief of a savage pastoral tribe. Under the iron yoke of these fierce northern strangers, the Christians were fearfully oppressed; they were driven from their churches and plundered, and the patriarch of the holy city was dragged by the hair of his head over the sacred pavement of the Church of the Resurrection and cast into a dungeon to extort a ransom from the sympathy of his flock. The news of these cruelties aroused the religious, chivalry of Christendom; "a nerve was touched of exquisite feeling, and the sensation vibrated to the heart of Europe."

Then arose the wild enthusiasm of the Crusades, and men of all ranks, and even priests and monks, were animated with the "pious and glorious enterprise" of rescuing the holy sepulcher of Christ from the foul and polluting abominations of the heathen.

When the intelligence of the capture of Jerusalem by the Crusaders (AD 1099) had been conveyed to Europe, the zeal of pilgrimage blazed forth with increased fierceness. The infidels had, indeed, been driven out of Jerusalem but not out of Palestine. The lofty mountains bordering the seacoast were infested by warlike bands of fugitive Musselmen, who maintained themselves in various

impregnable castles and strongholds, from whence they issued forth upon the high roads, cut off the communication between Jerusalem and the seaports, and revenged themselves for the loss of their habitations and property by the indiscriminate pillage of all travelers.

To alleviate the dangers and distresses to which they were exposed, nine noble gentlemen, who had greatly distinguished themselves at the siege and capture of Jerusalem, formed a holy brotherhood in arms, and entered into a solemn compact to aid one another in clearing the highways, and in protecting the pilgrims through the passes and defiles of the mountains, to the Holy City. Warmed with the religious and military fervor of the day, and animated by the sacredness of the cause to which they had devoted their swords, they called themselves the Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Jesus Christ.

In 1118 Baldwin II, King of Jerusalem, granted them a place of habitation within the sacred enclosure of the temple on Mount Moriah; thenceforward, they became known by the name of "The Knighthood of the Temple of Solomon." The views and exertions of the Order now became more extensive, and it added to its profession of poor pilgrims that of defending the kingdom of Jerusalem and the whole eastern church from the attacks of infidels. Hugues de Payens was chosen by the Knights to be the superior of the new religious and military society, by the title of "The Master of the Temple," and he has, consequently, generally been called the founder of the Order. The name and reputation of the Order spread rapidly through Europe, and many princes, nobles, and gentlemen of the best houses of France, Germany, Italy, and England became members of it.

In 1128, they received rules and regulations for their governance from the Pope, which had been expressly arranged for them by St. Bernard. The illustrious Order of the Temple has, through many vicissitudes, survived to our times; and indeed, of late years a great (and we may say astonishing) influence has been exercised in the Masonic Craft by this brotherhood in England, on the continent of Europe, and in the United States.

Notwithstanding the persecution the Order was subjected to, consequent upon the machinations of Philip le Bel and Pope Clement, it continued to exist, if not to flourish. Jacques de Molay, the martyred Grand Master, in anticipation of his fate, appointed his successor to rule the Fraternity and from that time to the present, there has been an uninterrupted succession of Grand Masters. It is true that as years passed on and clouds arose still more ominous to the existence of the society, the Templars were amalgamated with their ancient brothers in arms, the Knights of Malta.

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THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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The Knights Templar degree is highly valued in all countries, and its ritual is nearly identical. The candidate for its honors must be a Royal Arch Mason, and as such he presents himself at the Commandery, as the bodies are called, in the character and garb of a pilgrim, or of "palmer" as they were designated in the Holy Land; he figuratively undergoes seven years' travel, and then seven years' warfare, when (having conducted himself courageously through his trials) he is finally admitted into the Order.

There is not a vestige of Freemasonry, as such, in the degree, save the absolute necessity of candidates having been admitted into the Royal Arch. The throne is situated in the East, above which is suspended a white banner, on which is painted a red passion cross, edged with gold and irradiated at the crossings with rays of light; on the right and left are two sky-blue banners, on one of which is painted a Paschal Lamb and a red Templar's Cross, with the words "The Will of God." On the other, the emblems of the Order are displayed. The symbolic colors of the Order are white and black, properly interspersed with gold and silver. The Grand Standard of the Order is displayed in the West, in charge of the Standard-Bearer. The Beauseant, or battle-flag of the Ancient Templars, is displayed in the South, in charge of the Senior Warden.

The following is the Templar uniform adopted by the Grand Encampment of the United States, September 1862. Full Dress black frock coat, black pantaloons, scarf, sword, belt, shoulder straps, gauntlets, and chapeau with appropriate trimmings; Fatigue Dress - same as Full Dress, except for chapeau - black cloth cap, navy form, with appropriate cross in front and for gauntlets - white gloves.

In the United States, the assembly is called a Commandery and has the following officers: (1) Eminent Commander; (2) Generalissimo; (3) Captain General; (4) Prelate; (5) Senior Warden; (6) Junior Warden; (7) Treasurer; (8) Recorder; (9) Standard-Bearer; (10) Sword-Bearer; (11) Warder; (12) Three Guards; (13) Sentinel.

Commanderies are dedicated to Saint John the Almoner. The candidate receiving this Order is said to be "dubbed and created a Knight of the valiant and magnanimous Order of Knights Templar." The motto of the Order is "In hoc signo vinces — In this sign we conquer.

RW Sydney Grunberg, PDDGM Lodge Historian

The Station

by Robert J. Hastings

Tucked away in our subconscious minds is an idyllic vision in which we see ourselves on a long journey that spans an entire continent. We're traveling by train, and from the windows, we drink in the passing scenes of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at crossings, of cattle grazing in distant pastures, of smoke pouring from power plants, of row upon row of cotton and corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of city skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our minds is our final destination — for at a certain hour and on a given day, our train will finally pull into the station with bells ringing, flags waving and bands playing. And once that day comes, so many wonderful dreams will come true, so restlessly, we pace the aisles and count the miles, peering ahead, waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

"Yes, when we reach the station, that will be it!" we promise ourselves. "When we're 18 . . . win that promotion . . . put the last kid through college . . . buy that 450 SL Mercedes-Benz . . . pay off the mortgage . . . have a nest egg for retirement."

From that day on, we will all live happily ever after.

Sooner or later, however, we must realize there is no station in this life, no one earthly place to arrive at once and for all. The journey is the joy. The station is an illusion — it constantly outdistances us. Yesterday's a memory; tomorrow's a dream. Yesterday belongs to history; tomorrow belongs to God. Yesterday's a fading sunset; tomorrow's a faint sunrise. Only today is there light enough to love and live.

So, gently close the door on yesterday and throw the key away. It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad, but rather the regret over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. "Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, swim more rivers, climb more mountains, kiss more babies, count more stars. Laugh more and cry less. Go barefoot more often. Eat more ice cream. Ride more merry-go-rounds. Watch more sunsets. Life must be lived as we go along.

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Colorado River Fall Festival

October 23/24/25, 2005

Riverside Hotel / Laughlin, NV

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(NOTE - ALL TIMES PACIFIC DAYLIGHT TIME - SAME IN CA, NV AND AZ)

Sunday, October 23, 2005

- 1:00 PM Registration for candidates and attendees (until 5:00 PM) - Harbor Room 1
- 5:30 PM Team Leaders Orientation - Starview Room - MANDATORY for team leaders
- 7:00 PM KYCH - Harbor Rooms 1/2/3
- 8:30 PM Candidate's Orientation (Public invited) - Starview Room - MANDATORY for candidates

Monday, October 24, 2005

- 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM and 2 PM - 6 PM - Registration - Harbor Room 1
- 8:00 AM Open Chapter, confer Capitular Degrees * - Starview Room
- 3:30 PM Open Council, confer Cryptic Degrees Starview Room - Degree work by the Southern Nevada York Rite Bodies
- 7:00 PM Confer "Royal Arch Widow's Degree" - Starview Room * Candidates must be in assigned seats 10 minutes prior (times may vary)

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

- 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Registration - Harbor Room I
- 8:00 AM Open Commandery, confer Templar Orders Starview Room - Candidates must be in assigned seats 10 minutes prior (times may vary)
- 7:00 PM Grand Banquet, Starview Room

Attention Participants:

We have not scheduled lunches for any day. Please budget your time on lunch breaks - lines, particularly for the buffets, can be long, and there are no clocks in the facilities. Dress is dark suit or uniform (Lodge dress).

Ladies Activities:

Riverside Hotel has 6 movie theaters, Bingo, Bowling Alley on premises.
Horizon Mail (outlet stores, shopping, food court, 9 movie theaters) is one block away.

(Note - due to the presentation of the "Royal Arch Widow's Degree" put on for the women , there will be no "Super Excellent Master Degree" for the men in 2005, but it will return next year!)

Special Rooms: Hospitality Room, Los Angeles Fraternal Supply, Maury Marshall, Sid's Pins

Note: This schedule is subject to change without notice or obligation please make sure you have the latest schedule.

Colorado River Fall Festival Riverside Hotel & Casino, Laughlin, NV October 23/24/25, 2005

For your Hotel Reservation

All reservations/cancellations must be made through CRFF by mail by September 30, 2005
Hotel check in 2:00PM ...check out 12:00 noon. All times Pacific Daylight time.

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS: _____@_____._____

Room Request (circle appropriate):

Handicap King Double Smoking Non-Smoking (No Room)

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

Candidate Non-Participant or Hotel Room only (No Name Tag)
 (If Candidate, your Sec./Rec. must send "Request for Courtesy Work" to the Candidate Registrar by 9/30/2005)
 For your badge: (All attendees must register for Name Badge to attend sessions or participate.)

FIRST NAME: _____
 LAST NAME: _____
 TITLE (IF DESIRED): _____

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

THE CHARGES

Festival Registration (Masons, Cand's only)	\$10.00	\$ _____ .00
Hotel Room Sun/Mon/Tues	\$79.00 1/2, add'l \$20 ea	\$ _____ .00
Royal Arch Widow's Degree (Candidate)	\$10.00	\$ _____ .00
Banquet	\$32.50	\$ _____ .00
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____ .00

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COLORADO RIVER FALL FESTIVAL

October 23,24,25, 2005 -- Riverside Hotel, Laughlin NV

REQUEST TO CONFER COURTESY WORK

NOTICE: Request must be postmarked not later than September 30, 2005

Please type or print everything except signatures!

Use one form for each Candidate

_____ Chapter No. _____, RAM
 _____ Council No. _____, CM or R&SM
 _____ Commandery No. _____, KT

To: David G. Stankow, Candidate Registrar 480-897-9555
 2714 West Nopal Circle stankow@worldnet.att.net
 Mesa, AZ 85202

Dear Companions and Sir Knights:

Please confer the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite indicated below on the following candidate, who has been) (will be) elected to receive them.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE (with A/C) _____

Please check Degrees and Orders to be conferred:

RAM: MM _____ PM _____ MEM _____ RA _____
 CM: RM _____ SM _____ SEM _____ (SEM even-numbered years only)
 KT: RC _____ OM _____ OT _____

I certify that the above-named Candidate (has been) (will be) elected to receive the Degrees and Orders indicated, and that he is in all ways duly qualified. (If he has not yet been elected, I will notify the Candidate Registrar if he fails to be elected before the Festival.)

SIGNATURE: _____

SECY-REC NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE (with A/C): _____

..... (Please emboss seals below this line).....

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NOTICE

1. Requests for courtesy work must be mailed to Mesa, **postmarked not later than September 30, 2005.**
2. Appropriate seals must be embossed in the appropriate spaces.
3. **CANDIDATES MUST ALSO REGISTER FOR MEALS AND LODGING ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30,2005, TO THE MOHAVE VALLEY ADDRESS!**
4. You and your Grand Secretary/Recorder will be notified of courtesy work completed.
5. **Any request postmarked AFTER September 30, 2005 will not be honored -- no exceptions.**

William N. Wine Grand High Priest Itinerary

5/7 3 way Yuba City
 5/8 Mother's Day Brunch Sebastopol Chapter
 5/25 3 way Long Beach YR Association
 6/10 GHP Official Visit Santa Rosa Chapter
 6/13 GHP Official Visit Chico Chico Chapter
 6/17 3 way Riverside YR Association
 6/24 Comptchee Outdoor RA Mendocino
 6/25 Grand Bethel, Palm Springs
 6/28 GHP Official Visit, Vallejo, Solano Chapter
 7/4 LA #9 July 4 Parade
 7/9 GHP Official Visit Mendocino Chapter
 7/25 2 way (Chapter & Council) Quincy
 Palumas Chapter
 8/6 GHP Official Visit, Nevada City Chapter
 8/7 Picnic - 3 way Menlo Park YR Association
 8/13 3 way Oakland, East Bay York Rite Association
 8/26-29 GRA Executive Committee, Bakersfield, Grand
 Chapter California and Ritual Symposium
 9/12 GHP Official Visit, Auburn, Delta Chapter
 9/15 Table Chapter, Pleasanton, Doric Chapter
 10/1-4 General Grand Sessions Rapid City, SD
 10/9-12 Annual Meeting San Francisco Grand Lodge of California
 10/15 Festival - RA & Council Alameda
 East Bay York Rite Association
 10/23-26 Colorado River Festival, Laughlin, NV
 10/29 Festival Commandery, Alameda
 East Bay York Rite Association
 10/9 GHP Official Visit, Orange County Royal Arch
 10/9-12 Annual Meeting San Francisco
 Grand Lodge of California
 10/25-27 DeMolay Convention, Sacramento
 Northern California DeMolay

Jose A. Fiss MIGM Itinerary 2005-06

4/29 to 5/4 Grand York Rite Sessions Bakersfield
 5/7 Marysville Cnl. # 3, Yuba City 3 Way Recpn. (530) 673-9121
 5/14 King Solomon Cnl. #29 Vallejo, MIGM Recpn. (925) 685-5497
 5/16 Bakersfield Cnl. #28 Bakersfield, Official Visit (760) 376-3225
 5/18 Orange County Cnl. #14 Anaheim
 Father Charles Maier 50 yr pin-MIGM Recpn (949) 829-6802
 5/21 Alhambra Cnl. #25 Rosemead MIGM Recpn. (626) 446-4906
 5/27 Los Angeles Commandery #9 G. Commander Recpn.
 (818) 368-0590
 5/25 L. Beach Cnl. #26 L. Beach 3 Way Recpn. (562) 597-5014
 6/3 Omega Cnl. #11 Van Nuys, Table Council. (818) 368-0590
 6/9 Shasta Council #6, Red Bluf Official Visit (530) 527-3099
 6/10 L.A. Scottish R. Santa Monica,
 4 Way Recpn. (323) 937-2566

6/11 Channel Island York Rite Assn. Oxnard
 3 Way Recpn. (805) 886-5602
 6/12 AMD Mtg. At my house Don Spencer (818) 818-885-0289
 6/15 Redwood Empire Cnl.#46 Sebastopol
 MIGM Recpn. (707) 664-8398
 6/17 Riverside Cnl.# 59 Riverside 3 Way Recpn. (951) 354-5446
 6/23 Grand Bethel Installation Palm Springs Convn. Center
 7/1 Signet Chapter No 57 Grand High Priest Reception
 7/3 S. Luis Obispo Cnl.#38 S. Luis Obispo
 Ice Cream Social (805) 544-4314
 7/4 4th of July Parade Santa Clarita (LA. Comm.#9)
 (818) 368-0590
 7/25 Sierra Nevada Cnl.#44 Quincy MIGM Recpn. (530) 283-1492
 8/6 Nevada Council # 62 Nevada City 2 Way Recpn.
 (530) 274-6482
 8/7 PaloAlto YR Bodies Picnic Menlo Park 4 Way Recpn.
 (415) 337-1979
 8/13 East Bay Y.Rite Assn. Alameda Mas. Center 3 Way Recpn.
 (925) 831-3320
 8/27 Salinas Masc. Center BBQ 12:00 PM 3 Way Recpn.
 (831) 758-6740
 9/6 Oasis Council #64 Victorville Official Visit (760) 843-9258
 10/1-5 Triennial General Grand Council Rapid City S.D.
 Grl G. Rec. (309) 593-2812
 10/10-12 Grand Lodge Communications San Francisco.
 10/13 Imperial Valley Council # 60 Official Visit (760) 352-8487
 10/27 Omega Council # 11 Van Nuys MIGM Rcpn. (818) 368-0590

Milton M. Abbott, Jr. Grand Commander's Itinerary

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 5-14 Dept. VIII Red Bluff David Sokol 530-233-5510
 5-15 York Rite College
 5-25 Long Beach (3-way) Long Beach Arthur C. Meigs
 562-597-5014
 6-27 Los Angeles #9 Van Nuys Sam Pitassi 818-368-0590
 6-3 Santa Rosa Sebastopol Richard Hunt 707-664-8398
 6-10 L A Valley Santa Monica William Nemoy 310-479-1587
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 6-17 Riverside YR (3-way)
 6-18 Orange Co. Thomas Derby 949-829-6802
 6-21 Fresno Lawrence Smith 559-291-7270
 6-23 Nevada Nevada City Wm. S. Carpenter 530-673-9121
 6-27 El Dorado Sutter Creek Robert M. Reynolds 530-676-9060
 7-3 San Luis YR Bodies Wm. E. Long 805-544-4314
 7-4 L.A. #9 Parade Richard Cooper 661-259-4350
 8-7 Cal 1 Menlo Park
 8-13 East Bay YR Alameda Bud Warder
 8-20 KYCH Arcata
 8-27 Watsonville Salinas John A. Williams 831-384-5364
 9-9 Vacaville Vacaville
 9-18 York Rite College
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