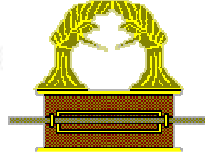




THE WORKMAN



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GHP MESSAGE

Companions:

My busy schedule has definitely slowed down the past few weeks. I have visited 52 Chapters, 3 Scottish Rites Valleys, Northern California DeMolay Convention, numerous Blue Lodges, Installed Officers for four Blue Lodges, Installed several Chapters Officers, attended and participated in many Chapter Degrees. Despite all of the travel, sleeping in strange beds, lots of wonderful FOOD, it has been a wonderful experience for us.

I still have one official visit to make, and present Stockton Chapter No. 28 with their 150 year recognition from Grand Chapter on March 26th This will be the second such ceremony I will have attended

this year. What a great honor it is to be present at these occasions.

We are looking forward to the cruise in May as the final event of our year in office. I am presently working on my ritual for Grand Sessions, amazing how much you forget when you are having fun.

Be sure and get your registration into Dave and Tom as soon as possible; being late will cost you MONEY!!!!!!!!!! The deadline is February 28, 2011 without penalty.

Remember to contribute to the DeBarrows Scholarship Fund.

Fraternally,
Teddy G. Hammack
Grand High Priest

EASTER OBSERVANCE

Dear Sir Knights, Beauceant Sisters and Guests:

We want to welcome you to sunny southern California to the first annual **West Coast Easter Observance!** The Committees are working hard to make sure your stay here at the Radisson Hotel at USC is enjoyable.

In April, the average high for the day is 73 degrees, and the average low at night is 54 degrees. In addition, the average relative humidity is 84 percent. A light wrap is recommended for evenings out. All events shall be held at the hotel with the exception of

the Easter Observance which will be held at the historic Shrine Auditorium just blocks from the hotel.

Attire: Formal Banquet – Sir Knights in uniform (no swords or chapeaus); ladies in evening gowns; Beauceants in evening uniform. Easter Observance, Sir Knights in uniform (no swords) or church attire. Beauceant’s in day uniform.

Tours: On Friday, join us for a tour and luncheon at the **Shrine Auditorium** which I’m sure you will find most interesting. Please note on the Registration Form, that a portion of your ticket purchase for Friday’s tour will go to the Shrine’s Children’s Hospital. On Saturday, we will have a tour of the **Getty Center** (and Museum) in north Los Angeles. This is a one of a kind museum that houses famous artwork from all over the world as well as locally. Enjoy lively discussion while exploring the collection, exhibitions, architecture, and gardens. If you have already registered and did not sign up for either of the tours but would like to, you may purchase your tickets at the registration table in the lobby of the hotel.

Due to circumstances out of our control, we are extending the Reservations Deadline to February 28, 2011.

Hotel Information: Radisson Hotel at USC, 3540 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007. Reservations: (800) 395-7046; Front Desk: (213) 748-4141 and Fax: (213) 746-3255. Tell them you are with the **West Coast Easter Observance**. Here is the link to make online reservations: <http://www.radisson.com/los-angeles-hotel-ca-90007/cafiguer>. Where it says: PROMOTIONAL CODE: enter KINI. You will then see all the rates available for the group.

Fraternally,
Thomas R. Derby, KYCH
General Chairman

YORK RITE CRUISE

Final payments have been taken, but you may still be able to get a cabin. If you have decided at this late juncture that you would like to go on this cruise, 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, 2011

Day	Destination	Arrival	Departure
1	San Diego		05:00 PM
2	At Sea		
3	At Sea		
4	Astoria, Oregon	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
5	Victoria, B.C.	12:00 PM	11:59 PM
6	Vancouver, B.C.	08:00 AM	

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.

GRAND SESSIONS SOUVENIR PROGRAM

The form for submitting your Ad for the Souvenir Program is in the January Encompasser, which you can find online. See the article below for details on access. However, the contact info in that edition is outdated. Ads should be sent to Gary Miller, at PO BOX 306 Mentone, CA 92359-0306. His new email address is: pastgc08@gmail.com. If you have already sent an Ad via email, you should re-send to his new address. Ads sent to his former address are being forwarded properly.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

Last month we presented a marvelous poem by a Past Grand Master of Colorado, Lawrence Greenleaf, called **The Lodge Room Over Simpkins' Store**. Here's another offering of his, that could hardly be more appropriate given the developments in the Middle East in this last month. Let us hope that the spirit of The Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God prevails:

Here's "Hands across the sea!" good sirs,
here's "Hands across the sea!"
To every isle and continent
where'er our brethren be;
For we are one in sympathy,
as we are one in name;
The self same tools are bright with use
and mystic lights aflame;
The same designs on trestle board
by which our tasks are wrought
Their symbol truths impressed on heart
and centered in our thought.
For that which counts for greatest good
is through the lives of each
Who by their acts exemplify
the principles we teach.

The world's great heart is throbbing
with the spirit of unrest;
We hear the cry that welleteth up
from peoples long oppressed;
We see the rule of mammon
and the grasping hand of greed,
The travesties of justice
and the toiler's bitter need,
The striving for the mastery,
the ever present fear,
With nation watching nation,
and the war clouds hovering near,
And the question ever riseth
as portentous signs we trace,
What will the final outcome be,
and what the saving grace?
And Masonry makes answer
with its never changing plan —
The Fatherhood of God.
the Brotherhood of Man!

Though aeons upon aeons break
upon the shores of time,

This is the grand fulfillment,
and the prophesy sublime;
This is the work of trestle board
for brethren everywhere,
For never was there greater need
for level, plumb and square,
For trowel with cement of love
to strengthen and unite
The human race in brotherhood,
and usher in the Light!
To all who aid this glorious work,
wherever they may be,
Here's to the Craft in homeland,
and here's "Hands across the sea!"

GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

If you have the resources, please consider making a significant donation on behalf of our Masonic Youth. Send any excess cash (!) to the Grand Chapter Scholarship Program at 801 Elm Ave, Long Beach, CA, 90813.

Remember that all donations to the Scholarship Program are Tax Deductible, so keep this in mind as you plan your annual giving and when you pay your dues.

ARTICLES FOR THE WORKMAN

Junior Past Grand High Priest Phil Hardiman will continue to edit this newsletter. If you have items of interest, especially pictures of Scholarship presentations, please send them to him at philipandnancy@aol.com. Copies of the Newsletter can be downloaded at the Grand York Rite website: <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/GHP%20Newsletter.html>.

THE CLOTHES LINE

A line of Jackets for our York Rite bodies continues to be available at MP. ENTERPRISES. The price for red and blue is great -- \$75.00 plus tax and shipping, for sizes 34 to 49 in short, regular and tall; and \$87.00 plus tax and shipping for sizes 50 to 60, also in short, regular, and tall. Purple Jackets are little more expensive at \$95.00 for the smaller and \$107.00

GRAND HIGH PRIEST ITINERARY

March 26, 2011	Stockton	150 th Anniversary Presentation
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for the larger. Also available are Men's and ladies' vests, tuxedos and shirts, pins, patches, and flags, and OES T-Shirts. Contact Patsy Baker Luy at her office: (510) 527-5728, or cell: (510) 502-3224; or email at maxluy@hotmail.com.

ENCOMPASSER

The **January 2011** edition of the Encompasser is now available on the website. Go to <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org> and click on The Encompasser on the left hand toolbar. Advance information about Grand Sessions 2011, with Registration and Souvenir Program Ad forms, is now available. And additional details on the Cruise are also printed in this new edition. And information about the Grand Commandery Easter program is also included

PETITIONS

New petitions and brochures about the Chapter are available on the website at:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/royalarch.htm>

Simply scroll down to the lower half of the page.

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER

The Research Chapter hosts a website at: <http://www.goldenstatechapter.org/>, which is well worth your while accessing.

The Research Chapter has also prepared a publication of the Grand Orations and Vesper Services message given at the Grand Sessions in April. Copies were distributed at the meeting and are available for a suggested \$5 donation by sending a request to the High Priest.

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