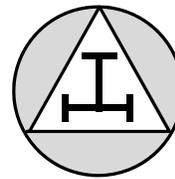


# San Diego York Rite Newsletter

January 2012



Companions and Sir Knights,

This edition of the San Diego York Rite Newsletter marks the beginning of a new year for all four of the San Diego York Rite Bodies. All of them had a pretty good year in 2011 (although I have no idea where the year went) and hopefully 2012 will be even better.

The Commandery installed their 2012 officers on Tuesday evening, 13 December and it was an outstanding evening with all three of the presiding California York Rite Grand officers present. San Diego Chapter and San Diego Council will install their 2012 officers on Thursday evening, 26 January with dinner at 6:00 PM, the Chapter installation beginning at 7:00 PM with the Council installation beginning at 8:00 PM. Please try to be with us for this most important evening in the York Rite Year.

In 2012 we will continue our county-wide cooperation in the conferral of the Chapter and Council degrees, working with Tyre Chapter 130, Triangle Chapter 155 and Helix Council 58 to make the best use of our ritualistic and real estate resources. And the Commandery will continue to work with Riverside and San Bernardino Commanderies in the conferral of the Templar Orders. The RAM and CM schedule is at the bottom of this page and we will publish the KT date as soon as it is available.

As the new year dawns please help all the officers of all the bodies in welcoming those who were exalted, greeted and knights in 2011. We need all the depth and breadth we can find in performing the several functions of the bodies and expanding, as we are able, the things we do.

All of the York Rite Bodies in San Diego and Imperial Counties are looking for those who would be interested an active part in the operation and ritual work of the several bodies. All of it is interesting and all of it will increase your comprehension and appreciation of the lessons these bodies teach. There's a lot of good history and a lot of fine things to be experienced and learned. Check with the presiding officer (or another officer) of the body in which you think you may be interested and you will be provided with information.

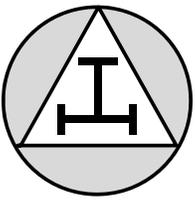
Traditionally we hold our Royal Arch Festivals on the first Saturday in March and on the third Saturday in September. The Cryptic Festivals are held on the third Thursday in March and on the Wednesday following the third Saturday in September. We work the Templar Orders in cooperation with the Commanderies in Riverside and San Bernardino. Usually the spring festival is held in San Bernardino and the fall festival is held in San Diego. Dates are coordinated each year in order to fit into the schedules of all the Commanderies which participate.

## Spring 2012 schedule of York Rite Degrees and Orders:

Royal Arch Degrees, Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at San Diego Scottish Rite Center, 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Cryptic Degrees, Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Escondido Masonic Center, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Templar Orders will be conferred at San Bernardino on a date to be determined.



San Diego Chapter No.  
61  
Royal Arch Masons  
1895 Camino del Rio S  
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San Diego Council No. 23  
Cryptic Masons  
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Stated Convocation: Fourth Thursday, 7:00 PM  
High Priest: Eduard Tincu  
E-mail: [eduard.tincu@gmail.com](mailto:eduard.tincu@gmail.com)  
Secretary: Frederick G. Kleyn, III, KYCH  
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26 January: 6:00 PM Dinner  
7:00 PM Stated Convocation

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Stated Assembly: Fourth Thursday 8:00 PM (Odd Months)  
Ill. Master: Albert L. Kellner  
E-Mail: [alkellner@gmail.com](mailto:alkellner@gmail.com)  
Recorder: Gerald R. Lynn, IPM  
E-Mail: [geraldlynn@cox.net](mailto:geraldlynn@cox.net)

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26 January: 6:00 PM Dinner  
8:00 PM Stated Assembly

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Companions,

I wish you all a very happy New Year and good health. The holiday season is now behind us and we are ready for another great Capitular year. Please mark your calendars for our stated convocations this year and join us in what is becoming one of the more polished Masonic meeting in the San Diego County area. Our ritual is improving every year and there is renewed interest from many Companions. In light of this I will try this year to see if we can have our Chapter put together all the Royal Arch degrees. We will continue to participate in the Festivals as in years past, but it will be very nice if we can confer all the degrees as the need arises.

Remember, our ranks and pool of talent grows with new members. Please attend your Blue Lodges and tell your brothers why you joined and why you enjoy the Royal Arch experience. The Secretary's office has petitions and recruiting materials available for this purpose.

I hope to see you all at our Officers Installation on January 26th at 7 PM, preceded by dinner at 6 PM. Family, friends and potential candidates are invited and encouraged to attend. If you want to attend the dinner, please RSVP with our Secretary by January 23rd so he can provide an accurate account to the caterer. Please note that the Council Installation will start right after our ceremony.

Fraternally,  
Eduard Tincu  
High Priest-Elect



San Diego Commandery No. 25  
Knights Templar  
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San Diego York Rite College No.  
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Stated Conclave: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Commander: Richard D. Baskin  
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Recorder: Timothy B. Sheets  
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Stated Convocation, Tuesday, 10 January  
Practice/Newsletter, Tuesday, 24 January

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Sir Knights,

We have begun a new year of Knight Templar Masonry in San Diego and I thank you for the opportunity to lead San Diego Commandery No. 25 in 2012.

There was a great turnout for the installation, even though we had inclement weather. Thanks to the installing team for doing a great job and to our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Casey Norris, for doing our 125th anniversary presentation. San Diego Commandery received its charter on 30 April 1887 and we have been an integral part of San Diego Masonry ever since. I also want to thank Sir Knight Neal Leonard for setting up the Asylum and our inspector Sir Knight Al Kellner for his help and guidance.

At the installation I spoke of the need to support our Brethren and the magic of Freemasonry. Many of the Commandery line officers are also officers in their Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite or Shrine; some are officers in all the bodies. Each exhibits a true desire to serve our Craft and we need to support them in their efforts. I encourage you to attend the stated meetings of these organizations and support their degrees, festivals and orders. By supporting each other we become stronger as a Fraternity.

This year, my plans are to involve more members in Commandery activities. You don't have to be an Officer to be involved and you don't have to buy a uniform, we have purchased caps and mantels which you can wear. You can also become involved in the ritual and participate in the upcoming orders.

I plan on having only 2 regular meetings per month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. The first will be our Stated meeting, after which we will hold a practice, and the second will be the Newsletter folding and a drill team or orders practice.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to working with your in the upcoming Templar year.

Sincerely and Fraternally  
Rick Baskin  
Commander

Assembly: Second Sunday, 4:00 PM

Governor: Richard D. Baskin  
E-mail: rbkasin@cox.net  
Recorder: Philip A. Johnson  
E-Mail: pajalbahr@cox.net

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Stated Assembly, Sunday, 8 January

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Companion Knights,

We will have our Annual January meeting at the Scottish Rite Center on Sunday, 8 January. We will begin at 4:00 PM. This is the meeting at which we consider for membership those who are eligible.

After the meeting those who desire to do so will move to a convenient Mission Valley restaurant for supper.

Merry Christmas and a Very Happy, Healthy and Successful New Year.

S&F

Rick Baskin  
Governor

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