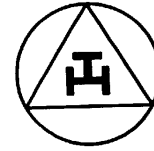
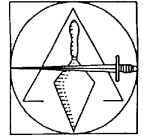
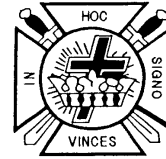


San Diego York Rite

Newsletter

December 1, 2008



For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. [John 3:16]

Merry Christmas to all Companions, Sir Knights, and their families whithersoever dispersed around the globe! Another year is about to come to a close and upon reflection, we measure our gains and losses, not only in material things, but in terms of how many new members our respective Chapters, Councils and Commanderies have gained or lost either by demits or by their departure to that celestial Lodge. We also gauge our health and that of our loved ones; we count our achievements in our studies, in our work and in our everyday life. Overall, whether our personal year has been a success or not, we give our thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for having seen us through our difficulties and our successes, for we read in the Holy Writings that we are not immune to troubles and hardships, but we are guaranteed a Comforter who will assist us in our travels through life.

San Diego Chapter No. 61 and San Diego Council No. 23 had their installations in October and will be dark this month. They wish all Companions and their families the most Happy Holidays.

San Diego Commandery No. 25 will hold their elections on December 9, 2008 at their Stated Conclave commencing at 7:30 pm, and will install their officers following the Stated Conclave.

There will be refreshments prior to the Stated Conclave starting at 6:30 pm. Lodge will open at 6 pm but no business will be conducted prior to 7:30 pm.

Sir Knight Gary Miller, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar in the State of California will preside at the installation. He will also preside at the installation of officers at Imperial Valley Commandery No. 54 on Friday December 5, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

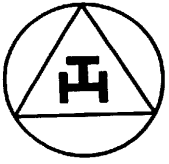
Also, San Diego Commandery No. 25 will hold its Christmas Observance on Sunday December 21. Breakfast will be served at 10:00 am, with the Observance following. It is obligatory that all Sir Knights attend a Christmas Observance each year if at all possible. All Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend; their ladies and guests are welcomed. Please make reservations by e-mailing appa01@sbcglobal.net or calling the recorder at [619] 474-2243 by not later than Thursday December 18, 2008.

York Rite is the place to be; it is a continuation of the masonic journey that every mason should travel. Spread the word - spread the light. If you need applications, go the following web site: **york-ritesandiego.org**; it is the web site for York Rite masonry in San Diego County and for our Blue Lodge Brothers to get additional information.

Spring Festival 2009 Schedule for York Rite Degrees and Orders:

Royal Arch Degrees: Saturday, 14 March at the Scottish Rite Center in Mission Valley beginning at 7:30 AM.
Cryptic Degrees: Thursday 19 March at the Escondido Masonic Center beginning at 6:30 PM
Orders of the Temple: To be announced

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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER NO. 61
 ROYAL ARCH MASONS
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STATED CONVOCATION: Fourth Thursday, 7:00 pm
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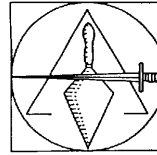
22 Jan. Thurs.: 6:00 pm Dinner
 7:00 pm Stated Convocation

Companions,

On behalf of all the Officers of San Diego Chapter No. 61, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas; may your holidays be full of joy and happiness.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday January 22 at 7:00 pm, preceded by dinner at 6:00 pm.

Fraternally,
 Chad T. Snyder
 High Priest



SAN DIEGO COUNCIL NO. 23
 CRYPTIC MASONS
 1895 Camino del Rio S
 San Diego 92108-3683

STATED ASSEMBLY: Fourth Thursday, 8:00 pm (Odd Months)
 ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER: John Leftner . [619]
 E-Mail: john@leftner.org
 Recorder: David C. Hollowell, III. Past Master.....[619] 424-5704
 E-Mail: dhollowell@msn.com

22 Jan. Thurs.: 6:00 pm Dinner
 8:00 pm Stated Assrmbly

Companions:

Because the goodwill of those we serve is the foundation of our success, it's a real pleasure at this holiday time to say "Thank You" as we wish you a full year of happiness and prosperity.

On behalf of San Diego Council #23, we wish you Peace, Joy, and Lasting Happiness!

Fraternally

John Lefter
 Illustrious Master



SAN DIEGO COMMANDERY No. 25
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
1895 CAMINO DEL RIO SO.
SAN DIEGO 92108-3683

STATED CONCLAVE: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM
COMMANDER: Jerrold A. Wohlfarth . . . [760] 724-3033
E-Mail: jerrywohlf@cox.net

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E-Mail: apparra01@sbcglobal.net

COMMANDERY SCHEDULE

09 DEC.: TUES. 7:00 PM STATED CONCLAVE
21 DEC.: SUN. 10:00 AM CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE [S.D.S.R. CENTER]
30 DEC.: TUES. 6:00 PM NEWSLETTER FOLDING

Sir Knights,

The sand has almost sifted to the bottom of the hour glass for this Chivalric year, and time for me to return to the sidelines. To all who have participated this year, I thank you for your support. It has been an honor serving San Deigo Commandery

I send my best wishes to my successor SK MacArthur Batoyon as he begins his year as our Eminent Commander

I believe that 2008 has been a very successful year for San Diego Commandery. We have knighted 24 new Sir Knights, and have a few Companions awaiting our Spring Festival. I invite each new Sir Knight to come to the Conclaves and participate in our activities. If you would like to become a member of our ritual teams, please let one of the dais officers know. I am sure that they will put you to work.

As of this writing, we have committed to serving as Color Guards for seven (7) Blue Lodge Installations during December. The Sir Knights participating will be in uniform. It is a great way for our Blue Lodge Brethren to become aware of York Rite Masonry, particularly the Knights Templar.

Our Annual Installation of Officers will be held on Tuesday, December 9th, following our Stated Conclave. There will be a refreshments prior to the Conclave. Our Generalissimo Mac Batoyon desires reservations for all who plan on attending the Dinner. His telephone number is: 858.271.5628. His e-mail address is: mbatoyon1@netzero.net

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Jerry Wohlfarth, Commander

Note

If you are a caregiver for a recipient of this newsletter, who has moved or is in the process of moving, or he is no longer living, please notify any of the recorders or secretaries listed in this newsletter and advise them of the changes and/or the date of demise and next of kin. Thank you.

Newsletter by E-Mail: If you are interested in receiving the York Rite Newsletter by e-mail, please send an e-mail to apparra01@sbcglobal.net with your name and e-mail address and write on the subject line newsletter by e-mail. Try it—you may like it.

San Diego York Rite Website

San Diego Commandery has launched a York Rite web site. It is ably tended by our Sir Knight Pat Wohlrabe. It is hoped that it will serve to inform not only our members and brothers in masonry, but also serve to inform the interested public of our presence and to give out general information that may induce others to join the Rite, or join masonry in order to join the Rite.

The site can be reached at **yorkritesandiego.org** You are encouraged to visit the site and send any comments, suggestions or questions to the webmaster, Sir Knight Pat Wohlrabe, **or communicate with the heads of bodies or secretaries directly.**



SAN DIEGO YORK RITE COLLEGE NO. 148
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Companion Knights:

The next meeting of San Diego York Rite College No. 148 will be held at the San Diego Scottish Rite Center on Sunday 11 January at 4:00 PM.

Sincerely & Fraternally
 Harlin C. "Bill" May
 Preeminent Governor

**YORK RITE NEWSLETTER COMPOSITE CALENDAR
 DECEMBER 2008 SCHEDULE**

- 09 DEC.: TUES. 7:00 PM STATED CONCLAVE S.D. COMMANDERY No. 25
- 21 DEC.: SUN. 10:00 AM CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE [S.D.S.R. CENTER]
S.D. COMMANDERY No. 25
- 30 DEC.: TUES. 6:00 PM NEWSLETTER FOLDING - S.D. COMMANDERY No. 25
PRACTICE

A quote from the York Rite of Free Masons pamphlet:

*“ . . . Thus the Masonic Orders of Christian Knighthood are the logical outcome of the Christian Mason’s belief in Christ as Lion of the tribe of Judah, whose hand will raise the dead to life and in whose Holy Name the True Word is found and restored at last - **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**”*

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