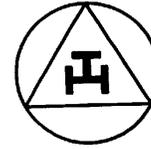
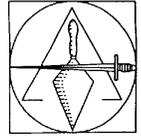
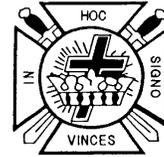


San Diego York Rite

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 1, 2008



HAPPY SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY!

According to the electronic newsletter NEWS FROM THE QUARRIES, "more roses are sold in February than in any other month. . . Why? Simply because it's the month when we celebrate St. Valentine's Day. What is your lodge doing to honor the wives of its members? Are you having a Sweet-heart event to show them you care?"

Well, for your information, East San Diego Lodge No, 561 will put on a dinner/dance on Saturday February 9, 2008 commencing at 6 pm. It will be a catered dinner, with violin music during dinner, a rose for every lady in attendance, romantic disc jockey music, and good fellowship. It is open to master masons, their ladies and friends. The cost is \$20 per person. If you are interested, please contact Abel Parra at [619] 474-2243 or e-mail him at apparra01@sbcglobal.net, or contact John Armstrong [Secretary] at [619] 589-7272 or e-mail him at jea800@yahoo.com for your reservation not later than February 6, 2008.

Show her you care!

Spring Festival

The Royal Arch degrees will be conferred on March 8, 2008, the second Saturday, at the San Diego

Scottish Rite Center commencing at 8 a.m.. For further details please check with Richard Bullard, High Priest of S. D. Royal Arch Chapter No 61.

The Cryptic degrees will be conferred on March 27, 2008, the fourth Thursday, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in San Diego commencing at approximately 7:30 p.m.. For further details please check with Richard Baskin, Illustrious Master of San Diego Cryptic Council No. 23.

The Orders of the Temple will be conferred in San Bernardino on Saturday March 29, 2008 commencing at 9 a.m.. Carpooling will be available.

Give your non-York Rite brother mason an application for the York Rite for the New Year; he will love you, and so will the York Rite bodies.

San Diego Commandery has launched a York Rite web site. It is hoped that it will serve to inform interested parties 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.

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Spring Festival 2008 Schedule for York Rite Degrees and Orders: The RAM Degrees will be conferred at the Scottish Rite Center on Saturday, 8 March commencing at 8 am. The Cryptic degrees will be conferred on Thursday March 27th at the San Diego Scottish Rite Masonic Center in San Diego commencing at approximately 7:30 pm. The Orders of the Temple will be conferred in San Bernardino, Ca on Saturday March 29, commencing at 9 a.m..

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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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28 Feb. Thurs.: 6:00 pm Dinner
 7:00 pm Stated Convocation

Companions:

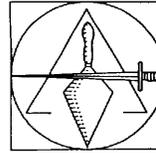
Welcome back. It is great to have the Capitular year started and have us all back in the swing of things. It was great to see everyone at the meeting and to reacquaint ourselves with our Brothers and Companions. Invite someone you know to be a member of San Diego Royal Arch Chapter #61 to come with you next month for our meeting when you visit your Blue Lodge. And be sure to take an application for York Rite with you to share with maybe a newly raise Master Mason or maybe even someone who has contemplated seeking further light in Masonry.

March 8th is the date for our Spring Festival. We will begin with coffee and donuts at 7:00 AM, the classroom at 7:30 AM and the degrees will begin at 8:00 AM. The Royal Arch Degree will begin at noon (12:00 M.) We have a complete cast but we need sideliners. Be sure and mark your calendar. If you have a part in the upcoming Festival NOW is the time to start refreshing your lines. We want this, as always, to be a great show and a positive start for our newly minted Companions and a time of renewal of their obligations for our fellow Companions.

I attended the Cryptic Workshop in Escondido on January 19th. Our own Companion Secretary Kleyn did an outstanding job of stepping us through the revised Ritual. After the walkthrough he also had small workshops on various duties in Council. The one that spoke most to me was about committees and the vital role they play in Council. I say this because these points are just a valid for Chapter. The more involved each of us becomes the more we all get out of the time we spend together. Paul McCleary also spoke on membership and what we need to do to build our Councils and, once again, our Chapters. Be active in your Blue Lodge and invite those Brothers to join us.

Have a great month and we will see you February 28th at our next meeting.

Sincerely and Fraternally
 Dick Bullard, High Priest
 619 993-4840 cell



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)
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 E-Mail: rbkasin@cox.net
 Recorder: David C. Hollowell, III. Past Master.....[619] 424-5704
 E-Mail: dhollowell@msn.com

27 Mar. Thurs.: 6:00 pm Dinner
 8:00 Stated Assembly

Companions:

I'm pleased to report that our first Stated Assembly for 2008 was well attended and an excellent start to the new year. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all Companions to attend our next meeting and participate in the great fellowship of San Diego Council 23.

I attended the Cryptic Mason Workshop held at the Escondido Masonic Center and found it to be very informative. M.I.C. Paul McCleary, MIPGM and I.C. Fred Kleyn, Inspector Cryptic Arch 16, presented topics on membership development, council administration and ritual (2005) edition.

The workshop brought home the fact that membership is the most critical issue facing all California Masons. For York Rite Masons our membership base is the Blue Lodge and for us to be effective in our membership efforts we must continue to be active in our Lodges. When you attend your Lodge, let them know you are a York Rite Mason and be ready to discuss why York Rite is important to you.

The ritual portion of the workshop was especially important as we prepare for our upcoming Spring Festival. Although the changes to the ritual are not major, they will require some adjustments. To that end, I am working with I.C. Fred to schedule two practices prior to the Festival. The Cryptic degrees will be held on Thursday, 27 March at the Scottish Rite Center. I hope you have this event on your calendar and are planning to attend.

Sincerely & Fraternally

Rick Baskin
 Illustrious Master



STATED CONCLAVE: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM
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COMMANDERY SCHEDULE

12 FEB.: TUES. 7:00 PM STATED CONCLAVE/PRACTICE
26 FEB.: TUES. 6:00 PM NEWLSTTER PARTY/PRACTIC

Dear Sir Knights :

We have begun a new year of Knights Templar Masonry, and I thank you for the opportunity to lead San Diego Commandery No. 25 during 2008.

There was a great turnout for the Installation, even though we had inclement weather. Thanks go out to SK Paul McElwain, Right Eminent Grand Commander for being our Installing Officer. Also, to SK Gary Miller, Deputy Grand Commander and SK Neal Leonard for their participation.

At the Installation, I made a few comments about the renewed interest in Freemasonry. However, we cannot wait for Blue Lodge Masons, or Chapter and Council Companions to come to us with candidates. They don't need us to prosper, we need them. Without them, we have no members. Many Sir Knights are involved with their Lodges, Chapters and Councils, some are not. We have to change that. Please attend and support your Blue Lodges, Chapters & Councils.

This year, my plans are to involve more members in Commandery activity. You don't have to be an Officer to be involved, and you don't have to buy a uniform right now. We are purchasing caps and mantels which you can wear. You can also become involved in the ritual and participate in the upcoming Orders in costume.

I plan on having only 2 regular Tuesday activities per month. The first will be after the Stated meeting. We can practice Illustrious Order of the Red Cross or Full Form opening. The second will be a practice after the Newsletter folding. I ask that each of you do your best to attend. We will practice the Orders and 9-Man and Full Form. If you are interested in becoming a cast member in any of the Orders, please contact me. Please, let harmony prevail,

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.

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Companion Knights:

The next meeting of San Diego York Rite College No. 148 will be announced in ample time.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
 David C. Hollowell
 Preeminent Governor

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

- 12 FEB.: TUES. 7:00 PM STATED CONCLAVE/PRACTICE S.D. COMMANDERY NO. 25
- 26 FEB.: TUES. 6:00 PM NEWLSTTER PARTY/PRACTIC S.D. COMMANDERY NO. 25
- 28 Feb.: Thurs.: 6:00 pm Dinner S.D. Chapter No. 61
 7:00 pm Stated Convocation S.D. Chapter No. 61

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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