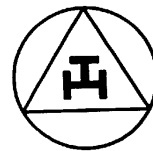
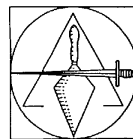
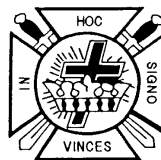


San Diego York Rite

Newsletter

APRIL 1, 2008



Spring Festival

The Royal Arch degrees were conferred on March 8, 2008 at the San Diego Scottish Rite Center. It was a great success! 27 candidates were exalted to the degree of Royal Arch!!

The Cryptic degrees were conferred on March 27, 2008 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in San Diego.

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.

Grand York Rite Sessions

The 2008 Grand York Rite Sessions will be held in Bakersfield, Ca between Sunday April 27th and Wednesday April 30th.

Early York Rite in the United States

The following is an edited version of an article in the February 2008 York Rite Encompasser

Royal Arch Masonry

The first "high degree" to appear in America was the Royal Arch Degree, first recorded in December 1753 at Fredericksburg Lodge in Virginia. The degree began to spread through the colonies. In Oc-

tober 1797 the first national American organization was created, which is today the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International.

Cryptic Council

The Degrees of Royal & Select Master originated as "side degrees" available from itinerant Masonic lecturers. In 1810 the degrees became permanently associated. By 1830 there were Grand Councils in 10 states. The General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International was organized in August 1890.

It all started in 1730 and the later growth of the Royal Arch and then eventually Cryptic Degrees was probably what led to the superstructure of the American York Rite system consisting of the Craft Lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Royal & Select Council, and the Knight Templar Commandery. For the full article see the Grand York Rite we page or the San Diego York Rite Web page:

www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser.htm
www.yorkritesandiego.org

Another excellent article entitled, **The Early History of the Grand Commandery of California** by Gary Miller, Deputy Grand Commander can also be found in the Encompasser, February 2008 edition,

Spring Festival 2008 Schedule for York Rite Degrees and Orders: The RAM Degrees were conferred at the Scottish Rite Center on Saturday, 8 March commencing at 8 am. The Cryptic degrees were 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 were 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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24 Apr. Thurs.: 6:00 pm Dinner [\$10.00]
 7:00 pm Stated Convocation

Companions:

The Royal Arch Festival on March 8th was a rousing success. 27, yes, 27 Candidates were invested with the Secrets of the Royal Arch. San Diego Chapter #61 has 15 new Companions. They are

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| Richard G Anderson, Jr. | Thomas M. Baransky |
| Richard H. Bauersfeld | John H. Crago, III |
| Karl A. Engstrom | Eric A. Ferdinandwalters |
| Carl. H Gregory | Edward L. Harris |
| David A. Lane | Eugene W. Lee |
| Gerald H. Owen | Ned T. Sahin |
| Robert D. Wallace | Timothy J. Waud |
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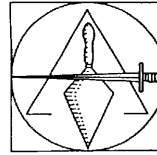
We welcome our newly accepted Companions and encourage them in their new awareness of Masonic traditions and growth. We invite you to attend our monthly Convocations, the 4th Thursday of each month.

For those of you who participated in the degrees, were sideliners, signed petitions, or helped in any way, please accept my deeply felt thanks. My thanks also to Tyre and Triangle Chapters ; their degrees were outstanding. Tyre has 10 new Companions and Triangle has 2.

Most Excellent Grand High King, Sean Foran, was truly Most Excellent as the Principal Sojourner. Every time I watch him do this part, I am ready to grab my pallet come along on the journey. He was very impressed with our Chapter. As he was preparing for his role, he commented to me that the Chapter is hitting on all cylinders. Of course, I thanked him and told him of the dedicated members of our chapter and your willingness to do whatever it takes. After the Festival was completed, he asked when we could work together again. My comments were, "September is coming and you are always welcome."

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Dick Bullard
 High Priest
 619 993-4840 cell



SAN DIEGO COUNCIL NO. 23
 CRYPTIC MASONS
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 San Diego 92108-3683

STATED ASSEMBLY: Fourth Thursday, 8:00 pm (Odd Months)
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 E-Mail: dhollowell@msn.com

22 May. Thurs.: 6:00 pm Dinner [\$10.00]
 8:00 Stated Assembly

Companions:

This is a busy time of the year for many of us. The RAM Degrees were conferred on Saturday, 8 March, the Cryptic degrees were conferred on Thursday, 27 March and our Spring Festival concluded with the Commandery Orders on Saturday, 29 March. In addition, many of us also participated in the Scottish Rite Extinguishing and Relighting of the Lights. I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work. Without your dedicated efforts, be it cast member, setup crew or sideliner; we would not be able to perform these degrees in the outstanding manner we are accustomed to seeing.

With our Festival over, it is time to welcome our new Companions and see what expectations they have. We all started with some expectations when we joined our Blue Lodge and those expectations may or may not have changed as we progressed through the various degrees. What has not changed is the need to allow our new members to learn and grow in our organization; be it Chapter, Council or Commandery. Our new Companions have received some of the most beautiful degrees in Masonry and it is our duty to see that they are able to apply that knowledge, and the way to do that is though participation.

I encourage each of you to meet with our new Companions and select one to mentor. Let us strive to help these Companions learn about and experience the fellowship that means so much to us.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Rick Baskin
 Illustrious Master



SAN DIEGO COMMANDERY No. 25
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
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STATED CONCLAVE: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM
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COMMANDERY SCHEDULE

08 APR.: TUES. 7:00 PM STATED CONCLAVE/PRACTICE
22 APR.: TUES. 6:00 PM NEWLSTTER PARTY/PRACTIC
28 APR.: MON. ALL DAY - GRAND COMMANDERY @ BAKERSFIELD, CA

Dear Sir Knights,

March has come and gone. What a busy time. We attended our Easter Observance with the Scottish Rite. We had three practices, and as we go to press, we are preparing for our Spring Orders in San Bernardino. We will have at least 12 new Sir Knights joining our Commandery. There really is a renewed interest in Freemasonry.

Two Commandery events are scheduled during April. The first will be the Stated Conclave on Tuesday, April 8th, and will include our Annual Inspection by our Inspector. The second will be our Monthly Newsletter Folding Party on Tuesday, April 22nd. We will hold a practice on each of these evenings. Grand York Rite Sessions will be in Bakersfield during the final week in April.

Since more Sir Knights are attending and want to become involved, I would like to start having Full Form Opening Practices. We also need to determine who desires to participate in the Orders, as we would like to host the Order of Malta at the Fall Orders in San Diego. As I have previously stated, my plans this year are to involve more members. You don't have to be an Officer to be involved, and you don't have to buy a uniform. The new caps and mantels have arrived. You can wear them as an officer. Let me know what you would like to do.

♦ *and please - Let Harmony Prevail,*

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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.**



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Companion Knights:

The next meeting of the San Diego York Rite College No 148 will be May 18, 2008 at 4PM. It will include elections, degree, installations etc. Please mark your Calendar.

Sincerely & Fraternally
 David C. Hollowell
 Preeminent Governor

YORK RITE NEWSLETTER COMPOSITE CALENDAR
APRIL 2008 SCHEDULE

- 08 APR.: TUES. 7:00 PM STATED CONCLAVE/PRACTICE S.D. COMM. No. 25
- 22 APR.: TUES. 6:00 PM NEWLSTTER PARTY/PRACTICE S.D. COMM No. 25
- 24 APR.: THURS. 6:00 PM DINNER S.D. CHAPTER No. 61
 7:00 PM STATED CONVOCATION S.D. CHAPTER No. 61
- 27 - 30 APR. SUN – WED.: GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS @ BAKERSFIELD, CA.

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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