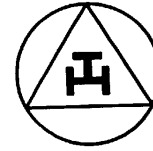
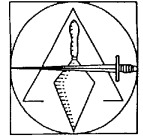
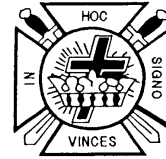


San Diego York Rite

Newsletter

JULY 2011



A Happy Fourth of July to all Companions, Sir Knights and all your loved ones! This year we celebrate the 235th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence from England, mother Country at that time.

What a trip it has been! Who would ever expect that a Country carved out of the wilderness of a relatively newly discovered continent would in those 235 years be the third largest in area, the third largest in population, and the most powerful Country in the World! But the best and most important part: that it would be the beacon of freedom throughout the World. It is not a perfect Country, but there are none better!

History notes that this Country was based on Divine Christian principles, and many suggest that reliance on Divine assistance guided the founders to form the foundation of our Country.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe continue to bless our great Nation!

Summer is upon us, and many of you will be traveling to visit friends and relative throughout the Nation, and in some cases to other Countries. Please drive safely and God speed.

On August 2nd the Grand Commander of Knights Templars of California [Sir Knight Casey Norris,

Right Eminent Grand Commander] will visit San Diego Commandery No. 25.

On August 3rd, at the San Diego Scottish Rite's stated meeting, the Scottish Rite will honor the Grand Officers of the York Rite, i.e., Most Excellent Companion Bill Allen the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in California, and Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in California, Companion Robert A.L. Whitfield.

San Diego Commandery will be dark after the Grand Commander's visit, i.e., no Stated Conclave.

The following is offered for Knights Templar history buffs, sent by our Grand Recorder, S.K. Ken Hope:

The earliest recorded minute in the world of the Knights Templar degree being worked is from the minutes of the first meeting of an Irish Royal Arch Lodge meeting under the authority of the charter of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 82 (Scottish Constitution) on the 20th August 1769.

The Royal Arch Lodge was formed by Brethren from the 14th, 29th (Glittering Star No. 322) and 64th Regiments in Boston and the minutes of the first meeting record the fact that William Davis, a P.M. and member of Lodge No. 58 in the 14th Regiment, was accepted and 'made by receiving the four steps, that of Excellent, Super Excellent, Royal Arch and Knight Templars'. Members of an Irish Military Lodge, with a travelling Warrant, namely, Glittering Star Lodge No. 322, which is still active, conferred the Knight Templar degree.

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Fall Festival 2011 Schedule for York Rite Degrees and Orders :

Royal Arch Degrees:

Cryptic Degrees:

Orders of the Temple:

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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER NO. 61
 ROYAL ARCH MASONS
 1895 Camino Del Rio So.
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STATED CONVOCATION: Fourth Thursday, 7:00 pm
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28 July Thurs.: 6:00 pm Dinner
 7:00 pm Stated Convocation

Companions,

Summer is in full swing and one of my favorite holidays is this month- Independence Day. Although the Colonies legally separated from Great Britain on the 2nd of July, 1776 by a vote of the Second continental Congress, the Declaration of Independence was approved on the 4th. As usual, the Al Bahr Shriners will be marching down Orange Street in Coronado for the 4th of July Parade. If you are not part of the Parade, please try to show your support and cheer them on.

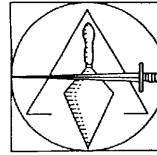
The San Diego Scottish Rite is honoring the York Rite Bodies at their August Stated Meeting. Since the San Diego Masonic community is a large one and most of you will probably be attending as Scottish Rite Members but ,I like to have as many Chapter members as possible attend. Please make reservations with the Scottish Rite Secretary's office at 619-293-4888 and show up with your red jackets.

The date for our Fall Festival is coming up and we need candidates. Please attend your Blue Lodge and let your Brothers know what we do in the chapter, as with all of the concordant bodies, our existence is dependant upon our Brothers. All Companions are ambassadors to their Masonic Lodge.

Our July Stated Convocation will be as usual, on the fourth Thursday of the Month July 28th. Dinner will begin at 6 pm with the meeting to follow at 7 pm. Your attendance at and participation in all Chapter 61 activities as always will be most welcome! If you are able to attend the pre-meeting dinner, please RSVP the Secretary at ra_secretary@yorkritesandiego.org so we can make sure to have enough food for all.

Fraternally,

Patrick Wohlrabe
 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: Gerald Lynn [619] 461-8974
 E-Mail: geraldlynn@cox.net
 RECORDER: David C. Hollowell, III. Past Master [619] 424-5704
 E-Mail: dhollowell@msn.com

28 July Thurs.: 6:00 pm Dinner
 8:00 pm Stated Assembly

Greeting Companions:

The details of the Super Excellent Master Degree have been announced. Omega Council No. 11 Cryptic Masons will confer the Degree on Saturday August 20th at the Pasadena Scottish Rite Center. This is a tiled Degree so you must bring your 2011 Council dues card

Schedule

11amRegistration
 11:30am to 12:30pm Lunch
 1pmDegree Conferral begins
 Approx 4pm Conferral ends

Location

Pasadena Scottish Rite Center
 150 N Madison Ave
 Pasadena CA 91101-1710

Reservations are mandatory. Not Later than August 10th with:

Ill Companion Carlos Gonzalez
 Recorder, Omega Council No. 11
 PO Box 3477
 Granada Hills, CA 91369
 Phone 213-369-7926

Or

Ill Companion David Hollowell
 Recorder of San Diego Council
 619-424-5704

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 23rd with dinner at 6 pm and our Stated Assembly at 8 pm just after the Royal Arch Stated Meeting.

The San Diego Scottish Rite is honoring the York Rite Bodies at their August 3rd Stated Meeting; please plan to attend and show our support of both Rites. Please make reservations with the Scottish Rite Office at [619] 293-4888.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Gerald Lynn
 Illustrious Master



SAN DIEGO COMMANDERY No. 25
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
1895 CAMINO DEL RIO SO.
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STATED CONCLAVE: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM
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COMMANDERY SCHEDULE

12 July Tues. 7:00 pm Stated Conclave;
26 July Tues. 6:00 pm Newsletter Folding/Practice
02 Aug. Tues. 6:00 pm Dinner/Grand Commander's Visit
03 Aug. Wed. 6:00 pm S.D. Scottish Rite honors Grand York Rite

Sir Knights:

Congratulations all Sir Knights of San Diego Commandery No. 25. The Cross and Crown Award for Commandery of the year, Department 1, was presented to our Commandery by the Grand Commander Knights Templar of California during the Grand Sessions. You are the ones that made it happen. Oorah!

Fourth of July is Independence Day: Independence Day honors the birthday of the United States of America and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It's a day of picnics and patriotic parades, a night of concerts and fireworks, and a reason to fly the American flag. Enjoy and be safe. Hooah!

Remember, for regular Stated Conclaves, You don't have to have a uniform to come and be involved. We have Caps and Mantles for those who would like to fill-in when needed. Most of all, come and see how the Commandery works and be ready to step forward when there is a vacancy in the line.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander Casey W. Norris, California's 153rd Grand Commander, Knights Templar, will visit San Diego Commandery # 25 the evening of August 2, 2011. A dinner will be served and we will welcome him to the Commandery. All officers and members of the drill team need to be present. All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend.

Our next Stated Conclave will be Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7 PM with a practice for the Grand Commander's visit immediately afterwards. Our newsletter folding party for the month will be the last Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 6 PM and a practice immediately following. Sir Knight Abel Parra, PC has reserved the Morrison room for an additional practice on Tuesday evening, July 19, 2011. All officers and the drill team need to be present for the practices.

Wednesday, August 3, 2011, the Scottish Rite will honor the York Rite with a dinner and recognition of officers. More information will be provided.

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.

Ask not what your Commandery can do for you; ask what you can do for your Commandery. Hooyah!

Encourage our brothers in your Blue Lodge to be part of the York Rite.

Sincerely and Fraternally

Charles R. Hill
Commander

NOTE:

The Drill Team for San Diego Commandery will Practice Tuesday July 12 after the conclave and Tuesday July 26 after the newsletter folding party.

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Early records place Templary in Boston in 1769 at St. Andrew's Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. The most likely channel through which the Orders were propagated into the American Colonies was the British Army. The spread of Freemasonry in the colonies can largely be attributed to military lodges of the period. American Union Lodge No. 1, now in Marietta, Ohio was one such lodge. Tracing the early history of the orders in the United States is difficult since there was no authority to charter organizations. Only a small number of Freemasons possessing the Order was sufficient to open a conclave, commandery, or encampment. Often authority was assumed from a lodge charter in an identical fashion as the formation of early chapters. The Order of Malta most likely originated in England as was exported to America. English records place the degree in the encampment (or commandery) as early as 1780, seventeen years before Thomas Smith Webb (1771-1819) include the degree in his monitor. Like the other degrees in his monitor, Webb most likely edited the ritual for American audiences.



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 10140 El Nopal Santee, CA 92071-1156

Companion Knights:

The York Rite College met on Sunday afternoon, 15 May at 3:00 PM at Scottish Rite Center and elected and installed Knight Rick Baskin Preeminent Governor.

Announcement of further events will be made in ample time.

Sincerely & Fraternally
 Rick Baskin,
 Preeminent Governor

**YORK RITE NEWSLETTER COMPOSITE CALENDAR
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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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