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Commander's Message

Sir Knights,

As the Peregrine falcon's and tiercel's fledge, so do we as Knights Templars take wing in both our Masonic insights and our degree activities.

By the time this bulletin is read, I will have returned to California and Grand Sessions will have ended. My primary goal was to improve our over-all standing state-wide on our inspection report. Though our inspector had very positive comments, the final report is anxiously awaited. I want to again extend a my sincere thank you to our team and their efforts.

We have yet to complete the last leg of our Spring Festival which will be in Palo Alto. I trust it will be as smoothly executed as the Chapter event.

Our current target shooting team consists of Rod Creason, David George, and myself. If you would like to participate in this activity, contact one of us. All are welcome. Friendly competition with San Jose and San Francisco will commence within a few months.

Just a friendly reminder that advanced stations will start shortly.

In Light,

SK George Faulknor
Eminent Commander of Palo Alto Commandery #47



Illustrious Master's Message

Companions,

The most relevant reason a Master Mason should advance beyond the third degree is to complete his Masonic education. The Symbolic Lodge, as existing in this country today, uses only part of what was originally considered the complete teachings of the Lodge. On your journey through the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry and as you have learned the proficiency lecture for each degree, no doubt many questions have arisen concerning the meaning of the ritualistic ceremonies, the historical implications and the 'why' of the legends of Freemasonry.

As a Master Mason, you will recall that certain things were left undiscovered as you made your travels in and around the Temple of Solomon. The York Rite is the only way of discovering that which was lost, and reveals to the candidate, in a most impressive manner, the true nature of his duties toward God, his neighbor and himself. The companionship and camaraderie which are established in the local Symbolic Lodge, are further strengthened and enriched by the additional light exposed to each member of the York Rite.

Although many erudite brethren have delved into the history and mysteries of Freemasonry no one has as yet determined the exact time the fraternity originated or where it first came into being.

Many believe the Sublime Degree of Master Mason to be the ultimate degree of Freemasonry and that all others are added and explanatory. Most students of Freemasonry agree that the story of the Craft as presented in the three degrees is incomplete and that the degrees offered



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in the York Rite of Freemasonry complete the story and answer many of the questions in the mind of the newly made Master Mason.

The Grand Lodge of York, in 1813, gave its sanction to the working of five separate Degrees, or Orders, as follows:

"It is declared and pronounced that pure and Ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, namely those of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, including the Holy Royal Arch." it further added, "this article is not intended to prevent any Lodge or Chapter from holding meetings in any of the degrees of Chivalry, according to the Constitution of said Order."

For example, in England the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge is also called the head of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. In many jurisdictions some of the degrees here conferred by the appendant bodies are conferred by the Symbolic Lodge. On the North American Continent the appendant system or rite referred to as the York Rite includes some additional degrees supplementing the work of the Lodge. These are the degrees conferred by the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Cryptic Masons, and the Commandery of Knights Templar.

The degrees of the Council of Royal and Select Masters are necessary to fully complete your education in Ancient Craft Masonry. The degrees of our Masonic system are not chronologically arranged and in the degrees of Royal and Select Master, which many believe are the most beautiful and impressive of all, you learn of additional incidents in the building of the first temple. During these degrees you represent the Master Builder, Hiram Abiff, and learn why the word was lost and the secret of its preservation and

recovery. The Super Excellent Master degree, though having no connection with Ancient Craft Masonry, is a vivid dramatization of truth and fidelity and never fails to impress those who witness it, either for the first time or after many times. The degrees of the Council will enable you to more fully understand your third degree of Symbolic Masonry and the degree of Royal Arch.

Freemasonry seeks to improve the community by improving the individual. Therefore, Councils of Cryptic Masons are found working with Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies giving more opportunities to improve one's skills in leadership, public speaking, interpersonal relationships, and administration. This empowers Masons to become better leaders in their career, church, and community. Councils also work with these and other Masonic groups in community service projects to demonstrate Masonic teachings as a way of life.

Sincerely,

Larry Fama
Illustrious Master of Palo Alto Council #51



High Priest's Message

Companions,

Having just arrived back from Grand Sessions, my head is spinning from all of the information, and experiences that I had during my journey. It was refreshing to see all of the good will, and friendship among the participants. Those of us that made the trip, found good fellowship and fun with our friends of Commandery #1. We shared a hospitality suite, lunches, and yes ... Karaoke.

It was a great privilege to receive the Order of High Priesthood. The Festive Board given by the Allied Masonic Degrees was incredible.

I look forward to next year, and hope that more of you can join us.



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I would like to also give congratulations to our newest Companions of the Cryptic Council. Today, in San Mateo, they received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters. We look forward to seeing them continue onward to receive their Templar Orders next week.

Now, onto my next subject. Masonry purports to take good men, and make them better. As Masons, we hold ourselves to a higher standard. We make ourselves accountable to each other. As such, when we give our word, it absolutely must be our bond. We function in a volunteer organization. That being said, a saying that was taught to me a long time ago comes to mind; "It's only voluntary until you volunteer, then you have given your word". When we take on the role of officer, we have pledged our word to fulfill the commitments that our respective office requires. We have committed to be leaders, and to do what is expected of us, even when it is not convenient. When we neglect our duties, it not only hurts ourselves, it hurts our group as a whole. As we go forward, we must endeavor live up to our commitments. When life makes it impossible to keep our word, we need to make arrangements to cover our absence, and communicate with each other. Remember, it is okay to say no when asked to volunteer for something, If you do volunteer, make sure you are willing to fulfill your obligations.

I felt rather awkward being the only Dais officer of all three of our bodies in attendance at Grand Sessions this year.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next Convocation, and breaking bread with you.

Sincerely,

David A. George
High Priest of Palo Alto Capter #93

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Peninsula York Rite Bodies
will be hosting their
Annual York Rite Picnic
and Grand York Rite Reception
Sunday, August 2, 2015
Honoring



Most Excellent
 Grand High Priest
 Steven R. Goad,
 KYGCH
 Royal Arch Masons of
 California



M. I. Grand Master
 Brett A. MacDonald,
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 Cryptic Masons of
 California



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Orange Park
 Orange Avenue & Memorial Drive
 Eucalyptus Sheltered Area
 South San Francisco, CA
11:00 gathering time / 1:00 Lunch



Reservations are a must!
 Price: \$15.00 per person (13 years and older)
 Children 7 to 12 years old: \$8.00
 Children 6 and under: Free

Reservations DEADLINE: July 25, 2015
Reservations received after deadline & at the door will be charged \$20.00 per person!

Send this form along with your check before July 25, 2015
 Yes, I don't want to miss this fun picnic event!

Name: _____

Total number in my party (including yourself) adults: _____ @ \$15.00 each
 children between ages of 7 to 12 _____ @ \$ 8.00
 children ages of 6 and under _____ free

Enclosed is a check totalling: \$ _____

Please make check payable to: Golden Gate Commandery #16

Mail this stub and your check before 7/25/15 to:

Bill Price, 4004 Branson Drive, San Mateo, CA 94403-3611



JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 	4 Council 6:30PM Dinner 7:30PM Assembly • Corpus Christi	5	6 • D-Day
7	8	9	10 	11 Chapter 6:30PM Dinner 7:30PM Convocation	12	13
14 • Flag Day	15	16	17 	18 Commandery 6:30PM Dinner 7:30PM Conclave	19 • Juneteenth	20
21 • June Solstice • Father's Day	22	23	24 	25 Palo Alto York Rite DARK	26	27 Comptche Royal Arch Degrees 8:30AM Prologue
28	29	30				



JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2 Chapter 7:30PM Practice	3 • Independence Day observed	4 • Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9  Chapter 7:30PM Practice	10	11
12	13	14	15	16  Council 7:30PM Practice	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Council 7:30PM Practice	24 	25
26 • Parent's Day	27	28	29	30 Commandery 7:30PM Practice	31	

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