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### **Editor's Message**

In this edition, we provide updated registration forms for the Grand Commandery Easter Program. Though the deadline for registration is February 28<sup>th</sup>, you may still register late, for an additional \$10 fee. We also provide the registration forms for Grand Sessions. Workshops are back covering: A. Budgets and Audits; B. Receptions and Visitations; and C. Membership Growth.

AMD In-Gathering is back! The Royal Ark Mariner Degree will be conferred by the Western Lodge 41 Royal Ark Mariner, moored to Western AMD Council No. 41, of Bakersfield. In this edition you will find AMD papers prepared by Past Grand High Priests of California, Edgar Fentum, dealing with Noah and the Flood, and Yours Truly, giving a symbolic interpretation.

Each Grand Body will again offer conferrals for presiding or past presiding officers, at 2:00pm the day of their sessions: The Past Commanders Association on Monday; The Order of High Priesthood on Tuesday; and the Thrice Illustrious Master on Wednesday. Registration forms are available at [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org). Included in this edition is a commentary on the Order of High Priesthood.

In January, an historic event occurred in Auburn: Three Past Grand Commanders were installed as the dais officers of Auburn Commandery 52. See pictures of the entire Commandery as well as the Installing Team, led by our Grand Commander, Dave Kussman, KTCH, KYGCH.

Nigel Gallimore, of Ventura Council, offers some history of development of the Council Degrees.

And finally consider the outdoor degrees offered at Comptche, near Mendocino, every year – this year on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The flyers provided at the very end of this edition provide registration info.

### **Hands Across the Sea**

A Past Grand Master of Colorado, Lawrence Greenleaf, has composed some marvelous Masonic poetry. Here's an offering of his, that could hardly be more appropriate given the developments in the Middle East in this last month. Let us hope that the spirit of The Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God prevails:

Here's "Hands across the sea!" good sirs,  
 here's "Hands across the sea!"  
 To every isle and continent  
 where'er our brethren be;  
 For we are one in sympathy,  
 as we are one in name;  
 The self same tools are bright with use  
 and mystic lights aflame;  
 The same designs on trestle board  
 by which our tasks are wrought  
 Their symbol truths impressed on heart  
 and centered in our thought.  
 For that which counts for greatest good  
 is through the lives of each  
 Who by their acts exemplify  
 the principles we teach.  
 The world's great heart is throbbing  
 with the spirit of unrest;  
 We hear the cry that wellet up  
 from peoples long oppressed;  
 We see the rule of mammon  
 and the grasping hand of greed,  
 The travesties of justice  
 and the toiler's bitter need,  
 The striving for the mastery,  
 the ever present fear,  
 With nation watching nation,  
 and the war clouds hovering near,  
 And the question ever riseth  
 as portentous signs we trace,  
 What will the final outcome be,  
 and what the saving grace?  
 And Masonry makes answer  
 with its never changing plan —  
 The Fatherhood of God.  
 the Brotherhood of Man!  
 Though aeons upon aeons break  
 upon the shores of time,  
 This is the grand fulfillment,  
 and the prophesy sublime;  
 This is the work of trestle board  
 for brethren everywhere,  
 For never was there greater need  
 for level, plumb and square,  
 For trowel with cement of love  
 to strengthen and unite  
 The human race in brotherhood,  
 and usher in the Light!  
 To all who aid this glorious work,  
 wherever they may be,  
 Here's to the Craft in homeland,  
 and here's "Hands across the sea!"

## Order of High Priesthood

All Masonic Ritual is subject to interpretation, and means different things to different people. This commentary is offered by M. E. President Hardiman to stimulate thought and express the importance of the scriptural basis for the Order of High Priesthood. First, by blending Old and New Testament scripture, and drawing upon Abram's early life, we emphasize the *spiritual* but *non-religious* nature of our work. The transition in the name from Abram to Abraham represents a transition in the spiritual life of the man, who journeyed under Faith from Ur of the Chaldees to Jerusalem. His willingness after reaching the Holy Land to give Melchizedek a tithe indicates that he was quite probably already "Masonic" (in the time immemorial sense of the word) and, in his interaction with Melchizedek, was elevated to the High Priesthood. In this same manner, our High Priests, elected and/or installed, are elevated to a higher level of spiritual consciousness. They are implicitly urged, like Abram, to behave on faith in a manner that is *fearless* to serve excellent companions, much as Abram saved Lot from the Kings of Elam.

Second, the 24<sup>th</sup> Psalm is important to all Masons for various reasons. It establishes the critical importance of "clean hands, a "pure heart," a non-egotistical orientation ("who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity"), and integrity with respect to keeping his word ("nor sworn deceitfully"). The latter criterion makes it clear that taking Masonic obligations is entirely consistent with Judeo-Christian scripture. In other words, it is not non-biblical to take an oath, but to do so deceitfully. This Psalm essentially reminds us to be proper in our actions, pure in our intent, and self-less in our behavior. As Anointed High Priests, our excellent companions are expected to teach these concepts to their membership.

Third, the marvelous Love Chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians elaborates the concept of Love or Charity in a manner that makes it meaningful in our daily lives. It is easy to talk about Brotherly Love, and easier yet to serve our brethren by sending money. Paul takes the requirements of Love placed on

us as excellent companions to a higher level – that of long-suffering, of kindness, of selflessness, of rejoicing in the truth, of forbearance, and of endurance. In so doing, our daily lives improve, become more joyful, by the elimination of negative emotions that derive from self-centeredness – such as anger, jealousy, greed, and pride.

Finally, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm serves as the basis for our “anointing,” (Thou anointest my head with oil”), but it also metaphorically teaches the truth of a resurrection to a new life. Whether you understand this in terms of your current life, as progressing from a meaningless to an enlightened existence; in New Testament terms as a promise to be raised as Lazarus from actual death; or in esoteric terms as incarnating again for further work of the Lord, this Psalm deserves its place among the holiest of teachings. The Lord, as your shepherd, oversees and monitors your Life. He makes you “die” (“lie down in green pastures” or die to your unenlightened attitudes and orientation) and He helps you, while “dead,” awaken to a better life (“leads you beside the still waters”). He shows you, once you are awakened (once He “has restored your soul”), how to live properly (He leadeth in the paths of righteousness). And, living properly, you are justified in your fearlessness in the face of enemies, and are promised comfort and sustenance (Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me ... my cup runneth over) all the days of your Life and, finally, *eternal* Life.

In closing, then, an Anointed High Priest now enjoys a “restored soul,” awakened to a higher calling, as it were, in serving not only his excellent companions, and companions, and brother masons, but humanity in general.

### **Auburn Commandery 52**

On January 17, 2011, an historic occasion occurred in California Gold Country – three Past Grand Commanders were installed as dais officers of their local Commandery. The Installing Team consisted of Dave Kussman, Milt Abbott, and Don Lamoureux, installing W. Bruce Pruitt, KGCT, KCT, KYGCH; Fred Smith, KCT, KYGCH; and Elmer Curtis, KCT, KYGCH.



This next picture shows all Commandery members present that night on that auspicious occasion.



### **The Ark and the Flood**

“Lead me from the unreal to the Real; Lead me from the darkness to the Light; Lead me from the temporary to the Eternal”

HINDU - Brihadaranyaka Upanishad

We are all aware that the degrees of Freemasonry make use of allegory and symbolism to communicate moral lessons. We are also aware that there are layers of symbolism embedded in the ritual that requires study, contemplation and understanding to reveal. This Royal Ark Mariner degree requires a knowledge of Hermeticism and Neo-Platonism to explore the symbolism .

The account in the Biblical Genesis and the Islamic Quran of the building of Noah's Ark and the subsequent flood should be regarded as an Allegory. Extensive research into the historical and biblical facts has been in argument for over two centuries. A detailed account can be found in Genesis Ch. 6-9 and I recommend it to your perusal.

It is interesting to note that in the Judaic tradition as related in the Midrash it was God and the Angels who assembled all the animals into the Ark. In the Genesis account Noah gathered up the animals. The Midrash proclaims that the clean animals bowed before Noah and so the clean was distinguished from the unclean.

Geological evidence does support a flood or 'Deluge' and is extensively recorded throughout the world. Reference can be found in various cultures in Greek, Sumerian, Chinese, Indian ... and North America Indian traditions. The technology and tools required to build an Ark of dimensions as to contain all God's creatures at such an early era of human development was undoubtedly beyond the ability of early man.

The story of Noah, the 'deluge' and the 'Ark' was one of the most popular Biblical themes in English medieval times. It formed a major part of the Mystery Plays performed by various Guilds of operative craftsman in Chester, Coventry, Cornwall Hull, Newcastle, Wakefield and York. (Mystery Plays were those that had an Old Testament story; Miracle Plays were from the New Testament). These locations cover the length and breadth of England and the Mystery Plays cover a period of nearly 250 years to 1620. The other popular theme was the 'Tower of Babel'. Both these stories are referenced in the ritual of the American Royal Arch Degree.

Reference to the theme of Noah, the deluge and the Ark were woven into Chaucer's 'Millers Tale', the Regius Poem (line 537) and Anderson's Constitution of 1723. Therefore, it is not surprising that the degree found its way into the pantheon of degrees that emerged in Speculative Masonry in the 18th Century. Royal Ark Mariner jewels from around the 1740 are in the Museum of the United Grand Lodge of England. The first recorded conferral of the Royal Ark Mariner Degree is in the city of Bath,

Somerset in 1790. In 1793 Bro. Thomas Dunkerley described himself as Grand Commander of the 'Society of Ancient Masons of the Diluvium Order of Royal Ark Mariners'.

During the 18th Century there emerged a plethora of degrees including various versions of the Ark, Link and Wrestle, Most Excellent Master, Mark Man, Mark Master and other Mark derivatives. Activity in the Royal Ark Mariner was revived in 1870 claiming authenticity from a warrant dated 1793. In 1890 the degree was purchased by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for £25! The Royal Ark Mariner then came under the aegis of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas. The Grand Master of the Mark is also the Grand Commander of the Royal Ark Mariner. In England most Royal Ark Mariner Lodges are 'moored' to a Mark Lodge. Membership of the Mark Lodge in England is a pre-requisite to elevation into the Royal Ark Mariner Degree.

It is interesting to note that in the 1723 Graham manuscript there is a reference to the three sons of Noah seeking the secrets of their dead father Noah. It was in 1728 that the Hiramite legend emerged!!

In the United States of America the Royal Ark Mariner Degree is under the jurisdiction of the Allied Masonic Degrees. In the early history of the A.M.D. in the United States there were separate Royal Ark Mariner Lodges and today there are two remaining Lodges with a strict control imposed by the Grand Council over any more being formed. On taking the 'blanket' obligation a member of the Allied Masonic Degrees is a Royal Ark Mariner. A Past Sovereign of an Allied Masonic Degree Council is automatically a Past Commander of Royal Ark Mariners. ....

This is a brief summary of the degree .... It is hoped that members will explore the profound legend and symbolism of this degree.

Edgar W. Fentum, Past Sovereign Master  
Siminoff Council #485

## A Symbolic Interpretation of Noah and his Ark

“Noah – *Son Japhet, of what was the Ark a type?*  
Japhet – *The church of God.*”

“(The Ark is) emblematical of that divine Ark which safely wafts us over this tempestuous sea of troubles . . . .”

The references to the *Ark* in Masonic ritual clearly imply its symbolic nature, albeit with different usage and intent. But popular culture is imbued with several literal notions, which must be explored and understood, in order to make sense of Noah and his Ark: 1) That there was an actual, physical Ark; 2) that there was an event of world-wide inundation; 3) that there was a man named Noah, who lived 950 years.

It is not necessary to take these notions literally in order to derive value from the scriptural account of Noah and his Ark. However, it can be counterproductive *not* to appreciate its symbolic significance. Great literature always operates on several levels – in this case, at least on the external and the internal. The ‘external’ level is the literal and has value in drawing men to God. But it is counterproductive when it draws those men to waste time looking for remnants of the supposed ‘actual’ Ark rather than delving deeper into the internal or symbolic meaning of the scripture. The Royal Ark Mariner ritual regards the Ark as a “type of the church of God.” Taken together with the Ark as an hieroglyphical emblem of the Third Degree, we learn that the church, representing Faith and Love, can provide us the capacity to endure and overcome the figurative ‘sea of troubles,’ the inundation or tempest of trials and tribulations which “flesh is heir to.” Hence, the figurative or symbolic essence is much more interesting and valuable to us than the mere, speculative history about a physical Ark, and the animals, and the rainbow.

As with the physical Ark, the Flood, also, is problematic. Inundations have undoubtedly occurred over the millennia, as reported or recounted in many cultures and civilizations. Could some wise individual or individuals at those times have prepared for certain catastrophes under inspiration by Deity? No

doubt. But it seems more speculative than reasonable to suppose or imagine a 500 year old man doing so. If we take the story literally can we also assume that he had *only* three sons – and, if more than three, that his other children were doomed along with the rest of humanity? Probably not – and if not, we have an embedded clue as to how to interpret the story – viz., figuratively, not literally. And though there were certainly catastrophic inundations, must they have annihilated *all* living creatures above land, except the noted few?

And what are we to make of the great ages of the immediate descendants of Adam? Did Noah actually live to the ripe old age of 950 (Genesis 9:29)? Again, we have internal evidence that he did not. In Genesis 6:3 “...the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.” But in Genesis 9:28 we learn “...Noah lived after the flood 350 years.” And in the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Genesis and beyond, we learn of Shem living 600 years (11:11), Arphaxad 438 years (11:13), Salah 433 years (11:15), Eber 464 years (11:17), Peleg 239 years (11:19), Terah 205 years (11:32), Abraham 175 years (25:7), and Jacob 147 years (47:28). So for many, many generations the span of man, set by the LORD at 120 years, was not enforced! Again, this is another clue that scripture is not as it seems; that sometimes it must be taken figuratively *only* and not literally. But what can this confusing linguistic condition possibly symbolize?

Emanuel Swedenborg, the 18<sup>th</sup> Century theologian has offered a basis for interpretation: “While the mind cleaves to the literal sense alone, no one can possibly see that such things are contained within it. Thus in these first chapters of Genesis, nothing is discoverable from the sense of the letter other than that the creation of the world is treated of, and the garden of Eden which is called Paradise, and Adam as the first created man. Who supposes anything else? But it will be sufficiently established in the following pages that these matters contain arcana which have never yet been revealed; and in fact that the first chapter of Genesis in the internal sense

treats in general of the new creation of man, or of his regeneration, and specifically of the Most Ancient Church; and this in such a manner that there is not the least expression which does not represent, signify, and enfold within it these things.” (Arcana Coelestia, n. 4)

So, though we do not discount the literal meaning, unless internal biblical evidence suggests we should (as with the span of man set at 120 years), we do focus on the *internal* signification of scripture, or its *symbolic* intent. In like manner, in our daily lives we emphasize our soul-life, but not at the expense of our external, physical life. In short, we can have both – the literal and the symbolic, the external and the internal, the physical and the spiritual. But Swedenborg insists that the names in the genealogy of Genesis are symbols of churches. “Thus by Adam in paradise they perceive the Most Ancient Church, yet not that church, but the faith in the Lord of that church. By Noah they perceive the church that remained with the descendants of the Most Ancient Church, and that continued to the time of Abram. By Abraham they by no means perceive that individual, but a saving faith, which he represented; and so on.”

Swedenborg saw that this sequence of “churches” represented by the patriarchs of Genesis was in a continuing state of decline, from the celestial nature of the church of Adam, to the spiritual church of Noah being a sort of re-constituted church of Adam, replacing the progressively more worldly versions that intervened. In Swedenborg’s conception, then, there have been four major iterations of churches: Adam, the Most Ancient Church; Noah, the Ancient Church; Hebrew/Israeli; and the Christian. He does not provide much detail distinguishing these various churches, or the numerous gradations between them. But he does use Faith, Knowledge, Wisdom, and Understanding, and Love and Charity as the two major elements of distinction, along with the ability of each inhabitant to perceive nature, heaven, hell, and deity, and to distinguish the material from the spiritual.

Hence, we should understand Noah not as an individual but as a symbol of a church, a certain set of doctrine and perceptual capability. Likewise, his sons – Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Not that there did not live certain personages that gave rise to the ‘churches’ bearing their names. Nor that there were not specific and special events associated with the birth of those churches. In this context and with this understanding, we are able to plumb the depths of Scripture for spiritual understanding and not be manipulated by modern over-simplifications.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Russian philosopher Ouspensky gives a similar interpretation in “A New Model of the Universe,” where he treats the progressive decline of the Most Ancient Church, through a series of ‘churches,’ (or what might be called ‘periods’ of doctrinal decline), as the decline of civilization in general.

“*The Great Flood* is an allegory of the fall of civilization, of the destruction of culture. Such a fall must be accompanied by the annihilation of the greater part of the human race as a consequence of geological upheavals, of wars, of the migration of human masses, epidemics, revolutions, or similar causes. Very often all these causes coincide. The idea of the allegory is that at the moment of the apparent destruction of everything, that which is really valuable is saved according to a plan previously prepared and thought out. A small group of men escapes from the general law and saves all the most important ideas and attainments of the given culture.

“The legend of Noah's Ark is a myth referring to esotericism. The building of the ‘Ark’ is the ‘School’ — the preparation of men for initiation, for transition to a new life, for new birth. “Noah's Ark”, which is saved from the Flood, is the inner circle of humanity.

“The second meaning of the allegory refers to individual man. The flood is death, unavoidable, inexorable. But man can build within himself an ‘Ark’ and assemble in it *specimens* of everything that is valuable in him. In such a case these specimens will not perish. They will survive death and be born again. Just as mankind can be saved only through its connection with the inner circle, so an individual man can attain personal ‘salvation’ only by means of a link with the inner circle in

himself, that is, by connecting himself with the higher forms of consciousness. This cannot be done without outside help, that is, without the help of the 'inner circle'."

And so this legend demonstrates its richness and depth, with interpretations on several levels – the rise and fall of churches; the fall of civilization; the life and death of individuals. Perhaps in its most profound sense, it can be construed in much the same way as King Solomon's Temple, as Ouspensky suggests, as a representation of the Temple of his Life that each Mason is building.

Phil Hardiman, Past Sovereign Master  
Camellia City Council #98

### **Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests**



W. Bruce Pruitt, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of California, Knights Templar was installed as Grand Preceptor of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests in Alexandria, VA, on February 11, 2011. The occasion was the annual assembly of the Grand College as a part of "Masonic Week."

Pruitt is a Past Southwest Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, and holds the titles of Knight Commander of the

Temple and Grand Cross of the Temple. He is also a trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and currently Commander of Auburn Commandery No. 52. He is a Past Master of Los Altos Lodge No. 712. He is a member of Knight York Grand Cross of Honor, Intendant General for Northern California, Red Cross of Constantine, Chief Adept Golden State College SRICF, AMD Grand Superintendent for California, and 32° KCCH Scottish Rite. He is a member of a number of other Masonic Bodies.

The Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests is an honorary, invitational body composed of Past Commanders of Knights Templar. Local bodies are known as Tabernacles and membership is limited to 33. Like many Masonic bodies, its origins are in England. The Grand College of America was officially formed on 16 August, 1935, when the Grand Preceptor traveled from the U. S. to attain recognition from the British High Priest. However, there is a complex history of development reaching back as far as 1840. Groups were formed and ceremonies conducted by one William Moore, who originated in Scotland. For a while they were affiliated with Allied Masonic Degrees; then became dormant. It was revived in 1933. Eventually recognizing "who they were," the Knight Priests were able to establish fellowship with their British counterparts.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE MIGM**

My year is beginning to wind down to a certain extent. Recently, Jacki and I were at the Sesquicentennial (150) Anniversary in Yuba City for Maysville Council #3. Ted Hammack and Marianne, Grand High Priest and wife, and David Kussman, Grand Commander, were also in attendance. It was a wet and stormy night but the lightning gave us illumination to find our way to the lodge. Even so, it was a very good turnout. A very nice plaque was given out to Marysville's Illustrious Master from Grand Council. It was a special occasion for me as I was born in Marysville. It is unique how things happen in life. Next, I was at the Northern California DeMolay Annual Convention in Sacramento. We have a great bunch of young men coming along. I got to know the Grand

Master of Masonry better. The theme of the event was "Super Heroes". At the banquet the Grand Master came in dressed as "Captain America". The DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters were ecstatic and the huge group broke into a deafening cheer.

Start making your plans to attend the California Grand York Rite Session, Bakersfield CA May 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Jacki and I have had a wonderful time meeting new people, old friends and seeing new places. We have made plans to attend the Grand Encampment Knights Templar "West Coast Easter Observance in April. Hope to see you there!

Martin F. McKeay, Most Illustrious Grand Master-Grand Council of California. KYGCH

### **COUNCILS OF CRYPTIC MASONS**

**Cryptic Masonry** is the term used to denote the second part of the York Rite system of Masonic degrees, and the last found within the Rite that deals specifically with the Hiram Legend.

**In 2010 the Grand Council of California celebrated its 150th anniversary.** The formation of Grand Council began in 1860. Sacramento Council began around 1857 with a dispensation from the Grand Council of Tennessee and became the first council on the roll of the California Grand Council.

A Master Mason may join a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and receive the four degrees of that organization. After which he may seek further knowledge in Freemasonry and join a Council of Cryptic Masons. One reason for its popularity is that it completes a story, a Masonic allegory. The three degrees of the Council enables Masons to more fully understand the third degree of Blue Lodge Masonry, and the degree of the Royal Arch. The body itself is known as either the Council of Royal & Select Masters or Council of Cryptic Masons depending on the jurisdiction. The first individual to use the term "Cryptic" to describe the Council Degrees was the well known Freemason, Companion Robert Morris of Kentucky.

The Cryptic Rite originated in America. However, the degrees of Royal and Select Master came

into the United States, from France, by way of the West Indies, as side degrees of the Rite of Perfection in the 18th century. The Rite of Perfection was also called the Rite of Heredom, which held that every Mason was also a Knight Templar. The degrees were originally independent of one another, and were doubtless the side degrees of the Rite of Perfection. This Rite was brought to America by Stephen Morin in 1762. Morin, a French Mason, was given the title of Inspector General for the new world by the Grand Consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret in Paris.

Councils were a relatively late addition to the York Rite, dating to the early 1800's. In the U.S., the Council confers three degrees of Royal Master, Select Master, and Super Excellent Master.

By adopting these degrees we have some of the finest ritual work known to Freemasonry. Many believe that the degrees of the Council contain the most beautiful and impressive ceremonies of all.

Freemasonry has been said to be an allegory. The whole Masonic structure is built around a magnificent Temple, the Temple of Solomon at Jerusalem. In the Craft degrees the Temple is never completed. In the Chapter the Temple is completed. In the Cryptic Council the ritual is woven by allegory around King Solomon's Temple, its building and its final destruction, - and the rebuilding of the Temple by Zerubbabel.

Cryptic Masonry centers around the story of the preservation, loss and recovery of the Word. The Word represents man's search for life's purpose and the nature of God. Symbolic Freemasonry, as in the Lodge, teaches of the loss of the Word and hope for its recovery. Royal Arch Masonry, as in the Chapter, teaches its recovery. Cryptic Masonry, as in the Council, completes this story by teaching of the Word's initial preservation.

The Cryptic Rite degrees derives its name from the setting of the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master in the underground crypt beneath King Solomon's Temple. The word cryptic means hidden, hence its use in

describing these degrees. The last of the series of Cryptic degrees is not cryptic because it does not comply with the requirement of a vault scene. It might be regarded as one of the Cryptic Rite's detached degrees for it has no connection either in history or symbolism with those of Royal Master and Select Master.

The degrees of Royal and Select Master were not originally combined into one system, each having been conferred by separate parties and initially controlled by separate Councils. As near as may be determined from conflicting claims, the Select degree is the oldest of the Rite. It was customary to confer the Royal degree on Master Masons prior to the Royal Arch, and the Select degree after exaltation to the sublime degree. This accounts for the fact that control of the Cryptic degrees vacillated back and forth in many jurisdictions, even after the formation of Grand Councils. In 1853, the General Grand Chapter voted to abandon any rights or authority over these degrees, with the exceptions of the two state Grand Chapters, Virginia and West Virginia. The Supreme Council (Southern Jurisdiction) of the AASR by edict relinquished any claim to the Cryptic Degrees in 1870.

The Royal degree appears to have been developed primarily in New York under direction of Thomas Lownds, whereas the Select was vigorously promulgated by Philip Eckel in Baltimore. It is claimed by Eckel that a Grand Council of Select Masters was formed in Baltimore in 1792. It remained for Jeremy Ladd Cross to combine the two degrees under one system, which occurred about 1818, and this pattern was adopted in most jurisdictions as the degrees became dispersed beyond the eastern seaboard. The degree of Super Excellent Master is not allied to the other two degrees of the Cryptic Rite, so far as its teachings and traditions are concerned.

The Columbian Council # 1, in New York, was organized on September 2, 1810, and is the world's oldest continuously functioning Cryptic Council. The earliest positive reference to the Super Excellent in connection to the Cryptic Rite is December 22, 1817, when a "Lodge" of Super Excellent Masters was organized by Columbian Council of Royal Masters in New York. This

evolved into what is now Columbia Council # 1, in New York.

From the early 1820's, the Rite seemed to "catch on" in the United States, and Councils were erected all over the place, with little formal authority. The formation of Councils and Grand Councils in the United States continued somewhat unevenly until the "Morgan Affair" in the mid-1800's. The state of Connecticut was the first Grand Council in 1819. The General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, was founded in Detroit, Michigan, on August 25, 1880. The first meeting of the General Grand Council was held in Denver in 1883, after forming in 1880 and being ratified in 1881. Today, this General Grand Council numbers most of the Grand Councils in the United States, as well as the western section of Canada. It publishes a quarterly magazine called *The Cryptic Freemason* and supports the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, Inc. to give Cryptic Masons an opportunity to turn Masonic philosophy into a living practice. Currently the Foundation is working with medical researchers to find agents to prevent atherosclerosis or more commonly known as hardening of the arteries. This work places thousands of dollars annually into the needed research to stop our nation's largest killer, atherosclerosis and heart disease.

Freemasonry is very philosophical and teaches its ideals by allegory or story. Two ideas are paramount in the philosophy of Freemasonry, — the existence of God, and the inevitability of death.

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**AN INVITATION TO CELEBRATE WITH THE SIR KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF GRAND  
COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CALIFORNIA**

I invite you to come and celebrate with us at the First Annual Grand Encampment West Coast Easter Observance, April 22-24, 2011 in Los Angeles, California.

The West Coast Easter Committee has planned three eventful days of fun and fellowship for all participants.

Beginning with Breakfast on Good Friday, including tours to the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium (former host of the Academy Awards) and the Getty Museum, a Grand Banquet on Saturday, and concluding with the Knights Templar Easter Observance on Sunday morning; your three day stay in the City of Angels will offer you time to visit with old friends and make new ones.

Your registration will include some special gifts to remind you of your participation in this historical event; including a commemorative coin, souvenir booklet and a specially created pin for this blessed event.

I believe you will be very happy with the efforts the entire committee has extended to make your stay with us in California a pleasant experience that you will remember for a lifetime.

For hotel arrangements, contact the Radisson at USC, 3540 S. Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90007  
(213) 748-4141 ex. 1395

In Service to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, I remain,

David J. Kussman, KTCH, KYGCH  
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Get your Commemorative  
Coin (top) and/or Lapel Pin (bottom) and  
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Grand Encampment Knights Templar

"First Annual"

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"Together as One"

Held at the Shrine Auditorium  
Accommodations at  
Radisson Crowne Plaza

#### Tour No. 1 - Shrine Auditorium

The Shrine Auditorium comprises the single largest proscenium style stage in North America with a free standing balcony, providing over 6,300 seats and an adjoining 54,000 square foot Exposition Center. Over the years, the Shrine Auditorium and Expo Center has been selected as the West Coast location for the American Music Awards, BET Awards, the Grammys, Screen Actors Guild Awards, NAACP Image Awards, and the Academy Awards. Over 60 years old, the Auditorium is recognized as a historical monument. The Shrine is privately owned and operated by the Al Malaikah Auditorium Company. The original Shrine Auditorium was completed in 1906. On January 11, 1920, the Auditorium burned to the ground. It took six years of planning and fundraising before the new Auditorium was completed. Once rebuilt on the same site of the original Auditorium, the facility was unique among the theatre structures because of its size, versatility and unique interior and exterior design. Lunch will be included.

#### Tour No. 2 - The Getty Center

The Getty Center in Los Angeles presents J. Paul Getty's collection of Western art from the Middle Ages to the present against a backdrop of dramatic architecture, tranquil gardens, and breathtaking views. Enjoy lunch at one of their two cafés that offer affordable and healthy options.

## Itinerary

### Thursday - April 21<sup>st</sup>

Registration: 5:00 p.m.

### Friday - April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Good Friday Breakfast: 7:00 a.m.

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Tour No. 1: 11:00 a.m.

(Shrine Auditorium)

### Saturday - April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Breakfast on your own

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Tour No. 2: 10:00 a.m.

(The Getty Center)

Photos: 4:00 p.m.

Banquet Line Up: 6:00 p.m.

Formal Banquet: 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday - April 24<sup>th</sup>

March to Shrine: 6:00 a.m.

Breakfast: 7:00 a.m.

Easter Service: 9:00 a.m.

The Lord's Prayer  
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever.  
Amen.

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## WEST COAST EASTER OBSERVANCE

APRIL 21 – APRIL 24, 2011

Hosted by Grand Commandery of California  
and  
California Beauceant Association

January 29, 2011

Dear Sir Knights, Beauceant Sisters and Guests;

We want to welcome you to sunny southern California to the first annual **West Coast Easter Observance!** The Committees are working hard to make sure your stay here at the Radisson Hotel at USC is enjoyable.

In April, the average high for the day is 73 degrees, and the average low at night is 54 degrees. In addition, the average relative humidity is 84 percent. A light wrap is recommended for evenings out.

All events shall be held at the hotel with the exception of the Easter Observance which will be held at the historic Shrine Auditorium just blocks from the hotel.

Attire: Formal Banquet – Sir Knights in uniform (no swords or chapeaus); ladies in evening gowns; Beauceants in evening uniform. Easter Observance, Sir Knights in uniform (no swords) or church attire. Beauceant's in day uniform.

Tours: On Friday, join us for a tour and luncheon at the **Shrine Auditorium** which I'm sure you will find most interesting. Please note on the Registration Form, that a portion of your ticket purchase for Friday's tour will go to the Shrine's Children's Hospital. On Saturday, we will have a tour of the **Getty Center** (and Museum) in north Los Angeles. This is a one of a kind museum that houses famous artwork from all over the world as well as locally. Enjoy lively discussion while exploring the collection, exhibitions, architecture, and gardens. If you have already registered and did not sign up for either of the tours but would like to, you may purchase your tickets at the registration table in the lobby of the hotel.

Due to circumstances out of our control, we are extending the Reservations Deadline to February 28, 2011.

Hotel Information: Radisson Hotel at USC, 3540 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007. Reservations: (800) 395-7046; Front Desk: (213) 748-4141 and Fax: (213) 748-3255. Tell them you are with the **West Coast Easter Observance**. Here is the link to make online reservations: <http://www.radisson.com/los-angeles-hotel-ca-90007/cafiguer>. Where it says: PROMOTIONAL CODE: enter KINI. You will then see all the rates available for the group.

Fraternally,

Thomas R. Derby, KYCH  
General Chairman

# Grand Encampment Knights Templar



WEST COAST EASTER OBSERVANCE  
 APRIL 22 – APRIL 24, 2011  
 Hosted by Grand Commandery of California  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commandery Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse / Escort: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Beauceant Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_ No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Beauceant Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_ (Email): \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS DEADLINE FEBRUARY 28, 2011**  
 All Sir Knights must register, paying Registration Fee. None members are not required to pay Registration Fee.

DATE / TIME	EVENTS	PRICE PER PERSON	NUMBER ATTENDING	TOTAL
	<b>Registration (Required for York Rite Members only):</b> Includes Commemorative Coin, Lapel Pin and Souvenir Book.	\$45.00	\$	0.00
After February 28, 2011	<b>Late Registration (Required for York Rite Members only):</b> Includes Commemorative Coin, Lapel Pin and Souvenir Book.	\$55.00	\$	0.00
04/22/11 – 7:00 AM Friday	<b>"Good Friday" Breakfast</b>	\$20.00	\$	0.00
04/22/11 – 11:00 AM Friday	<b>Tour 1: The Shrine Auditorium</b> with lunch provided (Donation will be sent to the Shine's Children's Hospital).	\$15.00	\$	0.00
04/23/11 – 7:00 AM Saturday	<b>Breakfast</b>	\$20.00	\$	0.00
04/23/11 – 10:00 AM Saturday	<b>Tour 2: The Getty Museum</b> with lunch on your own	\$30.00	\$	0.00
04/23/11 – 7:00 PM Saturday	<b>Formal Banquet:</b> Sir Knights in full dress uniform; ladies and guests in evening attire.	\$40.00	\$	0.00
04/24/11 – 7:00 AM Sunday	<b>Breakfast</b>	\$20.00	\$	0.00
04/24/11 – 9:00 AM Sunday	<b>Easter Observance</b> at Shrine Auditorium. Please provide us the number attending although there is no charge for this Event. Note: If only attending this Event, Sir Knights must pay Registration Fee.	\$0.00	\$	0.00

Sir Knights must pay Registration Fee. Non-Members/Guests are asked to register without fee. **TOTALS** 0 \$ 0.00

Make checks or money orders payable to: "Knight Templar Easter Observance"

- Memo: 2011 West Coast Easter Observance

Mail check and Reservation Form to:

(Mrs. Thomas) Lynda Derby  
 23015 Ashwood  
 Lake Forest, CA 92630-5409 Home: (949) 829-6802

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# California York Rite Masons Cruise May 1-6, 2011

## Fundraiser benefiting Royal Arch Philanthropies

Five days leaving from San Diego, CA, on Sunday May 1, 2011 and sailing to Vancouver, BC, Canada on Friday May 6, 2011

Day	Destination	Arrival	Departure
1	San Diego, CA	-	05:00 PM
2	At Sea	-	-
3	At Sea	-	-
4	Astoria, Oregon	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
5	Victoria, B.C.	12:00 PM	11:59 PM
6	Vancouver, B.C.	08:00 AM	

Cruise Line: Holland America Line Ship Name: Westerdam  
Group Leader: Rosalie Woergoetter Contact Email: [yourhappytrails@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yourhappytrails@sbcglobal.net)  
Contact Phone: 510-581-8234 CA-CST # 2057620-40

Accommodations: Log on to [www.yourhappytrails.net](http://www.yourhappytrails.net), click on the "Groups" tab at top of the page and click "View Details" to select one of the following cabins and make your deposit of \$300.00. The final payment is due February 7, 2011.

(Please note: Use Firefox or Explorer as Google Chrome may not open "Details")

Cabin Type:	Occupancy:	Pricing per cabin (2):
Superior Verandah Suite SY	Double (2)	Base Price : \$ 1248.00
		Total Price : \$ 1342.98

2 lower beds convertible to 1 queen-size bed, bathroom with dual sink vanity, full-size whirlpool bath, shower and additional shower stall, large sitting area, private verandah, 1 sofa bed for 1 person, floor-to-ceiling windows. Approximately 389 sq. ft. with verandah.

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Deluxe Verandah Ocean-View VF	Double (2)	Base Price : \$ 1048.00
		Total Price : \$ 1142.98

2 lower beds convertible to 1 queen-size bed, bathtub, shower, sitting area, private verandah, floor-to-ceiling windows. Approximately 254 sq. ft.

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Ocean View F	Double (2)	Base Price : \$ 848.00
		Total Price : \$ 942.98

2 lower beds convertible to 1 queen-size bed, bathtub, shower. Approximately 185 sq. ft.

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Inside K	Double (2)	Base Price : \$ 748.00
		Total Price : \$ 842.98

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Price includes all taxes and fees.

A donation of \$25.00 per person is included in the rates for Royal Arch Philanthropies.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**\*\*\*PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED\*\*\***

Travel Insurance is recommended and available on [www.yourhappytrails.net](http://www.yourhappytrails.net) Click on the "Extras" tab at top of the page.

Fees may apply for name changes/corrections and cancellations.

## **Port and Ship Highlights**

### **San Diego, CA**

Sunshine and fun are business as usual in San Diego. Walk on Coronado Island's sandy beach, take in the Old Town that brings the city's early Spanish days to life, have a wild time at the famous San Diego Zoo or a whale of a good time at Sea World. Sample shore excursions: San Diego City Tour; Sea World; San Diego Zoo.

### **Astoria, Oregon**

The end of the trail for the Lewis and Clark Expedition, now a showcase of historic forts and museums. Nearby: elegant Victorian tea rooms and charming seaside resorts. Sample shore excursions: Historic Astoria & Fort Clatsop; Seaside and Cannon Beach.

### **Victoria, B.C.**

A touch of England awaits: afternoon tea, double-decker buses, the famed Butchart Gardens - a brilliant tapestry of color spread across 50 blooming acres. Sample shore excursions: A Taste of Victoria: City Lights with Wine & Chocolate; Ale Trail & Pub Tour.

### **ms Westerdam**

The ms Westerdam is the third in Holland America Line's series of Vista-class ships. As such, she embraces the latest industry and environmental technologies such as her use of a diesel-electric power plant for optimal energy efficiency and an Azipod propulsion system. Most of her staterooms have ocean views and many have private verandahs.

The theme of ms Westerdam's art collection is Dutch heritage in the New World. Art ranges from paintings of historic Dutch ships, such as Henry Hudson's Half Moon, to a huge Indian silver-overlaid wood palace doorway, a bone tobacco pipe carved in the shape of a woman's head to a collection of 5,000-year-old pre-Columbian carved limestone figures from Ecuador. Contemporary pieces include an original Andy Warhol portrait and signature sculptures by Sedona artist Susanna Holt.

Deck plan available upon request by email to [yourhappytrails@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yourhappytrails@sbcglobal.net)  
(2 pages, 5 MB each @ 300 dpi, color)

Family and friends are also welcome to join us for a fun-filled voyage!

# California Grand York Rite Sessions

## Advance Information

### Bakersfield CA May 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Greetings Companion and Sir Knights,

Please note that the 2011 Grand York Rite Sessions will be on different dates and a different venue than years past. The dates are May 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. The location is the Bakersfield Doubletree Hotel 3100 Camino Del Rio Ct Bakersfield, 93308.

You may book your room now: online from [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org) or call the Doubletree Hotel reservation line at (800) 222-TREE(8733) tell the agent that you are in the Grand York Rite Group for your hotel reservation before 04/20/11 (however, the room block may be filled by that date) Room rate: \$90.00 +tax

Reservation forms, menus, schedule and other forms are available on the webpage [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org)

Also, we need your continued support with the Souvenir Program Advertisements. This vital source of revenue is key for expenses like Ladies Hospitality, sound systems, sessions materials, etc. The form is included in the Encompasser and on the website.

Some new (and resurrected) items for this year:

- We have expanded the AMD In-Gathering this year for two degrees and a festive board Table Lodge 7-Course Prime Rib Dinner for the AMD Companions.
- The Golden State Royal Arch Research Chapter plans to hold a meeting.
- We plan to have the Knights Templar Ritual Competition.
- After a long absence, we have brought back workshops; these will be held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons for those not eligible to receive the Past Commander's Association or Order of High Priesthood.
  - Workshop A: Budget Preparation, Audits and Organization Oversight
  - Workshop B: Official Receptions and Visitations - Planning and Execution
  - Workshop C: The Carlos Gonzales Method for Membership Growth

**Attend all 3 workshops and get a \$5 rebate!**

The Past Commander's Association, Order of High Priesthood and Thrice Illustrious Master will also be presented (their separate registration forms are available on [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org)).

Our vendors are back for your Masonic regalia and other items of interest.

Please remember: **Reservation forms postmarked after 04/20/11 are subject to a 25% late fee. Additionally, all forms submitted onsite will be charged a \$10 onsite processing fee, so please register early. EVERY attendee must register!**

# 2011 Grand York Rite Sessions May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Bakersfield, CA

Each person attending must fill out a registration form (Please print your names and titles as you would like it printed on your badge)

Do you prefer your confirmation by:  email (default)  none  phone call (latest time to call \_\_\_\_\_)

Name: _____	Lady / Guest: _____
Title(s): _____	
Lady / Guest Title(s): _____	
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____	
Zip: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____	

Arrival Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Shuttle Requested?  No  Yes (Also enter travel details in comments section)

I am a member of: RAM # \_\_\_\_\_ CM # \_\_\_\_\_ KT # \_\_\_\_\_  Drill Team Participant

Day/Date	Time	Event / Meal please mark your choices or <input type="checkbox"/> No Events/Meals	Price	Total
Sat May 21st	12:00 PM	AMD In-Gathering Registration (AMD dues card required for entry) _____	\$2.00	
	1:30 PM	Royal Ark Mariner Degree (includes certificate and lapel pin) _____	\$15.00	
		Installed Noah Commander Degree (includes certificate and lapel pin) _____	\$15.00	
	5:00 PM	Festive Board Table Lodge Prime Rib Dinner (AMD Members Only) _____	\$45.00	
Sun May 22nd	8:00 AM	York Rite College Breakfast <b>Breakfast Burrito</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$19.00	
	11:30 AM	Battalion & Belles Brunch <b>French Connection</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	
	6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet <b>Char-Broiled Tri-Tip</b> _____ <b>Salmon</b> _____ <b>Stuffed Portabella Mushroom</b> _____	\$39.00	
Mon May 23rd 	7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast: Open to Sir Knights <u>and</u> Ladies <b>Country Scramble</b> _____	\$19.00	
	12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon <b>Fiesta Tostada Salad</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon <b>Fiesta Tostada Salad</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	
	1:30 PM	Workshop C _____ 2:15 PM Workshop A _____ 3:15 PM Workshop B _____	\$5 ea	
Tue May 24th 	7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast: Open to the Companions <u>and</u> Ladies <b>Cheese Blintz</b> _____	\$19.00	
	12:00 PM	RA Ladies Luncheon: <b>Oriental Chicken Salad</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Chapter Luncheon: <b>Croissant Club</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	
	1:30 PM	Workshop A _____ 2:30 PM Workshop B _____ 3:30 PM Workshop C _____	\$5 ea	
Wed May 25th 	7:00 AM	Grand Council Breakfast Open to the Companions <u>and</u> Ladies <b>French Connection</b> _____	\$19.00	
	12:00 PM	CM Ladies Luncheon <b>California Cobb Salad</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon <b>Grilled Chicken Sandwich Caprese</b> _____ <b>Veg</b> _____	\$23.00	

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ payable to **Grand York Rite of CA** or  invoice me via PayPal

**Workshop A:** Budget Preparation, Audits and Organization Oversight **Workshop B:** Official Receptions and Visitations - Planning and Execution  
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send this form and payment to: CA-GYRS 6431 Valley Hi Dr. Sacramento, CA 95823-4838  
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 No refunds after May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 unless approved by the Grand York Rite Sessions Executive Committee. [More forms \(including the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master & Past Commanders Association\), menus and schedule are available from www.ca-gyrs.org.](http://www.ca-gyrs.org)

# 2011 GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS Souvenir Ad Program Order Form

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## Comptche Outdoor Degrees

The **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Comptche Outdoor Royal Arch Degrees** are scheduled this year for **June 25<sup>th</sup>** at Tunzi Ranch. All four Degrees will be conferred on Saturday, with the Prologue beginning at 8:30 a.m. The reservation deadline is June 20<sup>th</sup>. You could make a vacation around this event. Self-contained RVs and tent campers are welcome to setup from June 20th through the 27<sup>th</sup>. There are no 120V hookups but there are chemical toilets in the meadow. There is a hot water shower in the restroom shack.

**Fish Fry Friday night -- \$15.50**  
**Breakfast Saturday morning -- \$10**  
**Dues Registration -- \$12, companions only**  
**Companions Lunch -- \$12.50**  
**Barbeque Saturday Night -- \$20**  
**Breakfast Sunday morning -- \$10**

Children half-price; only companions pay the registration. Make checks payable to **COMPTCHE OUTDOOR DEGREE ASSOCIATION**, and send to Guy Chalmers, 50 Lohrrman Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952-3609.

Nancy Hardiman will be leading a troop of ladies into Mendocino, for shopping and lunch, on Saturday while the guys do the Degrees. If you prefer not to rough it, call for information about local motels along the coast.

The Class of candidates in 2010:

This is the large field for parking RVs.



# 39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMPTCHE OUTDOOR ROYAL ARCH DEGREES



Tunzi Ranch - Comptche, CA  
Saturday - June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

All four degrees will be conferred on Saturday. The Prologue begins at 8:30 a.m.

**Reservations:** Deadline is Fri., JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>. The remote location, price of gasoline, and the cost of food require us to charge 20% more after that date. Mail your Reservation form (below) and check to: Guy Chalmers, 50 Lohrman Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952. For more information, call Guy at 707-763-0741.

**Climate & Misc.:** The coastal climate is either foggy and cold, or hot; Think layers. Dress attire is always casual. There's plenty to do so come a couple of days early. This is a cattle ranch so watch your step and your dogs must be leashed at times. In the town of Mendocino, 10 miles away, you can visit historical landmarks, go salmon fishing, or just enjoy the scenic coastline. Ft. Bragg, 8 miles north of Mendocino, is also historical and a great place to visit.

**Accommodations:** You could make a vacation around this event. Self-contained RVs and tent campers are welcome to set up from 6/20 - 6/27. There are no 120v hookups but there are chemical toilets in the meadow. Restrooms at the degree site have a hot water shower in the men's. Motels are available at the coast, 30 minutes on a winding road from the RAM site. Call as soon as possible for your reservations, it's a popular tourist area.



RV's and Tent Campers Welcome



Comptche Cook Shack

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SURREY SUPER 8 (800) 206-9833  
HARBOR LITE LODGE (707) 964-0221

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SEA FOAM LODGE (707) 937-1827

*Reservations for the BBQ are Required*

		Comp.	Lady	Child <small>(under 12 half price)</small>
<b>Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup></b>				
6:00 p.m. ....	Fish Fry	\$15.50	---	---
<b>*Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup></b>				
7:00-8:30 .....	Breakfast	\$10.00	---	---
All .....	Event Charge/ Comp.	\$12.00	---	---
Noon .....	Companions Lunch	\$12.50	---	---
5:30 p.m. ....	Barbeque	\$20.00	---	---
<b>Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup></b>				
8:00 a.m. ....	Breakfast	\$10.00	---	---

*Association meeting after Sunday's breakfast and leftover sale*

**Total** - Check enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*For Association Membership and Communication*

Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lady's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Royal Arch Chapter Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accommodations  RV  Tent  Motel  
 RV Arrival date/approx. time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you a Candidate?  Yes\*  No  
 \*Need Chapter By-Laws

Make payable to: **Comptche Outdoor Degree Association**

\*Cookshack tables, the degree site, and restrooms are men only on Saturday from 9am - 3pm

Send by **JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>** - Thank you!  
Add 20% to your total after that date.



Please help with the heavy labor. Thank You

- Distance from Comptche to the Tunzi Ranch - 5 miles.
- The recommended routes into Comptche are either Hwy. 20 or Hwy. 128. Hwy. 1 is a more challenging drive.
- Look for RAM directional signs in red at:
  - Flynn Creek Rd. & Hwy. 128
  - Highway 1 and Comptche Rd.
  - in Comptche
  - at the entrance to the Tunzi Ranch
  - within the Tunzi Ranch itself
- Proceed to the degree site, up the hill, and to the upper meadow for campsites.
- Campers may arrive before the event. RVs should be self-sufficient, this is a dry camp, but water is available.
- All meals are enjoyed together, most are POT LUCK (byob). Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share during cocktail hour.

Mail to:

Guy M. Chalmers  
 50 Lohrman Lane  
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