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ANOTHER LOOK AT THE PROBLEMS OF MEMBERSHIP

By Worshipful David Leubke, Grand Junior Warden, Arizona

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA-NEVADA GROTTTO ASSOCIATION CONVENTION 2004

The Grottoes have lots to talk about and to be proud of, so today I'd like to draw a few comparisons and offer a few congratulations.

But let me set the stage a bit.

The biggest single issue in our entire Masonic Family is membership, so let's head in that direction for a bit.

We all talk about or have heard from some of our older members, "how it used to be." You know, back in the good ol' days when everyone knew the Masons, and our organizations. Remember that one? Truth of the matter is that back in the good ol' days on a per capita basis there were probably fewer Masons. They did not have huge charities or massive membership programs or have to sell their product, our fraternity to the public — OOPS — let me correct that right now. They did have a membership program and it was a much larger membership program, bigger and better than any we have conceived of in recent years, bigger than the nearly 8,000 Masons that Ohio raised a couple of years ago, or the some 10,500 that the Grand Master of Pennsylvania has set as a target for his "One Day" class. Yes they had a much greater program. Much, much greater, they committed themselves to:

- Be in their communities, not just as a member of their communities, but as the driving forces of their communities, as the exemplars of honesty, and integrity for all others.
- To help their Brothers, and the widows of their Brothers selflessly, without thanks and in most cases without recognition of any sort, desired, or undesired.
- To be the best possible person they could conceivably

be, by living the precepts of Masonry

- To understand the teachings of Masonry so well that that knowledge became the byword or standard

What they had really then was a commitment to themselves, and to the Fraternity that we all love so much.

And were they successful??

You bet they were. These relatively few men can claim the largest growth in the history of Masonry, perhaps in the history of the world. They were responsible for the growth of the 1950s and 1960s. Now I suspect that most of us here today are Masonically too young to remember those days; those days when Lodges were raising 5 men a night 5 and sometimes 6 days a week. AND they provided mentors to those men they raised, mentors who understood what they were about. BY THE WAY, my best guess here is that the so called catechism was not really a memorization program, but rather a springboard for discussion, a tool to provide mentors and candidates to focus their energies. Now think seriously about this., do you really believe that such esteemed Brethren as George Washington, Paul Revere, Benjamin Franklin, or John Paul Jones, or the Marquis de Lafayette memorized a catechism? I vote for no, and that is with capital letters. They learned what it means to be a Mason, to live life as a Mason, to promote our gentle craft by their example. This catechism did not become a memorization tool until sometime later when all these new Masons became the coaches, and we had fallen out of our

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communities because all we had time for was coaching and raising Masons.

So there we are at the peak of our form and a lack of plan to keep us there.

Since that time, Masonry has been declining in membership, and we seem somewhat hard pressed to stem the tide. California has gone from 125,000 members to less than 80,000, and Arizona has suffered a similar fate from about 16,000 to 10,000. And we have tried.

- We have Lowered the age

• Made one day classes available, which by the way I generally approve of, and which statistically prove as successful as the traditional method of raising Masons. In Arizona approximately 13% - 15% of our current Masters came from this form of Raising.

- We have reduced the proficiency

• We have allowed selective invitation (at least in Arizona) and for those of you not familiar with selective invitation, this is a program that allows us to ask a man if he might be interested in joining.

• AND WITH ALL OF THIS WE CONTINUE TO DECLINE

We still get:

- Takes too long to become a Mason

- Too much memory work

- Meetings are boring

- There is nothing of interest to me

• AND the Really Big one - I don't know anyone that would like to join.

In preparing for today, I did a bit of research on our history, and it seems that Brother LeRoy Fairchild, our founder understood all this back in September of 1889 when he founded his Fairchild Deviltry Committee. A name that was quite popular then, but in today's world would not last long, However in November of 1890 it became what we are today, the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm.

I for one am very proud of my membership in the Grotto and am especially proud that we GROTTIANS (oops Prophets) have been aggressively addressing these problems since back then. It is my experience through Zula Grotto and especially Rameses Grotto that we know how to grow. We can be proud indeed that we:

• Allow balloting immediately followed by a short form ritual (full form to follow at a later time) Thus we make our new applicants Prophets more quickly, and they therefore feel welcome and become productive immediately.

• Promote involvement of the family immediately for example, our women meet at same time as men though in different rooms.

• We have short, pertinent meetings and Fellowship for all is provided immediately after meeting.

• Promote Family participation in our events, especially in our humanitarian and charitable works as well as including parades.

• We already know how to support each other and do. We stay in touch with our fellow prophets. For example in my case I have not been back to California for a Zula Grotto meeting in probably 15 years or to Rameses in recent months, yet I regularly hear from the members of both of them. We not only travel within our states to support each other we travel to our quarterly meetings, even crossing state lines.

We already have a motto — The Fraternity that Friendship Built, and it is right on target. Some of the finest memories I have about my years in Masonry come from the friendship, fellowship and fun that I enjoyed with my family in the Grotto.

Further, we have what I believe is a definitive set of commandments to guide us, a set that, with just minor adjustments could and should be formally adopted by most Grand Lodges. If you have not read them recently, or are perhaps unfamiliar with them Here are just a few.

1. To draw the Master Masons of different Lodges into closer and more friendly relations.

2. To create and maintain a spirit of Fraternity among us.

3. To discountenance jealousy, enmity and ill-feeling.

4. To teach us that we are not only members of one Blue lodge, but belong to the Fraternity at large.

5. That there are good Masons outside of our own Blue Lodge and are worthy friends and companions.

6. To build and strengthen the character and individuality of the Mason, and to teach, recognize and develop the principles of Masonry outside the Lodge Room.

7. To teach that a Mason is not judged by actual appearance or worldly wealth.

8. The Grotto meets all Masons on the level, not figuratively, but actually, and teaches that Masons are Brothers on the street as well as in the Lodge Room.

9. That Masonry must not be used as a means of advancing the material interest of any man.

10. To get out of the rut into which we too often fall.

11. To forget our cares, for there is good in all of us.

12. The Grotto is a social organization for Master Masons

Yes Brethren, we have what it takes, now we need to go into the world and show them what it is all about!

Yet, with all this in our pocket, our Grand Monarch wants more. He has stated and probably is correct that no one knows about the Grotto. Many states do not have a Grotto.

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“THE WORD CHANGE”

One of the most feared words in our Fraternity is “Change.” I have heard this so many times in my journey through the Craft. “We can’t change that, its always been done this way.” I have always been a believer that we can change anything we would like to in our Craft and still maintain our “Traditions.” We won’t lose the Ancient Landmarks for sure, but we might just make our meetings a little more interesting to the “New” generation of members. I found some quotes about “Change” that I would like to share with all of you.

Rosanne Cash wrote: “The Key to change is to let go of fear.”

What are we really afraid of???? READ ON!

John Locke wrote: “New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common.”

RING ANY BELLS?

John Maynard Keynes wrote: “The difficulty lies not so much in developing new ideas as in escaping from old ones.”

HOW TRUE-HOW TRUE!

Auguste Barthelemy wrote: “The stubborn man is he who never changes.

BOY, DOES THAT EVER HIT THE MARK!

Red Barber wrote: “Tradition” is very often an excuse word for people who don’t want to change.”

Think about that awhile and you will realize that it is very true.

George B. Leonard wrote: “To learn is to change. Education is a process that changes the learner.”

Maybe you don’t really know it, but you change almost everyday of your life by learning new things, trying new things, seeing new things, and experiencing new things. If you do it in your daily lives, WHY can’t we do it in our York Rite.

Vilayat Inayat Khan wrote: “The human spirit lives on creativity and DIES in conformity and routine.”

Now that is a fact, just look at our membership and ask yourself if this does not apply.

Now the last one: James Russell Lowell wrote: “The FOOLISH and the DEAD alone never change their opinions.”

Now I ask you, WHAT ARE YOU PREPARED TO DO????????????????

ONE DAY YORK RITE

By Gordon C. Alexander Grand High Priest

While everyone may not agree with the concept of one day Masons, the fact of the matter is, Membership is an issue. The biggest question seems to be, “Yeah, but do they ever come back?” And, the fact of the matter is, Masons raised in one day conferrals show a better percentage of active participation than those raised in the traditional manner!

The one day Mason is coming to California. It may be this year it may be next but, it is coming. The York Rite wants to be poised to bring new Master Masons into our bodies in the same manner. Due to certain wording in the Royal Arch Constitution, a one day York Rite Mason is not possible. A Resolution will be presented at Grand Chapter to eliminate this restrictive wording in our Constitution.

This concept will be presented for your vote at the next Sessions. It is the wave of the future and I urge your “yes” vote. It has always truly amazed me that Oklahoma has more forward thinking Masons than California. You would think California would be leading the way in innovation.

Some feel Masonry should never change. Well, if that were the case shouldn’t we be meeting in Bars? After all, that’s where this all started. For many years, Masonry was a men only Fraternity. In more recent years, it has become a co-ed Organization. A family thing. That being the case, those of you with children and grandchildren are acutely aware of the time constraints on the modern family. To attract the young men we want as part of our Brotherhood we have to become more time efficient.

As always, our future is up to you. I have discovered in my travels this year that even though our Membership is the same demographic as all other Masonic Bodies our Members just seem to be more hip than the general population of Masons. I think we pride ourselves on maintaining tradition while adjusting to the times. Do we move ahead, remain where we are, go backwards, vanish? The ball is in your court, take your best shot.

Gordon Alexander

Royal Arch Chapters Banner Presentation Report—Continued

Shasta Royal Arch Chapter, No. 9 was granted a dispensation to establish Shasta Chapter No. 9 at Shasta, in Shasta County on February 22, 1855. It's first Scribe was Isaac Roop, who, in 1853 staked out a claim in the Honey Lake Valley. A settlement sprang up around his holdings which became known as Roop Town, but later renamed Susanville in honor of Roop's daughter. On April 26, 1856, a number of settlers met at Roop's house "for the purpose of forming such laws, rules, and regulations as are deemed necessary and advisable in view of the settlement of Honey Lake Valley." Peter Lassen was elected chairman of the meeting. A series of resolutions were adopted commencing with this startling declaration: Inasmuch as Honey Lake Valley is not within the limits of California, the same: is Thereby declared a new territory to be named Nataqua (i.e., woman.) Then followed a war - The Roop County war - where nothing much was settled. A new survey was ordered and it was determined the Susanville and Honey Lake areas were in California. These boundaries were ratified by both state's governments by early 1865, stranding the Roop County people over the border in California. Unable to completely accept this situation, the Honey Lake residents finally gained independence from Plumas County by forming Lassen County with its seat at Susanville. On April 11, 1902 Grand Chapter authorized Shasta Chapter to move its Charter and place of meeting to Redding. Pioneer Trinity Chapter No. 19 consolidated with Shasta Chapter No. 9 on January 19, 1937. Shasta Chapter has furnished 2 Grand High Priests to her Grand Chapter.

Shasta's last annual report shows 88 members.

No. 11's brief not presented for like reason:

St. James Royal Arch Chapter, No. 11 was granted a dispensation on July 7, 1855, "to the companions residing at and near Volcano, in Amador County" to form and open Volcano Chapter No. 11. The site obtained its name through the erroneous belief that the locality was the crater of an extinct volcano. The Chapter received its charter on May 3, 1856. On May eighth of the following year the Grand Chapter permitted its removal to Sutter Creek, and on May 5, 1860, the name of the chapter was changed to Sutter. A most noteworthy member, Alvinza Hayward, their Principal Sojourner in 1858, had purchased an interest in the Eureka mine in 1853. After four years had elapsed all of his partners had abandoned the claim as worthless. Hayward alone persevered in the back-breaking toil. It is said that ill results had "so completely impoverished him that the credit he enjoyed with the local traders was due more to his merits as a man than to any confidence felt in the prospective success of his mine." After reaching the

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So the Grand Monarch has identified a mission: Along with moving from one of the least known members of the Masonic Family to one of the best known, he has added "To make the Grotto known as the Fraternity that makes a difference."

And what is more, he has established goals and even objectives to achieve his mission. These goals include such things as:

- Survival and growth
- Governance (whatever that may be)
- Leadership and education
- Family involvement
- Humanitarian Foundation Relations and Programs
- Image Building and Marketing
- Community Involvement
- Financial Management and development

He very clearly knows our Potential, the potential to be even better than we are today.

AND HE KNOWS THAT TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THAT DIFFERENCE.

All we have to do is move outside of our comfort zone and do what we know how to do best "make Brothers out of acquaintances."

If the Grottoes really want to be known by every Mason then I suggest that every Grotto adopt a Lodge or two and become the mentors, not the memorization coaches, but real mentors and Brothers, and teach new Masons about all of their heritage.

So, as we leave here today, let us take to heart and practice this part of the obligation of the 13 th degree of the Scottish Rite

"I will with all my might endeavor to live honestly soberly and virtuously; to act fairly, frankly and generously; to be compassionate tolerant and forgiving without envy,, malice or covetousness; to lead none into evil ways or habits by my example; and to be useful to my fellow man."

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY:

I will redouble my own zeal in the cause of Masonry and my charity and friendship toward my brethren and that HONOR and DUTY shall be the guiding lights by which my course shall be directed during my whole life.

Finally, let me close with this quote that I recently acquired courtesy of Benjamin Franklin. "Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."

Brethren, Lets get out there and do what we do best.

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four hundred foot level the character of the ore began to improve. In ten years \$3,725,000 in gold had been recovered. By 1872, Hayward was the richest man in California. The sudden acquisition of wealth did not disturb the equilibrium of Alvinza Hayward. Working his way through the chairs he became High Priest of Sutter Chapter to whom he presented a beautiful golden altar and a set of officers' jewels of heavy, solid gold.

On April 1921 Georgetown Chapter No. 25 was ordered consolidated with St. James Chapter. St. James Chapter consolidated with Sutter Chapter, No. 11 in 1998 under a new name - St. James Chapter, No. 11 at Sutter Creek.

The present reported number of members is 111.

Merced Royal Arch Chapter, No. 12: On August 31, 1855, the Grand High Priest granted a dispensation for the formation of Calaveras Chapter No. 12 at and near Murphy's in Calaveras County. The town of Murphy's received its name from the Murphy brothers who discovered gold there in 1848. It is situated a few miles northeast of Angels Camp. A charter was granted on the third day of May of the following year. The 1855 membership embraced men of varied occupations. There were four miners, two carpenters, two saloon-keepers, a clergyman, baker, barber, merchant, rancher, water company superintendent, notary public and stable keeper. The justice of the peace and constable were also members.

In the early mining camps, Sunday was time to do all things except work. Hence it was not uncommon for Masonic groups to meet on the Sabbath. A vestige of this practice is reflected in the November 25, 1863 minutes of Calaveras Chapter: "The High Priest announced that on next Sunday evening at 6½ o'clock P.M. a Special Meeting in the Royal Arch Degree would take place." In 1867 the Chapter was moved to Copperopolis, and on December 7th of that year it again moved, this time from Calaveras to Merced County, locating in the town of Snelling. Seven years' sojourn in that abiding place sufficed, and in January, 1874, it moved to Merced in Merced County. On May 12, 1876 it changed its name to Merced Chapter, No. 12.

The present reported number of members is 51.

Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 13 was granted a dispensation to form and open its Chapter at Marysville in Yuba County on January 3, 1856 by the Deputy Grand High Priest. Marysville was founded in 1849 at the junction of the Feather and Yuba rivers. It was named in honor of Mary Covillaud, -nee Murphy, one of the Donner Party. The son of the lady, whose name was given to Marysville, became a member of Washington Chapter. The original fourteen members hailed from ten different jurisdictions. The first High Priest was Peter Wilkins Randle, a fellow soldier of Abraham Lincoln during the Black Hawk War. A

charter was granted the chapter exactly four months after the issuing of its dispensation. A disposition was granted on July 30, 1901 to form Marysville Chapter at Marysville, and on December of the same year Washington Chapter adopted a resolution surrendering its charter. On April 16, 1902, the Grand Chapter accepted the surrender of Washington Chapter's charter and on the same day granted a charter to Marysville Chapter, and in doing so gave it the name and number of Washington Chapter No. 13. On April 21, 1920, Yuba City Chapter No. 110 consolidated with Washington Chapter. Charter moved to Sutter in 1975, to Marysville in 1976, back to Sutter in 1977 and then to Yuba City in 1998. Samuel Brannan was Yuba City's founding father. He was in charge of the first colony of sea-faring immigrants, as a Mormon Elder in 1846 and figured largely in the affairs of California for over thirty years. He was instrumental in spreading the news of the gold discovery as Sutter's Mill in Coloma which started the great California Gold Rush. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in 1857.

Last reported number of member on the roll is 114.

Howard Royal Arch Chapter No. 14: was granted a dispensation for the establishment of Howard Chapter No. 14, at San Jose in Santa Clara County on March 20, 1856, and a charter was ordered on the third day of the following May. San Jose, the first pueblo of California, became the State's first Capitol. The chapter was named after William Henry Howard, Grand Master in 1854. Howard was a past high priest of Sacramento Chapter No. 5, who as a member of the Committee on Uniformity of Work had played the most prominent role in the explanation and exemplification of the ritual adopted in 1855. It is of pleasant record that the first Treasurer was James Frazier Reed, the first Royal Arch Mason who ever came to California, by land or by sea. Reed dominates the story of the Donner Party. He was a man of strong personality, described as intelligent and energetic. His wife Margret's frail health was one of the reasons he wanted to move to California. She was particularly troubled by sick headaches. When disaster struck, however, she rallied and became, it's been said "the bravest of the brave." All her children survived the ordeal in the mountains.

Holister Chapter, No. 68 consolidated with Howard Chapter on February 24, 1964. Howard Chapter is credited with providing 2 Grand High Priests to her Grand Chapter.

The present reported number of members is 152.

Not presented: 1870s - William Henry Howard purchased 160 acres on the north bank of San Mateo Creek, an area that was once part of Rancho de las Pulgas. There he built a 36-room, shingle-covered Victorian for \$250,000.



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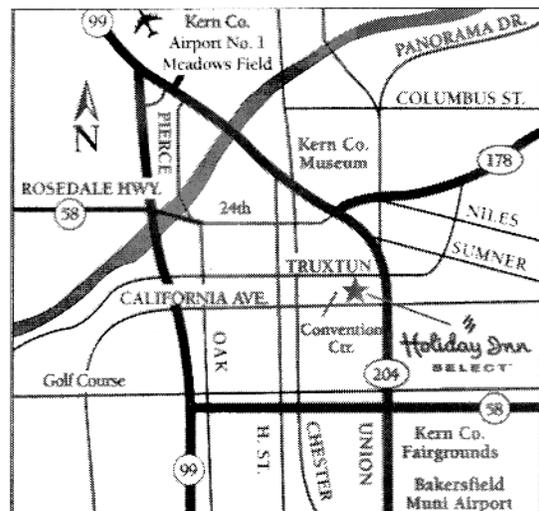
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 4/30-5/4 Grand Sessions in Bakersfield
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- 12/1 Sacramento Lodge #40 Installation
 12/3-8 Texas Grand Sessions at Waco
 12/9 Official Visit to Shasta #6 in Red Bluff
 12/11 installing Officer for Roseville Lodge #222
 12/12 AMD installations- 4-Councils-Roseville
 12/14 Penhryn Chapter #159 Order of the Eastern Star Stated Meeting
 (Assoc. Patron).
 12/28 50th Wedding Anniversary for our Grand Soloist James Bailey and
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 1/2 Jobs Daughter Bethel #4 Installation (Lillian Reynolds going in as
 Honored Queen) 2:00 P.M. Sacramento
 1/7 Omega Council #11 Installation (Installing Officer).
 1/8 Installation of Sacramento Council #1
 1/13 OV at Sonora Council #5
 1/15 Amador Council #31 Installation (Installing Officer)
 1/21 Install Roseville Council #54
 1/22 Install Stockton Council at 8:00 A.M.
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- 12/5 Britannia Council, AMD, Los Altos
 12/6 Los Altos Lodge No. 712, Stated Meeting
 12/11 Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest, Vacaville
 12/14 San Jose Scottish Rite, Stated Meeting
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 1/3 Los Altos Lodge No. 712, Stated Meeting
 1/7 Install Imperial No. 5
 1/11 San Jose Scottish Rite, Stated Meeting
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 3/7 Los Altos Lodge No. 712, Stated Meeting
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