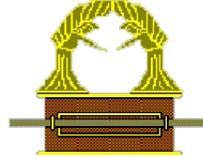


THE WORKMAN



Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California

Randy Downey, GHP

NOVEMBER 2017

Vol. IX No. 6

GHP MESSAGE	1	THE ENCOMPASSER	5
FROM THE GRAND LECTURER	3	GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR	5
WOODLAND DEGREES – MARK/PAST	3	TRIP TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN	6
SECRETARY ESSENTIALS	3	CONTACT INFORMATION	6
GRAND SESSIONS 2018	3	SECRETARY ESSENTIALS	7- 8
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD	3	GRAND SESSIONS 2018	9
GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER	4	STAR & COMPASS TRAVEL INFO	10
GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS	5	TRIP TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN	11 -14
THE CLOTHES LINE	5		

Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

This month, I want to devote my article, in large part, to the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California.

As you are no doubt aware by now, Most Excellent Companion Kenneth G. Hope, Honorary Past Grand High Priest, retired from the office of Grand Secretary effective October 31, after more than 25 years in that position, as well as Grand Recorder for the Grand Council and Grand Recorder for the Grand Commandery. I want you to think about this tenure in office. I would venture to say that he held that position longer than most of you have been York Rite Masons. For many of you, your total Masonic career has been shorter than his term in office; for some of you, Ken became Grand Secretary even before you were born.

ME Companion Ken has devoted decades of his life to California York Rite Masonry, and has served us with distinction. If you know Ken, you likely call him friend. And in his many years, he has made so many friends from all over the country and all over the world. He always seemed to know who to call and who to ask, whenever we needed something done, or needed information. Ken has been such a constant for California York Rite, I'm afraid our

friends from other jurisdictions may find themselves befuddled when they learn the news of his retirement.

We owe so much to Ken for what he has done for us and what he has given us, and our expressions of gratitude can't really repay those gifts. But nonetheless, I know you will join me in extending our sincerest thanks, and our heartiest congratulations on the end of such a distinguished career. Join me, also, in wishing Ken all the very best fortune in the future. If you see Ken around, shake his hand, and just say, "Thank you."

You have also no doubt heard that effective November 1, I have appointed Most Excellent Companion Philip A. Hardiman, Past Grand High Priest, as Grand Secretary. He has also been appointed Grand Recorder of both the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery. Phil has spent many, many years of dedicated service to the York Rite of California, having served as Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer. For many years, he has been the editor and driving force for The Workman, our Grand Chapter publication, and the Encompasser, our combined Grand York Rite publication. ME Phil is largely responsible for the existence of the Golden State Research Chapter, and it is was under his leadership that the Grand Chapter did the first conferral of the Mark Master degree at Grand Lodge many years ago.

Phil has a lot of work ahead of him in the coming months, learning the job of Grand Secretary, collecting annual reports and per capita payments, and getting ready for our Annual Sessions next May. It will be an arduous process, but he has demonstrated repeatedly over the years that he has the capacity, the drive, and the devotion, to take on any task and distinguish himself. I have full confidence that this will be no exception. I know that you will welcome MEC Phil to this new position, and cooperate with him fully, rendering whatever may be asked, should he need something from you.

On another note, I want to remind all Companions of the educational resources available on our website. Go to the Grand Chapter section, then hit the Education tab. You will find many articles which can be used to provide information to the Masonic community at large, and to our own members. Many of these are very appropriate to present at a Chapter stated convocation, to add just a little something to the routine business of the Chapter. I urge you to take a look and utilize these often. Remember, Companions, that we are upping our game. We are going to do more - be better - challenge ourselves - provide more content in what we do, so that we are meeting the needs of all our Companions, especially those who want more from Royal Arch Masonry than to be a social club.

This is a call to action. Do something.

Go out and let your light shine.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

Randy R. Downey, KYGCH
163rd Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of California

FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

Our Schools of Instruction (SOIs) are shaping up for the following dates and expected locations:

1. SoCal - Downey Lodge - Saturday, 24 February 2018
2. NorCal - East Bay area - Saturday, 24 March 2018
3. CentCal - King David Lodge SLO - Saturday, 31 March 2018 (yes, it is the day before Easter!).

All SOIs will start training at 9:30 am and complete by 3:00 pm with lunch provided on site. The topics to be covered will vary slightly, but will all include Opening/Balloting/Closing, PM and MMM degree floor work. The questions for next Capitular year's HP, King and Scribe will be sent to the ritual staff and Department Grand Officers (DGOs) on 15 November to be further distributed to the newly elected officers of each Chapter by the ritual staff or DGO. The answers will be sent to the ritual staff and DGOs a week later for them to use to train the incoming officers on areas they may have missed. Have a Great Thanksgiving Holiday and keep learning!

MARK MASTER & PAST MASTER DEGREES

Woodland Royal Arch Chapter #46 is pleased to announce that on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 it will be conferring the Mark and Past Master degree at 7:30 PM at the Woodland Masonic Lodge located at 228 Palm Avenue in Woodland, California. All area Royal Arch chapters who have potential candidates are invited. We would be most pleased to confer the two above mentioned degrees upon them. If you have a candidate(s), please contact the chapter's secretary, Don Kilmer, at 916/803-4782 by Tuesday, December 5th. You are also encouraged just to visit us on the conferral date. We'd appreciate all you companions to join us for an evening of fellowship.

SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

Secretaries new and old: near the end of this newsletter you will find a two-page document that serves as guidelines for Secretaries – especially new ones.

Another good source of information for the Secretary can be found in the Grand Chapter Forms and Documents folder, called Chapter Secretary Desktop Procedures, at:

<http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyrf/forms/Chapter/>

If you are prompted for a username and/or password, call your Inspector, or anyone in the CONTACTS section below.

GRAND SESSIONS 2018

Dates for the 2018 California Grand York Rite

Monday, May 21, 2018 – Grand Council

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 – Grand
Commandery

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 – Grand Chapter

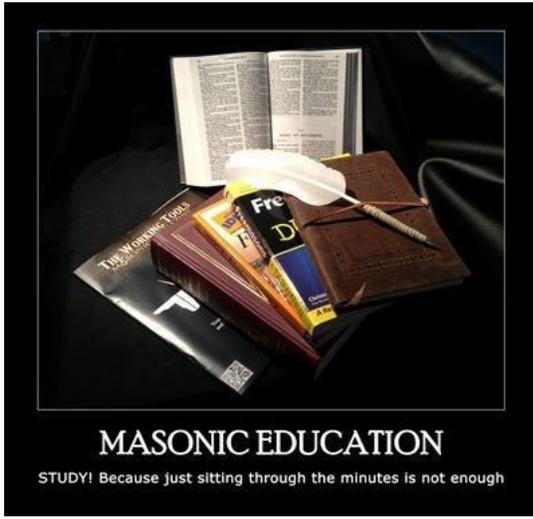
A copy of the flyer announcing the change to the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, and showing future years as well, is included at the back of this newsletter.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

It is a requirement of the Constitution that all High Priests receive this Order. Altogether, 22 candidates received this Order in the afternoon of May 23rd 2017. If you are a newly elected or installed High Priest, or a Past High Priest who has not yet received

the order, you should plan to do so at the Grand Chapter Convocation on May 23rd next year, at 2:00 pm in the afternoon. See the application below in the document labeled SECRETARY ESSENTIALS.

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER



Companions,

I hope when you receive this message, you are in good spirits and in good health.

I first want to thank all of the companions who attended the Golden State Research Chapter's semi-annual meeting held at Grand Lodge in the California room Saturday October 14. We were able to conduct business, accept several applications for affiliation and we were also presented with a paper presented by Most Excellent Philip Hardiman on a scientific theory of how manna could have been available for the Israelites while on there 40 years journey in the wilderness.

Other business item discussed at the meeting were:

- the Golden State Chapter web site moved hosting facilities, <http://www.goldenstatechapter.org/> ,
- the New Golden State Research Publication which include Orations and services for 2015, 2016, and 2017 is now available at a cost of \$20.
- MEC Phil now as our Treasurer, that the financial account for GSRC will be moved to an institution in the Sacramento area.

I'm excited about the publication of this year's booklet. It is an excellent source of educational material that Dais Officers of each Chapter can share at their convocations. Also, now is the right time to join the Research Chapter, as I know our esteemed Secretary is going to propose we raise the fee to \$20 from \$10.

I also want to acknowledge the hard work and commitment to the craft that MEC(Honorary) Ken Hope who is officially retiring at the end of October. He has served the Grand Chapter and many bodies in the California York Rite which include service for the Golden State Research Chapter for so many years. Thank you Ken from all the members of GSRC.

In closing, please keep a prayer in your heart for all the people affected by the recent fire storm in Sonoma and Napa County. Especially, the members, family and friends of the four Royal Arch chapters in the affected areas.

"Be safe and I hope I can see you in my travels".

Fraternally,

REC Anthony "Tony" Yuson, KYCH
High Priest, Golden State Research Chapter

GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

For further info about Scholarships, go to the following website:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/rara.html>

The Masonic Family has a large number of scholarships available to our youth, but how many of those in need of assistance really "KNOW" they are available?

California Royal Arch \$1,000 Scholarship requirements:

- A member of the Masonic Family (ie: Rainbow, Jobs Daughter or Demolay)
- A US Citizen
- A California Resident
- A 3.0 Grade Point Average
- Enrolled or Accepted at an Educational Institution

Deadline to apply for the 2018 Scholarship Program will be published in January 2018. Scholarship requirements will remain the same. Early submissions can be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Chapter Secretary at

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons
Attn: Grand Secretary
11428 East Artesia Blvd. – Suite 13
Artesia, CA 90701-3872
Telephone: (562) 924-6500
E-mail: FDB.Scholarship@gmail.com

Once chosen, the award of \$1,000 is renewable for a total of 4 years, as long as the requirements are maintained. Do you know a Rainbow Girl, Job's Daughter or DeMolay that could benefit by knowing this information? What are you waiting for - make that call!



THE CLOTHES LINE

A line of Jackets for our York Rite bodies continues to be available at MP. ENTERPRISES. The price for red and blue is great -- \$75.00 plus tax and shipping, for sizes 34 to 49 in short, regular and tall; and \$87.00 plus tax and shipping for sizes 50 to 60, also in short, regular, and tall. Purple Jackets are little more expensive at \$95.00 for the smaller and \$107.00 for the larger. Also available are Men's and ladies' vests, tuxedos and shirts, pins, patches, and flags, and OES T-Shirts. Contact Max Luy at **(510) 502-3224**; or at his website: www.mpenterprises.weebly.com; or directly to his email at maxluy@hotmail.com.

ENCOMPASSER

The **July 2017** edition of the **Encompasser** is now available at the following website: http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser_issues.html OR Go to <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org> and click on The Encompasser on the left of the top toolbar.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR
JULY 2017 TO MAY 2018

Date	Event	Location
Nov 2-3	Southwest Regional Conference	Las Vegas, NV
Nov 9-11	SCIOTS Supreme	Morgan Hill
Nov 24-25	NorCal DeMolay	Sacramento
Dec 6	Mark and Past Master Degrees	Woodland
Jan 30	Scottish Rite Installation	San Jose
Feb 9	3-Way Reception	Santa Rosa
Feb 17	3-Way Reception	San Diego
Feb 24	YR College & KYCH	Auburn
Mar 9-10	Officers' Conference	Visalia
Apr 19-21	Grand Chapter	New Mexico
Apr 22-May 5	Grand Chapter Trip	Israel and Jordan
May 19-24	Grand York Rite	Visalia

If you would like to attend any of these events and need to know particulars about where and when and cost, please call any of the contact numbers below, or go to the Grand York Rite website calendar at:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/ghpcalendar.html>

GRAND CHAPTER TRIP TO
ISRAEL AND JORDAN

You should seriously consider the trip planned by M. E. C. Randy to the Holy Land in late April to early May next year. See the last 4 pages of this newsletter for details.

GRAND CHAPTER CONTACT
INFORMATION

Grand High Priest:

Randy R. Downey, KYGCH
 (408) 674-8341 (C)
oldmandowney@msn.com

Grand Secretary:

Phil Hardiman
 11428 E. Artesia Blvd, #13
 Artesia, CA 90701-3872
 (562) 924-6500 (W)
 (916) 712-4814(C)
sec-rec@californiayorkrite.org

Assistant Grand Secretary:

David Williams
 11428 E. Artesia Blvd, #13
 Artesia, CA 90701-3872
 (562) 924-6510 (W)
 (818) 357-8494(C)
sec-rec@californiayorkrite.org

Editor:

Phil Hardiman, KYGCH
 (916) 712-4814(C)
philipandnancy@aol.com

Website:

WWW.YORKRITEOFCALIFORNIA.ORG

GOLDEN STATE CHAPTER OF RESEARCH

Website:

WWW.GOLDENSTATECHAPTER.ORG

GRAND SESSIONS, FORMS & SCHEDULES

Website:

WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG

SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org.

Scroll down and click on "York Rite Forms and Documents"

Then click on Grand Chapter logo.

A window opens where you enter the userid, which is "cagyr" and the password, which is "brio"

Scroll down to Officers Manual, which has info for the Secretary, and print that out. Priorities are as follows:

1. **Membership control** -- Especially important is the very last item, "Royal Arch Monthly Report." If you fill this out each month, whenever you encounter changes to the membership, you will find it much easier at the end of the year to produce the year-end report, which is used to compute the amount of per capita the Chapter needs to pay. That payment is due by Jan 15th each year. Important changes to your membership include new members, demits, remits and deaths. Maintain e-mail addresses for members and you can easily then forward the monthly newsletter, The WORKMAN, to them.
2. **Per Capita** -- The Per Capita payment, due each Jan 15th, does not require action by the Chapter to be paid. You will need good, up-to-date membership data in order to compute the end-of-year number of active members that is crucial to computing your per capita payment. Without good data you will most likely overpay your per capita requirement. It is sensible to wait until the first of the new year to begin your process. It is also sensible, if you have access to the Grand Lodge database, to check each member to see if they are still alive
3. **Insurance** -- The Insurance payment, due each July 15th, does not require action by the Chapter to be paid. You will be billed for the payment by the Grand Secretary.
4. **Lodge Book of Marks** – Maintain this up-to-date, or perhaps arrange for a PHP to take on the responsibility of maintaining.
5. **Minutes** – Take good minutes, but don't over-do it by trying to capture everything that is said. Focus on having a clear representation of motions made and the vote count by which they passed or failed. In addition to keeping petitions in a separate file, it is good practice to replicate the basic petitioner information in the minutes. It is also a good practice to keep the names of attendees at each meeting in the minutes. If conferring a degree, keep a copy of the cast members and the candidate(s).

6. **Grand Chapter** – Before the May meeting, remind the Dais officers they are responsible to attend, and arrange a stipend if your Chapter can afford it. Remind members who expect to attend to be sure to take their dues cards. If Dais Officers cannot attend, they may issue a proxy, or the Chapter may elect a representative. The appropriate forms can be obtained on the Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials."
7. **Order of High Priesthood** – Be sure the current HP and PHPs know they are eligible to receive this Order. In fact, it is a Constitutional requirement! Share the petition below with them and send to the Grand Secretary:

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD PETITION

Chapter No. _____

High Priests and Past High Priests, who have not received the Order of High Priesthood, may complete the following petition for membership and submit it with the required fee of \$35.00 to the Chapter Recorder prior to February 15. - The Order will be conferred during Grand Sessions

Make check payable to: ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

To the Grand Convention of Anointed High Priest of California:

Companion _____

First Middle Last

Address City State ZIP

Birth Date Office Tel # incl. area code Home Tel # incl. area code

I am a member of _____ Chapter No. ____

I (am the Elected)(am)(was) High Priest of _____ Chapter No. ____
Located at _____ having served during

Companion _____

Signature _____

For Grand Secretary's use only:

___ Life Membership - fee \$35.00. The below listed items were issued:

___ Bible

___ Honorary Membership - no fee. ___ Membership Card

___ By-laws

___/___/___ Date petition received. ___ History

___ Lapel Pin

___/___/___ Date initiated. ___ Certificate

The completed petition with fee must be in the Grand Secretary's Office, 801 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90813 no later than April 1. If not, the certificate may not be prepared for presentation during the next conferral of the Order.

Page 1 of 1 R.A. Form No. AP-7 (2004)

Grand Sessions 2018, 2019, and 2020
Come join us as we move up the road



Wyndham Visalia
9000 W Airport Drive,
Visalia, California 93277



May 19 thru 23, 2018
May 18 thru 22, 2019
May 16 thru 20, 2020

Would you like to arrange a trip for your



Chapter



Council



Commandery

Talk to **STAR & COMPASS TRAVEL**
We can do it all for you.

Here's what we do:

- Help with trip selection
- Consult and advise on possible itineraries
- Do all necessary research on desired destinations
- Make all travel arrangements
- Market the trip
- Handle all bookings
- Answer all questions
- Take care of billings and payments
- Deliver travel documents
- Escort you on your trip
- Deal with tour/cruise/hotel personnel
- Handle all issues that may arise

We at Star & Compass are a Masonic family.
We deal almost exclusively with the Family of Freemasonry.
Star & Compass Travel is the name you can trust.



**STAR & COMPASS
TRAVEL**

The First Name in Masonic Travel

See us for all your individual travel needs as well.

Randy Downey
Co-Owner / Travel Consultant
1084 Windsor St.
San Jose, CA 95129
(408) 674-8341
randy@starandcompass.com

Visit our website: www.starandcompass.com

cst #2081830-40



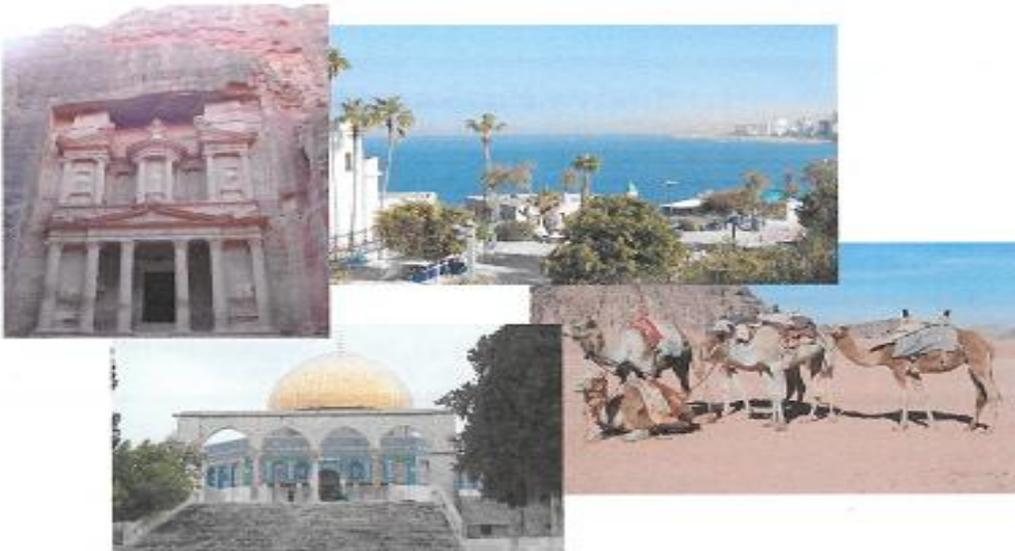
The Grand High Priest of the
**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
of California**

invites you to

ISRAEL AND JORDAN

April 22 – May 5, 2018

Join our Grand High Priest, Randy Downey and his wife Micki, as we embark on journey of discovery, through the historical wonder that is Israel, and view the beautiful country of Jordan. We will explore and celebrate our Masonic heritage, as we visit so many places that are of historic and symbolic importance to all Masons, especially to those in Royal Arch Masonry. Experience the beauty and wonder of Petra, and spend a night in the desert in a Bedouin tent hotel, miles from everything. This will truly be an amazing journey.



***Join us for a journey of discovery, adventure, and fun.
It will be a profound Masonic experience.***

Everyone is welcome!



**STAR & COMPASS
TRAVEL**
Group Travel for the Masonic Family



Join the members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of California, and their families and friends, as we explore the wonders of Israel and Jordan. Visit the Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. Explore the place where the symbolic history of Masonry begins. See the old city of Joppa (Jaffa), and float in the Dead Sea. Taste wine on the Golan Heights. Visit the fabled city of Petra, carved into the rock. And spend the night at a Bedouin tent hotel in the Jordanian desert. Don't miss this thrilling adventure.

Your 14-day journey includes all of the following:

- Round trip air from California to Tel Aviv, Israel
- 11 nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- Full breakfast and dinner daily
- All ground transportation, via deluxe motor coach
- All entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Services of licensed, experienced guide in Israel and Jordan
- All gratuities for guides, drivers, hotel waiters and porters
- All border fees and taxes
- Domestic flight from Eilat to Tel Aviv for return home
- Star & Compass Travel tour escorts present throughout the tour
- Special gift from Vared HaSharon, your tour host
- Special gift from Star & Compass Travel

Inclusive Package Price
\$4,679.⁰⁰ per person*

Terms and Conditions: Package price is an estimate, as airfares are not known at this time. Prices are per person based upon double occupancy, and based on a minimum participation of 30 travelers. Fewer travelers may result in increased fare of approximately \$150 per person. Single price is \$5,890.00. Additional costs are travel insurance (highly recommended), meals not provided in package (lunch), and personal purchases. Premiums for travel insurance must be paid at time of purchase of insurance, which may be done any time after Initial booking. Full payment is due no later than February 21, 2018. Deposits are refundable, less a \$50 per person administrative fee, if canceled before January 1, 2018. Insurance premiums are not refundable.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Sunday, April 22 **DEPART USA**
 Today, board your international flight for Israel. Dinner and overnight onboard.

Day 2: Monday, April 23 **ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL**
 Arrive at Ben Gurion Airort. You will be met by your tour leader and transferred to your hotel in Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight.

Day 3: Tuesday, April 24 **TEL AVIV, JAFFA**
 After breakfast, visit the city of TEL AVIV-JAFFA, beginning in the area of the ancient port of JAFFA, which Jewish legend

attributes to Japheth, son of Noah, and Greek tradition attributes to Joppa, daughter of the gods of the winds. It was here in the 8th Century, B.C., according to the Bible, that Jonah started his journey to Nineveh. Much of Old Jaffa has been loving restored with renovated houses, artists' studios and galleries. Continue to Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood in Tel Aviv, founded in 1909. Visit Independence Hall, where the modern State of Israel was declared in 1948. Along Rothschild Boulevard, view examples of international-style "Bauhaus" architecture, recognized by UNESCO as a "World Heritage Site". Visit the colorful Carmel Market and the Nahalat Binyamin pedestrian mall. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Wednesday, April 25 CAESAREA, GALILEE
After breakfast, depart Tel Aviv along the Mediterranean coastal road to CAESAREA, built by Herod the Great as the capital of the Roman province of Judea. Visit the ruins of the Roman, Byzantine and Crusader period, including the theater, hippodrome and palace of the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. Continue north along the coast to HAIFA, for a magnificent view of Mt. Carmel of the Galilee and the Baha'i Gardens. Continue north to Acre (AKKO), the Canaanite and later Phoenician port city that became a Crusader stronghold and their capital after the fall of Jerusalem. As an Ottoman Turkish port and fortress it withstood Napoleon's attack in 1799. The Crusader ruins have been restored among many khans, bazaars and mosques. Drive to your hotel in Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Thursday, April 26 GALILEE, GOLAN
After breakfast, drive to Tel Dan nature reserve and archaeological site, located by one of the tributaries of the Jordan River. Visit Banias, a pagan city dedicated to the god Pan, rebuilt by Herod the Great's son, Philip and known in the New Testament as Caesarea Philippi. Ascend to the Golan Heights, which offers spectacular views of Israel, Lebanon, and Syria. Visit a local winery to learn about their production, and taste the results. Descend to the area of the Sea of Galilee to visit Capernaum, a Jewish city that was the center of Jesus' ministry in Galilee. The ancient synagogue still standing was built on the foundations of an earlier one dating back to the 1st Century AD. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Galilee.

Day 6: Friday, April 27 NAZARETH, JERUSALEM
After breakfast, drive south to BEIT SHEAN – Scythopolis in Roman times, and one of the 10 cities of the Roman Decapolis, with extensive archaeological excavations depicting a highly developed Roman city, destroyed not in battle, but by earthquake. Depart Galilee through the JORDAN VALLEY by JERICHO, one of the world's oldest walled cities. Begin your ascent to Jerusalem, stopping for a breathtaking view from Mt. Scopus. Check into your Jerusalem hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: Saturday, April 28 JERUSALEM
Enter Old Jerusalem today through the Dung Gate to visit the Temple Mount, where King Solomon's Temple once stood and where today the Dome of the Rock dominates the skyline. Visit the Western (Wailing) Wall, the holiest site in the Jewish world. Go beneath the surface to learn more about the fascinating history of this focal point, through the Western Wall Tunnels. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, visiting the sites where world-changing events took place, ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest site in the Christian world. Depart the Old City to visit Zedekiah's Cave ("King Solomon's Quarries"), with particular Masonic significance. Continue on to visit the Israel Museum, including a model of Jerusalem from the time of the 2nd temple (1st Century AD) and the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Along the way, view the Knesset (Israel's parliament) and Supreme Court, as well as other national institutions. Return to your hotel and dinner overnight.

Day 8: Sunday, April 29 JERUSALEM
Explore Jerusalem in the "City of David" – the original Jebusite city chosen by King David as the Capital of Israel. Ascend to Mt. Zion, the traditional site of the tomb of King David, and the Upper room site of the "Last Supper" of Jesus and his disciples.

Begin the day by entering the Old City of Jerusalem through the Zion Gate. Walk along the Cardo, the main street of Roman Jerusalem. Visit the excavations of the homes of the wealthy priestly families of the Temple and visit the remains of a home that burned as the Temple itself was destroyed. Visit the excavations along the retaining wall of the Temple Mount, and at the Davidson Center learn of the daily activities of the Temple that was the center and holiest place in pre-rabbinic Judaism. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9: Monday, April 30 JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM
Begin the day with a view of Jerusalem from the top of the Mt. of Olives. Descend along the "Palm Sunday" route to the Garden of Gethsemane, where you will visit the garden with its ancient olive trees, as well as the adjacent Church of All Nations. Continue on to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in continuous use in the world, located above the traditional site of Jesus' birth. Return to Jerusalem to visit Yad VaShem, the national museum and memorial to the Holocaust. Later, enjoy a Masonic activity, perhaps with brethren from a local Royal Arch Chapter. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

Day 10: Tuesday, May 1 DEAD SEA, WADI MUSA
Depart Jerusalem through the Judean Desert to QUMRAN, the remains of a desert settlement where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Travel to the DEAD SEA – the lowest spot on earth, for a unique floating and swimming experience. Continue on though the NEGEV DESERT to the Arava Border Terminal, just north of Eilat, King Solomon's Etzion Gaber port city. After border formalities, drive across the desert to Wadi Musa, the Jordanian town adjacent to Petra. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 11: Wednesday, May 2 PETRA
After breakfast, begin your visit to Petra, the ancient hidden desert city, capital of the Nabatean empire, and birthplace of Herod the Great. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 12: Thursday, May 3 PETRA, WADI RUM
After breakfast, continue your visit to Petra. Then drive through the desert to WADI RUM, with its amazing desert landscapes, to enjoy a jeep safari through the areas reminiscent of scenes from "Lawrence of Arabia". Here you may have the opportunity to ride a camel, and visit with Bedouins in their camp. This evening check into your Bedouin tent hotel, here in the Wadi Rum desert – a truly unique experience, for dinner and overnight.

Day 13, Friday, May 4 EILAT, TEL AVIV
After breakfast, drive to Eilat, a resort town on the Red Sea. Enjoy the sites of the city, and after some leisure time, this evening you will board a flight to Ben Gurion International Airport, for your return flight home. Board the international flight late tonight.

Day 14: Saturday, May 5 ARRIVE HOME
Arrive home today with memories of your journey to treasure until your next visit.

Space is limited. Sign up today!

TRAVELER INFORMATION

Traveler #1: Full Legal Name: _____ U.S. Citizen? ___ Yes ___ No

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Royal Arch Mason? ___ Y ___ N Chapter _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Date of Birth (required): _____

Email: _____

Check here if traveling as a single _____

Traveler #2: Full Legal Name: _____ U.S. Citizen? ___ Yes ___ No

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Royal Arch Mason? ___ Y ___ N Chapter _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Date of Birth (required): _____

Email: _____

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Do you want Travel Insurance? ___ Yes ___ No

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

Describe any special travel arrangements here, tour extensions, etc. (include desired departure / return dates if different than stated tour dates)

Bed Configuration: ___ One Bed ___ Two Beds Special Dietary Needs _____

Other Special Needs: _____

Terms and Conditions: Deposit of \$300 per person is required at time of booking. Prices are per person based upon double occupancy. Additional costs include travel insurance, lunches, and personal purchases. Travel insurance may be arranged at any time after initial booking. Package will include round-trip air. Full payment is due by February 21, 2018. Deposits are refundable, less a \$50 per person administrative fee, if cancelled before January 1, 2018. Premiums paid for travel insurance are not refundable.

Total Deposit Amount paid: \$ _____ Paid by: ___ Check # _____ ___ Credit Card

(If paying deposit by check, please also provide credit card information for air fare, travel insurance, and/or additional tour payments)

Credit Card #: _____ Type: _____ Exp. _____ Security Code _____

Name shown on card: _____

Amount charged to card: \$ _____ Comment: _____

Note: Final payment due by February 21, 2018 Use this credit card for final payment: ___ Yes ___ No

Send Booking Form to: **Star & Compass Travel**
Bud Ramsey
5160 Poston Drive
San Jose, CA 95136

Fax to: (408) 777-8160
Phone: (408) 838-3730

CST #2081830-40



STAR & COMPASS
TRAVEL
Group Travel for the Masonic Family