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GRAND CHAPTER MESSAGE

Thank you, companions, for your trust and confidence by electing me to serve you as your Grand High Priest for Capitular Year 2013-2014. I look forward to meeting all of you sometime during the year at visitations, receptions, award ceremonies, and so forth. You can find a brief biography of me at our website, but I am most happy to address you directly in this edition of the Encompasser. As I prepare this soon after Memorial Day, I would like to quote part of an article that appeared in the Wall Street Journal of May 26th, about the "forgotten war."

"Last month President Obama posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor to Father Emil Kapaun, a Catholic priest who served as a U.S. Army chaplain during the Korean War.

"Under a ferocious assault from Chinese communists at Unsan, Korea in November 1950, Kapaun repeatedly dodged enemy fire to pull comrades to safety, and to tend to their injuries. When he was ordered to evacuate, he stayed behind to care for the wounded until his capture. Witnessing an enemy soldier aiming his rifle and preparing to execute a wounded American, Kapaun shoved the enemy soldier aside, picked up the wounded man, and carried him for miles on a death march ordered by the communists.

"Until his death the following year at a prisoner-of-war camp, Kapaun cared for his fellow prisoners and inspired them by defiantly practicing his faith despite brutal punishment. In presenting the medal last month to Kapaun's family, President Obama related Kapaun's celebration of Easter in 1951.

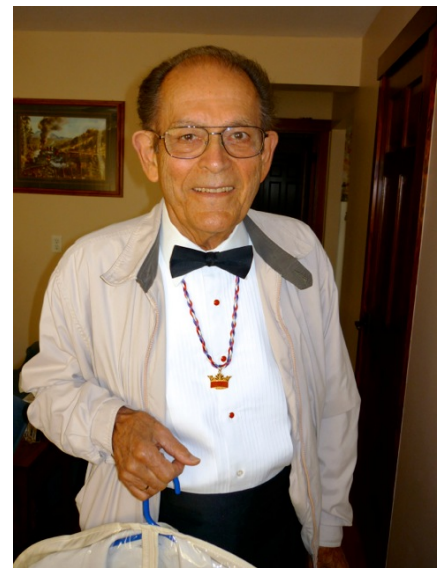
"He held up a small crucifix that he had made from sticks. And as the guards watched, Father Kapaun and all those prisoners—men of different faith, perhaps some men of no faith—sang the Lord's Prayer and 'America the Beautiful.' They sang so loud that other prisoners across the camp not only heard them, they joined in, too—filling that valley with song and with prayer." Many prisoners of the camp would later credit Kapaun with saving their lives."

My hope is that I can serve this Grand Chapter as well this year as our troops, living and dead, have served our country, indeed the world, for the last few decades. This newsletter to should go out by the last day of each month so that the dais officers in our local chapters will have it available to share at stated convocations. Best wishes for the remainder of 2013!

You will find below a tribute to our Companion Sid Cerates, who served this Grand Chapter for many years. In lieu of flowers, his wife, Linda, has suggested that donations in his honor may be made to the Fred DeBarrows Scholarship Fund, the American lung Association, or the American Cancer Society. You may direct any donations to the Grand Secretary's Office. Thank you in advance for what you may do to honor this truly exemplary Companion and Sir Knight.

Fraternally, Gary Spriggs
Grand High Priest

SID CERATES TRIBUTE



This tribute is especially difficult to write. Sid passed away on May 17th, just a few days before Grand Sessions this year. He has been an important player in the Grand Chapter for the last 10 years, serving as Grand Lecturer for 3 years from 2001 through 2004. He was instrumental in the work to revise the Chapter ritual, and then devoted much time and energy to do the same for the ritual of the Order of High Priesthood, which

he served for several years as Most Excellent President. He was always at the conferrals of the Order, providing guidance and direction. He also served the Golden State Chapter of Research, providing the Installation ceremony and conducting it. Sid was the recipient of the General Grand Chapter RAM International Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze; the Grand High Priest Distinguished Service Medal; the Grand Master of Ish Sodi awards; and the Knight Templar Meritorious Service Medal.

He served in many capacities in many different Masonic organizations, and received numerous awards – especially, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the East Bay bodies. Of particular note was his service as Degree Master for the Mark Master conferral at Grand Lodge for over 80 candidates in October of 2009. Sid will be greatly missed, but we will be close with him every year in June at the Royal Arch Festival at Comptche, where he asked to have his ashes placed for permanent residence. He was always there, in later years to assist where needed, provide prompting, and keep the Excellent High Priest in line! He asked for and was blessed with the Masonic Blue Lodge and Knight Templar services on Wednesday, June 12th. He passed away peacefully in his sleep on a Friday, and was conducted by that kind messenger to that glorious and celestial Lodge above, where we will see him again some day – until then, dear Brother, Companion and Sir Knight, until then . . . farewell.

ONE MAN CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

How many times have you heard the phrase “one man can make a difference?” I’m sure you have heard it many times, and here I am today saying it again . . . “One man can make a difference,” but this time I am going to give you an example of such a man who changed the course of history in America, and especially, California. Naturally he was a Mason, and as you all know so well, that is not unusual, because Masons have been changing the course of history all over the world since the time they were founded. The year was 1880 and Bro. George Perkins was a Past Grand Master of Masons in California and now serving as the Grand

Commander of the Grand Commandery. In his spare time, he was the Governor of California.

As the governor of California, he realized that the centers of power in America were on the East coast, and California was considered by them to be part of the Wild West . . . full of Indians and desperados . . . a place you read about but wouldn’t want to visit. . . and certainly not a safe place for women and children. Furthermore, the only way to get to the west coast was by ship, train or horseback . . . a long trip by any means. Plus it was expensive . . . so who would want to go to California anyway. Without this movement of people to California, the state would not grow and prosper, business, real estate, commerce etc would not grow and everything would remain stagnant. Remember, California had just become a state in 1850.

Bro. George had a great idea. If he could only get those stuffy Easterners to come to California and see for themselves that San Francisco was a great city, as modern as any on the east coast, and that bullets and arrows weren’t flying around, that it was safe for women and children, that it had all the modern conveniences of any city in the East, that it was a law abiding state, had some of the finest restaurants and hotels, modern paved streets, and above all, that the people were friendly if only he could get those Easterners to see for themselves. Governor George decided that it was high time that California be put on the map, that for the first time in history, Americans were going to find out what a wonderful state this was, and what a grand city San Francisco was. Sir Knight George decided that the Knights Templar would lead the way as only they could. First he had to convince the Templars of California that they could achieve this formidable task . . . remember, that in 1880 there were only 1000 knights in California! Convincing the knights was no easy matter . . . how could they afford this endeavor . . . how could only a few knights do so much in such a short period of time, this had never been done before and so on. All of you have heard these arguments many times. Leadership came naturally to this man, and he managed to convince his

brothers that all was possible, and if anyone could do it, it was the Templars of California.

Sir Knight George and 145 Sir Knights and 88 of their ladies departed for Chicago for the 21st Triennial of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. They hired a military band, the 2nd Regimental band to go with them to Chicago. A Grand Standard for California was purchased specially to be taken with them and a special train exclusively for the Knights Templar and their families was arranged. If they were going to Chicago, they would go in style. They had to convince the world that Californians were not a bunch of uncivilized cowboys. Cowboy boots, hats and Bermuda shorts were not packed on this trip. The correct Templar uniform was worn, swords were polished, and plumes were fluffed up . . . they were going to change the Easterners concept of the Wild West.

At the 21st Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Sir Knight George offered to host the 22nd Triennial in San Francisco! His leadership qualities and persuasive personality overcame the fears and tribulations of the Eastern Templars . . . promising them Templar hospitality and knightly courtesies for one and all. Safety for women and children was guaranteed, special trains and escorts would be provided, horses for the Sir Knights, carriages for their ladies, the finest food and lodgings and the best whiskey for the banquets would be theirs for the asking. After much deliberation and soul searching, a motion was made, seconded and carried to hold the 22nd Triennial in San Francisco in 1883. Sir Knight George and his fellow knights had accomplished the first phase of their plan to open the West. They came back to San Francisco feeling pretty proud of themselves, and rightly so. They also came back \$2,304 in debt. This sum was made up by subscriptions from the 1000 Sir Knights. To help finance the 1883 Triennial, each Sir Knight was assessed 50 cents. The Grand Commander also admonished the membership to be vigilant and not lower their standards for admission in the Order that “stands pre-eminent above any other human organization.” At this time, it was Templar law that it would be unknighly conduct if a Sir Knight solicited members for the Orders!!! It

should be noted here that before one could become a Knight Templar, that is to say, before he received the Order of the Temple, he had to purchase his own uniform and equipment. After receiving the Order of the Red Cross, if the candidate did not purchase his uniform, he would not be knighted. There was no Order of Malta in those days. Initiation fees in 1880 were \$100 . . . a very considerable sum of money, equivalent to \$15,000 in today’s dollars!!! The uniform and equipment would cost another \$100 and a horse would be extra. One had to be serious about becoming a Knight Templar in those days. The Orders were conferred on one candidate at a time. Commanderies conferring the Orders on more than one candidate were severely reprimanded!

Now that Grand Encampment had agreed to come to San Francisco in 1883, Perkins and the Grand Commandery had to convince the people of San Francisco of what a wonderful thing the Knights Templar had done for them. They need the total commitment of the public; they needed their homes, their horses and carriages, their donations and their resolve to decorate the city and make the Easterners and their families feel welcome. The people of San Francisco responded, with their hearts and pocketbooks with great enthusiasm. This was going to be the first time in the history of California that any convention or any large group of people would come to the West Coast, and they were determined to give them the best of everything they could offer. If it worked, more would follow, business would pickup, people would come from the East and buy houses, and shops would open, and schools would be built, and money would start flowing into the State, and more roads would be built, and more hospitals, more hotels, more stables, more carriages would be needed, new trains would be needed to accommodate the increased passenger load, and all this translated into more jobs and more money and so on. The average citizen soon realized what Sir Knight George and his Templars had done in Chicago. They had a golden opportunity to show off the Golden State and the beautiful city of San Francisco, and they were going to do everything in their power, in their own little way to show the Easterners that the West had grown up and was a

match for anything the East had to offer, maybe more.

George and his committee left no stone unturned. They convinced the railroads to offer a 25% discount for any Templar and his family from the East. The railroad magnates also had an eye on the future and they could see what profits lay in the not too distant future for them. The citizens responded by providing carriages and horses for the visitors from the East, and decorated every building in the city with bunting and banners, the likes of which had never been seen before. After all, Governor and Sir Knight George had told them that this was the most important event in Templar history in California and also for the State. They were not going to let him down. George did one other thing to ensure success. It was not enough for the visitors to have a good time, he wanted everyone in America to know what a wonderful place and how safe it was, and how modern and what a good place it was to raise a family. So he invited all the Eastern newspaper editors and writers to be the guests of the city, and they also responded and they came West with the Knights.

George covered all the bases, as he early on realized that it was not enough to just get the Templars involved, he had to have every man and woman in California involved too. Hence the whole community insisted on claiming a share of the honor, and spontaneously resolved to make the occasion a season of unrestricted hospitality, civic display, happiness and social cheer. Trainload after trainload of Templars, their families and newspapermen arrived in San Francisco, and were met at the railroad station by the various mounted patrols from the Commanderies and escorted to their hotels. Bands played and Sir Knights in full uniform presented swords for the visiting dignitaries. Finally, the Grand Parade took place, ten divisions strong with swords glistening in the sun, marching past the review stand, a pageant never before seen in California, and witnessed by the public from the sidewalks, balconies and windows all along the parade route.

The 22nd Triennial was everything Sir Knight George had promised, and the Grand Commander

was justly proud in claiming that it was the most notable event in Templar Masonry in California. This feeling was shared by all who attended and California Templary won the esteem and affection of their brothers, as the newspapers on the East Coast attested. The West had won the hearts and minds of the Easterners, and nothing would ever be the same again. Not one visitor had been shot by an arrow, no train was held up and robbed, and all went home safe and sound.

The Grand Commandery did rather well financially, not one cent of its funds was used. Donations paid for everything and left a balance of \$7,000 a considerable sum of money in 1883. This money left over from the Triennial was invested as a permanent fund called "The California Grand Commandery Knight Templar Drill Fund." Tuesday, August 21, 1883 the Grand Encampment opened for business meetings and lasted until Friday. The Divine Service was a new feature at the Triennial and was "The greatest feature of the Conclave." Seventy banners of different Commanderies hung in the Grand Asylum. There was entertainment every evening in the pavilion, with a different program each night. The ladies provided a "Garden of Welcome" for the visitors, which was one of the most pleasing features of the Conclave. There were excursions around the bay by boat, and by rail to the vineyards and wineries of Napa Valley, to Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, Monterey and other areas. The Grand Master was greeted by the Mayor of San Francisco and other officials. The Grand Lodge laid a cornerstone to the Garfield monument in Golden Gate Park, and the military took part in that too, including veterans and government officials. The Grand Banquet was held at the Palace Hotel and was "everything the heart could wish." 3000 rooms were taken up by the Sir Knights. The San Francisco police cooperated fully with every wish and the grand parade had no interruptions, and the knights marched down the broadest and finest avenues in the city, which were cleaned the night before! San Francisco, California and the West Coast have never been the same since the 22nd Triennial of the Grand Encampment. One man made a

difference, and he was a Master Mason and Knight Templar.

The above narrative shows what a person with vision, determination and a positive attitude can do. Sure the odds were high, and sure the opposition was great. There was little or no money and very little time. The entire concept in the East was anti-West. But they can be and were overcome. We Masons today need to have a vision of tomorrow, a determination and positive attitude to make our fraternity significant to the next generation in a world that does not know how desperately our principles of brotherly love are needed if there is ever going to be peace in the world.

**Ken Hope, Grand Secretary
Grand Recorder**

WESTERN STATES EASTER OBSERVANCE 2014

Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA is now sponsoring three Easter Observances to fill the needs for all Masons, Knights Templar and Sisters of the Social Order of the Beauceant to attend.

Presently, the East Coast Easter Observance is held in Virginia, the Mid-America Easter Observance is held in Kansas and the Western States Easter Observance is held in California. The general public is also invited to attend this event; which is always held on Easter Sunday. Go to the following website for more details: <http://www.wseo.biz/>

Events include:

Saturday: A tour of Warner Bros. Television is provided for all to attend. Afterwards, our annual Formal Banquet will be held. All Sir Knights are asked to wear their Commandery uniforms minus swords and Chapeaus.

Easter Sunday: Breakfast buffet will be provided with the Grand Encampment Officers greeting one and all. Immediately following the breakfast, all will be transported to the Shrine Auditorium. Sir Knights are asked to wear their full uniform minus swords. Beauceant members are asked to wear their red, white and black.

ROYAL ARCH HISTORY

Of particular interest to all Companions and Sir Knights is the new addition to the History of the Royal Arch – Volume 4 is now available, which takes the history through 1996. This is the supplement to the original 3 Volume set prepared by Everett R. Turnbull and Ray V. Denslow. The 4th Volume can be purchased for \$25. Volumes 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the History of Royal Arch Masonry have been reprinted. These books are hardbound and approximately 500 pages each. The cost is \$ 100.00 for all 4 books plus \$ 15.00 shipping and handling in USA. Foreign shipping could cost more. Payment by check or credit card. Contact the General Grand Secretary to order books. ramintl@sbcglobal.net

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

GRAND SESSION RESULTS

As an appendix, see the back of this publication for results at the Annual Convocation, Annual Assembly, and Annual Conclave.

CALENDARS OF PRESIDING OFFICERS

The itineraries can be found at the Grand York Rite website. Hold down the CTRL key and click on the line below. For M.E.C. Gary Spriggs go to:

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

For M.I.G.M Dick Williamson go to:
http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/council/council_2012/2012_calendar.html

For R.E.C. Myron Tisdell go to:
<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/commandery/itinerary.html>

COMPANION ADEPT OF THE TEMPLE

The York Rite Sovereign College has developed a new self-study educational program, similar in concept to the Scottish Rite's Master Craftsman

Program, for the York Rite bodies. It is available to any York Rite Mason by enrollment through the Sovereign College Office. Cost is only \$30. Eight resources are made available, seven of them at no cost. Your editor purchased the other from Amazon for \$1.99! These resources include books by Mackey, Thomas Smith Webb, Jeremy Cross, Bernard Jones, Jackson Chase and George Cooper Connor. You will be happy to have these resources on your PC! Or your eBook reader. For information, contact the College Office at (313) 833-1385.

RAM-I NEWSLETTER

As you know, our Grand Chapter is associated with the General Grand Chapter RAM International. The General Grand Chapter is now publishing a newsletter with international scope. Issues numbered 18, 19 and 20 for 2013 have been forwarded to local Chapter officers. Please share as appropriate with your companions. Scroll down the email to see California specific news.

Prior editions from March 2012 can also be found under the Library tab at the Research Chapter website: www.goldenstatechapter.org

HISTORY OF THE CRYPTIC RITE

General Grand Council has recently re-published a two-volume History, first published in 1931 and again in 1977. This new edition has just arrived and looks to be very enlightening, especially as regards the relationship of the Cryptic Rite to the Scottish Rite and the Royal Arch. The authors (Eugene E. Hinman, Ray V. Denslow, and Charles C. Hunt) say in the Preface:

“It has been our purpose, therefore, to place within the compass of a single work all that is known about the Cryptic Rite. That the reader may have all possible information at his disposal we have prepared an appendix in which appear copies of the most important documents, and selections from the writings of noted students of the subject.

“While this work is essentially a history, that history has been largely influenced by jurisdictional

and legal questions, and we have therefore prepared chapters on this phase of the subject. Chapters have also been inserted on the subjects of Legend, Tradition and Symbolism, all of which have had their influence on the history. It is this rich legacy of Legend and Symbolism that gave the Rite its popularity to the present time, for the degrees stand entirely upon their own merits and are not required for advancement to any other rite or degree.” (Vol. I, page 8)

To get your own set, contact: David A. Grindle, General Grand Recorder, PO Box 332, Meridian ID 83680-0332; e-mail: ggr@ggccmi.org

COMMUNICATIONS

As mentioned in previous editions of the Encompasser, communications are vital to assist those seeking further light in Masonry. So resolve now to ACT: 1) broadcast this publication far and wide, and encourage each of your York Rite bodies to buy a 2-year subscription; 2) broadcast the monthly Workman to the leaders of all your bodies; 3) access the following websites, and see that your Companions are aware of their existence and how to access them:

www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org
www.goldenstatechapter.org
www.yorkrite.org

And as you continue into this York Rite year, make every effort you can to continually remind your membership of the **Colorado River Fall Festival** this October. Confer the Mark Master as often as you can and build interest in our brethren of pursuing further light.

SIMINOFF DAYLIGHT CHAPTER

The first new Chapter formed since 1984 will be constituted on July 13th at the Masonic Homes in Union City. This new Chapter was instituted last year, under dispensation, with M.E.C. Edgar Fentum, KYGCH, serving as High Priest. If you would like to attend this auspicious occasion, contact Oren Fletcher at: orenf@live.com

RECEPTIONS AND FESTIVALS -- 2013

Check the Grand York Rite website for current information on receptions and festivals:

http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/Event_Page.html. The following receptions have been scheduled already

July 21:	Quincy
August 2:	Fairfield
August 3:	Alameda
Sept 13:	Santa Rosa

Included among the Festivals are the Sacramento Sierra York Rite Association (SSYRA) festivals for all three bodies in March, April and June, 2014

August 16-17:	Red Bluff
September 28:	East Bay
October 20-22:	CRFF in Laughlin, NV
March 2014:	Woodland, SSYRA

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER

The website located at www.goldenstatechapter.org now contains a copy of the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Grand Orations booklets. Also included is a copy of "The Royal Arch Path," by MEC Phil Hardiman, KYGCH. The new publication, approved for publication at the latest meeting on May 20th, will contain the Grand Orations for 2013, the Vesper Services, the Western State Easter Observance message, and several papers presented at the Research Chapter meeting.

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GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS - 2013 GRAND CONVOCATION REPORT

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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN BRONZE

Philip A. Hardiman. Sacramento Chapter No. 3

SWEETHEART AWARD

Lady Janet Blake

GRAND YORK RITE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Murray E. Cooke. Santa Monica Bay Chapter No. 97

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CALIFORNIA AWARDS

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Lawrence R. Rodriguez. San Luis Chapter No. 62
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MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

Casey M. Latham. High Desert Chapter No. 127

Chapter with the highest percentage increase in membership (10.0%).. . . . **Oakland Chapter No. 36**

Chapter with the highest number of new members (35). **Signet Chapter No. 57**

RUSSELL D. ROBERTS PERPETUAL TROPHY

Raymond A. Broomfield. Ventura Chapter No. 50

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2013-1 To eliminate the requirement of keeping unnecessary records. passed

Resolution 2013-2 To eliminate the requirement of keeping duplicate records. passed

Resolution 2013-3 To permit 6 Chapter members plus 3 visitors to open a Chapter passed

NEW CHAPTER CHARTER

A Charter was issued to Siminoff Daylight Chapter No. 163, located at the Masonic Home in Union City. This is the first new Chapter to be formed since 1984.

CONSOLIDATIONS

Azusa Chapter No. 80 consolidated with San Gabriel Valley Chapter No. 100 effective May 1, 2013

Tulare Chapter No. 71 consolidated with Hanford Chapter No. 74 effective May 1, 2013

EVERY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER WAS PRESENT AT THIS ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS - 2013 GRAND ASSEMBLY REPORT

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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

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James G. Baum.	H. Edward Barr's Oasis Council No. 64
Kenneth G. Hope.	Shekinah Council No. 35
Frederick J. Potter.	Ventura Council No. 15
Robert A. L. Whitfield.	Oakland Council No. 12

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR

Steven R. Goad.	Bakersfield Council No. 28
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ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Lady **Nancy F. Christensen**

LADY OF THE COUNCIL

Lady **Sarah Chesebro**

Lady **Kathy Glass**

Lady **Donna MacDonald**

Lady **Judy Peardon**

Lady **Janet Price**

Lady **Adriane Samcoff**

Lady **Judy Williamson**

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF CALIFORNIA AWARDS

GRAND MASTER OF ISH SODI AWARD

Guy M. Chalmers	Redwood Empire Council No. 46
Craig L. Flagtwet	Valley Council No. 27
Ernie A. Quiroz	Shekinah Council No. 35
Lawrence R. Rodriguez	San Luis Obispo Council No. 38
Donald L. Scott	Modesto Council No. 61
Cleveland Valrey	Oakland Council No. 12

ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR

David W. Studley	Sonora Council No. 5
Illustrious Master Year Department #1. . . Daniel L. Doornbos	San Jose Council No. 20
Illustrious Master Year Department #2. . . . John E. Trauner	Nevada Council No. 62
Illustrious Master Year Department #4. . . . David E. Rush	Omega Council No. 11
Illustrious Master Year Department #6. . Frederick G. Kleyn III	Imperial Valley Council No. 60

RECORDER OF THE YEAR

Paul D. Erickson	San Luis Obispo Council No. 38
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MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

Casey M. Latham	H. Edward Barr's Oasis Council No. 64
Council with the highest percentage increase in membership (7.1%).	Sacramento Council No. 1
Council with the highest increase in number of members (33).	Omega Council No. 11

RITUALIST OF THE YEAR

Ritualist for the State.....	Mike L. Szepefalvi	Bakersfield Council No. 28
Ritualist for Department 1A.....	William A. McBroome, Jr.	Pacific Council No. 37
Ritualist for Department 1B.....	Dean S. Dagdagan	King Solomon's Council No. 29
Ritualist for Department 2.....	Jordan M. Horowitz	Nevada Council No. 62
Ritualist for Department 4.....	Rick L. Baca	Omega Council No. 11
Ritualist for Department 5.....	Harold D. Kennedy	Foothill Council No. 42
Ritualist for Department 6.....	Patrick W. Wohlrabe	San Diego Council No. 23

RESOLUTIONS

There were no Resolutions this year

CONSOLIDATIONS

Foothill Council No. 42 consolidated with Alhambra Council No. 25 effective May 1, 2013

EVERY CRYPTIC COUNCIL WAS PRESENT AT THIS ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR - 2013 GRAND CONCLAVE REPORT

GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Commander.....	Myron A. Tisdell	Redding Commandery No. 50
Deputy Grand Commander.....	Carlos H. Gonzalez	Los Angeles Commandery No. 9
Grand Generalissimo.....	Fenton R. Mereness	Vacaville Commandery No. 38
Grand Captain General.....	Stephen E. Alderete	St. Bernard Commandery No. 23
Grand Senior Warden.....	Thomas N. Thomas	Whittier Commandery No. 51
Grand Junior Warden.....	Malcolm G. Hill	Auburn Commandery No. 52
Grand Prelate.....	Raymond E. Davies	Golden West Commandery No. 43
Grand Treasurer.....	Gary D. Miller , PGC.....	Riverside Commandery No. 28
Grand Recorder.....	Kenneth G. Hope , HPGC.....	Golden West Commandery No. 43
Grand Standard Bearer.....	Gregg A. Hall	San Jose Commandery No. 10
Grand Sword Bearer.....	Gary L. Schlusser	Nevada Commandery No. 6
Grand Warder.....	William A. McBroome, Jr.	Eureka Commandery No. 35
Grand Sentinel.....	Bruce R. Galloway	Redding Commandery No. 50

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE U.S.A. AWARDS

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

Patrick G. Bailey	Palo Alto Commandery No. 47
David E. Sokol	Red Bluff Commandery No. 17

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

James G. Baum	High Desert Commandery No. 79
Kevin L. Conrigan	Golden Gate Commandery No. 16
Theodore W. M. Lyau	California Commandery No. 1
Robert A. L. Whitfield	California Commandery No. 1

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE

Lady **Naomi Abbott**
Lady **Evelyn Curtis**
Lady **Pauline Morrison**

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CALIFORNIA AWARDS

COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

Tony G. Stone	Marysville Commandery No. 7
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RECORDER OF THE YEAR

Timothy B. Sheets	San Diego Commandery No. 25
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Commandery with the highest percentage increase (9.7%).	High Desert Commandery No. 79
Commandery with the highest increase in the number of members (29).	Los Angeles Commandery No. 9

DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

Class "B" Champion.	Los Angeles Commandery No. 9.	968 points
Class "C" Champion.	Orange County Commandery No. 36.	953 points
Class "D" Champion.	Golden West Commandery No. 43.	973 points
Class "D" 2nd Place.	Long Beach Commandery No. 40.	945 points
Class "D" 3rd Place.. . . .	California Commandery No. 1.	940 points

CROSS & CROWN AWARD

Commandery of the Year for Department 3.	Hanford Commandery No. 46
Commandery of the Year for Department 6.	Auburn Commandery No. 52

COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR

Auburn **Commandery No. 52**

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2013-1 To amend and correct the Manual of Ceremonies & Tactics. Passed

CONSOLIDATIONS

Tulare Commandery No. 66 consolidated with Hanford Commandery No. 46 effective May 1, 2013

EVERY COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR WAS PRESENT AT THIS ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE

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