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## Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California

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### GHP MESSAGE

#### COMPANIONS:

#### SAD NEWS and MEMORIAL SERVICES

Earlier this week I received the sad news that Excellent Companion Harry W. Cutting, Grand Master of the First Veil, had passed away. EC Harry was also a Knight Companion of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine. It is always difficult to put such an event into context, when he had touched the lives of so many people, from all over the state of California. His example of service to his fellow man will stand as an example to all of us.

*“Soft and safe be thy resting place.”*

This is also an opportune time to give brief mention to the business of memorial services. As Royal Arch Masons we are occasionally called on to participate in services for departed Brothers and Companions. Funeral and memorial services call for particular attention to care and detail in planning, since these are one of the few public rituals occasions, and can have a profound impact on the public view of the craft.

This can be problematic, since the Royal Arch ritual does not provide a memorial service. In many cases, we have been requested to participate in Blue Lodge memorials. Such participation is to be encouraged, in close consultation with the Funeral Master and the family.

The Grand Chapter does have a formal memorial service, which is included in the Order of the High Priesthood (OHP), a side-degree in California Masonic tradition. This memorial is included in the annual meeting of that order, usually during the annual Grand York Rite sessions. It is specifically offered at that time, in memory of any Past Grand High Priests that have passed away during the preceding year. However, it has also been used on other particular occasions, at other times and places during the year.

This memorial focuses on readings and prayers of fifth century B.C. Hebrew tradition. It can be used as a “follow-on” to the Blue Lodge memorial service, especially if the family desires to add Biblical content.

The OHP Memorial Service can also be used as a stand-alone memorial service at a local Royal Arch Chapter. With assistance from your Department Grand Officer, to perform a public opening “in ample form,” the OHP service can also

been used as an open Memorial Service, with visitors and family present. Check with your Department Grand Officer or Inspector if you need to plan a specific use or would like to receive an electronic copy of the OHP memorial. Please feel free to call me directly, if the need is urgent.

**Fraternally, Gary Spriggs**  
**Grand High Priest**

### **ALAMEDA RECEPTION**

Early in August each year, the East Bay York Rite Association sponsors a 3-Way Reception for the Grand Presiding Officers. It's always a well-planned, well-organized, well-executed, and well-fed event! Here's a couple of photos of the event:





## **WALK FOR: ATUISM SPEAKS**

There is Walk for Autism on October 6th in Sacramento. Your editor has signed up a team to participate in it. Everyone can go to the Web site and sign up to join me in the walk or make a donation. Go to the Autism Speaks Web site: <http://www.autismspeaks.org>. Click on the "Attend a Walk" button in the upper right corner. Click on "Search for Team" on the left side of the screen. You may have to scroll down to find it. In the blank space preceded by "Team Name" enter the words "Royal Arch Masons of Sacramento." Click on the SUBMIT button, and you should get an entry for our team. Click on our Team Name, and then a list of all the Teams will show up. Scroll down to Royal Arch Masons. When you click on that, you will see near the top of the screen the phrase "[Join our Team](#)." Follow instructions, become a member of the Team, and make a donation! Please also take to heart the needs of those around the world who are benefited by the research that the General Grand Chapter RARA program supports. They include those with Central Auditory Processing Difficulties, Autism, and Hearing disorders.

## **NOR CAL YR ASSOCIATION**

E. C. David Sokol, recently released from the hospital for emergency gastric surgery(!), is the new President of the Northern California York Rite Association, following in the able footsteps of Bob Morrison, also recently out of the hospital! Better watch out for this job, companions – this is not a job you want to be elected to because you were not present to defend yourself!!! Here's a photo of the latest class, with the Grand High Priest:



## **RECEPTIONS -- 2013**

On the pages that follow you will find the flyers announcing Receptions for the Grand York Rite Officers serving during 2013-14. Other receptions have been scheduled, but no flyers presented.

**Sept 13: Santa Rosa**

**October 26: Auburn, 4-Way**

## **FESTIVALS -- 2013**

At the end of this newsletter you will find the flyers announcing festivals during 2013. Other festivals may have been scheduled, but no flyers are available. Included among these are the Sacramento Sierra York Rite Association (SSYRA) festivals for all three bodies in March, April and June, 2014

**September 14: Van Nuys (Chapter)**

**September 23: Van Nuys (Council)**

**September 28: Van Nuys (Commandery)**

**September 28: East Bay (Chapter)**

**September 28: San Bernardino (Chapter)**

**October 9: San Bernardino (Council)**

**October 12: East Bay (Council)**

**October 12: San Diego (Commandery)**

**October 19: East Bay (Commandery)**

**October 20-22: Colorado River Fall Festival**

**March 2014: Woodland SSYRA (Chapter)**

## **COLORADO RIVER FALL FESTIVAL (CRFF)**

JUST A REMINDER, THE ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR THE 2013 COLORADO RIVER FALL FESTIVAL IS ONLY 30 DAYS AWAY. ROOMS RESERVED AFTER OCTOBER 1 WILL BE ON AN AVAILABILITY BASIS ONLY.

THE CRFF WEBSITE IS: [WWW.CRFF.ORG](http://WWW.CRFF.ORG).

MAKE RESERVATIONS AT:

[WWW.CRFF.ORG/REG2013.PDF](http://WWW.CRFF.ORG/REG2013.PDF)

IF YOU PLAN TO RESERVE A ROOM IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES YOU HAVE ABOUT TWO WEEKS: HANDICAP - SMOKING - KING BED - RIVER VIEW - EAST WING (PET ROOMS).

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE YOUR  
RESERVATIONS - THANK YOU!

OCTOBER 20, 21, 22, 2013  
OCTOBER 19, 20, 21, 2014

RIVERSIDE HOTEL - LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

S&F....CRFF COMMITTEE

### **SIGNET YORK RITE BODIES & CRFF**

WE WILL BE GOING TO LAUGHLIN, NEVADA  
TO ATTEND THE

COLORADO RIVER FALL FESTIVAL

OUR BUS WILL DEPART OUR PARKING LOT  
AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, AND WE  
WILL RETURN ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23,  
2013  
AROUND 5 PM.

PLEASE LOOK FOR THE SIGN UP SHEET NEXT  
TIME YOU COME TO A MEETING OR SEND ME  
AN E-MAIL: [SECRETARY@SFVYRB.ORG](mailto:SECRETARY@SFVYRB.ORG) AND  
I WILL RESERVE A SEAT ON THE BUS FOR  
YOU. LADIES ARE VERY WELCOME.

CANDIDATES AND THEIR LADIES ARE  
WELCOME AS WELL. PLEASE TALK TO  
YOUR CANDIDATE AND FIND OUT IF HE  
WANTS TO COME TO LAUGHLIN WITH US  
AND RECEIVE ALL YORK RITE DEGREES AND  
ORDERS IN TWO DAYS.

WE WILL COVER YOUR BUS FARE AND  
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION IF YOU ARE A  
RITUALIST PARTICIPATING IN THE  
CONFERRAL OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE.  
WE WILL CONFER THIS ORDER ON TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 22.

PLEASE CONTACT OUT OFFICERS COACH, SK  
BRUCE E. HUDSON AT 818 989 4945 OR 818 822  
7356 TO SECURE A SPOT IN THE RITUAL  
CAST.

SINCERELY & FRATEERNALLY,  
CARLOS H. GONZALEZ KYCH, KTCH  
SECRETARY/RECORDER

### **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 4<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:ramintl@sbcglobal.net)

### **RAM INTERNATIONAL 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. Issue number 23  
for September 2013 has been forwarded to local  
Chapter officers, and can be found at the following  
link: <http://eepurl.com/Eyetj>. Please share as  
appropriate with your companions. In the new  
format, scroll down in the message to find the state-  
specific entries for California. Prior editions from  
March 2012 can also be found under the Library tab  
at the Research Chapter website:  
[www.goldenstatechapter.org](http://www.goldenstatechapter.org)

### **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) 527-5728,  
or cell: (510) 502-3224; or email at  
[maxluy@hotmail.com](mailto:maxluy@hotmail.com).

## ENCOMPASSER

The **July 2013** edition of the Encompasser is now available on the website. Go to <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org> and click on The Encompasser on the left hand toolbar. **You can help us control cost by letting us know you are willing to take the Encompasser by email only.**

**Check out the new format available – you can now read the Encompasser online! No need to even print it out. Many thanks to our web-master, Excellent Companion Richard Thornton, for his efforts in applying this technology to our needs!**

## GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

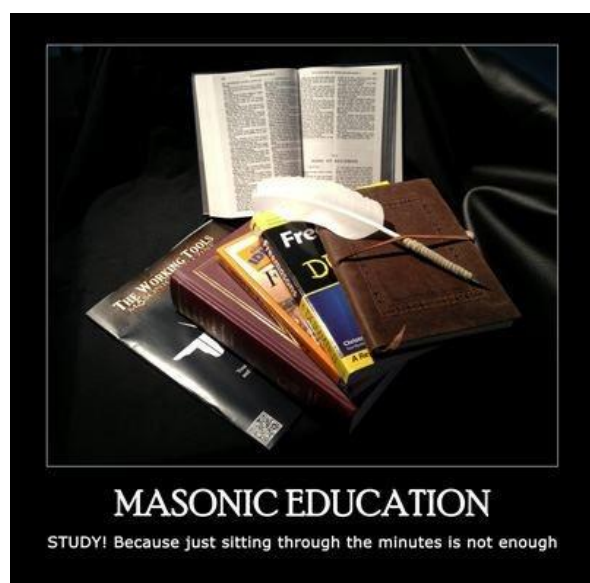
For info about 2013 Scholarships, go to the following website:

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

**If you have the resources, please consider making a significant donation on behalf of our Masonic Youth. Send any excess cash (!) to the Grand Chapter Scholarship Program at 11428 E. Artesia Blvd, #13, Artesia, CA 90701-3872**

Remember that all donations to the Scholarship Program are Tax Deductible, so keep this in mind as you plan your annual giving and when you pay your dues.

## GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER



The website located at [www.goldenstatechapter.org](http://www.goldenstatechapter.org) now contains a copy of the 2010 and 2011 Grand Orations booklets. Also included is a copy of “The Royal Arch Path,” by MEC Phil Hardiman, KYGCH.

**NEXT MEETING: DURING THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE, SATURDAY OCTOBER 5, 2013; 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR FOYER; 12:15 PM.**

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## GRAND HIGH PRIEST ITENERARY

For the latest schedule details, check:

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

SEPTEMBER		
8	Constitution Day Parade	Nevada City
21	York Rite College	Grass Valley
22	Reception	Monterrey Bay
OCTOBER		
4-6	Grand Lodge	San Francisco
15-19	OES Grand Chapter	Fresno
20-22	CRFF Festival	Laughlin, NV
26	4-Way Reception	Auburn

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>9</b>	NCYRA -- Commandery Orders	Red Bluff
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
<b>14</b>	HRAKTP	Fairfield
<b>JANUARY</b>		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>MARCH</b>		
<b>7-9</b>	Grand Officers' Conference	Bakersfield
<b>APRIL</b>		
<b>10-12</b>	Grand Sessions	North Bend, Oregon
<b>MAY</b>		
<b>16-21</b>	Grand Sessions	Bakersfield

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### **GOLDEN STATE CHAPTER OF RESEARCH Website**

[WWW.GOLDENSTATECHAPTER.ORG](http://WWW.GOLDENSTATECHAPTER.ORG)

**Santa Rosa Royal Arch #45 will host a 3-way reception**

**HONORING**

**MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION**

**Gary W. Spriggs**

**M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

**GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CALIFORNIA**

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION**

**Richard W. Williamson**

**M. I. GRAND MASTER**

**GRAND COUNCIL, CRYPTIC MASONS OF CALIFORNIA &**

**SIR KNIGHT**

**Myron A. Tisdell**

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CALIFORNIA**

**Friday, September 13, 2013**

**LUTHER BURBANK LODGE #57**

**855 7TH St.**

**Santa Rosa, CA 95404**

**SOCIAL at 6:00**

**DINNER at 6:30**

**\$15.00 PER PLATE**

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!**

**RECEPTION AT 7:30**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE YOUR DINNER RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT**

**LC Red Hunt (707) 664-8398 [LLHunt@sonic.net](mailto:LLHunt@sonic.net)**

**Reservations deadline Sept. 9, 2013**





The York Rite Bodies  
Of Auburn, Nevada City, Sacramento  
and Sutter Creek/Folsom  
in conjunction with  
Eureka Lodge No. 16

~ Presents ~

ALL **FOUR** GRAND YORK RITE  
BODIES DINNER & RECEPTION

~ **SATURDAY** ~  
**OCTOBER**  
~ **2013** ~

**26<sup>th</sup>**

Dinner at 6:00pm

Reception at 7:30pm

Auburn Masonic Hall  
956 1/2 Lincoln Way  
Auburn, CA 95603

Honoring

The Grand Master of Masons in California  
Most Worshipful John L. Cooper III  
*A member of the Auburn York Rite and Eureka Lodge No. 16*

Most Excellent Gary Spriggs,  
Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons  
*A member of the Nevada City York Rite Bodies*

Most Illustrious Richard Williamson,  
Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons

Sir Knight Myron Tisdell,  
Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar

**SEATING WILL BE LIMITED!**

To reserve your seats, you must purchase your tickets  
no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Tickets are \$25 per person.

Your choice of Entrée:  
*Smoked BBQ Tri-Tip or Penne Pasta*

For Information contact us at:  
[auburnyorkrite@gmail.com](mailto:auburnyorkrite@gmail.com)  
(916) 877-5335





## **Northern California York Rite Association 2013 York Rite Festival**

Red Bluff Masonic Temple 822 Main St Red Bluff CA

### **CHAPTER DEGREES**

Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 6:00 PM

Mark Master and Past Master Degrees

Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 8:00 AM

Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees

Lunch 12:00 PM Saturday: Cost \$10.00

Menu; Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Beverage

### **COUNCIL DEGREES**

Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 1:00 PM

Royal Master and Select Master Degrees

Candidate Fee \$15.00 (Includes both Chapter and Council Degrees)

### **Commandery Orders**

Saturday, November 9, 2013 8:00 AM

Red Cross, Full Form Malta, Order of the Temple

Candidate Fee \$10.00

Lunch served between Malta and The Order of the Temple: Cost \$10.00

Menu: Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Beans, Beverage

Information Contact Person: Richard Jolley (530) 283-1492 [emaiddick\\_jolley@yahoo.com](mailto:emaiddick_jolley@yahoo.com)

Reservations: Robert Morrison (530) 345-5958 [email bpmorrison@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bpmorrison@sbcglobal.net)

Please make checks payable to: Red Bluff Chapter #40 RAM





# East Bay York Rite

## Presents the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage into the York Rite

**Saturday, September 28, 2013**

**7:30 A.M. Registration; 8:30 A.M. Degrees Begin  
Royal Arch Degrees (\$25.00)**

**Saturday, October 12, 2013**

**7:30 A.M. Registration; 8:30 A.M. Degrees Begin  
Council Degrees (\$25.00)**

**Saturday, October 19, 2013**

**8:00 A.M. Registration; 9:00 A.M. Orders Begin  
Commandery Orders (\$25.00)**

**Alameda Masonic Hall**

**2312 Alameda Avenue**

**Alameda**

**Contact the East Bay York Rite Association - Secretary:**

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**SEPTEMBER 2013**

**ST. BERNARD COMMANDERY**  
**No. 23, K.T.**



September 4th - 7:00 p.m. - York Rite Building Board Meeting  
September 18th - 7:30 p.m. - Stated Conclave  
October 12th - 9:00 a.m. - Conferral of Commandery Orders at San Diego

## **Fall 2013**

# **York Rite Festival**

### **Chapter Degrees**

*Mark, Past, Most Excellent & Royal Arch*

**9:00 A.M. Saturday September 28th, 2013**  
*At San Bernardino*

### **Council Degrees**

*Royal & Select*

**7:00 P.M. Wednesday October 9th, 2013**  
*At San Bernardino*

### **Commandery Orders**

*Red Cross, Malta & Order of the Temple*

**9:00 A.M. Saturday October 12th, 2013**  
*At San Diego*

**San Bernardino York Rite Masonic Temple**  
2888 North Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino, California 92405-3805

**San Diego Scottish Rite Center**  
1895 Camino del Rio So  
San Diego, California 92108-3601

*Please be early to avoid delays - Prompt conferral times are set*

### **Companions & Sir Knights,**

*If you would like to receive notification of up coming  
Events via email please be sure to send in your  
Email address to the Temple  
email address: [sbyrb@juno.com](mailto:sbyrb@juno.com)*



**Colorado River Fall Festival**  
**Riverside Hotel & Casino, Laughlin, NV**  
**October 20, 21, 22, 2013**

For your Hotel Reservation - All reservations/cancellations **must be made through CRFF** by mail by September 30, 2013. Hotel check-in after 4:00 PM – checkout before 12:00 noon.  
 All times are Pacific Daylight Time.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**Room Request:**

- ☐ BASIC (2 queen beds, Sun/Mon/Tues nights) - \$140.00 *(must be received by Sept 30)*  
☐ HANDICAP (2 queen beds, Sun/Mon/Tues nights) - \$140.00 *(must be received by Sept 15)*  
☐ UPGRADE (1 king bed, Sun/Mon/Tues nights) - \$195.00 *(must be received by Sept 15)*  
 Add-ons *(Must be received by September 15):*  
☐ 2 queen beds, Saturday arrival, Wednesday departure – add \$85.00  
☐ 1 king bed, Saturday arrival, Wednesday departure – add \$110.00

All above rooms are non-smoking ... If you wish a smoking room, your reservation must be received by September 21, and you must check here: ☐

For our information and for your Name Badge, check as applies:

If you are a Candidate, check here: ☐ (If you are a Candidate, your Secretary/Recorder must send "Request for Courtesy Work" to the Candidate Registrar by 9/30/2013)

For your badge: (All attendees must register for Name Badge to attend sessions or participate.)

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE (IF DESIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR YOUR LADY'S BADGE (IF DESIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

THE CHARGES		
Festival Registration (Masons, Candidates only)	\$45.00 (\$25.00 if postmarked before Oct 1 and Lodging obtained thru CRFF)	_____
Hotel Room Sun/Mon/Tues	\$140 for all three nights for two queen beds or \$50/night; \$195.00 for all three nights for one king bed or \$75/night	_____
Banquet (show choice(s) below)	\$40.00/person	_____
Ladies Tea Party	\$30.00/person	_____
Add-ons <i>(Must be received by Sept 15)</i>	Saturday night, 2 queen beds, \$85.00 additional for mountain view, \$100.00 for river view Saturday night, 1 king bed, river view, \$110.00 additional	_____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>		_____

<b>Banquet choices</b>	
# _____	Prime Rib
# _____	Chix Cordon Bleu
# _____	Vegetarian

**Make all checks payable to, and mail to:**  
**Colorado River Fall Festival**  
**PO Box 3742**  
**Kingman AZ 86402-3742**

**Need confirmation? → Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or email address.**

**E-mail address for hotel registration questions – [crff@citylink.net](mailto:crff@citylink.net)**

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