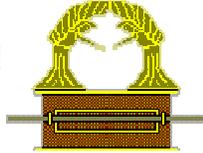




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companions to achieve our goal without using part of the principal of the DeBarrow Fund. Make your tax-deductible donation now, at the beginning of the year and help our youth orders kids take that important step to financial security.

One of our scholarship recipients is doing quite well at William Jessup University. See the article below about Miss California Job's Daughters – Megan Goudy, grand-daughter of our Past Grand Lecturer, Don Lamoreux.

Fraternally,

Bill Allen, Grand High Priest

GHP MESSAGE

Companions:

As your Executive Committee prepares to meet on the 10th, we will be making plans for Grand Chapter on Wednesday, May 23rd. In the afternoon at 1:30 pm, after the Grand Chapter session, the Order of High Priesthood will be conferred. All High Priests, as well as Past High Priests, are eligible and can get the petition at <http://www.ca-gyrs.org/formsOHP.pdf>. Note that the address of the Grand Office on the form may be outdated. Please send to the Grand Secretary's address as noted below.

Finally, I want to again emphasize the Scholarship Program donations, as we are getting ready to decide the awardees for 2012. We will be able to cover five \$500 awards for 2012 and we need the support of all

IRAM 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 5 for March 2012 will soon be forwarded to local Chapter officers. Please share as appropriate with your companions. Under Grand Chapters on the left side of the Newsletter, check for California specific news.

FORTY FOR FORTY

Speaking of Festivals, each Chapter, especially those north of Fresno, should consider taking candidates to the beautiful outdoor setting near Mendocino, where Larry Tunzi allows the use of his ranch and

amphitheater for conferral of the Chapter degrees. This year is especially significant, as this Festival at the ranch in Comptche (9 miles inland from Mendocino) is celebrating its 40th year! The theme is Forty For 40!! So if you have candidates for any or all of the Chapter Degrees, bring them to Comptche. Camping on the Ranch is at no cost! And there is a shack with men's and ladies' restrooms, and a co-ed shower. And of course a cook shack for preparation of the Friday night Fish Fry and the Saturday night Bar-be-Que. Nancy Hardiman will be planning a trip into Mendocino or Fort Bragg for shopping and lunch on Saturday, June 23rd, while we confer degrees.

MISS CALIFORNIA JOB'S DAUGHTERS

Megan Goudy, a Job's Daughter since 2003, is representing this Youth Order until June of this year. She is currently a sophomore at William Jessup University, studying Psychology, and is a Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Scholarship recipient. Here she is at a recent reception in Auburn, California, with a future Job's Daughter and a future DeMolay. Megan is Past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 148 in Auburn.



She offers the following by way of describing her duties:

“For those of you who do not know much about Job's Daughters, let me give you a short history. In 1920, Ethel T. Wead Mick founded the organization in collaboration with the Grand Master, the Grand Worthy Matron, and the Grand Worthy Patron of the state of Nebraska. They built this beautiful organization for girls to give them a place where they could learn important life skills and have guidance as they grew up. Today, Job's Daughters exists in five countries and California is the largest jurisdiction!

“In recent years, our jurisdiction has found it prudent to choose a girl between the ages of 16 and 20 to represent Job's Daughters to the Adult Masonic Bodies in California. This is the job I have been given for the coming year....”

“...I would love to speak to your Lodge, Chapter, Council, or other local body. My goal is to spread awareness about Job's Daughters in the Masonic Bodies, as well as in the public, and to bring together our Masonic family.

“Another goal in which I hope to gain your assistance is in the promotion of our service projects. Each year, we support two philanthropic projects, one internationally and one at the state level. Our international philanthropic project is H.I.K.E., or Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment. This project provides hearing aids to children whose families are unable to meet the financial requirement. At the state level, we are supporting the Children's Miracle



Here she is below with the Sir Knights who made her a Lady Princess of the Palace. The Sir Knight on her left is Don Lamoureux, her grandfather, the Past Grand Lecturer for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. The Sir Knight on her right is R. E. Fred Smith, Past Grand Commander for California.

Network. This network of hospitals provides comfort, treatment, and support to millions of sick children each year. It is our hope that this project will give the Job's Daughters of California the ability to find unique and beneficial ways to support their local hospitals by working with, volunteering for, supporting, and becoming involved with their local Children's Hospital."

If you would like to know more about either of these projects or contribute to them, please contact Megan by email at mcjd2012@gmail.com or by USPS at 2209 Lee Way, Roseville, CA 95661.

MASONIC LANDMARKS

What are the Landmarks and how many are there? The Landmarks of Masonry are those principles by which the Craft is bounded, that is, marked off from all other societies and associations and without which it would lose its identity. Some Grand Lodges recognize different quantities of Landmarks, so let us first of all try to understand what a Landmark is. In ancient times, it was the custom to mark the boundaries of lands by means of stone pillars, the removal of which by malicious persons would be the occasion of much confusion. These "landmarks" were the only way by which men could distinguish the limits of their property. Hence landmarks may be considered those peculiar marks by which we are able to designate our inheritance, such that they define what is being passed on to us.

In his 1772 book, *Illustrations of Masonry*, the English Freemason, William Preston (1742-1818), clearly uses "Landmarks" as synonymous with established usages and customs of the Masonic Craft. He refers to the ritual of the Master Mason's Degree as the preservation of the ancient "landmarks."

Speculative Freemasons have made many other attempts at defining Masonic Landmarks. One of the earliest attempts was by the well known American Mason, **Albert Mackey (1807-1881)** from South Carolina, who in 1858 stated that "the unwritten laws and customs of Masonry are its Landmarks," and that these should have immemorial antiquity, universality and permanence. On this basis he listed 25 qualifying Landmarks that have become widely accepted in the United States as a basis for attempts to define Masonic Landmarks by others. Research found that

18 states had adopted Mackey's 25, two had designated the Ancient Charges as the Landmarks, 10 had compiled lists of their own and 12 had recognized no list.

Many Masonic authors have questioned Mackey's list of Landmarks, one of the most significant being **Roscoe Pound (1870-1964)**, who was Dean of Harvard Law School. He proposed his own, shorter list of 7 and a possible further 2. Taking these 9 possible Landmarks, Pound has retained, with some modifications, Mackey's Landmarks 3, 10, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, and 24. He has, though, eliminated Landmarks 1 and 2 which many would consider fundamental to Freemasonry and he has not retained Landmark 25 which states that the Landmarks can never be changed.

Addressing the question, 'What constitutes a Masonic Landmark?' The English Masonic researcher **Harry Carr (1900-1983)**, a Past Master and former Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London, specifies two essential points:

- A Landmark must have existed from the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.
- A Landmark is an element in the form or essence of the Society of such importance that Freemasonry would no longer be Freemasonry if it were removed.

A more cynical comment on Landmarks is made by another eminent Masonic researcher in England, Robert Freke Gould (1836-1915) :

"Of the ancient landmarks it has been observed with more or less foundation of truth: 'Nobody knows what they comprise or omit as they are of no earthly authority, because everything is a landmark when an opponent desires to silence you; but nothing is a landmark that stands in his own way.'"

The United Grand Lodge of England has never enumerated a list of the Landmarks and because it is fundamental, the ONLY Landmark specified by the UGLE is: A belief in the existence of a Supreme Being. Because there is no defined list, all we can determine is that a professed belief in TGAOTU is an Ancient Landmark of the Order and the only one specifically defined as such by the United Grand

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Lodge of England. **Furthermore, in England**, Rule 4 of the *Book of Constitutions* makes it clear that only the United Grand Lodge of England can amend the laws and regulations for the government of the Craft. This has not prevented, however, other Grand Lodges formulating their own rules and regulations, which are not always consistent with the UGLE and the single Landmark defined by the UGLE – that of a requisite belief in TGAOTU. For this reason the various Grand Lodges subscribe to a system of mutual recognition, whereby they each consider the other “Regular” or “Irregular”, or in amity with each other.

The difficulty of defining the Landmarks has been hotly debated since the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717. Perhaps because of this being such a contentious subject the United Grand Lodge of England has gone no further than defining the single Landmark quoted above, although this has not been the case overseas, particularly in the U.S.A. A suggestion is that we should see Landmarks as something fundamental, from time immemorial, which can be discovered, but not created, changed, altered, improved, or obliterated.

Freemasonry is described as a “peculiar system of morality, portrayed by allegory and illustrated by symbols.” In this context “peculiar” means “unique” rather than “unusual.” Without these wonderful allegories and their many symbols we would not be able to follow a system of morality. Freemasonry would lose its identity. The allegories, symbols and moral structure of Freemasonry are vital fundamental components, uniquely characterizing it. **There is no doubt**, however, that secrecy is a fundamental component of Freemasonry and to remove it would lessen the mystique for those involved and take away much of the incentive to progress along the Masonic journey. Without it we would undoubtedly lose much of the interest and magic of our wonderful ceremonies. Who among us can forget the excitement of being initiated, the drama of being raised and the wonder of the Royal Arch ceremony? It is this process of revelation which stimulates our progress along the journey of becoming better men and serving the community.

Submitted by Nigel Gallimore

For info about 2012 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.

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.

ENCOMPASSER

The **January 2012** 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 will there find copies of the registration documents for Grand Sessions as well as for the 2nd Annual West Coast Easter Observance.

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!

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER

The next meeting of the Research Chapter will be during the afternoon of Grand Chapter on May 23rd, at 3:00 p.m., location to be announced.

The website located at www.goldenstatechapter.org features an all new look to better capture the academic and esoteric work that the Golden State Chapter is dedicated to pursue and share with fellows and members. With an updated backend system, the website will be scalable to meet the ever expanding technology available on the web. Many more features and updates will be released in the near future and the Golden State Research Chapter invites members and those looking for further light in the Royal Arch to visit the website today.

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Mar -12		
Friday Mar 9 - 11	Grand Officers Conference	Bakersfield
Mar 12	Consuelo Lodge	
Mar 13	San Diego Commandery	
Mar 14	Scottish Rite Practice	
Mar 18	Knight Masons	
Mar 27	OES PM/PP Meeting	
Apr -12		
Apr 3	OES	
Apr 4	San Diego Scottish Rite	
Apr 9	Consuelo Lodge	
May -12		
May 1	OES	

May 2	San Diego Scottish Rite	
May 3	Tyre RAM	Escondido
May 14	Consuelo Lodge	
May 17	Helix Council	
Saturday, May 19	Grand York Rite Sessions	Bakersfield
Sunday, May 20		
Monday, May 21	Council	
Tuesday, May 22	Commandery	
Wednesday, May 23	Chapter	

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