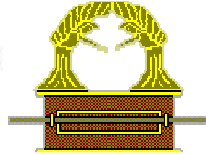




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has implemented software to make it possible to read the October edition online. It's very user-friendly.

A former Grand Lecturer, Sid Cerates, received a much deserved award for his lifetime support of this Grand Chapter, in particular, and the York Rite, in general. Details and pictures below. Congratulations, Sid! Keep up the great work you continue to do for this body, especially the Order of High Priesthood, as well as for your local bodies.

Our own Past Grand High Priest, Sean Foran, will be reprising his role as Jeremiah in the Super Excellent Master Degree on October 29<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco. Details below.

Remember Comptche, and its goal of 40 candidates for its fortieth celebration next summer. I hope to see many of you there next year.

Judy and I continue to be fully committed to supporting and building the DeBarrows scholarship fund. Please consider a tax deductible gift to this charity supporting California's Masonic Youth orders.

Fraternally,

**Bill Allen, Grand High Priest**

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SID CERATES

## GHP MESSAGE

Companions:

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge is just recently completed. The Grand Councils officers are to be commended for their support this year in staffing our booth and disseminating York Rite information brochures and petitions. The Golden State Chapter of Research held a special meeting on Saturday during the noon hour, and their growth spurt was described – they have almost doubled membership over the last year, and have released a new publication for the Grand Orations of 2011. See the article below for contact information if you would like a copy.

Have a look at the new Encompasser! Our Grand York Rite Chapter webmaster, EC Richard Thornton,

The East Bay York Rite Association presented a lifetime achievement award to Sid Cerates on

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. He is only the third, though youngest, recipient of this award, at 79, having been born in May of 1932. Other recipients are David Shull (b. 1918) and Miles Thompson (b. 1922). Dave is on the left of the picture nearby and Miles is on the right. The Companion presenting the plaque to Sid is Robert A. L. Whitfield, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of the State of California, and Vice President of the Association. Most Illustrious Whitfield was the MC for the event and made the following remarks:



“We are here today to honor one of our own with the East Bay York Rite’s highest honor, The Lifetime Masonic Achievement Award. This Award was instituted to honor someone who has spent many, many years, in service to our Organization. The title of the Award is meant to be self explanatory: “Lifetime” and “Achievement” -- neither being exclusive.

“This is never going to be an award that someone will earn based on rank or quantity of titles. Rather, it is meant as the completely unexpected compliment that one attains through age, length of time as a Mason, a bearer of burden of always carrying the craft’s needs on your shoulders, and most importantly, Character.

“Meant with the greatest of respect, this is a designation primarily to our senior members who have risen through our ranks and given selflessly in all the bodies, not for Title, but for the Love of the Craft. We only have two members who have earned this distinction, Sir Knights David Shull and Miles Thompson.

“In this ceremony, we lean toward the Templar portion of our craft because the last and highest Degree or Order in the York Rite is the Order of the Temple, which is part of the Commandery. During the ceremony, however, all bodies of the York Rite are implemented. We hope you enjoy the program.”

Sid is a retired Land Surveyor and active, registered Civil Engineer. He has one daughter, Elizabeth, and one son, David. He married Linda Tunstall, and is stepfather to her three sons – Daniel, Mark and Adam. Sid was raised in Volcano Lodge on visitation by a Lodge which is now Crow Canyon Lodge #551, and for which he served as Master in 1988. He is a member of the Aahmes Shrine; and served as presiding officer for each of the York Rite bodies in the East Bay. He is also a Knight of the York Cross of Honor, San Francisco Priory #38 and Golden Redwood Priory #82. He is Past President of the Order of High Priesthood; Past Sovereign of AMD Triangle Council #182; and a charter member of the Golden State Chapter of Research. He is also a member of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, and the Red Cross of Constantine. He served the California Grand Chapter as Grand Lecturer from 2001 – 2004, and received the Distinguished Service Medal in Bronze in 2005.

Below are pictures of Sid with his family, present at the presentation:



Wife, Linda; Daughter, Elizabeth; and Linda’s Sister, Faye Stehlik-Castro.

Here he is below with Linda:



After being conducted into the Lodge Room by Excellent Companion and Sir Knight Joe Wies, Most Illustrious Whitfield remarked:

“...I am extremely honored to now present to you the LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. It is the most prestigious honor that the East Bay York Rite Membership has ever bestowed upon anyone. This award is presented to those who have served their York Rite above and beyond the call of duty; and you have faithfully served this York Rite over the decades and you continue to serve it today in many different capacities. I am personally aware of your involvement in all aspects of Masonry and of your busy schedule. In view of this, it is quite obvious to me and to all others, that you have truly answered all that which was normally expected, and then much, much more. To the fact that you continue to strive to be of service to this York Rite, and to your fellow York Rite members, I congratulate you.”

Sir Knights David Shull and Miles Thompson then approached the East next to Sid and David Shull made the physical presentation of the plaque and welcomed Companion Sid into their very exclusive rank. The East Bay YR Association President Ray Sevilla, also presented a framed personal ‘Letter of Congratulations’ and flowers were also presented to Linda, Sid’s beautiful wife.

### **COMPTCHE OUTDOOR DEGREES**

Keep Comptche on your agenda as you begin to plan for your next Stated meeting. Let your companions know what a great opportunity it is to witness the capitular degrees in an outdoor setting. Exhort your

members to encourage their Blue Lodge brethren to come to Comptche and help us achieve our goal of 40 For 40 – 40 candidates for the 40th annual celebration of this festival.

### **SOURCE**

Carl H. Claudy authored a series of three small booklets in 1931: INTRODUCTION TO FREEMASONRY, I, for Entered Apprentices; II, for Fellowcrafts; and III, for Master Masons. They have been recently republished by The Temple Publishers, and are available from Southern California Research Lodge. The following poetic gem appears in first booklet:

*Seers seek for Wisdom’s flowers in the mind  
And write of symbols Many a learned tome.  
(Grow roses still, though rooted in black loam.)  
The mystic searches earth till eyes go blind  
For soul of roses, yet what use to find  
A spirit penned within a catacomb?  
Nay, all they learn is weightless as sea-foam  
That drifts from wave to wave upon the wind.  
In rushes Cap and Bells. How very droll  
The ways of students and the foolish books!  
He finds no secrets of Freemason’s art  
In mind nor rose nor tomb nor musty scroll;  
Where no wit is, where all loves are, he looks  
And reads their hidden meaning in his heart.*

### **SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE**

- ◆ Saturday, Oct 29, 2011
- ◆ San Francisco Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 19<sup>th</sup> Ave & Sloat Blvd., San Francisco
- ◆ Buffet lunch starting a 11:00 am
- ◆ Opening and Degree Conferral 1:00 pm
- ◆ Candidate Fees - \$10 paid by their Council
- ◆ Catered Buffet lunch - \$15, incl. Lapel Pin
- ◆ Host: MIGM Bob Whitfield
- ◆ Jeremiah: Most Excellent Sean Foran

To sign up, contact your Council Recorder. For information, call Allan Weinstein, IPM, (650) 871-4430 and [allanw@astound.net](mailto:allanw@astound.net)

## GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

**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](mailto:maxluy@hotmail.com).

### ENCOMPASSER

The **October 2011** 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!**

### PETITIONS

New petitions and brochures about the Chapter are available on the website at:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/royalarch.htm>

Simply scroll down to the lower half of the page.

### EDUCATION PROGRAM

Dennis Dyer, DGL, has developed access to a number of information materials related to Royal Arch Masonry. He says: "I have compiled a Royal Arch Education CD, containing numerous articles and books, with valuable assistance of two inspectors: Steve Bass and Ray Broomfield in attempt to address perceived chapter membership problems throughout the state.

"It appears more members leave through the back door via death and apathy than enter the front door after Blue Lodge outreach. Once you have a new member how do you retain him -- that is the question. I would suggest education is a way to start the process. We hear there is great interest in Masonry as evidenced by thousands of contacts at Grand Lodge after the Dan Brown Books, with particular interest in the spiritual aspects of Masonry as taught by allegory and symbolism. Are we prepared to answer the inevitable questions? You will be better equipped to do so after digesting the contents of this CD. Optimally an action plan to retain new members would be to form an education committee after digesting the CD and planning education at every stated convocation."

These items will soon be loaded on the Research Chapter website. Until we are able to make that happen, fell free to contact Dennis for a copy of that CD: 805-758-0043, or [ddyer39@verizon.net](mailto:ddyer39@verizon.net).

### GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER

The Research Chapter hosts a website at: <http://www.goldenstatechapter.org/>, which is well worth your while accessing.

**The Research Chapter has also prepared a publication of the Grand Orations and Vesper Services message given at the Grand Sessions in April 2010. Copies are available for a suggested \$5 donation by sending a request to the High Priest. A publication for the Orations of 2011 is now available and will be distributed at our next meeting during the Annual Communication at Grand Lodge.**

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**GRAND HIGH PRIEST ITENERARY**

<b>Oct-11</b>		
Saturday October 01	Santa Monica	Santa Monica Bay 3-Way
Tuesday, October 04	Eastern Star	Escondido
Wednesday, October 05	San Diego Scottish Rite	San Diego
Thursday, October 06	Red Cross of Constantine	San Diego
Friday, October 07	Imperial Valley Commandery	115 E. Baroni Blvd Imperial, CA 92251
Monday, October 10	Consuelo Lodge Stated Meeting	Escondido
Wednesday, October 12	Scottish Rite Information Night	San Diego
Thursday, October 13	Imperial Valley RAM/CM	115 E. Baroni Blvd Imperial, CA 92251
Friday, October 14	SR Honors - San Diego Scottish Rite	San Diego
Saturday, October 15	Colorado River Fall Festival	Laughlin, NV
Sunday October 16, 17, 18		
Wednesday, October 19	OES Grand Chapter	Fresno
Thursday, October 20		
Friday, October 21		
Saturday, October 22		
Sunday, October 23		
Monday, October 24	Orange County Reception	303 W. Lincoln Avenue Anaheim, CA 92805
Thursday, October 27	NCSRA Dinner	Carrow's Restaurant, Escondido
Friday, October 28	SW YR Regional	Phoenix, AZ
Saturday, October 29		
Sunday, October 30		
<b>Nov-11</b>		

Tuesday, November 01	Eastern Star	Escondido
Wednesday, November 02	San Diego Scottish Rite	San Diego
Thursday, November 03	Red Cross of Constantine	San Diego
Saturday, November 05	OES Installation	Escondido
Wednesday Nov 09	32 Degree Practice	San Diego
Monday, November 14	Consuelo Lodge Stated Meeting	Escondido
Wednesday, November 16	San Diego Scottish Rite	San Deigo
Thursday, November 17	Escondido Helix, CM	Escondido
Friday, November 18	SDSR Fall Reunion Dinner	San Diego
Saturday, November 19	SDSR Fall Reunion/Degrees	San Diego
Tuesday, November 22	OES PM/PP Dinner	Escondido
<b>Dec-11</b>		
Thursday, December 01	Red Cross of Constantine	San Diego
Friday, December 02	Imperial Valley Commandery	115 E. Baroni Blvd Imperial, CA 92251
Tuesday, December 06	Eastern Star	Escondido
Wednesday, December 07	San Diego Scottish Rite	San Diego
Thursday, December 08	Imperial Valley RAM/CM	115 E. Baroni Blvd Imperial, CA 92251
Monday, December 12	Consuelo Lodge Stated Meeting	Escondido
Thursday, December 22	NCSRA	Carrow's Restaurant Escondido
Thursday, December 29	Knight Masons/San Diego Scottish Rite	San Diego
<b>Jan-12</b>		

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<b>Feb-12</b>		
<b>Mar-12</b>		
<b>Apr-12</b>		
<b>May-12</b>		
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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