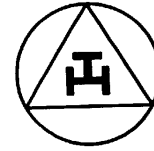
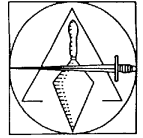
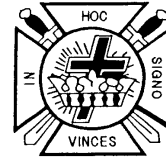


San Diego York Rite

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 1, 2009



A very Happy St. Valentine's Day to all of you, and your loved ones, whithersoever dispersed around the globe!

On the third Monday of this month we also pay tribute to our past Presidents.

Until 1971, both February 12 and February 22 were observed as federal public holidays to honor the birthdays of **Abraham Lincoln** (February 12) the 16th president and **George Washington** (February 22) the first president of our Country

In 1971 President Richard Nixon proclaimed one single federal public holiday, the **Presidents' Day**, to be observed on the third Monday of February, honoring all past presidents of the United States of America.

Spring York Rite Festival!

The next month and a half will be full of activity behind the scenes as the Chapters, Councils and Commandery prepare for Spring Festival of 2009. New cast members will be required to fill the spots that will become vacant. If you are interested in helping out your Chapter, Council or Commandery, please contact your dais officers. The dates times and place for the conferral of the various degrees or orders are listed below.

Now is the time to talk York Rite Masonry with your Blue Lodge Brothers, and pass out your applications and bring blue lodge brothers into York Rite Masonry.

For your information, your recorders or secretaries of the Chapter, Council or Commandery have excellent pamphlets on York Rite Masonry to assist you in your personal recruiting endeavors.

York Rite is the place to be; it is a continuation of the masonic journey that every mason should travel. Spread the word - spread the light. If you need applications, go to the following web site: **yorkritesandiego.org**; it is the web site for York Rite masonry in San Diego County and for you and our Blue Lodge Brothers to get additional information.

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION : Tues. Feb. 24, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

The 909th Masonic District honors a pillar of the Fraternity, Fred Kleyn, III for his tireless leadership in the Masonic Fraternity. Fred has served the last nine years as its' Inspector; you are invited to help honor him. The cost is \$17.00 per person. Make your check payable to Amity Lodge No. 442 and send to Arnold Korey, Secretary Amity Lodge at 1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, Ca. 92108. Reservations due by February 18, 2009.

Spring Festival 2009 Schedule for York Rite Degrees and Orders:

Royal Arch Degrees: Saturday, 14 March at the Scottish Rite Center in Mission Valley beginning at 7:30 AM.
Cryptic Degrees: Thursday 19 March at the Escondido Masonic Center beginning at 6:30 PM
Orders of the Temple: Saturday March 21, 2009 at San Bernardino, Ca beginning at 9:00 am.

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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER NO. 61
 ROYAL ARCH MASONS
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STATED CONVOCATION: Fourth Thursday, 7:00 pm
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 E-Mail: ctsnyder@law.cwsl.edu
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26 Feb. Thurs.: 6:00 pm Dinner
 7:00 pm Stated Convocation

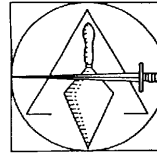
Companions,

Our second meeting of the year will be on Thursday February 26th. Dinner will begin at 6 pm with the meeting to follow at 7 pm. If you plan on attending the dinner please RSVP to our Secretary EC Fred Kleyn so that the caterers may prepare sufficient food.

February is upon us which means that it is nearly time for our spring York Rite Festival. We will be conferring the Royal Arch degrees on Saturday March 14th at the Scottish Rite Center. This being said San Diego Chapter will again take on the duty of conferring the Royal Arch Degree. We will hold a practice after the February Stated Convocation. Those of you who have agreed to take part in the degree please make sure that you are proficient in your part for the practice so that we can make the most of our time.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 26th.

Fraternally,
 Chad T. Snyder
 High Priest



SAN DIEGO COUNCIL NO. 23
 CRYPTIC MASONS
 1895 Camino del Rio S
 San Diego 92108-3683

STATED ASSEMBLY: Fourth Thursday, 8:00 pm (Odd Months)
 ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER: John Leftner . [619] 549-6131
 E-Mail: john@leftner.org
 Recorder: David C. Hollowell, III. Past Master.....[619] 424-5704
 E-Mail: dchollowell@msn.com

26 Mar. Thurs.: 6:00 pm Dinner
 8:00 pm Stated Assembly

Companions:

It was a pleasure to see you at our January Stated Meeting as we began the current Cryptic Year. We are quickly approaching the Spring Cryptic Degrees, which will be held on Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 PM in Escondido.

For York Rite Masons our membership base is in the Blue Lodge, and to be effective in our membership efforts we must continue to be active in our Lodges. We must be ever vigilant to seek out Master Masons interested in learning more about the Temple.

We have petitions available for the York Rite degrees in San Diego, which include the Chapter, Council, and Commandery in one convenient form. I would request that you have one with you when you attend your Lodge. Make known you are a member of San Diego York Rite bodies, and be willing to discuss why these organizations are important to you. These petitions are available on our website, make sure to check them out.

Our next Stated Assembly will be Thursday, 26 March. We look forward to seeing you then, and to welcome our new Cryptic Masons from the Spring Class.

Fraternally

John Lefter
 Illustrious Master



SAN DIEGO COMMANDERY No. 25
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
1895 CAMINO DEL RIO SO.
SAN DIEGO 92108-3683

STATED CONCLAVE: Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM
COMMANDER: MacArthur R. Batoyon . . . [858] 401-3736
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Recorder: Abel Pardo Parra [619] 474-2243
E-Mail: apparra01@sbcglobal.net

COMMANDERY SCHEDULE

10 FEB.: TUES. 7:00 PM STATED CONCLAVE
24 FEB.: TUES. 6:00 PM NEWSLETTER FOLDING/PRACTICE

Sir Knights,

Next month, we will be going to San Bernardino for the conferral of Templar Orders. Just like before, we will be taking care of the Order of the Red Cross. However we will be helping the other Commanderies in the conferral of the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple. We welcome volunteers for these, especially new Sir Knights. We would like you to join us in this endeavor.

This month, there are two important dates in the calendar. The sixteenth is President's Day, which is also the observed birthday of Bro. George Washington. President Lincoln was also born this month, on the twelfth.

The other one is Valentine's Day. This day we commemorate our loved ones and send them cards, flowers and chocolates. Although this shows affection, friendship and romantic love, which can be easily understood in terms of reciprocal benefits, let us also strive for the selfless love or altruism. This is called agape, derived from the Grecian language. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Mac Batoyon,

Note

If you are a caregiver for a recipient of this newsletter, who has moved or is in the process of moving, or he is no longer living, please notify any of the recorders or secretaries listed in this newsletter and advise them of the changes and/or the date of demise and next of kin. Thank you.

San Diego York Rite Website

San Diego Commandery has launched a York Rite web site. It is ably tended by our Sir Knight Pat Wohlrabe. It is hoped that it will serve to inform not only our members and brothers in masonry, but also serve to inform the interested public of our presence and to give out general information that may induce others to join the Rite, or join masonry in order to join the Rite.

The site can be reached at **yorkritesandiego.org**
You are encouraged to visit the site and send any comments, suggestions or questions to the webmaster, Sir Knight Pat Wohlrabe, **or communicate with the heads of bodies or secretaries directly.**

Newsletter by E-Mail: If you are interested in receiving the York Rite Newsletter by e-mail, please send an e-mail to apparra01@sbcglobal.net with your name and e-mail address and write on the subject line **newsletter by e-mail**. Try it—you may like it.



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Companion Knights:

The next meeting of San Diego York Rite College No. 148 will be announced in ample time.

Sincerely & Fraternally
Harlin C. "Bill" May
Preeminent Governor

YORK RITE NEWSLETTER COMPOSITE CALENDAR
JANUARY 2009 SCHEDULE

- 10 FEB.: TUES. 7:00 PM STATED CONCLAVE - S.D. COMMANDERY No. 25
- 24 FEB.: TUES. 6:00 PM NEWSLETTER FOLDING - S.D. COMMANDERY No. 25 AND PRACTICE
- 26 JAN.: THURS. 6:00 PM DINNER - S.D. CHAPT. # 61
7:00 PM STATED CONVOCATION, S.D. CHAPTER No. 61

A quote from the *York Rite of Free Masons* pamphlet:

*“ . . . Thus the Masonic Orders of Christian Knighthood are the logical outcome of the Christian Mason’s belief in Christ as Lion of the tribe of Judah, whose hand will raise the dead to life and in whose Holy Name the True Word is found and restored at last - **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**”*

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