



San Fernando Valley York Rite Bodies Monthly Bulletin

May 2015

May is the month of our Grand Sessions in Bakersfield. Please join us supporting our Drill Team and participate in the deliberations of Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery. Yours truly will be presiding the Grand Conclave of Grand Commandery and you should not miss it.

Hope to see many of you in Bakersfield.

Fraternally,

Carlos H. Gonzalez KTCH, KYGCH
Secretary/Recorder

PS: Errors, misquotes and omissions in this Bulletin are purposely scattered in these pages for your amusement and enjoyment and not meant to cause any inconvenience to anyone.
Thank you for your understanding.

On the mend

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Do you know of anyone else who is "under the weather"? Please send me an e mail and let me know about him/her.

If you have any updates on the health condition of any of our members or ladies mentioned above please send me an e mail at secretary@sfvyrb.org

Thank you.

Calendar of Events

Agenda

Friday May 1

Los Angeles Assembly No. 42 SOOB

Sunday May 3

Glenwood York Rite College No. 183
Meeting at 2 pm

Monday May 4

Signet Chapter RAM
Stated Convocation - Dinner at 6:30 pm

Sunday May 10

Mother's Day

Monday May 11

**(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF
DATE)**

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9
Stated Conclave
Dinner at 6:30 pm

Friday May 15

Los Angeles Assembly No. 42 SOOB
Visitation of the Supreme Worthy President

Saturday May 16 thru Wednesday May 20

Grand York Rite Sessions in
Bakersfield, California at the
Doubletree Hotel

Monday May 25

Memorial Day

***Please mark your
Calendars for:***

66th Triennial Conclave of the
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo, New York
August 8 thru August 12, 2015

Drill Team members arrive in Buffalo Thursday
August 6
Drill Competition is Sat August 8
Business starts Monday August 10

**Los Angeles Assembly No. 42
Social Order of the Beauceant**

Dear Beauceant Sisters,



The month of May - Spring and mothers are celebrated. For the Assembly it is the month of the visit of the Supreme Worthy President. A busy time to be sure.

At the first meeting in May we will have a "dress rehearsal" of Initiation. At that practice our objective is to know the Ritual and floor work well. We will also practice the Special Escort of the Supreme Worthy President and her Official Staff. Your Ritual and Book of Instruction are your best friends in preparing.

The highlight of the month will be the Official Visit on May 15th of Mrs. Leslie Loomis, Supreme Worthy President. Please wear black skirt, white blouse and red jacket for the luncheon which Mrs. Loomis will attend. Hope you can be there.

The names of Sisters who have volunteered to bring a main dish or dessert will be listed in future issues of the news letter, beginning with this issue. Please be aware that the news letter must be submitted long before our meetings, therefore changes may be made after it has been published.

The love and mutual support of Los Angeles Assembly Beauceant Sisters is demonstrated quite often. It has been very evident as many of you have been willing to take on additional responsibilities and duties due to the absence of various officers - President, Daughter of the Household, Preceptress, Chaplain, etc. While faithful attendance is the intention, there are times when illness or other circumstances takes us away from the meeting. Your dedication to attend regularly strengthens the Assembly and shows support for one another. Thank you for doing your utmost to attend and perform the work to the best of your ability. See you soon!

Beauceant Love,

Mrs. James Burkett
President

Calendar

- May 1 Stated Meeting Brown Bag
Dessert - Mrs. Pitassi
- May 15 Stated Meeting - Official Visit
Hot entrée/Dessert - Mrs. James
Burkett
- June 5 Stated Meeting Brown Bag
Dessert - Mrs. Kaplanian

2015 Officers

President

Mrs. James Burkett, PP 1999/2000

Oracle

Mrs. Barbara Miller, PP 2012

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Mrs. Daniel G. Hood

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Mrs Vincent Bell, PP 2010

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Chaplain

Mrs. Fred (Carole) Buxton, PSWP 2001/2002

Director of Music

Mrs. Marshall Severson , PP 2005/2006

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Color Bearer

Mrs David Woody

Mistress of the Wardrobe

Daughter of the Household

Mrs. Xavier Pitassi

Inner Guard

Mrs. Robert Coe, PP 2001/2005

Outer Guard

Mrs. Paul E. McElwain

Signet Chapter No. 57 - Royal Arch Masons

Dear Companions and Ladies,

I would like to congratulate Excellent Companions Harvey Lieman and Greg Corey for receiving their KCYH! This is a huge honor and an impressive contribution to Masonry. We are lucky to have several companions who share this honor as well and its a wonderful example for the rest of us to strive for.



Depending on what kind of response we get from this, I would like to have a Past High Priest Night. Excellent Companion Nick Khatcharian suggested this idea last Stated Convocation and it would be a great way to make things a little different during our meetings! So if you are a PHP who would like to participate this next meeting please let myself or Excellent Companion Carlos Gonzalez know so we can put the team together. Let either of us know what position you would like to hold as well. This should be lots of fun and it would be nice to see the PHP's in action again! If we don't get enough responses prior to May Stated Convocation we can still do this at the subsequent meeting. Thank you Companions!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Ex. Companion Eric Bertolli
2015 High Priest

2015 Officers

High Priest

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Principal Sojourner

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Royal Arch Captain

Edwin Balao (Rosie)

Master of the Third Veil

Antony Kubichan (Liat)

Master of the Second Veil

Lou Vizcocho (Belinda)

Master of the First Veil

Keith Douglas Kramer

Sentinel

Daniel Graham Hood (Penny)

Inspector & Officers' Coach - Royal Arch District 21

Bruce Edmond Hudson

Department Grand Officer

Dennis Thomas Dyer (Dolores)

Deputy Grand Lecturer - Department 4A

Raymond Adrian Broomfield (Christine)

Omega Council No. 11 - Cryptic Masons

Companions and Ladies,



Hello Companions,

This year is moving right along. I would like to welcome and congratulate our newest members who received their degree conferral and/or Orders last month. Set aside Monday nights for York Rite (first Monday is Royal Arch Masons Chapter, third Monday is Knights Templar Commandery, and the fourth Monday in Jan, Mar, Jun, Sep, and Nov is Cryptic Masons Council). You are always welcome at the San Fernando Valley York Rite. The next Omega Council meeting is June 23, 6:00pm social, 6:30pm dinner (\$10), and 7:30pm Stated Assembly) - please RSVP for dinner (no RSVP, no dinner; and cancelled RSVPs still pay \$10) by sending an email

tosecretary@sfvyrb.org. "A reservation made is a dinner paid!"

The next degree conferrals will be: RAM 9/19, CM 9/28, & KT 10/3 - invite a Lodge Brother to continue his journey in York Rite Masonry. You can download an application from www.sfvyrb.org. As always, the degree team is looking for cast members to be part of the conferrals and Orders - consider taking a small part, but more importantly, come to the degree conferrals and Orders to represent our Council and to show the candidates your support. If you are interested in a part in the degrees, please see Excellent Companion Bruce Hudson, our Degree Team Coordinator.

If you haven't already done so and you are planning to attend the California Grand York Rite Sessions, please register at ca-gyrs.org. There are special degrees for current and past presiding officers of each body: Order of High Priest, Thrice Illustrious Master, and Past Commanders Association. On Sunday, May 17, Los Angeles Commandery No 9 will be competing in the Drill Team Competition - several members of Omega Council No 11 are on the drill team, including yours truly. Consider attending one or more days of the Sessions.

The CM Council session is on Monday, May 18, so it will be easier for you to attend, especially if you are planning to attend the Drill Team competition the day before. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

David J Williams
2015 Illustrious Master

2015 Officers

Illustrious Master

David Jody Williams (Nataly)

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Principal Conductor of the Work

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Inspector - Cryptic Arch 12
Bruce Edmond Hudson, KYCH

Grand Officer - Department IV
Eduardo Estrada, KYCH

Assistant Director of Ritual - Department IV
Rick L. Baca

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 - Knights Templar

Dear Ladies and Sir Knights,

When was the last time you took a moment to reflect on the meaning of chivalry? We consider ourselves Knights or a sort, and address each other so, but what does this mean to us? Wikipedia defines Chivalry as follows:



Chivalry, or the chivalric code, is a code of conduct associated with the medieval institution of knighthood which developed between 1170 and 1220.... Over time, its meaning has been refined to emphasize social and moral virtues more generally. And the Code of Chivalry, as it stood by the Late Middle Ages, was a moral system which combined a warrior ethos, knightly piety, and courtly manners, all conspiring to establish a notion of honor and nobility.

Clearly the concept is intended as an all-encompassing code of living, rooted in elevating ourselves and the world around us, through a rigorous code of conduct and ideals. A lot to live up to, and indeed a serious responsibility. As with all aspects of Masonic and moral obligations, it's often tough to look in the mirror and be able to say that we don't just talk the talk, but walk the walk.

Does this mean we are expected to be perfect and never without error? Of course not, as we are all sinners, and

accept the flawed nature of our earthly being. But it is what we do with that predicament that matters, and that is where our faith and chivalric orders come in. As Christ said in Mark 2:17 "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

It is precisely because we have assumed this identity as Christians and Knights that we have doubly committed ourselves to always focus on ways to improve our own lives, the lives of our families, friends and brothers, and to make the world a better place for generations to come. This is our Holy calling and our purpose as Knights.

Our uniforms, medals, swords, etc. are meant to reflect the passion, zeal, and dedication we feel is Christian Masons, but not to take the place of those things. We must be ever vigilant that we do not rest upon our own accomplishments and successes, but always remember the vows and oaths we have taken. We must every day in every way, live the ideals of our order.

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." - 2 Corinthians 8: 8-9

Yours in Faith,

Simon A. McIlroy
2015 Commander

2015 Officers

Commander
Simon Aristide McIlroy (Michelle)

Generalissimo
Daniel Graham Hood (Penny)

Captain General
David Jody Williams (Nataly)

Senior Warden
Teodorico Joseph Oliva III (Karla)

Junior Warden
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Please visit our website at www.sfvyrb.org and the website of the Grand York Rite Bodies of California www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org

Please send me an e mail to secretary@sfvyrb.org if there are any errors or omissions that need to be corrected.

Sincerely,

Carlos H. Gonzalez - Secretary/Recorder
San Fernando Valley York Rite Bodies