

San Fernando Valley York Rite Bodies

<u>Monthly Bulletin</u>

September 2015

I am pleased to announced that our A Drill Team competed at the Triennial in Buffalo, NY and came second to Melrose Commandery from Texas. Congratulations to the Drill Captain and all Drill Team members.

I am also pleased to report that David J. Kussman was elected Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment and he embarked in a line that will take him 12 years to complete. Congratulations SK David. Our support is always with you.

Fraternally,

Carlos H. Gonzalez KTCH, KYGCH, PGC

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

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



Fri Sep 4 Los Angeles Assembly No. 42 SOOB

> Mon Sep 7 LABOR DAY Dark

Saturday September 12 NEW DATE

Signet Chapter No. 57 Royal Arch Degrees conferral at 8 am

Mon Sep 14

Signet Chapter No 57 RAM Stated Meeting Dinner at 6:30 pm

<u>Fri Sept 18</u> Los Angeles Assembly No. 42 SOOB

Mon Sept 21

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

Mon Sept 28

Omega Council No 11 Stated Assembly Royal & Select Master Degrees Conferral Dinner at 6:30 pm

<u>Sat Oct 3</u>

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 Conferral of Chivalric Orders Breakfast at 7:30 am

Please mark your Calendars for:

Friday Oct 9, 10 and 11 Grand Lodge Communication in San Francisco

Sun Oct 18 to Wed Oct 21 Colorado River Fall Festival in Laughlin, Nevada Bus departs Oct 18 at 9 am

Friday October 23 at 6:30 pm Signet Chapter No. 57 TABLE CHAPTER (Royal Arch Masons only)

Los Angeles Assembly No. 42 Social Order of the Beauceant

Dear Beauceant Sisters,

Our September 4th meeting will be a celebration. Celebrating we are once again together and the reception in honor of Mrs. Vincent Bell, General Chairman, Knights Templar Eye Foundation. It is time to thank her for the many hours of service for



our Order. The assistance the Knights Templar Eye Foundation provides blesses many people and the gift of sight is preserved or enhanced as a result of their work. Mrs. Bell's part in this work is important and responsible. Attire is something festive; lunch will be catered. See you there.

September 18th will be brown bag lunch. It will be our last meeting before Supreme Assembly.

Supreme Assembly, September 21-25, 2015 in Texas is our time to go back to school. There is always something new to learn at the School of Instruction. Supreme Assembly is also a time to renew friendships, make new friends, and enjoy the area we visit. Please keep those who are traveling in your thoughts and prayers. They will be happy to share what they learn when we gather in October.

Mrs. Harland Forell will be working hard as a member of the Supreme Registration Committee. Unfortunately she was unable to travel to our meeting to be celebrated, but we will have the opportunity to celebrate her in the future. She is a dedicated and devoted member of our Order. We are proud of her.

Mrs. Bruce Ewald is organizing the Western States Breakfast at Supreme Assembly. She is involving many Sisters and we give her our support as she once again steps up to serve.

You are a loving and supportive family of Sisters - supporting those

who are active and encouraging those who have health issues or other needs. Faith, Loyalty and Love represents each of you. You are true Beauceant Sisters.

Beauceant Love, Mrs. James Burkett, President

<u>Calendar</u>

September 4 Stated Meeting Hot Entrée - Mrs. Ewald Dessert - Mrs. Barbara Miller

September 18 Stated Meeting - Brown Bag Dessert - Mrs. Burkett

2015 Officers

President Mrs. James Burkett, PP 1999/2000

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Mrs. Xavier Pitassi

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Outer Guard

Mrs. Paul E. McElwain

Signet Chapter No. 57 - Royal Arch Masons

Dear Companions and Ladies,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer so far! As we get back into the swing of things, I want to encourage everyone to come to our Sept Stated Convocation. It will be on the SECOND Monday, Sept 14, since the first Monday is Labor Day. We will have a nice treat from the Hollywood Chapter Demolay as they will visit our Chapter and present the Flower Talk.



DeMolay Ceremony of Roses and Motherhood

"DeMolay can ask no more of you than that you shall endeavor so to live as to be worthy of your mother's love." (excerpt from Ceremony of Roses of the Order of DeMolay) The Ceremony of Roses, or commonly known as Flower Talk, is one of the most celebrated ceremonies of the fraternity. It is memorized by heart by almost all DeMolays and delivered as part of public ceremonies. The title was captured from the actions that are done before the end of the ceremony. Each brother offers a rose to his mother, whether alive or departed, to symbolize his appreciation of the sacrifices she has made for him, and the love and care she has given him.

Please welcome the Hollywood Chapter Demolay this next meeting as we reconvene in September! Also don't forget to invite Brethren from your Lodges to join the Chapter this month as this will be the last

class for the year!

As many of you know, our Table Chapter is coming up soon on Oct 23rd at 6:30 and we will be honoring the Most Excellent Steve Goad, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California. We will be having a 7 course meal as follows: Chicken Nugget Quiches, Romaine Salad, Chicken Parmesan, Pasta Salad, Salmon, Cake, and Ice Cream. You will also receive a commemorative canon shot glass for you to keep! It will only cost \$20 per person to reserve. The attire will be formal with red accessories (for example: Tux with red bow tie or red cummerbund). If you attend without any red at all, it will be an automatic \$10 penalty! Bring lots of cash with you as all proceeds raised will go towards the Grand High Priest's Charities. Please bring a check, money order, or cash to our next Stated Convocation to lock in a spot! Thank you

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ex. Companion Eric Bertolli 2015 High Priest

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Omega Council No. 11 - Cryptic Masons

Companions and Ladies,

The end of summer is drawing near and it is time to resume our labors in the Secret Vault. Our next meeting is Monday,



September 28th, 2015, and we will be conferring the Royal Master and Select Master Degrees as part of our summerfall degree festival at the San Fernando Valley York Rite bodies. If you have a part or are interested in a part in the degrees, please contact our degree coordinator, Illustrious Companion Bruce Hudson, to confirm you part. If you have a candidate to receive degrees in our Council, please contact our Recorder, Illustrious Companion Carlos Gonzalez, ASAP.

Cryptic Rite Degrees. The Cryptic Degrees are a set of three degrees controlled by the Select Masters Council. The degrees get their name from the reference to a hidden or secret vault in the degrees, hence the term Cryptic. Only the first two degrees are regularly worked, the third degree, that of Super Excellent Master, is worked as an honorary degree, not being required as a requisite for membership in the Council. It is also somewhat peculiar in its association with the Cryptic degrees, as it is more closely allied in theme and character with the Royal Arch and the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. The history of the body as a whole is also shrouded in uncertainty and controversy. Though there is early evidence of Councils of Royal and Select Masters being worked in the United States, the degrees were worked variously by their own Councils, Royal Arch Chapters, and even Lodges of Perfection of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Though the Scottish Rite has long relinguished any claim to these degrees, several Grand Jurisdictions (VA & WVA) still confer them as a part of Capitular Masonry. In England, the degree of Most Excellent Master is grouped with this body. In the United States, all business is conducted in the Select Masters Council, the other two bodies only being opened for the conferral of degrees. Some jurisdictions hold "table councils" in similar manner to "table lodges" as a social focal point of their local York Rite bodies.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." Revelation 22:12-13

Sincerely and Fraternally,

David J Williams 2015 Illustrious Master

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Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 - Knights Templar

Dear Ladies and Sir Knights,

Greetings to you all, on behalf of the officers of Los Angeles Commandery No 9, I hope you are having a great summer. Soon the seasons begin to change again, as we feel the last strains of summer giving way to darkness and renewal. I've always found these months to be the crescendo of Mother Earth's annual cycle, where the life and vibrancy of our



planet burns brightest, and before we slip into the dark night of winter. Enjoy the nurturing heat and warmth before it fades, and celebrate the end of a fruitful summer in whatever tradition you hold dear.

You have heard me speak before about the importance of living our Christian ideals as Masons and Knights, and no where do I see this more humbly evidenced than in our annual visits to the MidnightMission. It is there that we serve the less fortunate, and donate our financial and materials support to aid in their recovery and improvement of their circumstances. Thank you to all the Sir Knights and their families who participated, you are truly richer for having done so and bring blessings upon your selves and our order.

I want to offer a sincere congratulations to one of our own, Sir Knight David Kussman, on having been elected to the office of Right Eminent Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. This is the first time in approximately 66 years that California has been represented on the national level of Templary, a truly momentous occasion and one we should all be proud of.

He said to [his] disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Notice the ravens: they do not sow or reap; they have neither storehouse nor barn, yet God feeds them. How much more important are you than birds!Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest? Notice how the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them.

- Luke 12: 22-27

Yours in Faith,

Simon A. McIlroy 2015 Commander

2015 Officers

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

Sincerely,

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