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Editor's Message

At the end of this edition you will find the results of Grand Sessions for all three bodies. The new presiding officers have begun their tours of duty – visit and support them at the Reception for them in your area. The Golden State Chapter of Research, begun a few years ago under the vision of M. E. Edgar Fentum, has revised its Bylaws. It will issue a new booklet within a few months of the Grand Orations this year, as it did also for 2010. Mark Harris has arranged a Grand Council Fund Raising Cruise to Cabo. And finally get the details below on an upcoming Super Excellent Master Degree conferral.

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 should be available during the summer, no later than our next meeting during the Annual Communication at Grand Lodge. Stay tuned for further details.

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Colorado River Fall Festival

It is time now to plan for The River! Great opportunity to get all York Rite Degrees. Go to www.crff.org for reg info. \$136 will get you registered and 3 nights lodging. **Deadline: Oct First.**

O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far

Here's an offering of Lawrence Greenleaf, Past Grand Master of Colorado, especially appropriate as we begin anew another York Rite year – Capitular, Cryptic, and Templar:

O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far
And knocked at many a door,
Since first we wore thy Lambskin gift
And trod thy Checkered Floor.
Since first thy symbols met our gaze
And claimed our constant thought,
Till patient search at length revealed
The hidden truths they taught.
When heart at name of Brother thrilled,
And loyal but to thee,
We loved thy Square and Compass, and
Adored thy letter G.

The Chapter held recovered truths,
Why not possess the same?
That thought awoke a new desire
And fanned it into flame.

The honor sought at length was ours,
We read the Keystone's face
And saw the treasures long entombed
Brought from their hiding place.
Another tie had bound our heart,
Another name had we
O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far
Yet still we cling to thee.

The Council next a votary claimed
We passed within its door.
The orders then of Knighthood took,
But still we craved for more.
The Scottish Rite's prolific brood
Rose temptingly to view,
We reveled in the mysteries
Expressed by 32.
At last the crowning honor came,
With figure 33.
O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far,
Yet still we cling to thee.

O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far,
From thy more simple ways
Mid scenes of splendid pageantry
With glories all ablaze.
Where dulcet strains fall on our ear
And pealing anthems ring,
And wisdom of the antique world
Was voiced by silvery tongue
And yet, withal, true Son of Light
With vision clear to see,
O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far,
Yet still we cling to thee.

O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far,
With longings vain possessed,
No higher jewel than thy Square
Is worn on Mason's Breast.
No higher badge than thy first gift,
The Lambskin pure and white,
Thy Pointed Star ascendant is
O'er every grade and rite.
Between thy Pillars all must pass,
Or else must cease to be.
O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far,
Yet still we cling to thee.

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Grand Secretary.	Kenneth G. Hope HPGHP.	Triple Tau Chapter No. 33
Grand Lecturer.	Frederick G. Kleyn III.	San Diego Chapter No. 61
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Grand Royal Arch Captain.	Richard D. Baskin.	San Diego Chapter No. 61
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Grand Master of the First Veil.	Dick Jolley.	Plumas Chapter No. 107
Grand Orator.	Geoffrey P. Holbrook.	Imperial Valley Chapter No. 109
Grand Marshal North.	Richard E. Thornton.	Stockton Chapter No. 28
Grand Marshal South.	Thomas R. Handell.	Tyre Chapter No. 130
Grand Soloist.	Thomas E. Colgan.	Triangle Chapter No. 155
Grand Musician.	Ernesto C. Balba, Jr.	Pomona Chapter No. 76
Grand Sentinel.	Virgil W. Mink.	Riverside Chapter No. 67
Assistant Grand Secretary.	Albert M. Lewis.	Triple Tau Chapter No. 33

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN BRONZE

Frederick G. Kleyn III. San Diego Chapter No. 61

SWEETHEART AWARD

Lady **Marianne Hammack**

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CALIFORNIA AWARDS

GRAND HIGH PRIEST DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Miles W. Thompson.	Oakland Chapter No. 36
James L. Chapman.	Plumas Chapter No. 107
Leland G. Routt.	Stockton Chapter No. 28
Paul D. Erickson.	San Luis Chapter No. 62
Roger W. Price.	Imperial Valley Chapter No. 109

HIGH PRIEST OF THE YEAR

High Priest for the State.	Lawrence R. Rodriguez.	San Luis Chapter No. 62
High Priest of the Year Department #1.	Thomas C. Chavez.	California Chapter No. 1
High Priest of the Year Department #2.	Charles E. Bos.	Plumas Chapter No. 107
High Priest of the Year Department #3.	Fenton R. Mereness.	Sonora Chapter No. 2
High Priest of the Year Department #5.	Geoffrey P. Holbrook.	Imperial Valley Chapter No. 109

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR

Secretary of the Year for the State. **Gary L. Schlussler**. Nevada Chapter No. 6
Secretary of the Year Department #1. **Harlan J. Mohn**. Sebastopol Chapter No. 117
Secretary of the Year Department #3. **Gary E. Benns**. Sonora Chapter No. 2
Secretary of the Year Department #5. **Kermit Rosenthal**. Downey Chapter No. 157

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Darrell J. Bunker. High Desert Chapter No. 127
Bruce L. Ewald. Signet Chapter No. 57
Simon A. McIlroy. Signet Chapter No. 57
David E. Rush. Signet Chapter No. 57
Ernesto C. Balba, Jr.. Azusa Chapter No. 80

MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

Mike L. Szepfalvi. Kern River Chapter No. 162
Carlos H. Gonzalez. Signet Chapter No. 57
Chapter with the highest percentage increase in membership (10.8%).. . . . **Azusa Chapter No. 80**
Chapter with the highest number of new members (41). **Signet Chapter No. 57**

RUSSELL D. ROBERTS PERPETUAL TROPHY

Guy M. Chalmers. Petaluma Chapter No. 22

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2011-1 To amend the distribution of Life Membership funds Passed
Resolution 2011-2 To amend the distribution of Life Membership funds Failed
Resolution 2011-3 To amend the By-Laws of the Research Chapter. Withdrawn
Resolution 2011-4 To amend the selection process of the Meritorious Service Award Passed

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS - 2011 GRAND ASSEMBLY REPORT

GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Master. **Robert A. L. Whitfield**. Oakland Council No. 12
Deputy Grand Master. **Raymond D. Godeke**. Orange County Council No. 14
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. **Richard W. Williamson**. King Solomon's Council No. 29
Grand Treasurer. **Frederick J. "Tiny" Potter**, MIPGM. Ventura Council No. 15
Grand Recorder. **Kenneth G. Hope**, HMIPGM. Shekinah Council No. 35
Grand Director of Ritual. **Kenneth G. Nagel**. San Jose Council No. 20
Grand Chaplain (North).. **David P. Glass**. Gateway Council No. 13
Grand Chaplain (South). **Neal N. Leonard**. San Diego Council No. 23
Grand Captain of the Guard. **David L. Chesebro**. San Luis Obispo Council No. 38
Grand Conductor of the Council. **Brett A. MacDonald**. Shekinah Council No. 35
Grand Steward. **Henry Clayton Jr.**. King Solomon's Council No. 29
Grand Sentinel. **William E. Price**. California Council No. 2
Grand Orator.. **Joseph H. Ross**. Oakland Council No. 12
Grand Marshal (North). **C. Leslie Dent**, MIPGM. King Solomon's Council No. 29
Grand Marshal (South). **Robert W. McNamara**. Orange County Council No. 14
Grand Soloist. **K. Mark Harris**. Oakland Council No. 12
Grand Bible Bearer. **Lee P. Whelan**. Riverside Council No. 59

Grand Standard Bearer..... **Donald L. Scott**..... Modesto Council No. 61
Assistant Grand Recorder..... **Albert M. Lewis**..... Shekinah Council No. 35

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Cryptic Mason of the Year..... **Lee P. Whelan**..... Riverside Council No. 59
Adult Leadership Award..... **Mrs. Denise Jow**

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF CALIFORNIA AWARDS

GRAND MASTER of ISH SODI AWARD

Robert A. Morrison..... Shasta Council No. 6
Scott E. Barbu..... Amador Council No. 31
Allan D. Miller..... Visalia Council No. 43
Harvey B. Lyman..... Omega Council No. 11
James M. Sunseri..... Orange County Council No. 26
James H. Mason..... Riverside Council No. 59

ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR

Bruce L. Ewald..... Omega Council No. 11

RECORDER OF THE YEAR

Allan D. Miller..... Visalia Council No. 43

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Darrell J. Bunker..... Oasis Council No. 64
Simon A. McIlroy..... Omega Council No. 11
Ernesto C. Balba, Jr...... Foothill Council No. 42

MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

William E. Price..... Shasta Council No. 6
David E. Rush..... Omega Council No. 11
Council with the highest percentage increase in membership (12.3%)..... **Foothill Council No. 42**
Council with the highest increase in number of members (42)..... **Omega Council No. 11**

RITUALIST OF THE YEAR

Ritualist for the State..... **Harold D. Kennedy**..... Foothill Council No. 42
Ritualist for Department 1..... **Tyler A. Layne**..... Oakland Council No. 12
Ritualist for Department 2..... **Don E. Lamoureux**..... Gateway Council No. 13
Ritualist for Department 3..... **Mike L. Szepfalvi**..... Bakersfield Council No. 28
Ritualist for Department 4..... **Rick L. Baca**..... Omega Council No. 11
Ritualist for Department 6..... **David B. Murr**..... Riverside Council No. 59

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2011-1 To amend the distribution of Life Membership funds..... Passed
Resolution 2011-2 To create a new logo/seal for the Councils and Grand Council..... Passed
Resolution 2011-2 To amend the selection process of the Ish Sodi Award..... Passed

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR - 2011 GRAND CONCLAVE REPORT

GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Commander.....	Casey W. Norris	Vacaville Commandery No. 38
Deputy Grand Commander.....	Howard W. "Bud" Ramsey	San Jose Commandery No. 10
Grand Generalissimo.....	Myron A. Tisdell	Redding Commandery No. 50
Grand Captain General.....	Carlos H. Gonzalez	Los Angeles Commandery No. 9
Grand Senior Warden.....	Fenton R. Mereness	Vacaville Commandery No. 38
Grand Junior Warden.....	Stephen E. Alderete	St. Bernard Commandery No. 23
Grand Prelate.....	Thomas M. Boles	Golden West Commandery No. 43
Grand Treasurer.....	Gary D. Miller , PGC.....	Riverside Commandery No. 28
Grand Recorder.....	Kenneth G. Hope , HPGC.....	Golden West Commandery No. 43
Grand Standard Bearer.....	Harold N. "Hal" Barker	Auburn Commandery No. 52
Grand Sword Bearer.....	Thomas N. Thomas	Whittier Commandery No. 51
Grand Warder.....	Malcolm G. Hill	Auburn Commandery No. 52
Grand Sentinel.....	Geoffrey D. Risse	El Dorado Commandery No. 4

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE U.S.A. AWARDS

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

Thomas R. Derby	Orange County Commandery No. 36
C. Miles Scandrett	Los Angeles Commandery No. 9

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

William J. Bray III	Los Angeles Commandery No. 9
David J. Kussman	Orange County Commandery No. 36
Gary D. Miller	Riverside Commandery No. 28
David P. Glass	Auburn Commandery No. 52
Thomas A. Krummell	Auburn Commandery No. 52

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE

Lady **Katie Ryland**
Lady **Kim Kussman**
Lady **Lynda Derby**

KNIGHT TEMPLAR SWORD OF MERIT

Walter David Hanisch	Auburn Commandery No. 52
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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CALIFORNIA AWARDS

COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

Cleveland Valrey	Oakland Commandery No. 11
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RECORDER OF THE YEAR

David E. Sokol	Red Bluff Commandery No. 17
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OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE RITUAL STAFF

Robert A. Morrison	Red Bluff Commandery No. 17
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DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP AWARD

William E. Price Golden Gate Commandery No. 16
Simon A. McIlroy Los Angeles Commandery No. 9

MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

Darrell J. Bunker High Desert Commandery No. 79
David E. Rush Los Angeles Commandery No. 9
Ernesto C. Balba, Jr. Foothill Commandery No. 63
Commandery with the highest percentage increase (5.1%) **Golden Gate Commandery No. 16**
Commandery with the highest increase in the number of members (37)..... **Los Angeles Commandery No. 9**

DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

Class "B" Champion **Los Angeles Commandery No. 9** 937 points
Class "C" 1st Place **Orange County Commandery No. 36** 936 points
Class "C" 2nd Place **California Commandery No. 1** 901 points
Class "D" Champion **Golden West Commandery No. 43** 975 points

CROSS & CROWN AWARD

Commandery of the Year for Department 1 **San Diego Country Commandery No. 25**
Commandery of the Year for Department 2 **Los Angeles Commandery No. 9**
Commandery of the Year for Department 4 **San Jose Commandery No. 10**
Commandery of the Year for Department 5 **Vacaville Commandery No. 38**
Commandery of the Year for Department 8 **Redding Commandery No. 50**

COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR

San Jose Commandery No. 10

ORDER OF THE RED CROSS RITUAL COMPETITION

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2011-1 To amend the distribution of Life Membership funds. Passed
Resolution 2011-2 To amend the selection process of the Meritorious Service Medal. Passed

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April 25, 2011

Dear Council Companions,

It gives me a great pleasure to inform you that Omega Council No. 11 will be conferring the **Super Excellent Master Degree** on Saturday August 20th, 2011. I would like to extend an invitation to you and all of the Companions of your Council to attend this conferral.

There will be a luncheon at 11:30 am followed by the Degree at 1 pm. Both the luncheon and the Degree will take place at the Pasadena Scottish Rite Temple located at 150 North Madison Avenue in Pasadena. There will be a charge of \$10, which is not a Degree Fee. This amount is needed to cover the cost of the luncheon and expenses associated with the conferral. If you and your Companions are interested in attending, I urge you to make your reservations early by completing one of the attached Reservation Forms and forwarding it along with our check for \$10 to myself at the address listed above. **Please send your reservations by no later than August 10, 2011** so that we can get an accurate count for the luncheon and prepare your card in advance. Please note that this will be a tiled Degree. All companions (including Candidates) will be required to show a current Dues Card from their Council of Royal and Select Masters in order to gain admission.

Please mention about this event at your next Stated Assembly and if possible, place a notice in your bulletin so that those Companions who were absent will be made aware of this rare opportunity. I am also attaching Reservation Forms, which I hope you will make copies and post at a prominent location in your Temple.

Any assistance you can offer in getting the word out will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e mail or call me as listed above.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Carlos H. Gonzalez
Recorder



Omega Council No 11

Super Excellent Master Degree -

Reservation Form

For the conferral to take place on Saturday August 20, 2011 at the Pasadena Scottish Rite Temple located at 150 No. Madison Avenue in Pasadena. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am - Degree at 1 pm.

Full Name of Companion _____

Council Name and Number _____

Will this be your first time attending a conferral of this Degree? () Yes () No

Candidates and Members - Please attach your check in the amount of \$10 payable to **OMEGA COUNCIL NO. 11** and send it by no later than August 10, 2011 to

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