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### Capstone Course – First Capitular District

On Saturday, November 19, 2011, R.:E.: Larry Barnard, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the First Capitular District with the assistance of R.:E.: Piers A. Vaughan, Grand Captain of the Host conducted the District's Capstone Course on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in New York City. There were eight eager Companions in attendance, all seeking "Further Light in Masonry".

All participants found it a pleasurable and rewarding experience and were grateful to have the opportunity to share ideas and learn more about Royal Arch Masonry. ♦



Front Row (L to R) : Comp. Henry Colon, Comp. Raynald Leveque, Comp. Lenny Cedano, R.:E.: Michael Lampadarios, from Jerusalem - Amity Chapter No. 8, Comp. Constantine Kavadas from Constitution Chapter No. 140, Comp. Anthony Klimathianos from Jerusalem - Amity Chapter No. 8 and V.:E.: Yves Etienne from Zerubbabel Chapter No. 147

Back Row (L to R): R.:E.: Larry Barnard and Comp. James Gelzer from Freeport Long Island Chapter No. 302

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## Three Exalted in Tonawanda – Keystone No. 71

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, Companions from throughout the District gathered at Tonawanda-Keystone Chapter No. 71 in the 16<sup>th</sup> Capitulat District to exalt three new Companions to the Holy Royal Arch Degree. The Officers and Members of Tonawanda-Keystone's Degree Team presented the Degree work in full costume.

After the Degree R.:E.: David C. Kryzstofowicz, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 16<sup>th</sup> District, R.:E.: Richard J. Kessler, Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter State of New York, Royal Arch Masons and E.: Brian D. Singer, High Priest of the Chapter congratulated them and spoke briefly on the Royal Arch Charities and the calendar events of the chapter. All Companions then gathered in the banquet hall to meet and greet the newly Exalted Companions and enjoy some food and refreshments. ♦



Top Row (L to R): R.:E.: Richard J. Kessler, Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter State of NY RAM, E.: Brian D. Singer, High Priest of the Chapter, R.:E.: David C. Kryzstofowicz, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 16<sup>th</sup> Capitulat District

Bottom row L to R: Companions Daniel Peters, Robert J. Clark and Anthony Grisanti, of Holy Ark Chapter No. 304

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## Six New Companions in the 13<sup>th</sup> Capitulat District



First row (L to R): William Pittsley, Kenneth W. Sweet Jr., Caleb DeGroot, John T. Long, and Gregory Seaborn.

Second row (L to R): M.:W.: Bruce Widger, R.:E.: David Constable and R.:E.: Allen Boyce

Photo by Comp. George A. Reed

On Saturday December 3, 2011, Royal Arch Masons from the 12<sup>th</sup> Capitulat District led by R.:E.: David Constable, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 12<sup>th</sup> Capitulat District travelled to King David Chapter No. 34 in Port Byron, New York in order to assist in conferring the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees upon six Companions. Although the Chapter is in the 13<sup>th</sup> Capitulat District, the close bonds of Fellowship have always been strong between all the Chapters in the area, so the Companions in the 12<sup>th</sup> did not hesitate when asked to assist another Chapter bring more Brothers onto the path of Royal Arch Masonry. ♦

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## *Honorary Legion of Honor Ceremony*

On Sunday, November 27, 2011, M.:E.: Edmund D. Harrison, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International and R.:W.: Robert Savidio, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge State of New York were honored by the New York State DeMolay Organization by being knighted in the Honorary Legion of Honor Ceremony.

During the well-attended ceremony in Baldwin New York, M.:W.: Vincent Libone, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York asked our own M.:E.: Kenneth J. Fischer, Grand High Priest of New York to also say a few words to all in attendance. ♦



First Row (L to R): R.:W.: William Sardone, Executive Officer NY DeMolay, M.:E.: Kenneth J. Fischer, Grand High Priest, M.:E.: Edmund D. Harrison, General Grand High Priest, R.:E.: Piers A. Vaughan, Grand Captain of the Host.



First Row (L to R): William Koller, DeMolay State Master Councilor, R.:W.: James Sullivan, Deputy Grand Master, M.:W.: Vincent Libone, Grand Master, M.:E.: Edmund D. Harrison, General Grand High Priest, R.:W.: Robert Savidio, Grand Marshal.  
Second Row: Degree Team

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## *Holy Royal Arch Degree in Freeport - Long Island Chapter No. 302*



On Monday, November 21, 2011 the Holy Royal Arch Degree was performed at Freeport – Long Island Chapter No. 302 on two Companions, In attendance were E.: Linton Smith, High Priest of the Chapter, R.:E.: Michael Brolly, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Capitular District, R.:E.: Bob Barry, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 4<sup>th</sup> Capitular District, M.:E.: Walter Hilsenbeck, Grand High Priest 2005 and R.:E.: Bruce Testut, Grand Master of the Third Veil, Grand Chapter State of New York Royal Arch Masons. As can be seen by the picture below, there was a great turnout for the event and all were encouraged to return. ♦

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## *Past Master Degree at Tabernacle Chapter No. 177*

R.:E.: Murry Cohen, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 5<sup>th</sup> Capitular District visited Tabernacle Chapter No. 177 on December 19, 2011.

The Chapter conferred the Past Master Degree on five Companions. We wish to welcome Companion Eric Graefe, Companion Sebastian Martell, Companion Raphael Wong, Companion Richard Tirv and Companion David Calvello into our ranks. We are sure you will enjoy your search for more Light.

Of course after the degree, all Companions gathered for fellowship. ♦



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## Capstone Course in the 5<sup>th</sup> Capitular District

Companions of the 5<sup>th</sup> Capitular District met on Saturday November 19, 2011 to take the Capstone Course. The John M. Perry Post No. 1044 American Legion Hall was graciously donated for the day to host the meeting. After coffee and doughnuts, R.:E.: Maurice Cohen, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 5<sup>th</sup> Capitular District opened the session at 9 AM and gave an overview of the course. The instructors were R.:E.: Maurice Cohen, R.:E.: Robert Reynolds, Assistant Grand Lecturer, R.:E.: Robert Blake, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest and Companion Bruce McWade. During his remarks, R.:E.: Blake mentioned that this was the first time in our district that he could remember a Capstone Course being given.



The 16 Companions which took the course represented Rockland Valley No. 204, Highland No. 52, Poughkeepsie No. 172 and Tabernacle No. 177. Each Companion was presented with a beautiful certificate with their name inscribed on it. The Companions that completed the course were: Dave Barkstedt, Bob Miller, Steve Koch, Mike Quigley, Mel Birnbaum, John Conklin, Rollie Schofield, Dan Jonas, Chuck Wilkes, Manfred Wutke, Joe Montecer, Bob Hogan, Dan Elliot, Ron Smith, Bill McNeil, and Bruce Bogerd. Favorable comments were made regarding this course, and the Companions mentioned during discussions that they were motivated to do more. ♦

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## Capstone Course in the 1<sup>st</sup> Capitular District

In our quest to continue our Masonic Education, on Saturday, December 17, 2011, Companion Henry Colon, Companion Lenny Cedano, Companion Raynald Leveque, V.:E.: Yves Etienne, R.:E.: Michael Lampadarious, of the First Capitular District met together in order to complete the Grand Chapter State of New York Royal Arch Mason's Capstone Course.

In addition to our District Deputy Grand High Priest, R.:E.: Larry N. Barnard, we wish to thank V.:E.: Marco J. Henry, Assistant Grand Lecturer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Capitular District and R.:E.: Piers A. Vaughan, Grand Captain of the Host for their assistance in conducting the course successfully. ♦



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## Melchizedek Chapter No. 273 – Installation of Officers



On December 12, 2011, Melchizedek Chapter No. 273 held their election and installation of officers for 2012.

We were honored to have the Installation of Officers ceremony superbly officiated by M.:E.: Walter J. Hilsenbeck, Grand High Priest 2005. Also in attendance were R.:E.: Michael Brolly, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Capitular District and R.:E.: Robert Barry, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 4<sup>th</sup> Capitular District as well as Companion Anthony Pecorella, Official Photographer-at-Large of the NYRAM News.

This Chapter is working diligently to keep the York Rite presence in Oyster Bay alive and strong. The Chapter holds its meetings at the Matinecock Masonic Historic Society Building. In addition to our Chapter, this fine facility is also home to Master Mason Lodges, North Shore Council No. 88 Cryptic Masons, and Nassau Commandery No. 73 Knights Templar. ♦

### INSTALLED OFFICERS

High Priest	E.: Stephen J. Lovasz
King	Comp. David Diamondstein
Scribe	E.: Kenneth Sussman
Captain of the Host	Comp. Michael O'Shaughnessy
Principal Sojourner	R.:E.: Houston Powell
Royal Arch Captain	Comp. Sandy Psomas
Master of the Third Veil	E.: Louis Berlin
Master of the Second Veil	Comp. Anastasios Agelonias
Master of the First Veil	Comp. John Pecorella (not in pic)
Secretary	R.:E.: Larry Tuck
Treasurer	Comp. Martin Mishket
Sentinel	Comp. Miguel Martin

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## 18<sup>th</sup> Capitular District Visits Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon

On Tuesday December 20, 2011, a delegation headed by R.:W.: Anthony Milad, District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Syria-Lebanon visited the Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon working under Saint Jude Hospital and Located in Clemenceau Beirut. He was accompanied by a delegation of District Grand Officers and Companions of our own Cedars Chapter No. 335 Royal Arch Masons.

During the half hour allocated to the delegation by the Directors of the Center, \$500.00 worth of toys were distributed by Santa Clause and a check was presented in the amount of \$5,000.00 which included \$700.00 from the Companions of Cedars Chapter No. 335.

Our companions were content to draw a wide smile upon the young lips of the suffering children who for a short moment were saved from the dark abyss of pain and sadness to be released into the colorful meadows of happiness running under the shining rainbows of Hope toward a prompt recovery.

With Royalty in our minds and Holiness in our hearts, we end this year with this prayer:

***"Give, and it shall be given to you. A good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over shall be put into your lap. For with the same measure with which you measure, it shall be measured back to you."* – Luke 6:38**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2012 my Dear Companions, and May we always meet and act together in Peace, Love and Unity.

R.:E.: Razmig Djinbachian  
District Deputy Grand High Priest  
18<sup>th</sup> Capitular District



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*Announcement - Grand Chapter Sales Website is Now Open*

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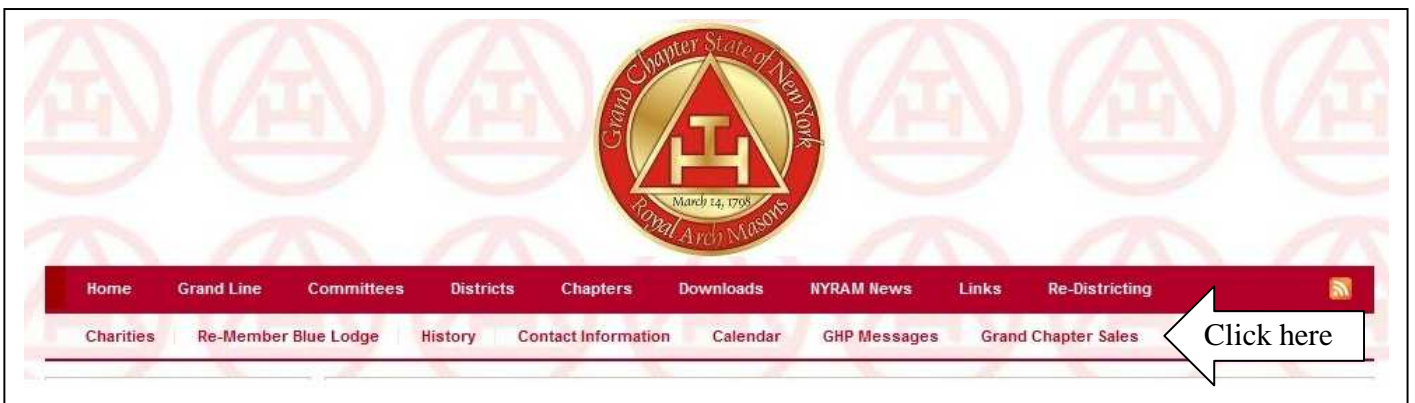
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