

Sword & Trowel is a monthly Newsletter published by Grand York Rite, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of California & provides information to all Companions and friends.



Discover meaning of "Cryptic Mason" traditions, leadership and values.

Let us, your Grand Officers Grand Council Cryptic Masons, help you on your personal Masonic Journey. Your Grand Officers are here to help you as a Friend, Brother, Companion to further your York Rite Experience. Remember, there is no Stranger among us, just a friend whom we have not yet had the pleasure of meeting.

SWORD & TROWEL



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163 years young

2023



February 2023



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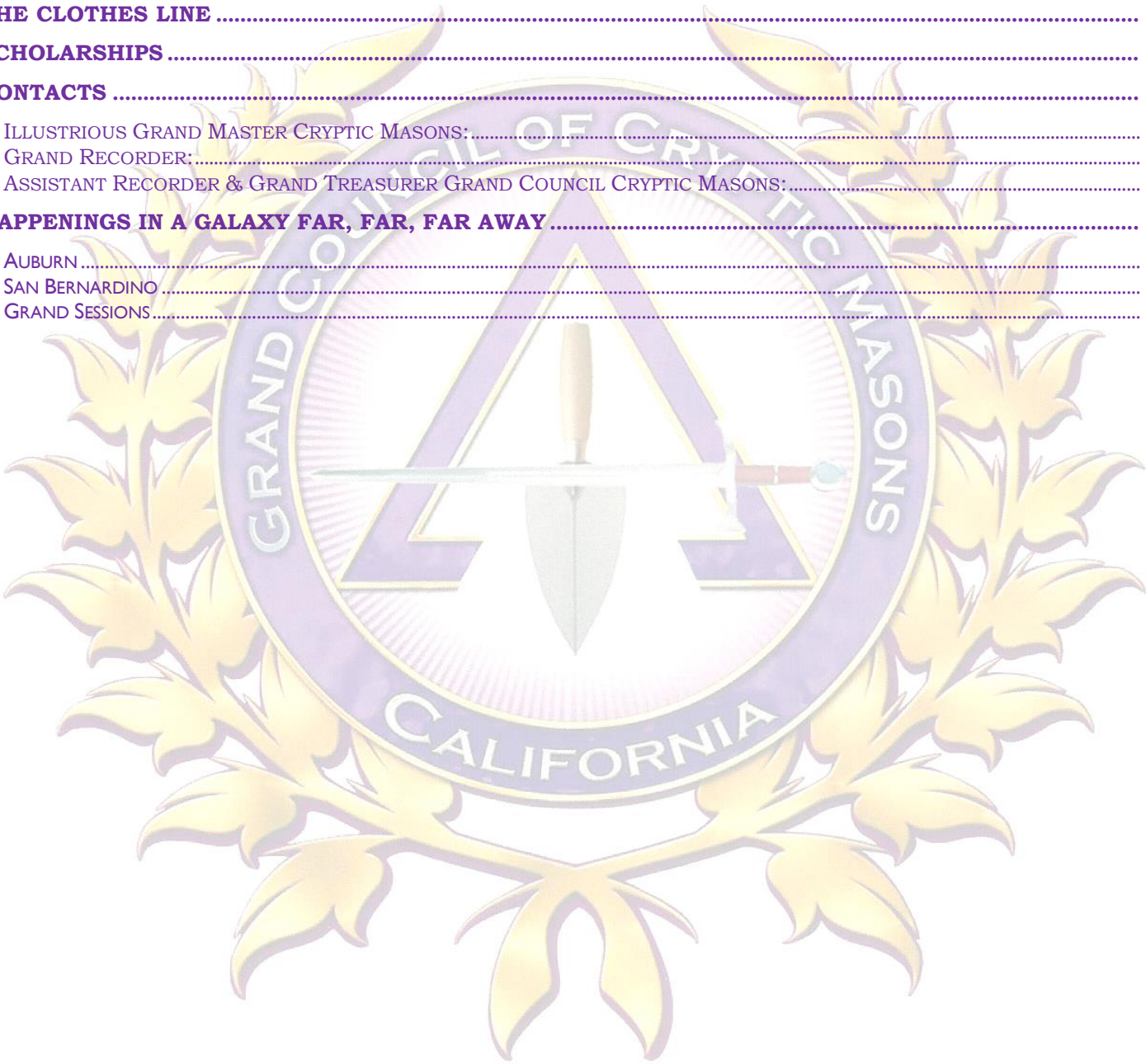
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Vision Statement

Cryptic Masonry is an organization where men of good character come together to improve themselves, their families, and their communities.

It is where the highest Masonic values are learned by its members and applied in all their doings.

As Cryptic Masons, we learn a way of life from our ancient teachings, develop meaningful and fulfilling lifelong relationships, and grow as enlightened men. We never hesitate to go out of our way to assist a widow, or a fallen brother.

Furthermore, membership in our Cryptic Councils provides us with a place where we, and our families, can find spirituality and likeminded positive thinkers, and where members of our community can depend on us for stability, leadership, and enlightenment.



Grand Council Cryptic Masons Officers

We, Grand Officers, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of California, have pledged to serve you, our beloved Companions to achieve excellence and satisfaction of your well-earned labor. We aim for your best and most imaginative efforts as we emerge from this life-changing pandemic to reconstruct our world in a better way



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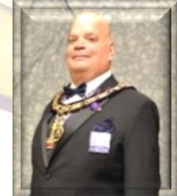
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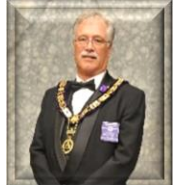
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Getting Started

Grand Greetings

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the newly installed Illustrious Masters and Officers of each Council in our State (29). The new turnovers present a time for new ideas and wishful thinking. With some serious study, your actions can change the course of your Councils for the better. Your ideas may prove fruitful and actually be FUN!



Now, if you've been following me since May of last year, you'll know that I believe how important it is for us to have FUN in our Councils and among our Companions especially. You'll realize that we're not going to attract new members, much less the Select Masters we already have, if we don't entertain them with the enjoyment of being among each other and having FUN. We're not going to learn anything if we don't respect the teacher and be enthusiastic about the knowledge received, which we are willingly demonstrating to them. Why not be concerned for our candidates, and the investment of our time, if we just drop them and expect them to figure it all out by themselves? Teaching is not easy.

Do you see my drift? We are a proud fraternity of really special men. We need to treat each other like our brothers, that is, like we like them! We can disagree with each other and still be Brothers with the four cardinal virtues and who promote each other's prosperity. The general public is watching us and forming an opinion.

I remember the advice given to me by my Coach when I asked, "Is it alright to stick a Masonic emblem on my car when I'm only an Entered Apprentice?" He replied, "It is if you can drive like one!" I use that phrase a lot.

Let's shift gears and talk about some things that can end up being FUN.

Me and IPM Rich Fonseca and EC Michael McKeown, and many others, have upgraded and vastly improved the York Rite website, yorkriteofcalifornia.org. Put this in your 'favorites' site as you'll go to it frequently, with your sign in and password, for writeable forms, rosters of members, official communications, and a new feature called 'Further Light and Other Interesting Things', where you'll find videos, papers, and pictures, as well as a merchandise store to buy cool shirts, hats and stuff. The home page has separate sections for the Royal Arch, Cryptic Council, and Knights Templar with all the good stuff for each. There is even a section for the Corporation of the York Rite to make reservations for the Annual Grand Sessions, consolidated in the website courtesy of EC David Glass. These features are still being developed and improved so be patient, it will only get better!

Imagine a Stated Assembly, opened in stoic proper form, conducting the business in thirty minutes, then calling off for the presentation of a twenty minute or so video, then closing also in stoic form, and going to refreshments (beer) and discussion. Should take about an hour for the meeting but the discussion could get interesting and last longer. Would you want to come back the next month? Let's say you found an article that makes sense to you and even connects you with some other interesting facts that all of a sudden puts it all together for you to understand the 'big picture'. That's exciting to me. Wouldn't you want to share it with your Brothers in a paper or discussion? Those kind of papers and talks will be on the website for you to download.

Now I have some somber news, Most Illustrious Everything, Sir Knight Rex R. Hutchins has passed this earthly veil on December 17, 2022. He was a giant of our fraternity and his column is broken. You can read about him at Christopher Hodapp's, <https://freemasonsfordummies.com> Brother Rex was a friend of mine who I met in Washington D.C. during an All-Masonic Week celebration. He and I and a Rabbi Brother once stayed up most of the night talking Masonry and I'll never forget the life lessons learned then.

Next depressing news: Amazon Smile will discontinue, after February 20, '23, their offer to give a portion of their sales to charities around the world like ours, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, CMMRF, because, "The program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped." "...our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin." I understand that the amounts may be meager to them but every dime makes a difference. I'm sad that this most profitable business can't continue to give to those less fortunate. It was so simple and easy to sign up for and did make a difference.

Looking on the more positive side of things, your donations to CMMRF have been most useful with the discoveries and development of stem cells. Two of the most advanced areas of research are aortic aneurisms (death) and amputations relating to arterial disease (diabetes), both of which can be cured with stem cells. Think how many veins go into and out from the heart that may get blocked and can now be repaired with stem cells. This is smart research that can help us now and probably will in the future. Your donations will advance these miracles and you'll feel good about it. There is a link on the website that will tell you all about CMMRF, please donate.

Bugs Bunny would say, "That's all folks!" Please spread this S&T message around to share, at least the link, it might not get read, and I really want my Brothers to read it.

btw, think you might want to check in next month?

Fraternally yours,

**Most Illustrious Guy M. Chalmers, KYGCH
Grand Master Cryptic Masons of California**

NEW YEAR BEGINNING

Hello Companions, one and all,



The New Year brought us all much rain for the start of 2024. I hope you were safe from any flooding and didn't require any rain repairs.

As we began the year in the South, I had the pleasure of installing three Councils: Valley Council No. 27 in San Bernardino on January 11th; Helix Council No. 58 in Escondido on January 17th, San Diego Council No. 23 on January 26th and attending the installations of San Diego Commandery No. 25 on January 24th with visitation from Beauseant Commandery UD, Jerold A. Wohlfarth No. 130 Chapter on January 17th and San Diego No. 61 Chapter on January 26th.



Helix Council No. 58 Installation



Jerold A. Wohlfarth No. 130 Installation



Valley Council No. 27 Installation



San Diego Council No. 23 Installation



San Diego Commandery No. 25 Installation

It was a great feeling to see younger members starting to get involved with their Chapters, Councils and Commanderies. In 2022, we saw more members attending more meetings (be it Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery) as people returned from the isolation caused by COVID. I believe in 2023 we'll have even more members attending and getting back to normality. We hope this will also result in us being able to do more degree festivals that will produce more new members. A lot of us haven't held Officer Schools of Instruction (OSI) in quite some time due to COVID. There were a few, but not the numbers we are accustomed to seeing. This year I will be addressing our Grand Director of Ritual, Assistant Directors of Ritual's (ADR's), and Inspectors to hold OSI's to get Council's back on track to make sure we're not only doing the degrees but doing them properly. We want candidates to leave with a feeling they have gained/learned something new, as well as having a better understanding of why they have joined the Cryptic Masons and the York Rite.

In York Rite we get into the Ancient Craft aspect of Freemasonry. As we learn in the Craft degrees (Master Mason degree) the Master's word is lost. We rediscover it in the Royal Arch Degree (Chapter). In the Cryptic Masonry degrees, you represent the Master Builder, Hiram Abif, learn why the word was lost, and the secret of its preservation and recovery. The Commandery (Knights Templar) Orders have memorialized the comradery, commitment, and pious faith of those becoming Templars. The ritual teaches beautiful lessons on the death and ascension of our Savior. The candidate is at last received into full fellowship in the most solemn manner. As some of us call it, "The Rebuilding of the Temple."

In York Rite we have the luxury of asking someone if they would like to join. In asking someone to join the York Rite, it is hoped that you ask those perspective members whether they are seeking further light in Masonry rather than just seeking another title.

This month I also had the pleasure of going to Sacramento and meeting with our Grand Recorder, Phil Hardiman, along with our Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Jeff White. We reviewed the proposed budget for the coming year. While the discussions took most of the day, we came out of the meeting very satisfied with the results.

There is truly a lot of preparation in getting ready for Grand York Rite Sessions in May, as well as getting ready to go into the East as your next Grand Master, if so elected. I plan to be not only willing, but prepared for such an undertaking, and so honored to serve you and the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons for the State of California for the issuing 2023 – 2024 Cryptic year. Together, we will do great work! I believe that is all I have for now. Until next time Companions.

Enjoy, be safe and may God Bless you and your families,

Fraternally,

Right Illustrious Companion
Michael T. Sherman, KYCH, OSV Deputy Grand Master
DGO Department 8 – Arch 12 & 13
Grand Council Cryptic Masons of California

TAX REPORTING

During a Grand Officer, ADR, DGO, REF, & Inspector's meeting last night, This MASON volunteered to help York Rite Masons

Robert Wellington of Orange County Chapter No. 73 is willing to assist Chapters with guidance to restore their **tax-exempt status**, if needed. If you would rather speak to a brother, Companion and Sir Knight, than an IRS or FTB agent, feel free to contact Bob at 714-396-0846, or rozekroy@gmail.com



Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation

Dear Richard Thornton,

This is the quarterly notification to inform you that AmazonSmile has made a charitable donation to the charity you've selected, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, in the amount of \$325.92 as a result of qualifying purchases made by you and other customers between July 1st - September 30th.

Thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com or using the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned ON, everyday purchases make an impact. So far, AmazonSmile has donated:

- \$4,136.18 to Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation*
- Over \$400 million to US charities
- Over \$449 million to charities worldwide

Visit your AmazonSmile impact page to track donations generated or change your charity.

The donation amount "you have generated" may take several days to update after your order ships. Additional donations generated as a result of special offers may take several months to update. Donations to charities are issued quarterly.

[Learn more](#)

Programs: Contribution to Indiana University Foundation for Indiana University Medical School and communications with them regarding research choices and progress.

CMMRF this year is March 6, 2022. There is a goal of having each Cryptic Mason donate at least \$5. Donating online is easy and you can sign up for monthly donations at any level of giving.

<https://www.cmmrf.org/donate/>



Donor Recognition Program

Because we appreciate your generosity, appropriate lapel pins and plaques are awarded based on cumulative totals.

Individuals

- \$ 50 – Bronze Lapel Pin
- \$ 100 – Bronze Lapel Pin with Stone
- \$ 150 – Silver Lapel Pin
- \$ 300 – Silver Lapel Pin with Stone
- \$ 500 – Gold Lapel Pin
- \$ 750 – Gold Lapel Pin with Stone
- \$ 1,000 – General Grand Master's Plaque & Gold Lapel Pin with 1 Diamond Chip
- \$ 2,000 – Gold Lapel Pin with 2 Diamond Chips
- \$ 16,000 – Gold Lapel Pin with 1 Large Amethyst and 1 Diamond Chip

Councils

- \$1,000 – General Grand Master's Plaque
- \$2,000 – Extender Bar for Plaque

Each additional \$1,000 donation the Council will earn another extender bar or another diamond chip for the individual.

THE WORK OF CRYPTIC MASONS

Freemasonry seeks to improve the community by improving the individual. Therefore, Councils of Cryptic Masons are found working with Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies, giving more opportunities to improve one's skills in leadership, public speaking, interpersonal relationships, and administration. This empowers Masons to become better leaders in their career, church, and community. Councils also work with these and other Masonic groups in community service projects to demonstrate Masonic teachings as a way of life.

The General Grand Council established the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation to give Cryptic Masons an opportunity to turn Masonic philosophy into a living practice. Issues like diabetes, stroke, poor circulation, heart failure, wound healing, and many other diseases share the common denominator of blood vessels, so vascular research is a vital part of treating many different kinds of illnesses.

YOU CAN HELP

Be a working partner in CMMRF!

Ask an ambassador to speak at your meeting. Our mission is to reach the entire community and educate everyone about the research and successes at the Indiana University Vascular Research Program.

Our work today, will help generations to come to live better and healthier lives. Let us work together to support the IU School of Medicine and to find cures!



Your gift will be receipted by:

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH
FOUNDATION
PO Box 210
Brownsburg, IN 46112-0210

WWW.CMMRF.ORG

Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation

and the

Indiana University School of Medicine



Partners
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Discovery

Recorder Essentials

Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org.

Scroll down and click on "York Rite Forms and Documents." Then click on the appropriate logo. A window opens where you enter the userid, which is "cagyr" and the password, which is "brio"

Scroll down to Officers Manual, which has information for the Secretary, and print that out. Many concepts in the Grand Chapter manual are relevant to the Councils and Commanderies.

Priorities are as follows:

1. **Dues Collection** – You should send out dues notices no later than October, with payments from members due by December 31st.
2. **Membership control** -- Especially important is the very last item, "Royal Arch Monthly Report." This is relevant to you as a Secretary/Recorder if you do not yet have a userid for access to MMS – Masonic Membership Solutions. If you fill the paper report out each month, whenever you encounter changes to the membership, you will find it much easier at the end of the year to produce the year-end report, which is used to compute the amount of per capita the Chapter needs to pay. That payment is due by Jan 15th each year. Important changes to your membership include new members, demits, remits and deaths. Maintain e-mail addresses for members and you can easily then forward the monthly newsletter, The WORKMAN, to them.
3. Do not cavalierly suspend members for non-payment of dues. There is a Constitutional process that should be followed rigorously in order that members, who may have moved and not received your dues notice, are treated fairly. See the following sections of the relevant Constitution in order to learn about this process:

Chapter: See Section 201 in the Constitution at

<http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Chapter/ROYAL%20ARCH%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

Council: See Section 30-10 in the Constitution at

<http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Council/Grand%20Council%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

Commandery: See Section 347 in the Constitution at

<http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Commandery/GRAND%20COMMANDERY%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

4. **Per Capita** -- The Per Capita payment, due each Jan 15th, does not require action by the Chapter to be paid. You will need good, up-to-date end-of-year number of active members that is crucial for us when we compute your per capita payment. Without good data you will most likely overpay your per capita requirement. It is sensible to begin your process near the end of the CY, as soon as possible. It is also sensible, if you have access to the Grand Lodge database, to check each member to see if they are still alive. But most important is getting a userid to utilize MMS.
5. **Insurance** -- The Insurance payment, due each July 15th, does not require action by the Chapter, Council or Commandery to be paid. You will be billed for the payment by the Grand Secretary-Recorder.
6. **Lodge Book of Marks** – Maintain this up-to-date, or perhaps arrange for a PHP to take on the responsibility of maintaining.

7. **Minutes** – Take good minutes, but don't over-do it by trying to capture everything that is said. Focus on having a clear representation of motions made and the vote count by which they passed or failed. In addition to keeping petitions in a separate file, it is good practice to replicate the basic petitioner information in the minutes. It is also a good practice to keep the names of attendees at each meeting in the minutes. If conferring a degree, keep a copy of the cast members and the candidate(s). Also, please send the candidate class names to the Grand Secretary.
8. **Grand Sessions** – Before the April meeting, remind the Dais officers they are responsible to attend, and arrange a stipend if your Chapter, Council or Commandery can afford it. Remind members who expect to attend to be sure to take their dues cards. If Dais Officers of the Chapter and Council cannot attend, they may issue a proxy, or they may elect a representative. This is true also for Commanderies, whose members cannot issue proxies. The appropriate forms can be obtained on the Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials."
9. **Order of High Priesthood** – Be sure the current HP and PHPs know they are eligible to receive this Order. In fact, it is a Constitutional requirement! Share the petition with them and send to the Grand Secretary. This requirement does not appear to be true for the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree or the Past Commander's Association. Petitions dies are available at the secure website.

THE CLOTHES LINE

A line of Jackets for our York Rite bodies continues to be available at MP. ENTERPRISES. The price for red and blue is great -- \$115.00 plus shipping, for sizes 34 to 49 in short, regular and tall; and \$125.00 plus shipping for sizes 50 to 59, also in short, regular, and tall; and \$135.00 plus shipping, for sizes 60-69. Also available are Men's and ladies' vests, tuxedos and shirts, pins, patches, and flags, and OES T-Shirts. Contact Max Luy at (510) 502-3224; or at his website: www.mpenterprises.weebly.com; or directly to his email at maxluy@hotmail.com.

ScholarShips

Companions,

Your children, grandchildren, & for some, great-grandchildren may receive financial help for attending school. After opening up Scholarship Center website, have them go to bottom of page & find the Scholarship Manual in (PDF format – 450KB) to download.

There they will find instructions for filling out the forms.

This is the [link](#) which will take you to the public Grand Lodge web page on scholarships. All the information you need should be right there. This is a complete manual that you can download that talk about all of the scholarships available from the California Masonic Foundation as well as the

[Scottish Rite](#), [York Rite](#), [Eastern Star](#), [High Twelve](#), [DeMolay](#), [Job's Daughters](#), & [Rainbow for Girls](#).

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Happenings in a Galaxy Far, Far, Far Away

Auburn

Please join the York Rite Bodies of Auburn, Nevada City, Sacramento & Woodland at the Grand York Rite Reception honoring:



Most Excellent Companion R. Scott Husmann, KYGCH
Grand High Priest



Most Illustrious Companion Guy M. Chalmers, KYGCH
Most Illustrious Grand Master



Sir Knight Craig L. Flagtwet, KCT, KYGCH
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Saturday, Feb 11th

**Social Hour beginning at 4:30,
with Dinner at 5:30, and Program at 6:30**

John H. Robinson Memorial Masonic Temple
956 1/2 Lincoln Way Auburn, CA

Cost for Dinner is \$35 per person

\$36.50 if charging to your credit card using this QR code with your smart phone:
or visit <https://auburnvorkrite.square.site/product/reception-dinner/31>



Questions: please call (916) 877-5335 or email RSVP@AuburnYorkRite.org

Please send this portion & your check payable to Auburn York Rite (or using the link above for credit card payment) **before February 4th** to:

Dave Glass 6431 Valley Hi Drive Sacramento, CA 95823-4838

Name: _____

Title: _____

Confirmation preference: Email me at: _____ Call me at: _____

Indicate Count: Beef Entree Chicken Entree Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Spring 2023

York Rite Festival

Royal Arch Chapter Degrees

Mark, Past, Most Excellent & Royal Arch

Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.

Cryptic Mason Council Degrees

Royal Master & Select Master

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

Knights Templar Commandery Orders

Red Cross, Malta & Order of the Temple

Saturday, April 1, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.

Please Check-In Early!

Sharp Time Set - Conferral of Degrees & Orders

All at the

San Bernardino York Rite Masonic Temple

2888 Arrowhead Avenue

San Bernardino, California 92405-3805

sbyrb@juno.com

Please be early to avoid delays / Prompt conferral times are set

Grand Sessions



2023 Grand York Rite Sessions May 14th to May 17th, 2023 – Visalia, CA

Each person attending must fill out a registration form Please print your names and titles as you would like it printed on your badge
 Do you prefer your confirmation by: email (default) none phone call (latest time to call _____)

Name: _____ Lady / Guest: _____
 Title(s): _____
 Lady / Guest Title(s): _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
 Zip: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Arrival Date / Time: _____ Departure Date / Time: _____

I am a member of: Please list the number(s) that you are a member of RAM # _____ CM # _____ KT # _____

*R.O. is Reservation Only. There is no charge for the event. However, if you plan to attend, please mark it on your reservation form

Day/Date	Time	Please enter the number of Meals/Events you are requesting	Price	Total
Sun - 14 th	8:00 AM	GYR CA Corporation Annual Meeting ___	*R.O.*	
	10:30 AM	Allied Masonic Degrees Statewide Meeting ___ Your AMD Council Number _____	*R.O.*	
	11:00 AM	Battalion & Belles Brunch Southwestern Buffet ___	\$31.00	
	1:00 PM	Drill Team Participant ___	*R.O.*	
	4:00 PM	Vespers Service (Memorial Service for all 3 Bodies) ___	*R.O.*	
	6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet Beef & Chicken Duo ___ Pacific Salmon ___ Vegetarian Option ___	\$47.00 \$47.00 \$30.00	
½ hour after the Banquet ends		Order of Zanzibar (open to all) ___	\$25.00	
Mon – 15 th	7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet ___	\$23.00	
	12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon Lasagna Rolettes ___ Special Dietary ___	\$32.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon Deli Style Buffet ___	\$27.00	
	2:00 PM	Past Commander's Association ___ Must include the PCA Application	\$30.00	
	5:00 PM	Grand Commandery Installation attendee ___	*R.O.*	
Tue – 16 th	7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet ___	\$23.00	
	12:00 PM	RAM Ladies Luncheon: Grilled Salmon Caesar Salad ___ Special Dietary ___	\$28.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Chapter Luncheon Meatloaf ___ Special Dietary ___	\$27.00	
	2:00 PM	Order of High Priesthood Degree ___ Must include the OHP Petition	\$50.00	
	5:00 PM	Grand Chapter Installation attendee ___	*R.O.*	
Wed – 17 th	7:00 AM	Grand Council Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet ___	\$23.00	
	12:00 PM	CM Ladies Luncheon: Ladies Tea ___ Special Dietary ___	\$32.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon: Barbeque Buffet ___	\$39.00	
	2:00 PM	Thrice Illustrious Master Degree ___ Must include the TIM Petition	\$40.00	
	4:00 PM	Golden State Chapter of Research ___	*R.O.*	
	5:00 PM	Grand Council Installation attendee ___	*R.O.*	

Paid by check # _____ (Payable to CA Grand York Rite) or credit card at <https://ca-gyrs.square.site>

Special Dietary notation: We will try to accommodate those with special dietary needs and work with the hotel chefs. Please note your dietary concern: Vegan Vegetarian Gluten Free and mark the count in each meal line above. If we are unable to accommodate for that meal, you will be contacted ahead of time and refund issued based on your decision. There is a full meal description on the www.ca-gyrs.org website.

Comments:

Events are subject to change based on reservation responses or other factors.

More forms (including the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master, Past Commanders Association & Dignitary Introduction), menus and schedule are available from www.ca-gyrs.org. For your convenience, we are allowing you to register and pay for the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master and Past Commanders Association with your other meals and events. You must also include those respective forms with this one. We will forward the information and funds to the appropriate degree coordinators.

2023 Grand York Rite Sessions May 14th to May 17th, 2023 – Visalia, CA

Please send page 1 of this form and payment to:

CA-GYRS 1123 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814-2809

Meal reservations are locked & will not be accepted after 05/01/23 (don't even ask)

Onsite registration is available to the Companions and Sir Knights attending sessions without ordering meals.

Please be aware that Name Tags will not be printed for late registrants, so please register before the deadline.

No refunds after May 8th, 2023 – unless approved by the Grand York Rite Sessions Executive Committee

Contact the **Wyndham Hotel** 9000 W Airport Dr Visalia, California 93277 +1-559-651-5000
Tell the agent that you are in the **Grand York Rite** Group or register online via www.ca-gyrs.org

Room rate: \$99.00 +taxes.

Hotel reservation deadline is **05/01/23** Pending room block availability – best to register early

Questions, contact the following below:

- **General Co-Chairmen:** chairmen@ca-gyrs.org **Ray Broomfield** (805) 482-6756
and **Steve Goad** (760) 608-1585

A few words about Reservation Only (*R.O.*) events:

Although there is no charge for these events, please enter in a numerical value for the events you want to attend. This provides a headcount for the preparation of the event. Also, if the event is cancelled or changed you can be notified.

Grand York Rite California (GYR CA) Corporation Annual Meeting. The event starts at 8:00 am to completion of business. All members of the GYR CA Corporation are cordially invited to attend. Agenda for this annual business meeting will be published separately.

Allied Masonic Degrees Statewide Meeting. Representatives from each A.M.D. Council are requested to attend. This meeting will be to discuss A.M.D. at the statewide level and future degree presentations by the respective A.M.D. Councils.

Vesper services. Vespers is our gathering to honor our departed Companions and Sir Knights. All are encouraged to attend.

The Order of Zanzibar. Is a "Fun Degree" open to all, which will be held after the Grand Banquet. The cost for this degree is \$25. Proceeds from this degree will be donated to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Fund.

The Grand Installations. We kindly request that you mark down the number of attendees for each of the Installations. This is to properly prepare the caterers for the reception following the installations.

Golden State Chapter of Research. All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend. For a small fee of \$20, you can submit your petition at the meeting to become a lifetime member of the Golden State Research Chapter, and receive a copy of the Grand Orations Booklet 2020-2022.

MMS (Masonic Membership Solutions) Training. This is directed to our Secretaries / Recorders and Assistant Sec/Recs on using the MMS System and for others like the Dais Officers to understand the application. Phil and Tom are available for orientation and consultation upon request. Simply email mms@ca-gyrs.org prior to May 1st 2023 with a day and time convenient for you and they will make an attempt to fit time for you into the overall schedule.