

# Sacramento York Rite News



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June 2019

Stated Meetings - Second Saturday

## JUNE CALENDAR

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

**Sacramento Sierra York Rite Festival  
Commandery (Templar) Orders  
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

**Saturday, June 8, 2019**

**Breakfast Study Group ..... 8:00 am  
Chapter Stated Convocation ..... 9:00 am  
Commandery Stated Conclave 10:00 am  
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

**Outdoor Royal Arch Degrees  
Comptche, CA (Mendocino County)  
(for information see flyer on page 5)**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Saturday, July 13, 2019**

**Breakfast Study Group ..... 8:15 am  
Chapter Stated Convocation ..... 9:00 am  
Council Special Assesmbly ..... 10:00 am  
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

**Saturday, August 10, 2019**

**Breakfast Study Group ..... 8:15 am  
Chapter Stated Convocation ..... 9:00 am  
Council Special Assesmbly ..... 10:00 am  
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

## Grand Sessions Report

### Appointments and Recognitions

The Sacramento York Rite Bodies and their members received a number of awards and Grand Officer appointments at the Grand Sessions in Visalia last month.

At Monday's Grand Chapter session EC Luis Montero was appointed Grand Chaplain in the North and EC Joselito Viray was appointed Grand Master of the First Veil. EC Joseph Dongo received the Russell D. Roberts Award from General Grand Chapter. *(continued on page 6)*

## Chapter & Commandery Meetings June 8th

Sacramento Chapter #3, Royal Arch Masons, will hold its bi-monthly Stated Convocation on Saturday, June 8th, at 9:00 a.m. in the York Rite room of the Sacramento Masonic Temple at 12th and J Streets.

Sacramento Commandery #2, Knights Templar, will then hold its monthly Stated Conclave in the same place at 10:00 a.m..

Prior to the meetings our regular joint breakfast and discussion group will convene in the Club Room on the third floor at 8:00 a.m. (not 8:15 a.m. this month). All members are encouraged to attend.

Sacramento Council #1, Cryptic Masons, does not regularly meet in June.

## Commandery Festival

The annual Sacramento-Sierra York Rite Association (SSYRA) Spring Festival will conclude Saturday, June 1st, when the Commandery (Knights Templar) Orders are presented in our Temple at 12th and J Streets, starting at 8:00 a.m..

This year Sacramento Commandery is again responsible for conferring both the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple. We have been doing the Malta for many years, and this will be our fourth year doing the Temple. All Knights are encouraged to attend and observe the impressive degrees. We have over a dozen candidates for Sacramento in the class.

Commandery is a professed Christian organization, though membership is open to all York Rite Masons in the Council.

## FROM THE DIAS

### FROM THE HIGH PRIEST

Greetings Companions,

The Spring York Rite Festival season has been a great success. We have 14 new members, many of them have their uniforms and are eager to begin participating in ritual work. Our leadership team headed by Excellent Companions (EC) Hardiman, Dongo and Wilson are to be commended and praised for their commitment to the Craft.

Please take special note that the June 6th Study/Breakfast will start at 8:00 a.m not the usual 8:15 a.m. time. Comp. Thom Pryor will be preparing an up-scaled menu to both welcome our new members and also to recognize the honorees from Grand Sessions recently held in Visalia. They are the re-elected Grand Secretary/Recorder MEC Phil Hardiman, EC Lito Viray - Grand Master of the First Veil and EC Luis Montero - Grand Chaplin (North) in Grand Chapter. and last but not least, Sir Knight Joseph K. Dongo, who was appointed to the progressive line of Grand Commandery.

Remember that we voted to open and transact business in both July and August at the regular time. Decisions need to be made regarding the Selection and Awards committees. It is hoped that the Line Officers will be ready to step-up by September or October.

As in the last couple of months, we have the pleasure of introducing the biographies of our talented and exciting members. First is Companion Nicholas Johnston, who came on board a year ago and is already learning not only the Captain of the Host position, but also a part in the Mark *(continued on page 3)*

### FROM THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

Greetings, Companions All,

The Month of May has always been a wonderful time in Sacramento. The local honey festival in Woodland, Mother's Day, and the Roseville berry festival certainly had families in the Sacramento area buzzing with the sweet flavors of spring. The Sacramento Sierra York Rite Festival in Auburn was also busy, teeming with new members at the conferral of the Cryptic Mason degrees.

Grand Sessions in Visalia were also very productive, as several of our Sacramento members were elected or appointed to various Grand Offices. Our very own Phil Hardiman was elected to continue as Grand Secretary or Recorder of all three York Rite bodies. Joselito Viray was selected to be Grand Master of the First Veil in the Royal Arch, and I myself has been appointed Grand Chaplain in the North. Worshipful Joseph Dongo has received a great honor by being selected Grand Standard Bearer in Knights Templar, the first step in the progressive line; if no one ahead of him drops out, he should become Grand Commander in 2024.

Let us congratulate them on their achievements and welcome them with a brotherly hug and warm hearts of sincere congratulations.

Our York Rite Knights Templar Festival in June will keep the bee hive in Sacramento very busy. A hardy welcome to our newest Knights of Sacramento Commandery. Join in on the fun and rich history of our craft by participating in our customs and rejoicing in our work.

Luis J. Montero, Ill. Master  
[L.Montero22@yahoo.com](mailto:L.Montero22@yahoo.com)

## FROM THE DIAS

*(High Priest continued from page 2)*

Master for next year. Nick is a member of Washington Lodge #20, a native of Sacramento, married with two young children, and enjoys cooking and gardening. He received his B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering at UC Davis and an MBA from CSUS and works in Information Technology.

Our second newbie is Christopher Hamilton, born in Simi Valley and also a member of Washington Lodge #20. Chris attended Moorpark College where he received four Associates Degrees in Engineering, Physics, Mathematics and General Science. His B.S. in Civil Engineering is from U.C. Davis. Comp. Hamilton works as a civil engineer for the U.S. Army Corp of engineers and expects to obtain his license as a Professional Engineer this fall. Chris is a Senior DeMolay and was sponsored for membership in the Craft by Past Grand Master Russ Carvonja.

I will not attempt to give a full resume of EC Joseph K. Dongo (from a three page biography). He holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the National University of the Ivory Coast, and an M.S. and Ph.D. from the National University of France, where he taught for 4 years prior to moving to the U.S.A.. He is employed as Special Projects Program Manager for Caltrans (21 years). Joseph and his lovely Lady Claudette are the parents of six children. A Past Master of Washington Lodge #20, he has conferred 75 degrees; 29 E.A., 22 F.C. and 24 M.M., while coaching 24 men. He is a Past Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection of Sacramento Scottish *(continued at right)*

*from left)*

Rite, a Past High Priest of Golden State Research Chapter, the Dept. Governor of Sacramento Valley York Rite College, and is a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis, Allied Masonic Degrees, Royal Order of Scotland, Philalethes Society, Knight Masons, Royal Order of Zanzibar and Northern California Past Masters Association. We will only say that he has presided in all three York Rite Bodies and holds almost every award to obtain, crowned by the Knight of the York Cross of Honor. Lastly, in addition to being appointed to the Knight Templar Grand line, he received a high award from the Royal Arch General Grand Chapter.

Many Companions have biographies forthcoming and we encourage the new members to think of sharing their information. It is not as much for me and the senior members, but as motivation and encouragement for our new leadership to know that we are diversified and very talented unity of the Craft. Your work, education, family, travels, special interest and masonic history are just a few of the areas you can include. We are building for the future based on our glorious past.

Thank you again in Peace & Harmony,  
Ron Charles, High Priest  
[rbosumptwi@gmail.com](mailto:rbosumptwi@gmail.com)

*The California Encompasser* is the official publication of the Grand York Rite Bodies in California. It is issued quarterly on the web-site: [www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org](http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org).

In addition to educational articles on several diverse subjects, the issue includes information about events around the State.

**FROM THE DIAS**

**FROM THE COMMANDER**

Salutations Sir Knights of Sacramento  
Commandery No. 2,

I would like to thank all Sir Knights who were in attendance of the May Conclave. The Grand York Rite Session for Grand Commandery was held on Wednesday May 22nd. I was very proud to accept, on behalf of our Commandery, the Cross and Crown Award. The Cross and Crown award is a symbol of the effort all Sir Knights of Sacramento Commandery No. 2 put forth in keeping our Chivalric order viable.

Sacramento Commandery No. 2 will confer the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple on June 1st. I would like to thank all Sir Knights who participated and would encourage those who did not to volunteer for next year's conferral of Orders. I look forward to seeing you at our June Conclave.

Sincerely,

Joseph Wallach, Commander  
[jWallach@gmail.com](mailto:jWallach@gmail.com)

**JUNE 8, 2019  
STATED MEETINGS**  
Breakfast Study Group - 8:00 a.m.  
Royal Arch Chapter - 9:00 a.m.  
Commandery - 10:00 a.m.

**Sacramento York Rite Masonry**  
1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Secretary/Recorder, all three bodies:  
Joseph Dongo, KYCH ..... 916-776-6440  
[Joe@JosephDongo.com](mailto:Joe@JosephDongo.com)

**2019 Sacramento York Rite Officers**

Royal Arch Chapter

High Priest..... Ron Charles  
..... (916) 395-7812  
King ..... Francisco Marques  
Scribe ..... Joseph Wallach  
Treasurer..... Richard Wilson, PHP  
Secretary..... Joseph Dongo, PHP  
Chaplain..... Michael Allen  
Captain of the Host ..... Nicholas Johnston  
Principal Sojourner..... Thom Pryor  
Royal Arch Captain..... Joseph Madrid  
Master of the 3rd Veil ... Carlos Brusel-Casals  
Master of the 2nd Veil..... Floyd Tritt  
Master of the 1st Veil ..... Brian Teabo  
Sentinel.....Juan Faranda, PHP  
Inspector, Dist. 11 ..... David Anderson

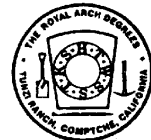
Cryptic Council

Illustrious Master..... Luis Montero  
..... (916) 804-4130  
Deputy Master ..... Joseph Wallach  
Prin. Cond. of the Work.... Jesse Solis-Jacques  
Treasurer..... Richard Wilson, IPM  
Recorder..... Joseph Dongo, IPM  
Chaplain..... Michael Allen  
Captain of the Guard ..... Francisco Marques  
Conductor of the Council..... Joseph Madrid  
Steward ..... Brian Teabo  
Sentinel..... Floyd Tritt  
Inspector, Arch 7.....Joseph Dongo, KYCH

Commandery Knights Templar

Commander..... Joseph Wallach  
..... (916) 967-7520  
Generalissimo..... Harvey Holcomb  
Captain General..... Luis Montero  
Senior Warden ..... Francisco Marques  
Junior Warden..... Thom Prior  
Prelate.....  
Treasurer ..... Richard Wilson, PC  
Recorder..... Joseph Dongo, PC  
Standard Bearer ..... Fanny Allassone  
Sword Bearer ..... Juan Faranda  
Warder ..... Jesse Solis-Jacques  
Sentinel..... Floyd Tritt  
Inspector, Department VI, Division B  
..... Wessel J. "Wes" Mindermann, KYCH

# 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMPTCHE OUTDOOR ROYAL ARCH DEGREES



Tunzi Ranch - Comptche, CA  
Saturday - June 22<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

All four degrees will be conferred on Saturday. The Prologue begins at 8:30 a.m.

**Reservations:** Deadline is Mon., **JUNE 17th**. The remote location, price of gasoline, and the cost of food require us to charge 20% more after that date. Mail your Reservation form (below) and check to: Guy Chalmers, 50 Lohrman Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952. For more information, call Guy at 707-477-3046.

**Climate & Misc.:** The coastal climate is either foggy and cold, or hot; Think layers. Dress attire is always casual. There's plenty to do so come a couple of days early. This is a cattle ranch so watch your step. No dogs allowed. In the town of Mendocino, 10 miles away, you can visit historical landmarks, go salmon fishing, or just enjoy the scenic coastline. Ft. Bragg, 8 miles north of Mendocino, is also historical and a great place to visit.



RV's and Tent Campers Welcome

**Accommodations:** You could make a vacation around this event. Self-contained RVs and tent campers are welcome to set up from 6/20 - 6/24. Campfires only in designated areas. There are no 120v hookups. There is a chemical blue room in the meadow. Restrooms at the degree site have hot water and a shower in the men's is available to women. Motels are available at the coast, 30 minutes on a dark and winding road from the RAM site. Call as soon as possible for your reservations, it's a popular tourist area.



Comptche Cook Shack

TRADEWINDS LODGE (707) 964-4761    SURF MOTEL (707) 964-5361  
SURREY SUPER 8 (800) 206-9833    FOOLS RUSH INN (707) 937-5339  
HARBOR LITE LODGE (707) 964-0221    SEA FOAM LODGE (707) 937-1827

**RESERVE EARLY!!**

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Reservations for the BBQ are requested</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;"><b>Friday, June 21nd</b></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><u>Comp.</u></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><u>Lady</u></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;"><u>Child</u> <small>(under 12 half-price)</small></td> </tr> <tr> <td>6:00 p.m. .... Fish Fry</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$15.50</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5"><b>*Saturday, June 22rd</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7:00-8:30 ..... Breakfast</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Comps. .... Association Expense</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$12.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Noon ..... Companions Lunch</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$12.50</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5:30 p.m. .... Barbeque</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$20.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5"><b>Sunday, June 23th</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>8:00 a.m. .... Breakfast</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10.00</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> <td style="text-align: center;">---</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5" style="font-size: small;">Association meeting after Sunday's breakfast and leftover sale</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b> - Check enclosed</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$</td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">_____</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Friday, June 21nd</b>		<u>Comp.</u>	<u>Lady</u>	<u>Child</u> <small>(under 12 half-price)</small>	6:00 p.m. .... Fish Fry	\$15.50	---	---	---	<b>*Saturday, June 22rd</b>					7:00-8:30 ..... Breakfast	\$10.00	---	---	---	Comps. .... Association Expense	\$12.00	\$ 12	---	---	Noon ..... Companions Lunch	\$12.50	---	---	---	5:30 p.m. .... Barbeque	\$20.00	---	---	---	<b>Sunday, June 23th</b>					8:00 a.m. .... Breakfast	\$10.00	---	---	---	Association meeting after Sunday's breakfast and leftover sale					<b>Total</b> - Check enclosed		\$	_____		<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">For Association Membership and Communication</p> <p>Name and Address _____          _____          _____</p> <p>Lady's Name _____</p> <p>Telephone Number (    ) _____</p> <p>Royal Arch Chapter Number _____</p> <p>Accommodations    <input type="checkbox"/> RV    <input type="checkbox"/> Tent    <input type="checkbox"/> Motel</p> <p>RV Arrival date _____</p> <p>Are you a Candidate?    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes*    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">*Need Chapter pennies, ask the Secretary</p>
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Make payable to: **Comptche Outdoor Degree Association**

\*The degree site and shower restroom are men only on Saturday from 9am - 3pm

Please send by **JUNE 17th** - Thank you!

Add 20% to your total after that date

## Comptche Outdoor Degrees

The 47th Annual Outdoor Royal Arch Degree Festival will be held at the Tunzi Ranch near Comptche on Saturday, June 22, 2019. The Degrees start at 8:30 a.m. and conclude in mid-afternoon. The degree site is an amphitheater in a redwood grove on the ranch. Group meals are available Friday dinner thru Sunday breakfast, and camping is available on-site.

The Tunzi Ranch is about ten miles inland (east) from the coastal village of Mendocino. Self-contained RVs and tent campers are welcome to set up any time during the week, and restroom and shower facilities are available. There are also a wide variety of motel accommodations in Mendocino and nearby Fort Bragg.

Nancy Hardiman and Kitty Wilson are planning a ladies trip into Fort Bragg or Mendocino for shopping and lunch on Saturday while the degrees are being conferred.

Plan now to attend this fun event – and bring a friend to take the degrees; it's an experience he won't forget. The flyer and registration form is on page 5.

## Appointments and Awards

*(continued from page 1)* At Tuesday's Grand Council session EC Ron Charles received the Grand Master of Ish Sodi Award for Department 2, and EC Joseph Dongo received the Order of the Secret Vault Award.

At the Grand Commandery session on Wednesday, Joseph Dongo was appointed Grand Standard Bearer, the first step in the progressive line. Sacramento Commandery #2 received the Cross and Crown Award. We have received that award several times in recent years.

EC Joseph Dongo continues as a District Inspector in Council, while EC Richard Wilson was retired after nine years as a Chapter Inspector.

For more information about York Rite Masonry, visit the excellent website maintained by the Golden State Research Chapter: [www.goldenstatechapter.org](http://www.goldenstatechapter.org). Membership in the Research Chapter is open to all Royal Arch Masons for a one-time application fee of \$10. There are no annual dues. Contact Companion Joseph Dongo, PHP, at [Joe@JosephDongo.com](mailto:Joe@JosephDongo.com).