

# THE WORKMAN



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## Grand High Priest's Message

“CONNECT \* COMMUNICATE \* COMMITMENT”

Greetings Companions,

It was a great feeling! I was overwhelmed with all the excitement I had felt during the last Grand Session. I never expected it to be held with such importance. I would like to thank the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for giving me the opportunity to become your 169<sup>th</sup> Grand High Priest.

Let me express my sincere gratitude to you, especially my Installing Team, MEC Tony Yuson, PGHP, KYGCH; MEC Phil Hardiman, PGHP, KYGCH; MEC Ray Broomfield, PGHP, KYGCH; MEC Scott Husmann, JPGHP, KYGCH; MEC Gary Spriggs, PGHP, KYGCH; and most especially our Installing Musician, Lady Tina Spriggs.

In the next 2 months, I will begin my journey to represent the GCRAM. It is an honor and my pleasure to represent you during my travels. My mission is to promote membership. We must connect to all Master Mason brothers to talk about and promote the Royal Arch

**because we are Ambassadors to the Blue Lodge. Communicate with the Masters of the Blue Lodge to ask if you can have one of their nights to confer a Mark Master degree. Then, following up with those who have become Mark Masters and help them on their journey in the Royal Arch, get them excited for their continuing education.**

**Our Chapters meet only once a month. If we have no information for the companions, the Chapter dies. Our meeting is not only for paying our bills but to give the companions more knowledge about our craft. Therefore, it is critical to have someone to talk to about the Royal Arch.**

**“If a battery needs to be charged from time to time to have more power,” we too need to recharge. How? Talk about Royal Arch education -- your Officers’ Coach, Inspectors, Deputy Grand Lecturers and Department Grand Officers are your source. To the Officers of the constituent Chapters, you have the duty and responsibility to keep your chapters alive. When you accept an office, you are making a commitment to yourself and to your Chapter. I am asking you to continue to Connect, Communicate and show your Commitment.**

**I am so excited in my journey. I will see you soon!**

**Fraternally,**

**Thomas C. Chavez, KYGCH  
169<sup>th</sup> Grand High Priest  
Royal Arch Masons of California**

## **GRAND LECTURER**

**Companions All:**

**Welcome to another Capitular Year and Congratulations to all the new Grand Chapter Officers as they take office for the year 2023-24. We all wish Most Excellent Companion Tom Chavez a very rewarding and successful year as our new leader! He has a great start already from our Chapter Grand Sessions and will no doubt lead us to higher accomplishments during his year in office! We have several new Inspectors coming onboard and I want to welcome them to a Great Team that is already functioning at a high level in California! There are several Festivals**

**lining up this summer and in the fall for new Companions to join us in our journey to more Masonic light! Check out this Workman for flyers to several of them you can travel to already set up and planning to confer this summer, for example Comptche! We are planning several Schools of Instruction in the fall to standardize our work and train our Inspectors in the subtleties of our beautiful ritual! Now is the time to renew our efforts to quality ritual work and I look forward to being there to assist wherever possible**

Holiness to the Lord!! All the Best -  
Your Most Humble Grand Lecturer

Steve

## **CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND ORDERS**

Several Festivals are upcoming for the  
Summer and Fall. See Flyers at the end.  
Of particular note are:

Sacramento-Sierra YR Association  
**June 17, 2023 at 8am, Sacramento**

Vista Masonic Center  
**July 18, 2023**

Inland Empire (San Bernardino)  
**August 19, 2023**  
**September 13, 2023**  
**October 7, 2023**

Sutter Creek  
**September 9, Mark Master**

East Bay (Alameda)  
**Sept 23, 2023 at 7:30am**  
**Oct 7, 2023 at 8:00am**  
**Oct 14, 2023 at 7:30am**

### **GRAND SESSIONS 2023**

As my final article for GYRS, I want to give  
some facts and thanks. 2023 had slightly  
fewer registrants but increased event  
attendance and participation over  
2022. There was a slight increase in  
Banquet attendance and quite an increase  
in the fun degree after the banquet. This  
resulted in a donation of \$1300 to the  
CMMRF. Thanks to all of the participants  
in the degree.

While extending thanks, I want to thank  
ALL of the volunteers who stepped in to  
help with registration, credentials, meal  
check-in, and setup & cleanup. Quite  
frankly I was concerned that we did not  
have all the shifts filled before the  
event. Special thanks to SK Robert  
Jenkins for all of the shifts he volunteered  
for and the extra hours to fill in  
onsite. Especially when Excellent and  
Illustrious Companion Charles Malear was  
scheduled to volunteer 20 hours and  
called me as I was heading down on Friday  
that his house was on lockdown with  
COVID.

My utmost appreciation must be extended  
to Right Illustrious Companion Tom  
Krummell who has worked with me on  
these Grand York Rite Sessions since  
2003 with his excellent bookkeeping  
skills. I have always made notes for next  
year's sessions and am currently  
preparing to handoff to my successor(s).

Fraternally,  
Dave Glass

### **GRAND SESSIONS 2024**

Grand York Rite activities in 2024 will take  
place at the Marriott in Burbank. The  
Officers' Conference is set for March 8-10,  
and Grand Sessions for May 15-20.

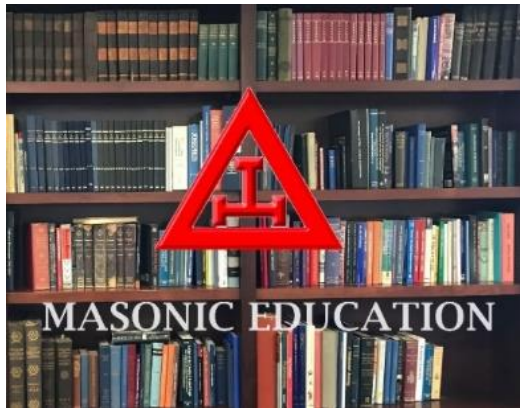
### **SECRETARY ESSENTIALS**

Secretaries new and old: near the end of  
this newsletter you will find a two-page  
document that serves as guidelines for  
Secretaries and Recorders – especially  
new ones.

Another good source of information for the Secretary can be found in the Grand Chapter Forms and Documents folder, called Chapter Secretary Desktop Procedures, *at the new website:*

<https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/york-rite-forms-documents/chapter/Chapter%20Secretary%20Desktop%20Procedures%20v2.pdf>

## GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER



Companions,

The next Research Chapter meeting is at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, October 28, 2023, shortly after noon. You do not need to be a Royal Arch Mason to attend this meeting. We will be glad to hand you a petition and read it at this meeting. We will also have the Grand Orations Book, years 2020-2022, for a donation of \$10.00. Only a few are left after our last meeting at Grand Sessions in Visalia.

Any Royal Arch Mason, in good standing within a Chapter of any jurisdiction in amity with the Grand Chapter of California, is welcome to apply for affiliation with the Chapter as a full member. Any other person may become a Subscription member and receive information by our emailings and attend non-tiled meetings.

We can read your Petition to Affiliate at any of our meetings. A blank petition and instructions are provided in this newsletter. Questions may be directed to the Golden State Chapter of Research Secretary:

Bruce Rick at: [bar972@outlook.com](mailto:bar972@outlook.com).



## 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](http://www.mpenterprises.weebly.com); or directly to his email at [maxluy@hotmail.com](mailto:maxluy@hotmail.com).

## GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR JUNE 2023 TO MAY 2024

| Date          | Event             | Location            |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| June 17, 2023 | Commandery Orders | Sacramento, 8:00 am |

|                 |                                  |                                |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| June 24, 2023   | Chapter Festival Outdoor Degrees | Comptche                       |
| June 25, 2023   | Council Festival Outdoor Degrees | Comptche                       |
| June 29, 2023   | Grand Bethel Banquet             | Ontario, CA                    |
| July 2, 2023    | Ice Cream Social Reception       | San Luis Obispo, 11 am to 1 pm |
| July 3, 2023    | 3-Way Reception                  | Van Nuys                       |
| July 4, 2023    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Of July Parade   | Newhall                        |
| July 18, 2023   | Chapter Festival                 | Vista Masonic Center           |
| August 5, 2023  | 3-Way Reception                  | East Bay, Alameda              |
| August 6, 2023  | 3-Way Reception                  | Orange Park, SF 10:30 – 2:30   |
| Oct 14, 2023    | 3-Way Reception                  | Santa Monica                   |
| Nov 20 – Dec 1  | Vacation Cruise                  | The Ocean somewhere            |
| Mar 8-10, 2024  | Officers' Conference             | Burbank Marriott               |
| May 15-20, 2024 | Grand Sessions                   | Burbank Marriott               |

would rather speak to a brother, Companion and Sir Knight, than an IRS or FTB agent, feel free to contact Bob at [rozekroy@gmail.com](mailto:rozekroy@gmail.com)

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Website: [WWW.GOLDENSTATECHAPTER.ORG](http://WWW.GOLDENSTATECHAPTER.ORG)

GRAND SESSIONS, FORMS & SCHEDULES  
Website: [WWW.CA-GYRS.OR](http://WWW.CA-GYRS.OR)

**If you would like to attend any of these events and need to know particulars about where and when and cost, please call any of the contact numbers below, or go to the Grand York Rite website calendar at:**

**<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/ghpcalendar.html>**

## TAX REPORTING

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

## SECRETARY and/or RECORDER ESSENTIALS -- REVISED

Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: [www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org](http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org). The new website will require you to have a userid, and to have established a password. Once you LOGIN, you will see a long white line, above which you will see:

ROYAL ARCH FORMS      CRYPTIC COUNCIL FORMS      COMMANDERY FORMS

Then click on the appropriate FORMS. In ROYAL ARCH FORMS, 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 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 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. **Membership control** – Membership information is now managed in the MMS system – Masonic Membership Solutions. Important changes to your membership include new members, suspensions, demits, 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

[https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/documents/royal-arch/ROYAL\\_ARCH\\_Constitution\\_2022\\_final.pdf](https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/documents/royal-arch/ROYAL_ARCH_Constitution_2022_final.pdf)

Council: See Section 30-10 in the Constitution at

[https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/cryptic-council/pdf/Grand\\_Council\\_Constitution\\_2022.pdf](https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/cryptic-council/pdf/Grand_Council_Constitution_2022.pdf)

Commandery: See Section 347 in the Constitution at

<https://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/files/york-rite-forms-documents/commandery/GRAND%20COMMANDERY%20Constitution%202022.pdf>

4. **Per Capita** -- The Per Capita payment, due each Jan 15<sup>th</sup> for Chapter and Councils (and April 1<sup>st</sup> for Commanderies) does not require action by the Chapter, Council or Commandery to be paid. You will need good, up-to-date end-of-year numbers of active members in MMS. This is the source of your Per Capita bill. Without good data on your membership in MMS 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. Do so before the end of the year. **But most important is getting a userid to utilize MMS so you can enter deceased and suspended data.**
5. **Insurance** -- The Insurance payment, due each July 15<sup>th</sup>, does not require action by the Chapter, Council or Commandery to be paid. You will be billed for the payment by the Grand Secretary or Grand 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 or Grand Recorder.**
8. **Grand Sessions** – Before the May 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, however, cannot issue proxies. The appropriate Chapter forms can be obtained on the Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials." Or, alternatively, the forms for all three bodies can be found at [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org).
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 for all three bodies are available at the [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org).



## Petition for Affiliation

### Golden State Chapter of Research, Royal Arch Masons

To the Excellent High Priest, Officers and Members of Golden State Chapter of Research, Royal Arch Masons of California:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, respectfully represent that

- I am / not a resident of the State of California but resident in \_\_\_\_\_
- I am a Master Mason in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A.M., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of \_\_\_\_\_;
- I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_, R.A.M., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of \_\_\_\_\_;
- I desire to be affiliate with Golden State Chapter as a dual / plural member of your Chapter, and
- If elected to membership, I promise cheerful compliance with the Bylaws of Golden State Chapter and Constitution of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California.

In connection with this petition, I provide the following additional information about myself:

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Petition \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Signature of Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Recommendations:**

The undersigned, member of Golden State Chapter, recommend the Chapter grant this petition:

1. Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_





**SACRAMENTO – SIERRA YORK RITE ASSOCIATION**  
**2023 ANNUAL YORK RITE FESTIVAL**



**Chapter Degrees**

**Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>, Orland Masonic Temple 431 Colusa St, Orland**

Registration, Coffee and Donuts 8:00 AM Candidate fees are \$10  
 CAPITULAR DEGREES 9:00 AM  
 MARK MASTER PAST MASTER  
 Lunch (reservations required) 12:00 PM Lunch for everyone (including candidates) is \$15

**Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Yuba City Masonic Temple 501 Second St, Yuba City,**

Registration, Coffee and Donuts 5:30 PM Candidate fees are \$10  
 CAPITULAR DEGREES 6:00 PM  
 MARK MASTER PAST MASTER (no meal)

**Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, Woodland Masonic Temple 228 Palm Avenue Woodland**

Registration, Coffee and Donuts 8:00 AM Candidate fees are \$10 (unless paid @ the MM/PM)  
 CAPITULAR DEGREES 9:00 AM  
 MOST EXCELLENT MASTER  
 Lunch (reservations required!) 11:30 PM Lunch for everyone (including candidates) is \$15  
 ROYAL ARCH DEGREE 12:30 PM



**Council Degrees**

**Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, Auburn Masonic Temple 956½ Lincoln Street Auburn**

Registration 9:00 AM Candidate fees are \$10  
 CRYPTIC DEGREES 10:00 AM  
 ROYAL MASTER SELECT MASTER  
 Lunch (reservations required!) 11:30 PM Lunch for everyone (including candidates) is \$15



**Commandery Orders**

**Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Sacramento Masonic Temple 1123 “J” St. Sacramento**

Registration, Coffee and Doughnuts 8:00 AM Candidate fees are \$10  
 CHIVALRIC ORDERS 9:00 AM  
 ORDER OF THE RED CROSS ORDER OF MALTA  
 Lunch (reservations required!) 11:30 AM Lunch for everyone (including candidates) is \$15  
 ORDER OF THE TEMPLE 12:30 PM  
 Closing 3:00 PM

**Please make your reservations using the form on the next page.**

E-Mail: [ssyra@ssyra.org](mailto:ssyra@ssyra.org)

WEBSITE: [www.ssyra.org](http://www.ssyra.org)





The 48th Comptche Outdoor York Rite Degrees Association



presents the

# Royal Arch and Cryptic Council Degrees

Tunzi Ranch, Comptche, CA

June 24 & 25, 2023



Fri. 6/23 - Welcome  
6:30 pm - Fish Fry

Sat. 6/24 - 6:30 am - Breakfast  
*Candidates need to sign Chapter Bylaws*  
7:30 am - Open Chapter  
7:45 am - Prologue Deg.  
8 am - Mark Master Deg.  
10 am - Virtual Past Master Deg.  
10:30 am - Most Excellent Master Deg.  
12:30 pm - Lunch  
2:00 pm - Royal Arch Deg.  
4 - 6 pm - Social  
6:30 pm - BBQ Dinner

Sun. 6/25 - 7 am - Breakfast  
*Candidates need to sign Council Bylaws*  
8:15 am - Open Council  
8:30 am - Royal Master Deg.  
10:30 am - Select Master Deg.  
12 Noon - Lunch

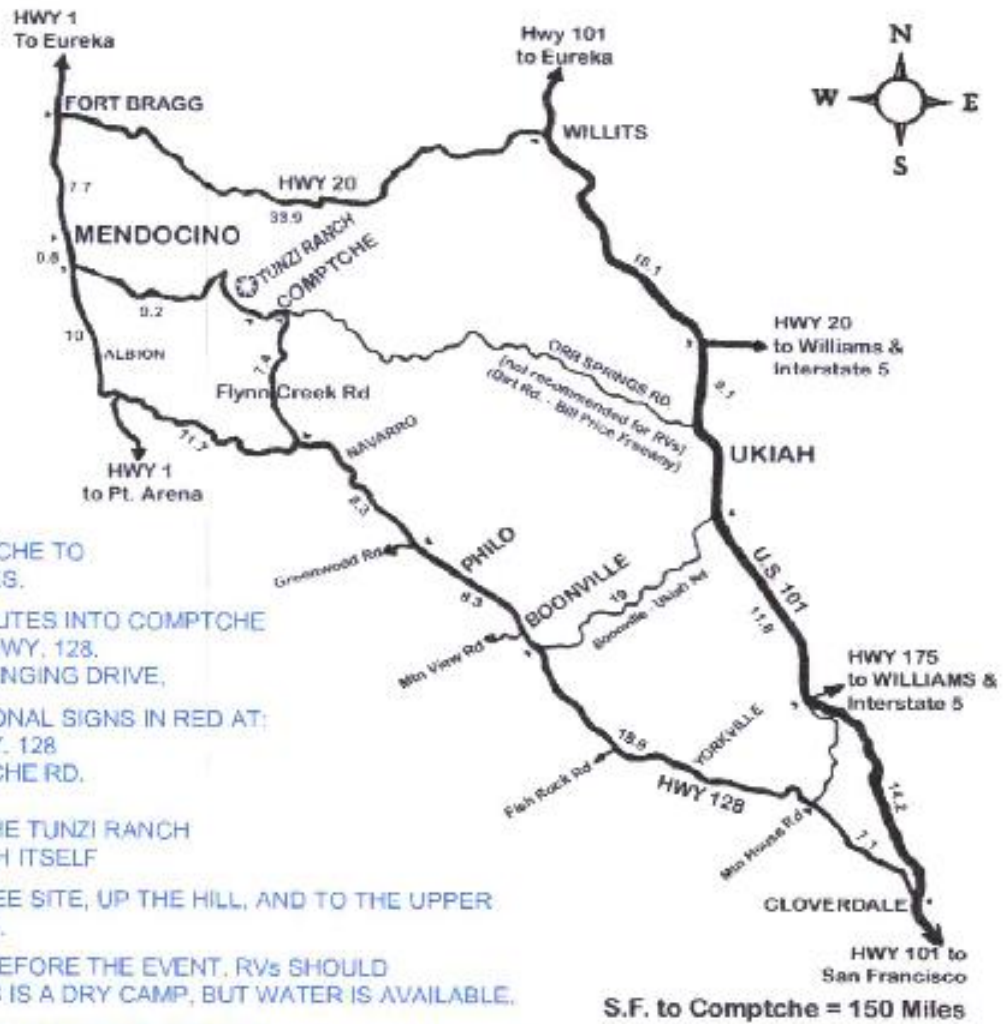


Lodging available along the Mendocino Coast, 10 miles West.

- SURF MOTEL (707) 964-5361
- SEA FOAM LODGE (707) 937-1827
- HARBOR LITE LODGE (707) 964-0221
- FOOLS RUSH INN (707) 937-5339
- SURREY SUPER 8 (800) 206-983
- SURF MOTEL (707) 964-5361

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Friday - Fish Fry                   | \$25         |
| Saturday - Breakfast                | \$12         |
| Registration                        | \$15         |
| Lunch                               | \$18         |
| Barbeque                            | \$30         |
| Sunday - Breakfast                  | \$12         |
| Lunch (To-Go Home)                  | \$18         |
| <b>Total (Under 12 -half Price)</b> | <b>\$130</b> |

Make checks payable to Comptche Outdoor Degree Association  
**Reservations Required**, after 6/19 add 20% to your total  
Mail to: Guy M. Chalmers, 50 Lohrman Lane, Petaluma, 94952-3609  
RV & Campers Welcome!



- DISTANCE FROM COMPTCHE TO THE TUNZI RANCH - 5 MILES.
- THE RECOMMENDED ROUTES INTO COMPTCHE ARE EITHER HWY. 20 OR HWY. 128. HWY. 1 IS A MORE CHALLENGING DRIVE.
- LOOK FOR RAM DIRECTIONAL SIGNS IN RED AT:
  - FLYNN CREEK RD. & HWY. 128
  - HIGHWAY 1 AND COMPTCHE RD.
  - IN COMPTCHE
  - AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE TUNZI RANCH
  - WITHIN THE TUNZI RANCH ITSELF
- PROCEED TO THE DEGREE SITE, UP THE HILL, AND TO THE UPPER MEADOW FOR CAMPSITES.
- CAMPERS MAY ARRIVE BEFORE THE EVENT. RVs SHOULD BE SELF-SUFFICIENT, THIS IS A DRY CAMP, BUT WATER IS AVAILABLE.
- ALL MEALS ARE ENJOYED TOGETHER. (B.Y.O.B.) PLEASE BRING HORS D'OEUVRES TO SHARE DURING COCKTAILS HOUR.
- PETS MUST BE ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES!

EVENT SPONSORS: COMPTCHE OUTDOOR DEGREES ASSOCIATION, SANTA ROSA CHAPTER NO. 45 RAM, PETALUMA CHAPTER NO. 22 RAM and VITRUVIUS LODGE NO. 145.

**MAIL TO:**  
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**PETALUMA, CA. 94952-3609**



**SUNDAY  
JULY 2, 2023  
SAN LUIS OBISPO  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**



**Annual Event  
Recognizing  
Grand York Rite  
Presiding Officers**

**Meet Your  
Statewide York  
Rite Leaders**

**Honor Local York  
Rite Members**

**Learn About York  
Rite and Have Fun**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO  
MASONIC CENTER**

859 Marsh Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

11:30 Social  
Noon – Lunch,  
Ice Cream, and  
Program

Dress - Casual

RSVP:  
Call or Text  
Robert Bettencourt  
(805) 234-1731

# San Fernando York Rite Bodies

## 4- WAY RECEPTION

HONORING

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Thomas C. Chavez

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Michael T. Sherman

Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Roger S. Ross

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Randy L. Brill

### DATE:

*July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023*

### Time:

*5:30 pm social*

*6:30 pm dinner*

*Program to follow*

### Location:

Van Nuys Masonic Lodge  
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA 91405

R.S.V.P. to [rsvp@sfvyrb.org](mailto:rsvp@sfvyrb.org)

***Please RSVP before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022***

# GRAND HIGH PRIEST VISIT

Kern River Valley Chapter #162

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN WITH US AS WE  
WELCOME OUR GHP

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023**

562 James Road, Kernville  
Social 5:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM  
MSA Presentation

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Cost \$15 per person  
RSVP to: Tom McKinney  
[tommckinney77@gmail.com](mailto:tommckinney77@gmail.com)  
760 417-9265



# East Bay York Rite

## Grand York Rite Reception

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, R. Scott Husmann, KYGCH  
Most Illustrious Grand Master, Guy Chalmers, KYGCH Rt.  
Eminent Grand Commander, SK Craig L. Flagtwet, KYGCH

**Date: August 5, 2023 Time:**  
3:00 P.M. Social 3:30 P.M. Dinner

**Dress: Polo & Slacks/Business Casual**

### **Location:**

Alameda Masonic Hall  
2312 Alameda Avenue  
Alameda, California

**R.S.V.P. with a Check to "East Bay York Rite"**

Send to: Fred Baclig  
5021 Vesteny Ct., Antioch, CA 94531  
925-216-1174  
Eastbayyorkriteassn@aol.com

**Cost \$25.00 per Person PLEASE R.S.V.P. before July 26th**

**See next page for Parking**



8/22/2016



**Alameda Masonic Temple (Island City Lodge) – 2312 Alameda Ave., Alameda, CA 94501**

**Free Street Parking (if no meters) on Weekends, but always check posted signs before parking**

- A Oak St. – between Alameda Ave. and San Jose Ave.
- B Encinal Ave. – unmetered sections between Oak St. and Walnut St.
- C Park Ave. W. and Park Ave. E. – between Encinal Ave. and Jackson Park
- D Encinal Ave. – between Park Ave. E. and Broadway
- E Broadway – between Central Ave. and Encinal Ave.

**Pay All Day Hourly Parking on Weekends**

- F Alameda Civic Center Garage – 1442 Oak St.

**Variable Availability on Weekends, but free**

- G Alameda High School Parking Lot – on Oak St. between Alameda Ave. and Central Ave.

The San Jose York Rite Bodies  
Are pleased to invite you to attend a  
Grand York Rite Reception

Honoring:

Most Excellent Thomas C. Chavez  
Grand High Priest

Most Illustrious Michael T. Sherman  
Illustrious Grand Master

And

Sir Knight Roger S. Ross  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

To be held at:

Gateway Pavilion Area, Vasona Park  
333 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos, California

On Saturday, August 19, 2023

Social at 11:00 AM, Lunch at 12:30 PM, Program to follow.

Cost for Lunch is \$20. All proceeds to benefit York Rite Charities.

**Pay by check**

Check payable to:

San Jose Council No. 20

Mail to: Daniel Doornbos

2165 Carobwood Lane

San Jose CA 95132-1213

**Pay by credit card**

Contact Secretary/Recorder Daniel

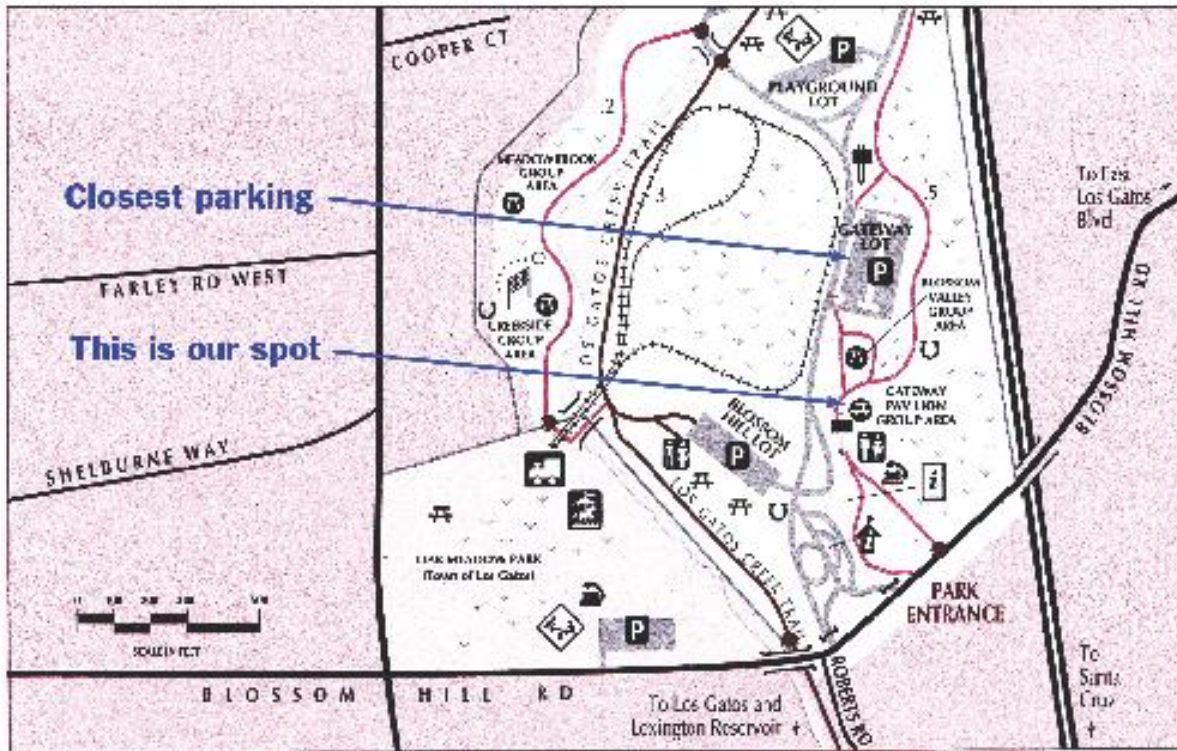
Doornbos at 408-802-7480 or

[daniel.doornbos@icloud.com](mailto:daniel.doornbos@icloud.com) to

request an invoice.

RSVP deadline is August 6, 2022

See the map on the opposite side.



# **Fall 2023**

# **York Rite Festival**

**Royal Arch Chapter Degrees**  
**Mark, Past, Most Excellent & Royal Arch**  
**Saturday, August 19th, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.**

**Cryptic Mason Council Degrees**  
**Royal Master & Select Master**  
**Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**Knights Templar Commandery Orders**  
**Red Cross, Malta & Order of the Temple**  
**Saturday, October 7th, 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](mailto:sbyrb@juno.com)**

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

# Sutter Creek Weekend



**Mark Master Degree**  
At Historic Sutter Creek Masonic Temple  
Saturday, September 9, 2023  
1:00 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled weekend on September 9 at historic Sutter Creek! Gold Country Royal Arch Chapter No. 11 will confer the Mark Master Degree in the Sutter Creek Masonic Temple beginning at 1:00 p.m. While we are conferring the degree, our non-Masonic guests can enjoy the boutique shopping district on Main Street. We will then have dinner together that evening at a nearby restaurant. For those who would like to stay overnight, there are three historic hotels in town.



Hotel Sutter



Hanford House



Sutter Creek Inn

**For More Information:**  
**John L. Cooper III, PHP**  
(650) 224-9189 or [jlcooper@freemason.org](mailto:jlcooper@freemason.org)

Reach out to all the Master Masons in your area to invite them to this event. There is no degree fee to receive the Mark Master, however, they do need to be voted into Gold Country Chapter or their local York Rite Chapter to receive the degree. Petitions for the Auburn York Rite Bodies can be emailed by sending a request to [news@auburnyorkrite.org](mailto:news@auburnyorkrite.org)

A special meeting will be held that day to vote for candidates if need be.

**GRAND YORK RITE OF CALIFORNIA  
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**MILTON MOSSLER ABBOTT, JR.**

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**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
2023 GRAND CONVOCATION REPORT**

**Grand Officers**

Grand High Priest.....Thomas C. Chavez.....California Chapter No. 1  
Grand King.....David E. Sokol.....Shasta Chapter No. 9  
Grand Scribe.....David G. Rathgeber.....J.A. Wohlfarth Chapter No. 130  
Grand Treasurer.....Leland G. Routt.....Stockton Chapter No 28  
Grand Secretary.....Richard W. Bullard.....San Diego Chapter No. 61  
Grand Lecturer.....Steven G. Goad.....Norris C. Viles Chapter No. 153  
Grand Chaplain North.....Jason Hui.....California Chapter No. 1  
Grand Chaplain South.....Richard Villegas.....High Desert Chapter No.127  
Grand Captain of the Host ....David Anderson.....Solano Chapter No. 43  
Grand Principal Sojourner...Michael Miller..Santa Monica Bay Chapter 97  
Grand Royal Arch Captain..Jonathon Prestage.Siminoff DL Lodge No 163  
G.M. of the Third Veil.....Walter Crossley.....Oakland Chapter No. 36  
G.M. of the Second Veil.....Rollie Caabay.....Naval Chapter No. 35  
G.M. of the First Veil.....Ted Gardner.....Ancient Chapter No. 31  
Grand Orator.....Antonio Cimarra.....California Chapter No. 1  
Grand Marshall North.....Dinesh Chhabra..... Oakland Chapter No. 36  
Grand Marshall South..Massimo del Grande...Santa Monica Bay Chapter 97  
Asst. Grand Secretary...Thomas A. Krummell...Gold Country Chapter No. 11  
Grand Soloist.....K. Mark Harris.....Doric Chapter No. 66  
Grand Musician.....Arthur H. Walton.....Howard Chapter No. 14  
Grand Sentinel.....Sam Maffei.....Napa Chapter No. 30

**AWARDS**

**GRAND CHAPTER RAM 2023**

**HIGH PRIEST of the YEAR**                      **STATE** Robert A.L. Whitfield

Department 1 Robert A. L. Whitfield Doric 66  
Department 2 Jake Scharosch Woodland 46  
Department 3 Vincent Porcaro Kern River 162  
Department 5 David Vassall San Diego 61

**SECRETARY of the YEAR**                      **STATE** Sherm Ostrom

Department 1 Jeffrey Schloo Petaluma No 22  
Department 2 John L. Barneson III Chico No 42  
Department 3 Gary Jackson Kern Valley No. 75  
Department 4 Sherm Ostrom Santa Monica Bay No 97  
Department 5 Thomas Colgan Jerry Wohlfarth No. 130

**GRAND HIGH PRIEST DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

Department 1 Marty Cusing  
Department 2 Mike Edwards  
Department 3 Lynn Wallingford  
Department 4 Sherm Ostrom  
Department 5 Richard Villegas

**RUSSELL D. ROBERTS PERPETUAL TROPHY**

Marion P. Rogers Doric No. 66

**MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Joseph Dongo – Sacramento Chapter No. 3

**RITUALIST OF THE YEAR**

Thomas C. Handel – J.A. Wohlfarth Chapter No.130  
David Sokol – Shasta Chapter No. 9

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AWARDS**

**ROYAL ARCH SWEETHEART**

Robyn Husmann

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL – BRONZE**

Tommy Lee McClellan – Woodland Chapter No 46

**EPHRAIM KIRBY AWARD**

Myron Tisdell - Shasta Chapter No. 9

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 2023-01 - Per Capita Increase of \$3.00 Passed  
Resolution 2023.02 - Modifies Fee Structure for Restoration Passed  
Resolution 2023-03 - Standing Committees Cleanup Legislation Passed