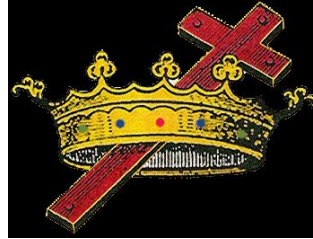
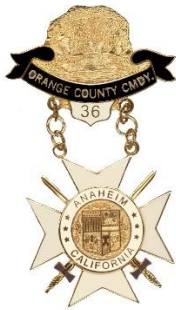


# THE CROSS & CROWN



**Roger S. Ross, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of California**

**JULY 2023**

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## Grand Commander's Message

Fellow Sir Knights,

As you are all aware, in June we celebrated the first day and therefore the Birth of Summer. Now in July we have the great honor and privilege of celebrating the Birth of our great Country. While as Knights Templar we look back to our legendary heritage of defending Christianity, as Masons we took a vow to follow the Constitution and Laws of our particular country. That means that as Americans, we respect our history and the patriotism exhibited by our ancestors and fellow members of our Order. We support God, Jesus Christ and the love of this Land of the Free and Home of the Brave. On our uniforms we wear numerous medals and badges that we have earned, but only two "bars" are authorized. One indicates the leadership skills of those who have earned the title of Knight York Cross of Honor, and the other signifies Veterans of our Military Service and their dedication to risking life and limb to defend our country.

Please remember, as we enjoy the beautiful fireworks displays around our neighborhoods, that many men and women laid down their lives to gain this freedom that we enjoy.

My calendar is extremely busy as June comes to an end and July rushes to greet us. I'll be in Ontario, California celebrating with the Grand Bethel of Jobs Daughters on June 29<sup>th</sup> and a few days later I'll be enjoying an Ice Cream Social in San Luis Obispo; then heading down to Van Nuys for a Three Way Reception; and the next day riding in the Newhall Parade before watching at least one, if not two, colorful displays of Fireworks to cap off our Independence Day feats. A few days later I'll be at El Bekal Temple for a Shrine Event and by the next weekend I'll be at a Red Cross of Constantine Meeting and on Sunday I'll be back at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton for the Masonic Service Bureau Breakfast. The main up side of all of this is there will be no time for idle hands for the Devil to play with.

I look forward to the upcoming months and the opportunity to meet with all of you personally so I hope you'll be able to come to an event or two in your locality when I get there. Please be aware that I know that I represent all of you individually as well as collectively as a Grand Body and I do care about whatever difficulties you may have in your Commanderies if any exist. Let me know if I can help in any way. Until next month, fellows and your ladies, my God smile upon you and remember "Fiat Lux et Scientia"

Roger S. Ross, KCT  
Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery Knights Templar, California

## **GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL**

Sir Knights one and all -- From the world of Ritual

Have a very happy and sane Fourth of July. Great fireworks, food, family, and friends. If you participate in a local event, thank you for celebrating our birthday.

It is half-way through the year and time to start thinking of advanced stations. If you are advancing to Captain General, you need, in addition to your duties, to learn the opening and closing as well. The generalissimo and Captain General are directed, at their installation, that they

might be required to preside, so better to start learning now.

Festival will be start soon and good ritual is what impresses the candidates. It is our duty as Knights to give the candidates the best order we can provide. Sloppy work tends to turn off potential leaders. Take you time, learn your part and practice.

Rember that we are also a part of "Making men better". We need to show what it really means to be Knight Templar.

As always, I am at your service.

God bless  
Sir Knight Jim Baum  
Grand Inspector General  
[jamesgbaum@msn.com](mailto:jamesgbaum@msn.com)  
760-885-0256 (leave a message and I will  
get back to you.)

## CRFF

What the hay is CRFF you ask??

Well, it's the acronym for the Colorado River Fall Festival. All York Rite degrees and orders are conferred over a two-day period. This year the conferral is planned for October 22-24. That's three days you say??!?? Well, yes – the 22<sup>nd</sup> is a Sunday, when all candidates must arrive for orientation by 7:00 pm. Chapter Degrees start early on Monday morning, Council Degrees in the afternoon, with an excellent banquet provided Monday evening. Commandery Orders are conferred on Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you have candidates waiting, consider CRFF – the conferrals are arranged at the Riverside Hotel, owned by the Don Laughlin family. Don was a Mason. The arrangements are very good, especially in this inflationary period – you will not be disappointed. Go to the following website to get the Registration Package:

<https://crff.org/index.php/new-register-now>

## CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND ORDERS

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

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 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.

## TEMPLAR RITUALIST

How many of you think you know much about the rituals of the Orders? There's a NEW way you can test yourself. Grand Encampment has established a Learning Management System, which you can access at: <http://templared.org/moodle/>.

Give it a try. Several new modules have been added to the TEMPLAR RITUALIST module – HISTORY OF THE MEDIEVAL KNIGHTS TEMPLAR; and the COMMISSIONED TEMPLAR CHAPLAIN PROGRAM. You will have multiple choice quizzes to take in each Course and an opportunity to show off your excellence by submitting essays for everyone's edification! The three modules available can all be found at the Grand Encampment site: [www.knightstemplar.org](http://www.knightstemplar.org).

The Editor

# RECORDER ESSENTIALS

Recorders 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.



## 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 COMMANDER'S CALENDAR JULY 2023 – MAY 2024

| Date         | Event                          | Location                       |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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                        |

|                  |                        |                                 |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| August 5, 2023   | 3-Way Reception        | East Bay, Alameda               |
| August 6, 2023   | 3-Way Reception        | Orange Park, SF<br>10:30 – 2:30 |
| August 19, 2023  | 3-Way Reception        | Vasona Park<br>11 am            |
| Sept 24-30, 2023 | Supreme Assembly       | Marriott Waco, TX               |
| Oct 1 – 10, 2023 | Grand Conclave         | Ohio                            |
| Oct 14, 2023     | 3-Way Reception        | Santa Monica                    |
| Oct 19-23, 2023  | SW Regional Conference | Salt Lake City, UT              |
| Dec 18, 2023     | Christmas Observance   | Department 4                    |
| Mar 8-10, 2024   | Officers' Conference   | Burbank Marriott                |
| Mar 15-31, 2024  | Hawaii Cruise          | Pacific Ocean                   |
| May 15-20, 2024  | Grand Sessions         | Burbank Marriott                |

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://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/commandery/itinerary.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 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.CA-GYRS.OR](http://WWW.CA-GYRS.OR)



**Grand Commandery  
Knights Templar  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESULTS  
of the 2023 Grand York Rite Sessions**

May 15, 2023

***2023-2024 Grand Commandery Officers***

Grand Commander..... Roger S. Ross ..... Orange County Commandery No. 36  
 Deputy Grand Commander..... Jordan T. Yelinek..... Morris Siminoff Commandery No. 80  
 Grand Generalissimo ..... Joseph Dongo ..... Sacramento Commandery No.2  
 Grand Captain General ..... Rick Baca ..... Los Angeles Commandery No.9  
 Grand Senior Warden ..... Mike Edwards..... Marysville Commandery No. 7  
 Grand Junior Warden ..... John Bickerstaff ..... High Desert Commandery No. 79  
 Grand Prelate ..... Raymond E. Davies ..... Golden West Commandery No. 43  
 Grand Treasurer ..... Anthony McLean ..... San Diego Commandery No. 25  
 Grand Recorder ..... Bud Ramsey..... San Jose Commandery No.10  
 Grand Standard Bearer ..... Michael Sekera ..... Orange County Commandery No. 36  
 Grand Inspector Gen. .... James Baum ..... High Desert Commandery No. 79  
 Grand Sword Bearer ..... Brandon Cook..... Orange County Commandery No. 36  
 Grand Warder ..... Michael Monaghan..... Santa Monica Bay Commandery No. 61  
 Grand Sentinel ..... Peter Goetz ..... Long Beach Commandery No. 40

***GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AWARDS***

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR**

R. Stephen Doan.....Santa Monica Bay Commandery No. 61

**KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE**

Anthony C. McLean ..... San Diego Commandery No. 25  
 Roger S. Ross ..... Orange County Commandery No. 36  
 Cleveland Valrey ..... Oakland Commandery No. 11  
 Rickey O. Ward ..... St. Bernard Commandery No. 23  
 Lee P. Whelan.....Riverside Commandery No. 28

2023 Grand Session Results

**COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE**

Lady Jennifer Bickerstaff  
Lady Lorna Cortez  
Lady Tammy Flagtvet

***GRAND COMMANDERY AWARDS***

**COMMANDER OF THE YEAR**

Scott L. McNair ..... Department 1 ..... St. Bernard Commandery No. 23  
Michael S. Cortez ..... Department 3 ..... Los Angeles Commandery No. 9  
Danney F. Stiltner ..... Department 4 ..... California Commandery No. 1  
Reed S. Newcomb ..... STATEWIDE ..... Nevada Commandery No. 6

**RECORDER OF THE YEAR**

Ronald W. Alcorn, III ..... STATEWIDE ..... Foothill Commandery No. 63

**MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Dinesh Chhabra ..... Oakland Commandery No. 11

**DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Joseph K. Dongo ..... Sacramento Commandery No. 2

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

Joseph K. Dongo ..... Sacramento Commandery No. 2

**DRILL TEAM AWARD**

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9

**COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR**

California Commandery No. 1

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

**Milton Mossler Abbott, Jr.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 2023-01 ..... Period Templar Costumes for Order of the Temple ..... Passed

## 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).

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



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

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**Meet Your  
Statewide York  
Rite Leaders**

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**Honor Local York  
Rite Members**

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**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***



# 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

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Contact Secretary/Recorder Daniel

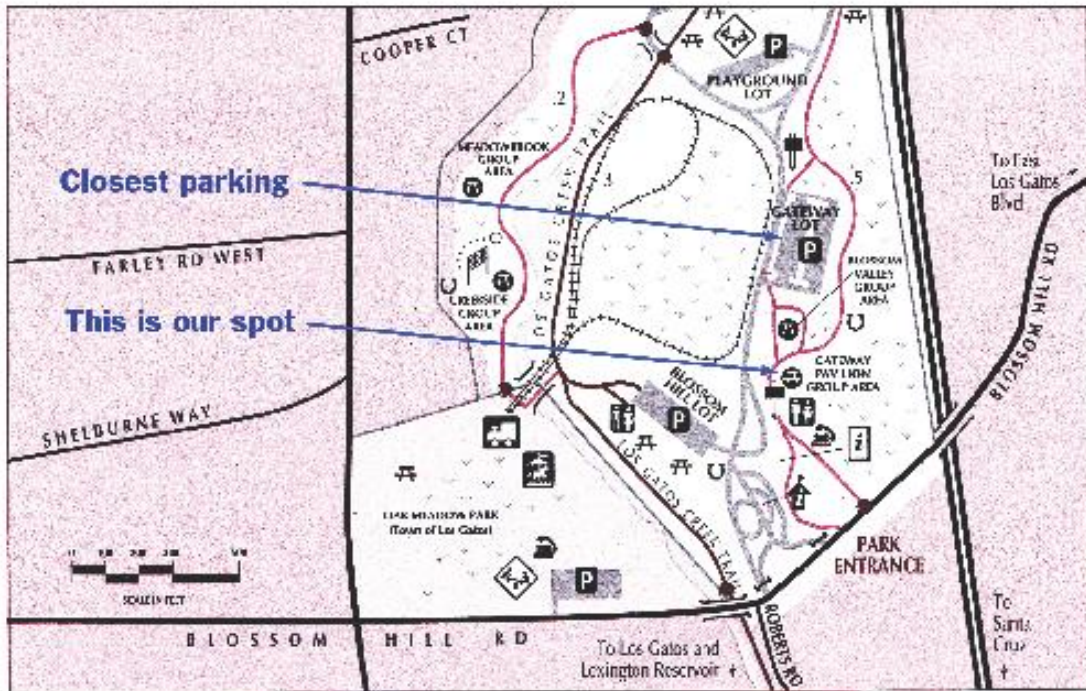
Doornbos at 408-802-7480 or

[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

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**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@aburnyorkrite.org](mailto:news@aburnyorkrite.org)

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

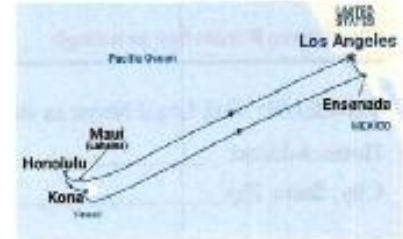


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#### Here's our Itinerary:

|         |                  |                   |
|---------|------------------|-------------------|
| 3/16    | Los Angeles      | 3:00 pm sailing   |
| 3/17-20 | at sea           |                   |
| 3/21    | Honolulu         | 9:00 am arrival   |
| 3/22    | Honolulu         | 10:00 pm sailing  |
| 3/23    | Lahaina, Maui    | 7:00 am - 6:00 pm |
| 3/24    | Kona, Hawaii     | 7:00 am - 6:00 pm |
| 3/25-29 | at sea           |                   |
| 3/30    | Ensenada, Mexico | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| 3/31    | Los Angeles      | 6:15 am arrival   |

#### Here's Our Discounted Group Pricing:

|                   |             |         |
|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| Inside Stateroom  | Category IB | \$1,399 |
| Balcony Stateroom | Category BD | \$2,759 |
|                   | Category BC | \$2,839 |
|                   | Category DB | \$3,269 |
| Mini-Suite        | Category MC | \$3,859 |

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