

# THE CROSS & CROWN



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

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## Grand Commander's Message

Fellow Sir Knights,

Please allow me to begin my first message to all California Knights Templar by thanking each and every one of you for supporting me for the last eight years as I progressed up the Grand Commandery line. I will be forever grateful that you had the faith and confidence in me to grant me the honor of being elected as your Grand Commander for the 2023-2024 Chivalric Year. My special thanks go out, of course, to Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Thomas Thomas for initially nominating me as Grand Sword Bearer and for his and his Lady Pam's encouragement and great assistance in helping me perform my duties and learn the responsibilities to fulfill the position which I now hold. I will never be able to repay them for the confidence they built in my Lady Lynn and myself that we could "do the job" and do it well. I also owe

**a great “Danke” and acknowledgment to Orange County Commandery for backing me all the way and Whittier-St Johns Commandery who have given me complete backing since I affiliated with them.**

**I have a number of goals this year, some are completions of projects started by my fantastic predecessors, some are aims that I hope to complete this year and some are long-range campaigns that I hope and expect will be carried on by my successors in years to come. Probably the most important job that we all have, and that we will continue to have eternally is Membership. I know that’s a tired litany, but it is an existential fact that all organizations must grow, or at least maintain their status quo or they will perish. I plead with every single member of the California Grand Commandery that each of you will commit yourselves to two small tasks. First, bring in one new Sir Knight this year to replace yourself and secondly contact one present member of your own Commandery that you have not seen in a conclave since the Covid fiasco. Ask him to return to duty...even suggest that you will accompany him to your next meeting. These Sir Knights are still paying their dues, please encourage them to at least be sideliners in a Conclave a few times a year. This will help give our Officers confidence in perfecting their Ritual and may even entice a few of our “retired” members to come back into the fold. The first act will increase (or at least sustain) our total member numbers and the second will encourage participation from members who have fallen inactive for whatever reason. Both of these actions will help increase our active membership which is necessary for our California Commandery to thrive.**

**I have promised our Grand Master of Knights Templar that I will exert special effort to have our members support our Knight Templar Eye Foundation, that great charity that supports research and development to aid and/or enhance the eyesight of children around the world. I specifically challenge each Commandery with the great state of California to reach 100% participation in Life Memberships of our members. I also made a vow to our Grand Prelate that I will ask, at every Reception and any other opportunity I have to speak with my fellow Sir Knights that they consider funding (at least partially) a minister for the Holy Land Pilgrimage, another of our great Charities. Finally, although it’s not a charity, it is a form of outreach to include our ladies whenever possible in social situations. We have a ladies auxiliary known as the Beauceants. We are down to one assembly in the entire state. Our Grand Master of Knights Templar and myself are committed to increasing the size and power of this group. I’ll discuss this in future missives.**

**On June 10<sup>th</sup> of this year, we will constitute the Beauseant Commandery U.D. as a fully chartered Commandery. This is the first time we have Constituted a new Commandery since REPGC Thomas constituted Morris Siminoff Commandery the year I was appointed to the Grand Line in 2017. This will be in Escondido and all are invited. Our Grand Sessions in 2024 will run in May from Friday through Monday, a change from our long established Sunday through Wednesday calendar. Please try to attend so we can make this transition a success. There will be much more information as the time grows closer to that date.**

Once again, thank you Knights Templar of the California Commanderies, I look forward to an exciting and eventful year, I hope you will join me at every opportunity.

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

## GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

Grand Sessions are over. I take this time to personally thank four Sir Knights who have worked hard to help rebuild our Commanderies: Sir Knight Lee Whelan, Sir Night William Bermudez, Sir Knight William Dann, Sir Knight Brandon Duenas. These four, with the other Sir Knights, have given up many hours of their time to help with ritual and tactics. If you happen to be with them, please thank them for their dedication to the Grand Commandery.

We only had one resolution this year which I feel could be one of most importance. The use of period costumes. We use costumes in the Order of Red Cross and Malta. I believe it is about time we clothe our self in clothing befitting the era of the Knight Templar. We will work to find a supplier and an exact description of the clothing.

Have a Fourth of July event in your area? Good time to be involved in community activity. Sometimes just a polo shirt with our emblem will create inquires. We need ideas to promote our bodies.

As always, I am at your service.

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.)

## 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**

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.

## **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. Very soon now, there will be additional courses available: on Templar History and on the Trial of the Templars. 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 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  
JUNE 2023 – MAY 2024**

Date		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
August 5, 2023	3-Way Reception	East Bay, Alameda
August 6, 2023	3-Way Reception	Orange Park, SF 10:30 – 2:30
August 19, 2023	3-Way Reception	Vasona Park 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
Nov 20 – Dec 1, 2023	Vacation Cruise	The Ocean somewhere
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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**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).

# Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

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Please mail this form with your contribution to the address below.

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*\* Grand Master's Club and Grand Commander's Club may not be purchased in the name of any organization, only individuals. Members of the Grand Commander's Club may add to their donations until they reach a total of \$1,000 to receive membership in the Grand Master's Club. (As of 2/1/2015 once 25 Grand Master's Clubs are reached, a Sword of Merit will be awarded.)*

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## 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
<b>CAPITULAR DEGREES</b>	9:00 AM	
<b>MARK MASTER PAST MASTER</b>		
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
<b>CAPITULAR DEGREES</b>	6:00 PM	
<b>MARK MASTER PAST MASTER</b>	(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)
<b>CAPITULAR DEGREES</b>	9:00 AM	
<b>MOST EXCELLENT MASTER</b>		
Lunch (reservations required!)	11:30 PM	Lunch for everyone (including candidates) is \$15
<b>ROYAL ARCH DEGREE</b>	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
<b>CRYPTIC DEGREES</b>	10:00 AM	
<b>ROYAL MASTER SELECT MASTER</b>		
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
<b>CHIVALRIC ORDERS</b>	9:00 AM	
<b>ORDER OF THE RED CROSS ORDER OF MALTA</b>		
Lunch (reservations required!)	11:30 AM	Lunch for everyone (including candidates) is \$15
<b>ORDER OF THE TEMPLE</b>	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)



# SACRAMENTO – SIERRA YORK RITE ASSOCIATION

## SSYRA YORK RITE FESTIVAL RESERVATION FORM

Please mail this form and your check to: SSYRA Secretary, Dave Glass 6431 Valley Hi Drive Sacramento, CA 95823-4838 (preferred), send an email to [festival@ssyra.org](mailto:festival@ssyra.org) or call Dave at (916) 616-3283 at least one week prior to the each event for lunch count and candidate nametags preparation *[Please be considerate of the food preparers and the SSYRA Secretary].* We will accept your check at the door.

Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Council # \_\_\_\_\_ Commandery # \_\_\_\_\_ Located in \_\_\_\_\_

Submitter's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Mar 22 MM			Mar 25 RAM			Apr 29 CM			June 17 KT			Total Fees \$10 for each cand & \$15 for each lunch
	Cand	Comp	Lunch	Cand	Comp	Lunch	Cand	Comp	Lunch	Cand	S.K.	Lunch	
Total Enclosed:													

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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 Rylaws*  
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

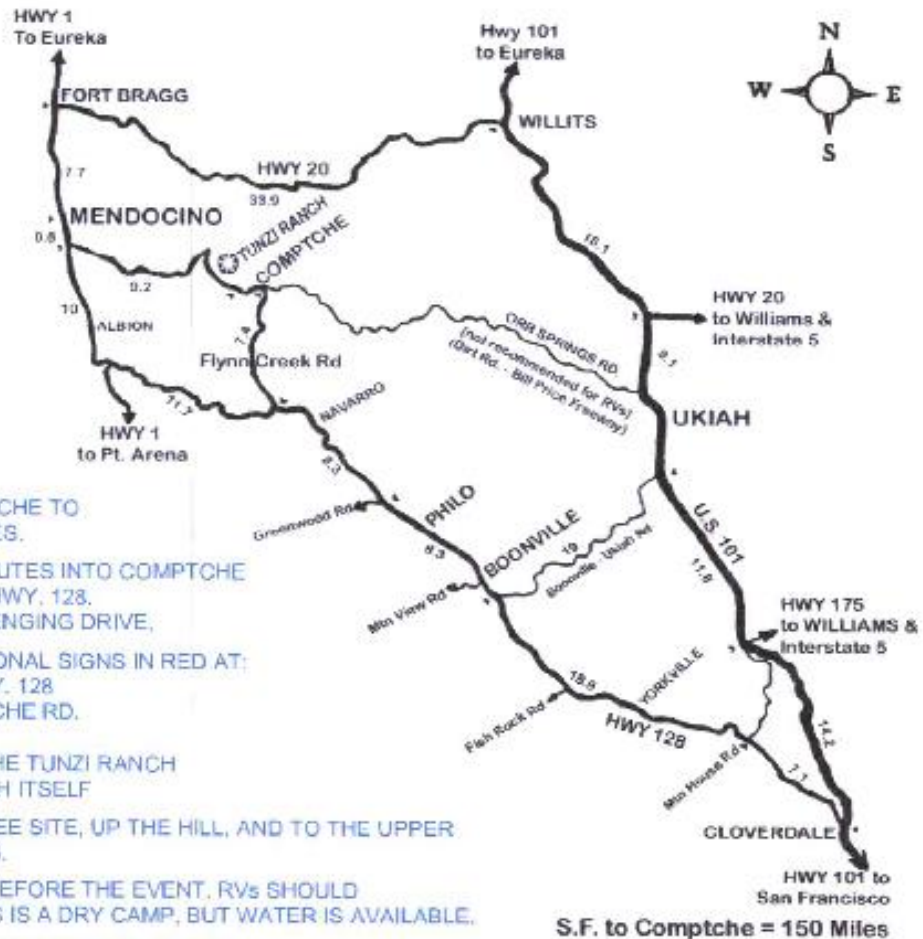
Sun. 6/25 - 7 am - Breakfast  
*Candidates need to sign Council Bylaws*  
8:15 am - Open Council  
8:30 am - Royal Master Deg.  
10:30 am - Select Master Deg.  
12 Noon - Lunch



Lodging available along the Mendocino Coast, 10 miles West.  
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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:  
**GUY M. CHALMERS**  
**50 LOHRMAN LANE**  
**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***





# 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**



**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

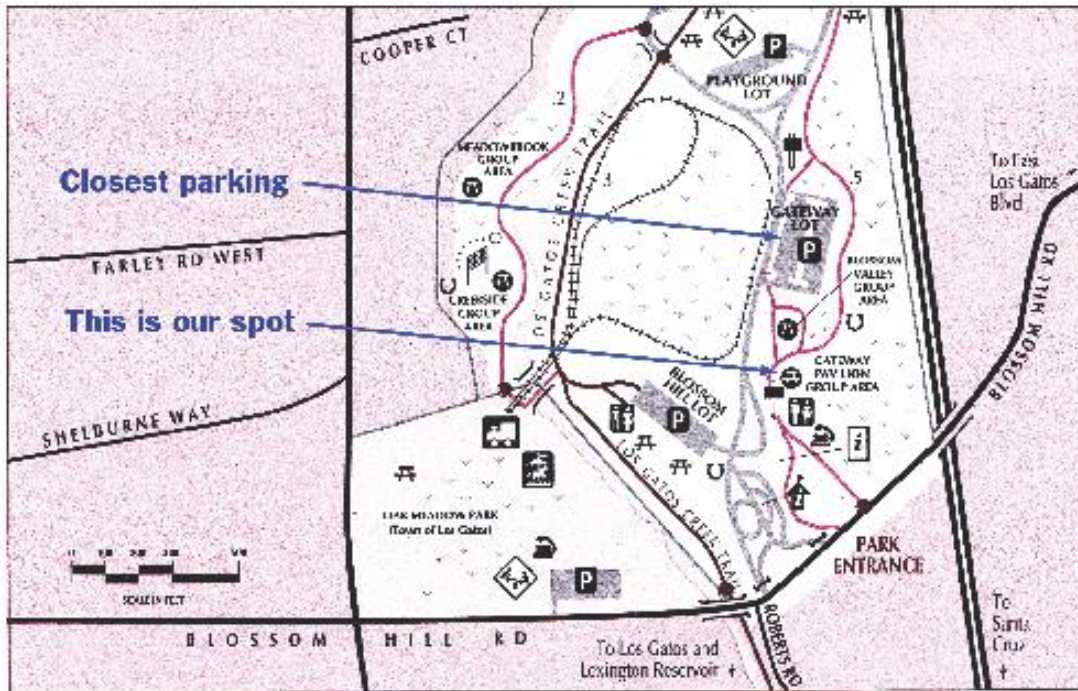
Doornbos at 408-802-7480 or

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

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

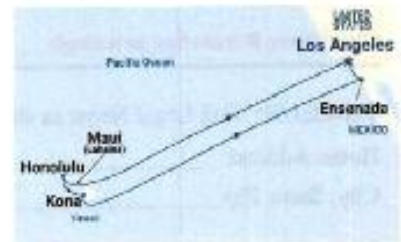


# CALIFORNIA COMMANDERY HAWAII CRUISE

## March 16-31, 2024

### 15-DAY HAWAII CRUISE ROUND TRIP LOS ANGELES

*Prices starting at only \$1,399 per person*



*Join Roger and Lynn Ross on this fantastic, fun-filled journey to our 50<sup>th</sup> state. Cruise with your sisters and brothers of the California Commandery, as we sail the blue waters of the Pacific, and visit the beautiful islands of Oahu, Maui, and Hawaii. You will have more fun than you can imagine, and make life-long memories. You don't want to miss this cruise. Sign up today! This cruise is open to everyone.*

#### 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

Prices shown are per person, double occupancy. Additional costs include \$161 per person taxes and port fees. Air fare, transfers, tours, and gratuities are not included. Fares may be upgraded to Princess Plus or Princess Premier for an additional charge. **Travel insurance is an additional cost and is highly recommended.**



Aboard the beautiful Discovery Princess

Discovery Princess®, launched in 2022 is the third vessel designed from the ground up with Princess MedallionClass® and the final Royal-class ship. Enjoy 270-degree sweeping views from our largest balconies at sea, unwind in ultimate comfort at The Sanctuary, and indulge your senses with world-class dining options from Michelin-star and renowned chefs. Plus, Princess live entertainment presents spectacular new productions that can only be seen in our state-of-the-art Princess Theater. With our effortless, personalized service of the MedallionClass® experience, your real vacation has just begun!