

# Sacramento York Rite News



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Stated Meetings - Second Saturday

## JANUARY CALENDAR

**Monday, January 8, 2018**

**Commandery officers practice ... 7:00 pm  
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

**Annual Installation of Officers  
All three Bodies, starting at 9:00 am  
Reception following  
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Monday, February 5, 2018**

**Commandery officers practice ... 7:00 pm  
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

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

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

**Council Stated Assembly ..... 9:00 am  
Commandery Stated Conclave 10:00 am  
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

**Sacramento Sierra York Rite Festival  
Chapter (Royal Arch) Degrees  
Woodland Masonic Temple ..... 8:00 am**

## Royal Arch Degrees Festival

For a number of years, most of our new companions have received their degrees at the Sacramento Sierra spring festival. This year's Festival is only two & a half months away, on Saturday, March 24th. So now is a good time to contact that Master Mason whose petition you would like to sign and invite him to join us and discover the lost master's word.

## Installation Season

All three Sacramento York Rite bodies will hold their Installation ceremonies January 13th, our normal second Saturday meeting day, in Lodge Room Two of the 12th and J Streets Masonic Temple. The Chapter will start at 9:00 a.m., the Council will follow at 10:00 a.m. (or as soon after that as the Chapter is done), and the Commandery will close things out at 11:00 a.m. (or thereabouts).

Sacramento Council will hold a brief business meeting prior to Installation only if there are urgent matters to attend to; Chapter and Commandery are "dark" in January with respect to stated meetings. The top three officers in each body are shown on page 4.

All three installations are open to family and friends, so this is a good occasion to "show off" York Rite Masonry. Bring a prospective member if you can. There will be a reception and light lunch in the recently refurbished 3rd floor Club Room following the installations. Please call Phil at (916) 712-4814, or e-mail him at [Phil@SacramentoMasonicTemple.com](mailto:Phil@SacramentoMasonicTemple.com), if you plan to stay for lunch, so we will know how much food to prepare.

Our neighboring York Rite bodies in Auburn will install the same day we do (the 13th), but starting at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, with a dinner between the Council and Commandery ceremonies. Reservations for dinner are requested at [auburnyorkrite@gmail.com](mailto:auburnyorkrite@gmail.com). Woodland Chapter will install on January 3rd and the Folsom Bodies on January 6th.

**FROM THE DIAS**

Greetings Companions,

I would like to thank the Companions for a wonderful 2017. Together we implemented the morning Breakfast Briefings where we shared many interesting topics of the Royal Arch. We have created a forum where all masons of like mind come together and enjoy fellowship and more light in masonry. We have added music to the beginning of our sessions, which brought a levity to our meetings and created a common bond. We have supported each other in our paths to Masonic growth. With out you, the companions, this would not have been possible.

We've learned that if we share the light which is within all of us and focus on that bond, we can accomplish much. And though my journey as a High Priest ends, my Masonic understanding deepens, and I realize that the journey has just begun. My hope for 2018 is that we will inspire in our new companions that same camaraderie and dedication, that they will be able to see it takes a special kind of mason to be a companion. And stir in them the desire to become that special type of man who dedicates himself to do what we do. And while other men continue to try to find their calling in masonry, we as companions begin to encourage others that in the York Rite is where they will find sanctuary. Here we are the foundation of the historic Mason. Here we do not shy away from continued work in ourselves, our ritual, Masonic light and true camaraderie.

And when a brother comes knocking at our door, we will be side by side, shoulder to shoulder, *(continued on page 3)*

Greetings, Sir Knights!

Happy New Year to all our Knights & Companions! Thank you for your vote of confidence in the Elected and Appointed officers to lead our Council in 2018. We have at least eight active Past Illustrious Masters in our Council, and I will be relying on their advice and counsel during the year

Our vision for the new year is to promote regular attendance at our meetings, to recruit new members, to continue excellent ritual work, and to generally enjoy each other's company. We will continue to support Constitutional Observance, support the effort to assist the Homeless, make a contribution to a local School, open an account at our local Blood Bank, and participate in the 100 Year Celebration for the Sacramento Masonic Temple (September 15th).

I cannot stress more seriously our need for new members. The 8:00 am Study and Discussion Sessions are open to both Masons and non-Masons. Members who are no longer active are encouraged to either donate or sell their jackets to our new members. We would love to acquire a Council Banner prior to the 100 Year Celebration. Remember, we only meet six times per year, and your participation is critical for the success of our Council. We extend a special welcome to our newest affiliated member, Companion Darren Murphy. Please report any member that may be sick or distressed.

Up-coming events include the Annual Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 13th, the Awards Celebration on Saturday, February 10th, *(continued on page 3)*

(continued from page 2) creating camaraderie and brotherly love, and in our hearts we will know we are not alone. Royal Arch Masonry is a calling from the Heart, from the soul, and only a few are called to serve. And like the United States Marines we are the few, the proud -- a Royal Arch Mason with a purpose to serve our fellow companions, to lead them in ways they know not. Together, the Red Coats we wear mean something. And it is up to us to lead the way.

Hold your head up high, for men that beat their drums for the sake of beating know not why they do it. But we will always be there to guide the crooked and make things straight. Thank you again for allowing me to serve.

Your Humble Companion,

Luis J. Montero

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(continued from page 2) and the conferral of the Royal Master degree in April in Auburn. Special recognition to Companions for their contributions to the Craft beyond our local York Rite. They include outgoing High Priest E.C. Luis Montero, new Master of Washington Lodge # 20, outgoing Ill. Master and High Priest-elect E.C. Tim Harper, new Master of Elk Grove Lodge #173, M.E.C. Phil Hardiman, appointed Grand Secretary or Recorder for all three York Rite Grand Bodies, E.C. Rich Wilson, repeating again as an Eastern Star Patron, and E.C. Joseph Dongo for his pending election as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in the Sacramento Scottish Rite and his Grand Encampment award of the 4th Bronze Cluster for membership. Congratulations to all! Finally, I am especially honored to announce the selection of Comp. Floyd Tritt as the recipient of the Council's Ish Sodi award.

Fraternally Yours,

Ron Charles, Commander  
and 2018 Ill. Master-elect  
[rbosumptwi@gmail.com](mailto:rbosumptwi@gmail.com)

**Stated Meetings – 2nd Saturdays**

	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
January	Chapter	Commandery*
February	Council	Commandery
March	Chapter	Commandery
April	Council	Commandery
May	Chapter	Commandery
June	Council	Commandery
July	Chapter	special**
August	Chapter	special**
September	Chapter	Commandery
October	Council	Commandery
November	Chapter	Commandery
December	Council	Commandery

\*January Commandery meeting is for Installation only (no Stated Conclave), and time is not defined.

\*\*Council or Commandery special meeting or practice.

A line of Jackets for our York Rite bodies continues to be available at MP ENTERPRISES. Prices range from \$75.00 to \$107.00, depending on size and color. Also available are men's and ladies' vests, tuxedos and shirts, as well as pins, patches, flags and OES T-Shirts. Contact Max Luy at (510) 527-5728, or cell: (510) 502-3224; or email at [maxluy@hotmail.com](mailto:maxluy@hotmail.com).

Deadline for submissions for the February issue of the *Trestleboard* is Wednesday, January 24th. Richard Wilson, Editor, [D246rich@surewest.net](mailto:D246rich@surewest.net).

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*Sacramento Chapter No. 3  
Royal Arch Masons of  
California*



*Invites you, your family  
and friends  
To its annual  
Installation of  
Officers*

*Saturday, January 13, 2018  
9:00 in the morning  
Sacramento Masonic Temple  
12th and J Streets*

*Timothy Harper, High Priest-Elect  
Ronald Charles, King-Elect  
Francisco Marques, Scribe-Elect*

*Installing Team*

*Philip Hardiman KYGCH, PGHP  
Richard Wilson, KYCH  
Josefito Viray, KYCH*

*Sacramento Council No. 1  
Cryptic Masons of  
California*



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Installation of  
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*Saturday, January 13, 2018  
10:00 in the morning  
Sacramento Masonic Temple  
12th and J Streets*

*Ronald Charles, Ill. Master-Elect  
Luis Montero, Deputy Master-Elect  
Joseph Wallach, PCW-Elect*

*Installing Team*

*Bob Whitfield KYGCH, MIGM  
Joseph Dongo, KYCH  
Scott Husmann KYCH*

*Sacramento Commandery  
No. 2, Knights Templar of  
California*



*Invites you, your family  
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Installation of  
Officers*

*Saturday, January 13, 2018  
11:00 in the morning  
Sacramento Masonic Temple  
12th and J Streets*

*Juan Faranda, Commander-Elect  
Joseph Wallach, Generalissimo-Elect  
Harvey Holcomb, Captain General-Elect*

*Installing Team*

*Wes Mindermann, KYCH  
Joseph Dongo, KYCH  
Philip Hardiman KYGCH, PGHP*

*Catered Reception following: Please R.S.V.P.*

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