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Grand High Priest's Message

Companions,

Another month passes as the seasons change. Winter is about to drop on us with the holidays and family time that we all look forward to at this time of year. I just finished the Southwest Department Conference in Las Vegas along with our Companions from the Council and the officers from our Grand Commandery. It was an opportunity to trade ideas and information with our counterparts from the other states in our department in one location. Our Grand Secretary, Grand Scribe and Grand Lecturer and two PGHPs were there with me and I believe we had a successful conference.

We are moving forward with the financial restructuring, to move from deficit spending to paying as we go, to avoid overruns in the Grand Chapter budgets in the future. Your whole Grand Line and all of the elected officers are working together to make this happen. We believe this will be accomplished this year, allowing REC Bullard to be the first in a long time to have a completely transparent financial year.

Santa Monica Bay, San Diego and Inland Empire receptions are to come yet this year and I look forward to meeting with our companions in the southern end of the state. I am sure that they are working hard to build our Craft and bring in new Companions to enjoy further Light in Masonry.

We are close to starting another capitular year for our chapters. I hope that all the new officers for next year have worked diligently on their proficiency and are prepared to advance. The Grand Lecturer has assured me that questions will soon be out for them.

We held the annual ritual conference in Visalia this last month. I was a bit disappointed in the attendance but very pleased with the work performed. Our Grand Lecturer is passionate about the ritual and seeing that it is performed correctly. I see that same passion reflected in the ritual staff and that brings great joy to my heart. Remember it is the ritual that we have to offer our brethren in the Lodge and the Light it brings to them.

I have been speaking at receptions about what I call the Joseph Dongo method of recruiting members and keeping them as active members in York Rite Masonry. Simply put, it means to get active as a candidate coach in your Lodge and as you coach through the degrees talk about York Rite. Plant the seeds by imparting some information about our degrees to interest them in wanting to continue beyond the Master Mason degree. When you can get 20 to join us and 19 remain active after a year, as Joseph has, you will see the value in the effort. It also shows the Lodge that we are here to help them as well!

Please enjoy the upcoming Thanksgiving time with your families and friends. We have so much to be thankful for, even with the darkness of the fires. Whether your thanksgiving feast is grand or simple, take time to remember family past and present and the joys we have all had and will continue to have together. We are more than a group of Companions. We are family.

Fraternally,

Leland G. Routt, KYGCH
165th Grand High Priest
Royal Arch Masons of California

GRAND SESSIONS 2020

Companions and Sir Knights

I hope you are looking forward to our Grand Sessions for 2020. As a reminder, the sessions will be earlier than normal next year. They will run from Saturday, May 2 through Wednesday, May 6. The Committee is already hard at work, preparing for the sessions, and trying to create the best experience possible for all our Companions, Sir Knights, ladies, and guests.

Your Grand Sessions Committee is looking for a number of volunteers to help us out at the sessions. Specifically, we need help with set-up, with registration, and with meal check-in. Registration is our biggest need, and we will need people to work the registration table each day of the sessions. The more volunteers we get, the shorter the shifts would be.

Assistance with set-up would be on an as-needed basis throughout the sessions, and will involve helping to move chairs, set up sound equipment, move paraphernalia, etc.

Meal check-in is a simple task. It requires a person to stand outside the room where a meal is being served, and check off people on the list as they enter. That would be for breakfast each day, and for the men's and ladies' lunches each day.

If you are willing to help us out in any of these capacities, please contact me right away. You may email me at: executivedirector@ca-gyrs.org, or you may call me on my cell: (408) 674-8341.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Grand Sessions in Visalia in 2020. **The Registration document is attached at the end of this newsletter.**

Randy Downey
Executive Direction
Grand York Rite Sessions

Dates for the 2020 California Grand York Rite

Monday, May 4, 2020 – Grand Commandery

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 – Grand Chapter

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 – Grand Council

COMPTCHE– 2020

The outdoor festival this year was a great success, and Chapters should be planning now to build a class of candidates for next June.

See the picture below for the 10 new Companions exalted this year: David Sonnenberg, Jeff Schloo, Paul Stathatos, Tim Giddings, Jesse Grossmann, Mark Davis, Rex Pembroke, Ariyeh Schmeder, Paul Abeyesekera, and Robert McKenzie.



Be sure to put Comptche on your Calendar for 2020. The 2020 Festival, if you can see(!) your way there, will be on June 27th, 2020.

GRAND LECTURER

Companions All

As we enter the election and qualification season, I congratulate the new and returning Officers on their election! The qualification questions will be available at the end of this week for your education and to help prepare you for next year! The six-man opening is done and is available from your ritual staff for your use as needed! We are still finishing up the changes for the reprint of the ritual book and that will be available a bit later this month from the Grand Secretary's Office. There is also a lot of work going on to review and upgrade the Manual of Ceremonies as well! It's Great to be involved in these exciting times for our Craft! Keep pushing for the Greater Good of our Craft and the advancement of more Light in Masonry!! All the Best

Your Most Humble Grand Lecturer –
Steve.

HORNBLOWER CRUISE

Having attended in the past, I wanted to personally invite you to our 7th Annual

Holiday Dinner Cruise. The cruise will be on November 16th this year.

Your meal choices are Whiskey Braised Short Ribs, Oven Roasted Scottish Salmon, or Elmer's Best Roasted Vegetable Timpano. Attached is the flier which lists pricing for this year and further details.

When you RSVP, please include your name, how many are in your party, and what each person would like to eat in your party. Please remember that your check is your reservation. All checks need to be received by 30 October.

Companion and Sir Knight Austin Swank
Recorder, San Diego Commandery #25

SECRETARY ESSENTIALS

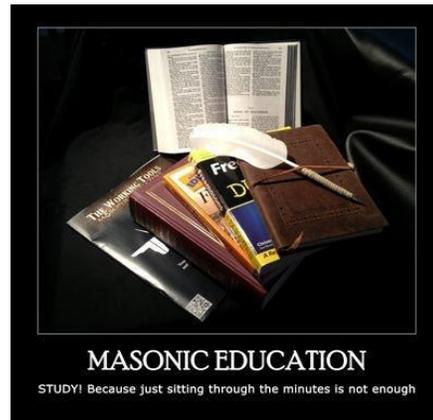
Secretaries new and old: near the end of this newsletter you will find a two-page document that serves as guidelines for Secretaries and Recorders – especially new ones.

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:

<http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Chapter>

If you are prompted for a username and/or password, call your Inspector, or anyone in the CONTACTS section below.

GOLDEN STATE RESEARCH CHAPTER



Companions,

The installation of Officers elected at the annual meeting in Visalia in May took place Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the semi-annual meeting in San Francisco, during the Grand Lodge Annual Communications. The meeting in the new Lodge Room constructed on the Grand Lodge premises was filled with over 26 members present, and 8 new petitions were presented and balloted upon.

The Annual meeting will occur on May 4, 2020 during Grand Sessions. See you there!

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert A Morrison, Secretary

GRAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Information about Royal Arch Scholarships for 2020, is now posted at the following website:

<http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/royalarch/rara.html>

The Masonic Family has a large number of scholarships available to our youth, but how many of those in need of assistance really “KNOW” they are available?

California Royal Arch \$1,000 Scholarship requirements:

A member of the Masonic Family (ie: Rainbow, Jobs Daughter or DeMolay)

A US Citizen

A California Resident

A 3.0 Grade Point Average

Enrolled or Accepted at an Educational Institution

The deadline to apply for the 2020 Scholarship Program is March 1, 2020. Submissions can be forwarded to the Office of the Grand Chapter Secretary at

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons
Attn: Grand Secretary
1123 J Street

Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone: (562) 924-6500 x 1123
E-mail: sec-rec@yorkriteofcalifornia.org.

Once chosen, the award of \$1,000 is renewable for a total of 4 years, as long as the requirements are maintained. Do you know a Rainbow Girl, Job’s Daughter or DeMolay that could benefit by knowing this information? What are you waiting for – make that call!



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; or directly to his email at maxluy@hotmail.com.

ENCOMPASSER

The July 2019 edition is now available on the website. If you must have hard-copy, please call the Grand Secretary’s office at the contact numbers listed below.

http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser_issues.html

OR

Go to <http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org>

and click on The Encompasser on the left of the top toolbar.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2019 – MAY 2020

Date	Event	Location
Nov 28	THANKSGIVING	EVERYWHERE
Nov 29	NorCal DeMolay Conference	Santa Clara
Dec 4	Christmas Party	Acacia Creek
Dec 7	Christmas Party, Masonic Temple	Tracy
Dec 21	Bethel 110 Installation	Tracy
Dec 25	CHRISTMAS	EVERYWHERE
Jan 1	NEW YEARS DAY	ALMOST EVERYWHERE
Feb 7 – 9, 2020	GYR Officers' Conference	Visalia
Feb 15	3-Way Reception	San Diego Scottish Rite
Feb 20-22	Grand Court, Amaranth	Visalia
Apr 2-4	Grand Sessions	Oregon
Apr 8-11	Grand Sessions	New Mexico
May 2-7	Grand Sessions	Visalia

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>

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Website:

WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG

SECRETARY and/or RECORDER ESSENTIALS

Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org.

Scroll down and click on "York Rite Forms and Documents." Then click on the appropriate logo. A window opens where you enter the userid, which is "cagyr" and the password, which is "brio"

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 the 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 31st.
2. **Membership control** -- Especially important is the very last item, "Royal Arch Monthly Report." This is relevant to you as a Secretary/Recorder if you do not yet have a userid for access to MMS – Masonic Membership Solutions. If you fill the paper report out each month, whenever you encounter changes to the membership, you will find it much easier at the end of the year to produce the year-end report, which is used to compute the amount of per capita the Chapter needs to pay. That payment is due by Jan 15th each year. Important changes to your membership include new members, demits, remits 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:

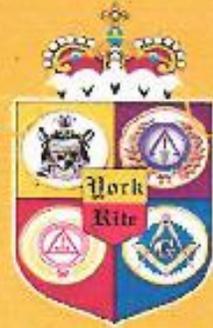
Chapter: See Section 201 in the Constitution at <http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Chapter/ROYAL%20ARCH%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

Council: See Section 30-10 in the Constitution at <http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Council/Grand%20Council%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

Commandery: See Section 347 in the Constitution at <http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Commandery/GRAND%20COMMANDERY%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

4. **Per Capita** -- The Per Capita payment, due each Jan 15th, does not require action by the Chapter to be paid. You will need good, up-to-date end-of-year number of active members that is crucial to computing your per capita payment. Without good data 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. But most important is getting a userid to utilize MMS.
5. **Insurance** -- The Insurance payment, due each July 15th, does not require action by the Chapter, Council or Commandery to be paid. You will be billed for the payment by the Grand Secretary-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).
8. **Grand Sessions** – Before the April 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 cannot issue proxies. The appropriate forms can be obtained on the Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials."
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 secure website.

Grand Sessions 2018, 2019, and 2020
Come join us as we move up the road



Wyndham Visalia
9000 W Airport Drive,
Visalia, California 93277



May 19 thru 23, 2018

May 18 thru 22, 2019

MAY 2 THRU 6, 2020

San Diego Commandery #25 Presents...



Saturday, November 16th, 2019

All Masons, their Family and Friends are invited to join the officer's and Sir Knights of San Diego Commandery #25 for our 7th Annual Holiday Dinner Cruise aboard Hornblower Cruises. A great way to begin the 2019 Holiday season with a relaxing evening on beautiful San Diego Bay, with dinner amongst family and your Brother Masons.

DRESS: Coat and Tie

COST: \$65 for Sir Knights and Family

\$70 for Masons & Family

\$80 for all guests after October 16, 2019

****Credit Card Payment available upon request****

DINNER CHOICES: Whiskey Braised Short Ribs, Scottish Salmon or Vegetable Timpano DUE WITH RSVP

RSVP with your dinner choice, and payment to SK Austin Swank at KTDinnerCruise@gmail.com

NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER 30 October, 2019

Make Checks Payable to San Diego Commandery #25 and mail to:

KT Dinner Cruise

20052 Pasqual Highlands Rd

Ramona, CA 92065

CHECK IN BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M. † BOARDING BEGINS AT 6:30P.M. † DEPARTURE AT 7:00P.M. SHARP!

HORNBLOWER CRUISES AND EVENTS, 1800 North Harbor BLVD, San Diego 92101

San Diego York Rite bodies invite you to join us for a
GRAND YORK RITE 3 WAY RECEPTION

February 15, 2020

San Diego Scottish Rite Center

1895 Camino del Rio South

San Diego, CA 92108

Honoring the California Grand York Rite Body Leaders



Leland Rouff KYGCH

**Most Excellent
Grand High Priest**



Eduardo Estrada KYGCH
Most Illustrious Grand Master



William McBroom KYGCH
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Gathering at 6:00PM and Dinner being served at 6:30PM

Ceremony to begin at 7:15 PM.

Dinner cost is \$25

Ladies and guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

Please RSVP NLT Feb 7, 2020 to:

Austin Swank @ SDRAM61secretary@gmail.com

Dress for the evening is respective Jacket Color with appropriate accessories.

We look forward to seeing you at our Celebration of California York Rite Masonry!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2019-2020

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of California

FULL NAME OF APPLICANT:	
Permanent Home Address:	
Telephone Number(s):	
E-mail address:	
Are you a resident of California:	
What is your intended field of study:	Degree/Certification sought :
Have you applied to, or been accepted by, a college, university or trade school? If "yes," list all applicable.	

Details of your Masonic Youth Order membership:	
Name of Organization:	Initiation Date:
Meeting Address:	_____
Adult Leader's Name, Address and Telephone:	_____

Checklist	
1) To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must submit this application postmarked no later than <u>March 1, 2020</u> .	
2) Refer to 2019-2020 "POLICY STATEMENT" tab for the list of student responsibilities and all of the documents which must be submitted with your application.	
3) If you are awarded a scholarship, may we publish your name and photo in our York Rite newsletters and publications? Yes ___ No ___	
Submit this application to:	Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons Attn: Grand Secretary 1123 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814-2809 E-mail: aec-rec@vorkriteofcalifornia.org
Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____	

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Policy Statement
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – 2019-20 Scholarships

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of California

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must:

- Be a current member of a Masonic Youth Organization – Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls or DeMolay.
- Be a California resident for the initial award.
- Have a minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA), unweighted.
- Be enrolled, or eligible to enroll, in an accredited College, University or Trade School.
- Carry a minimum of 12 semester or 8 quarter units.

SELECTION

Selection for a scholarship award is the responsibility of the Scholarship Committee of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, based on the criteria listed here.

APPROVAL AND AWARD PROCESS

- The Scholarship Committee will determine which applicants meet all the eligibility requirements as set forth by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California.
- Payment will be made at the beginning of the term, after the approved applicant has supplied the Scholarship Committee with a copy of the Enrollment Certificate issued by the institution.
- The award will be in the amount of \$1,000.00 and may be renewed up to four times (total of 5 awards) upon re-application by the student each year or until undergraduate degree requirements are met, whichever comes first, at the discretion of the committee and availability of funds.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES / REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Submit the completed application forms and required documents to the Grand Chapter Office at the address listed below. Completed applications must be post marked no later than **March 1, 2020**. **Failure to meet this deadline is disqualifying!**
- Submit with the application, two letters of recommendation; one letter of recommendation from a teacher or community leader, the other from the leader of your youth organization.
- Submit with the application, or as soon thereafter as possible, a sealed official transcript including the last term completed prior to February 1, 2020, from the attending High School or post- secondary institution.
- Submit with the application a short essay (approximately 500 words), describing educational goals, extra-curricular activities, community service, proudest moments in your youth organization, noteworthy accomplishments, special, talents, and long-range goals.
- Before award is made, submit a proof of enrollment in the form of a certificate of enrollment from the college, university or trade school to the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons to the address below.
- Promptly advise the Grand Chapter Office of any changes in address, telephone, or educational status. An e-mail notification to e-mail address below is preferable for such updates.

Direct all communications on this subject to: Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons
Attn: Grand Secretary
1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2809
E-mail: sec-rec@yorkriteofcalifornia.org

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SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of California

FULL NAME OF APPLICANT:
Permanent Home Address:
Telephone Number(s):
E-mail address:
What are the previous years you were awarded this scholarship:
Are you still a resident of California:
Are you still enrolled in a college, university or trade school: _____ The name of the school you are attending: _____ Your intended field of study: _____ Degree or certification sought: _____ Your GPA: _____
Details of your Masonic membership (include Blue Lodge, Eastern Star, or youth order, if applicable): Name of Organization: _____ Initiation Date: _____ Meeting Address: _____ Adult Leader's Name, Address and Telephone: _____ _____
NOTES To be considered for an additional scholarship award, applicants must submit this renewal application accompanied with proof of enrollment to the address below, post marked no later than <u>March 1, 2020</u> .
Submit this renewal application to: Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons Attn: Grand Secretary 1123 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814 E-mail: sec-rec@yorkriteofcalifornia.org
Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

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2020 Grand York Rite Sessions May 2nd to May 6th, 2020 – Visalia, CA

Each person attending must fill out a registration form. Please print your names and titles as you would like it printed on your badge.

Do you prefer your confirmation by: email (default) none phone call (latest time to call _____)

Name: _____ Lady / Guest: _____
 Title(s): _____
 Lady / Guest Title(s): _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
 Zip: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Arrival Date / Time: _____ Departure Date / Time: _____ U: 11/5/19

Please list the **number(s)**

that you are a member of

RAM # _____

CM # _____

KT # _____

Day/Date	Time	Please enter the number of Meals/Events you are requesting	Price	Total
Sat – 2 nd	12:00 PM	AMD In-Gathering in Tulare – Registration at http://www.alliedmasoncodegrees-calif.org/		
	1:30 PM	How to do Ritual Workshop _____	R.O.*	
Sun – 3 rd	8:00 AM	GYR CA Corporation Annual Meeting _____	R.O.*	
	11:00 AM	Battalion & Seiles Brunon BBQ Buffet _____	\$34.00	
	1:00 PM	Drill Team Participant _____	R.O.*	
	4:00 PM	Vespers Service (Memorial Service for all 3 Bodies) _____	R.O.*	
	6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet: Pacific Salmon _____ Beef & Chicken Duo _____ Special Dietary _____	\$40.00	
	~9:30 PM	Royal Arch Widow's Degree Candidate _____ Siderner (R.C.*) _____	\$20.00	
Mon – 4 th	7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Executive Breakfast _____	\$24.00	
	12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon: Chicken Teriyaki _____ Lasagna Roulettes (Veg) _____	\$27.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon: Southwestern Fiesta Buffet _____ Special Dietary _____	\$28.00	
	1:30 PM	Past Commander's Association _____	\$30.00	
	1:30 PM	Leadership Workshop _____	R.O.*	
	2:30 PM	Golden State Research Chapter attendee _____	R.O.*	
	~8:00 PM	Secretary / Recorder MMS Workshop _____	R.O.*	
Tue – 5 th	7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet _____	\$17.00	
	12:00 PM	Grand Chapter & RA Ladies Combined Luncheon: Italian Renaissance Buffet _____ Special Dietary _____	\$31.00	
	1:30 PM	Membership Workshop _____	R.O.*	
	1:30 PM	Order of High Priesthood Degree _____	\$50.00	
	~6:00 PM	Secretary / Recorder MMS Workshop _____	R.O.*	
Wed – 6 th	7:00 AM	Grand Council Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet _____	\$17.00	
	12:00 PM	CM Ladies Luncheon Flat Iron Steak _____ Breast of Chicken Carbonara _____ Special Dietary _____	\$31.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon Southwestern Fiesta Buffet _____ Special Dietary _____	\$28.00	
	1:30 PM	Thrice Illustrious Master Degree _____	\$40.00	
	2:00 PM	For the Ladies "All the mysteries of the York Rite Titles" Workshop _____	R.O.*	

Special Dietary notation: We will try to accommodate those with special dietary needs and work with the hotel chefs. Please note your dietary concern: **Vegan** **Vegetarian** **Gluten Free** and mark the count in each meal line above. If we are unable to accommodate for that meal, you will be contacted ahead of time and refund issued.

Check# _____ enclosed payable to **Grand York Rite of CA** or Invoice me via PayPal

Comments:

Events are subject to change based on reservation responses or other factors. More information on the other (or back) page.

*R.O. is Reservation Only. There is no charge for the event. However, if you plan to attend, please mark it on your reservation form. More forms (Including the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master & Past Commanders Association), menus and schedule are available from www.ca-gyrs.org.

2020 Grand York Rite Sessions May 2nd to May 6th, 2020 – Visalia, CA

Please send page 1 of this form and payment to:
CA-GYRS 1123 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814-2883

Meal reservations are locked & will not be guaranteed after 04/20/20

You may request to be put on a waiting list until April 30th

Onsite registration is available to the Companions and Sir Knights attending sessions without ordering meals. Please be aware that Name Tags will not be printed for late registrants, so please register before the deadline.

Contact the **Wyndham Hotel** 9000 W Airport Dr Visalia, California 93277 +1-559-651-5000
Tell the agent that you are in the **Grand York Rite Group** or register online via www.ca-gyrs.org
Room rate: \$95.00 +taxes.

Hotel reservation deadline is **03/25/20** Pending room block availability – best to register early

Questions, contact the following below.

- **Executive Director: Randy Downey**, executivedirector@ca-gyrs.org or call +1 408 674 8341
- **Meal/Event reservations: Dave Glass** reservations@ca-gyrs.org or call +1 916 616 3283

No refunds after April 25th, 2020 unless approved by the Grand York Rite Sessions Executive Committee.

A few words about Reservation Only (*R.O.*) events:

Although there is no charge for these events, please enter in a numerical value for the events you want to attend. This provides a headcount for the preparation of the event. Also, if the event is cancelled or changed you can be notified.

"The Official CA Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD) Ingathering" will be held at the Tulare Masonic Temple, 135 W. Tulare Avenue, Tulare (11 miles from the hotel). Events start at 12:00 pm and end with a Festive Board dinner at 8 pm. Please go to: <http://alliedmasonicdegrees-calif.org> to register.

Workshops: The following workshops will be offered.

- **Saturday:** How to do Ritual. No actual ritual is discussed, but delivery and other pointers
- **Monday:** Leadership. A mini session of the Leadership Seminar rolled out a couple of years ago.
- **Tuesday:** Membership. An open discussion about gaining and retaining membership.
- **Wednesday:** For the Ladies "All the mysteries of the York Rite Titles". Covering the various York Rite titles.
- **Secretary / Recorder MMS Workshop.** Covering the MMS system for those that have not taken the training or need a refresher course.

Grand York Rite California (GYR CA) Corporation Annual Meeting. Event starts at 8:00 am to completion of business. All members of the GYR CA Corporation are cordially invited to attend. Agenda for this annual business meeting will be published separately.

Vesper services. Vespers is our gathering to honor our departed Companions and Sir Knights. All are encouraged to attend. Please enter the number attending the service.

Royal Arch Widows Degree. A "Fun" Degree for our Ladies. This will be conferred shortly after the Grand Banquet. Please enter a 1 in the field to register as a candidate. You will receive a certificate and a pin after receiving the degree. Those that have received the degree and the Companions who wish to sit on the sidelines, please enter the count in the Sideline field (there is no charge for the Sideliners (count to prepare enough seats)

Golden State Royal Arch Research Chapter. All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend. For a small fee of \$20, you can submit your petition at the meeting to become a lifetime member of the Golden State Research Chapter.

For your convenience, we allow you to register and pay for the **Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master and Past Commanders Association** with your other meals and events. You must also include those respective forms with this one. We will forward the information and funds to the appropriate persons.

Events are subject to change based on reservation responses or other factors.