

# Sacramento York Rite News



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Stated Meetings - Second Saturday

## MARCH CALENDAR

**Monday, March 5, 2018**

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

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

**Breakfast Study Group ..... 8:00 am  
Council Stated Assembly ..... 9:00 am  
Commandery Stated Conclave 10:00 am  
Honors Luncheon ..... 12:00 noon  
*Reservations required for luncheon*  
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

**Monday, March 12, 2018**

**Mark Master Degree practice .... 7:00 pm  
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

**Friday, March 16, 2018**

**Royal Master Degree practice ... 7:00 pm  
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

**Friday, March 23, 2018**

**Mark Master Degree practice .... 7:00 pm  
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

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

**Monday, March 26, 2018**

**Council (Cryptic) School of Instruction  
Auburn Masonic Temple ..... 6:00 pm**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

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

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

**Sacramento Sierra York Rite Festival  
Council (Cryptic) Degrees  
Auburn Masonic Temple ..... 9:00 am**

## Council & Commandery Meetings March 10th

Sacramento Council #1, Royal and Select Masons, will hold its bi-monthly Stated Assembly on Saturday, March 10th, at 9:00 a.m. in the York Rite room of the Sacramento Masonic Temple.

Sacramento Commandery #2, Knights Templar, will then hold its monthly Stated Conclave in the same place at 10:00 a.m.. There will be an officers practice the preceding Monday, March 5th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m..

Sacramento Chapter #3, Royal Arch Masons, does not meet in March.

Following the meetings, there will be an Honors Luncheon in the Club Room to recognize one outstanding member in each of the three Bodies of Sacramento York Rite. Excellent Companion Juan Faranda, PHP, will receive the Royal Arch Meritorious Service Award, Companion Floyd Tritt will receive the Council's Ish Sodi Award, and Sir Knight Joselito Viray, KYCH, will be awarded the Knight Templar Meritorious Service Medal.

Reservations are a must for the luncheon! Details are on page five. Let's have a good turn-out to show our appreciation to these dedicated servants of York Rite Masonry.

Prior to the meetings our regular joint breakfast and discussion group will convene in the Club Room on the third floor at 8:00 a.m.. All members are encouraged to attend.

## FROM THE DIAS

### FROM THE HIGH PRIEST

Companions, I hope this finds all of you well and happy.

We have quite the full month ahead of us. In addition to Council and Commandery on 10 March, we will be having our annual Awards Luncheon to present awards to Companions for each of the bodies (with the exception of Blue Lodge). I hope you've made plans to join us and celebrate the achievements of these sterling Companions. If you have not yet sent an RSVP, please contact the Temple staff or you may email me and let us know you're coming. Floyd Tritt is our recipient this year, and I do hope you'll join me in honoring him.

On 24 March, we will again be putting on the Mark Master Degree at the SSYRA festival in Woodland. EC Richard Wilson is, as usual, our Degree Master. Please contact him if you wish to be involved - we are always looking for new blood! In any case, even if not involved, I hope you will attend the festival. We most often have the lion's share of candidates, they are lovely degrees and it provides a great opportunity to meet and welcome our newest Companions.

Speaking of new Companions, we will hold a *very* brief special Convocation on 23 March, at the Mark Master practice. We will be balloting on our proposed candidates for those degrees. Please join us and have your voice heard.

Thank you, Companions, for all you do and your faithful service to the Chapter. See you on the 10th!

Tim Harper, High Priest  
[timh46@icloud.com](mailto:timh46@icloud.com)

### FROM THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

Fraternal greetings, Companions,

We hope that this message finds you all healthy and well. It would be great to see more of you attend the Meeting on Saturday, March 10th at 8:15 am for the Study Group / breakfast, then Council at 9:00 am, Commandery at 10:00 am and the annual Awards Ceremony at 12 noon.

On Friday, March 16th, we will have a practice for the Royal Master Degree. Sacramento Council No. 1 is responsible for exemplifying at the Department 2 School of Instruction in Auburn, Monday evening, March 26th at 6:00 pm. We could use your help; contact Degree Master EC Rich Wilson to volunteer. We will be scheduling another practice in April to prepare for presenting the Royal Master in Auburn during the Festival.

I again thank you for being kind to me in my absence at the Jan. installation; I look forward to formally taking my station on March 10th. EC Tim Harper has been most gracious and faithful in my absence. Thanks to MEC Phil, PGHP and Grand Secretary, for installing me as King in the Chapter in February. We had the opportunity to visit Wor. Victor Sanchez as he continues to recover from a major health issue; he is continuing to make great progress. Please remember Wor. Phil Cox in your prayers. We need to do a better job of identifying our sick & distressed.

Lastly, we still need a Chairman and committeemen for the Blood Source account, a companion to try to acquire a Council banner prior to the September 15 celebration of our Temple centennial and a Chairman for a Public (*continued on page 3*)

## FROM THE DIAS

### FROM THE COMMANDER Greetings, Sir Knights!

First I have to thank the installing Past Commanders for the great job they did: Wes Minderman, K.Y.C H., Installing Officer, Installing Marshall Joseph Dongo K.Y.C.H. and Installing Prelate Philip Hardiman, K.Y.G.C.H.

My fellows Knights of Sacramento Commandery No. 2, it will be my pleasure and honor to my humble person to be your Commander for the year 2018, and with the grace of God and your help we will have a great year. I ask for your participation in our rehearsals and Conclaves as well the functions of our institution.

I will do my best as Commander, and I am proud of the officers in line; they are all great and responsible Knights who will continue the traditions Sacramento #2. I promise that after I finish my year I will support my Commandery any way I can. We should focus on recruiting more members to see our Commandery grow.

A little bit of history: the Knights Templar is a Masonic body founded in current form in 1885. It bases its Escorerie Symbolism on the historic crusading orders, the Knights Templar and Knights Hospitalier, which still exist as Knights of Malta. This order accepts Freemasons in good standing. The United Religious, Military and Masonic Order of the Temple and St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhoda and Malta.

Well Sir Knights until next month.

Fraternally Yours,

Juan Faranda, Commander  
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(from page 2) Schools project. Please let me know if you can get these jobs done. Membership is always our priority, and we need candidates for the up-coming degrees: Chapter in Woodland March 24th, Council April 28th in Auburn and Commandery June 16th in our Temple. See you on March 10th.

In Peace and Harmony,

Ron Charles, Illustrious Master  
[rbosumptwi@gmail.com](mailto:rbosumptwi@gmail.com)

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## Chapter Degrees March 24

This year Sacramento Sierra York Rite Association (SSYRA) will hold its Royal Arch Degree Festival on Saturday, March 24th. All four degrees of Royal Arch Masonry will be presented that day in the spacious Woodland Masonic Temple. The Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees are conferred in the morning, with the impressive Royal Arch Degree following after lunch.

For a number of years, most of our new companions have received their degrees at this Festival, and they have always been impressed. It's only weeks away, so don't delay; contact that Master Mason whose petition you would like to sign and invite him to join us and discover the lost master's word. There will be a Special Convocation March 23rd to receive & ballot on applications for Festival candidates.

Sacramento Chapter is responsible for conferring the Mark Master Degree to open the Festival, as we have done for several years. We have an experienced cast, but we can always use new members to allow for rotation among the parts. If you would like to participate in the Mark Master Degree, talk to E.C. Richard Wilson, our Degree Administrator.

## Grand Sessions Moving

After a decade (or more) in Bakersfield, the York Rite Grand Sessions are moving to the Windham Hotel in Visalia. The hotel is a former Holiday Inn by the airport that has been completely refurbished, and it is very nice. It's also an hour closer to Sacramento than Bakersfield, so it will be easier to get there if you're driving

The dates are the same, Saturday thru Wednesday the week before Memorial Day (May 19 thru 23 this year). Saturday will have a Knight Templar ritual competition and an Allied Masonic Degrees dinner.

Sunday features the Commandery drill team competition, a Vesper Service and the formal Grand Banquet. The three business sessions follow: Grand Council on Monday, Grand Commandery Tuesday and Grand Chapter Wednesday. Each day there is a business session in the morning, special activities in the afternoon and installation before dinner. There are lunches each day.

Details and registration materials are at [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org). Plan now to attend.

## The Clothes Line

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).

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### 2018 Sacramento York Rite Officers

#### Royal Arch Chapter

High Priest..... Timothy Harper  
 ..... (916)  
 King ..... Ronald Charles  
 Scribe ..... Francisco Marques  
 Treasurer..... Richard Wilson, PHP  
 Secretary..... Joseph Dongo, PHP  
 Chaplain.....  
 Captain of the Host ..... Joseph Wallach  
 Principal Sojourner..... Patrick Malley  
 Royal Arch Captain..... Joseph Madrid  
 Master of the 3rd Veil ... Carlos Brusel-Casals  
 Master of the 2nd Veil..... Floyd Tritt  
 Master of the 1st Veil ..... Brian Teabo  
 Sentinel..... Charles Byrd  
 Inspector, Dist. 11 .... Richard Wilson, KYCH

#### Cryptic Council

Illustrious Master..... Ronald Charles  
 ..... (916)  
 Deputy Master ..... Luis Montero  
 Principal Cond. of the Work . Joseph Wallach  
 Treasurer..... Richard Wilson, IPM  
 Recorder..... Joseph Dongo, IPM  
 Chaplain..... Michael Allen  
 Captain of the Guard ..... Francisco Marques  
 Conductor of the Council..... Patrick Malley  
 Steward ..... Brian Teabo  
 Sentinel..... Carlos Brusel-Casals  
 Inspector, Arch 7..... Joseph Dongo, KYCH

#### Commandery Knights Templar

Commander..... Juan Faranda  
 ..... (916) 928-4354  
 Generalissimo..... Joseph Wallach  
 Captain General..... Harvey Holcomb  
 Senior Warden .....  
 Junior Warden..... Luis Montero  
 Prelate..... Brian Teabo  
 Treasurer..... Richard Wilson, PC  
 Recorder..... Joseph Dongo, PC  
 Standard Bearer ..... Patrick Malley  
 Sword Bearer ..... Charles Byrd  
 Warder ..... Francisco Marques  
 Sentinel..... Joseph Madrid  
 Inspector, Department VI, Division B  
 ..... Wessel J. "Wes" Mindermann, KYCH

*You are cordially invited to the Sacramento York Rite Bodies  
Court of Honor Luncheon  
Honoring the 2017 Recipients:*



*Excellent Companion Juan Faranda, KYCH, Recipient of the  
**Meritorious Service Award***

*Presented by Sacramento Chapter No. 3 Royal Arch Masons*



*Companion Floyd Tritt, Recipient of the  
**Ish Sodi Award***

*Presented by Sacramento Council No.1 Cryptic Masons*



*Sir Knight Joselito Viray, KYCH, Recipient of the  
**Meritorious Service Medal***

*Presented by Sacramento Commandery No.2 Knights Templar*

**Date:** *Saturday, March 10, 2018*

**Time:** *12:00 Noon*

**Place:** *Club Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

*Sacramento Masonic Temple • 1123 J Street • Sacramento • CA*

**Cost:** *\$10.00 per Plate*

**Reservations:** *Advance Reservations are a MUST!*

*Seating Limited to the First 50 RSVPs*

**Questions?** *Contact Phil Hardiman • 916-712-4814*

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## Comptche Outdoor Degrees

The 46th Annual Outdoor Royal Arch Degree Festival will be held at the Tunzi Ranch near Comptche on Saturday, June 23, 2018. The Degrees start at 8:30 a.m. and conclude in mid-afternoon. The degree site is an amphitheater in a redwood grove on the ranch. Group meals are available Friday dinner thru Sunday breakfast, and camping is available on-site.

The Tunzi Ranch is about ten miles inland (east) from the coastal village of Mendocino. Self-contained RVs and tent campers are welcome to set up any time during the week, and restroom and shower facilities are available. There are also a wide variety of motel accommodations in Mendocino and nearby Fort Bragg.

Nancy Hardiman and Kitty Wilson are planning a ladies trip into Fort Bragg or Mendocino for shopping and lunch on Saturday while the degrees are being conferred.

Plan now to attend this fun event – and bring a friend to take the degrees.

## New Encompasser

*The California Encompasser* is the official publication of the Grand York Rite Bodies in California. It is issued quarterly. The January 2018 issue is now available on the web: [www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org](http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org).

In addition to California York Rite news and educational articles on several diverse subjects, the issue includes information about upcoming York Rite events around the State.

Deadline for submissions for the April issue of the *Trestleboard* is Monday, April 1st.  
Richard Wilson, Editor, [D246rich@surewest.net](mailto:D246rich@surewest.net).

For more information about York Rite Masonry, visit the excellent website maintained by the Golden State Research Chapter: [www.goldenstatechapter.org](http://www.goldenstatechapter.org). Membership in the Research Chapter is open to all Royal Arch Masons for a one-time application fee of \$10. There are no annual dues. Contact Companion Joseph Dongo, PHP, at [Joe@JosephDongo.com](mailto:Joe@JosephDongo.com).