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**Most Illustrious Companion**

**159th Grand Master Cryptic Masons California**

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## *Vision Statement*

**Cryptic Masonry is an organization where men of good character come together to improve themselves, their families, and their communities. It is where the highest Masonic values are learned by its member and applied in all their doings. As Cryptic Masons, we learn a way of life from our ancient teachings, develop meaningful and fulfilling lifelong relationships, and grow as enlightened men. We never hesitate to go out of our way to assist a widow, or a fallen brother.**

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# Grand Council Assembly Notification



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## Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California

*Most Illustrious Companion Eduardo Estrada, Grand Master*

**ALL Illustrious Masters; ALL elected and past elected officers, ritual staff of Constituent Councils, & members at large are strongly encouraged to read this notice. Each member should ensure that his dues are current for 2020, and that he is in good standing to attend a Grand Assembly. Council Recorders should post this notice in their bulletins and/or distribute it by email, or any means necessary to their membership.**

Companions all,

We have been living through an unprecedented period of personal risk and uncertainty. Due to the deluge of mixed messages on the information highway, we find ourselves divided into two camps, or schools of thought. On the one hand, there are those that are deeply convinced this virus will place their health and that of our companions at risk of hospitalization or worse. On the other hand, there are those that suspect that the risks are overblown and that an immediate return to normalcy is an acceptable risk. At the end of the day, we are all deeply affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, regardless of the camp to which we subscribe.

The month of May is normally when Grand Sessions and Grand Assembly occur, and when our change of leadership takes place. This year, that timeframe was postponed to July, since our Grand Master of Masons in California, MW John Trauner, has not altered his earlier decision affecting all Masons of this State to suspend physical meetings. As stated in my previous article in the *Sword & Trowel*, this is an extraordinary period of time, which requires extraordinary measures. There is no doubt that everyone is doing their best to adapt and manage the inherent risk posed by this pandemic, each in their unique situation and opinion.

That being said, your California Grand Council of Cryptic Masons is at a decision point. With the safety of our Companions and their families being paramount, your Illustrious Grand Master, together with your elected Grand Officers, has made a prudent decision to move forward with a Virtual Grand Assembly on June 20, 2020, commencing at 1:00 p.m. The Virtual Assembly will begin with an abbreviated business meeting of non-controversial issues (including Ample Form Opening, Grand Master's Annual Report, announcement of Awards, Robert Morrison's Budget, Omnibus Report, Election of Officers (progressive officers moving forward one station) and conclude with an online Installation of the advanced and appointed Grand Officers. As it stands now, the video conferencing platform to be used will be ZOOM, and the estimated duration of the Grand Assembly is 90 minutes.

As you are probably already aware, Grand Councils throughout the country are conducting virtual Grand Assemblies. NOTE: At the May 13, 2020, teleconference, your Grand Council Officers voted unanimously to table ALL 2020 resolutions (including the Per Capita increase). The proposed resolutions will be re-visited at the 2021 Grand Assembly.



**Please review the list below of advanced Officers for your approval as proposed Grand Officers.**

If disapproval is your choice, please contact Most Illustrious Grand Master Eduardo Estrada in writing, by email at [estrada.exe@gmail.com](mailto:estrada.exe@gmail.com) to have your concern documented. If you have a "further nomination," please take the same action for further consideration. Your acceptance of RI Robert Morrison's 2020-2021 Annual Budget, which is posted on the Grand York Rite website and the Sword & Trowel for your review, will follow the same process as described above.

Your communication, in writing, must be received by May 29th, 2020 to be considered for further action.

**The advanced and nominated Grand Council Officers for 2020-2021 are as follows:**

**Most Illustrious Grand Master**  
Robert A. Morrison (50) Pauline

**Deputy Grand Master**  
Peter G. Champion (38) Janice

**Grand Principal Conductor of the Work**  
Guy M. Chalmers (46) Jeanne

**Grand Treasurer**  
Thomas Krummell (13) Marcia

**Grand Recorder**  
Philip A. Hardiman (1) Nancy

**Grand Director of Ritual**  
Mark Harris (12)



Grand Council Budget 2020-2021

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF CALIFORNIA		
PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-2021	2021	2020
5/20/2020		
INCOME		
PER CAPITA (2613 MEMBERS@ \$18.00) less 73 remits	45,720	50,400
INITIATION FEE (91@ \$6.00)	546	300
INVESTMENT FUND WITHDRAWAL	17,602	21,200
GRAND SESSIONS ASSESSMENT (2613 MEMBERS @ \$1.00) (No Remits)	2,613	2,873
TOTAL INCOME	66,481	74,773
GRAND OFFICERS' EXPENSES		
GRAND MASTER	0	4,000
DIRECTOR OF RITUAL	1,000	1,000
MIGM STATIONERY	0	100
GRAND OFFICERS	3,000	3,000
GRAND TREASURER	500	500
GRAND RECORDER	500	500
RITUAL STAFF	1,500	1,500
PARAPHERNALIA MAINTENANCE *	200	1,000
BADGES	600	600
SUBTOTAL GRAND OFFICERS' EXPENSES	7,300	12,200
* Coordinate with TIM re Grand Master's Parapehrnalia		
GRAND OFFICE EXPENSES		
GRAND RECORDER'S SALARY	15,600	15,600
ASSISTANT GRAND RECORDER'S SALARY	12,288	12,288
WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE	205	205
PAYROLL TAXES	2,498	2,498
RENT	5,600	5,200
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	150	36
EQUIPMENT LEASING	0	0
SUPPLIES & PRINTING	800	800
POSTAGE	500	500
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	280	160
STAFF COMMUTE EXPENSES	2,700	0
QUICKBOOKS LEASE	477	477
MS OFFICE/OUTLOOK EMAIL LEASE	0	0
SECURITY SYSTEM	0	0
BANK CHARGES	0	0
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (NEW COMPUTER HARDWARE)	2,000	0
SUBTOTAL GRAND OFFICE EXPENSES	43,098	37,764
ACTIVITIES EXPENSES		
GRAND SESSIONS ASSESSMENT TRANSFER (2613 x \$1.00)	2,613	2,873
PROCEEDINGS	0	400
GRAND OFFICERS' CONFERENCE	3,000	3,000
AWARDS	600	1,920
MEMBERSHIP	1,000	500
PUBLIC RELATIONS	0	500
LEADERSHIP SEMINARS	0	4,000
TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE	1,000	1,000
MMS ANNUAL FEE FOR MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM	500	1,005
WEBSITE	70	34
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	500	1,577
SUBTOTAL ACTIVITIES EXPENSES	9,283	16,809
GENERAL EXPENSES		
ANNUAL AUDIT	0	1,000
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL PER CAPITA (2873 MEMBERS@ \$2.50) 73 Remits	6,350	7,000
GENERAL GRAND COMPED ROOMS, MEALS, ETC	450	0
ENCOMPASSER	0	0
SUBTOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	6,800	8,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	66,481	74,773
TOTAL INCOME	66,481	74,773



**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California**  
Eduardo Estrada, Grand Master

**My theme for the year is:**

**Striving to Increase Participation through Purposefulness and Passion**

Purposefulness is that focused attention that guides our choices. Passion is that emotional content that gives us the fervency and zeal to see it through. Consequently, all of our planning efforts are focused on what we believe to be the Mother of all desired outcomes for the benefit of our Constituent Councils. That overarching outcome is: **Increased Membership Participation** at the Council level.

**Vision**

**[Potential Energy]**

Cryptic Masonry is an organization where men of good character come together to improve themselves, their families, and their communities. It is where the highest Masonic values are learned by its member and applied in all their doings. As Cryptic Masons, we learn a way of life from our ancient teachings, develop meaningful and fulfilling lifelong relationships, and grow as enlightened men. We never hesitate to go out of our way to assist a widow, or a fallen brother. Furthermore, membership in our Cryptic Councils provides us with a place where we, and our families, can find spirituality and likeminded positive thinkers, and where members of our community can depend on us for stability, leadership, and enlightenment.

**Mission**

**[Directed Energy]**

- To:** Aid and support our Constituent Councils in their efforts to spread the Masonic light of reason and civility, not only within the Council, but also throughout Masonry and our respective communities,
- In a Way That:** that promotes a lifestyle that exhibits a high value for positive interactions, charity for the incapacitated or destitute, and a thirst for continuous personal improvement,
- So That:** our members become Masonic role models and Masonic ambassadors throughout masonry, and their respective communities, for the purpose of exporting our universal Masonic Values to help our communities to become a better place to live.



## **Strategy** **[Actualized Energy]**

- We will be innovative, efficient, and stand together with a united purpose to achieve our very best to serve the needs of our Constituent Councils.
- We will ascertain our member's level of satisfaction pertaining to their Council's leadership team, opening and closing ritual, conferral of degrees, extracurricular internal and external social activities, as well as charitable and community activities.
- We will facilitate the provisioning of tools, training, and allied support to our constituent councils to enable them to achieve their goals.
- We will upgrade the Illustrious Master of the Year Award program in a manner that promotes an enhanced Cryptic experience for our members and their families by rewarding achievement with recognition and prizes.

## **Councils to add additional items**

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## Secretary/Recorder Essentials

**Forms and Documents**, are located at the Grand York Rite website: [Grand York Rite of California](#).

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 & Sword and Trowel**, 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:** Section 201 in the [Constitution](#) then scroll down for current version of Royal Arch Constitution  
**Council:** See Section 30-10 in the [Constitution](#) then scroll down for current version Grand Council Constitution  
**Commandery:** See Section 347 in the [Constitution](#) then scroll down for current version Grand Commandery Constitution
4. **Per Capita:** Per Capita payment, due each Jan 15th, does not require action by the Chapter to be paid. You will need good, up-to-date membership data in order to compute the 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:** 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 April meeting, remind 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 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. Appropriate forms can be obtained on Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials."
9. **Order of High Priesthood:** Be sure the current High Priest and Past High Priests' 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 website.

## ScholarShips

Companions, your children, grandchildren, & for some, great-grandchildren may receive financial help for attending school. After opening up Scholarship Center website, have them go to bottom of page & find the Scholarship Manual in (PDF format – 450KB) to download.

There they will find instructions for filling out the forms.

This is the [link](#) which will take you to the public Grand Lodge web page on scholarships. All the information you need should be right there. This is a complete manual that you can download that talk about all of the scholarships available from the California Masonic Foundation as well as the [Scottish Rite](#), [York Rite](#), [Eastern Star](#), [High Twelve](#), [DeMolay](#), [Job's Daughters](#), & [Rainbow for Girls](#).

## Contacts

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**Eduardo Estrada, KYGCH**

**Lady Natasha**

**Grand Master Grand Council Cryptic Masons**

**Omega Council No. 11**

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**Grand York Rite of California**

**Note:** Hyperlinks or links to other pages or web sites are prevalent throughout the document.





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# ***Happenings in our State & in a Galaxy far, far, Away***

## **Grand Sessions**

1. **The Grand Officers and Trustees** met by teleconference Wednesday night and voted to re-schedule **Grand Sessions to July 14-16 at the Wyndham in Visalia**. This, of course, is **conditional on the Grand Master removing his restriction on masonic meetings** before then, and other public health considerations. As this is a weekday event, there will be no "frills" - no Banquet, no Drill Team, no Vespers program, no Royal Arch Widows degree. Grand Commandery will have all day Tuesday, the 14th, to accomplish its tasks; Grand Chapter will have all day Wednesday; and Grand Council will have all day Thursday. As the practice has been the last few years, the Corporation will meet Monday night, and again on Friday morning.
2. **The Grand Sessions Committee** will be refunding all registration payments sent in, either by check or PayPal, and a new registration document will become available early next week. Check the website as early as Tuesday morning: [www.ca-gyrs.org](http://www.ca-gyrs.org). The Grand Presiding Officers have been tasked to produce a new schedule for each day by Monday, March 30th, when there will be another teleconference. So check the website on Tuesday morning.
3. **Please distribute this information** to everyone in your orbit who may have already registered for Grand Sessions, or may do so in the future. The Grand Sessions Committee will arrange with the Wyndham to cancel all reservations made for May in our block of rooms. If anyone made a reservation outside that block, or at another hotel, they will need to make their own cancellation.
4. **These developments are a considerable inconvenience** for everyone involved, and we can only ask for your understanding during these unparalleled times. Keep in mind that the Grand Officers have gone to considerable time and expense to plan Family Dinners, Installations and Receptions. It would be a nice gesture on your part, if you can make a mid-week event, to come, participate, enjoy the fellowship (however we may prefer to greet one another and at what distance!), to honor these Companions and Sir Knights who are, indeed, struggling mightily to preserve our institution and its practices.

**Sincerely and fraternally,**

**Phil Hardiman  
Grand Secretary-Recorder**

The registration docs for the re-scheduled Grand Sessions are now available at <https://ca-gyrs.org/reservation-page>. There is a WORD doc, a PDF form, and a Fillable PDF form. Please use whichever is most convenient for you. I'm attaching the Fillable PDF version for your convenience. There is also a RESERVATION SHORT FORM which can be submitted Online, IF you are only attending the Sessions and do not want to order meals.

Scroll down to the bottom of the website if you would like to place an AD in the Souvenir Program, or would like to volunteer to help with things like Registration, Setup or Meal Check-In.

### **Regarding room reservations:**

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](http://www.ca-gyrs.org)  
Room rate: \$95.00 +taxes.  
Hotel reservation deadline is 06/26/20 Pending room block availability – best to register early

Note: There is no Banquet, but there will be Youth Speakers at each Luncheon. Introductions of VIPs and Awards will be presented each morning at the respective meetings.

The Grand York Rite prays for your good health during these trying times. We trust that you realize that these plans depend upon the Grand Masters restriction on Masonic meetings being lifted by mid-July.

**Sincerely and fraternally,**

**Phil Hardiman  
Grand Secretary-Recorder  
562-924-6500 x 1123**



## Welcome to the California Grand York Rite Sessions

. On this site, you will be able to access:

- [Meal Reservation Forms](#)
- Make your [Hotel Reservation](#)
- (Coming Soon) the Schedule of Events including meal descriptions
- Submit your [Souvenir Program Ad Request](#)
- [Download forms](#) for the "Chair Degrees", Proxy and Elected Representative forms.
- For our visiting [Dignitaries](#), our "Comp Policy and the Dignitary Introduction Forms"
- We need Volunteers! If you are able to help, please visit [this page](#).
- Our [Vendor Page](#). For potential Vendors to reserve space at the Grand York Rite Sessions and for our guests, the details of the vendors that have registered.



2020 Grand York Rite Sessions July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 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: 5/20/20

Please list the **Number(s)** that you are a member of **RAM #** \_\_\_\_\_ **CM #** \_\_\_\_\_ **KT #** \_\_\_\_\_

Day/Date	Time	Please enter the <b>number</b> of Meals/Events you are requesting	Price	Total
Mon – 13 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	GYR CA Corporation Annual Meeting	R.O.*	
	Tue – 14 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) <b>Executive Breakfast</b>	\$24.00	
	12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon: <b>Chicken Teriyaki</b> <b>Lasagna Roulettes (Veg)</b>	\$27.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon: <b>Southwestern Fiesta Buffet</b> <b>Special Dietary</b>	\$28.00	
	1:30 PM	Leadership Workshop	R.O.*	
	1:30 PM	Past Commander's Association	\$30.00	
	5:00 PM	Grand Commandery Installation and Reception	R.O.*	
	Wed – 15 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) <b>Wyndham Buffet</b>	\$17.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Chapter & RA Ladies Combined Luncheon: <b>Rib Eye Steak</b> <b>Special Dietary</b>	\$29.00	
	1:45 PM	Membership Workshop	R.O.*	
	1:45 PM	Order of High Priesthood Degree	\$50.00	
	5:00 PM	Grand Chapter Installation and Reception	R.O.*	
	Thu – 16 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 AM	Grand Council Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) <b>Wyndham Buffet</b>	\$17.00	
	12:00 PM	CM Ladies Luncheon <b>Flat Iron Steak</b> <b>Breast of Chicken Carbonara</b> <b>Special Dietary</b>	\$31.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon <b>Southwestern Fiesta Buffet</b> <b>Special Dietary</b>	\$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.*	
	5:00 PM	Grand Council Installation and Reception	R.O.*	
Fri – 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Drill Team Participant	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:

I would like to volunteer to help on the ☐ **Registration Committee** ☐ **Set-Up Committee** ☐ **Meals Check-In**  
(You will be contacted for details and availability)

*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](http://www.ca-gyrs.org).**

## 2020 Grand York Rite Sessions July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Visalia, CA

Please send page 1 of this form and payment to:

CA-GYRS 1123 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814-2809

**Meal reservations are locked & will not be guaranteed after 06/30/20**

*You may request to be put on a waiting list until July 9<sup>th</sup>*

*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](http://www.ca-gyrs.org)

Room rate: \$95.00 +taxes.

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Questions, contact the following below:

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

No refunds after July 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Grand York Rite California (GYR CA) Corporation Annual Meeting,** Event is on Monday, July 13th starting at 4:00 pm 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.

**Workshops:** The following workshops will be offered.

- Tuesday: Leadership. A mini session of the Leadership Seminar rolled out a couple of years ago.
- Wednesday: Membership. An open discussion about gaining and retaining membership.
- Thursday: For the Ladies “All the mysteries of the York Rite Titles”. Covering the various York Rite titles.

**Installations and Receptions:** Each of the Incoming Presiding Officers are hosting a Reception after their installation. If you are going to attend, please enter the number, to allow for proper planning.

For your convenience, we allowing 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.*

### For those inquiring about the AMD In-Gathering:

The 2020 CA AMD ingathering has been cancelled. Western Council No. 41 AMD ingathering is scheduled for Sat, 14 November at Taft Lodge in Taft CA. Check the accompanying website <http://alliedmasonicdegrees-calif.org/2012-allied-masonic-degrees.html> for details and registration.

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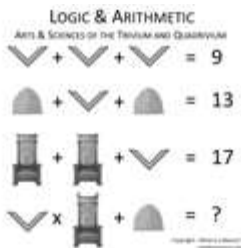
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