

Sacramento York Rite News



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May 2019

Stated Meetings - Second Saturday

MAY CALENDAR

Monday, May 6, 2019

**Order of the Temple practice 7:00 pm
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

Saturday, May 11, 2019

**Breakfast Study Group 8:15 am
Council Stated Assembly 9:00 am
Commandery Stated Conclave 10:00 am
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

Monday, May 13, 2019

**Order of the Temple practice 7:00 pm
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

May 18 thru 22, 2019

**York Rite Grand Sessions
Visalia, California**

Monday, May 27, 2019

**Order of Malta practice 7:00 pm
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

Friday, May 31, 2019

**Order of the Temple practice 7:00 pm
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, June 1, 2019

**Sacramento Sierra York Rite Festival
Commandery (Templar) Orders
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

Saturday, June 8, 2019

**Breakfast Study Group 8:15 am
Chapter Stated Convocation 9:00 am
Commandery Stated Conclave 10:00 am
Sacramento Masonic Temple**

Saturday, June 22, 2019

**Outdoor Royal Arch Degrees
Comptche, CA (Mendocino County)
(for information see flyer on page 5)**

Saturday, July 13, 2019

Chapter Stated Convocation 9:00 am

Council & Commandery Meetings May 11th

Sacramento Council #1, Cryptic Masons, will hold its bi-monthly Stated Assembly on Saturday, May 11th, at 9:00 a.m. in the York Rite room of the Sacramento Masonic Temple at 12th and J Streets.

Sacramento Commandery #2, Knights Templar, will then hold its monthly Stated Conclave in the same place at 10:00 a.m..

Prior to the meetings our regular joint breakfast and discussion group will convene in the Club Room on the third floor at 8:15 a.m.. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

Commandery Festival

The annual Sacramento-Sierra York Rite Association (SSYRA) Spring Festival will conclude Saturday, June 1st, when the Commandery (Knights Templar) Orders are presented in our Temple at 12th and J Streets, starting at 8:00 a.m..

This year Sacramento Commandery is again responsible for conferring both the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple. We have been doing the Malta for many years, and this will be our fourth year doing the Temple. Practices are being held on Monday evenings (except May 20th), and there is room for new cast members in both Orders. Anyone interested in learning parts for future conferrals may also attend.

Commandery is a professed Christian organization.

FROM THE DIAS

FROM THE HIGH PRIEST

Greetings Companions,

I hope this message finds you and your family in good health. Sacramento Royal Arch Chapter #3 had a very successful day in Woodland conferring the Mark Master Degree for 24 new members. 14 of these Companions are now members of Chapter #3. The whole team did a remarkable job and was well received. Special recognition goes out to our leaders: Ex. Companions Hardiman, Wilson and Dongo.

We followed this exceptional work with the Royal Master degree in Auburn for Cryptic Council #1 in April. Please consider assisting Commandery #2 with the Orders on Saturday, June 1st here in Sacramento. There is a list of practice dates that has been sent out.

We need to decide the Representative to Grand Session in Visalia and proxies where necessary. Volunteers are needed for Committee work, especially at the 8:15 am Study session/Breakfast led by Ex. Companion Montero and Companion Francisco Marques

Thanks to those who have agreed to share your biographical information with us. While we understand that all of us guard our private information closely, it is important for the new members to know that there are serious leaders of the Craft. The knowledge, talent, skill and expertise shed are intended to motivate and encourage our new members to look to us for the coaching and mentorship to take our places in due time. We have the pleasure to introduce to you another group of these great leaders.

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FROM THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

Greetings, Companions All,

How time flies when we are all at labor doing our best to give our new members the best experience possible.

I'd like to thank all of the cast members at our festival in Auburn. I would also like to welcome our newest members.

Here you will find the Companions gathered for our breakfast discussions and sharing their thoughts on what they have learned from masonry thus far. Join us at 8:15am in 2M Saturday Mornings.

Luis J. Montero, Ill. Master
L.Montero22@yahoo.com

FROM THE COMMANDER

Salutations Sir Knights of Sacramento Commandery No. 2,

I would like to thank all Sir Knights who were in attendance at the April Conclave. Sacramento Commandery No. 2 has been steadfastly preparing for the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple. There are only a few Monday practices left until we confer the Orders on June 1st. Please make every effort to be at practice to hone your part as well as help other Sir Knights with their parts.

The Grand York Rite Sessions will be May 21st, 22nd and 23rd, and I look forward to being there to represent Sacramento Commandery No. 2. Be well, and I will see you at the May Conclave and also at our practices.

Sincerely,

Joseph Wallach, Commander
jlWallach@gmail.com

FROM THE DIAS

(High Priest continued from page 2)

Ex. Companion Harvey Holcomb, a Past High Priest, Past Illustrious Master and current Generalissimo is a 43-year member of the Craft and twice Past Master of his Blue Lodge (2007 & 2008). He received The Master of Ish Sodi award in the Cryptic Council. He followed his father (a lifer) in the U.S. military as a Marine and retired with 31 years in the DOD. He has served in 17 countries and attended Masonic lodges in each.

Commander Joseph Wallach, leader of the Knights Templar this year, is another highly valued member of our Sacramento York Rite Bodies. Born in Butte, Montana, and a graduate of Butte Central High School, he has worked on a cattle ranch, in a Veterinary clinic and currently as a Tele-Communications Engineer. Joe studied at Cal. State, Sacramento, completing his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering and has 20 years of experience in this field. While a resident of Sacramento over 20 years, he holds a particular love for the American west. Joe is also Deputy Master in the Council and Scribe in the Royal Arch.

Companion Floyd Tritt, born in New Castle, Penn., has been married to the love of his life, Patricia, for 53 years. He studied at Sacramento City College and C.S.U.S., worked as a draftsman, served the U.S. Army and retired after 32 years as an Accounting Specialist. A member of Washington Lodge #20 for 24 years, he has served as Tyler for 14 years and received the Mason of the Year award in 2012. Floyd never misses a practice or meeting and is the example of a loyal and dedicate worker in the *(continued at right)*

from left) quarries. He was awarded the prestigious Master of Ish Sodi by Sacramento Cryptic Council #1 in 2018.

Finally, I have the pleasure of presenting one of the Three Great Pillars of the Sacramento York Rite Bodies. Ex. Companion Richard Wilson, a 50-year member and 4-time Past Master of Washington lodge #20 (his father was Master when he joined). He served the Calif. Grand Lodge as an Inspector and currently is the lodge Secretary. He was Master of Kadosh in the Sacramento Scottish Rite in 1999 and is serving for the 6th time as Patron of an Eastern Star Chapter. A member of our York Rite since 2005, Rich was High Priest in 2009 & 2010, Illustrious Master in 2008 & 2009, Commander in 2012 and has served as Treasurer for all 3 Bodies since 2014. He has been a Chapter Inspector since 2010, and served as a Grand Officer four times. He was invested a Knight York Cross of Honor in 2013, and he has a Grand Master of Ish Sodi award and a Commandery Meritorious Service Medal. He is also a member of the Allied Masonic Degrees, the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Royal Order of Scotland. He is a Senior DeMolay with Chevalier and Legion of Honor awards, and he spent 35 years on two Advisory Councils. Rich is indeed a busy Companion. He and his wife, Kitty, are long serving members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and active with the local Diocese.

Thank you again Companions, for your contributions to our Chapter.

Faithfully Yours,

Ron Charles, High Priest
rbosumptwi@gmail.com

Grand Sessions

York Rite Grand Sessions will again be at the Windham Hotel in Visalia. Grand Chapter is Monday, May 20th, Grand Council is Tuesday, May 21st, and Grand Commandery is Wednesday, May 22nd.

Business sessions occupy the mornings each day, and each day ends with the Installation of the 2019/20 Grand Officers at 5:00 pm. There is also a formal banquet Sunday evening, May 19th.

Our Companions Luis Montero and Joseph Dongo will be installed Grand Officers in the Chapter and Commandery, respectively. It would be nice to have a big contingent from the Sacramento Bodies at the installations to show our support for our members. It's a less than 4 hour drive.

More information at www.ca-gyrs.org.

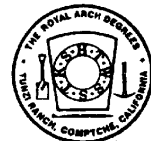
MAY 11, 2019
STATED MEETINGS
Breakfast Study Group - 8:15 a.m.
Cryptic Council - 9:00 a.m.
Commandery - 10:00 a.m.

The California Encompasser is the official publication of the Grand York Rite Bodies in California. It is issued quarterly. The April 2017 issue is now available on the web-site: www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org.
In addition to educational articles on several diverse subjects, the issue includes information about events around the State.

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Joe@JosephDongo.com

2019 Sacramento York Rite Officers	
<u>Royal Arch Chapter</u>	
High Priest.....	Ron Charles (916) 395-7812
King	Francisco Marques
Scribe	Joseph Wallach
Treasurer.....	Richard Wilson, PHP
Secretary.....	Joseph Dongo, PHP
Chaplain.....	Michael Allen
Captain of the Host	Nicholas Johnston
Principal Sojourner	Thom Pryor
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.....	Juan Faranda, PHP
Inspector, Dist. 11	Richard Wilson, KYCH
<u>Cryptic Council</u>	
Illustrious Master.....	Luis Montero (916) 804-4130
Deputy Master	Joseph Wallach
Prin. Cond. of the Work....	Jesse Solis-Jacques
Treasurer	Richard Wilson, IPM
Recorder	Joseph Dongo, IPM
Chaplain.....	Michael Allen
Captain of the Guard	Francisco Marques
Conductor of the Council	Joseph Madrid
Steward	Brian Teabo
Sentinel.....	Floyd Tritt
Inspector, Arch 7.....	Joseph Dongo, KYCH
<u>Commandery Knights Templar</u>	
Commander.....	Joseph Wallach (916) 967-7520
Generalissimo.....	Harvey Holcomb
Captain General	Luis Montero
Senior Warden	Francisco Marques
Junior Warden.....	Thom Prior
Prelate.....	
Treasurer.....	Richard Wilson, PC
Recorder	Joseph Dongo, PC
Standard Bearer	Fanny Allassone
Sword Bearer	Juan Faranda
Warder	Jesse Solis-Jacques
Sentinel.....	Floyd Tritt
Inspector, Department VI, Division B	
.....	Wessel J. "Wes" Mindermann, KYCH

47th ANNUAL COMPTCHE OUTDOOR ROYAL ARCH DEGREES



Tunzi Ranch - Comptche, CA
Saturday - June 22rd, 2019

All four degrees will be conferred on Saturday. The Prologue begins at 8:30 a.m.

Reservations: Deadline is Mon., **JUNE 17th**. The remote location, price of gasoline, and the cost of food require us to charge 20% more after that date. Mail your Reservation form (below) and check to: Guy Chalmers, 50 Lohrman Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952. For more information, call Guy at 707-477-3046.

Climate & Misc.: The coastal climate is either foggy and cold, or hot; Think layers. Dress attire is always casual. There's plenty to do so come a couple of days early. This is a cattle ranch so watch your step. No dogs allowed. In the town of Mendocino, 10 miles away, you can visit historical landmarks, go salmon fishing, or just enjoy the scenic coastline. Ft. Bragg, 8 miles north of Mendocino, is also historical and a great place to visit.

Accommodations: You could make a vacation around this event. Self-contained RVs and tent campers are welcome to set up from 6/20 - 6/24. Campfires only in designated areas. There are no 120v hookups. There is a chemical blue room in the meadow. Restrooms at the degree site have hot water and a shower in the men's is available to women. Motels are available at the coast, 30 minutes on a dark and winding road from the RAM site. Call as soon as possible for your reservations, it's a popular tourist area.



RV's and Tent Campers Welcome



Comptche Cook Shack

TRADEWINDS LODGE (707) 964-4761 SURF MOTEL (707) 964-5361
SURREY SUPER 8 (800) 206-9833 FOOLS RUSH INN (707) 937-5339
HARBOR LITE LODGE (707) 964-0221 SEA FOAM LODGE (707) 937-1827
RESERVE EARLY!!

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Reservations for the BBQ are requested</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Friday, June 21nd</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Comp.</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Lady</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Child <small>(under 12 half-price)</small></td> </tr> <tr> <td>6:00 p.m. Fish Fry</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$15.50</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="6">*Saturday, June 22rd</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7:00-8:30 Breakfast</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10.00</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Comps. Association Expense</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$12.00</td> <td>_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ 12</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Noon Companions Lunch</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$12.50</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5:30 p.m. Barbeque</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$20.00</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="6">Sunday, June 23th</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8:00 a.m. Breakfast</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$10.00</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="6"><small>Association meeting after Sunday's breakfast and leftover sale</small></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total - Check enclosed</td> <td></td> <td>\$ _____</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Friday, June 21nd			Comp.	Lady	Child <small>(under 12 half-price)</small>	6:00 p.m. Fish Fry	\$15.50	_____	_____	_____	_____	*Saturday, June 22rd						7:00-8:30 Breakfast	\$10.00	_____	_____	_____	_____	Comps. Association Expense	\$12.00	_____	\$ 12	_____	_____	Noon Companions Lunch	\$12.50	_____	_____	_____	_____	5:30 p.m. Barbeque	\$20.00	_____	_____	_____	_____	Sunday, June 23th						8:00 a.m. Breakfast	\$10.00	_____	_____	_____	_____	<small>Association meeting after Sunday's breakfast and leftover sale</small>						Total - Check enclosed		\$ _____				<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">For Association Membership and Communication</p> <p>Name and Address _____ _____ _____ _____</p> <p>Lady's Name _____</p> <p>Telephone Number () _____</p> <p>Royal Arch Chapter Number _____</p> <p>Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> RV <input type="checkbox"/> Tent <input type="checkbox"/> Motel</p> <p>RV Arrival date _____</p> <p>Are you a Candidate? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">*Need Chapter pennies, ask the Secretary</p>
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Make payable to: **Comptche Outdoor Degree Association**

*The degree site and shower restroom are men only on Saturday from 9am - 3pm

Please send by **JUNE 17th** - Thank you!
Add 20% to your total after that date

Comptche Outdoor Degrees

The 47th Annual Outdoor Royal Arch Degree Festival will be held at the Tunzi Ranch near Comptche on Saturday, June 22, 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; it's an experience he won't forget. The flyer and registration form is on page 5.

New Members Needed

The Sacramento York Rite Bodies experienced significant growth over several recent years. But, that growth slowed down the last year or so. If we are to continue to be a vibrant and relevant organization we must have an ongoing stream of new members who are enthusiastic about our work and eager to obtain further light in Masonry.

Please find the time now to contact that Master Mason whose petition you would like to sign, and invite him to join us. The spring 2019 SSYRA Chapter Festival is past, but the Royal Arch Degrees will next be offered June 22nd at Comptche (see left). Deadline for petitions for that festival is our June 8th Chapter meeting.

For more information about York Rite Masonry, visit the excellent website maintained by the Golden State Research Chapter: 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.