

Sacramento York Rite News



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Stated Meetings - Second Saturday

JULY CALENDAR

Saturday, July 13, 2019

Breakfast Study Group 8:15 am
Chapter Stated Convocation 9:00 am
Council Special Assembly..... 10:00 am
Sacramento Masonic Temple

AUGUST CALENDAR

Saturday, August 3, 2019

East Bay York Rite Association
Grand Officer Reception, all 3 Bodies
Alameda Masonic Temple, 3:00 pm
Reservations required for dinner

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Breakfast Study Group 8:15 am
Chapter Stated Convocation 9:00 am
Council Special Assembly..... 10:00 am
Sacramento Masonic Temple

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, September 14, 2019

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

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Sacramento Sierra York Rite Association
Grand Officer Reception, all 4 Bodies
Sacramento Masonic Temple
Reservations required for dinner

Chapter & Council Meetings July 13th

Sacramento Chapter #3, Royal Arch Masons, will hold its extra summer Stated Convocation on Saturday, July 13th, at 9:00 a.m. in the York Rite room of the Sacramento Masonic Temple.

Sacramento Council #1, Cryptic Masons, will then hold a Special Conclave in the same place at 10:00 a.m. to deal with whatever business may need to come before it.

Prior to the meetings our 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.

August Meetings on the 10th

The same schedule will be followed on August 10th, with the regular bi-monthly Chapter Stated Convocation at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Council Special Assembly at 10:00 a.m.. The usual joint breakfast and discussion group will meet at 8:15 a.m..

Sacramento Commandery #2, Knights Templar, does not regularly meet in July and August. It's next Stated Conclave will be on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

New Encompasser

The California Encompasser is the official publication of the Grand York Rite Bodies in California. It is issued quarterly. The July 2019 issue is now available on the web-site: www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org.

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

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 High Priest Joseph Dongo, PHP, at Joe@JosephDongo.com.

FROM THE DIAS

FROM THE HIGH PRIEST

Fraternal Greetings to the Companions of Sacramento Royal Arch Chapter.

Congrats to our new Grand High Priest and my long time friend Leland Routt of Stockton, Ex. Com. Dave Anderson, our new RAM District Inspector, and our own Ex Com. Lito Viray, the new Inspector for Sacramento Commandery.

Members of our Chapter were part of the great success in conferring the Royal Arch degrees at Comptche in June. The Commandery Crew needs to be commended for their work in the Orders conferred at our facility and especially for the excellent security. Special thank you to Com. Thom Pryor for the wonderful breakfast in June. It was to recognize those of our members receiving awards and positions of honor at Grand Sessions in Visalia in May. Be sure to read pages 18-19 of the July, 2019, Knight Templar magazine regarding Ex. Com. Joseph Dongo's appointment to the Commandery Grand Line.

Sad news is Ex. Com. Joseph Dongo's Dad passed and Joseph will be out of the country in July. Please keep him in your prayers. The memorial service for Past Illustrious Grand Master Dick Williamson is Friday, July 6th, at 10 am in Fairfield. As a former Peace Officer, I am very troubled regarding the recent murder of a 27-year-old policewoman here in Davis. Freemasons often forget that we are one of the last bastions for peace and security defending our way of life.

The cheerful and happy news is that our three members are almost ready six months in advance to step in the presiding chairs for next year. *(continued at right)*

FROM THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

Greetings, Companions All,

Traditionally, in Sacramento the month of July marks many days of hot weather for us. But enjoying the wonderful fresh fruits, BBQ's and the fellowship of my companions makes those refreshments more enjoyable.

The **4th of July** is a very important date for Freemasons and is celebrated by members of the craft all over the world. The Declaration of Independence was signed and accepted in Congress on the fourth of July 1776, marking **the birth of the United States**. Freemasons and this U.S. holiday are interconnected by the events that took place on that date, which would not have been possible (*or would have taken place very differently*) if it weren't for Freemasons.

Sacramento Council will be bursting with flare in July and August, and I look forward to engaging with our companions in the Council with revitalized energy.

Luis J. Montero, Ill. Master
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(from left) Com. Francisco Marques has instructed me to stand down in July because he is prepared to conduct the meeting. We are encouraging our new Companions to volunteer for a position or serve on a Committee. The Study Group/Breakfast sessions prior to our regular meetings, the set-up/ breakdown crew, Education, Community out-reach, and other areas need help.

The great personal achievement for this year has been the co-operation I have received in submitting vitas, resumes and biographies. *(continued on page 3)*

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(continued from page 2) Remember that your family life, education, work experience, education and interest help to show the commonality that we share. We hope that by the end of the year, we can begin to put this information with the faces as we build unity.

Introducing Com. Brian Schoenborn, born June 1, 1964 at Fort Ord, CA. He is a graduate of Seaside High School and De Anza College with an A.A. degree in Auto Technology. Brian has been employed for many years by General Motors, then with the State of California - Bureau of Auto Repairs Enforcement since 1996, where he is currently a Program Representative III supervisor. A member of Washington Lodge #20, where he has served as Senior Deacon, Brian has served the Consistory in the Sacramento Scottish Rite and two terms as Worthy Patron of Elk Grove-Onisbo Eastern Star #109. He currently serves as Associate Guardian for Elk Grove Job's Daughters, Bethel #347. Com. Schoenborn and his lovely wife of 28 years, Ada, are the proud parents of one daughter, Erika, a member of both Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls in Elk Grove.

Next, we introduce a new Companion, Andrew Philip Grajeda, a native of Sacramento and member of Union-Tehama Lodge #3, where he is studying to be their Senior Deacon in the future. Andrew is Master of Ceremonies in the Knights Rose Croix line at Sacramento Scottish Rite and a member of the Cibara Motor Corps Unit for Ben Ali Shrine. Com. Grajeda is a graduate of CSUS with a B.A. degree in English, *(continued at right)*

(continued from left) with a History minor. Currently he is employed as a Staff Services Analyst for the California State Teacher's Retirement System. When not working or at the Lodge, Andrew is an active musician in the Greater Sacramento area. A percussionist of over 18 years, he has worked with several bands performing a wide variety of Brazilian samba to jazz, from rock n'roll to surf music.

Last, but not least, we introduce one of the brightest stars on the Sacramento York Rite Bodies horizon. Com. Francisco Marques, born in Fortaleza, Brazil, is a 25 year member of the Craft, being initiated, passed and raised in the Scottish rite of Freemasonry within the Grand Orient of Brazil. He served in the Military Police for 12 years before relocating to the United States. He joined Washington Lodge #20 in 2015, where he currently holds the office of Junior Warden. He is the Editor and Webmaster of his lodge's Newsletter, Website, Lodge app, and Social Media. Francisco currently serves within the Sacramento York Rite of Freemasonry as the King in the Royal Arch Chapter, Captain of the Guard in the Council of Cryptic Masons, and Senior Warden in the Commandery of Knights Templar. He is a 32nd Degree within the Sacramento Scottish Rite. He is also one of the founding members of Templum Rosae Lodge # 863 in Oakland. Francisco toils as Building Manager of the Masonic Temple in downtown Sacramento.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Ron Charles, High Priest
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New Members Needed

The Sacramento York Rite Bodies experienced significant growth over several recent years. But, that growth slowed down last year. 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 Royal Arch Degrees will next be offered September 21st at the East Bay York Rite Association festival in Alameda. Deadline for petitions for that festival is our August 10th Chapter meeting. Council Degrees will follow on September 28th and Commandery Orders on October 5th.

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Meeting Schedule

	<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.

Deadline for submissions for the September issue of the *Trestleboard* is Friday, August 30th.
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