

# Sacramento York Rite News



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Stated Meetings - Second Saturday

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

**Monday, February 5, 2018**

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

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

**Breakfast Study Group ..... 8:00 am  
Council Stated Assembly ..... 9:00 am  
Commandery Stated Conclave 10:00 am  
Honors Presentations following  
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**

## Chapter Degrees in March

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 *(see right)*

## Chapter & Commandery Meetings February 10th

Sacramento Chapter #3, Royal Arch Masons, will hold its bi-monthly Stated Convocation on Saturday, February 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, February 5th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m..

Prior to the meetings our 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.

The annual Honors Luncheon previously announced for February 10th has been rescheduled to March 10th, due to a schedule conflict in the Club Room.

Sacramento Council #1, Cryptic Masons, does not meet in February.

*(from left)* always been impressed. It's only one & a half months 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.

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.

## FROM THE DIAS

### FROM THE HIGH PRIEST

Let me begin by thanking all of you for allowing me the privilege of being your High Priest this year. I promise to do my very best to live up to that trust and guide the Chapter to a rewarding year. I also wish to thank those dedicated Companions who have chosen to serve you as officers in 2018. They are great men and Masons and I feel more than lucky to have them on the team.

EC Luis gave us a great year in 2017. One can only try to keep the Chapter moving in the direction he helped establish and I hope to do so. One of the things he innovated was our breakfast Masonic Education meeting prior to Stated, and it is fully my intention to keep that going. In fact, I've asked EC Montero to be our first presenter for the year and he has accepted. I hope you all will attend and have a listen to his presentation. It will be enlightening, I'm sure. As in the past, it will be at 0815 in the 2nd floor dining room. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

On a side note: for those of you not involved in Scottish Rite, Sacramento Chapter #3's Secretary, our own EC Joseph Dongo, KYCH, was installed this past week as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection here in Sacramento. Please join me in wishing him well in this continuing part of his Masonic journey. Those of us who know Joseph have no worries as to success, however. He's just as hard a charger in Scottish Rite as in York! Congratulations to our Eminent Companion!

In addition to the above, the flag of our Country was presented at *(see right)*

### FROM THE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

Greeting Companions. Our wish is that all is well with you, and that we are ready for a busy and productive year. Sacto. Council #1 is slated to open, close and present the Royal Master at the March 26 School of Instruction in Auburn. We will need participants and as many Cherubims as possible. Degree Master Rich Wilson will announce practices.

We hope to be installed at the March meeting. Thank you to all involved for seeing that our great line of Officers was installed in January. Please make an effort to purchase the purple jacket, so that we can all be in the proper uniform.

Thank you to the Council members who assisted in presenting the flag at the Sacramento Scottish Rite's installation for Past Ill. Master Joseph Dongo as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection on Saturday, January 27th.

Lord willing, I look forward to seeing you Saturday, February 10th.

In Peace and Harmony,

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

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*(from left)* the Scottish Rite installation by one of our York Rite Bodies, as well. Sacramento Commandery #2, represented by its Eminent Commander, SK Juan Faranda, SK Luis Montero and SK Joseph Wallach did the entire York Rite proud with a very "squared away" Color Guard. Well done!

I'll have more for you all as the year goes on - for now, let me just wish you all well and say: See you on the 10th!

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

## *In Memoriam*

**Ray W. Lenau**

Entered Eternal Life January 7, 2018

*Almighty Father, into Thy hands we commend the soul of our departed companion.*

## Grand Chapter Scholarships

Time is rapidly running out. The filing deadline for York Rite scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year is March 1, 2018. All current members of Masonic youth groups--Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay--are eligible, so talk it up in your local Lodge, as well as among your families and Masonic friends. Information and application forms are available on the Grand Chapter section of the York Rite website, [www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org](http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org).

Increased donations to the Scholarship Program are badly needed if we are to maintain the program. Send donations to the Grand Chapter Office at 1123 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95818. **Remember, all donations are tax deductible.**

## 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. Other items are also available. 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

## 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 March issue of the *Trestleboard* is Sunday, February 25th.  
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).