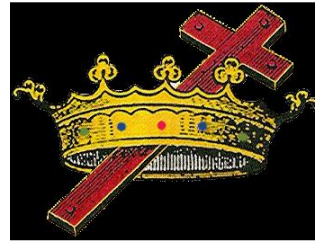


# THE CROSS & CROWN



**Craig L. Flagtwet, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of California**

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## Grand Commander's Message

**Greetings, Sir Knights of the Great State of California**

I am Happy to report that our Great State has received a total of five Eye Foundation grants to researchers in California. Our Knights Templar Eye Foundation contributions are being put to work in our local area providing valuable advancements in the work to prevent and cure childhood Eye disorders and blindness.

Sir Knights, please consider today making a \$30.00 contribution to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This will gain you a lifetime sponsorship and exempt your commandery from the \$1.00 assessment on your membership. In addition, the funds will be put to work in our great Charity. Let us strive to reach a 100 percent life Membership status for all Sir Knights in the State of California.

Several States have already reached this status with the Eye Foundation and are now working on 2 times and in some cases 3 times life sponsorship status. I know myself and many of the Sir Knights in California are somewhat competitive. I am now putting out the Call. Sir Knights if you are able, please make a \$30.00 donation to the Eye

Foundation. This will let us stand among the many Sir Knights that have reached this status and to make a meaningful impact on our Charity.

Sir Knight John Bickerstaff, KTCH, our Grand Standard bearer has assumed the role of Chairmen of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee for the Grand Commandery of California. He and Sir Knight David Studley, REPGC, have made the presentations and are happy to provide information and literature to support all your needs in support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

I have included in this message the form to allow you to make an easy task of making your life sponsorship contribution. (A fillable PDF is at <https://www.ktef.org/donation-selection>). Please make sure to include the form and fill out the information naming your State, commandery, and number so they receive credit and exemption because of your contribution.

Craig L. Flagtwet, KCT, KYGCH  
Grand Commander, Grand Commandery  
Knights Templar, California

## **COLORADO RIVER** **FALL FESTIVAL**

The following message was received recently regarding this annual festival in Laughlin NV. If you intend to attend and/or send candidates it is imperative that you read this:

The **Colorado River Fall Festival** will be held October 23 / 24 / 25, 2022 at the Riverside Hotel in Laughlin, Nevada and will be conferring all the Degrees & Orders of York Rite Masonry with the exception of Super Excellent Master.

Our website is now up & running with information, agenda and registration materials.

Please share this with anyone appropriate.

**If you have already registered** - please respond to this E-Mail immediately.

**If you have not registered** - in the next 30 days we will be running short of Executive Suites Mini Suites, King bed rooms, handicap

and smoking. Pet rooms are almost gone now.

If you have a group coming in on a bus....be sure to let us know in order to make the proper arrangements with the hotel.

### **Regarding Candidates:**

A "**Request to Confer**" must be filled out by the **constituent Secretary/Recorder** of the Bodies to which the Candidate is joining and sent to the Candidate Registrar in addition to the normal registration.

No request = no Degree/Orders conferred on that Candidate.

A request may be sent on behalf of a Candidate not yet elected if it is reasonably expected that he will prior to the CRFF. We prefer requests without Candidates over Candidates without requests.

Our website is: [www.crff.org](http://www.crff.org)

Our EMail is: [1992crff1992@gmail.com](mailto:1992crff1992@gmail.com)

Our mailing address is: PO Box 3742  
Kingman, AZ 86402-3742

**NOTE:** If your CRFF website shows 2019....refresh your browser.

CRFF Committee

## **GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL**

Sir Knights one and all -- From the world of Ritual

Its back to work. This is the time of the year that we move to advance stations to get ready for qualification. I have asked each inspector to evaluate you by using the inspection sheet. Hopefully this will give us an idea where you need work. We need to get our Sir Knights wanting to attend Conclave. We do this by great ritual and short business meeting. Having interesting topics to discuss during the meeting or in a social atmosphere after the meeting.

The young Knights are demanding that we have more than just a stated meeting and I agree. There is nothing more boring than sitting in a long meeting with no real information being passed on. Let's make this year the year that we have short meetings, informational time and perhaps a meal time.

I am looking forward to hearing about your inspirations to enhance your meetings.

Remember that to increase attendance, you must create an information time.

As always, I am at your service.

God bless

Sir Knight Jim Baum  
Grand Inspector General  
[jamesgbaum@msn.com](mailto:jamesgbaum@msn.com)  
760-885-0256 (leave a message and I will get back to you.)

## **GRAND SESSIONS 2023**

### **March, 3-5 Officers' Conference**

May 14, Sunday – Grand Banquet  
May 15, Monday – Grand Commandery  
May 16, Tuesday – Grand Chapter  
May 17, Wednesday – Grand Council  
May 18, Thursday – Corporation

## **TEMPLAR RITUALIST**

How many of you think you know much about the rituals of the Orders? There's a NEW way you can test yourself. Grand Encampment has established a Learning Management System, which you can access at: <http://templared.org/moodle/> .

Give it a try. Very soon now, there will be additional courses available: on Templar History and on the Trial of the Templars. You will have multiple choice quizzes to take in each Course and an opportunity to show off your excellence by submitting essays for everyone's edification!

The Editor

## **RECORDER ESSENTIALS**

Recorders new and old: near the end of this newsletter you will find a two-page document that serves as guidelines for Secretaries and Recorders – especially new ones.

## **KT EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications for 2023 are available at: [http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/commandery/KT\\_Scholarship.html](http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/commandery/KT_Scholarship.html). The deadline for 2023 applications will be **March 1, 2023**.

## GRAND COMMANDER'S CALENDAR

The Masonic Family has a large number of scholarships available to our youth, but how many of those in need of assistance really "KNOW" they are available? Help spread the word!



### THE CLOTHES LINE

A line of Jackets for our York Rite bodies continues to be available at MP. ENTERPRISES. The price for red and blue is great -- \$115.00 plus shipping, for sizes 34 to 49 in short, regular and tall; and \$125.00 plus shipping for sizes 50 to 59, also in short, regular, and tall; and \$135.00 plus shipping, for sizes 60-69. Also available are Men's and ladies' vests, tuxedos and shirts, pins, patches, and flags, and OES T-Shirts. Contact Max Luy at (510) 502-3224; or at his website: [www.mpenterprises.weebly.com](http://www.mpenterprises.weebly.com); or directly to his email at [maxluy@hotmail.com](mailto:maxluy@hotmail.com).

### ENCOMPASSER

The January 2022 edition is now available on the website. If you must have hard-copy, please call the Grand Recorder's office at the contact numbers listed below. [https://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser%20issues/Encompasser January 2022.pdf](https://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/encompasser%20issues/Encompasser%20January%202022.pdf)

### SEPTEMBER 2022 – APRIL 2023

Date	Event	Location
Sept 3	Make Sausage	Redlands Lodge 5:00 am
Sept 5	Labor Day	Everywhere
Sept 6 – 10	West Palm Beach FL – work trip	Florida
Sept 10	3-Way Reception	Eureka
Sept 24 – 30	Family Vacation	Somewhere Pleasant!
Sept 24	Chapter Festival	Alameda
Oct 1	AMD and Knight Mason meetings	
Oct 1	Cryptic Festival	Alameda
Oct 15	Commandery Festival	Alameda
Oct 21-23	Grand Lodge	San Francisco
Oct 23-25	Colorado River Fall Festival	Laughlin, NV
Nov 16	3-Way Reception	Stockton
Feb 11, 2023	Fall Festival, Chapter Degrees	San Bernardino, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Mar 3-5, 2023	Grand Officers' Conference	Visalia
March 8, 2023	Cryptic Festival	San Bernardino, 9:00 am
Mar 11, 2023	3-Way Reception	San Diego
Mar 12, 2023	3-Way Reception	Inland Empire
April 1, 2023	Commandery Festival	San Bernardino, 9:00 am

If you would like to attend any of these events and need to know particulars about where and when and cost, please call any of the contact numbers below, or go to the Grand York Rite website calendar at:

<http://yorkriteofcalifornia.org/commandery/itinerary.html>

## CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND ORDERS

Several Festivals are upcoming for the Fall. See Flyers below. Of particular note are:

East Bay: **9/24**, **10/1** and **10/15**

Colorado River: 10/23, **10/24** and **10/25**

San Bernardino: moved to 2023

**Feb 11, 2023 at 9am**

**March 8, 2023 at 7pm**

**April 1, 2023 at 9am**

## TAX REPORTING

Robert Wellington of Orange County Chapter No. 73 is willing to assist Chapters with guidance to restore their tax exempt status, if needed. If you would rather speak to a brother, Companion and Sir Knight, than an IRS or FTB agent, feel free to contact Bob at [rozekroy@gmail.com](mailto:rozekroy@gmail.com)

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[WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG](http://WWW.CA-GYRS.ORG)



## SECRETARY and/or RECORDER ESSENTIALS

Forms and Documents you will need are located at the Grand York Rite website, which is: [www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org](http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org).

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 31<sup>st</sup>.
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, 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: See Section 201 in the Constitution at

<http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Chapter/ROYAL%20ARCH%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

Council: See Section 30-10 in the Constitution at

<http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Council/Grand%20Council%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

Commandery: See Section 347 in the Constitution at

<http://www.yorkriteusa.org/cagyr/forms/Commandery/GRAND%20COMMANDERY%20Constitution%202018%20Rev1.pdf>

4. **Per Capita** -- The Per Capita payment, due each April 1st, does not require action by the Commandery to be paid. Please note that the per capita charge for 2022 will be \$34.00, as adopted at the 2021 Grand Conclave. Chapter and Council payments are due by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Chapter per capita will be \$23.00, and Council will be \$21.00. Of course, all three bodies charge \$1.00 to support Grand Sessions; and Commandery also charges \$1.00 for the Eye Foundation, and \$1.00 for Christian Ministry. You will need good, up-to-date end-of-year number of active members that is crucial for us when we compute 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** -- The Insurance payment, due each July 15<sup>th</sup>, 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). Also, please send the candidate class names to the Grand Secretary.
8. **Grand Sessions** – Before the May meetings, remind the 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 the Chapter and Council cannot attend, they may issue a proxy, or they may elect a representative. Commanderies may also elect a representative, but Commandery officers cannot issue proxies. The appropriate forms can be obtained on the Grand York Rite website: Scroll to "Elected Representative and Proxy Credentials."
9. **Order of High Priesthood** – Be sure the current HP and PHPs 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 secure website.

# Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

## Ways to Give Financial Support

Please mail this form with your contribution to the address below.

Name of donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If donor is a Sir Knight give location:

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Commandery Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please apply my donation as follows: (Place an X in the appropriate box)

- \$30.00 **Life Sponsor** (For Sir Knights only)  
 \$50.00 **Associate Patron** (Available to Foundations, Corporations, or Individuals)  
 \$100.00 **Patron** (Available to Foundations, Corporations, or Individuals)  
 \$100.00 **Grand Commander's Club** \*  
 \$1,000.00 **Grand Master's Club** \*  
 \$10,000.00 **Golden Chalice** (Available to Foundations, Corporations, or Individuals) \*\*  
 \$25,000.00 **Grand Master's Sword of Merit** (Available to Foundations, Corporations, or Individuals) \*\*  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **General Contribution**

Check or money order enclosed (Payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.)

Please charge to my credit card:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express  Discover

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Memorial or In Honor Contributions please fill out the following:*

In Remembrance  In Honor

Name of Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Notify: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

If a Commandery is to receive Remembrance or Honor credit please supply:

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Commandery Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Grand Master's Club and Grand Commander's Club may not be purchased in the name of any organization, only individuals. Members of the Grand Commander's Club may add to their donations until they reach a total of \$1,000 to receive membership in the Grand Master's Club. (As of 2/1/2015 once 25 Grand Master's Clubs are reached, a Sword of Merit will be awarded.)*

*\*\* If requested at the time of the initial gift, the donations may be applied to the Permanent Donor Fund.*

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. welcomes gifts and Bequests as well as Gifts of Securities and Life Insurance. If you desire in planning your estate to make a gift to be used by The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. for its charitable programs, regardless of the form which your gift may take, the proper words to be used on any gift or check is "The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc."

The Foundation is a tax-exempt Charitable Organization under Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Please mail this form with your contribution to the address below.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 271118  
Flower Mound TX 75027-1118  
Phone: 214-888-0220 Fax: 214-888-0230  
E-Mail: [Manager@ktef.us](mailto:Manager@ktef.us)  
[www.ktef.org](http://www.ktef.org)

Fillable Form is at:

<https://www.ktef.org/donation-selection>





## **Northern California York Rite Association**

**Cordially invites all Masons and their Guests  
To a Three-Way Reception  
Honoring**

**Most Excellent Companion  
Scott R. Husmann, KYGCH  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
Of The  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California**

**Most Illustrious Companion  
Guy M. Chalmers, KYGCH  
Most Illustrious Grand Master  
Of The  
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of California**

**Sir Knight Craig L. Flagtwet, KCT, KYGCH  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Of The  
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of California**

**Saturday September 10, 2022**

**Humboldt Masonic Lodge  
517 G St.**

**Eureka, CA 95501**

**Lunch will be served at 1:00**

**\$10.00 per plate**

**Please RSVP if you plan to attend the lunch**

**We will adjourn into the Lodge Room for the Reception after Lunch  
Dress will be business casual**

**For more information contact  
Jeff White  
707-834-3063  
jeffjw62@gmail.com**

East Bay York Rite Association  
Presents the Annual  
Pilgrimage into the York Rite

**2022 David M. Shull Memorial Honoree: Federico B. Baclig, Jr.**

**Location: Alameda Masonic Hall  
2312 Alameda Avenue  
Alameda, California**

**Chapter Degrees, Saturday, September 24, 2022**

Registration 7:30 a.m. Degrees to begin 8:30 a.m.

Cost per Candidate \$30 - To be paid by Sponsoring Chapter

**Council Degrees, Saturday, October 1, 2022**

Registration 8:00 a.m. Degrees to begin 9:00 a.m.

Cost per Candidate \$30 - To be paid by Sponsoring Council

**Commandery Orders, Saturday, October 15, 2022**

Registration 7:30 a.m. Orders to begin 8:30 a.m.

Cost per Candidate \$30 - To be paid by Sponsoring Commandery

**Lunch Provided @ \$10**

**(Lunch: No charge for Candidates - \$10 for all others)**

**All candidates must be preregistered with the East Bay York Rite Association's Registrar**

**For more information contact**

**Fred Baclig – 925 216 1174 [Eastbayyorkriteasn@aol.com](mailto:Eastbayyorkriteasn@aol.com)**

**R.S.V.P. with a Check to “East Bay York Rite”**

**Send Reservation and check to: Fred Baclig – Registrar  
5021 Vesteny Ct.  
Antioch, CA 94531-7812**

# Colorado River Fall Festival

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Festival!

We have a new online registration system for your convenience, (<https://crff.org/>) and all of the required forms are right there to simplify the process. Please remember the following while planning your travels and preparing your candidates:

- ***ALL CANDIDATES must be pre-registered in order to participate!*** CRFF Festival registration for all participants including Candidates must be RECEIVED by October 1. Candidates, this registration is in addition to the application you made to your York Rite Bodies.
- The Request for Courtesy Work by the Candidate's York Rite Secretary/Recorder must be received by the Candidate Registrar by October 1.
- Hotel Registration (included with CRFF registration) must be made by October 1 (Special Accommodations - room upgrades, etc. - ***NO LATER than September 1***). ***Reservations made directly to the Hotel will not reflect CRFF rates.***
- Attendees and Candidates from other Jurisdictions are encouraged to contact us so we are aware of your presence (Jurisdictions MUST be recognized).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at: <https://crff.org/index.php/contact-us>

**PARTICIPATE!** - We are always looking for more Companions and Sir Knights to get involved! If you have a degree team, expertise, or are from a jurisdiction wishing to get fully involve please contact us at: <https://crff.org/index.php/contact-us>

# **Spring 2023 York Rite Festival**

**Royal Arch Chapter Degrees**  
**Mark, Past, Most Excellent & Royal Arch**  
**Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.**

**Cryptic Mason Council Degrees**  
**Royal Master & Select Master**  
**Wednesday, March 8, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**Knights Templar Commandery Orders**  
**Red Cross, Malta & Order of the Temple**  
**Saturday, April 1, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M.**

**Please Check-In Early!**  
**Sharp Time Set - Conferral of Degrees & Orders**

*All at the*

**San Bernardino York Rite Masonic Temple**  
**2888 Arrowhead Avenue**  
**San Bernardino, California 92405-3805**  
**[sbyrb@juno.com](mailto:sbyrb@juno.com)**

***Please be early to avoid delays / Prompt conferral times are set***