

**Most Illustrious Companion
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Vision Statement

Cryptic Masons of California will be the preeminent York Rite Body in the nation, comprised of active and passionate companions recognized by all.

As Cryptic Masons, we support the research dedicated to eliminate heart disease and diabetes.

Cryptic Masons of California will progress to new heights through teamwork and exemplification of the teachings of our Masonic Values.



A Year has gone by

Companions,

I can't believe it has been nearly a year since assuming the helm, but it has been! And now it is time for some of us to begin preparing our reports and making preparations for the upcoming Grand Sessions in May. I am already aware that one report will reflect a reduction in numbers once again. However, the decline is not as severe as in the past. The bright side is that there have been several festivals and some individual chapter and council conferrals of degrees on numerous candidates recently and I am aware of some large classes upcoming. In fact, my Chapter is going to confer the Mark Master degree on 8 candidates in May. There's hope that we may have stemmed the tide...?

One other positive note is that our contributions to CMMRF increased in 2018 from about \$8,000 to nearly \$13,000; a better than 60 percent increase. This enabled us to move from 8th place nationally to 5th. Thank you for this commendable achievement. There is, however, still room for a little more improvement. Our contributions amount to about \$4.60 per dues paying member. That is about the cost of a fancy cup of Starbucks coffee, or a beer or cocktail. Perhaps we can forgo one of those this year and contribute to CMMRF instead! The State of Oregon, with only 560 +/- members, ranked 3rd nationally with a few thousand more dollars contributed than California. I encourage you to check out the newest web site for CMMRF to see what they are accomplishing now. It's impressive.

Companions please read the proposed resolutions so as to be knowledgeable and prepared for the floor vote at Sessions.

Lastly companions, I wish for you and yours a very Happy Easter as you celebrate the day that Christ arosel! I look forward to seeing you all at Grand Sessions.

With the greatest respect and humility,



Most Illustrious Companion William S. (Bill) Dann, KTCH, KYGCH
Grand Master Cryptic Masons California



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2019 Grand York Rite Sessions May 18th to May 22nd, 2019 – 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

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I am a member of: **RAM #** _____ **CM #** _____ **KT #** _____

Please list the **Number(s)** that you are a member of

*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

Day/Date	Time	Please enter the number of Meals/Events you are requesting	Price	Total
Sat – 18 th	1:30 PM	Secretary / Recorder Workshop _____	R.O.*	
Sun - 19 th	8:00 AM	GYR CA Corporation Annual Meeting _____	R.O.*	
	11:00 AM	Battalion & Belles Brunch Executive Brunch Buffet _____	\$24.00	
	1:00 PM	Drill Team Participant _____	R.O.*	
	4:00 PM	Vespers Service (Memorial Service for all 3 Bodies) _____	R.O.*	
	6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet: Steak Au Poivre _____ Pacific Salmon _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu _____ Special Dietary _____	\$43.00	
Mon – 20 th	7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet _____	\$17.00	
	12:15 PM	Combined RAM Ladies and Grand Chapter Luncheon: Charbroiled Beef Medallions _____ Grilled Salmon _____ Special Dietary _____	\$28.00	
	1:30 PM	Order of High Priesthood Degree _____ Must include the OHP Petition	\$50.00	
	1:30 PM	Secretary / Recorder Workshop _____	R.O.*	
Tue – 21 st	7:00 AM	Grand Council Breakfast: (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet _____	\$17.00	
	12:00 PM	CM Ladies Luncheon: Deli Style Buffet _____ Special Dietary _____	\$26.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon: Western Style BBQ _____ Special Dietary _____	\$34.00	
	1:30 PM	Thrice Illustrious Master Degree _____ Must include the TIM Petition	\$40.00	
	1:30 PM	Secretary / Recorder Workshop _____	R.O.*	
	2:30 PM	Golden State Research Chapter attendee _____	R.O.*	
Wed – 22 nd	7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Wyndham Buffet _____	\$17.00	
	12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon Grilled Salmon _____ Breast of Chicken Carbonara _____ Special Dietary _____	\$28.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon Deli Style Buffet _____ Special Dietary _____	\$26.00	
	1:30 PM	Past Commander's Association _____ Must include the PCA Application	\$30.00	
	1:30 PM	Secretary / Recorder Workshop _____	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:

Events are subject to change based on reservation responses or other factors.

More information on the other (or back) page.

More forms (including the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master & Past Commanders Association), menus and schedule are available from www.ca-gyrs.org.

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Please send page 1 of this form and payment to:

CA-GYRS 1123 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814-2883

Meal reservations are locked & will not be accepted after 05/08/19 (don't even ask)

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

Room rate: \$95.00 +taxes.

Hotel reservation deadline is **04/05/19** Pending room block availability – best to register early

Questions, contact the following below:

- **Executive Officer:** Randy Downey, executiveofficer@ca-gyrs.org or call +1 408 674 8341
 - **Meal/Event reservations:** Dave Glass reservations@ca-gyrs.org or call +1 916 616 3283
- No refunds after May 09th, 2019 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.

Secretary / Recorder Workshop. Our Grand Secretary / Recorder will be going over forms, processes and the online membership database (MMS). This is intended for all Secretary / Recorders and Dais Officers that want to understand the duties. Attendance is required to obtain access to MMS. The same material is covered on each session (Sat. Mon. Tue & Wed). Please mark on the day you will attend.

Sunday:

Grand York Rite California (GYR CA) Corporation Annual Meeting, Event starts at 8:00 am 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.

Vesper services. Vespers is our gathering to honor our departed Companions and Sir Knights. All are encouraged to attend

Tuesday:

Golden State Royal Arch Research Chapter. All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend. For a small fee of \$20, you can submit your petition at the meeting to become a lifetime member of the Golden State Research Chapter.

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.

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](#).



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