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**For all Master Masons
An Opportunity to assist in a Greater Masonic Life
And Perform a Great Part of Your Obligation
At one and the same time.**

Brethren: In our obligation as a Mason, we obligated ourselves “to help, aid and assist” all distressed worthy Brothers, their widows and orphans. Now is the time for us to put that obligation into practice.

LIVING ALONE IS JUST AN ACCIDENT WAITING FOR A TIME AND PLACE TO HAPPEN! Many of our older Brethren and/or their widows face obstacles everyday. One of their largest obstacles in living alone is having no one to check on their daily health and other needs. This could lead to disaster.

For example: an older Brother, and/or his widow may have any number of debilitating diseases: diabetes, high blood pressure, anemia, arthritis, etc., or any number of diseases that could leave you immobile and helpless in case of an attack. A good example is a chemical reaction to prescribed medication can lead to a diabetic coma where a loved one may lie helpless and possibly die before help or assistance may arrive. A stroke or heart attack may leave you speechless and immobile. A fall may break a bone leaving you helpless and unable to reach a phone. Any and all of these instances can be life threatening.

We strongly encourage slowing down and being more careful. When you get up from the bed or a chair, do so slowly. Pause for a few seconds to let all of your body functions get into their proper mode. It might be a good idea to get rid of “throw rugs” or any other loose items that might lead to a trip and fall.

Be especially careful at night; leave a “night-

light” burning. Older people have trouble with night vision and are especially vulnerable at night or even in the daylight hours when there is not enough illumination. A small “nightlight” in the bedroom or bath will cost very little to operate and they shine automatically only in dimly lighted areas and it more than pays for itself by the safety it provides.

Many in our fraternity are suffering from instability and have difficulty walking around in their homes. If you fit into this category, be sure to call a good Brother for help in the installation of “grab-bars” for your bathrooms and “hand railings” in rooms that will give you confidence and security walking within your home – especially in low lighting situations. This is especially important when you live alone.

A cordless phone or cellular phone is a “must” and is worth its weight in gold – if it is always with you or within arms reach – even when you go to take a shower or to the bathroom.

Many, many older people have accidents in the bathroom, resulting in immobility or a broken bone and need immediate assistance.

You can have a minor or even a MAJOR accident in the bedroom – living room – kitchen – pantry – front porch – back porch – or anywhere in the home. Ready access to a phone for emergency help or communications is an **ABSOLUTE NECESSITY**.

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2008 Grand York Rite Sessions

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2008 Grand York Rite Sessions April 26th to April 30th, 2008 – Bakersfield, CA

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 Lady / Guest Title(s): _____
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 No Meals Requested or **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO MARK THE AMOUNT IN THE ENTRÉE CHOICES**

Day	Date	Time	Event / Meal	Quan.	Cost	Total
Sat	April 26 th	10:30 AM	Golf Tournament _____ Preference of Others _____ in your foursome: _____		\$50.00	
		6:30 PM	Welcome! "South of the Border" ___ Vegetarian ___		\$25.00	
Sun	April 27 th	11:30 AM	Battalion & Belles Luncheon Citrus Chicken Caesar Salad ___ Vegetarian ___		\$21.00	
		6:30 PM	Grand York Rite Banquet Entree Choice: Prime Rib ___ Salmon ___ Vegetarian ___		\$38.00	
Mon	April 28 th	7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast "English Muffin, Egg & Bacon" Open to the Sir Knights <u>and</u> the Ladies		\$18.50	
		12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show "Boxless Luncheon" ___ Vegetarian ___		\$21.00	
		12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon Rigatoni Primavera ___ Vegetarian ___		\$21.00	
Tue	April 29 th	7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast "Ham Omelette" Open to the Companions <u>and</u> the Ladies		\$17.50	
		12:00 PM	RA Ladies Luncheon "Working Lunch Buffet" ___ A Patriotic Affair - wear Red, White and/or Blue		\$22.00	
		12:15 PM	Grand Chapter Luncheon Citrus Chicken Sandwich ___ Vegetarian ___		\$21.00	
Wed	April 30 th	7:00 AM	Grand Council Breakfast: "All American w/ Sausage" Open to the Companions <u>and</u> the Ladies		\$17.50	
		12:00 PM	CM Ladies Luncheon "High Tea Luncheon" ___ Vegetarian ___		\$22.00	
		12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon "French Connection" ___ Vegetarian ___		\$21.00	

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 or: James Baum, Executive Officer (760) 843-9258 executiveofficer@ca-gyrs.org
 Dave Glass (about reservations) (916) 454-5335 reservations@ca-gyrs.org

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No refunds after April 12th, 2008 unless approved by the Grand York Rite Sessions Executive Committee
 More forms are available from www.ca-gyrs.org along with menus and further details.

CALIFORNIA GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS

Day Date Time Event

Saturday Apr 26 10AM-4PM **Registration open**
 10:30 AM **Golf Tournament**



Sundale Country Club, 6218 Sundale Ave
Ladies Hospitality Room is open, Mohave Room - 2nd Floor
 TBA
Welcome Dinner, Potato Room
 6:30 PM
 "South of the Border" Your choice of Chicken or Cheese Enchilada and traditional Tamale smothered in melted Jack and Cheddar Cheese, served with Refried Beans and Spanish Rice, Accompanied with Salsa and Tortilla Chips.

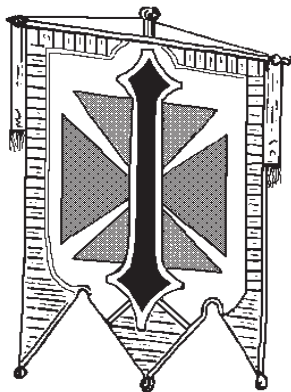
Sunday Apr 27 10AM-6PM **Registration open**



TBA
Ladies Hospitality Room is open, Mohave Room - 2nd Floor
 11:30 AM **Battalion & Belles Luncheon**, Potato Room
 "Citrus Chicken Caesar Salad" Fresh Romaine Lettuce Tossed with Butter Garlic Croutons, Grated Parmesan Cheese, Chef's Special Caesar Dressing, topped with Charbroiled Citrus Chicken Breast, served with Dinner Rolls and Butter.

1 PM **Drill Team Competition**, Ballroom
 4 PM **Vesper Service**, Potato Room
 6:30 PM **Grand York Rite Banquet**, Ballroom
 Slow Roasted Prime Rib rubbed with our Special Blend of Herbs and Spices served with Creamy Horseradish and Au Jus with Potatoes; *or*,
 Atlantic Salmon Filet with White Wine and Lemon Pepper Spice topped with Lemon Caper Sauce served with Medley Rice

Monday Apr 28 7AM-10AM **Registration open**



TBA
Ladies Hospitality Room is open, Mohave Room - 2nd Floor
 7 AM **Grand Commandery Breakfast**, Beale Room
 "The English Muffin: Eggs & Bacon" Grilled English Muffin filled with Scrambled Eggs, topped with Cheddar Cheese, Ham, served with Seasoned Breakfast Potatoes and Seasonal Fruit Garnish.

8 AM **Grand Commandery Public Opening Session**, Ballroom
 9:30 AM **Grand Commandery Formal Opening and Meeting**, Ballroom

12 Noon **KT Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show**, Potato Room
 "Boxless Lunch," Sliced Turkey Breast and Ham, Swiss Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato on a French Roll, accompanied with Pickle Spear, Whole Fruit, Bag of Potato Chips, Oreo Cookies, appropriate condiments and a choice of Soft Drink or Bottled Water.

12:15 PM **Grand Commandery Luncheon**, Beale Room
 "Rigatoni Primavera," Rigatoni Pasta Cooked Al Dente, Sautéed with Olive Oil, Fresh Basil, Garlic, Tomatoes, Bell Peppers and Zucchini, topped with Grated Parmesan Cheese, served with Dinner Rolls and Butter.

1:30 PM
 Please note change! ~~2PM~~

Past Commanders Association Ballroom

CALIFORNIA GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
		5 PM	Grand Commandery Installation , Ballroom
Tuesday	Apr 29	7AM-4PM	Registration open (Chapter credentials close at 10:00 AM)
		TBA	Ladies Hospitality Room is open, Mohave Room - 2nd Floor
		7 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast , Beale Room "Ham Omelet," Ham Omelet served with Seasoned Breakfast Potatoes and Seasonal Fruit Garnish.
		8 AM	Grand Chapter Opening Session , Ballroom
		9 AM	Grand Chapter Meeting , Ballroom
		12 Noon	RA Ladies Luncheon , Potato Room "A Patriotic Affair" - Wear Red, White and/or Blue. Working Lunch Buffet--Assorted Gourmet Wraps and Bistro Sandwiches, Potato Chips, Roasted Red Bliss Potato Salad, Orzo Pasta Salad with Sun-Dried Tomatoes and Pesto, Mini Pastries and Tarts, Iced Tea and Coffee Service
		12:15 PM	Grand Chapter Luncheon , Beale Room "Citrus Chicken Sandwich" Citrus Marinated Charbroiled Chicken Breast on a Grilled Garlic French Roll, served with Potato Wedges and a Lettuce, Tomato and Onion Garnish
		2 PM	Order of High Priesthood Degree , Ballroom
		5 PM	Grand Chapter Installation , Ballroom
Wednesday	Apr 30	7AM-4PM	Registration open (Council credentials close at 10:00 AM)
		TBA	Ladies Hospitality Room is open, Mohave Room - 2nd Floor
		7 AM	Grand Council Breakfast , Beale Room "All American Breakfast," Fluffy Scrambled Eggs with Link Sausage, served with Seasoned Breakfast Potatoes and Seasonal Fruit Garnish
		8 AM	Grand Council Opening Session , Ballroom
		9 AM	Grand Council Meeting , Ballroom
		12 noon	CM Ladies Luncheon , Potato Room High Tea Luncheon, Items you expect at a high end tea function: Scones, finger sandwiches, salad items, etc
		12:15 PM	Grand Council Luncheon , Beale Room "French Connection," Sliced Turkey Breast and Ham, Swiss Cheese, Tomato and Green Leaf Lettuce on a Fresh Croissant, served with Pasta Salad & Potato Chips.
		2 PM	Thrice Illustrious Master Degree , Ballroom
		5 PM	Grand Council Installation , Ballroom



The Golf Tournament, Vesper Service, observing the Drill Team Competition, all three Breakfasts and the Installations are open to all attendees.

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**ALWAYS HAVE YOUR PHONE
AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!**

Remember 911 is always there to help you; not embarrass you. Call 911, or a Brother or close friend and neighbor, for immediate assistance. **DO NOT HESITATE TO MAKE EITHER CALL!** We all need help at one time or another. Pride is a great attribute but do not let pride get in the way of your health or safety!

There are many of our brethren, and/or their widows who live alone without any family member or close friend to help them in an emergency or just in the every day necessities of life. We must know who they are so that we may set up a "calling committee" of brothers and wives' to check on our needy Brothers, and/or their widows. They desperately need to know that someone sincerely cares about them.

Our intention and goal is to set up a system throughout our Masonic fraternity so that those Brethren, and/or their widow get called once a day just to see that they are OK and that their every day needs are met. Why are we here if not to help aid and assist our Masonic brother and/or his family?

Let us go a little further, let's check with each needy Brother, and/or his widow to see if they need someone to do whatever is necessary for a good quality of life. A phone call is a necessity but a visit is pure heavenly pleasure. Please go by for at least a short visit. It will put a star in your crown.

Let's check and see if the brother, and/or his widow would be willing to share a house key with a Brother or a reliable friend in order to get entrance to their home in case of an emergency. Some of our Brethren, etc., for security purposes and peace of mind, live in forts these days and the only way in is with a fire axe.

Please give this some thought. Please arrange to give a key to a good friend or friends or a Brother or Brothers and their wives or widow so that they may gain access to your home and help and assist you in times of emergency.

There is no reason that anyone should lie helpless on the floor or in bed for any length of time when a phone call to "911", a Brother, his wife and/or widow would produce immediate help. If there are other items we need to cover please contact your Lodge Master. Please let us help you enjoy the quality of life that you desire and are entitled to have.

Legacy

The future of Scottish Rite Freemasonry rests in the hands of its members. It will be what we make of it: an institution of moral leadership, educational advancement and philanthropic endeavors or merely a social club with empty titles and vain pretensions.

To achieve the former requires the combined and concerted effort of a great many of us and a renewed commitment to learn and live-learn the simple lessons of practical morality and the sublime teaching of religious philosophy, then live them, that our light may so shine before men that they will continue to desire

our fellowship and join in our assemblies.

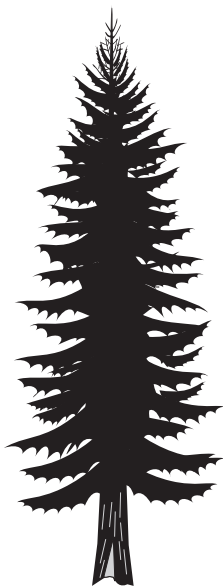
The seed is self-improvement and the fruit is moral progress. Each of us must become the Magister Interior, The Inward Master, for until we have mastered ourselves our influence over other men can bring no good result.

Good men; better men.

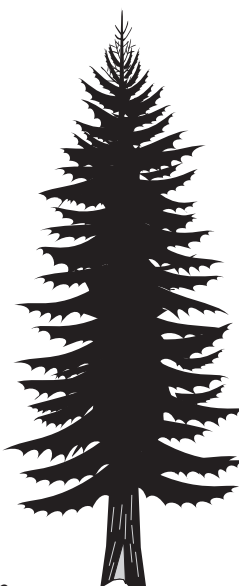
We seek no more; we offer no more.

It is enough?

Thanks to Fred "Tiny" Potter, 33° for this article. It applies to ALL of the Masonic orders.

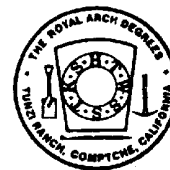


36th ANNUAL COMPTCHE OUTDOOR ROYAL ARCH DEGREES



Tunzi Ranch - Comptche, CA
Saturday - June 28th, 2008

Mark the Dates in Your Calendars



All four degrees will be conferred on Saturday, the Prologue begins at 9:00 a.m.

Climate & Misc.: There's plenty to do so come a couple of days early. The coastal climate is either foggy and cold, or hot; Think layers. Dress attire is always casual. This is a cattle and timber ranch so watch your step. Your dogs must be leashed at times.

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, also is historical and an interesting and less expensive place to visit.

Accommodations: You could make a vacation around this event. Self-contained RVs and tent campers are welcome to set up in the flat areas. There are no 120v hookups. Restrooms at the degree site have a hot water shower. Motels are available at the coast, 30 minutes from the RAM site. Call as soon as possible for your reservations, it's a popular tourist area.

Reservations and prepayment are required. The remote location, price of gasoline, and the cost of food make this necessary. For more information, you can call Guy Chalmers at 707-763-0741. Reservations begin in April, look for the form at Grand Sessions.

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Masonic Trivia

The Royal Arch Degree is considered the oldest of its Rite and is of the Cryptic or Secret Vault type. It first appeared in Faulkner's *Dublin* (Ireland) *Journal* for January 10 - 14, 1743, which reported that Youghall Lodge No. 21 celebrated St. John's Day with a parade in which there were "the Royal Arch was carried by two excellent Masons," presumably Past Masters. It was preferred by the Ancient Grand Lodge

More Early History of the Grand Commandery

Following the 5th Conclave, the Grand Commandery was pretty quiet until the 11th Conclave. In the meantime, they had adopted the Order of Malta as a separate Order which had been approved by Grand Encampment. It is interesting to note that the Order came from the Boston Encampment which is the oldest Encampment in the US. During this period membership had increased to 381 members. Also a dispensation had been issued for Stockton Commandery on March 18, 1867 and charting was finalized on October 17, 1867

During the 11th Conclave, it was voted to move the annual meeting from October to April as was done by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. The new meeting date would start in 1870 and would be held on the Monday following the first Tuesday in April.

At the 12th Conclave, it was sadly reported that our first Grand Commander, Isaac Davis had died and the current Grand Commander cited him as the founder of Templar Masonry on the Pacific Shores. A dispensation had been granted on December 11 1869 for "Coeur de Lion" Commandery in Los Angeles and the charter was granted on April 11, 1870. The meeting date was again discussed and after proper proposal, it was changed to the first Friday after the 2nd Tuesday in April.

The 13th Conclave showed that a dispensation was granted on April 12, 1870 for San Jose Commandery and it was chartered on April 15, 1871. The Grand Commander reported that he had installed the Officers of California Commandery #1 in their new building where the Grand Commandery would hold its Conclave in April of 1872. The Grand Commandery also approved that there should be appointed representatives to the other Grand Commanderies.

The 14th Conclave brought the news that the Grand Master of Masons had requested the Grand Commandery to assist in laying the cornerstone of the new City Hall and Law Courts of the City & County of San Francisco. California #1 was chosen to be the Escort for the Grand Lodge; however the Grand Commandery did not take part because they did not have any proper uniforms.

The 17th Conclave reported the following: there were now 33 Grand Commanderies with 45,000 members; it was resolved that the members of Grand Commandery be required to wear at its annual conclave the uniform of the order worn by their respective Commanderies. The Grand Commandery also adopted the amendment to the statutes. Section 11, Chapter 2: "The Grand Commander shall also exemplify, or cause to be exemplified, the ritual and drill of the Order at each Annual Conclave. He may also summon the Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General of each Commandery to meet him at any convenient place

within the jurisdiction, for the purpose of exemplifying the drill and ritual, and the necessary expenses of these officers shall be paid by their respective Commanderies."

During the 18th Conclave, it was reported that the Grand Commander had issued a dispensation for Oakland Commandery on January 18, 1876 with Charter being issued on April 18, 1876. At this Conclave, two recommendations were adopted: They extended the time of resubmission of application from 6 months to 12 months and that the stations in the west will be appointed instead of elected.

During the 19th Conclave, the Grand Commander reported that he had issued dispensations for the following Commanderies: 1. Chico on June 6, 1877 and Lassen on June 10, 1877, they were chartered on April 14, 1877. The Grand Commander reported that he had received a request the Grand Master of Masons for an escort for the laying of the cornerstone at the First Baptist Church in San Francisco on the 5th of August and that California #1 has been selected as the escort.

Grand Commandery membership after the 19th Conclave stood at 853 members and it was interesting to note that in each of the proceedings were included the reports of the other Grand Commanderies.



FREEMASONRY IN CALIFORNIA FROM 1848

The history of Freemasonry in California dates back to "the days of old, the days of gold, the days of '49." When gold was discovered in California many Masonic Brethren were among the crowds that poured into the district and several Lodges began work in the early part of the year 1848.

On May 10, 1848, the Grand Lodge of Missouri issued a charter to Saschel Woods, Master; L. E. Stewart, Senior Warden; Peter Lassen, Junior Warden; and other brethren, to form a lodge to be known as Western Star Lodge No. 98, at Benton City (Lassen's Ranch), California.

Later in the same year a charter was granted by the Grand Master of District of Columbia for the organization of California Lodge No. 13 (today California Lodge, No. 1), in San Francisco. This authorization was issued to Master Samuel York Atlee; Senior Warden William Van Voorhies; Junior Warden Badney F. McDonald; and their associates. Van Voorhies failed to qualify, as he decided not to journey to California as he had planned, and Levi Stowell was appointed in his stead. Forty-four Masons were present at the organization of California Lodge, No. 13, on November 17, 1849.

Craft Masonry in California

Soon the question of establishing a Grand Lodge arose. A Convention met on April 18, 1850, of which Brother Charles Gilman of San Francisco was the Chairman and Brother Benjamin D. Hyam of Benicia was Secretary. The Lodges represented were California Lodge, No. 13, of San Francisco; Connecticut Lodge, No. 75, of Sacramento City; Western Star Lodge, No. 98, of Benton City, Upper California; and New Jersey Lodge of Sacramento City. Brother Benjamin D. Hyam presented credentials from Benicia Lodge, at Benicia, but, as no Masonic information of the existence of such a Lodge could be discovered, it was not recognized. On April 19, 1850, a Constitution was adopted and Grand Officers duly elected and installed.

Royal Arch in California

The first Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, namely, San Francisco, No. 1, was organized by Dispensation dated May 9, 1850, and a Charter was granted to it on September 13, 1850. Three Chapters, San Francisco, No. 1; Sonora, No. 2; and Sacramento, No. 3, sent del-

egates to a Convention held on May 6, 1854, at Sacramento for the purpose of organizing a Grand Chapter. The meeting was adjourned, after three days' session, and met again at San Francisco, July 18, 1854, when a Constitution was adopted and the Grand Chapter opened. Companion Charles M. Radeliff, of Sonora Chapter, No. 2, was the first Grand High Priest; Companion John D. Creigh, of San Francisco, No. 1, Deputy Grand High Priest; and Companion Townsend A. Thomas, of Sacramento Chapter, No. 3, Grand Secretary.

Cryptic Degrees in California

Charters were granted by the Grand Council of Alabama to two Councils in California. One was chartered by the Grand Council of Tennessee and one by the Grand Council of Texas. By representatives of these four Councils the Grand Council of California was organized on June 26, 1860.

Commandery Orders in California

A Commandery of Knights Templar, San Francisco, No. 1, was formed on November 10, 1852, and was chartered on November 1, 1853. Under the Warrant of Sir William Hubbard, who was then Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the Grand Commandery of California was established, August 10 and 11, 1858, in the Asylum of San Francisco Commandery, No. 1.

Scottish Rite in California

A Lodge of Perfection, King Solomon, No. 3, was established by a Charter dated January 3, 1866; Robert Bruce, No. 3, a Chapter of Rose Croix, January 13, 1886; Hugues de Payens, Council of Kadosh, No. 3, January 7, 1886; and Los Angeles Consistory, No. 3, October 22, 1888. These four Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite labored in Southern California. In Northern California a Chapter of Rose Croix and a Lodge of Perfection, both by name San Francisco, No. 1, were chartered in 1868, the first on June 15, the second on July 13. A Council of Kadosh and a Consistory, also of the same name, were granted Charters on September 17, 1868, and June 30, 1897, respectively.

FESTIVALS AND DEGREE CONFERRALS

Date	Location	Address	What's Being Conferred	Sponsor
March 29	Woodland	128 Palm Ave	Chapter Degrees	Sacramento/Sierra York Rite Assoc.
March 29	San Bernardino	2888 Arrowhead Ave	Commandery Orders	St. Bernard Commandery #23, and Riverside Commandery #28
April 5	Van Nuys	14750 Sherman Way	Commandery Orders	L.A. Commandery #9
April 19	Roseville	235 Vernon St	Cryptic Council Degrees	Sacramento/Sierra York Rite Assoc.
June 14	Sacramento	1123 J St	Commandery Orders	Sacramento/Sierra York Rite Assoc.
June 28	Comptche	Tunzi Ranch	Chapter Degrees	Comptche Degree Assoc.
Sept 20	Escondido	1331 S Escondido Blvd	Royal Arch Degrees	Tyre Chapter No. 30, R.A.M.
Sept 25	Escondido	1331 S Escondido Blvd	Cryptic Council Degrees	Helix Council No. 58, C.M.
Oct 18	Alameda	2312 Alameda Ave	Chapter and Council Degrees	EB York Rite Association
Oct 20	Laughlin, NV	Riverside Hotel	Chapter and Council Degrees	Colorado River Fall Festival Org.
Oct 20	Laughlin, NV	Riverside Hotel	Super Excellent Master Degree	Colorado River Fall Festival Org.
Oct 21	Laughlin, NV	Riverside Hotel	Commandery Orders	Colorado River Fall Festival Org.
Oct 25	Alameda	2312 Alameda Ave	Commandery Orders	EB York Rite Association



None scheduled at this time.



SECRET SQUIRREL'S FORUM

Does your Chapter, Council, Commandery or York Rite Association have a Degree or Festival planned? School of Instruction? Don't keep it a secret! This whole page is reserved for your input.



Reach Secret Squirrel by e-mail at
secret.squirrel@yorkriteofcalifornia.com

**Send those dates off to Secret Squirrel
NOW for the July Encompasser**

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S SCHEDULE FOR 2008**April 2008**

- 1 Vista: Vista Lodge stated meeting
 2 San Diego: Scottish Rite stated meeting
 3 San Diego: Red Cross of Constantine luncheon
 8 San Diego: San Diego Commandery stated meeting
 9 San Diego: Masonic Information Night hosted by Scottish Rite
 14 Bakersfield: GHP Official Visit, Kern Valley Chapter #75
 19 Vista: GHP Reception by Triangle Chapter #155
 27 Bakersfield: Grand York Rite Sessions
 29 Bakersfield: Grand Chapter Elections and Installation

**May 2008**

- 2 Redding: York Rite Reception
 3 Marysville/Yuba City: York Rite Reception
 10 Palo Alto: Palo Alto Festival Class
 17 Riverside: York Rite Reception
 24 Petaluma: Petaluma Chapter Reception

June 2008

- 6 Van Nuys: Signet Chapter Reception
 9 Chico: Chico Chapter Reception
 11 Long Beach: Long Beach York Rite Reception
 14 Van Nuys: Signet Chapter Festival Class
 19 Anaheim: Southern California DeMolay Convention at DeMolay Center, 300 W Lincoln Ave., Anaheim
 27-29 Comptche: Comptche Festival Class

July 2008

- 3 San Diego: San Diego Chapter Reception
 4 Newhall: Newhall Parade
 5 San Luis Obispo: Ice Cream Social
 17-21 San Diego: Cruise from San Diego to Cabo
 19 Ojai: New England Summer Picnic

August 2008

- 2 Alameda: East Bay York Rite Reception
 3 Palo Alto: Palo Alto York Rite Reception for the Central Coast
 16 San Bernardino: York Rite Unity Program with Scottish Rite
 22, 23 Bakersfield: Ritual Symposium
 27-31 Indianapolis: 43rd General Grand Chapter

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA
 GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY CRYPTIC YEAR 2008**

April 2008

- 14 Pasadena: Pasadena Chapter No. 265, National Sojourners
 26-30 Bakersfield: Grand York Rite Sessions

May 2008

- 2 Redding: York Rite Reception
 3 Marysville/Yuba City: York Rite Reception
 8-10 Utah Grand York Rite Sessions (tentative)
 9-11 Pt. Mugu: Heroes Weekend (tentative)
 17 Riverside: 3-Way York Rite Reception
 18 Long Beach: St. Alban York Rite College
 26 Ventura: "Avenue of Flags" Memorial Day Observation

**June 2008**

- 5-8 San Diego: Imperial Red Cross of Constantine
 6 Van Nuys: Reception for Grand High Priest, Signet Chapter
 11 Long Beach: York Rite Reception, International City Masonic Center
 14 Oxnard: Channel Islands York Rite dinner
 16 Anaheim: Visitation to Orange County Council #14 at DeMolay Center, 300 W Lincoln Ave., Anaheim

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- 19 Anaheim: Southern California DeMolay Convention at DeMolay Center, 300 W Lincoln Ave., Anaheim (tentative)
 26 Visalia: Job's Daughters Grand Bethel (tentative)

July 2008

- 3, 4 Newhall: Parade in Newhall, details in July Encompasser
 5, 6 San Luis Obispo: Ice Cream Social
 10-13 Scottsdale, Arizona: Red Cross of Constantine
 17-21 San Diego: Cruise to Cabo and return (tentative)
 19 Ojai: New England Summer Picnic, Soule Park
 23 San Jose: 100th Anniversary, San Jose Council No. 20
 24-29 Quincy: Visit to Quincy Council followed by long weekend

August 2008

- 2 Alameda: East Bay York Rite's York Rite Reception
 3 Palo Alto: Annual Palo Alto York Rite Reception for Central Coast York Rite
 11 Oxnard: Ventura County Scottish Rite stated meeting
 16 San Bernardino: Unity Program with Scottish Rite
 21-24 Scottsdale, AZ: Arizona Grand Sessions
 31 Long Beach: Brian Boru Council #38, Knight Masons

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- 5 Van Nuys: Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, Conferral of the Orders
 7 Van Nuys: Signet Chapter No. 57 RAM stated convocation
 13 Studio City: Grand Master's Breakfast, Sportsman's Lodge
 21 Van Nuys: Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 stated conclave
 26-30 Bakersfield: Grand York Rite Sessions

May 2008

- 2 Redding: York Rite Reception, Department 8
 3 Marysville: York Rite Reception, Department 7
 9 Utah: Grand Sessions
 15 Bellflower: GC Reception, Golden West Commandery #43
 17 Riverside: York Rite Reception
 18 Rosemead: So. California York Rite College No. 110
 20-27 Indiana: Vacation!

**June 2008**

- 1 San Diego: Allied Masonic Degrees Council No. 86
 3 Nevada: Grand Commandery of Nevada (Hal Forell to represent)
 5-7 San Diego: UGIC Grand Sessions, RCC
 10 San Diego: GC Reception, San Diego Commandery No. 25
 11 Long Beach: York Rite Reception
 14 Oxnard: York Rite Reception, Ventura Commandery No. 18 and St. Omer Commandery No. 30
 19 Anaheim: Southern California DeMolay Convention at DeMolay Center, 300 W Lincoln Ave., Anaheim
 21 Anaheim: GC Reception, Orange County Commandery No. 36
 26 Visalia: Job's Daughters Grand Bethel
 29 San Luis Obispo: Ice Cream Social, San Luis Obispo Commandery No. 27

July 2008

- 3-4 Valencia: 4th of July Parade, Los Angeles Commandery No. 9
 11-13 Scottsdale, AZ: RCC Southwest Regional Conference
 19 Rosemead: GC Reception with San Gabriel Valley Commandery No. 31, Whittier-St. Johns Commandery No. 51, and Foothill Commandery No. 63

August 2008

- 2 Alameda: York Rite Reception
 3 Palo Alto: York Rite Reception, BBQ
 7 San Diego: RCC Luncheon Meeting
 7 San Carlos: Stated Meeting, ESD #561
 16 San Bernardino: Unity Program with Scottish Rite
 21-24 Scottsdale, AZ: Arizona Grand York Rite Sessions
 31 Woodland Hills: DeMolay Grand Banquet

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