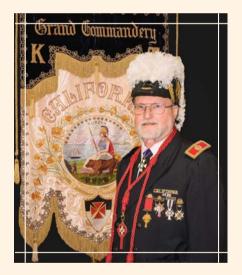
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by Sir Knight Roger S. Ross

Greetings Christian Knights,

Here it is, April already. I sincerely hope every Sir Knight in California (and his family and loved ones) had a glorious Easter celebration and was able to attend a Knight Templar *Easter Observance*.

In this time of increased secularism and political controversy and global conflicts, I want us all to reflect on the one individual who truly was a Unifier. This being was the ultimate Unification: God, Human and Spirit all in one fantastic form. The perfect example of the definition of Unity. In this Spring season, we all see the rebirth of flora and fauna and the reminder that our Lord and Savior was reborn to show us all that with faith and the love of God we all can be remade a better person than we were before.

I ask all of you to reflect on this past year. Did we do all we could to better mankind, to be gentle and benevolent to not only our friends, but our enemies as well. Did we, and do we now, treat those who we differ with philosophically, or politically, with honesty and respect as we wish them to treat us.

As our national elections approach, we must remember not to disrespect or mistreat those who may vote differently then we do, nor those who speak in another language or have customs and cultural differences from our own. Agreeing amongst ourselves and our acquaintances is usually easy, accepting that others that may not agree is more challenging. But as good Christians, we can and should agree to disagree without becoming unpleasant.

Imagine how boring and dull life would be if everything was bland and gray and colorless; no nuances of contrast, no blasts of colors or competition to spark conversation. I have just returned from a fantastic cruise during which I spent considerable time with a fellow Sir Knight and we discussed our differences with great enthusiasm and enjoyment. He is a graduate from the University of Southern California, I, of course, was from THE Ohio State University. He . like I. is very active in all of the York Rite bodies but I believe he is more in favor of the Cryptic Degrees, while I embrace Templary (does that surprise you?) He is relatively young and energetic, I'm older and lazy. He enjoys quality red wines, I drink pink wines and Coca-Cola (not together). Yet we truly are much more alike than different, and our wives got along great as well!

I believe we both look forward to many years of friendship and future get-togethers. The morale of the story is we are all God's creatures with a love for Jesus Christ and Humanity...I believe all of my fellow Sir Knights would join us in that endeavor.

I want to thank all of you who have supported me throughout my year, and with roughly 50 days to go (but who's counting) I hope you have all grown in Masonry and Templary as I have in the last 10+ months. I encourage you to register for and attend the York Rite Grand Sessions in Burbank in May, more on this next month. In the meantime,

HAPPY EASTER

HE IS RISEN

HE IS RISEN INDEED! 🛧





Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport

2024 Grand Sessions May 17 - 20

Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport 2500 N Hollywood Way Burbank, CA 91505

Registration Now Open at: yorkriteca.org/grand-sessions

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2024 Grand York Rite Sessions May 16th to May 20th, 2024 - Burbank, 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 Do you prefer your confirmation by: email (default) none phone call (latest time to call Lady / Guest: ☐ VIP per CA Grand Sessions Comp. Policy Title(s) Lady / Guest Title(s): City: _____ State: ____ Address: ____ Phone: ____ Email: __ Zip: Arrival Date / Time: I am a member of: please list the Jurisdiction *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 Total Thu. - 16th 1 PM - 5 PM Registration for Sessions – Business Sessions Attending: RAM CM KT *R.O.* *R.O.* Grand Council Breakfast: (open to all reg) Burbank Buffet \$57.00 7:00 AM Fri. - 17th 12:00 PM Cryptic Ladies Luncheon: Grilled Chicken Breast ___ Special Dietary \$68.00 12:15 PM Grand Council Luncheon: Locally Inspired Asian Lunch Special Dietary \$62.00 Must include the TIM Petition 2:00 PM Thrice Illustrious Master - Degree \$41.00 5:00 PM Grand Council Installation attendee *R.O.* *R.O.* Grand Commandery Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Burbank Buffet ___ 7:00 AM \$57.00 Sat. - 18th KT Ladies Luncheon: Meat Lasagna ___ Special Dietary __ 12:00 PM \$59.00 Grand Commandery Luncheon: "Deli Lunch Buffet" 12:15 PM \$66.00 Past Commanders Association - Degree ___ Must include the PCA Application 2:00 PM \$31.00 Grand Commandery Installation attendee 5:00 PM *R.O.* *R.O.* GYR CA Corporation Annual Meeting 8:00 AM *R.O.* *R.O.* AMD - Order of the Scarlet Cord - 1st - 3rd Grade: alliedmasonicdegrees-calif.org 10:00 - 11:45 AM NA NA Battalion & Belles Brunch "Pronzo" Lunch Buffet 12:00 - 1:30 PM \$71.00 Commandery Drill Team Participant 1:30 - 3:30 PM *R.O.* *R.O.* Vespers Service (Memorial Service for all 3 Bodies) 4:00 - 5:00 PM *R.O.* *R.O.* Sun. - 19th 5:15 - 6:00 PM Golden State Chapter of Research ___ *R.O.* *R.O.* 6:00 PM - Social No Host Bar Reception 7:00 PM - Dinner Grand York Rite Banquet \$84.00 Beef (Boneless Angus Short Rib) \$84.00 Chicken (Rosemary Grilled Jidori Chicken Breast) \$84.00 Atlantic Salmon (Grilled Atlantic Salmon) \$84.00 Vegetarian Option (Forest Mushroom Risotto & Asparagus) Grand Chapter Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Burbank Buffet ___ 7:00 AM \$57.00 Thai Chicken Salad _ Special Dietary _ 12:00 PM RAM Ladies Luncheon: \$52.00 Mon. - 20th Grand Chapter Luncheon: Locally Inspired Asian Lunch Special Dietary 12:15 PM \$69.00 Order of High Priesthood - Degree Must include the OHP Petition 2:00 PM \$62.00 Grand Chapter Installation attendee ___ *R.O.* *R.O.* 5:00 PM GHP Reception attendee ___ 6:30 PM *R.O.* *R.O.* I will pay via: https://yorkriteca.org/grand-sessions Special Notes: ☐ Email me an invoice ☐ Will pay by check # mailed to: GYRCAS, P.O. Box 1712, Camarillo, Ca. 93011-1712

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

More forms (including the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Master, Past Commanders Association & Dignitary Introduction), menus and schedule are available from https://yorkriteca.org/grand-sessions. For your convenience, we are 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 petitions with this form. We will forward the information and funds to the appropriate degree coordinators.

2024 Grand York Rite Sessions May 16th to May 20th, 2024 – Burbank, CA
Please register online at https://yorkriteca.org/grand-sessions or you may send page 1 of this form and payment to:

GYRCAS P.O. Box 1712 Camarillo, Ca. 93011-1712

Meal reservations are locked & will not be accepted after 05/04/24

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.

No refunds after May 04th, 2024 – unless approved by the Grand York Rite Sessions Executive Committee

Contact the **Marriott Hotel** 2500 N Hollywood Way Burbank, California 91505 +1-818-843-6000 *Tell the agent that you are in the Grand York Rite Group or register online via https.org Room rate: \$169.00 + 27.92 = 187.92 plus \$16.00 per night parking (with in & out privileges) Hotel reservation deadline is 04/15/24 <i>Pending room block availability – best to register now*

Questions, contact the following below:

 General Co-Chairmen: <u>grandsessions@yorkriteca.org</u> Ray Broomfield (805) 482-6756 and Steve Goad (760) 608-1585

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.

Grand York Rite California (GYR CA) Corporation Annual Meeting. The 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.

Allied Masonic Degrees Statewide Meeting. Representatives from each A.M.D. Council are requested to attend at 10:00 am. This meeting will be to discuss A.M.D. at the statewide level and future degree presentations by the respective A.M.D. Councils.

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

Order of the Scarlet Cord Degrees. Is open to all AMD members, the 1st Grade will be conferred on Sunday 5/19/2024. The details on additional degrees offered and method of petition and payment can be found at: www.alliedmasonicdegrees-calif.org/.

The Grand Installations. We kindly request that you mark down the number of attendees for each of the Installations. This is to properly prepare the caterers for the reception following the installations.

Golden State Chapter of Research. Our annual meeting will be on Sunday, May 19th at 5:15 pm. All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend.