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by Sir Knight Roger S. Ross

Greetings Christian Knights,

Finally it's May! The month so many of you have been patiently, and perhaps in some cases, prayerfully waiting for. Summer is nigh and before this glorious month goes out like a Lion, your stodgy old Grand Commander will go out and a smiling, younger "brand new" Grand Commander will take over the helm.

It has been my distinct honor and a real pleasure to have served you for the past year as your leader in the faith and the head of this great and glorious brotherhood of Knights Templar. I personally want to thank our Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Most Eminent David J. Kussman, for putting up with my shortcomings and supporting me throughout this year. I also want to thank our two Grand Masters of Masons in California, Most Worshipful Randy Brill and Most Worshipful Sean Metroka, who I had the privilege of serving under. I want to thank all of the fantastic Companions and fellow Sir Knights that I have had the pleasure of working with on various receptions, installations, observances, parades and other occasions.

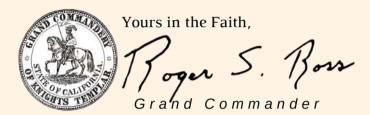
As we look forward to another year and fresh leadership, we have one more Grand Event remaining on my agenda ... Grand Sessions 2024. I hope all of you will join me and the rest of your Grand Officers in Burbank this year as we wrap up the 2023-24 Chivalric Year. This will be the California Grand York Rite's first gathering on a Friday through Monday schedule in quite a few years (if ever). The Council will kick us off, the Commandery day will be Saturday, the Chapter will meet on Monday and, of course, Drill Competition, Vespers, and the Grand Banquet will tie everything together on Sunday. (See schedule in the adjoining pages)

All of you who will be staying in the Hotel should have your room accommodations, and only a few days left to secure your meals and register for any other affairs that you wish to attend. It promises to be an exciting weekend of friendship and fellowship that appears will be well attended this year with nearly 200 members and ladies registered.

We have a strong Allied Masonic Degree Event (The Scarlet Cord) and a Research Chapter, as well as our standard three York Rite Bodies annual meetings.

Our Grand Banquet on Sunday promises appearances from the General Grand Bodies, Grand Encampment, Supreme Beauceant, Scottish Rite, Amaranth, Order of Sciots, as well as the adults and youths from the DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls.Please accept my apologies for foreshortening some of your official names, and any organization that I may have overlooked in my haste to finish this article by the necessary deadline date and time.

Please everyone, come to Grand York Rite Sessions, attend the meetings of your own organizations and installations, and come watch my out-stallation - which you may all celebrate.





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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H. Bud Ramsey, KCT, KYGCH, REPGC Grand Recorder | Grand Commandery California Knights Templar 2486 N. Mountainside Drive Los Banos, CA 93635-8825 Friday, May 17, 2024

Friday, May Time	Session		
	Grand Council Breakfast		
7 am	Location: Academy 2 Menu: Burbank Buffet		
7:50 am	Grand Council Annual Session Time: 7:50 am Location: Academy Main		
	Council Ladies Luncheon		
12 pm	Location: Sunset A and B		
	Menu: Grilled Chicken Breast or Special Dietary		
	Grand Council Luncheon		
12:15 pm	Location: Academy 2		
	Menu: Locally Inspired Asian Lunch		
2 pm	Thrice Illustrious Master - Degree Order of the Silver Trowel Location: Academy Main		
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5 pm	Grand Council Installation Location: Academy Main		

Saturday, May 18, 2024

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Time	Session				
	Grand Commandery Breakfast				
7 am	Location: Academy 2 Menu: Burbank Buffet				
7:50 am	Grand Commandery Annual Session Time: 7:50 am Location: Academy Main	on			
	Commandery Ladies Luncheon				
12 pm	Location: Sunset A and B				
	Menu: Grilled Chicken Breast or Special Dietary				
	Grand Commandery Luncheon				
12:15 pm	Location: Academy 2				
	Menu: Deli Lunch Buffet				
2 pm	Past Commanders Association - Degree Location: Academy Main	6			
5 pm	Grand Commandery Installation Location: Academy Main				

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Time	Session			
	Grand York Rite CA Corporation – Annual Meeting			
8 am	Location: Sunset A and B			
10 am		AMD Order of the Scarlet Cord Location: Academy Main	t	
12 pm		Battalion & Belles Brunch Location: TBD Menu: Pronzo Lunch Buffet		
1:30 pm	Drill Team – Competition Location: Academy Main			
		Vespers Service		
4 pm		Location: Ac Memorial Service for		
5:15 pm	Golden State Chapter of Research Location: Academy 3			
6 pm		Grand York Rit Location: Acad 6 pm - So 7 pm - Dinner and	demy Main ocial	

Monday, May 20, 2024

Monday, Ma Time	Session		
	Grand Chapter Breakfast		
7 am	Location: Academy 2 Menu: Burbank Buffet		
7:50 am	Grand Chapter Annual Session Time: 7:50 am Location: Academy Main		
	Chapter Ladies Luncheon		
12 pm	Location: Sunset A and B Menu: Grilled Chicken Breast or Special Dietary		
	Grand Chapter Luncheon		
12:15 pm	Location: Academy 2 Menu: Deli Lunch Buffet		
2 pm	Order of High Priesthood - Degree Location: Academy Main		
5 pm	Grand Chapter Installation Location: Academy Main		