

# CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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**We represent Templarism and Freemasonry  
wherever we [go]**  
*by Sir Knight Roger S. Ross*

*Greetings Fellow Sir Knights,*

The Grand Commandery of California just completed our Grand Officer's Conference in beautiful downtown Burbank (my apologies to Gary Owens of Laugh-In for stealing his line) and I know it was a great success and I hope we were also successful in the impression we conveyed to the Burbank Marriott Hotel who hosted us this year. This was a new location for us and you always want to make a good first impression. I was proud of the entire California Grand York Rite as the hotel staff said we were all courteous and I am not aware of any incidents that would cause harm to our image.

I was again thinking of our image as I was driving home and I'd like to share a thought or two about that. We all are aware, when we're in our Class A Uniform, that everyone notices us and hopefully we're all on our best behavior out in public. But what if we're not in uniform and don't think we're on display. What if my car has a Knight Templar bumper sticker or logo on it and I cut someone off on the freeway? This happens almost daily with Los Angeles' hectic traffic situation, and perhaps too frequently on our long treks up and down the state. How about when I'm wearing a polo shirt with the Templar Cross & Crown emblazoned on my chest, perhaps in a restaurant or in an Elk's Lodge watering hole. We are always representing Templarism and Freemasonry where-

ever we appear and sometimes forget the subtle, and sometimes obvious signs of our organizations-without thinking about it. Please remember to avoid giving a neighboring driver the hand signal that “he’s number one in your opinion” when he cuts you off in traffic, especially if your vehicle displays any sign of our Masonic or Templar affiliation. Try to recall that you always represent our fraternity even if you don’t intend to. Our “secret signs” are often more obvious than we realize.

On a related topic, we must also remember that Knights Templar are an arm of a much larger body: the York Rite. The body is an appendage of an even larger company of bodies known as Freemasonry. Please remember your brothers, cousins, companions, compatriots, nobles and further removed relatives that operate under the many and various banners of other Masonic organizations.

While we all are aiming to the same distant target, we sometimes, quite accidentally (or even incidentally) seem to be operating at cross-purposes to each other. While this appears to be the case, it really is just an example that “there is more than one way to skin a cat”; which means our methods may clash, but our intentions and goals are essen-

tially the same: the betterment of man and mankind. Let’s try to consider our fellow mason, and indeed all mankind (which, of course means womankind too), whenever we endeavor to proceed on a particular course.

Neither perceive animosity in, nor cause consternation to, our friends and associates who mean well but may appear to be working contrary to our aim. Cooperation is the key, regardless of your mission. Let us continue to improve and make 2024 the best year yet for the Knights Templar and the World. Together, brethren and Sir Knights, with the assistance of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are unstoppable! ✚



Yours in the Faith,

*Roger S. Boss*

Grand Commander



**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](http://yorkriteca.org/grand-sessions)

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# 2024 Grand York Rite Sessions May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 \_\_\_\_\_)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady / Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title(s) \_\_\_\_\_  VIP per CA Grand Sessions Comp. Policy  
 Lady / Guest Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date / Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am a member of: please list the Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_, names, and number(s) that you are a member of  
 RAM # \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ CM # \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ KT # \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

\*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
Thu. – 16 <sup>th</sup>	1 PM – 5 PM	Registration for Sessions – Business Sessions Attending: RAM ___ CM ___ KT ___	*R.O.*	*R.O.*
Fri. – 17 <sup>th</sup> 	7:00 AM	Grand Council Breakfast: (open to all reg) Burbank Buffet ___	\$57.00	
	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	
	2:00 PM	Thrice Illustrious Master - Degree ___ Must include the TIM Petition	\$41.00	
	5:00 PM	Grand Council Installation attendee ___	*R.O.*	*R.O.*
Sat. – 18 <sup>th</sup> 	7:00 AM	Grand Commandery Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Burbank Buffet ___	\$57.00	
	12:00 PM	KT Ladies Luncheon: Meat Lasagna ___ Special Dietary ___	\$59.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Commandery Luncheon: "Deli Lunch Buffet" ___	\$66.00	
	2:00 PM	Past Commanders Association - Degree ___ Must include the PCA Application	\$31.00	
	5:00 PM	Grand Commandery Installation attendee ___	*R.O.*	*R.O.*
Sun. – 19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	GYR CA Corporation Annual Meeting ___	*R.O.*	*R.O.*
	10:00 - 11:45 AM	AMD – Order of the Scarlet Cord – 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: <a href="http://alliedmasonicdegrees-calif.org">alliedmasonicdegrees-calif.org</a>	NA	NA
	12:00 – 1:30 PM	Battalion & Belles Brunch "Pronzo" Lunch Buffet ___	\$71.00	
	1:30 – 3:30 PM	Commandery Drill Team Participant ___	*R.O.*	*R.O.*
	4:00 – 5:00 PM	Vespers Service (Memorial Service for all 3 Bodies) ___	*R.O.*	*R.O.*
	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 Beef (Boneless Angus Short Rib) ___ Chicken (Rosemary Grilled Jidori Chicken Breast) ___ Atlantic Salmon (Grilled Atlantic Salmon) ___ Vegetarian Option (Forest Mushroom Risotto & Asparagus) ___	\$84.00 \$84.00 \$84.00 \$84.00	
Mon. – 20 <sup>th</sup> 	7:00 AM	Grand Chapter Breakfast (Open to all Registrants) Burbank Buffet ___	\$57.00	
	12:00 PM	RAM Ladies Luncheon: Thai Chicken Salad ___ Special Dietary ___	\$52.00	
	12:15 PM	Grand Chapter Luncheon: Locally Inspired Asian Lunch ___ Special Dietary ___	\$69.00	
	2:00 PM	Order of High Priesthood - Degree ___ Must include the OHP Petition	\$62.00	
	5:00 PM	Grand Chapter Installation attendee ___	*R.O.*	*R.O.*
	6:30 PM	GHP Reception attendee ___	*R.O.*	*R.O.*
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Special Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I will pay via:  <https://yorkriteca.org/grand-sessions>  
 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 16<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 04<sup>th</sup>, 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** Pending room block availability – best to register now

Questions, contact the following below:

- **General Co-Chairmen:** [grandsessions@yorkriteca.org](mailto:grandsessions@yorkriteca.org) **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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/](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm. All Royal Arch Masons are invited to attend.