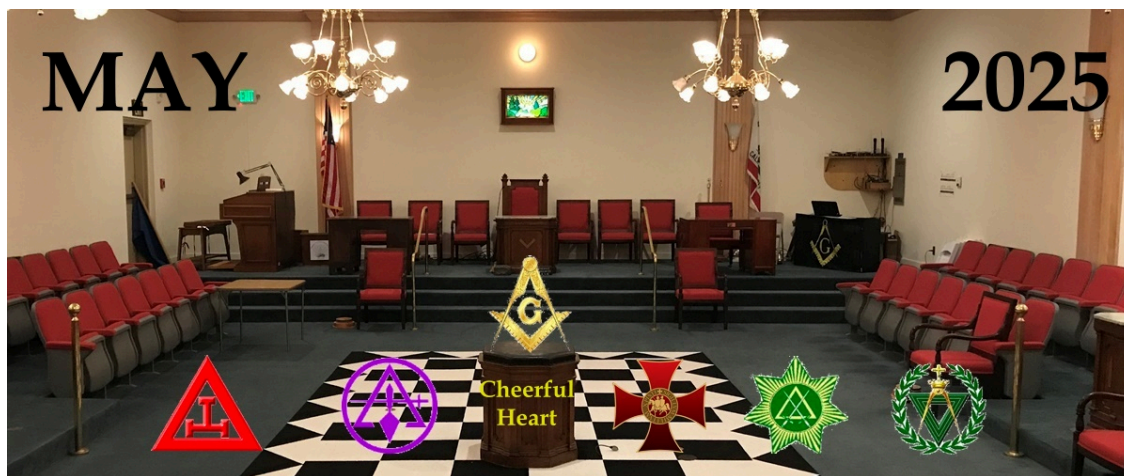


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	CHAPTER NO. 163 OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS			SAT 15			SAT 21			SAT 20			SAT 13
	COUNCIL No. 65 OF CRYPTIC MASONS			SAT 15			SAT 21			SAT 20			SAT 13
	COMMANDERY No. 80 OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR			SAT 15			SAT 21			SAT 20			SAT 13
	COUNCIL NO. 485 OF ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES			SUN 30			SUN 22			SUN 21			SUN 14
	COUNCIL No. 58 OF KNIGHT MASONS			SUN 30			SUN 22			SUN 21			SUN 14

M = March, J = June, S = September, D = December

EVENTS TO ATTEND

May

Grand York Rite Sessions - San Ramon CA Marriott

Friday 16 Grand Chapter 8:00 am
Saturday 17 Grand Council 7:50 am
17 Golden State Chapter of Research 4:00 pm
 Room-Academy 3
Sunday 18 Vespers Serice (for all three bodies) 4:00 pm
18 Grand Banquet 6:00 pm
Monday 19 Grand Commandery 7:50 pm

June

Union City York Rite Bodies Quarterly Meetings in Siminoff Center Lodge Room

Saturday 21 Siminoff Daylight Chapter No. 163 - 9:00 am
 District Inspector's Official Visit
 Sword and Trowel Council No. 65 - 10:00 am
 Morris Siminoff Cmdry No. 80 - 11:00 am
 District Inspector's Official Visit
Sunday 22 Clanna Ruid Ruide Council No. 58 - 2:00 pm
Sunday 22 Siminoff Council Council No. 485 - 3:30 pm

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Morris Siminoff Commandery No. 80
Lunch at Noon in the Masonic Home Dining Room
then Ritual Practice at 12:30 pm
in the Siminoff Center Lodge Room

Saturday 19 TBA

August

East Bay York Rite Grand York Rite Reception
Social Time - 3:00 pm,
Dinner 3:30 pm
at Alameda Masonic Hall

Saturday 2 Open to All

September

Union City York Rite Bodies Quarterly Meetings
in Siminoff Center Lodge Room

Saturday 20 Siminoff Saylight Chapter No. 163 - 9:00 am
Sword and Trowel Council No. 65 - 10:00 am
Morris Siminoff Cmdry No. 80 - 11:00 am

Sunday 21 Clanna Ruid Ruide Council No. 58 - 2:00 pm
Sunday 21 Siminoff Council CouncilNo. 485 - 3:30 pm

October

Morris Siminoff Commandery No. 80
Lunch at Noon in the Masonic Home Dining Room
then Ritual Practice at 12:30 pm
in Siminoff Center Lodge Room

Saturday 18 TBA

**Union City York Rite Bodies Annual Meetings
and Installations
in the Siminoff Center Lodge Room**

- Saturday

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Siminoff Saylight Chapter No. 163 - 9:00 am
Sword and Trowel Council No. 65 - 10:00 am
Morris Siminoff Cmdry No. 80 - 11:00 am
Knights Templar Christmas Observance
- 12:30 pm
All-welcome Pot Luck Get-together - 1:00 pm
- Sunday

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Clanna Ruid Ruide Council No. 58 - 2:00 pm
- Sunday

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Siminoff Council CouncilNo. 485 - 3:30 pm

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The South Comptche Outdoor York Rite Degrees Association



presents the

Royal Arch and Cryptic Council Degrees

Tunzi Ranch, Comptche, CA

June 28 & 29, 2025



Fri. 6/27 - Welcome
6:30 pm - Fish Fry

Sat. 6/28 - 6:30 am - Breakfast
Candidates need to sign Chapter Bylaws
7:30 am - Open Chapter
7:45 am - Prologue Deg.
8 am - Mark Master Deg.
9 am - 4 pm - Ladies-Only Mason Partners' Tent
10 am - Virtual Past Master Deg.
10:30 am - Most Excellent Master Deg.
12:30 pm - Lunch
2:00 pm - Royal Arch Deg.
4 pm - 6 pm - Social
5 pm Western Theme Costume Contest
6:30 pm - BBQ Dinner



Sun. 6/29 - 7 am - Breakfast
Candidates need to sign Council Bylaws
8:15 am - Open Council
8:30 am - Royal Master Deg.
9 am - Until Ladies-Only Mason Partners' Tent
10:30 am - Select Master Deg.
12 Noon - Lunch


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Friday - Fish Fry	\$25
Saturday - Breakfast	\$15
Lunch	\$20
Barbeque	\$35
Sunday - Breakfast	\$15
Lunch (To-Go Home)	\$20
Total (Under 12 -half Price)	\$130

Questions Contact (707) 332-6836
Make checks payable to RAM CA 45 (*Comptche*)
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Save the Date!


  **17 Date: June 28th - June 29th**    


Ladies-Only Mason Wives & Partners 'Pretty in Pink' Lounge Tent – Honoring 50 Years of Tradition at Tunzi Ranch with a Western Twist! 


Join us for a special: **ladies-only** retreat inside our elegantly decorated Mason Wives & Partners Tent—a space thoughtfully designed for your comfort and enjoyment.


Your Special Ladies Event Includes


 **Sisterhood Bonding**—A warm, welcoming space to connect, laugh, unwind, and celebrate friendship.


 **Pink-themed Snacks & Treats**— A delicious spread of finger foods & sweets.



 **Pink-themed beverages for The Pretty In Pink Lounge**, offering both **non-alcoholic and alcoholic** options with a touch of **western charm**.



 **Games & Prizes**—Fun challenges with exciting rewards.

 **Surprises**—A little extra pampering for our special ladies.



 **Soft Music & Chill Vibes**—A retreat where you can truly relax.

 **Live Performance**—A special guest performer, “Sam Weseloh,” who auditioned for “The Voice,” to set the perfect mood.

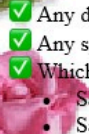







 **Kick off your boots, sink into comfort, and enjoy a space designed just for you!** Whether you're here to chat, relax, sip, snack, or simply breathe, The Pretty In Pink Lounge is your pink, white, and gold sanctuary of laughter, love, sisterhood, serenity, and lasting memories. 


 **Dress Code: Pretty in Pink!**  Wear anything pink, white, or gold—whether it's cute or comfy. Just bring your fabulous self!

No boys allowed—just us ladies!

 **Kindly RSVP to the event by Wednesday, April 28th, to ensure we have an accurate count for planning purposes.** 

When you RSVP, please include:

-   Your Name
-   Any dietary restrictions or allergies (for snacks & drinks)
-   Any special accommodations needed
-   Which days you will be attending:
 - Saturday only
 - Saturday & Sunday morning

 You can RSVP by emailing me and Jeffrey Schloo at:

- ladysherri@yahoo.com
- jeffschloo@gmail.com

 See you there!     

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East Bay York Rite

Grand York Rite Reception

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, David G. Rathgeber, KYGCH

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Andrew B. Pippin, KYGCH

Rt. Eminent Grand Commander, SK Joseph K. Dongo, KYGCH

Date:

August 2, 2025

Time:

3:00 P.M. Social 3:30 P.M. Dinner

Location:

Alameda Masonic Hall
2312 Alameda Avenue
Alameda, California

R.S.V.P. with a Check to "East Bay York Rite"

Send to: Tim May

1584 Shirley Drive

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

tmay2000@gmail.com

Cost \$30.00 per Person

Attire Business Casual

PLEASE R.S.V.P. before July 26, 2025

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East Bay York Rite Association

Presents the 56th Annual Pilgrimage into the York Rite

2025 David M. Shull Memorial Honoree:

Enrico B. Garcia

**Location: Alameda Masonic Hall
2312 Alameda Avenue
Alameda, California**

← Final Revised Date!

Chapter Degrees, Saturday, **September 27, 2025**

Registration 7:30 a.m. Degrees to begin 8:30 a.m.

Cost per Candidate \$30 - To be paid by sponsoring Chapter

Council Degrees, Saturday, October 4, 2025

Registration 8:00 a.m. Degrees to begin 9:00 a.m.

Cost per Candidate \$30 - To be paid by sponsoring Council

Commandery Orders, Saturday, October 18, 2025

Registration 7:30 a.m. Orders to begin 8:30 a.m.

Cost per Candidate \$30 - To be paid by sponsoring Commandery

Lunch @ \$10

(Lunch: No charge for Candidates - \$10 for all others)

We request that sideliners who want lunch please RSVP.

All candidates must be pre-registered

Tim May (tmay2000@gmail.com)

(Please include "pilgrimage" in subject line)

Mail Reservation and check payable to EBYRA

To: Tim May - Registrar

1584 Shirley Drive

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Sharing What We're Doing

This newsletter is to keep the brothers, families and friends of Union City York Rite Bodies in Union City California, up to date on the interesting and informative events of our extended Masonic family. Contact us at the Union City York Rite Bodies Secretary's office: 34400 Mission Blvd Union City CA, 94587-3604 Telephone (Cell) (510) 593-8218 or email cbrickner@gmail.com

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Our May issue theme is "Cheerful Heart" and our cover shows these words as a reminder for all of our Masonic Bodies.

Our contributors have given us their views on how they choose to use their cheerful hearts in their Masonic journey.

Sir Knights, we will continue to report what is expected of the Morris Siminoff Commandery No. 80 members for their Full Uniform.

Note the list of prayers any Companion can cut out, carry and use when the call goes out for a short prayer.

Do check the revised dates for different events updated in this month's issue.

**Fraternally,
Bruce Rick, Editor and Publisher**



Our "Grand" Brothers

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Jordan Yelinek Assistant Grand Secretary**

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A pocket list of Prayers

By Bruce Rick



Invocation:

Supreme Architect of the Universe and Father of us all, You have permitted us to gather again to conduct the business of _____. Your presence is always with us in guidance, comfort and strengthening ways. For all the blessings and benefits you have showered upon us, we praise You and thank You. Amen.

Grace at Table:

Oh Gracious Lord, source of all bounty, bless this food which is before us and those who so lovingly have prepared it for us. As you bless it to our use, bless us to your service. Amen.

Benediction:

As we part company, Our Father, may we keep in mind that we are still together in spirit and in purpose. We work for Your great purposes through Masonry so grant us the necessary strength, wisdom and courage to continue our efforts with enthusiasm and creativity. May Your love be the guide in our thoughts and actions now and throughout our lives. Amen

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Union City, California**

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High Priest
Eric Solonga

Dear Companions,

Hope to see you at our next communication.

Fraternally,

Eric Salonga
High Priest

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King
Ken McMillen

**GOOD MEDICINE or....
Change is inevitable.
Transformation is optional.**

Companions All:

King Solomon states in Proverbs 17.22: “A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” Does this verse have a positive impact on our (your) well-being? Is it a positive impact on us (you) both physically and emotionally?

The first part of the verse, implying that a cheerful heart is good medicine, seems to emphasize the healing power of joy and happiness. It is not just an emotion. But it can contribute to physical health on our (your) overall well-being.

In contrast, the second part of the verse highlights the negative consequences of a broken spirit. It can lead to a loss of vitality. The inference, or vision, of dried-up bones, emphasizes the impact on our (your) strength and overall health.

In essence. This verse encourages us (you) to develop a cheerful heart and to avoid negativity. A cheerful heart is a powerful source of healing and resilience.

As Royal Arch Masons, we should consider Ephesians 4:32 which encourages us (you) to be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving each

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As we move together into the second half of 2025 as a team, let us be mindful of the positive aspects of being together in meetings, practices, our daily lives with each other, and our responsibilities to our families and friends. Personally, I would rather have a cheerful heart than be a pile of dried-up bones. How about you?

Holiness to the Lord

Ken McMillen
King



District Inspector's Apron

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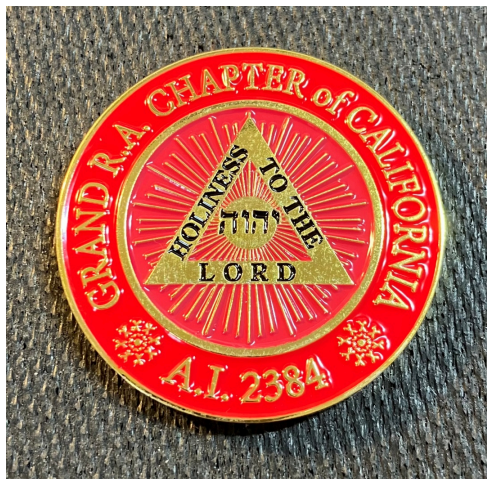
Companions,

A Masonic Challenge Coin is a special coin that is used by members of the Masonic Fraternity to identify themselves as part of the organization. These coins are a symbol of pride and membership and commitment to that organization. Below is one of my beautiful challenge coins. Each one is of a custom design and each one is impressive.

If you have already ready received such a coin, then you know what I am talking about.

If not, I hope each one of you have an opportunity to receive one or more of these fraternal keepsake coins.

Holiness to the Lord

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**Cryptic Arch Masons
Union City, California**



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SWORD AND TROWEL CHAPTER NO. 65 CRYPTIC MASONRS
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**Illustrious Master
Evan Brewer**

The Value of a Cheerful Heart

Fellow Companions,

The theme for this month's article is "Cheerful Heart." What does it mean to have a cheerful heart? According to Webster's Dictionary, it means:

"To be noticeably happy and optimistic; to approach life with a positive and uplifting spirit that naturally affects others."

A cheerful heart is a powerful force—not only in our daily lives but also within the Craft.

Freemasonry teaches us that how we carry ourselves matters. It is not enough to master the ritual or hold office; the spirit we bring to our meetings, our work, and our Brotherhood is what gives true life to the Fraternity.

A Cheerful Heart in Masonry

A cheerful heart is infectious. It lifts the burdens of others, even if only for a few moments. When a Brother enters a meeting with a smile, a firm handshake, and a kind word, the atmosphere changes. Tensions ease, fellowship strengthens, and the work of the evening becomes lighter and more enjoyable for everyone.

A Mason with a cheerful heart:

- **Uplifts others without seeking recognition.**

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- **Strengthens the bonds of Brotherly Love simply by being present in the right way.**

In a world often burdened by negativity, a cheerful heart stands out—and it is remembered.

Biblical Connection

It is worth noting that the Scriptures tell us: "*A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.*" (Proverbs 17:22) As Masons, we are taught to bring relief—not just materially, but emotionally. A cheerful heart is one of the greatest forms of relief we can offer to those around us.

How to Cultivate a Cheerful Heart

- **Practice Gratitude – Focus on the many blessings that life and Masonry have given you.**
- **Choose Optimism – Problems are real, but so are opportunities. See both clearly.**
- **Encourage Others – A simple word of encouragement can lighten another's entire day.**
- **Be Present – Bring your full attention and positive energy to the room.**
- **Smile Often – A cheerful expression is a gift you can give freely.**

Final Thoughts

Masonry is a serious journey, but it should also be a joyful one. We are building something greater than ourselves—not only stone by stone, but heart by heart. As we labor together, let us not forget to bring a cheerful spirit into our Councils, Lodges, and our lives beyond Masonry.

Because a cheerful heart doesn't just lift your own soul—it uplifts everyone around you.

**In Humble Service of Our Council,
Evan Brewer
Illustrious Master
Sword and Trowel Council No. 65**

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Eminent Commander
Jeff Wilkins

Greetings Sir Knights,

I wish you all the best and the blessings of this Easter Season!

We were able to take part in the East Bay York Rite Association's Easter Observance on the Saturday before Easter and it was a marvelous experience. The event was well attended by Commanderies from around the eBay area and the sitting Commanders filled the Cross for the program. My heartfelt thanks go out to S:.K:. Ernie and S:. K:. Dinesh for putting on the program that was hosted at the Alameda Masonic Center. These types of events that provide us an opportunity to gather to celebrate Easter, my favorite holiday, fills me with a cheerful heart!

On Saturday, the 26th of April, we met as a Commandery for lunch in the main dining room at the Masonic Homes. There were a total of seven of us for lunch and it was a great way to have fellowship as we broke bread together. Following our delicious lunch, we headed to the Siminoff Lodge room where S:.K:. Bruce had set up the Asylum for our practice. We covered our ritual Opening and Closing

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our June Stated Meeting. This time together for fellowship and bonding as we develop our ritual skills fills me with a cheerful heart!

We have a motion coming before the Commandery in June to meet monthly. We currently meet for business quarterly and we have several more Saturdays planned this year to repeat our first lunch and practice. I'm looking forward to sitting down to lunch together in the main dining room, where we attracted attention and hopefully this will lure our Brothers at the Home to come find out what we are up to in the Morris Siminoff Commandery. The prospect of rekindling that spirit of excitement in our Commandery at the Masonic Home also fills me with a cheerful heart!

As we enjoy the Easter Season, let's take a moment to remember what brings us joy and fills our cheerful hearts. For me it is family and being able to practice our Gentle Craft with Brothers that fill my cup with friendship and Brotherly Love.

Happy Easter!

**Fraternally,
Jeff**

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR FULL UNIFORM

For Morris Siminoff Commandery No. 80, for Full Templar Uniform, is the Cap and Mantle Uniform instead of the black uniform. In addition, *no station at a meeting can be filled by anyone not in the Cap and Mantle Uniform.*

**The Sir Knights Kit of items for Inspection:
Cap
Mantle
White Shirt with turned down collar**

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Black Belt - Black suspenders may be worn
Black Socks
Black Leather- laced-shoes, shined, No Boots
Buff Cream Color Gloves - clean
Sling
Sword - cleaned - no rust, black
Scabbard - cleaned - no rust, black

Note: Each officer will have Ritual, Tactics, and Constitutions with him, on their smartphone or printed copy in hand.



Sir Knight Dinesh Chhabra is waiting on your order for the Cap and Mantle. He has the current pricing and vendor is waiting for our Commandery order. Call in your order ASAP to have it before our June meeting and annual inspection.

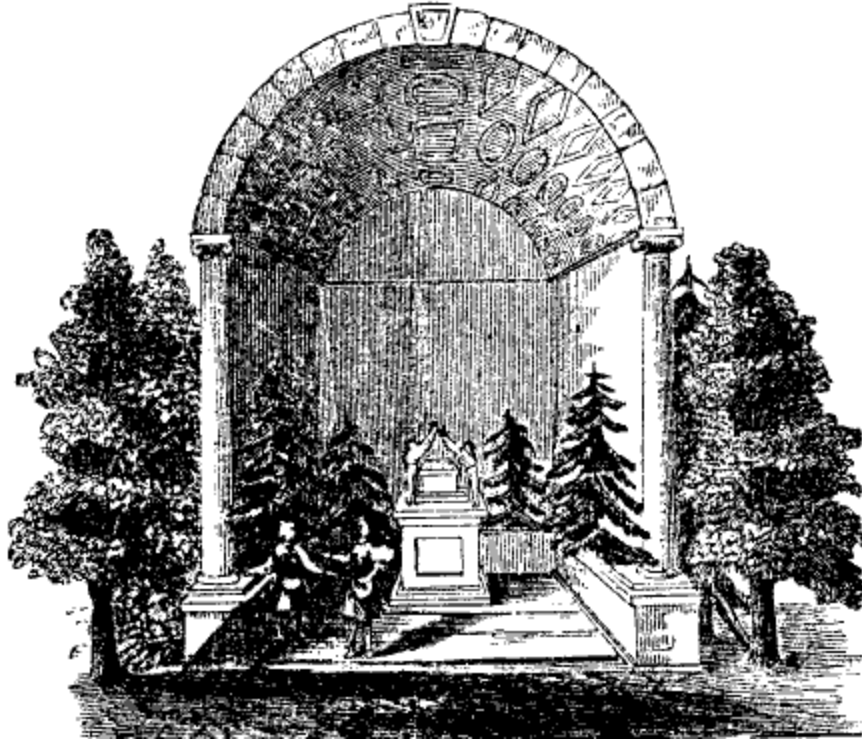
You can also order, at the same time, to SK Dinesh, our Morris Siminoff No. 80 emblem for your Mantle. The cost is \$15.00. This comes from our Commandery supply. See the picture. Contact SK Dinesh at (908) 247-9288 or dchhabra9@gmail.com

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GOLDEN STATE CHAPTER OF RESEARCH
OF THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH

Our Golden State Chapter of Research is dedicated to the study of Capitular degrees of Freemasonry. Our Chapter promotes excellence in Masonic scholarship by holding quarterly meetings with the sharing of papers and reminding Companions of the wealth of informative papers on our website at www.goldenstatechapter.org.

Our next Chapter meeting (Annual) is in-person at the May 2025 Grand York Rite Sessions. Our meeting is on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in Room-Academy 3. Only Royal Arch Masons and GSCR full members are admitted to a tiled Chapter meeting.

Any Royal Arch Mason, in good standing within a Chapter of any jurisdiction in amity with the Grand Chapter of California, is welcome to apply for affiliation with the Chapter as a full member.

For membership, complete the petition (below), sign it, send it and a one time \$20.00 fee to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Secretary at:

Grand Secretary

Attn: GSCR

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**Fraternally,
EC Bruce Rick, GSCR Secretary**



Petition for Affiliation

Golden State Chapter of Research, Royal Arch Masons

To the Excellent High Priest, Officers and Members of Golden State Chapter of Research, Royal Arch Masons of California:

I, _____, respectfully represent that

- I am / not a resident of the State of California but resident in _____
- I am a Master Mason in good standing of _____ Lodge No. _____, F. & A.M.,
under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____;
- I am a Royal Arch Mason in good standing of _____ Chapter No. _____, R.A.M.,
under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of _____;
- I desire to be affiliate with Golden State Chapter as a dual / plural member of your Chapter, and
- If elected to membership, I promise cheerful compliance with the Bylaws of Golden State Chapter
and Constitution of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of
California.

In connection with this petition, I provide the following additional information about myself:

Residence Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Residence Telephone _____ Mobile Phone _____ Email: _____

Business Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Telephone: _____

Date of Petition _____, 20____

Signature of Petitioner _____

Recommendations:

The undersigned, member of Golden State Chapter, recommend the Chapter grant this petition:

1. Signature _____ Printed Name _____

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A note from the Sovereign Master Edgar Fentum

From the earliest days of speculative Freemasonry in England there has always been a balance between the serious conferral of degrees, fraternal fellowship and casual fun. This is evident from records of several Lodges meeting in Pubs. The Festive Board, with a formal dinner, emerged consisting of toasts and speeches promoting a relaxed aspect of fellowship and good cheer. Fun emerged in informal relaxed gatherings for members and family in the form of Garden Parties and Ladies Banquets in a Hotel.

The Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD) in America is comprised of seventeen degrees that can be exemplified and are not mandatory. Members are invited to present research papers. Membership is by invitation to Royal Arch Masons and limited to twenty-seven in a Council.

On my arrival in California Bro. John L. Cooper III, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California at the time, invited me to attend an AMD meeting. Having been a member in England I was shocked to find the meeting with ladies taking place at a Sunday Brunch. Business was conducted in a small group of members standing in the corner of the room before returning to their tables. There was a wedding reception at the other end of the room. Yes! It was good fun but to my mind did not conform to what I conceived to be Freemasonry. Many Councils ignored the degrees and never met in a Lodge.

Bro. John L. Cooper III and I Chartered Britannia Council No. 303 AMD in 1993 to meet in Los Altos Lodge, exemplify degrees and follow by having an informal gathering in a restaurant with the ladies.

In 2010, I chartered Siminoff Council where we exemplified a degree during the meeting in the Siminoff Lodge room and followed up with a fraternal Festive Board in the old Adams building. Passing the Port before toasts led to good fun and cheerful fellowship. In December

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fun.

Our members continue to look for Royal Arch Masons with a cheerful heart and a desire to look deeper into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

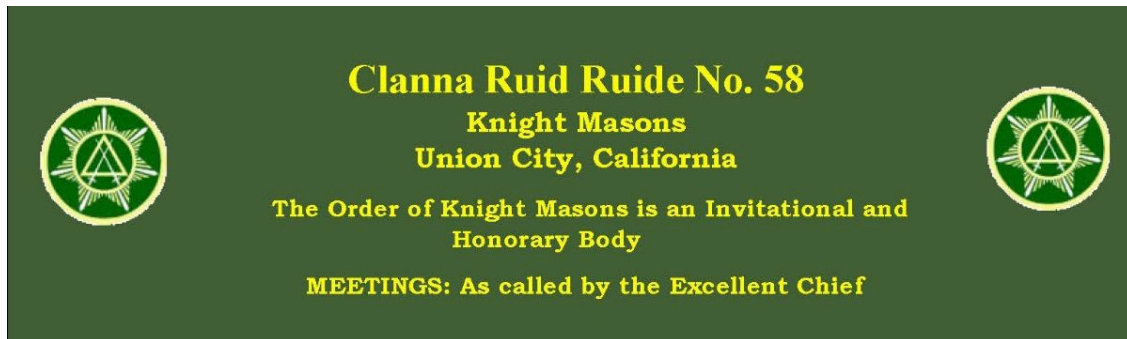
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Mother's Day!
May 11th

Did you know...

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**Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia,
where Anna's mother had taught.**

**The following year, on May 10, a Mother's Day service
was held at that same church to acknowledge
all mothers.**

**Thus was born the idea that the second Sunday in May,
be set aside to honor every mother,
whether living or deceased.**



Armed Forces Day!
May 17th

Did you know...

**First conceived by President Harry S. Truman, the
holiday was established in 1949.**

**The creation of a single day celebration for all five
branches of the United States military made sense due**

This is a special holiday for people all over the world to come together and thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

Today, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of every May, this year falling on May 17.



National Maritime Day!
May 22nd

Did you know...

Each year on May 22nd, National Maritime Day recognizes the launch of the maritime industry in the United States.

On May 22, 1819, the steamship The Savannah set sail from Savannah, Georgia to England.

This event marked the first successful crossing of the Atlantic Ocean using steam propulsion.

On May 20, 1933, Congress declared May 22 as National Maritime Day.

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Marines for their contributions and sacrifices for our country.

Special acknowledgment is given to ships and seafarers that have held a prominent place in our nation's history.



Memorial Day!
May 26th

Did you know...

The day was originally set aside to remember Union soldiers who died during the Civil War, but following World War I, its scope expanded to include those who died in any war or military action.

own memorial observations for their hometown heroes.

The idea for a specific holiday came in 1868 from Illinois Senator John Alexander Logan, a former Union general and keynote speaker at one early observation.

Logan used his position as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal organization of Union soldiers, to issue a proclamation for a national “Decoration Day” to be observed on May 30 of that year by decorating the tombs of Union soldiers.

The name “Memorial Day,” started cropping up from time to time.

The new name became more common after World War II, and in 1967 was declared the official name by Federal law.



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