

## Statewide 2018 \* *Gateway to the Sierras* \* Additional Information

**THE PLACE:** Masonic Temple, 1193 J Street (23rd and J Street) Sacramento. This site will be 100 years old in 2018. It has a large beautiful dance floor with the dining room next to it where you can meet and greet old friends.

**HEADQUARTERS:** Best Western Sutter House, 1100 H Street, Sacramento. Special room rates will be available starting in March. Contact the motel at (916)441-1314. The last day reservation can be made with the special rate will be April. 18, 2018. Be sure to tell them it's for the Statewide Dance Festival. All rooms have two queen beds. It has a very good morning breakfast. You will have free parking. It is an easy walk from the motel to the Masonic Temple (two blocks). A good plan to save some money would be to share the room and walk to the dance site.

**PARKING:** There is one level of limited parking next to the Masonic Temple. There is a high rise parking garage at 10th and I Street behind the Masonic Temple. There are other parking facilities in the area. Parking on the streets is expensive. Note: The streets in downtown Sacramento are named with letters A-Z (west to east) and with numbers 1-65 (north to south).

**OUR TEACHERS: Steve Kotansky:** He lived in Europe for a number of years. Steve worked with many ethnic communities while living in Germany. He took advantage of his proximity to study and research the dances of the Balkans and Eastern European countries. Dick Crum praised his abilities very highly.

**Bruce Hamilton:** He is a well-respected thoughtful and energetic teacher of English and Scottish dancing with 45 years of experience. He has taught workshops all around the United States and in the United Kingdom, Canada, Japan and Australia.

**LIVE MUSIC: CHUBRITZA** is well known throughout California as they have been featured in several dance camps as well as past Statewide Festivals. They are known for their variety and mixture of international musical tastes and textures, while retaining a Balkan and Eastern European emphasis.

### THE SCHEDULE:

**FRIDAY 5/18:** 6:30 p.m. Doors open; 7:00 p.m. Warm-up dances; 7:30 p.m. Chubritza starts. Teachers will be introduced during the evening. 10:30 p.m. doors close.

**SATURDAY 5/19:** 9:00 a.m. Doors open; 9:15 Warm-up; 9:45 a.m. Steve Kotansky 11:15 a.m. Bruce Hamilton; 12:25 Lunch - on your own. 2:00 p.m. Bruce Hamilton; 3:30 p.m. Steve Kotansky; 5:00 p.m. Past President's Reception; 6:00 p.m. Balkan Dinner; 7:15 p.m. Balkan Party with Chubritza and other special events. 10:30 p.m. doors close.

**SUNDAY 5/20:** 9:30 Doors open and warm-up; 10:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. teacher reviews. 12:20 p.m. Mexican Luncheon; 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. All request program

**OUR MEALS:** The **Saturday Balkan Dinner** will be catered by the "Citrus Plaza Catering Service". Menu: Greek Salad (v); "Olive appetizer; Provencal Cabbage Salad (v); Eggplant Rolls (v); Puff Pastry Triangles; Special Ukrainian Plate; Koreyskava Morkava (v); Cabbage Rolls (v); Chicken Kabobs; Mashed Potatoes and Gravy (v); Rice Pilaf with Beef; German Bread; and to top it all off, Russian Napoleon Cake. "v" indicates vegetarian dishes. The **Sunday Mexican Lunch** will be catered by "Martha's Taqueria" Menu: You will be able to make your tacos with Carnitas, tinga (shredded chicken), Fritos and rice and finally chips with two different salsa's.

**BALKAN PARTY:** The party will start Saturday night with a catered meal with an emphasis on Russian cuisine starting at 6:00 p.m. Following the meal will be an exhibition of Croatian dances and singing by Skalinada. Chubritza will then start the dance program. Several of the dances introduced by our guest teachers will be done during the evening. Be sure to wear something Balkan for the program. It will be a party to remember.