

2016 MINNESOTA GRAND YORK RITE SESSION

Dear Companions and Sir Knights,

The three presiding officers, M. E. C. L. Greg Schultz, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, M. I. C. Marvin W. Schendel, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, and S. K. Michael J. Maxwell, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota, cordially invite you and your Lady or guest to attend the **Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Minnesota at the DoubleTree in Rochester on June 23-25, 2016.**

It is the duty of the Dais Officers and the Secretary/Recorder of every Constituent Chapter, Council and Commandery to attend their respective Annual Grand Session or to be represented by proxy. All other Companions and Sir Knights are encouraged to attend. The guests and Ladies of our Companions and Sir Knights are invited to join in many public activities during the session. It is a fun, social and informative time for all.

We highly encourage the newest York Rite Masons to come and experience our Grand Sessions. We hope that many Companions and Sir Knights, along with their Ladies, will participate in the activities. The Grand Session committee and the presiding officers would greatly appreciate it if you would attend the full session or as much as you are able. The Rochester area offers many attractions and activities.

The current Grand Officers have decided to keep the Grand Session days in order for this upcoming Grand event. Please see the exact schedule included in this packet. Among other events, there will be the usual designated appendant body Degrees performed during that day. Here are the highlights:

Each day the hospitality room will be open and feature auction items for our various charities.

Thursday: 154th Grand Chapter Convocation and related events. Special highlights: Rochester Thursday event is an outdoor festivity one block West of the hotel. Special breakout sessions planned for those not participating in the High Priesthood Degree. There will be our special opening and tributes in the evening. And, of course, a visit from Zion's Lotus.

Friday: 146th Grand Council Assembly and related events will be held. Special highlights: A Rochester tour to a winery for the ladies and others interested is planned in the afternoon (extra charge). There will be a National speaker on CMMRF at the Installation. Last year, the Friday night dinner on your own was so successful we have decided to do that again.

Saturday: 151st Grand Commandery Conclave and related events. Special highlights: A drill presentation by the Grand Guards and guests. The Grand York Rite Session banquet, Grand awards and presentations will be in the evening.

Ad Book: Make sure your ads are in to the Chairman by June 1st. This book is a very important part of the fundraising for our Sessions. \$60 for a full page ad. Ad info was sent out to All Secretaries and Recorders. If you need any information on this please talk to them or visit the website below. Contact info is with the ad book form in this mailer. Also, our buck-a-lines have been very successful (every dollar helps).

All of this information is also available on www.mnyorkrite.org. Also visit our session's micro site at: rochestercvb.org/grandyorkrite. You can also make your hotel reservations on this site.

Ladies programs and activities will be held throughout the session.

Please be aware of the following:

1. Introductions of distinguished guests will be made at their respective Grand Session meeting. There will be no introductions of distinguished out of state guests at the Public Welcome.
2. Installations will occur after the lunch on their respective day.
3. Each Body's special ceremonies will be given on their respective day (example: Order of High Priesthood on Thursday since that is Chapter day).
4. A selection of our state and national honors and awards will be given throughout the session.

MEALS

You should reserve your meals by completing the enclosed Registration Form. In order that you may make informed choices for your dining selections, we are providing the menus for the various meals. If you have any special dietary requirements, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

****There will be no on-site meal sales.****

****You must get your meal reservation in before the registration deadline.****

Thursday

Joint Lunch.....Assorted Sandwich Boxed Lunch

Welcome DinnerRosemary & garlic flank steak, salad, veggie, roll and pie

Friday

Men's & Ladies LunchAssorted Sandwich Boxed Lunch

Dinner.....On Your Own. Enjoy a Restaurant Nearby

Saturday

Joint Lunch.....Assorted Sandwich Boxed Lunch

BanquetCash Bar, Choice of: Minnesota stuffed chicken, Sirloin or Parmesan crusted walleye. Served with: Citrus salad, veggie, roll and cheesecake

Meals will be served with coffee and/or water.

Breakfast will be on your own.

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Hotel Reservations: The Rochester DoubleTree is located at 150 South Broadway, Rochester, Minnesota, 55904. Call 1-507-281-8000 and use the group code GRA to make your reservation or go to www.rochestercvb.org/grandyorkrite and make your reservation online (this is our microsite). There is a room block set aside for June 22-26. Our special rate is \$115.00 a night for either single or double occupancy in king or standard rooms. Please see this website for additional hotel information. Hotel reservations need to be made by June 4, 2016 to receive this special rate.

DRESS CODE

Public Welcome	Grand Officers: red, purple or tan jackets without aprons Companions/Sir Knights: suit Ladies informal
Grand Chapter Session..... & Installation	Grand Officers: Red Jackets with aprons Companions: Suit with aprons
Grand Council Session	Grand Officers: Purple Jackets with aprons & Installation Companions: Suit with aprons
Grand Commandery Session:	Grand Officers: Full uniform & Installation Sir Knights: Full Uniform or dark suit
Luncheons.....	Casual
Grand Banquet.....	Grand Officers and Distinguished Guests; Tuxedo or K. T. Uniform less belt, sword and chapeau Grand Officers Ladies: Formal Distinguished Guests Ladies: Formal Companions/Sir Knights: Uniform less sword, belt and chapeau or dark suit Companions'/Sir Knights' Ladies: Semiformal

If you have any questions, please contact:

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This letter, schedule and registration form are also available at www.mnyorkrite.org. On this website is an Excel version of the registration form that will allow you to save it and fill it out in Excel with the document doing all the calculations. You may then print it and mail it along with your remittance. We look forward to seeing you in Rochester this June. Make your plans NOW to join us for an enjoyable event.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
2016 Grand York Rite Session Committee

AD MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 1, 2016

GRAND SESSION AD BOOK FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Organization _____

Your name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Please mark your desired ad size in a box below:

- 1/3 page \$40 (5.5" x 2.75")**
- 1/2 page \$50 (5.5" x 4.25")**
- full page \$60 (5.5" x 8.5")**
- full page/full color \$100 (two available)**

WRITE YOUR DISCRPTION HERE (PLEASE PRINT) OR STAPLE YOUR AD TO THIS PAGE. THANK YOU

Please send to:
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