

MINNESOTA GRAND YORK RITE SESSION

JUNE 27-29, 2024

To the Officers and members of all Chapters, Councils and Commanderies of Minnesota York Rite:

The three presiding officers, M. E. C. **David Dumonceaux**, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, M. I. C. R. **Sean Gardiner**, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, and S. K. **Alan Mackenzie**, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota, cordially invite you to attend the Annual Grand York Rite Session. The **Annual Grand York Rite Session of Minnesota is being held at the Best Western Plus Kelly Inn in St. Cloud, MN on June 27-29, 2024.**

ALL Minnesota Chapters, Councils and Commanderies are encouraged to send their full quota of voting delegates. Any member in good standing is welcome to attend their respective groups and encourage your Lady or guest to attend. St. Cloud provides many things to do during the down time.

It is important that every Chapter, Council and Commandery in Minnesota be represented. It is in your bylaws and the duty of the dais officers and the Secretary/Recorder of every Constituent Chapter, Council and Commandery to attend their Annual Grand Session in person or by their duly authorized representative. If a dais officer is unable to attend, the proper proxy form must be filled out and presented to registration. Please follow the proper protocol for this procedure.

Please review the attached schedule of this Grand Session. There will be a Ladies program each day. The chair degrees will be represented, Lotus and Widow's degree. A fabulous breakfast buffet is available to get you going in the morning. This letter also gives highlights of the events, dress codes and the food menus. We are hoping to have Illinois Regalia selling their Masonic wares.

Hotel Reservations: The Grand Session will be held at the Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, 100 4th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301. Call 320-253-0606 and mention Grand York Rite Session to make your reservation. Here is the link for reservations:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=V49AM6F6

There is a room block set aside for the nights of June 26-29. Rooms are at a special rates of \$114 or higher + taxes a night depending on room style. Hotel reservations need to be made by June 1, 2024 to receive this special rate. In case rooms are sold out there are other hotels in the area.

The registration is online and the deadline is June 12th.

This letter and the 2024 Grand York Rite Session registration information is available at mnyorkrite.org

Sincerely, The Minnesota Grand York Rite Session Committee



Rundown of Events for the 2024 Grand Session:

******SILENT AUCTION ITEMS FUNDRAISER FOR OUR PHILANTHROPIES******

IN HOSPITALITY ROOM

BREAKFAST BUFFET EACH MORNING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

SPECIAL DEGREE AND DINNER FOR THE PAST GRAND HIGH PREISTS

AND THEIR LADIES

THURSDAY:

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS BEFORE THE GRAND CHAPTER

CONVOCATION AND INSTALLATION

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

LADIES' PROGRAM - ESCAPE ROOM

DINNER ENTERTAINMENT

MEMORIAL SERVICE

KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

ROYAL ARCH WIDOWS DEGREE

FRIDAY:

GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION

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LADIES' PROGRAM - MYSTERY CRAFT EVENT

GRAND BANQUET

ORDER OF LOTUS

SATURDAY:

GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE AND INSTALLATION

LADIES' PROGRAM - GRAND DEPOT

PAST COMMANDERS' ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY: DINNER OUT

Dinner is on your own. Enjoy a local establishment.

We may have a Saturday night event.

There will be a cost associated with the Thursday and Friday Ladies event.

There are some activities going on in St. Cloud that weekend to enjoy as well.
(Family Fun Fest and a Rummage Sale)

If you have any questions, please contact:

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All of this information and the Registration can be found online at

www.mnyorkrite.org

We prefer you paying with a card on the online registration.

If you must pay with a check, please contact Marv above

Checks made out to MNGYRS

Dress Code

Public Welcome	Grand Officers: red, purple or suit coats without aprons Companions/Sir Knights: suit or business casual No jeans or T-shirts Ladies informal
Grand Chapter Session & Installation	Grand Officers: Red Jackets with aprons Companions: suit or business casual with aprons No Jeans or T-shirts
Grand Council Session..... & Installation	Grand Officers: Purple Jackets with aprons Companions: suit or business casual with aprons No Jeans or T-shirts
Grand Commandery Session: & Installation	Grand Officers: Full uniform Sir Knights: Full Uniform (per your Commanderies code) or dark suit No Jeans or T-shirts
Luncheons/Dinners.....	Casual
Grand Banquet	Grand Officers and Distinguished Guests: Tuxedo or K. T. Class A, less belt, sword and chapeau Grand Officers' Ladies: Formal Distinguished Guests' Ladies: Formal Companions/Sir Knights: Class A, less sword, belt and chapeau (cap) or dark suit Companions'/Sir Knights' Ladies: Semiformal

Meals

You should reserve your meals by filling out the Registration Form online and send in by the deadline June 8th. We cannot guarantee the meals after the deadline.

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.

A breakfast buffet will be available Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning. Breakfast \$20, Lunches \$20, Thursday Dinner \$30, Banquet Assorted Pricing.

Breakfasts..... Sunrise Buffet with Bacon, Sausage or Ham, Scrambled Eggs with Cheese, Potatoes, Fruit, Rolls and pastries.

Wednesday

PGHP's and Their Ladies Dinner Traditional Turkey Dinner, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie and Garden Salad. Served with Roll. Coffee or Tea

Thursday

Joint Lunch..... Gourmet Fajita Bar - Tortillas, Chicken, Beef, fixings and Chips and Salsa. Coffee or Tea.

Dinner..... Yankee Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes and Veggie. Coffee or Tea.

Friday

Joint Lunch..... Deli Buffet - Deli Meats, Cheese, Bread and fixings, Soup, Pasta Salad, Veggie Tray and Chips. Coffee or Tea.

Banquet..... Choice of: Hunter's 10 oz Ribeye, Stuffed Chicken Breast (Dressing and Gravy), Jim Beam Glazed Salmon. All served with Salad, Veggie, Potato. Served with Cream Cake or Shortcake. Coffee or Tea.

Saturday

Joint Lunch..... All American Buffet - Beef Patties, Fixings, Potato Salad, Baked Beans and Chips. Coffee or Tea.

Dinner..... On your own or go as a group to a local restaurant.

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

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

SCHEDULE FOR THE MINNESOTA GRAND CHAPTER, GRAND COUNCIL
AND GRAND COMMANDERY GRAND YORK RITE SESSION
JUNE 27, 28 & 29, 2024

There will be a breakfast available each morning at 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Registration
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Past Grand High Priests and Their Ladies Dinner & Degree

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

8:00 am - 11:00 am Registration
8:00 am - 11:30 am Hospitality Room Open / Silent Auction Starts
8:15 am - 9:00 am Grand Opening, Welcome and Introductions
9:15 am - 11:30 am **162nd GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION**
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Joint Lunch
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm 2024 - 2025 Grand Chapter Officers Installation and Photos
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm Ladies' Program / Escape Room Outing
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Hospitality Room Open
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Order of High Priesthood
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner and Entertainment
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm Memorial Service and Knight of the Royal Arch Ceremony
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm Hospitality Room Open
9:00 pm Royal Arch Widows Degree

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

8:00 am - 11:00 am Registration
8:00 am - 11:00 am Hospitality Room Open
9:15 am - 12:00 pm **154th GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Joint Lunch
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm 2024 - 2025 Grand Council Officers Installation and Photos
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Hospitality Room Open
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Thrice Illustrious Master
2:45 pm - 4:30 pm Ladies' Program / Craft
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm **ISH SODI**
4:30 pm Silent Auction Closed
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Social / Cash Bar
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Grand Banquet and Awards Presentations
9:30 pm Order of Lotus

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

7:00 am - 7:45 am Past Grand Commanders' Breakfast (MN PGC's only)
7:30 am - 10:00 am Registration
8:00 am - 12:00 pm Hospitality Room Open
8:00 am - 11:30 am **159th GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE**
11:45 am - 12:45 pm Joint Lunch
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm 2024 - 2025 Grand Commandery Officers Installation and Photos
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Ladies' Program / Grand Depot Outing
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Past Commander's Association
5:00 pm Dinner on Your Own

*Schedule and times are subject to change