



# Minnesota Grand York Rite Session

June 26-28, 2025



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

The three presiding officers, **M. E. C. Michael Hilgert**, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, **M. I. C. R. James Luchsinger**, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, and **S. K. Jerry Zierdt**, 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 26-28, 2025.**

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, wine and chocolate tasting event for the Ladies and other events. 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 meal menus. We are hoping to have Illinois Regalia selling their Masonic wares. And fun activities in the hospitality room.

**Hotel Reservations:** The Grand Session will be held at the Best Western Plus Kelly Inn, 100 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

Online booking URL:

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=Y19TC5G1](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=Y19TC5G1)

There is a room block set aside for the nights of June 26-29. Rooms are at a special rate of \$119 or higher + taxes a night depending on room style. Hotel reservations need to be made by June 1, 2025 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 2025 Grand York Rite Session registration information is available at [mnyorkrite.org](http://mnyorkrite.org)**

Sincerely, The Minnesota Grand York Rite Session Committee

# Rundown of Events for the 2025 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: College of St. Benedict Monastery (cost)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

KNIGHT OF THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE

**FRIDAY:**

GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION

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LADIES' PROGRAM: Exclusive wine tasting and Chocolate tasting (cost)

GRAND BANQUET

ORDER OF LOTUS

**SATURDAY:**

GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE AND INSTALLATION

LADIES' PROGRAM: Canvas painting (cost)

KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS

**SATURDAY: DINNER OUT**

Dinner is on your own. Enjoy a local establishment.

There will be a gathering for those staying Saturday night in the hospitality room

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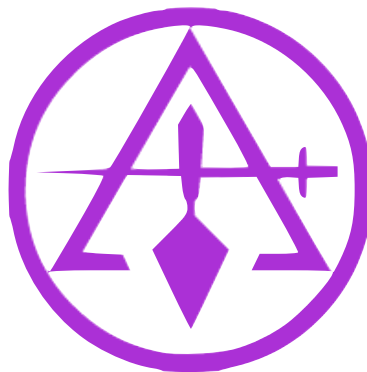
**All of this information and the Registration can be found online at**

**[www.mnyorkrite.org](http://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 .....	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
Ladies' events.....	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

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# 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 \$40.

Ladies' events: St. Benedict Tour \$5; Wine tasting \$45; Chocolate tasting \$20; Painting \$10

## Wednesday

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

## Thursday

Breakfast.....Sunrise – Bacon, Sausage or Ham, Scrambled Eggs with Cheese, Potatoes, Fruit, Rolls and Pastries

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

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

## Friday

Breakfast.....Country Fare – French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage or Ham, Fruit

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

Banquet.....Choice of: 8 Oz Top Sirloin, Stuffed Chicken Breast (Wild Rice, Mushroom and Garlic Sauce), Broiled Walleye. All served with Salad, Veggie, Potato. Served with Carrot Cake or White Chocolate Raspberry Cake. Coffee or Tea.

## Saturday

Breakfast.....Sunrise – Bacon, Sausage or ham, scrambled eggs with cheese, Potatoes, fruit, rolls and pastries

Joint Lunch.....Italian Buffet – Chicken Alfredo with Penne Pasta and Deep-Dish Lasagna, Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread. Coffee or Tea.

**\*\*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 26, 27 & 28, 2025

There will be a breakfast available each morning at 7:00 am – 8:00 am

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 26**

8:00 am - 11:00 am     Registration  
8:00 am - 11:30 am     Hospitality Room Open / Silent Auction Starts  
8:15 am – 8:45 am     Grand Opening and Welcome  
9:00 am - 11:30 am     **163rd GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION**  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm     Joint Lunch  
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm     2025 – 2026 Grand Chapter Officers Installation and Photos  
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm     Ladies' Program – St. Benedicts Monastery  
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm     Hospitality Room Open  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm     Order of High Priesthood  
6:00 pm – 6:50 pm     Dinner  
6:50 pm – 7:10 pm     Memorial Service  
7:20 pm – 8:15 pm     Knight of the Royal Arch Ceremony  
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm     Hospitality Room Open/High Rollers

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27**

8:00 am - 11:00 am     Registration  
8:00 am - 11:00 am     Hospitality Room Open  
9:15 am - 12:00 pm     **155th GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm     Joint Lunch  
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm     2025 – 2026 Grand Council Officers Installation and Photos  
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm     Hospitality Room Open  
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm     Thrice Illustrious Master  
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm     Ladies' Program – Wine and Chocolate Tasting  
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 28**

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     **160th GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE**  
11:45 am - 12:45 pm     Joint Lunch  
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm     2025 – 2026 Grand Commandery Officers Installation and Photos  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm     Ladies' Program – Canvas Painting  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm     Knight Crusaders of the Cross  
5:00 pm                 Dinner on Your Own / Social in hospitality room

\*Schedule and times are subject to change