



Grand Commandery of Minnesota
Knights Templar

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2022 Minnesota Grand
York Rite Session

June 23-25 Holiday Inn – Alexandria MN

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

The three presiding officers, M. E. C. **R. Sean Gardiner**, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, M. I. C. **W. David Emery**, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, and S. K. **Joseph Anderson**, 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 Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Minnesota is being held at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, MN on June 23-25, 2022.**

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. Alexandria 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 two Ladies' programs this year. ALL the chair degrees will be represented and Lotus. We are working on another outing to the Andria Theatre. There is a fabulous breakfast buffet available to get you going in the morning. This letter also gives highlights on the events, dress codes and the food menu.

Hotel Reservations: The Grand Session will be held at the Holiday Inn, 5637 Highway 29 South, Alexandria, MN 56308. Call 320-763-6577 and mention Grand York Rite Session to make your reservation. There is a room block set aside for June 22-25. Our special rate for standard and King is \$120.99 + taxes a night. Hotel reservations need to be made by June 1, 2022 to receive this special rate.

The registration is online. This letter and the 2022 Grand York Rite Session registration information is available at mnyorkrite.org

Sincerely,

The Minnesota Grand York Rite Committee

Special Events for the 2022 Grand Session:

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS FUNDRAISER FOR OUR PHILANTHROPIES

BREAKFAST BUFFET EACH MORNING

Have breakfast in Isabelle's Lounge for \$18 (taxes included). The cost is paid in the restaurant.

THURSDAY: GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION

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LADIES PROGRAM: AX THROWING AND LUNCH

WELCOME AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

LOTUS

FRIDAY: GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION AND INSTALLATION

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD

EDUCATION PROGRAM (TBD)

LADIES PROGRAM

GRAND BANQUET

SATURDAY: GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE AND INSTALLATION

PAST COMMANDER'S ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY: DINNER OUT

Dinner is on your own. We hope you enjoy it with a group or use it as a date night. There is Willy T's in the hotel, pizza and BBQ places, local pubs, lounges and brew houses. Many to choose from.

Enjoy!

SATURDAY: A PERFORMANCE AT THE ANDRIA THEATRE 7PM

618 Broadway St., Alexandria

Last year we had so much fun, we are doing it again. This time the local playhouse has a student production of TARZAN. The cost is \$18 per person. Seats are limited.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Albertville, MN 55301-4308

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**All of this information can be found on the mnyorkrite.org website.
The registration is being done online. You can pay with a credit card
or send in a check with your printed registration form
to the address above
Checks made out to MN GYRS.**

Meals

You should reserve your meals by filling out the Registration Form online and send in by 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, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The prices for each meal are provided on the registration form.

Breakfasts.....Each Morning, Buffet Style. The Cost is on Your Own
In Isabelle's Lounge

Wednesday

PGHP and Ladies Dinner (only).....Glazed Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Corn, Garden Salad and Dessert. Served with Coffee and Iced Tea.

Thursday

Joint Lunch Club Wrap (Turkey, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato & Ranch) with Soup of the Day & Chips. Served with Coffee and Iced Tea.

Dinner Old Fashioned Pot Roast with Gravy, Baked Potato, Garden Salad, Choice of Dressings and Dessert. Served with Coffee and Iced Tea.

Friday

Joint Lunch BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Topped with Cole Slaw, Potato Salad and Chips. Served with Coffee and Iced Tea.

Banquet Choice of: Northwoods Chicken with Mornay Sauce or 8 oz Buttered Sirloin or 6 oz Broiled Walleye. All come with

Garden Salad, Veggie, Potato and Dessert.
Served with Coffee and Iced Tea.

Saturday

Joint Lunch Hot Beef or Turkey Sandwich with Mashed Potato and Gravy,
Coleslaw and Chips. Served with Coffee and Iced 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
HOLIDAY INN / ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA
JUNE 23, 24 & 25, 2022

There will be a breakfast available each morning at 7:00 am. Cost on your own.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 am - 11:00 am Registration
8:00 am - 11:00 am Hospitality Room open
8:30 am - 12:00 pm **152nd GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**
9:00 am Philanthropies Silent Auction open
10:30 am - 1:00 pm Ladies Entertainment and Lunch out
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Men's Lunch
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Grand Master Hiram Council Lunch (members only)
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm 2022 - 2023 Grand Council Officers Installation
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Thrice Illustrious Master
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Hospitality Room open
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Education programs (TBD)
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm ISH SODI

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Dinner, Public Welcome and Memorial Service
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Hospitality Room open - Boardroom
9:00 pm Order of Lotus

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

8:00 am - 11:00 am Registration
8:00 am - 11:30 am Hospitality Room open
8:30 am - 12:00 pm **160th GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION**
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Ladies Program
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Joint Lunch
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Past Grand Commander's Lunch (MN only)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Grand Chapter Officers Lunch
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm 2022 - 2023 Grand Chapter Officers Installation
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm Hospitality Room open
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Order of High Priesthood
5:00 pm Silent Auction closed
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Social / Cash Bar
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Grand Banquet and Awards Presentations

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 am - 11:00 am Registration
8:00 am - 1:00 pm Hospitality Room open
8:30 am - 11:00 am **157th GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE**
11:15 am - 12:15 pm 2022 - 2023 Grand Commandery Officers Installation
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm Joint Lunch
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm 2022 - 2023 Grand Commandery Officers Mtg/Coeur de Lion Lunch
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Past Commander's Association
4:00 pm Dinner on Your Own
7:00 pm Andria Theatre - Tarzan

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:30 am Divine Service by the Grand Commandery

2022 GYRS SOUVENIR BOOKLET

The 2022 Grand Session Souvenir Book information has been sent to your Secretary and Recorder. This book helps to get the word out on a special event you may have or to congratulate the Grand Officer from your home York Rite body. It has the schedule of events and the list of Grand Officers, but mainly lets you proudly display your Chapter, Council and/or Commandery and officers. It contributes to pay for the food in the hospitality room, banquet decorations and a plethora of other expenses.

This Grand Session book has been around for 30 years and has served us well. I want to thank ALL of those bodies who have been a part of it for these many years and for those who have not, now is a great time to start.

Please remember to pass it on to your business, place of employment and your Blue Lodge. Have a big event coming up (after June)? All are welcome to participate. Please don't forget about the buck a line page, simply pass the page around at your meetings.

There are still three sizes: **Third page \$40 / Half \$50 / Full \$60**

Please email me (anderson8322@comcast.net) for an ad form or go to the website.

The deadline for the ad is June 1st, 2022.

Thank you - Joe Anderson