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Knightly Greetings Sir Knights!

This month I will provide you with information regarding the **Grand Encampment's York Rite Leadership Program (YRLP)** and its importance to us as Sir Knights. This program is being offered on **Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the Alexandria, VA. Scottish Rite Temple, 1430 W Braddock, Road, Alexandria, VA 22302.** You may also register for the training by visiting our website, [vatemplars.org](https://vatemplars.org) and click on the link **Mid-Atlantic York Rite Leadership Education "register now"**

The York Rite Leadership organization is a Center of Excellence that delivers executive-class leadership training and coaching to all masonic leaders wherever dispersed. Any member of the Masonic family may participate. We do ask that the youth be mature. For guidance, a young gentleman or lady who is between 14 and 18 and has a mature outlook may be admitted. Admission is always at the discretion of the instructor.

The current York Rite Leadership Training Program consists of six well-developed courses, exploring the theory and practice within three bodies of knowledge (BOK) that are designed to give you the skills to be a better leader of yourself and others. The three BOKs are:

100 – Personal Effectiveness  
200 – Group Dynamics  
400 – Influential Communication

The online courses (101, 201, and 401) are theory-based courses. The in-person courses (102, 202, and 402) engage the students in the class in exercises putting into practice the concepts presented. The in-person classes are held at the **Grand Encampment Department Conferences** and other events by demand. Graduation from the program means you have completed at least one class from each of the bodies of knowledge, either online or in-person. Keep in mind that there is always more to learn and you are welcome to repeat any of the classes when they are offered.

The Leadership Award Coin is a prestigious symbol of your commitment to learning and practicing masonic leadership principles. The coin is given out for completion of the in-person classes. These classes are held at various events and are designated as the x02 classes. When you attend the 102 you will receive the Personal Effectiveness coin segment. Attending the 202 class will earn you the Group Dynamics coin segment and attending the 402 class will earn you the Influential Communication coin segment. Online class completion does not earn a coin segment. You must attend an in-person class.

The first step is to apply for admission at [yorkriteleadership.org](http://yorkriteleadership.org) . After you have been approved for admission, you will begin to receive notifications of classes as registration opens.

I congratulate Sir Knight Jason “Jake” Trenary, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Commandery of Virginia, for his diligence in negotiating this YRLP to be taught back in the Mid-Atlantic Department in Virginia on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

Please visit our website, [vatemplars.org](http://vatemplars.org), to stay informed with the latest information about this and other upcoming events.

Courteously,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Haas". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Grand Commander, 2023-2024