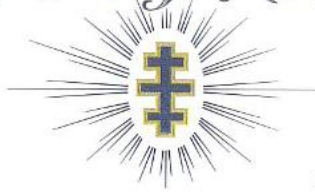


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January 28, 2025

Dear Sir Knights:

Enclosed please find the information for the Mid-Atlantic Department Conference of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at the DoubleTree by Hilton BWI Airport Hotel, 890 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum Maryland 21090, PH: 410-859-8400.

Hotel reservation details, along with the registration form and schedule are also enclosed. The schedule includes breakfast, lunch buffet, and Banquet information. Please note the different hotel and conference registration date deadlines.

Pursuant to Section 114(b) of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, every Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General and Grand Recorder are required to attend the Conference. All Right Eminent Grand Commanders in the Mid-Atlantic Department are asked to assist in ensuring your Officers are fully apprised of the conference details and emphasize the necessity and importance of their attendance!

If any of the above Officers are unable to attend the Mid-Atlantic Department Conference, he must directly request approval to be excused, with reasons therefore, from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. This conference is open to all Sir Knights who desire to attend, so please feel free to advise your Sir Knights and extend them an invitation to attend and participate in the Conference.

The Officers of the Grand Encampment spend considerable time and effort in preparing the Department Conference Program to assist your Grand Commandery and your efforts as an elected Grand Officer. I believe that you will find the conference to be most beneficial as you prepare and execute your plans to promote and grow Templar Masonry during this triennium in your respective jurisdictions. Together, we will continue to make Templar Masonry the most prestigious appendant Masonic Body that one may petition for membership.

Each Grand Commander will be called upon to give a brief account of the activities planned or occurring in your Grand Commandery. Please give some thought to your presentations as each of us can learn from one another. Make it concise and insightful for your peers.

Courteously,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Austin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John H. Austin
Right Eminent Department Commander