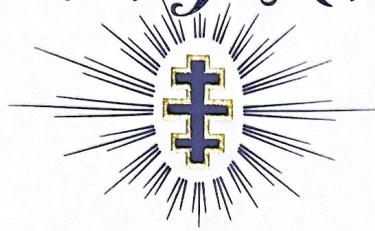


Grand Encampment of Knights Templar



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July 14th, 2025

OFFICE OF
CRAIG L. FLAGTWET, KCT
RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Dear Sir Knights,

Enclosed please find the information for the Southwest Department Conference of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. The Conference will be held on Saturday, November 1st, 2025, at The Orleans Hotel and Casino, Located at 4500 Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas NV. 89103. Hotel reservation details, along with the registration form are enclosed. Please note the different hotel and conference registration deadlines.

Pursuant to Section 114(b) of the Constitution and Statutes of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, every Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General and Grand Recorder are required to attend the conference. All Grand Commanders in the Southwest Department are asked to assist in ensuring your officers are fully apprised of the conference details and the importance of their attendance. If any of the above officers are unable to attend the Southwest Department Conference, he must request approval to be excused directly from The Grand Master of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. This conference is open to all Sir Knights who desire to attend, so please advise your Sir Knights and extend to them the invitation to attend.

The Officers of The Grand Encampment spend considerable time and effort in preparing the conference program to assist your Grand Commandery and your efforts as a Grand Commandery Officer. I believe that you will find the conference to be beneficial as you prepare and execute your plans to promote and grow Templary during this Triennium within your respective jurisdictions.

Each Grand Commander will be called upon during the conference to give a brief account of the activities occurring and planned within your Grand Commandery. Please give some thought to your presentations as each of us can learn from one another.

Courteously,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Flagtwet', written over a faint, large watermark of the number '1112'.

Craig Flagtwet, KCT

Right Eminent Southwest Department Commander



SOUTHWEST DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

The Orleans Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV

October 31 – November 1, 2025

We are excited to welcome you to the 2025 Southwest Regional/Department Conference, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 31st to November 1st in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The conference will take place at The Orleans Hotel & Casino, located at 4500 West Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103. We have secured a special group rate of \$68 for Thursday night, \$95 for Friday night, and \$100 for Saturday night, plus taxes. Please note that the booking deadline is September 29th; however, we recommend making your reservations as soon as possible, as the room block may sell out prior to this date. To reserve your accommodation, please call the hotel directly at 800-675-3267 and reference group code: YRKJ25C. Alternatively, you can book by [clicking here](#).

Parking is complimentary at the hotel, and a hospitality room will be available for your convenience and enjoyment. Please be advised that the hotel does not offer a shuttle service from the airport. For those traveling by air from outside the region, the Harry Reid International Airport is approximately 4 miles from this hotel.

General Grand Chapter has provided a website where you can find links for the Southwest Conference at www.ggcrami.org/regionalconferences to register and pay online. When available the official schedule will also be posted.

Dress code for the conference will be business casual with a collared shirt and slacks. Buffet lunches will be served on both days. The ladies will have the opportunity to participate in a special wine glass painting event on Friday afternoon. In the evening, a BBQ buffet is planned, with a social hour commencing at 6:00 PM. The dress code for the dinner is western wear. To secure your meal reservations, please complete either the attached form or the electronic form no later than October 16th. Additionally, a mandatory registration fee of \$50.00 is required from each Companion or Sir Knight attending the conference, with the entry deadline also set for October 16th.

Due to the rising costs of hotel meals, we have priced our meals to break even and have not increased prices to include complimentary meals. The reduced lodging rates and other hotel benefits are contingent upon meeting a food and beverage minimum, so we encourage your participation in the meals.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Craig Phillips at (702) 336-1629 or via email at nvdemolay@yahoo.com.

We appreciate your prompt attention to lodging and meal reservations, and we look forward to seeing you on Halloween!

Fraternally and courteously

Jeff Hamilton

Jeff Hamilton
Deputy General HP

Craig Phillips

Craig Phillips
Deputy General GM

Craig Flagtwet

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Department Commander



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Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____
(First - Middle Initial - Last Name)

LADY/GUEST: _____
(First - Middle Initial - Last Name)

ADDRESS: _____
(Street Address)

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () - _____ CELL PHONE: () - _____

EMAIL: _____

My Current Masonic Office:
Apply)
Chapter _____
Council _____
Commandery _____

I Will Be Attending (Check All That

Chapter Program
Council Program
Commandery Program

Registration Fee Required for all Companions & Knights Attending: \$50.00 _____ \$ _____

Friday Italian Lunch Buffet: \$60.00 _____ \$ _____
Caesar Salad, Cheese Cannelloni with Marinara and Alfredo Sauce, Short Rib Marsala, Chicken Piccata, Steamed Vegetable Medley,
Ciabatta Rolls, Limoncello Cake, Mini Cannolis

Ladies Activity (Wine Glass Painting): \$40.00 _____ \$ _____
2 stemless wine glasses

Friday BBQ Dinner Banquet (Social/Cash Bar – 6 pm, Dinner – 7 pm): \$95.00 _____ \$ _____
Mixed Greens Salad, Country Potato Salad, Texas Coleslaw, Fire-Roasted Corn and Black Bean Salad,
Sliced BBQ Beef Brisket, BBQ Pork Ribs, Country-Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Oven-Roasted Potatoes, Baked Beans,
Mini Corn Bread, Peach Cobbler, Lemon Meringue Pie, Chocolate Cake

Saturday Mexican Buffet: \$60.00 _____ \$ _____
Mixed green salad, Pork Carnitas, Cheese Enchiladas, Chicken Fajitas, Soft Flour Tortillas, Chipotle Orange Black Beans and Cilantro
Lime Rice, Mexican Squash Medley, Tortilla Chips - Pico de Gallo – Salsa, Tres Leches Cake, Churros

Grand Total: \$ _____

MEAL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 17, 2025

REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED

Completed forms may be mailed to Craig Phillips at the address shown below

Payment must accompany registration form

Make checks payable to: "Purple Sage Priory"

Registration information including online registration is available at

www.ggcrami.org/regionalconferences

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Grand Encampment – SWC Agenda

November 1st, 2025 all Times local

8:00 AM – Conference Start- Prayer, Pledge , Introductions

8:15 AM to 10:00 AM Grand Encampment Session

Break 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM

10:15 AM to 12 Noon - Grand Encampment Session Continued

12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM - Break for Lunch

1:00 PM to 2:45 PM - Grand Encampment session continued

2:45 PM to 3:00 PM Break

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Grand Encampment session continued

5:00 PM Conference conclusion