



2026 East Central York Rite Conference

Hello Companions & Sir Knights!

It is a great pleasure to invite you and your families to attend the 2026 East Central Department/Regional Conference and York Rite Leadership Training sessions. The York Rite Leadership Training courses will be held Friday, March 13th with the East Central Department and Regional conferences being held Saturday, March 14th, 2026. The site of these events is the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and the headquarters hotel is the Hilton Ft. Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, located at 1020 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, IN 46802.

We have again secured very favorable room rates for these events at the special group price of \$134 per night, plus tax. The hotel reservation deadline is Feb 20th, 2026. However, rooms will go quickly, and the group rate is not guaranteed once the room block is sold out. Please do not wait to make your reservations! Hotel rooms can be booked by phone or through Hilton’s online system:

- You can call the hotel direct at (260) 420-1100 *or* call 1-800-HILTONS to make your reservation. Please use the conference group code: **EAS**.
- You can book on-line via the following link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/fwafhhf-eas-830e193f-fd14-49d1-b51c-d2cefc6171a/>

Parking at the hotel is available for a daily charge. The gated parking garage is located across the street from the hotel, and you can access the hotel from the garage via a skywalk. If you are visiting from outside the Region/Department and will be traveling by air, the Fort Wayne International Airport is located about 7 miles from the headquarters hotel. The hotel does provide a shuttle – please reach out to the hotel directly to coordinate pick-up.

We have great hospitality planned for the weekend with a well-stocked hospitality room that will be open Friday and Saturday (please see the conference schedule for times), a wonderful ladies program on Saturday, and a fellowship dinner on Saturday evening. Please see the full agenda for a list of event times and room locations. Meal reservations can be made by completing the attached forms and returning them with payment, or by going online to the East Central Department Conference website (<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/ecdc2026>) and completing the online form. Registration and meal reservations must be received by **end of day Saturday, February 28th, 2026**.

There is no cost to attend the York Rite Leadership Training courses **BUT** you are required to register your attendance. Each Companion/Sir Knight attending Saturday Department/Regional Conference must pay the registration fee; your spouse and children, if attending, do not need to pay registration. Additional information about things to do in Ft. Wayne, including attractions and places to eat, can be found on the conference website <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/ecdc2026>. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact SK Jay Kennedy at (734) 755-4594 or skjpk@yahoo.com. Spread the word about this great event and we look forward to seeing you in Ft. Wayne this coming March!

Courteously,

SK Jay P. Kennedy
Dept. Commander
East Central Dept.
Grand Encampment, K.T.

Ex. Comp. Don Galway
RDGHP
East Central Region
General Grand Chapter

Ill. Comp. Thomas Bustle
RDGGM
East Central Region
General Grand Council



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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
(First - Middle Initial - Last)

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

ADDRESS: _____
Street address

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____

Email: _____

I will be Attending:

General Grand Chapter Session	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Grand Council Session	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grand Encampment (KT) Session	<input type="checkbox"/>

Office/Title: _____

Chapter: _____

Council: _____

Commandery: _____

	Qty.	Total
Session Registration (All Sir Knights and Companions):	\$40.00	<input type="text"/>

Ladies Noon Luncheon and Entertainment Program:		
Slow roasted turkey sandwich	\$32.00	<input type="text"/>
Smoked ham sandwich	\$32.00	<input type="text"/>
Vegetarian wrap	\$30.00	<input type="text"/>
Grilled cheese and fries	\$15.00	<input type="text"/>
<i>Meal selection includes plated salad, dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade</i>		

Sir Knights and Companion's Luncheon:		
Slow roasted turkey sandwich	\$32.00	<input type="text"/>
Smoked ham sandwich	\$32.00	<input type="text"/>
Vegetarian wrap	\$30.00	<input type="text"/>
<i>Meal selection includes plated salad, dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade</i>		

Saturday Evening Banquet:		
Roasted herbed chicken breast	\$56.00	<input type="text"/>
Bacon wrapped pork loin	\$56.00	<input type="text"/>
Herb roasted Faroe Island salmon	\$56.00	<input type="text"/>
Polenta cake (vegetarian)	\$50.00	<input type="text"/>
Chicken fingers and fries	\$15.00	<input type="text"/>
<i>Meal selection includes plated salad, dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade</i>		

Total Registration and Meals:

Registration deadline is *Friday, February 28th.*

Your registration will not be considered "complete" until payment is received.

Please submit completed forms and payment to: Jay Kennedy, 1503 Chase Hill Dr., Severn, MD 21144

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YORK RITE LEADERSHIP TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
(First - Middle Initial - Last)

ADDRESS: _____
Street address

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____

Email: _____

I will be Attending (select ONE):
 100-Level (Introductory) Course
 400-Level (Capstone) Course

Qty. Total

YRLT Luncheon Meal Options:

Grilled chicken wrap	\$32.00		
Smoked ham sandwich	\$32.00		
Grilled vegetable wrap	\$30.00		

Meal selection includes plated salad, dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade

Total Meals:

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