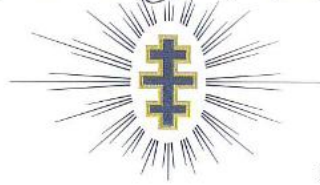


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February 25, 2026

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 Friday and Saturday, September 25-26, 2026, at the Maritime Conference Center, 692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090.

Hotel reservation details, along with the registration form and schedule are also enclosed. The schedule includes morning continental breakfast and afternoon snacks, 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 is 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,

John H. Austin

Right Eminent Department Commander



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2026 Department Conference

Dear Companions and Sir Knights:

It is with pleasure we invite you to attend the 2026 Mid-Atlantic Department Conference, which will be held September 25-26, 2026, and will take place at the Maritime Conference Center, 692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090. The General Session of Commandery will take place Friday, September 25th, and the General Session for Chapter/Council, the Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program, and the Leadership Training Course will take place Saturday, September 26th.

We have secured a variety of room selections, allowing single occupancy, double occupancy, as well as room share for triple and for quad occupancy for cost-sharing. Additional information for rates and booking is available in the [Hotel Registration Information](#) page. **The hotel registration cutoff date is Friday, September 4th. Please do not wait to make your reservation until the last minute.**

Conference attendees have the option to arrive Wednesday (September 23rd) or Thursday (September 24th) before the meetings begin and enjoy the sights of the area. Meeting registration will take place in the hotel lobby Thursday, September 24th, from 3:00-5:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 pm, as well as Friday and Saturday, September 25-26, from 6:00-8:00 am. The Conference sessions will begin at 8:00 am. Dress for all activities is coat and tie or business casual. **Conference registration deadline is Tuesday, September 15th. Your registration will not be considered "complete" until payment is received.**

The hotel offers complimentary use of recreational facilities; including indoor pool, fitness center, and game room. Complimentary parking and shuttle service to/from BWI Airport and BWI Amtrak Station, which currently runs 24 hours depending on hotel guest volumes. Please refer to the hotel website FAQ page for specifics on shuttle service: <https://mccbwi.com/faqs/>. Complimentary Wi-Fi service is available in all guest rooms and throughout the property.

We will have a well-stocked Hospitality room that will be open Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-12:00 pm, and evenings except during dinner. Breakfast and dinner will be free for all overnight guests, and lunch is included in the daily meeting/class registration fee. The Conference Center will also have a meeting/class Continental Breakfast service break Friday & Saturday, 7:30-11:00 am, as well as an afternoon service break with snacks, 1:30-4:00 pm Friday & Saturday. There will be a banquet dinner on Friday, the 25th, and also a wonderful Ladies Program on Saturday, the 26th. Please refer to the [Conference Schedule of Events](#) for a full agenda for a list of event times and room locations, as well as the [Conference Registration Form](#) for all meetings and cost breakdown for overnight guests and non-overnight guests. **When registering for the meeting, please be sure to account for ladies and guests (overnight and non-overnight/non-class registered attendees) in your total costs so we have proper head counts, as well as knowledge of guests for the purpose of name badges.**

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact your Conference representative by clicking the emblem below.



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