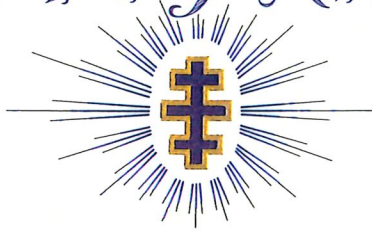


# Grand Encampment of Knights Templar



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Dear Sir Knights:

Enclosed please find the information for the Northeast Department Conference of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to be held on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at The Crowne Plaza Albany Desmond Hotel and Conference Center 660 Albany-Shaker Rd Albany, N.Y. 12211 Phone: 518-869-8100 The Group code is YOR There will be electronic registration coming soon. I will update everyone as we progress.

Hotel reservation details, along with the registration form and schedule are also enclosed/attached. The schedule includes 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 Northeast 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 Northeast 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,

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