



**GRAND CHAPTER OF
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**GRAND COMMANDERY OF
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To: Honorable Guests

Subject: **Visitor Amenities**

The joint Grand York Rite Sessions of Missouri will be held at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Missouri, **June 1-4, 2023**. You may book your hotel reservations online at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/17728?groupID=3865527> or by calling 417.864.7333. Please be sure to mention the Grand York Rite when making your reservations, **Reservation Group Code GYRMO2306A**. Room rates are \$113.00 per night for a single or double, \$112.00 per night plus tax. Hotel reservations **MUST** be made no later than **May 8, 2023**. We regret that we cannot guarantee space availability after that date. **ALL members and guests must make hotel reservations on their own**. If you experience any difficulties with making reservations, please contact this office immediately.

With respect to our visitors and distinguished guests, it is our custom to extend the following courtesies to our Visiting Dignitaries. It is our hope that you will plan to visit us during our Annual Grand Session, June 1-4, 2023 in Springfield, Missouri.

1. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Missouri * (or his personal representative)
General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter (or his personal representative)
General Grand Master, General Grand Council (or his personal representative)
Grand Master, Grand Encampment (or his personal representative)
South Central Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest
South Central Regional Deputy General Grand Master
South Central Department Commander

Are entitled to: 2 nights lodging
* 4 nights lodging (Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Missouri only)
2 tickets to Friday Dist. Guest Banquet or Saturday GYR Banquet
1 ticket to Friday Ladies Luncheon

2. Presiding Grand High Priests (not representatives)
Presiding Grand Masters (not representatives)
Presiding Grand Commanders (not representatives)
Grand Secretaries/Recorders (not representatives)
Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Missouri (not representatives)

Are entitled to: 2 tickets to Friday Dist. Guest Banquet or Saturday GYR Banquet
1 ticket to Saturday Ladies Luncheon

Regrettably, unless specifically identified, these courtesies are **not** transferable and unfortunately, we will be unable to accommodate those jurisdictions who do not reciprocate in kind. All other Companions, Sir Knights and Ladies are welcome to attend at their own expense.

If registering **online** for the above-described comp'd meals, please **DO NOT** include your comp'd meals so you do not have to pay for them when registering. Please contact Debbie Hanson at the Missouri Grand York Rite office directly and we will manually add your comp'd meals. Otherwise, please complete the enclosed Distinguished Guest and Meal Registration forms (for all other meals) and return both of these forms to our office **no later than May 8, 2023**.

Distinguished Guest Registration MUST be made by May 22, 2023

All Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, visiting Grand Lodge, Grand York Rite and Appendant Body Distinguished Guests who plan to attend and who wish to be introduced must complete a Distinguished Guest registration online by going to www.moyorkrite.org and clicking on the 2023 Grand Sessions tab or by completing the enclosed Distinguished Guest Registration Form and sending it to the Grand York Rite Office **no later than May 22, 2023**. Missouri Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and visiting Distinguished Guests – Please take notice: **Failure to register properly will cause us to be unaware of your planned attendance, your full name and proper titles, and thus cause our inability to prepare for your proper introduction. This registration does NOT negate your need to register with the Credentials Committee as discussed below.**

Each guest will be introduced once, and only once during the grand body meetings. **You will have to advise us ahead of time on the REGISTRATION FORM as to whether you will be introduced with the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, or Grand Appendant/Concordant Body representatives.** We will include all other appropriate titles as they are provided to us on the REGISTRATION FORM. Therefore, if you are a sitting Grand High Priest and a Past Grand Commander, you will be introduced in the chapter group as such. If you don't register, we will not be able to know who you are, where you are from, and you will not be introduced.

When arriving to our session, all Distinguished Guests are requested to check-in at the Distinguished Guest Registration with the Missouri Grand York Rite Executive Assistant, Lady Debbie Hanson, who will make sure that you are properly registered and accounted for.

All "registered" distinguished guests of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council will be introduced in the appropriate grand body during the morning open session.

The following Select Distinguished Guests of the Grand Commandery will be received in the open portion of the Grand Commandery Conclave:

- Heads of Missouri Grand Chapter and Grand Council (Current and Most Jr.)
- Grand Representatives of Grand Commandery of Missouri to other jurisdictions and to (near) the Grand Commandery of Missouri from other jurisdictions (at seats)
- Grand Commanders of other Jurisdictions
- Past Grand Commanders of Missouri
- Department Commander of the Grand Encampment
- Grand Master of the Grand Encampment (or Representative); brief remarks
- Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri; brief remarks

Limited remarks of our guests will be offered during the business portion of Grand Chapter and Grand Council meetings. The Grand Commandery will invite remarks from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment (or his Representative) and the Grand Master of Masons of Missouri only.

Finally, the Distinguished Guests' Reception will be held on Friday evening. All Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery Distinguished Guests and their ladies will be introduced at this event. All are additionally invited to attend our Grand York Rite Banquet on Saturday evening. Please see the meal planning for a description of all events as well as appropriate dress.

We look forward to seeing you in Springfield, Missouri.

Fraternally and Most Respectfully,



Donald MacCormick, Grand Secretary/Recorder
Grand Chapter/Council of the State of Missouri



Roger D. Fleer, Grand Recorder
Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri