



Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

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To: Honorable Guests

Subject: **Visitor Amenities**

The joint Grand York Rite Sessions of Missouri will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel (non-smoking hotel) in Jefferson City, Missouri, June 6-10, 2018. You may book on line at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/13414?groupID=1736396> or by calling 800.338.8088 or 573.635.1234. Please be sure to mention the Grand York Rite when making your reservations, **Reservation Group Code 180604YOR**. Room rates are \$83.00 per night for a single or double, \$103.00 per night for a Jr. Suite, and \$113.00 per night for an Executive Suite, plus tax. Hotel reservations **MUST** be made no later than May 19, 2018. 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 6-10, 2018 in Jefferson City, 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
 2 tickets to Friday GYR Banquet or Thursday Dist. Guest Banquet
 1 ticket to Saturday 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)

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 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. **ALL MUST MAKE THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS.**

If registering on line 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 GYRMO office directly and we will manually add your comp'd meals. Otherwise, please complete the enclosed Registration and Meal Order forms and return to this office no later than May 19, 2018.

When arriving to our session, all Distinguished Guests are requested to check-in at the Distinguished Guest Registration with the GYR 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. Each guest will be introduced once, and only once. **You will have to advise us ahead of time on the REGISTRATION FORM (enclosed) 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.

The Distinguished Guests' Reception will be held on Thursday evening. All Grand Commandery Distinguished Guests other than the Select Distinguished Guests will be received at this fun event. All are additionally invited to attend our Grand York Rite Awards Banquet on Friday evening. Please see the meal planning for a description of these events as well as appropriate dress.

We look forward to seeing you in Jefferson City, Missouri. After all, we need MO YORK RITE!

Fraternally,



Kevin B. Sample, Grand Secretary/Recorder
Grand Chapter/Council of the State of Missouri



Russell S. Hanson, Grand Recorder
Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri