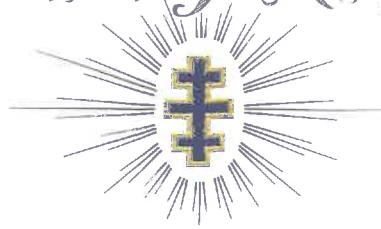


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Sir Knights:

Enclosed, herewith, please find information for the Southwestern Department Conference of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Orleans Casino, 4500 W Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Hotel reservations must be made by October 2, 2018, to obtain the special room rate. Please contact the hotel directly for reservations at: 1-800-675-3267. Mention group code A8YRC10 to receive the special rate. The preferred attire for the conference is coat and tie.

Pursuant to Section 114(b) of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, each Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General and Grand Recorder are required to attend the Conference. Grand Commanders, please assist me to ensure that your Officers are fully apprised of the Conference details and emphasize the necessity and importance of their attendance! If any one of the aforesaid Officers is unable to attend, he must request an excusal from the Grand Master of 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 have expended considerable time and effort in preparing this program to assist your Grand Commandery. I believe you will find the same to be most beneficial as you prepare and execute your plans in promoting and growing Templar Masonry in your respective jurisdictions.

As a final note, please be advised that each Grand Commander will be called upon to give a brief account of the activities planned or occurring in his jurisdiction. Please give some thought to your presentation, as each of us can learn from one another.

Courteously,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence E. Tucker".

Lawrence E. Tucker
Grand Recorder

Enclosures



Southwest York Rite Conference

November 2-3, 2018
The Orleans Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Companions & Sir Knights,

We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 Southwest Regional/Department Conference to be held at the Orleans Casino, in Las Vegas, Nevada November 2-3.

We've "labored in the quarries" for many hours to insure this will be the best Regional yet. This year's conference includes a reduced registration fee, premium quality meals, and an upgraded hospitality room; all for your comfort and enjoyment.

The GG Chapter, GG Council, and Grand Encampment have obtained reduced room rates for you at the Orleans, BUT you must make your reservations by October 2nd or the rates will increase significantly. Go to www.OrleansCasino.com/groups and use the group code A8YRC10 to book. You can also call the Orleans for your reservation at 1-800-675-3267, however the online process is faster because you avoid hold times. Room rates are \$54 per night for Thursday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday and \$105 per night for Friday and Saturday. There is a small resort fee and taxes which will be added to those amounts.

The Orleans is located at 4500 W Tropicana Avenue and is only 4 miles from McCarran International Airport. There is ample free parking onsite at the Orleans, and transportation to and from the airport is readily available via taxi, Uber, or Lyft.

The key to us getting affordable meeting space and accommodations is supporting the venue by having plated meals there. A lot of effort has been put forth this year to provide a VERY high quality meal at an affordable price. Not only do our bodies not make money from these meals, but this conference has even subsidized them to some extent to make them affordable for you. So please reserve and plan on eating the 3 plated meals with us. Please also note that the Orleans buffet is extremely busy on Friday and Saturday (due to Senior and Local promotions, etc) and there are very long lines. Please do not plan on having meals there as it is highly unlikely you will be in and out in under an hour.

There are special activities for the ladies planned that will include shuttle transportation. Please refer to the ladies options in your registration packet.

If you have any questions you may contact the Arrangements Chairman, Chadwick Burks, at [ChadwickBurks AT gmail DOT com](mailto:ChadwickBurks@DOT.com).

Be sure to submit your registration by October 15th to avoid the \$15 late fee!

We can't wait to see you in November.

Take care and God Bless,

Chadwick Burks, KYGCH
Southwest Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest
General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International



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SCHEDULE FOR THE SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE 2018

Thursday, Nov 1

4:00pm – 6:00pm	Registration Open	Convention Center Foyer
7:00pm – 10:00pm	Hospitality Room Open	New Orleans Suite

Friday, Nov 2

6:45am – 8:15am	Registration Open	Convention Center Foyer
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8:00am	General Grand Chapter Session	Salon A,B,E,F (combined)
	Welcome	

8:15am	<i>Ridiculously Obvious Ways to Increase Membership</i> by Stephen Balke	
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9:00am	<i>Five Critical Keys To Event Success</i> by Harry Jenkins	
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9:30am	<i>The Royal Arch Education Solution</i> by Rod Wagoner	
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10:00am	BREAK	
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10:15am	<i>How To Give an Amazing Presentation</i> by Chadwick Burks	
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11:15am	Attendee Talkback	
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11:40am	General Grand Chapter Closing and Benediction	
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12:00pm	Lunch	Salon K & L (combined)
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1:00pm	General Grand Council Session	Salon A,B,E,F (combined)
	Introduction	

1:15pm	<i>General Grand Councils – Grand Councils – A Partnership Failed?</i>	
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2:30pm	Break	
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2:45pm	<i>What Is the Real Purpose of a Grand Council</i>	
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4:15pm	<i>CMMRF Update</i>	
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4:30pm – 6:00pm	Hospitality Room Open	New Orleans Suite
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6:00pm	No Host Cocktails	Salon K & L (combined)
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7:00pm	Grand Banquet and Awards	Salon K & L (combined)
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Bqt End - 11:00pm	Hospitality Room Open	New Orleans Suite
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Saturday, Nov 3

7:00am – 8:30am	Registration Open	Convention Center Foyer
8:00am	<i>Grand Encampment & Emerging Leaders Program</i> Grand Encampment Introduction General Session <i>Emerging Leaders I</i> <i>Emerging Leaders II</i> <i>Emerging Leaders IV</i>	Salon A,B,E,F (combined) Salon C Salon D Boardroom
	<i>General Session</i>	
8:15am	68th Triennium – What’s New and What To Expect	
9:00am	Membership	
10:00am	Break	
10:15am	Holy Land Pilgrimage Program	
11:00am	Templar and Conclave Program	
11:30am	Grand Recorder’s Office	
12:00pm	Lunch	Salon K &L (combined)
1:00pm	<i>KTEF</i>	
1:45pm	<i>What KTEF Has Done For Scientific Researchers Like Me</i>	
2:30pm	Jurisdictional Reports	
3:15pm	Break	
3:30pm	<i>MMS – What it Can Do For You and Your Organization</i>	
4:15pm	Concluding Remarks	
4:30pm	Grand Commanders Meet With Grand Encampment Officers	
4:30pm – 7:00pm	Hospitality Room Open	New Orleans Suite



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EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

If you have been recommended to attend the emerging leader training at this conference, you must make sure that the emerging leader program administrator has you enrolled to attend this year, E-mail the administrator, Glenda Palmer, YRELT@comcast.net, to ensure that you are enrolled.

If you want to attend the training, but have not been recommended, you need to obtain the recommendation of your Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master, or Grand Commander before contacting Mrs. Palmer.



Although there is no charge for the training or the textbooks and training materials, each student, in addition to enrolling with Mrs. Palmer, must also register for this York Rite Conference/Department meeting and pay the registration fee. You are also responsible for your lodging, transportation, and meals. Your registration fee for the conferences helps offset the cost of the training space.

When students arrive at the conference, they must check in with the conference registration desk. On the morning of the training, between 7:30 AM and 8:00 AM, all students' level 1, 2, and 4 must register also at the leadership registration desk near the training rooms. Students will not attend any part of other conference sessions on the day of training. You need to be in the proper classroom at 8:00 AM. The three levels must be taken in order, however; you may attend any of the levels at any of the 8 regional conferences throughout the country. Conference information is available at <http://www.knightstemplar.org/dc.html>.

Level 1 and 2 classes will begin promptly at 8:00 AM and end at 5:00 PM with an hour break for lunch and morning and afternoon 15 minute breaks.

Level 4 students after registering at the leadership registration desk will attend the new "Communication Skills" course from 8 AM to 5 PM.

PLEASE REMEMBER to register for any meals including lunch and the Banquet - you must register with the Conference and have tickets.



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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
(First - Middle Initial - Last Name)

ADDRESS: _____
(Street Address)

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone (____) ____ - _____

Cell Phone (____) ____ - _____

MY CURRENT OFFICES/TITLES:

Commandery _____

Council _____

Chapter _____

I will be attending: (Check all that apply.)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Knight Templar Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Grand Council
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Grand Chapter

Please Print
So we can spell your name right.

EVENT/ACTIVITY/FEE	Amount	Qty	Total
REGISTRATION FEE FOR ALL ATTENDEES	20.00	_____	_____
LUNCH FRIDAY Menu: Garden Salad, Made From Scratch Chicken Pot Pie, Homemade Macaroni and Cheese, Lime Sorbet, Tea/Coffee	32.00	_____	_____
BANQUET FRIDAY EVENING Exquisite Orleans Salad, Grilled Chicken and Beef Short Ribs Combo, Twice Baked Potato, Sautéed French Beans, Garlic Bread, Limoncello Cake, Tea/Coffee	49.00	_____	_____
LUNCH SATURDAY Menu: Mexican Buffet: Chips, Salsa, Cheese Dip, Hard and Soft Shell Tacos with Ground Beef and Shredded Chicken, Grilled Fajita Veggies, Cheese Enchiladas, Warm Churros and Ice Cream, Tea/Coffee	35.00	_____	_____
LATE FEE \$15.00 POSTMARKED AFTER OCTOBER 15th	15.00	_____	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED			_____

Visit the website – <http://swyrc.org> – to register for your hotel room, download the schedule, get more info!
Make check payable to “York Rite Southwest Conference”, please, and send to:

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9812 Lorelei Ln NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111-1248

**ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST
BE ACCOMPANIED BY
PAYMENT**