



GRAND SESSION COMMITTEE
Grand York Rite Session 2009
Willmar Conference Center - Willmar, MN
June 25, 26 & 27, 2009



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Dear Companions and Sir Knights,

The three presiding officers, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, James E. Turner, Jr., the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota, Loren R. Schroeder and the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota, Bruce V. Brendal, cordially invite you and your Lady or guest to attend the **Grand York Rite Bodies of Minnesota Annual Sessions at the Holiday Inn and Willmar Conference Center in Willmar, Minnesota on June 25-27, 2009.**

It is the duty of the Dais Officers and the Secretary/Recorder of every Constituent Chapter, Council and Commandery to attend their respective Annual Grand Session or to be represented by proxy. All other Companions and Sir Knights are encouraged to attend. The Grand Commander has requested Commanderies to bring their Beauceants, as each attending Commandery will receive a recognition ribbon. The guests and Ladies of our Companions and Sir Knights are invited to join in many public activities during the session.

There will be some differences from past sessions. An enjoyable time has been planned for everyone attending this Grand Session. This year marks a big change in our scheduling. Each Body of the York Rite is important, thus we feel that each Body should have its own day set-aside especially for them.

Thursday marks a day of the Grand Council Assembly and all that is associated with the Council activities. Including the public installation of the 2009-2010 Grand Council officers. This night there will be a public opening that will include a Memorial Service remembering those Companions and Sir Knights who are no longer with us. After the opening there will be the Lotus Degree.

Friday will be a day for the Grand Commandery Conclave along with its associated events. The public installation of the 2009-2010 Grand Commandery officers will be in the afternoon. The night will conclude with the banquet and its usual fanfare. This year we will have desserts at poolside after the banquet. Great sweets and fellowship!

Saturday will be a day for the Grand Chapter Convocation and its usual Chapter activities. The installation of the Grand Chapter officers for 2009-2010 will be in the afternoon. There will be a very special dinner this day. Instead of the steak fry and its weather uncertainty, we are going to have a "*Sports Themed Dinner*" in the hotel. We invite you to wear your favorite sports team apparel as you enjoy a tailgate style food menu. There will be fun and prizes.

Please see the schedule included with your packet for the specific scheduling of events.

Please be aware of a few changes that we hope will make things more enjoyable for all:

1. Introductions of distinguished guests will be made at their respective Grand Session meeting. There will be no introductions of distinguished out of state guests at the public opening.
2. Installations will occur after the lunch on their respective day.
3. Each Body's special ceremonies will be given on the respective day (example: Ish-Sodi on Thursday since that is Council day).
4. Most awards will be given at the installations, with some exceptions, so that all can witness these important presentations.
5. The silent auction tables will be in the Conference Center hallway for easy viewing.

MEALS

You should reserve your meals by completing the enclosed Registration Form.

In order that you may make informed choices for your dining selections, we are providing the menus for the various meals. If you have any special dietary requirements, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you. Two special lunches are planned: Thursday – Past Grand Commanders (**MN Past Grand Commanders only**), Friday: RAM King Solomon Chapter No. 133 UD (**members only**). Lunches are the same as the regular lunch that day.

Thursday

Joint Lunch.....Soup and sandwich
Welcome Dinner.....Dinner buffet: Caesar salad, beef tips, glazed ham, potatoes

Friday

Men's Lunch.....Sub sandwich variety: ham, turkey or roast beef on a sub
With chips, fruit, cookie and soda
Ladies Luncheon.....Fettuccine Alfredo and salad
Banquet.....Choice of: Roast loin of pork, Walleye or Sirloin Steak,
with house salad, baked potato,
vegetables, bread and butter
Dessert at poolside

Saturday

Joint Lunch.....Chicken Breast Marsala with salad, potato, vegetable, bread
Sports Dinner.....Hamburgers, Brats, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans,
chips and fixin's

Meals will be served with water and coffee.

Hotel Reservations: The Holiday Inn is located on the East edge of Willmar at 2100 East Highway 12. It is ½ mile west of MN Highway 23 on U. S. Highway 12. Call direct to the Holiday Inn at 320-235-6060 to make your reservations. When calling the hotel be sure to specify that you are with the "**Grand York Rite Session**" to obtain our special rate of \$73.75 for either single or double occupancy (not including 10% tax). Check in time is 3:00 P. M. Hotel reservations SHOULD be made by May 26, 2009 otherwise you may not get into this hotel.

DRESS CODE

Public Opening.....	Grand Officers: red, purple or tan jackets without aprons Companions/Sir Knights: suit Ladies informal
Grand Chapter Session & Installation	Grand Officers: Red Jackets with aprons Companions: Suit with aprons
Grand Council Session & Installation	Grand Officers: Purple Jackets with aprons Companions: Suit with aprons
Grand Commandery Session: & Installation	Grand Officers: Full uniform Sir Knights: Full Uniform or dark suit
Luncheons	Casual
Saturday Dinner	Favorite Sports Team Apparel or casual
Grand Banquet.....	Grand Officers and Distinguished Guests; Tuxedo or K. T. Uniform less belt, sword and chapeau Grand Officers Ladies: Formal Distinguished Guests Ladies: Formal Companions/Sir Knights: Uniform less sword, belt and chapeau or dark suit Companions'/Sir Knights' Ladies: Semiformal

If you have any questions, please contact:

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We look forward to seeing you in Willmar this June. Make your plans NOW to join us for an enjoyable event, if you need any more forms-make copies or go to www.mnram.org.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
2009 Grand Session Committee



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Name (First, MI, Last) _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip Code _____
 Lady's name or Guest, if accompanying you (First, MI, Last) _____
 Telephone _____ - _____ - _____ Email _____

Distinguished Guests; Please list any title(s) you wish to be introduced by:

Title (s) _____

This will be used for your Official Introduction (use back for additional titles)

Other Companions and Sir Knights - please indicate current or past office:

Chapter	_____	No. _____	Title or Office _____
Council	_____	No. _____	Title or Office _____
Commandery	_____	No. _____	Title or Office _____

Registration:

Registration for Companions & Sir Knights (MN only)	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$10.00	_____
Registrations received after June 11, 2009	Late Fee	\$10.00 _____

Meal Reservations:

	<u>Nbr.</u>	<u>Price*</u>
Thursday, June 25		
Joint Lunch – Soup & Sandwich	_____	\$15.00 _____
Past Grand Commanders Lunch (MN PGC's only)	_____	\$15.00 _____
Welcome Dinner – Beef Tips & Ham Buffet	_____	\$22.00 _____
Friday, June 26		
Men's Lunch – Variety of Subs	_____	\$13.00 _____
Ladies Luncheon – Fettuccine Alfredo	_____	\$13.00 _____
King Solomon Chapter #133 UD Lunch (RAM's only)	_____	\$13.00 _____
Grand Banquet - Choice Sirloin Steak (8 oz)	_____	\$26.00 _____
Roast Loin of Pork	_____	\$26.00 _____
KaBeelo Lodge Walleye	_____	\$26.00 _____
Saturday, June 27		
Joint Lunch – Chicken Breast Marsala	_____	\$15.00 _____
Dinner - All American Buffet	_____	\$17.00 _____

TOTAL (US\$) _____

{* includes Hotel Service Charge plus Tax and Tip}

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009

Make checks payable to MN Grand York Rite Session and mail with this form to:
 Michael C. Powles, 6555 Riverwood Lane, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430-1645

Questions or Special Dietary concerns should be addressed to Michael Powles at:
763-208-0998 or mcpowles@comcast.net
This form also posted on www.mnram.org

SCHEDULE FOR THE
MINNESOTA GRAND CHAPTER, GRAND COUNCIL AND GRAND COMMANDERY
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THURSDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration
9:00 am - 11:45 am Hospitality room open
9:00 am - 10:30 am Thrice Illustrious Master Degree
10:45 am - 12:00 pm ISH-SODI Degree
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Joint lunch
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Past Grand Commanders lunch (MN Past Grand Commanders only)
1:15 pm - 4:00 pm Hospitality room open
1:15 pm - 4:15 pm **140th GRAND COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**
4:30 pm - 5:45 pm 2009/2010 Grand Council Officers Installation & awards
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Public opening, welcome & Memorial service
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm Hospitality Room open
9:00 pm Order of Lotus

FRIDAY JUNE 26

8:00 am - 1:30 pm Registration
8:00 am - 11:45 am Hospitality room open
8:30 am - 12:00 pm **144th GRAND COMMANDERY CONCLAVE**
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Men's Lunch
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm King Solomon Chapter No.133 UD lunch (members only)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Ladies lunch
1:30 pm - 2:45 pm 2009/2010 Grand Commandery Officers Installation & awards
3:00 pm - 5:30 pm Hospitality room open
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Past Commanders Association
4:45 pm - 6:15 pm Knight Crusaders of the Cross
6:15 pm - 7:00 pm Social time
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Banquet & awards presentations
9:00 pm Hospitality room/Poolside desserts

SATURDAY, June 27

8:00 am - 11:00 am Registration
8:00 am - 11:45 am Hospitality Room open
8:30 am - 12:00 pm **147th GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION**
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Joint lunch
1:30 pm - 2:45 pm 2009/2010 Grand Chapter Officers Installation & awards

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Hospitality Room open
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Order of High Priesthood
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Sports Theme dinner
8:00 pm Session Committee review meeting

SUNDAY, June 28

8:00 am 2009/2010 Grand Commandery Officers meeting

* Schedule subject to change