

# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa

Series 2025 – 2026  
General Order No. X



Jason W. Delzell REGC  
March 21st, 2026

## *Call to Conclave*

To: *All Past Grand Commanders, current Grand Officers, Committee Members, Officers and Sir Knights of all Constituent Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa*

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested as Grand Commander of Iowa, I hereby declare that the One Hundred Sixty-Seconded (162nd) Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa, shall be held June 5, 2026 at the Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn event center in Coralville, IA.

It is the duty of the Commander of each Constituent Commandery to see that his Commandery is represented in person or by proxy, and to assist in the transactions of business to be conducted. The Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General of each Constituent Commandery are **required** to attend, but may be represented and vote by proxy, provided that each member present, or by proxy, shall have only one vote. All proxies must be signed by the officer represented and bear the Seal of the Commandery or they will be deemed invalid.

You **must** complete a registration form for Grand Conclave whether or not you are staying at the hotel and, or ordering meals, as this is how introductions are going to be made and helps speed up the process at the registration and credentials desk. Be sure to register early and book your hotel rooms **no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>** to get the group block rate. Meal reservations **WILL NOT** be accepted at the event. They **MUST** be received by **May 21, 2025**.

All introduction requests must be sent in on the reservation form even if you are not ordering meals. This way we can have everything ready, in advance, for your attendance and your check-in at the registration and VIP desk. Please plan to attend, reconnect with old acquaintances, and make new friends from around the state, region, and nation. Your attendance is important and valuable. The Grand Officers and myself, look forward to seeing you then.

Chivalric Regards,

Jason W. Delzell  
R.E. Grand Commander



Attested:

Scott A. Schabacker  
Grand Recorder

# GRAND YORK RITE MASONS OF IOWA

## Annual Grand Session

June 3rd - 6th, 2026

### HOLIDAY INN - HAMPTON INN HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER- CORALVILLE, IOWA

We extend our warmest fraternal greetings and cordially invite you and your lady to attend the 2026 ANNUAL GRAND SESSION of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery of Iowa.

Our Grand Session will be held June 3rd to 6th, 2026, at the Holiday Inn - Hampton Inn & Convention Center in Coralville, Iowa. The Grand Chapter and Grand Council will be held on Thursday, June 5th. All Grand Chapter and Grand Council introductions will be on Thursday morning. The Grand Commandery Conclave will be held on Friday, June 5th. The Grand Commandery introductions will be on Friday morning. Reville will be at 8:00 am.

All Current and Past Grand High Priests, Past Illustrious Grand Masters, and Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders and their Ladies are encouraged to attend the "Welcome Dinner" on Wednesday evening, June 3rd.

To make the necessary arrangements for your comfort and convenience, please provide the information on the following:

**YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN ROOM RESERVATIONS WITH THE HOTEL HOLIDAY INN, CORALVILLE (1-319-351-5049) or HAMPTON INN CORALVILLE (1-319-351-6600)**

Mention the "GYR" Rate (\$126.00 room + tax)

**NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER May 15th, 2026.**

**PAYMENT** for all meals **MUST ACCOMPANY** each reservation form. **PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE** payment for the hotel in your check to us; this should be paid directly to the hotel.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Grand York Rite of Iowa. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED, AND NO CANCELLATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER May 21st, 2026.**

Session **ONLINE Registration: <https://www.ggcramipay.org/iowagrandsessions>**

Attire for all meetings will be a business suit and an appropriate apron unless otherwise specified. Dress for the Grand York Rite Banquet will be formal (tuxedo or dress suit) or the Commandery Uniform sans sword, belt, and Chapeau. For ladies, casual dress or a pantsuit may be worn during the day, and at the Banquets, formal dress or street-length dresses, unless otherwise specified.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
E. Jay Coon  
M.E. Grand High Priest

Osumana V. Cassell  
M.I. Grand Master

Jason W. Delzell  
R.E. Grand Commander

Attest:

Scott A. Schabacker, Grand Sec/Rec

**Enclosures - Please distribute to your Presiding Officers, Grand Officers, and others.**

# 2026 Grand York Rite of Iowa - Meals

## Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **WELCOME DINNER – Current GRAND OFFICERS and PGHP, PMIGM and REPGC and spouse ONLY**

Fresh Fruit Display or Caesar Salad; Twice Baked Potatoes or Wild Rice Blend; Green Bean Casserole

Entrée:

CHICKEN PICATTA - Sautéed chicken breast with white wine finished in a delicate caper sauce

GRILLED SALMON - Fresh grilled salmon seasoned with herbs and topped with Beurre Blanc sauce.

## Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

### **BAKED POTATO/SALAD BAR BUFFET –**

Includes grilled chicken, soup du jour, large Idaho potatoes with the following toppings:

Cheddar cheese sauce, sour cream, butter, green onions, bacon bits, steamed broccoli, and chili.

Choice of 2 Salads:

Coleslaw

Cottage Cheese

All buffets are served with iced tea and water.

### **COMPANY PICNIC BUFFET DINNER –**

Includes fresh Kaiser and hoagie rolls, baked beans, corn on the cob, assorted cheeses, potato chips, and condiments.

Choice of 2 meats: Hamburgers • Beer Brats

Choice of 2 salads: Potato Salad • Fresh Garden Salad with

Assorted Dressings

All buffets are served with iced tea and water.

## Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> –

### **LADIES'S- “The Deli Luncheon”-**

Includes sliced turkey, ham, Cheddar & Swiss cheeses, tomatoes, dill pickle spears, red onions, assorted bread, and croissants.

Served with soup du jour and potato chips.

Choice of 2 Salads:

Tossed Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings

Fresh Fruit Tray

Brownie Dessert

### **MEN'S- “Mexican Fiesta”-**

Includes south-of-the-border chop salad, soft or hard tortilla shells, traditional toppings, refried beans, poblano rice, and chips with salsa.

Choice of 2 entrées: Steak Fajitas • Chicken Tacos

Brownie Dessert

All buffets are served with iced tea and water.

## **GRAND BANQUET DINNER-**

### **Duet Medley – Option 1**

A designer duet featuring your choice of two entrees from the list below:

10 oz Queen Cut Prime Rib

3-4 Stuffed Shrimp

Roasted Red Potatoes

Honey Glazed Carrots

### **Stuffed Chicken Cordon Bleu (Plated Dinner) – Option 2**

All Plated Entrées are served with a house salad, a vegetable, choice of starch, dinner rolls with butter, dessert, regular & decaffeinated coffee, and iced tea.

Tender chicken breast stuffed with Gorgonzola cheese and ham, then baked and topped with Hollandaise sauce.

~Roasted Red Potatoes

~Honey Glazed Carrots

### **Pecan Crusted Pork Loin (Plated Dinner) – Option 3**

All Plated Entrées are served with a house salad, a vegetable, choice of starch, dinner rolls with butter, dessert, regular & decaffeinated coffee, and iced tea.

Pork Tenderloin baked with a crust of pecans, finished with a mild sweet brown sauce.

~Roasted Red Potatoes

~Honey Glazed Carrots

Chef's Choice Dessert

## **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> -**

### **SUNRISE MORNING BREAKFAST BUFFET –**

Fresh seasonal fruit display and breakfast potatoes.

freshly scrambled eggs, bacon and flaky country biscuits & gravy

Orange Juice

All breakfast buffets include regular and decaffeinated coffee and hot tea.

**2026 Grand York Rite of Iowa  
Registration and Meals – June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Name- \_\_\_\_\_ Companion Attending - Yes No Name- \_\_\_\_\_

Email - \_\_\_\_\_

Address - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone - \_\_\_\_\_

City - \_\_\_\_\_ State - \_\_\_\_\_ Zip - \_\_\_\_\_

**Representing:**

Chapter Jurisdiction/Title - \_\_\_\_\_

Council Jurisdiction/Title - \_\_\_\_\_

Commandery Jurisdiction/Title - \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Wednesday, June 3rd</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Welcome Dinner - 5:00 pm - Invitation Only	\$ -		
<b>Thursday, June 4th</b>			
Mens and Ladies Joint "Potato Bar" Luncheon	\$ 19.50		
The Company Picnic Dinner	\$ 33.00		
<b>Friday, June 5th</b>			
Ladies Deli Luncheon Buffet	\$ 19.50		
Mens Mexican Fiesta Buffet	\$ 22.00		
Grand Banquet - Duet Medley - 10 oz Prime Rib	\$ 42.00		
Grand Banquet - Stuffed Shrimp	\$ 42.00		
Grand Banquet - Stuffed Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$ 30.00		
Grand Banquet - Peacan Encrusted Pork Loin	\$ 30.00		
<b>Saturday, June 6th</b>			
Sunrise Morning Breakfast Buffet	\$ 19.50		
York Rite Leadership Program	\$ -		
<b>Total</b>			

**Mail Registration and check no later than *Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026***

**Make the Check payable to: Grand York Rite of Iowa**

**Mail to: P.O. Box 1; Victor, IA 52347-0001.**

**Questions: [lowagrandyrsecrec@gmail.com](mailto:lowagrandyrsecrec@gmail.com) or 319-464-7691**

### *Grand Chapter Officers*

M.E. Erwin Jay Coon, Grand High Priest  
R.E. Tom C. Bowersox, Grand King  
R.E. Rusty L. Hill, Grand Scribe  
R.E. Nathaniel F. Renner Grand Treasurer  
R.E. Scott A. Schabacker Grand Secretary  
R.E. Fred Erickson Grand Chaplain  
E. Michael H. Johnson, Grand Captain of the Host  
E. Osumana V, Cassell, Grd. Principal Sojourner  
E. Dillon Holtkamp, Grand Royal Arch Captain  
E. Bryan D. Bever, Grand Master III Veil  
E. Brian Ahrens, Grand Master II Veil  
E. Drew Thelen, Grand Master I Veil  
E. Frank Swallow, Sr., Grand Sentinel  
E. Rick Mc Campbell, Grand Musician

### *Grand Council Officers*

M.I. Osumana V, Cassell, Grand Master  
R.I. Ryan E. Reid, Deputy Grand Master  
R.I. Jons C. Olsson, Grand P. C. W.  
R.I. Nathaniel F. Renner Grand Treasurer  
R.I. Scott A. Schabacker Grand Recorder  
R.I. E. Jay Coon, Grand Chaplain  
I. Rusty L. Hill, Grand Captain of the Guard  
I. Stephen G. Libby, Grand Conductor of Council I.  
I. Bryan D. Bever, Grand Steward  
I. Joseph Buresh, Grand Sentinel  
I. Frank Swallow, Sr., Grand Marshall  
I. Antonio B. Collins, Grand Organist

### *Grand Commandery Officers*

R.E. Jason W. Delzell, Grand Commander  
V.E. Michael D.C. Boomer, Deputy Grand Commander  
E. Bryan D. Bever, Grand Generalissimo  
E. John D. Determan, Grand Captain General  
E. W. Wayne Castle, Grand Senior Warden  
E. Scott D. Campbell, Grand Junior Warden  
E. Jons C. Olsson, Grand Prelate  
E. Nathaniel F. Renner Grand Treasurer  
E. Scott A. Schabacker Grand Recorder  
R.E. Edward T. Johnson, PGC Grand Recorder Emeritus  
E. John Klopfenstein, Grand Standard Bearer  
E. Brian Bacher, Grand Sword Bearer  
E. Matt Hoffman, Grand Warder  
E. Frank Swallow, Sr., Grand Sentinel  
E. Curt McCallum, Grand First Guard  
E. Michael H. Johnson Grand Second Guard  
E. Rob Matherly, Grand Third Guard  
E. Gary W. Shaulis, Grand Organist

## **Ladies' Program Schedule**

**Thursday, June 4, 2026**

**9:30 am** Board Bus/Van from Hotel Lobby

**10:00 am** Travel to Williamsburg – Tanger Outlet (Mall)

Travel to Main Amana

Visit Winery

Visit Chocolate Shop

Visit Woolen Mill, etc., etc.

**LUNCH (Own your Own)**

**3:00 PM** Travel back to the hotel

**Welcome To The Annual  
Iowa Grand York Rite  
Sessions  
June 3 - 6, 2026**



**Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons of Iowa  
Most Excellent Erwin Jay Coon  
Grand High Priest**

**Grand Council  
Royal and Select Masters of Iowa  
Most Illustrious  
Osumana V. Cassell  
Most Illustrious Grand Master**

**Grand Commandery  
Knights Templar of Iowa  
Right Eminent Jason W. Delzell  
Grand Commander**

**Holiday Inn  
1220 1st Ave. Coralville, IA 52241**

## Men's Program Schedule

### Wednesday, June 3, 2026

All meetings in the **Rotary Meeting Room**  
8:00 am Chapter Jurisprudence Committee  
9:00 am Council Jurisprudence Committee  
10:00 pm Commandery Jurisprudence  
11:00 am K.Y.C.H.  
11:30 am H.R.A.K.T.P. Meeting  
12:00 pm Lunch on your own  
1:00 pm Red Cross Meeting  
1:30 pm YR College Meeting  
2:00 pm Grand Chapter Officers Practice  
3:30 pm Grand Council Officers Practice  
4:00 pm Registration/Credentials Desk opens  
5:00 pm "Welcome Dinner" Casual Dress  
7:00 pm 10 – Man Ritual Competition

### Thursday, June 4, 2026

7:00 am Registration/Credentials Desk opens.  
8:00 am Grand Convocation Grand Chapter  
11:00 am Public Memorial Service/Vespers  
12:00 pm Joint Lunch with ladies "Potato Bar"  
1:15 pm Grand Assembly Grand Council  
4:00 pm Installation of 2026-2027 Grand Council Officers  
4:45 pm Installation of 2026-2027 Grand Chapter Officers  
5:30 pm Social Hour  
6:30 pm Dinner "Company Picnic" Casual - Tailgate  
7:30 pm Grand Commandery Officers Practice.

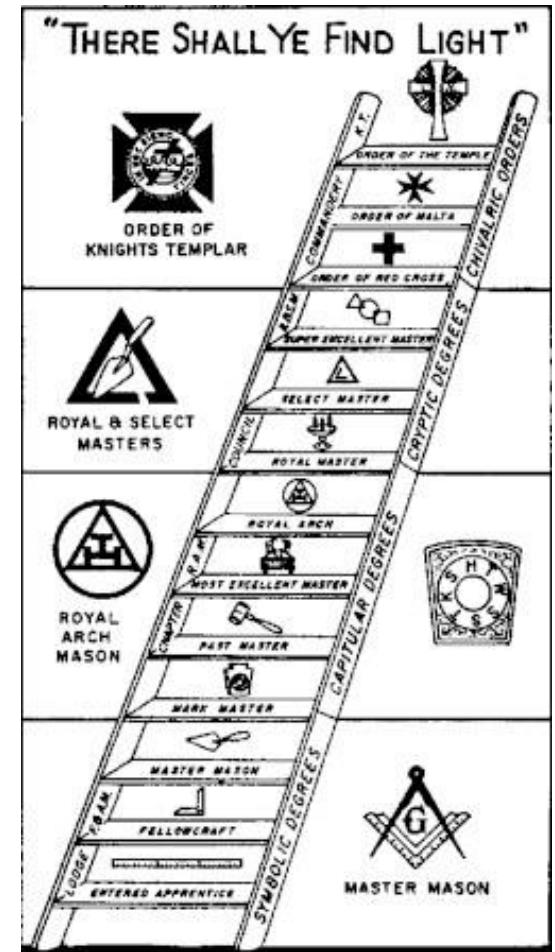
### Friday, June 5, 2026

7:00 am Registration/Credentials Desk opens.  
8:00 am Commandery Reveille. North Parking Lot  
Awarding of Beauseant streamers  
9:00 am Grand Commandery Conclave convenes.  
12:00 pm Men's Lunch "Mexican Buffet".  
12:00 pm Ladies's Lunch "Deli Buffet"  
12:00 pm T.S. Parvin Committee Meeting  
1:15 pm Reconvene Grand Commandery  
1:15 pm Ladies Outing TBD  
3:45 pm Installation of 2026-2027 Grand Commandery Officers  
5:30 pm Social Hour  
6:30 pm Grand Banquet and Awards - Formal Dress: Colored Jackets/Jewels or Tux.  
Grand Commandery Officers:  
KT Uniform sans sword, belt and chapeau.  
Ladies: Formal. Dress or Pant Suit.  
8:00 pm Iowa Association of High Rollers - North Parking Lot

### Saturday June 6, 2026

7:00 am "Sunrise Morning Buffet" Breakfast  
8:00 am York Rite Leadership Program YRL-102  
Lunch Provided for YRL-102  
Check out and have a safe trip home.

**NOTE: Unless specified ALL Meetings will be in the Kinnick Ballroom.**



If you have any questions, please contact:  
**Scott A. Schabacker**  
Grand Secretary/Recorder  
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*During my career in the military, I took many leadership courses, and I must say that this is one of the best I have ever had.*

*–Retired Air Force officer*

*I wanted to thank you for the outstanding presentation of the Leadership Part 1 program this past Saturday. You kept me engaged in the program all day, which is quite a feat as I have been to more “Leadership” training than I care to remember through the corporate world and usually have trouble staying interested after the first hour or so.*

*–Eminent Commander*

*Now that I have completed the program, I want to say that even though I have participated in many corporate leadership-type programs, this was one of the best. I always say that if I can just learn one new thing it was worth my time. This was certainly worth my time!*

*– Former and current Grand Line officer*

Apply for admission to this prestigious training at  
[www.YorkRiteLeadership.org](http://www.YorkRiteLeadership.org)



## **The York Rite Leadership Training Program**

### **Problem Solving Through Effective Leadership**

This program is designed to enhance your leadership abilities. The elements of this training are self improvement, understanding others, and powerful communication skills. In this training you will learn to create team bonding, empower individuals to be effective team leaders, and understand how to highlight the strengths and mitigate the weaknesses of every member. The outcome of this training is sure to improve the craft and you will notice improvements in your work and family life as well.

#### **SPONSORED BY:**

- The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA
- The General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International
- The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

## Why York Rite Leadership is Needed for Masonry

Recognizing the need to prepare a core group of leaders for the York Rite, the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International, and Grand Encampment of Knights Templar have formed a partnership to provide state-of-the-art leadership training to the Companions, Sir Knights, and individuals connected to the Masonic family. This group of individuals who step forward are preparing to move into leadership positions in our fraternity or to continue to hone those leadership skills they have already acquired.

This leadership training consists of three distinct courses. The courses are generally offered at each annual Regional/Department Conference. The first course focuses on self and how to be personally effective. The second course builds upon the concepts gained in the first year course and focuses on how groups work together, and the third year course emphasizes development of communication skills. Our belief

being that regardless of how extensive the leadership training an individual receives, that person will not be a successful or effective leader unless able to communicate that person's leadership vision.

The entire training program is provided free of charge to the participant. The only cost or investment required of the participant is transportation, lodging, meals, and conference registration. There is no separate charge or tuition for the course itself. The York Rite provides all training materials and the instructors. Once each of the three in-person courses is completed, successful graduates will have earned a beautiful token for completing the leadership training program.

To enroll and participate in the program, the applicant will need to apply online at [YorkRiteLeadership.org](http://YorkRiteLeadership.org). Having been approved, the student will then enroll in the training courses as

his or her schedule allows.

It should be understood that participation in the program does not ensure that the participant or graduate will be selected for any office in the York Rite. Members at all levels are welcome but newer members are especially encouraged to participate in this program.

Leadership is a visionary means for effecting change. While much of the material is generally applicable, the addition of Masonic references and information makes it extremely applicable to the Craft.

*Designed to integrate solid leadership and communication skills, with a special emphasis on Masonic teaching, this program promotes classroom interaction and participation, inter-jurisdictional cross-culturalization, and development of personal relationships upon which to build a bright future for our fraternity.*