

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

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Keith A. Myhre, REGC  
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## *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-First (161st) Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa, shall be held June 6, 2025 at the Holiday Inn and Bien Venu event center in Cedar Falls, 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,

Keith A. Myhre  
R.E. Grand Commander



Attested:

Scott A. Schabacker  
Grand Recorder

# Grand York Rite of Iowa

2025 Sessions – Holiday Inn and Bien Venu – Cedar Falls, IA – June 4-7, 2025  
7400 Hudson Road, Cedar Falls, IA, 50613      319-260-2600 (North of Highway 20 on Hudson Rd.)



## Wednesday June 4, 2025

### Morning setup

- 10:00 pm** Chapter Jurisprudence Committee Meeting
- 11:00 pm** Council Jurisprudence Committee Meeting
- 12:00 pm** Lunch on your own
- 1:00 pm** Commandery Jurisprudence Committee Meeting
- 2:00 pm** K.Y.C.H.
- 2:30 pm** H.R.A.K.T.P. Meeting
- 3:00 pm** Joint York Rite College Meeting
- 3:30 pm** Red Cross of Constantine Meeting
- 4:00 pm** Registration/Credentials Desk opens
- 4:00 pm** T.S. Parvin Committee Meeting
- 4:15 pm** K.C.T. Meeting
- 4:30 pm** Grand Chapter Officers Practice
- 5:30 pm** Grand Council Officers Practice
- 7:00 pm** "Welcome Dinner" (Iowa Cookout)

Dress-Casual

Roasted Iowa pork loin topped with a sweet heat bourbon glaze, mashed garlic redskin potatoes, corn casserole, and seasonal fruit. Served with cinnamon rolls

### Hospitality Room opens following dinner

## Thursday June 5, 2025

**7:00 am.** Registration/Credentials Desk opens.

Breakfast on your own (Hotel will provide a breakfast buffet for \$12 in their restaurant.)

**8:00 am** Ceremonial Public Grand Opening. Public Memorial Service/Vespers.

**9:30 am** Grand Convocation Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

**12:00 pm** Joint Lunch with ladies

**"The Sandwich Shoppe"**

A sandwich spread consisting of a variety of meats and sliced cheeses. Turkey, ham, roast beef, cheddar, swiss, and provolone. Paired with an assortment of breads. Served with assorted chips, chef's choice soup, house salad, and sandwich add ons, plus fresh baked cookies

**1:15 pm** Grand Assembly Grand Council Royal and Select Masters

**4:00 pm** Installation of 2025-2026 Grand Chapter Officers

**4:45 pm** Installation of 2025-2026 Grand Council Officers

**5:30 pm** Social Hour

**6:30 pm** Dinner "Bien Venu Buffet"

Dress: Colored Jackets/Jewels or KT uniform, sans sword, belt & chapeau.

Ladies-Dress or pant suit.

Lightly breaded chicken breast finished with a white wine cream, seared sirloin topped with French onion demi glace, garlic green beans and fire roasted tomatoes, and au Gratin potatoes. Served with three layered strawberry cake

**7:30 pm** Grand Commandery Officers Practice.

**Hospitality room opens following dinner**

## **Friday June 6, 2025**

**7:00 am.** Registration/Credentials Desk opens.

Breakfast on your own (Hotel will provide a breakfast buffet for \$12 in their restaurant.

**8:00 am** Commandery Reveille. (Outdoors, weather permitting. North side of event centers. Awarding of beauceant streamers)

**9:00 am** Grand Commandery Conclave convenes.

**12:00 pm** Joint Lunch with ladies "All the Pastabilities"

Cavatappi and penne pastas served with choice of (2) sauces; garlic alfredo, marinara, four cheese, creamy pesto, or beer cheese. Includes choice of (2) meats; grilled chicken, meatballs, Italian sausage, or, sliced smoked sausage. Includes fire roasted cherry tomatoes and sauteed mushroom and onion. Served with house salad and breadsticks

**1:15 pm** Reconvene Grand Commandery

**1:15 pm** Ladies Outing TBD

**3:45 pm** Installation of 2025-2026 Grand Commandery Officers

**5:30 pm** Social Hour

**6:30 pm** Grand Banquet and Awards Presentations

Dress: Colored Jackets/Jewels or Tux. Grand Commandery

Officers: KT Uniform sans sword, belt and chapeau.

Ladies: Formal. Dress or Pant Suit.

(Choose meals for you and your lady)

“Italian Roast Beef”

Tender, slow roasted beef in a herbed wine tomato sauce, herbed polenta, and garlic vegetable medley

**OR**

“Chicken Corn Velouté”

Parm crusted chicken finished with fire roasted corn sauce, baby redskinned potatoes, and garlic green beans

Desert Table

**Hospitality Room open following the banquet**

**Saturday June 7, 2025**

**7:00 am** “Iowa Rise and Shine” Breakfast

Egg frittata, buttermilk biscuits, sausage gravy, ham, bacon, and chive hashbrowns

**8:00** Past Commanders Association

**9:00 am** Commandery Competition

**Travel safely home**

## **MEAL RESERVATIONS**

Meal reservations are to be made with the enclosed registration form and mailed to the Grand Recorder's office. **The deadline for meal reservations to be received with remittance is May 21, 2025.** No refunds or cancellations after May 24, 2025. Tickets **will not** be sold at the door.

*If you have **special dietary needs**, please contact the Grand Recorder's office and we will try our best to accommodate.*

All meal reservations are due by May 21, 2025. All checks should be made payable to the **Grand Commandery of Iowa** and sent along with the meal reservation to:

**Scott Schabacker  
Grand Secretary/Recorder  
Grand York Rite Bodies of Iowa  
P.O. Box 1  
Victor, IA 52347-0001**

*Meal reservations will **NOT** be accepted at the Grand Conclave session.*

***ATTENTION ALL GRAND OFFICERS:***

***ALL GRAND OFFICER MEAL RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY MAY 1, 2025, SO WE CAN PLAN THE FINAL DETAILS FOR CONCLAVE AND ASSIGN HOSTING DUTIES.***



# GRAND YORK RITE OF IOWA

## Annual Grand Session

June 4-7, 2025

BIEN VENUE EVENT CENTER-7400 Hudson Rd. Cedar Falls, IA 50613 319-260-2600

### 2025 REGISTRATION FORM

Please Complete (Print or Type)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Companion if attending: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRI. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DEP. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list **ALL TITLES** for Introduction

**Current York Rite Offices:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Past Presiding Officer and Body:** \_\_\_\_\_

(All Introductions Thursday morning – Those not introduced will be introduced Friday morning)

WE MUST HAVE ADVANCE RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT ON ALL MEALS. Make checks out to: **GRAND YORK RITE OF IOWA**. Send to: Scott A Schabacker, PO Box 1, Victor, IA 52347-0001. Pay by Credit Card on next page. **NO REFUNDS** will be made on cancellations after **May 21, 2025**, and no reservations will be accepted after **May 1, 2025**, except in extreme circumstances when all considerations will be given. **Please contact Grand Secretary/Recorder 319-464-7691 or iowagrandyrsecrec@gmail.com**

Wednesday, June 4th		Cost	No. Attending	Amount
7:00 pm	Grand Officers and Past Grand Presiding Officers Dinner. IOWA COOKOUT	\$0.00	_____	\$0

Thursday, June 5th				
7:00 am	Breakfast on your own		-	
12:15 pm	Lunch, THE SANDWICH SHOPPE	\$26.00	_____	\$ _____
6:30 pm	Dinner, BIEN VENU BUFFET	\$42.00	_____	\$ _____

Friday, June 6th				
7:00 am	Breakfast on your own	Comp	_____	\$0
12:00 pm	Luncheon, ALL THE PASTABILITIES	\$32.00	_____	\$ _____
6:30 pm	Grand York Rite Banquet (Formal attire – Men Jewels and tux or KT Uniform, w/o sword and chapeau)			
	ITALAIN ROAST BEEF	\$37.00	_____	\$ _____
	CHICKEN CORN VELOUTE	\$33.00	_____	\$ _____

Saturday, June 7th				
7:00 am	Departing Breakfast IOWA RISE AND SHINE	\$23.00	_____	\$ _____

Name on Card- \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card Number- \_\_\_\_\_ Exp- \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Code- \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The link will take you to our reservation website. You must enter your check-in/checkout dates, no rate code or anything else needed, just the dates. After you enter the dates, it will take you directly to the room block where you will see available rooms and the group rate. You then just complete the reservation as usual. Please provide Hotel Confirmation Number: \_\_\_\_\_ **Deadline is May 1st, 2025**

Booking link: [Iowa York Rite's Grand Session](#) 319-260-2600

## MEAL DESCRIPTIONS

**Holiday Inn and Bien Venu – Cedar Falls, IA – June 4-7, 2025**

### Meals:

**Wednesday:** Lunch on your own.

**Thursday – Friday:** Breakfast on your own. The hotel will have a Breakfast Buffet available for \$12.00 or order off the menu.

**Please let us know of any special dietary needs.**

All lunches and dinners include water, coffee and iced tea.

All dinners include house salad, dinner roll and butter, coffee station and iced tea.

**Wednesday Evening – Welcome Dinner: IOWA COOKOUT - \$0.00**

**ONLY OPEN TO CURRENT GRAND OFFICERS AND ANY PGHP, PIGM AND PGC and Ladies**

Roast Iowa Pork Loin topped with sweet heat bourbon glaze, mashed garlic redskin potatoes, corn casserole, and seasonal fruit. Served with cinnamon rolls.

**Thursday Lunch: THE SANDWICH SHOPPE - \$26.00**

A sandwich spread consisting of a variety of meats and sliced cheeses. Turkey, ham, roast beef, cheddar, Swiss and provolone. Paired with an assortment of breads. Served with assorted chips, chef's choice soup, house salad, and sandwich add-ons, plus fresh baked cookies.



**Thursday Dinner: BIEN VENUE BUFFET - \$42.00**

Lightly breaded chicken breast finished in white wine cream, seared sirloin topped with French onion demi glaze, garlic green beans and fire roasted tomatoes, and Au Gratin potatoes. Served with three-layer strawberry cake.

**Friday Lunch: ALL THE PASTABILITIES - \$32.00**

Cavatappi and penne pasta served with a choice of (2) sauces: garlic alfredo, marinara, four cheese, creamy pesto, or beer cheese. Includes choice of (2) meats: grilled chicken, meatballs, Italian sausage, or sliced smoked sausage. Includes fire roasted cherry tomatoes and sautéed mushrooms and onions. Served with house salad and breadsticks.

**Friday Night Banquet: 2 choices**

**ITALIAN ROAST BEEF - \$37.00**

Tender, slow roasted beef in a herbed wine tomato sauce, herbed polenta, and garlic vegetable medley.

**CHICKEN CORN VELOUTE - \$33.00**

Parm crusted chicken finished with fire roasted corn sauce, baby red skinned potatoes, and garlic green beans.

**Saturday Parting Breakfast: IOWA RISE AND SHINE – \$23.00**

Egg frittata, buttermilk biscuits, sausage gravy, ham, bacon and chive hashbrowns.