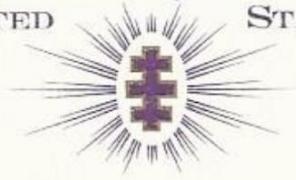


Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
OF THE UNITED STATES of AMERICA



DEPARTMENT FOR EUROPE AND AFRICA

JANUARY 6, 2023

SIR KNIGHTS ALL

My best wishes for the Year 2023.

As you know, the Conference of the Europe-Africa Department 2023 takes place this year in Taormina, Sicily, Italy.

The Conference will take place at the Hotel Vila Diodoro between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the 12th of May. (<https://www.hotelvilladiodoro.com/eng/index>)

In the afternoon of the same day, the Grand Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Italy, which is the oldest Grand Commandery of the Europe-Africa Department, will begin.

The 3 Ritual Bodies of the York Rite of Italy have negotiated with the Hotel Diodoro the price per night and per person of 160 euros for the Knights participating in the event.

Hotel Villa Diodoro

Via Bagnoli Croci, 75 - 98039 Taormina (ME)

Tel: +39 0942 23312 - Fax: +39 0942 23391

E-mail: diodoro@gaishotels.com

Hotel Isabella has also been contacted and will be able to host the Knights at the price of 100 euros per night and per person.

Hotel Isabella

Corso Umberto 58

98039 Taormina (ME)

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Meals at Hotel Vila Diodoro

Lunch / dinner meals at Hotel Diodoro cost 38 euros per person. However, the Gala Dinner, to be held on Saturday the 13th at night, costs 85 euros per person.

Transport

The nearest airport is CATANIA, which is 43 Km from Taormina. From Catania airport is now easier to reach Taormina thanks to the new railway station, called just Catania Fontanarossa. At the exit of the airport terminal there is in fact the stop of the shuttle bus (a bus of AMT Catania) that goes to the train station. The ticket costs €5.60 one way. The schedules are available on the website and on the Trenitalia app. Tickets can be purchased directly at the station (ticket machines) or online. As soon as you arrive at the Taormina-Giardini station, a red shuttle called TaorminaLink will connect you to the city center. All included in the price of a single ticket.

https://www.trenitalia.com/it/treni_regionali/sicilia/catania-aeroporto-fontanarossa.html

The connection between the two cities can also be made by bus without any problem, and by taxi, as there are companies that do this regularly.

Conference registration

S.K. _____

Jurisdiction _____ Grand Commandery

_____ Commandery

KT Office _____

Lady name if coming _____

Date and time of arrival _____

Date and time of departure _____

Please send this application to the following email as soon as possible to prepare your best reception. pcoelho13@gmail.com

Disclose this information among the Knights of your jurisdiction



S.K. Joaquim Pinto Coelho

R.Em. Department Commander Europe-Africa