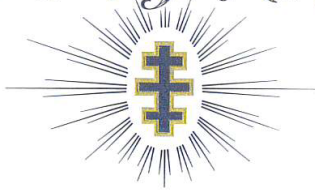


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Sir Knights,

Enclosed herewith, you will find the information for the North Central Department Conference of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to be held on Saturday October 28, 2023, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Preferred attire for this conference is **coat and tie (not Knight Templar Uniform)**. Like last year, the business sessions will be spread over two days. General Grand Chapter will meet October 27th – Friday 8 AM-Noon. General Grand Council will meet Friday 1 PM – 5 PM. Grand Encampment will meet October 28th – Saturday – 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. There is no longer an overlap or conflict that forces Companions and Sir Knights to “split” their time.

I wish to draw special attention to the Nails Breakfast scheduled for 7 AM on Saturday. For those of you who have not joined this group, I ask you to do so. It is a light-hearted moment of merriment and gaiety enjoyed by all which generates revenue for RARA, CMMRF AND KTEF. Members are fined \$1.00 for indiscretions and transgressions. For example, Did you travel more than 200 miles to get here? (or less than 200 miles?) Do you have white hair? (or no hair?) Did you gamble on a football game this season? (or any athletic event?) Are you wearing a necktie? It is whatever the president decides is not appropriate Masonic conduct on the morning that we meet. As I said, it is designed to raise funds for the YR Charities (and it is good for a lot of fun and laughter).

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. I call upon each Grand Commander in the NC Department to impress upon these Officers that this is a “command performance”. If one of the aforesaid Officers is unable to attend, he must request excusal from the Grand Master of Grand Encampment.

This conference is open to all Sir Knights. I urge the NC Department Commanders to encourage the Sir Knights in your state to participate in the “York Rite Leader’s Program”. This program is conducted by Lane Pierce (972-809-6680 or YRL@yorkriteleadership.org). It is at the same time and place but is enrolled in separately from the conference. Contact SK Pierce for more specifics. Details of the program (“Personal Effectiveness”, “Group Dynamics” and “Influential Communication”) are available on the website – yorkriteleadership.org.

Each Grand Commander will be called upon during the conference to give a brief account of the activities occurring and planned within your Grand Commandery. Give some serious thought to this before you arrive in Sioux Falls.

Fraternally and Respectfully,

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