GRAND COMMANDERY
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East Central Department Meeting

Sir Knight Recorder,

The East Central Department Meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2027. The Meetings will be held at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, located at 1020 S. Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne. I have attached further information on the back of this bulletin.

This Bulletin shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at the first Stated Conclave following its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 18th Day of November, A.D. 2026 A.O. 908.

Courteously,

Dominic J. Hamblin, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, PGC, KCT
Grand Recorder

2027 East Central York Rite Conference

Hello Companions & Sir Knights!

It is a great pleasure to invite you and your families to attend the 2027 East Central Department Conference, to be held Saturday, March 13th, 2027 at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The headquarters hotel is the Hilton Ft. Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, located at 1020 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, IN 46802.

We have again secured very favorable room rates at the special group price of $139 per night, plus tax. The hotel reservation deadline is Feb 17th, 2027. However, rooms will go quickly, and the group rate is not guaranteed once the room block is sold out. Please do not wait to make your reservations! Hotel rooms can be booked by phone or through Hilton's online system:

- You can call the hotel direct at (260) 420-1100 ***or*** call 1-800-HILTONS to make your reservation. Please use the conference group code: **EAS**.
- You can book on-line via the following link: https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/fwafhhf-eas-bd6937e6-dbb9-41e6-8932-1f6b5ac038a9/

Parking at the hotel is available for a daily charge. The gated parking garage is located across the street from the hotel, and you can access the hotel from the garage via a skywalk. If you are visiting from outside the Region/Department and will be traveling by air, the Fort Wayne International Airport is located about 7 miles from the headquarters hotel. The hotel does provide a shuttle – please reach out to the hotel directly to coordinate pick-up.

We have great hospitality planned for the weekend with a well-stocked hospitality room that will be open Friday and Saturday (please see the conference schedule for times), a wonderful ladies program on Saturday, and a fellowship dinner on Saturday evening. Please see the full agenda for a list of event times and room locations. Meal reservations can be made by completing the attached forms and returning them with payment, or by going online to the East Central Department Conference website (https://www.eventcreate.com/e/2027-ecdc) and completing the online form. Registration and meal reservations must be received by ***end of day Sunday, February 28th, 2027***.

Each Companion/Sir Knight attending Saturday Department/Regional Conference must pay the registration fee; your spouse and children, if attending, do not need to pay registration. Additional information about things to do in Ft. Wayne, including attractions and places to eat, can be found on the conference website https://www.eventcreate.com/e/2027-ecdc. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact SK Jay Kennedy at (734) 755-4594 or skjpk@yahoo.com. Spread the word about this great event and we look forward to seeing you in Ft. Wayne this coming March!

Courteously,

SK Jay P. Kennedy
Dept. Commander
East Central Dept.
Grand Encampment, K.T.

Ex. Comp. Jason Miller
RDGHP
East Central Region
General Grand Chapter

Ill. Comp. Sean Jones
RDGGM
East Central Region
General Grand Council

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____
(First - Middle Initial - Last)

LADY/GUEST: _____
(First - Middle Initial - Last)

ADDRESS: _____
Street address

_____ _____ _____
City State Zip

Home Phone: ( ) _____ Cell: ( ) _____

Email: _____

I will be Attending:

General Grand Chapter Session	☐
General Grand Council Session	☐
Grand Encampment (KT) Session	☐

Office/Title:

Chapter: _____
Council: _____
Commandery: _____

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Session Registration (All Sir Knights and Companions):	$40.00		
Ladies Noon Luncheon and Entertainment Program:			
Slow roasted turkey and basil sandwich	$32.00		
Smoked ham sandwich	$32.00		
Vegetarian wrap	$30.00		
Meal selection includes plated salad, dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade			
Sir Knights and Companion's Luncheon:			
Slow roasted turkey and basil sandwich	$32.00		
Smoked ham sandwich	$32.00		
Vegetarian wrap	$30.00		
Meal selection includes plated salad, dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade			
Saturday Evening Banquet:			
Roasted herbed chicken breast	$56.00		
Bacon wrapped pork loin	$56.00		
Herb roasted Faroe Island salmon	$56.00		
Polenta cake w/ roasted veg (vegetarian)	$50.00		
Meal selection includes plated salad, dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade			

Total Registration and Meals: ☐

Registration deadline is *Sunday, February 28th*.

Your registration will not be considered "complete" until payment is received.

Please submit completed forms and payment to: Jay Kennedy, 1503 Chase Hill Dr., Severn, MD 21144