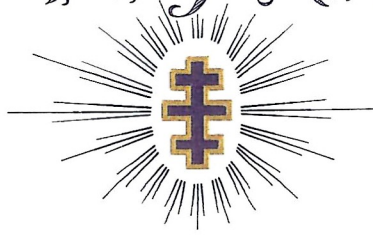


Grand Encampment of Knights Templar



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KENNETH A. CALDWELL, KCT
RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

July 8, 2026

Dear Sir Knights:

Enclosed please find the information for the Northeast Department Conference of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to be held on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at The Crowne Plaza Albany Desmond Hotel and Conference Center 660 Albany-Shaker Rd Albany, N.Y. 12211 Phone: 518-869-8100 The Group code is YOR There will be electronic registration coming soon. I will update everyone as we progress.

Hotel reservation details, along with the registration form and schedule are also enclosed/attached. The schedule includes lunch buffet, and Banquet information. Please note the different hotel and conference registration date deadlines.

Pursuant to Section 114(b) of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, every Grand

Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General and Grand

Recorder are required to attend the Conference. All Right Eminent Grand Commanders in the Northeast Department are asked to assist in ensuring your Officers are fully apprised of the conference details and emphasize the necessity and importance of their attendance!

If any of the above Officers are unable to attend the Northeast Department Conference, he must directly request approval to be excused, with reasons therefore, from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. This conference is open to all Sir Knights who desire to attend, so please feel free to advise your Sir Knights and extend them an invitation to attend and participate in the Conference.

The Officers of the Grand Encampment spend considerable time and effort in preparing the Department Conference Program to assist your Grand Commandery and your efforts as an elected Grand Officer. I believe that you will find the conference to be most beneficial as you prepare and execute your plans to promote and grow Templar Masonry during this triennium in your respective jurisdictions. Together, we will continue to make Templar Masonry the most prestigious appendant Masonic Body that one may petition for membership.

Each Grand Commander will be called upon to give a brief account of the activities planned or occurring in your Grand Commandery. Please give some thought to your presentations as each of us can learn from one another. Make it concise and insightful for your peers.

Courteously,

Kenneth A. Caldwell

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Right Eminent Northeast Department Commander

Detach this page and mail with check

Payable to:

Northeast Conference

c/o Bill Miller

4 Aspen Rise

East Granby, CT 06026

Registration Information, please print

Name _____

Ladies Name (If Attending) _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Title: _____

Please indicate which session(s) you are attending, check all that apply:

Fri: Chapter ☐ Council ☐

Sat: Commandery ☐

Meals from other side _____

Reg Fee -- Conf. **\$40.00**

Total: _____

Please double check your meal choices and prices transferring to this page. Remember, the Registration Fee is mandatory and must be included in the total amount.

**OR REGISTER VIA WEBSITE
AND PAY ELECTRONICALLY**

Northeast York Rite Conference

The Officers of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International and the Grand Encampment Knights Templar United States of America welcome you to this year's Conference.

General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council will hold their sessions on Friday, September 11, beginning at 8:00 AM.

Grand Encampment will hold their sessions on Saturday, September 12, beginning at 8:00 AM.

The Registration fee for all men is \$40.00 per person. All Companions and Sir Knights are highly encouraged to attend.

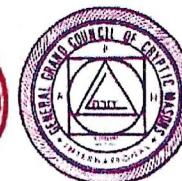
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2026

Northeastern York Rite Conference

September 11 - 12, 2026

The Crowne Plaza Albany
Desmond Hotel and
Conference Center
660 Albany-Shaker Rd
Albany, N.Y. 12211

REGISTER AT
ggcrami.org/neregion

**The Crowne Plaza Albany
Desmond Hotel and
Conference Center**

660 Albany-Shaker Rd.
Albany, NY 12211
Phone: 518-869-8100

Room Rates: \$155 + tax

Room reservations should be made directly
with the hotel. Identify yourself as a member
of the Northeast York Rite Conference --
Use Code: YOR

For online booking, go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/2u55cyck>

Room reservations must be made directly with
the hotel no later than **August 20, 2026**

Directions:

**Just off Exit 4 on Interstate 87 - Northway
and Albany Airport Exit.**

Free 24hr Shuttle to Albany Airport



**2026 Official Polo Shirt
Advance Order Information**



<http://www.milfordcommanderystore.com/>

Custom orders must be received before Aug 15, 2026

This year, the Northeast Conference Polo Shirt is a Sport-Tek 100% Polyester, Smooth micro piqué polos that wick moisture and resist snags. This is a new shirt that has not been offered before. The shirts will be embroidered and mailed to you before the conference, if you order before the cutoff date of Aug 15th. You can still order after that date but it may be doubtful if you will receive in time for the conference. Milford Commandery Store will NOT be at the conference, so orders will be mailed.

**Meal Reservation Form
Must be returned by 8/25/2026**

Please circle your meal choice and indicate quantity next to each choice.

All meals are joint with the ladies.

Friday & Saturday morning breakfast, at your leisure, on your own, the hotel restaurant opens at 7:00 A.M.

Friday Lunch

Sandwich Buffet \$42.00 _____

Lunches includes salad, dessert, beverage

Friday Evening Banquet

The Shaker Buffet \$75.00 _____

Includes soup, salad, Dijon chicken, parmesan crusted salmon, sliced sirloin au Poivre, penne pasta, vegetables, dessert, beverage

Saturday Luncheon Buffet

New Englander Buffet \$50.00 _____

Buffet includes corn chowder, assorted salads, meatloaf, salmon Florentine, butternut squash, assorted desserts, beverage

Should your diet require a special meal please indicate. We will make every effort to accommodate your request.

All meal prices include all gratuities and taxes.