

# MICHIGAN GRAND YORK RITE 2017 SESSION COMMITTEE

August 9th.-12th., 2017

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Dear Companions and Sir Knights;

The Michigan Grand York Rite 2017 Session Committee extends to each of you a most cordial invitation to attend the unified Grand York Rite Sessions, of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Michigan, the Grand Council R.&S.M. of Michigan, and the Grand Commandery K.T. of Michigan, to be held in Grand Rapids, MI on August 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Annual meetings will be held at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, 5700 E. 28th. Street, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. The Single and Double room rate will be **\$96.00** a night plus tax. For reservations contact the hotel at **616-957-1770** and be sure to tell them that you are with the **York Rite Masons of Michigan** to get the group rate. **Reservations must be made by July 25, 2017.**

First, the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Michigan will commence on Thursday, August 10, 2017. After the Installation, the Order of High Priesthood will be conferred, followed by an informal dinner night.

On Friday, August 11, 2017, the Grand Council R. &S.M. of Michigan will hold its Annual Assembly and Installation of Officers followed by the Order of the Silver Trowel. That evening, following a Social Hour, the Grand Banquet will be hosted by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan will hold their Annual Conclave on Saturday, August 12, 2017. This will be the first year of the one day Grand Commandery format. Following the Installation of Officers there will be a Pass and Review and Drills. Following the drills, the Annual meeting of the Past Commanders Association will take place. That evening there will be a Divine Service followed by the Round Table Dinner.

Please use the enclosed meal reservation form to indicate your preference for the Session.

Don't miss these events! This is your York Rite Session. We suggest you arrive early and stay late.

We hope to see you in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at this Grand York Rite Session of Michigan. Parking is free at the hotel.

Yours in Masonry,

The Grand Session Committee

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017**



**Donald L. Trumbull**  
Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand  
Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan

- 6:00 am Commandery General  
Membership Breakfast
- 6:00 am KTCH Invitational Breakfast  
*by Invitation only –*
- 6:00 am Grand Captain General's  
Breakfast  
*by Invitation Only –*
- 7:00 – 8:00 am REGISTRATION for Grand  
Commandery-
- 7:50 am Distinguished Guests  
Assemble –

- 8:00 am 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Conclave of  
the Grand Commandery  
Knights Templar of  
Michigan Convenes  
(Full Templar Uniform)
- 10:00AM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting  
*by Invitation only –*
- 11:00AM "Angels Among Us"  
Ladies Brunch -
- 12:00 – 1:00pm Sir Knights Luncheon
- 1:15pm Grand Commandery  
Reconvenes
- 2:00pm Installation of Grand Commandery  
Officers-
- Pass and Review along with Drills will take place  
15 minutes after the calling off of the Grand  
Commandery Session.
- The Past Commanders Association will take  
place 15 minutes after the completion of the  
Drills.
- 6:00 pm Divine Service –
- 7:30 pm Commanders Round Table  
Dinner –

**Credentials Committees**

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**Grand Chapter  
Credentials**

- Donald L. Galway, PGHP, G.S., Chairman
- Lawrence W. Hyde, PHP
- George K. Summey, PHP
- Harley D. Ridgeway, PHP
- John A. Fossler, PHP

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**Grand Council  
Credentials**

- Anthony M. Chamberlin, PMIGM, G.R.  
Chairman
- Steve J. Eliopoulos, PTIM
- John T. Updike, PTIM

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**Grand Commandery  
Credentials**

- Loren A. Winn, PGC, G.R., Chairman
- Eldon A. Clingaman, PC
- Robert L. Strong, PC
- Owen P. McGuigan, PC
- Walter Reed, PC
- Eugene Hoisington, PC
- Robert O. Troutman, PC
- Arthur Davidge, PC

Program

The York Rite of Freemasonry



**Michigan York Rite Grand Sessions**

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One Hundred Sixty-Ninth  
Annual Convocation of the  
Grand Chapter of Michigan  
Royal Arch Masons  
August 10, 2017

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One Hundred and Fifty-Ninth  
Annual Assembly of the  
Grand Council of Michigan  
Royal and Select Masons  
August 11, 2017

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One Hundred and Sixty First  
Annual Conclave of the  
Grand Commandery of Michigan  
Knights Templar  
August 12, 2017

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017

- 1:00– 3:00 pm Grand Chapter Officers Meeting -
- 1:00 – 4:00 pm REGISTRATION for Grand Chapter -
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm Grand Chapter Foundation
- 7:00 – 10:00 pm Grand Council Officers Meeting -

The General Hospitality Room is located in Suite 363. Times that the Hospitality Room will be open will be posted in the Atrium.

**Michigan Grand York Rite  
2017 Sessions Committee**  
**Brian K. Himes, Co-Chairman**  
**Larry A. Inscho, Co-Chairman**  
**Brent A. Helm**  
**Cortland C. Rule**  
**Claude A. Miller**

**Next Time and Place:**  
**The MI Grand York Rite Sessions**  
**2018**  
**Doubletree Hotel**  
**Bay City, MI**  
**August 8-11, 2018**

**Note: Times and room locations are subject to change.**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017



**Howard W. Duke**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan.

- 7:00 am Chapter General Membership Breakfast -
- 7:30 – 8:30 am REGISTRATION Grand Chapter -
- 7:30am – 4:00pm REGISTRATION Grand Council -
- 8:20 am Distinguished Guests Assemble
- 8:30 am 169<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan Convenes.
- 11:00 am "Mason's Lady" Ladies Brunch -
- 12:00 pm Companions Wednesday Luncheon -

- 1:00 – 1:30 pm Breakout Meetings  
Secretaries Meeting –  
DDI's Meeting –  
King's Meeting –
- 1:35 pm Grand Chapter Reconvenes
- 2:30 pm Installation of the Grand Chapter Officers –
- Order of High Priesthood will take place 30 minutes after the completion of the Grand Chapter Session.
- 7:00 pm "Tailgate Party Buffett"  
Fun Night  
  
Dress: Sports Jersey Theme

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017



**David L. Seyferth**

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of Michigan.

- 7:00 am Companions and Ladies Breakfast -
- 7:30 - 8:30 am REGISTRATION for Grand Council –
- 8:20 am Distinguished Guests Assemble
- 8:30 am 159<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Royal & Select Masons of Michigan
- 12:00 pm Ladies Luncheon
- 12:00 pm Companion Luncheon –
- 1:00 – 4:00 pm REGISTRATION for Grand Commandery
- 1:15 pm Grand Council Reconvenes
- 2:30 pm Installation of the Grand Council Officers –
- The Order of the Silver Trowel will take place 30 minutes after the completion of the Grand Council Session –
- 3:00 pm Grand Commandery Jurisprudence Committee Meeting -
- To Follow Grand Commandery Officers Meeting –
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm Social Hour -
- 7:00 pm **Grand York Rite Banquet**  
(Chapter Host)