



Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana

To the Officers and Companions of the Constituent Councils of Indiana;

We are pleased to announce that the 163rd Annual Grand Session of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana will be held in the City of Noblesville on Friday April 27, 2018.

Our Hospitality Committee is working hard to make your stay a pleasant one. Exit 210 of I69 and its surroundings have ample facilities and many shopping opportunities at Hamilton Town Center Mall. An interesting Grand Session for both the Companions and their Ladies has been arranged.

A large representation of the Officers and Companions of each of our Constituent Councils will be greatly appreciated by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Christopher W. Wright and the Officers of the Grand Council.

HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters hotel will be the Embassy Suites by Hilton – 13700 Conference Center Drive South, Noblesville, IN 46060.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Illustrious Masters, Deputy Masters, Recorders and Companions of the Constituent Councils who desire hotel accommodations should make their reservations directly with the Embassy Suites by calling 1-800-HILTONS (445-8667). A block of rooms is available at a nightly rate of \$129.00 plus tax (single or double occupancy) included is a “Hot Cooked to order Breakfast” under the name of “Masonic Grand York Rite.” code HFW1-AV5J3Y or by going to the Web site @ <http://www.indianaknightstemplar.com/> Lodging reservations must be made by March 10, 2018 to secure the special room rate. **Yes, that is 6 1/2 weeks out!!! Make your reservations NOW. You can cancel up to 72 hours prior to your check-in time.**

PARKING

Ample free parking is readily available at the hotel.

REGISTRATION

All members **MUST** register to secure programs and tickets.

Registration will be located in the foyer area outside **Waters “D & E”**. Companions may register on Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. There is no registration fee.

MEALS

The Breakfast for the members and Ladies will be Atrium Dinning Area and is part of your room charge and is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

A Manager’s social hour will be available in the Atrium from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. prior to the banquets.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master's Banquet will be held in the **Creekside Ballroom** at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 26, 2018, by ticket only; the cost for the dinner is \$40.00.

The Luncheon for the Companions and their Ladies will be held in the **Creekside Ballroom Room** on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 12:00 Noon, by ticket only; the cost is \$20.00.

The Joint York Rite Banquet will be held in the **Creekside Ballroom** on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., by ticket only; the cost for the dinner is \$40.00.

**** *A meal reservation form with menu choices and prices are posted at the website at <http://www.indianaknightstemplar.com/>*

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS' MEETING

The Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Arch Officers for the years 2017 – 2018, will meet in the **Waters "E"** at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2018 for the Annual Grand Officer's Meeting preceding the opening of the 163rd Grand Session.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER DEGREE

The TIM Degree will open in the **Stoney Creek "A"** at 1:00 PM on Friday, April 27, 2018.

Registration for this meeting is available on line at:

<http://www.indianaknightstemplar.com/> or contact the Recorder, Dale Adams at (765)642-0876 or email dalebeast@aol.com

RECORDER'S SEMINAR

The Recorder's Seminar will be held in **Stony Creek "B"** at 1:00 PM. All Recorders are encouraged to attend.

CONVENING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL

The Grand Council will convene in **Waters "D & E"** on Friday April 27, 2018. Indiana #1 will open the Grand Session at 8:30 a.m. for the business session.

GRAND OFFICERS INSTALLATION

Installation of the 2018 – 2019 Grand Council Officers will be held in **Waters "D & E"** on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

PICTURES

Pictures of all Grand Officers and Arch Officers 4:00 p.m., will be in the **Stoney Creek Room** on Friday, April 27, 2018.

OFFICERS DUTY TO ATTEND GRANDSESSION

It is the duty of the Illustrious Master and Deputy Master or their proxies to attend Annual Session of the Grand Council. This is for the benefit and interest of their respective Councils as well as the Grand Council. The Deputy Masters attendance was voted on at the 2017 Grand Session and it is expected that he will attend or appoint a proxy in his place.