

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

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Dear Companions,

I would like to invite you and your lady to this years' Regional meeting to be held March 10th. It will be held at the *Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, 1020 South Calhoun St., Fort Wayne Indiana 46802*. Each Companion must Register with Department Commander Winn on the attached form by February 12, 2018.

You must make your own room reservations. To obtain the special rate of \$109.00 plus taxes per evening, by doing one of the following.

1. Contacting the hotel directly at (260) 420-1100 and mention Group Code GEK.
2. Go to www.hilton.com and enter group code GEK.
3. Book on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/hiltonfortwayneatthegrandwayneconventioncenter using the Group Code GEK.

Rooms must be confirmed no later than February 12, 2018

Once again the General Grand Council is Partnering with The Grand Encampment to sponsor candidates for the York Rite Emerging Leaders Program.

The program is designed to provide training in leadership skills for men looking to move into leadership positions. There is a pamphlet with this notice that explains the training with a nomination form to attend these classes. For more information go to www.knightstemplar.org/downloads.html at the bottom of the page. The email address is hard to read and is yrelt@comcast.net.

We will begin with a Joint Session at 8am and go into breakout sessions following the opening. Several presentations are planned for those that do not attend the emerging Leaders Program. There will be activities for the Ladies planned by Lady Gail Winn as well as the ladies lunch. The day will conclude with a Social Hour beginning at 6pm and Banquet at 7pm.

We look forward to greeting each of you in Fort Wayne.

Fraternally,

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2018 EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

MEAL RESERVATION and REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee (Men only \$ 20.00) \$ _____

Ladies Gathering (9am Hamilton room) no charge
Light food and activity

MEALS

Ladies Lunch (Noon) \$ 25.00 _____ \$ _____
(followed by activity)

Men's Lunch \$ 25.00 _____ \$ _____

Banquet Saturday evening 7pm (social hour 6pm) cash bar

Select:

• Chicken \$ 45.00 _____ \$ _____

• Beef \$ 45.00 _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Attire for all activities: Men Coat and Tie, Ladies Church Dress or Slacks

Please include any special dietary meal requirements below:

This Registration Form is due by: February 12, 2018

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Loren Winn

MAIL TO: Loren Winn P.O. Box 822, Pinckney, MI., 48169-0822

Name: _____ Lady: _____
PLEASE PRINT

Title: _____ Commandery _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

PROGRAM REVIEWS

During my career in the military, I took many leadership courses, and I must say that this is one of the best I have ever had.
—Retired Air Force officer

I wanted to thank you for the outstanding presentation of the Emerging Leaders Part I program this past Saturday. You kept me engaged in the program all day, which is quite a feat as I have been to more "Leadership" training than I care to remember through the corporate world and usually have trouble staying interested after the first hour or so.
—Eminent Commander

Now that I have completed the program, I want to say that even though I have participated in many corporate leadership-type programs, this was one of the best. I always say that if I can just learn one thing new it was worth my time. This was certainly worth my time!
—Former and current Grand Line officer

NOMINATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Email _____

Recommended by _____

Please send or email completed nomination form to:

Ms. Glenda F. Palmer
York Rite Emerging Leaders Program Administrator
PO Box 566
Molokville, TN 37135-0566

YREIT@aol.com

York Rite Emerging Leaders Program



SPONSORED BY:

- The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
- The General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International
- The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

Recognizing the need to prepare a core group of leaders for the York Rite, the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar have formed a coalition to provide leadership training to a select number of Companions and Sir Knights as we move into the 21st century.

This group of men is being prepared to move into leadership positions at the local, jurisdictional, and eventually, the international levels of the Rite.

The training consists of three levels. The basic and advanced levels are comprised of two one-day training sessions, offered one year apart, and are provided at the Regional/ Department Conferences which are held throughout the year. The entire training program is provided free of charge to the participants. (The only cost to the participant is transportation, meals, lodging, and conference registration. There is no charge for the

training course. All training materials are provided. The third year requires the individual to attend the Regional/ Department Conference and be an active participant in the sessions in which they are most interested. After completing these three years, they are presented a token to indicate that they have finished the primary levels of the program.

All Candidates for the program must be recommended and approved by the jurisdictional head (Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, or Grand Commander). The name of the individual with all contact information (address, e-mail, telephone) must be provided to the administrator sufficiently prior to the Regional/ Department Conference so that a letter of invitation may be issued. The letter of invitation specifically states: "Please understand that your participation in the program does not ensure that you will be selected for any office in the York Rite..." Members at all leadership levels are welcome but newer members are especially welcome.

The advanced program requires the participant to propose a project in which the skills they have learned are put into practice by leading a group of their Companions/Sir Knights to accomplish the objectives of the project. The proposed project must be approved in advance by the administrator and, when completed, a report must be made by the participant and approved by the administrator. When approved, the individual will be suitably recognized.

Leadership is positioned as a visionary means for effecting change. While much of the material is generally applicable, the addition of Masonic references and information makes it extremely applicable to the Craft.

Designed to integrate solid leadership skills, with a special emphasis on Masonic teaching, this program provides exciting classroom interaction, inter-jurisdictional cross-fertilization, and personal relationships upon which to build a bright future for our fraternity.