



2019 Official Notice



163rd Annual Convocation Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa and 117th Annual Assembly Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Iowa

To: *Officers and Members of all Chapters, Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, and Committeemen
and
Officers and Members of all Councils, Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Committeemen:*

M.E. Grand High Priest, Wade E. Sheeler and M.I. Grand Master W. Charles Smithson, hereby notify you that the 163rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa and the 117th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Iowa will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport in Des Moines, Iowa on August 8, 9, and, 10, 2019.

Attendance

It is extremely important that every Chapter and Council in the State of Iowa be represented. It is the duty of each Dais Officers of every Chapter and Council to be present, either in person or by their duly authorized representative, to take their rightful part in our deliberations. If you are a Dais Officer and are unable to attend in person, designate one of your members (who does not already have a vote) to represent you and your Companions by proxy. Proxy forms have been mailed to your Secretary/Recorder.

Hotel Room Reservations

Our rate for all sleeping rooms is **\$99.00** plus tax per night at the:

Holiday Inn Airport
6111 Fleur Drive
Des Moines, IA 50321

Check in time is 3:00 PM and check out time is 12:00 Noon (late check-out may be available upon request).

Phone Numbers for Room Reservations:
(515) 287-2400 – Hotel's Direct Number

Please ask for the **MASONS GROUP** when making your reservations to receive the group room rate. The **deadline** for room reservations is **Tuesday, July 17, 2019**. After that the room rate will be the normal room rate of \$189.95 plus tax per night. You are responsible for making your own room reservations. Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card. Hotel cancellations must be made before 6:00 PM on the day prior to arrival to avoid charges to your credit card. Grand Chapter/Grand Council **will not be responsible** for making any sleeping room arrangements.

Wade

Wade E. Sheeler
M.: E.: Grand High Priest

Charlie

W. Charles Smithson
M.: I.: Grand Master

Location

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Des Moines, IA 50321
(515) 287-2400

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Contact Information

Grand Secretary/Recorder
Rusty Hill, PGC
(515) 419-6528
Office in Room 133

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019

<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Grand Chapter Charity Trustees Meeting – <i>Tentative</i>	Room 396
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Red Cross of Constantine	Room 397
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration	Foyer
11:30 AM – 12:00 Noon	Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests	Room 397
12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM	Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Meeting – <i>Members Only</i>	Room 396
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Grand Council Jurisprudence Meeting – <i>Members Only</i>	Room 396
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open – <i>All Invited</i>	Rooms 158/160
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Yeoman of York	Room 397
2:45 PM – 3:15 PM	York Rite College	Room 397
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	KYCH	Room 397
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Holy Order of High Priesthood Degree	Westview
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree	Westview
7:00 PM – 8:15 PM	Meritorious Order of Eleazar & the Three & Thirty Gibborim of King David <i>Cost \$25 (Proceeds to the York Rite Charities) – Mason's Only</i>	Westview
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open – <i>All Invited</i>	Rooms 158/160
8:30 PM – 9:15 PM	Grand Chapter Officers' Practice	Ballroom SC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2019

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration	Ballroom Foyer
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Informal Opening and Necrology Service– <i>All Invited</i> <i>All Introductions will be done ONLY at this time</i>	Ballroom SC
9:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Hospitality Room Open – <i>All Invited</i>	Room 158/160
9:15 AM – 12:00 Noon	Convene 117 th Annual Grand Council Assembly Education Program – “ <i>Running a Business Meeting</i> ” Legislation Discussion of Reports Election	Ballroom SC
12:00 Noon – 1:15 PM	Joint Men & Women's Luncheon – <i>Ticket Required</i>	Ballroom N
1:15 PM – 3:00 PM	Ladies Program – Light Therapy	Room 158/160
1:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Grand Council Reconvenes Unfinished Business Ritual School Final Speeches	Ballroom SC
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Public Installation 2019 – 2020 Grand Council Officers – <i>All Invited</i>	Ballroom SC
4:00 PM – 4:40 PM	Photos 2019 – 2020 Grand Council Officers & their Ladies – REQUIRED	Foyer
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Social Hour – Cash Bar – <i>All Invited</i>	Foyer
6:00 PM – 8:15 PM	Joint Grand Banquet – <i>Ticket Required</i>	Ballroom NC
8:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Hospitality Room Open – <i>All Invited</i>	Rooms 158/160

Recommended dress for the Grand Banquet

Grand Officers & Distinguished Guests – Tuxedo/White Dinner Jacket with Jewel & Collar. Ladies – Evening Attire.
General Membership – Tuxedo/White Dinner Jacket or Dark Business Suit. Ladies – Evening Attire or Sunday Best.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019

7:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Registration	Foyer
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Past Grand Ladies Breakfast	Rooms 158/160
8:45 AM – 12:00 Noon	Convene 163 rd Annual Grand Chapter Convocation	Ballroom SC
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Hospitality Room Open – <i>All Invited</i>	Rooms 158/160
12:00 Noon – 12:45 PM	Men & Women's Joint Luncheon – <i>Ticket Required</i>	Ballroom N
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Grand Chapter Reconvenes	Ballroom SC
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PLEASE NOTE: THE TIMES AND/OR LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK AT THE YORK RITE REGISTRATION DESK FOR ANY CHANGES OR USE THE CONTACT INFORMATION ABOVE FOR THE GRAND SECRETARY/GRAND RECORDER.

MERITORIOUS ORDER OF ELEAZAR & THE THREE AND THIRTY GIBBORIM OF KING DAVID

A rarely conferred order of knighthood, this Degree uses the Biblical story of King David and his elite group of warriors to illustrate the importance of obedience, sacrifice, and piety. **PLEASE NOTE:** There are rumors that the Order of the Cork or the Royal Order of Naked Chickens would be conferred during Grand Chapter and Grand Council Joint Session this year. The Order of Eleazar will be conferred instead, since the opportunity to see this Degree is so rare. The cost is \$25 per person (***Masons Only***) and the proceeds will benefit the York Rite Charities.

MEAL RESERVATIONS

Meal reservations, with payment, **received by July 14, 2019**, will be honored at the meal rates shown below. Any meal reservations **received between July 15th and July 31th** will be honored with a **\$25 surcharge**. **No reservations will be accepted after July 31st and no meal tickets will be sold at the Session.** We must have our meal order to the hotel well before the sessions start. Be advised that all times and prices shown in this notice are subject to change if unforeseen circumstances require.

MEALS TO BE SERVED

FRIDAY JOINT LUNCHEON	\$ 25.00
BBQ Pulled Pork , Slow Roasted Pulled Pork Marinated in BBQ Sauce on a Brioche Bun. Served with Broccoli Bacon Sunflower Salad, Chips, Fresh Baked Cookie, coffee or tea	
GRAND BANQUET ADULT MEAL CHOICES	\$ 38.00
A. Smoked Beef Brisket with Mushroom Cream Sauce.	
B. Parmesan Crusted Pork Loin with Parmesan Cream Sauce.	

All adult meals served with Chop House Wedge Salad with ranch dressing, grilled Asparagus, Cheesy Potatoes Au Gratin, Fresh baked rolls, Peanut Butter Thunder Layered Cake or Harvest Carmel Apple Layered Cake, and coffee or iced tea.

Childs (10 & Under) Grand Banquet	\$ 16.00
Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Vegetable and applesauce.	

Saturday Joint Luncheon	\$ 25.00
Blue Ribbon Grilled Chicken Breast topped with BBQ Sauce, Monterey Jack Cheese, Cheddar Cheese, and Bacon on a Brioche Bun. Served with a tossed salad with ranch dressing, fresh baked cookie, coffee or iced tea.	

Our ability to negotiate a good contract with a hotel is dependent upon the number of meals we sell and the number of sleeping rooms that are utilized by our group at the Headquarters Hotel. If you do NOT stay at this hotel, eat at our group meals, or purchase your beverage at group cocktail reception, the prices for the upcoming years will only increase, as they have this past year. Please keep this in mind as you consider your meal and sleeping room reservations.

We know meals are expensive and the committee has looked for ways to subsidize our meal/meeting expenses. This project will continue in the upcoming years. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

GRAND CHAPTER/GRAND COUNCIL 2019 JOINT SESSION REGISTRATION FORM

Please submit the following information, whether you are ordering meals or not. All introduction cards will be issued from this form. All introductions will be done at the Informal opening and necrology service on Friday morning. The only exception will be General Grand guests.

No REGISTRATION MEANS NO INTRODUCTION – APPLIES TO IOWA YORK RITE MEMBERS ONLY.

Name _____ Lady: _____
 Address _____ Iowa Chapter No _____
 City/ST/Zip _____ Iowa Council No. _____
 Cell # _____ Arrival Date: _____
 Home #: _____ Departure Date: _____
 Email: _____

TITLES FOR INTRODUCTION

Please Print Neatly – One Title Only

Title

Organization

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	Price	Qty	Amount
Registration Fee – Iowa York Rite Members Only	\$ 10.00	x _____	= _____
Friday Joint Luncheon – Pulled Pork Sandwich	\$ 25.00	x _____	= _____
Grand Banquet – Beef	\$ 38.00	x _____	= _____
Grand Banquet – Pork	\$ 38.00	x _____	= _____
Grand Banquet – Child – Chicken Tenders	\$ 16.00	x _____	= _____
Past Grand Ladies of Iowa Breakfast – Must RSVP	No Cost	x _____	= <u> n/c </u>
Saturday Joint Luncheon – Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich	\$ 25.00	x _____	= _____
<i>Registration Received After July 14th – Surcharge for Late Registration</i>	\$ 25.00	x _____	= _____
<i>Iowa York Rite Members ONLY</i>			
Total Amount Due with Registration			\$ _____

No RSVP's honored without payment or after 7/31/2019. NO tickets available at the door.

For special meal requirements, please contact the Grand Secretary/Grand Recorder's office at the numbers below and we will try our best to meet your requests.

Send reservations along with payment to:
 Grand York Rite Bodies of Iowa
 1937 Deer Ave
 Perry, IA 50220-7567

Checks Payable to: RAM/RSM of IA Joint Session
Questions to: (515) 419-6528 – Office Cell
gr-ia@outlook.com