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AUGUST 2023 NEWS

Greetings Sir Knights,

August has made it onto our calendars and that means that we'll be back to our usual schedules very soon. I hope you are all taking some personal time for relaxation and family pursuits. There are still a number of Meetings and practices, picnics and Masonic functions going on in Summer. We have for instance Maryland York Rite College No. 58 greeting new members on Aug. 26th. If you are a member, a notification should be coming your way soon. The Meeting will be in Odenton @ 10AM. If you are a member, please come join us if you can.

I will be posting a schedule of Grand Visitations to take place in September and October as I make a farewell visit to all the Commanderies. To find this information go to the Events section of the Grand Commandery on the York Rite website.

In September, there is much that occurs right off the bat. Montgomery York Rite and Pentalpha lodge in Germantown have a Festive board scheduled for the 21st. This annual fundraiser is always fun and well attended. Grand Master Spicer will be with us as well as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Jeff Bolstad, who will be our speaker for the evening.

September 22-23 will have the Grand Commandery of Maryland leadership at the Mid-Atlantic Department conference in Arlington Virginia. Another annual event that features the Leadership of the Grand Encampment as well as members from several states. Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Washington DC. Will all have Grand Line Dais officers and others in attendance to catch up on State plans as well as Grand Encampment updates.

This year features a newly developed and very highly renowned class called the Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program. This is to develop a nationwide cadre of men who will use their skills to help others in need spiritually. As Christian Knights, it is our fundamental duty to assist those in need of our help. These classes will help to guide us in our tender care of others.

One must register for the course, the first 2 lessons of which begin at home by reading a provided course manual. Several subjects in the course are then offered at the Department Conference. It seems complicated but I am providing all the information here you will want to begin. You'll register for the conference, register for the course in 2 separate areas- To register, go here: <https://knightstemplar.org/wp/conferences/> You will be taken to Department conference information and registrations forms. You'll want the Mid-Atlantic Department Conference.

This is the link to the agenda for the course:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=ff4ec43b8a&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1772080491272732288&th=1897b1d163b5fe80&view=att&disp=safe>

The following is copied from the Grand Encampment website and will be where you can read about the course itself and sign up to take the course and receive the course manual.



Prelate's Course

INFORMATION

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Next subject- signup information for the Maryland York Rite annual Grand Sessions coming in October is available now. The sessions this year will be held in Frederick Maryland at the Clarion Hotel. Dates are October 27-28

York Rite Session 2023

October 27-28, 2023

Grand Chapter - October 27, 2023 - 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Grand Council - October 28, 2023 - 9:00 am - 11:45 am

Grand Commandery - October 28, 2023 - 1:15 pm - 3:15 pm



Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center
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ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE SEPARATELY WITH HOTEL BY SEPTEMBER 26th

We have two ways to register. You can print the registration form and mail a check as payment or register online using your credit card as payment. The deadline for registration, online and by mail, is October 7, 2023.

1. For Online Registration and Credit Payment, **Click Here.**
2. Click **Registration Form** to print and mail the form and payment.

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