

Conference Registration

Please complete the conference registration form enclosed and return it with your payment to the address indicated on the form. **Note that the deadline for meal reservations is Thursday, September 1, 2017.**

Hotel Information

The Conference will be held at the **Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel St. Louis** (7730 Bonhomme Ave, St. Louis, MO 63105) on September 15 and 16 of 2017. A block of 103 group discounted rooms has been reserved for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Room rates are as follows:

Rooms	Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
Traditional 2 Queens	\$109	\$109	\$119	\$129
Traditional 1 King	\$109	\$109	\$119	\$129
Suite 2 Bedroom	\$248	\$248	\$258	\$268

Rates do not include applicable state and local taxes, currently 15.863%, or the following automatic or mandatory charges (e.g., resort charges): No automatic or mandatory charges are tips, gratuities, or services charges for employees, unless otherwise expressly stated.

ALL attendees must make hotel reservations on their own. Attendees may book their rooms by using the hotel link found on the website at <http://www.moyorkrite.org> or by calling **(888) 627-8535** and asking for the **Grand York Rite of Missouri** room block. **Note that the deadline for hotel reservations at the discounted rates above is Monday, August 14, 2017 by 5:00 PM (CST).** We regret that we cannot guarantee space availability after that date.

There are a number of fun and interesting things to do during your visit to St. Louis, Missouri. Some of the places that you might consider visiting are:

- Forest Park- Free
- St. Louis Zoo - Free
- St. Louis History Museum - Free
- St. Louis Art Museum - Free
- City Museum
- St. Louis Cardinals Baseball

The St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission (DBA Explore St. Louis) has many suggestions to make your visit to St. Louis, MO more enjoyable. You may request a free printed copy or view the digital version of their "Visitors Guide" from their website (<https://explorestlouis.com/>).

60TH ANNUAL SOUTH-CENTRAL YORK RITE REGIONAL & DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

September 15th & 16th, 2017
Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel St. Louis
St. Louis, MO 63105

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____
 Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration Fee (men only): _____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____
 Friday, Sept. 15th, Lunch: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____
 Friday, Sept. 15th, Banquet: _____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____
 Friday Banquet entree choice: ___ Beef or ___ Chicken
 Saturday, Sept. 16th, Lunch: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend both Lunches & Banquet!

Please make your check payable to “**Grand York Rite of Missouri**” and return with this form no later than **Thursday, September 1, 2017** to:

Grand York Rite of Missouri
107 S. Williams Street
Fayette, MO 65248-1017

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For more information about the Conference and an electronically fill able version of this form, please visit: <http://www.moyorkrite.org>

The 60th Annual South Central York Rite Regional and Department Conference

September 15th -16th, 2017
Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel St. Louis
St. Louis, MO

Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 14, 2017

2:00 pm – 8:00 pm ----- **Registration** ----- Grand Lobby
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm ----- MMS Training ----- Grand Ballroom

Friday, September 15, 2017

6:30 am – 8:30 am ----- **Registration** ----- Grand Lobby
8:00 am - 8:30 am ----- Welcome and Orientation ----- Fleur De Lys Ballroom
8:30 am - 12:00 pm ----- General Grand Chapter Session -- Fleur De Lys Ballroom
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ----- Lunch ----- Gallery Ballroom
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm ----- Conference Business Session ---- Gallery Ballroom
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm ----- General Grand Chapter Session -- Fleur De Lys Ballroom
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm ----- General Grand Council Session -- Gallery IV – VII
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm ----- **Registration** ----- Grand Lobby
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm ----- Banquet ----- Gallery Ballroom

Saturday September 16, 2017

6:30 am – 8:30 am ----- **Registration** ----- Grand Lobby
8:00 am - 12:00 pm ----- Grand Encampment Session ----- Fleur De Lys Ballroom
8:00 am - 12:00 pm ----- Emerging Leaders Training ----- Gallery IV - VII
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ----- Lunch ----- Gallery Ballroom
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm ----- Grand Encampment Session ----- Fleur De Lys Ballroom
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm ----- Emerging Leaders Training ----- Gallery IV - VII

**SIXTIETH ANNUAL SOUTH-CENTRAL
REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCE**

**Friday, September 15th, 2017
St. Louis, Missouri**

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER CONFERENCE AGENDA	
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Welcome, Introductions, and Orientation
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	How American Culture Today Favors the Resurgence of Freemasonry
9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Break
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Innovations in Membership Recruitment
10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Degree Conferrals & Festivals
11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Making Education a Part of the York Rite Experience
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Conference Business Session
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Reports of Grand High Priests
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Royal Arch Research Assistance
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	General Grand Chapter Resources
3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Remarks of the General Grand High Priest
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Discussion Groups

SIXTIETH ANNUAL SOUTH-CENTRAL REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCE

ABSTRACTS OF PRESENTATIONS

How American Culture Today Favors the Resurgence of Freemasonry

This presentation will examine demographics and current cultural trends that outline an entirely different future than most leaders of our Masonic fraternity have considered. We need to take another look at the potential we have in not only turning our downward trend around, but creating the largest membership we have ever seen over the next 20 years. It truly is all about combining the numbers with the needs of men.

Innovations in Membership Recruitment

This presentation will examine various methods that have been successfully used to recruit new members into the York Rite. Topics will include: (i) presentations for Lodge or other Masonic meetings, (ii) literature for displays, (iii) mailings to prospects, (iv) websites and social media. Samples of the various literature will be distributed.

Degree Conferrals & Festivals

This presentation will examine various “non-traditional” techniques used for degree conferrals. Topics will include: (i) festivals, (ii) audio-visual aids, (iii) prologues and epilogues, (iv) Mark Master and Past Master conferrals as recruiting tools.

Making Education a Part of the York Rite Experience

This presentation will examine various educational means used for candidates, new members, and “old” members. Topics will include: (i) speakers, (ii) study courses, (iii) study groups, (iv) festive boards, (v) websites and flashdrives.

Royal Arch Research Assistance

This presentation will examine *Royal Arch Research Assistance*, which is the official philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International and supports research into Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) through its grants to (i) the Hearing Health Foundation, (ii) Autism Speaks, and (iii) the University of Arizona.

General Grand Chapter Resources

This presentation will examine various resources available from the General Grand Chapter. Topics will include: (i) *Capitular Development Course*, (ii) *Operations & Training Manual for Chapter Officers*, (iii) *Capitular Best Practices* training course, (iv) *The Royal Arch Mason Magazine*, (v) *Royal Arch Masons, International* newsletter, (vi) other resources.

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REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCE**
Friday, September 15th, 2017
St. Louis, Missouri

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CONFERENCE AGENDA	
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Conference Business Session
1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Reports of Grand Masters
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Cryptic Masons Medical Research
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	General Grand Council Resources
3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Break
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