



Grand York Rite of South Dakota

Annual Grand Sessions

September 20-22, 2018

Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel, Sioux Falls, SD

Welcome to the South Dakota Grand Sessions,

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons Roger Hansen, Most Illustrious Grand Master Cryptic Masons Stephen Butterfield and Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar Jon Gonsor, cordially invite you to the **South Dakota Grand York Rite Sessions on September 20-22, 2018.**

The site for the meetings in 2018 is the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel, 3200 West Maple Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. From Interstate 90, Exit 396. Merge onto I-29 South. Take Exit 81 for West Maple Street.

Thursday: September 20: *Please see the schedule for times.* Included in the day will be a Grand Trustee Meeting, a Joint Session of SD York Rite Colleges, our annual Welcome Banquet and this year, conferral of Order of High Priesthood.

Friday: September 21: *Please see the schedule for times.* Our Ceremonial Grand Opening at which all Distinguished Visitors present will be introduced, followed by the memorial service for our departed Companions and Sir Knights. After separate luncheons, we will open with the 135th Grand Conclave of the South Dakota Grand Commandery. During the evening Recognition Banquet, we acknowledge Distinguished Visitors and present some special awards. "After Hours": Companion and Sir Knight Richard McBride leads the *Order of High Rollers* (cigars and libations) in an indoor setting. Transportation will be provided off-site to a special location.

Saturday: September 22: *Please see the schedule for times.* A buffet Breakfast will be available for all Sir Knights from all states who have served as Commander preceding the meeting of the SD Past Commanders Association. The first session is the 129th Grand Convocation of the South Dakota Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. Following a joint lunch with the ladies, the 102nd Grand Assembly of our Grand Council Cryptic Masons opens. The final event of the Grand Session is the super special South Dakota Grand York Rite Banquet.

Registration and Meal reservations:

No reservations for meals, registrations, refunds or cancellations accepted after September 15, 2018.

Sir Knights: Bring your Beauceant - Special Presentation on Friday Afternoon.

Lodging: Ramkota Hotel is giving a reduced rate (\$94.99) to all Companions and Sir Knights attending our Grand Sessions.

- Ω **Make reservations before August 20, 2018** (Rates increase after that date)
- Ω **Call (605) 336-0650. Ask for the Grand York Rite of SD block of rooms.**
- Ω **Arrange payment with the hotel** – Don't send payment to Grand York Rite
- Ω **Enter your hotel confirmation No. on your Grand York registration form**

Attire:

Gentlemen **Thursday and *Order of High Rollers on Friday***
Very casual – jeans, slacks, boots, comfortable top. Dress for comfort!

Gentlemen **Friday and Saturday Meetings and Banquets:**

Meetings: Suit/sport coat/blazer or York Rite Coat and tie or KT uniform.

Grand Commandery Session attire is uniform with chapeau. Sword and belt are optional

Banquets: Friday dress is dark suit or applicable York Rite jacket or KT uniform.

Saturday York Rite Banquet: Tuxedo. Dark suit and tie are acceptable.

Sir Knights may wear their uniform sans belt, sword and chapeau for all meals.

Ladies

Casual dress or pantsuit during the day

Friday Recognition Banquet – Formal or street length dress

Saturday Grand York Rite Banquet - Formal.

A Silent Auction will be held in the Hospitality Room. Bids will be accepted starting Friday morning until Saturday at 12:00 p.m. All proceeds from this effort will be divided among the three York Rite philanthropies.

If you have any questions, contact Registrar of the 2018 Grand Session:

George Bauder - (c) 605-430-2725 E-mail sd.gyroffice@gmail.com
Additional information and registration forms may be found on-line at:
www.yorkrite.com/sd

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

South Dakota Grand York Rite 2018 Grand Sessions Committee

Roger, Stephen and Jon look forward to seeing you in Sioux Falls September 20-22, 2018

2018 SOUTH DAKOTA GRAND YORK RITE

Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel – Sioux Falls, SD

September 20-22

TENTATIVE

Thursday, September 20

11:00 a.m.	Trustees Annual Meeting	Board Room
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Registration and Credentials	EAST Lobby
4:00 p.m.	South Dakota York Rite College-Joint Session Tiled	Roosevelt/Lincoln
6:00 p.m.	Welcome Dinner (<u>very</u> casual dress-buffet)	Jefferson Room
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Order of High Priesthood (Tyled Session)	Roosevelt/Lincoln

Friday, September 21

7:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.	Registration and Credentials	EAST Lobby
9:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room Open – Silent Auction	
9:30 a.m.	Ceremonial Grand Opening	Roosevelt/Lincoln
	Introduction of Distinguished Visitors (Introductions will also be done in each session)	
11:00 a.m.	Public Memorial Service	Roosevelt/Lincoln
11:45 a.m.	Ladies Luncheon	Crystal Room
	Ladies Program	
	Men’s Luncheon -	Jefferson Room
1:00 p.m.	Grand Commandery, Knights Templar (Tyled)	Roosevelt/Lincoln
4:15 p.m.	Public Installation – Open Session – Commandery	Roosevelt/Lincoln
4:45 p.m.	Grand Commandery Adjourns	
5:00 p.m.	No Host Social	Roosevelt/Lincoln
6:00 p.m.	Recognition Banquet (Special presentations)	Roosevelt/Lincoln
8:00 p.m.	Order of High Rollers – (Transportation provided off-site)	

Saturday, September 22

7:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Registration and Credentials	EAST Lobby
6:30 a.m.	SD-Past Commanders Assoc. Breakfast <i>All Current & Past Commanders--all states</i>	Jefferson Room
8:15 a.m.	Grand Chapter, RAM Opens (Tyled)	Roosevelt/Lincoln
9:00 a.m.	Hospitality Room Open – Silent Auction	
9:30 a.m.	Ladies Program -	
11:30 a.m.	Public Installation – Open Session – Chapter	Roosevelt/Lincoln
11:55 a.m.	Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Adjourns	
12:00 Noon	Joint Ladies and York Rite Masons Luncheon	Jefferson Room
Silent Auction Closed	Silent Auction Closed Silent Auction Closed	
1:15 p.m.	Grand Council Cryptic Masons Opens (Tyled)	Roosevelt/Lincoln
4:30 p.m.	Public Installation – Open Session – Commandery	Roosevelt/Lincoln
5:15 p.m.	Grand Council Cryptic Masons Adjourns	
5:30 p.m.	No Host Social	Jefferson Room
6:15 p.m.	Grand York Rite Banquet – Formal or KT Uniform	Jefferson Room

Beginning Friday Morning, we will have a Silent Auction in the Hospitality Room

All proceeds shared among three York Rite philanthropies: RARA, CMMRF, Holy Land Pilgrimage

2018 South Dakota Grand York Rite Sessions

Food Fit for all Yorkies

Thursday Evening Welcome Dinner: (Plated)

Meatloaf Supreme - Tossed salad w/house dressing, Seasonal vegetable, Potato, Rolls, Pumpkin Pie, Beverages

Traditional Meat Lasagna - Tossed salad w/house dressing, Seasonal vegetable, Potato, Rolls, Pumpkin Pie, Beverages

Friday Lunch

Ladies – Citrus & Orange Salad, Romaine, Mandarin orange, Feta Cheese, Red Onions, Crannies, sliced chicken strips, rolls, beverage –**plated luncheon**

Gentlemen – Express Deli-Buffer – Sliced ham, salami & pepperoni, American, Swiss, Provolone cheese, sandwich toppings, two assorted salads, chips, coffee

Friday Recognition Dinner: (Plated)

Golden Fantail Shrimp (6) - Tossed salad w/ house dressing, Chef's choice potato, rice or pasta, seasonal vegetable, Rolls, Black Forest Torte, Beverages

Grilled Chicken Breast with Complementary Sauce - Tossed salad w/house dressing, Chef's choice potato, rice or pasta, Seasonal vegetable, Rolls, Black Forest Torte, Beverages

Saturday Breakfast:

Quick Start Breakfast Buffet - Scrambled Eggs w/ Cheese Blend, Bacon, Link Sausage, Grilled Breakfast Potatoes, Assorted Bakery Muffins and Pastries Fresh juices, Beverages

Saturday Joint Lunch: (Plated)

French Dip Sandwich with Au Jus - tossed salad w/house dressing, potato chips and, Beverages

Saturday Grand York Rite Banquet (Plated)

Chicken Cordon Bleu - Tossed salad w/ House dressing, Chef's Choice of potato, rice or pasta, seasonal vegetable, Rolls, Double Layered Chocolate Cake

Roast Sliced Beef - Tossed salad w/ House dressing, Chef's Choice of potato, rice or pasta, seasonal vegetable, Rolls, Double Layered Chocolate Cake

Roast Turkey and Sage Dressing - Tossed salad w/ House dressing, Chef's Choice of potato, rice or pasta, seasonal vegetable, Rolls, Double Layered Chocolate Cake

No meals will be sold at the Grand York Session!

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Name _____ Lady's Name _____
(If Attending)

Address _____ State _____ ZIP _____
(Street or PO Box and City)

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Hotel Confirmation No. _____ (If staying at Best Western Ramkota)

TITLE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION: **Chapter** _____

Council _____

Commandery _____

Other organizations/Titles _____

Hotel Reservations

Contact Ramkota Hotel directly 605-336-0650. Mention *Grand York Rite of SD* for special rates (94.99) until August 20, 2018
Please provide Hotel Reservation Confirmation Number on this form (Needed for our records)

Registration

		Number	Cost	Total
Thursday, September 20, 2018				
Welcome Dinner	Meatloaf Supreme, salad, dessert	_____	\$28.00	_____
	Traditional Lasagna, salad, dessert	_____	\$28.00	_____
Friday, September 21, 2018				
Ladies Luncheon	Citrus & Orange Salad	_____	\$16.00	_____
Men's Luncheon	Express Deli Buffet	_____	\$17.00	_____
Recognition Banquet	Golden Fantail Shrimp, salad, dessert	_____	\$30.00	_____
	Grilled Chicken Breast, salad, dessert	_____	\$30.00	_____
Saturday, September 22, 2018				
Past Commanders Breakfast	Quick Start Buffet	_____	\$16.00	_____
Joint Lunch	French Dip Sandwich, salad & chips	_____	\$20.00	_____
Grand York Rite Banquet	Chicken Cordon Bleu, salad & Dessert	_____	\$30.00	_____
	Roast Sliced Beef, salad Dessert	_____	\$30.00	_____
	Roast Turkey & dressing, salad & Dessert	_____	\$30.00	_____
	Total			_____

Please indicate Special dietary needs or meals for children

No refunds or cancellations after Wednesday, September 12

DEADLINE FOR MEAL RESERVATIONS – September 8, 2018

!!!!!!ABSOLUTELY NO MEALS WILL BE SOLD AT THE GRAND SESSIONS!!!!!!

Make Check payable to: **SD Grand York Session**
Mail Check and Registration to: **George Bauder, P. O. Box 9134, Rapid City, SD 57709-9134**
E-mail: **sd.gyroffice@gmail.com**

Do not send payment for rooms