



New Mexico Grand York Rite Annual Sessions

April 19-21, 2018
NM Shrine Center
Albuquerque, NM

WELCOME!

Companions, Sir Knights, Ladies, and Guests,

This is the registration packet for the 121st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico, the 69th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Mexico and the 118th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Mexico. These Grand Sessions will be held on April 19, 20 and 21, 2018 at the Ballut Abyad Shrine Center located at 6600 Zuni Blvd. SE, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Side Orders, including the Order of High Priesthood, Order of the Silver Trowel, and the Past Commanders Association, will be held on the associated respective days for each. If you are a Past High Priest, Past Illustrious Master, or Past Commander; and have NOT received these side orders, please contact us through the registration website for more information. Knights of the York Cross of Honour (KYCH) will meet Thursday afternoon. All members of these Side Orders are welcome to attend and participate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us so we may resolve any issues and have an excellent experience!

Order of the Bodies:

April 19 -	0700	Order of the Silver Trowel
	0900	Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Mexico
April 20 -	0700	Past Commanders Association
	0900	Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Mexico
April 21 -	0700	Order of the High Priesthood
	0900	Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico

Please remember - EVERY PERSON IN ATTENDANCE MUST BE REGISTERED.

REGULAR REGISTRATION ENDS: Sunday, April 8, 2018 – HOTEL GROUP RATE CUTOFF: Wednesday, April 11, 2018



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Companions and Sir Knights,

Please accept our invitation for you and your lady to attend the Grand York Rite Sessions for 2018. We will conduct the Annual Business of the Grand York Rite Bodies of New Mexico and enjoy the fellowship of Companions, Sir Knights and ladies from New Mexico, the Southwest Conference, and jurisdictions beyond. Our formal activities will take place at the Ballut Abyad Shrine Center, located at 6600 Zuni SE, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The 69th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Mexico will start our Sessions on Thursday, April 19th. Most Illustrious Companion Casper J. Brown, Grand Master will declare the Grand Council open at 9:00a followed by the reception of distinguished members, guests and visitors to our Grand Council. Lunch will be at 12:00p. The remaining business session will resume at 1:00p. Installation of the new Grand Council Officers will take place at 3:00p.

A Holy Land Pilgrimage Dinner will be held Thursday evening, with all the funds generated going directly to help send ministers from New Mexico on a trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land. A Social Hour before dinner will start at 6:00pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm. Appropriate dress for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Dinner is business casual or Commandery uniform.

The 118th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Mexico will be on Friday, April 20. Sir Knight Stephen A. Balke, Grand Commander, will reconvene the Grand Commandery at 9:00a followed by the reception of distinguished members, guests and visitors to our Grand Commandery. Lunch will be at 12:00p. The afternoon session to finish all remaining business will start at 1:00p. Installation of the new Grand Commandery Officers will take place at 3:00p.

The Grand Banquet will be held on Friday evening. A Social Hour will start at 6:00p followed by the Grand Banquet at 7:00p. Appropriate dress for the Grand Banquet is coat and tie or York Rite Uniform.

The 121st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico will be on Saturday, April 21. Most Excellent Companion Raymond D. MacDonald, Grand High Priest will open the Grand Chapter at 9:00a followed by the reception of distinguished members, guests and visitors to our Grand Chapter. Lunch will be at 12:00p. The afternoon session to finish all remaining business will start at 1:00p. Installation of the new Grand Chapter Officers will take place at 3:00p.

A Ladies Program will be ongoing throughout our Sessions with prizes for gathering pictures and mementos on a scavenger hunt.

The Memorial / Vesper Service will start at 5:45p on Friday evening (just prior to the Social Hour).

The Order of the Silver Trowel (Thursday), Past Commander's Association (Friday) and the Order of the High Priesthood (Saturday) will be held on their respective days starting at 7:00a. All current members of each of these bodies are



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encouraged to attend. All who have served their respective York Rite bodies as Illustrious Master, Eminent Commander or Excellent High Priest are welcome to join these Side Orders.

A Knights of York Cross of Honour, KYCH, meeting will take place on Thursday afternoon at 4:00p (following the Installation of Grand Officers).

Proxy forms for the New Mexico Dais Officers will be sent to the constituent Secretary/Recorder. If you are not able to attend and carry a vote, please execute the proxy in favor of someone who will be at the sessions. All Companions and Sir Knights attending must register. Please be sure that registrations (w/meals selected) are received by Sunday, April 8, 2018. Meal selections cannot be guaranteed if registration is received late (after April 8th). If transportation is needed from or to the airport, please contact the hotel directly.

We hope that you will enjoy your attendance at these Annual Grand Sessions and look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally,



Raymond D. MacDonald
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in New Mexico



Casper J. Brown
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Mexico



Stephen A. Balke
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Mexico



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AGENDA 2018

THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2018

6:30am - 3:00pm	Dry Hospitality Room – Snacks and Coffee
7:00am - 9:00am	Registration
7:00am -	Order of the Silver Trowel
9:00am - 12:00pm	69th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of New Mexico
	<i>Casper J. Brown, Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters</i>
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm -	69th Annual Assembly (continued)
2:30pm -	Grand Council Officer's Photos
3:00pm -	Installation of 2018 Grand Council Officers
4:00pm -	Knights of York Court of Honour (KYCH) Meeting
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Social Hour
7:00pm -	Holy Land Pilgrimage Dinner
After	Hospitality Room at Hotel



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FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2018

6:30am - 3:00pm	Dry Hospitality Room – Snacks and Coffee
7:00am - 9:00am	Registration
7:00am -	Past Commanders Association
9:00am - 12:00pm	118th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New Mexico
	<i>Stephen A. Balke, Grand Commander</i>
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm -	118th Annual Conclave (continued)
2:30pm -	Grand Commandery Officer's Photos
3:00pm -	Installation of 2018 Grand Commandery Officers
5:45pm	Memorial/Vesper Service
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Social Hour
7:00pm -	Grand Banquet (Youth Group Speakers – Awards Ceremony)
After	Hospitality Room at Hotel



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SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2018

6:30am – 2:00pm	Dry Hospitality Room – Snacks and Coffee
7:00am – 9:00am	Registration
7:00am -	Order of the High Priesthood
9:00am – 12:00pm	121st Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico
	<i>Raymond D. MacDonald, Grand High Priest</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm -	121st Annual Convocation (continued)
2:30pm -	Grand Chapter Officer's Photos
Following	Installation of 2018 Grand Chapter Officers
After	Survivor's Party – Hospitality Room at Hotel

BALLUT ABYAD SHRINE CENTER

Driving Directions: From I-40 take the Louisiana Exit proceeding south on Louisiana Blvd past Central Ave to Zuni. Turn right (west) on Zuni and go 4 blocks to Florida St SE. Turn left and The Shrine Center is on your right with entrance on Florida St.



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ACCOMMODATIONS

The Day's Inn & Suites Airport Albuquerque is providing our accommodations this year. They are charging \$59.99 plus tax per night for rooms with one (1) king size bed or two (2) queen size beds. This rate is good for occupancy of up to two (2) guests per room. There is an additional fee of \$10.00 per additional occupant. To receive these rates, you must call the hotel directly (505-247-1500) and **ask for the "2018 New Mexico York Rite Grand Sessions" rate.**

The Day's Inn & Suites Airport Albuquerque is located at:

2331 Centre Ave. SE
Albuquerque, NM 87106
Phone: 505 – 247 – 1500

The rates are good for Wednesday, April 18 thru Sunday, April 22. You can cancel your reservation for a full refund up until 3:00p the day prior to your reservation. Reservations do include free Continental Breakfast and Shuttle to and from the Airport and the Ballut Abyad Shrine. Guests may contact the hotel upon arrival, using the contact information above. There will also be a Shuttle provided to and from Day's Inn and the Ballut Abyad Shrine Center at certain times of the day (sign up at the Check-in desk).

Day's Inn & Suites Airport Albuquerque is smoke-free property. The hotel is very close to various eating establishments (Applebee's, Fuddrucker's, Village Inn and Waffle House). The hotel offers a range of recreational amenities, including an indoor pool, a spa tub and a 24-hour Fitness Center. There is also complimentary wireless Internet access. Rooms have a small refrigerator and microwave.

Driving Directions to Day's Inn & Suites Airport Albuquerque:

From the South: I-25 to Gibson Blvd SE. East to Yale Blvd SE, then left (north) to Centre Ave SE, one block north of Gibson. Hotel is east of Yale.

From the North: I-25 South to Gibson Blvd SE to Yale Blvd SE, then left (north) to Centre Ave. SE, (one block North of Gibson). Hotel is East of Yale.

Driving Directions from Day's Inn & Suites Airport Albuquerque to Ballut Abyad Shrine Center

Take Gibson Blvd SE east to San Mateo Blvd SE. Left (north) to Zuni Rd SE. Right (east) to Ballut Abyad Shrine Center (6600 Zuni Rd SE) on your right.



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COSTS

- New Mexico York Rite Masons are required to pay a \$25.00 registration fee if attending one or more of the events.
- Registration deadline is April 8, 2018 with a \$15.00 late fee for any late registrations.
- Any meals ordered after April 8, 2018 are not guaranteed. Meals available are being charged at the following rates:

Event		Description	Per Person	Per Couple
Lunch	Thursday, April 19	Soup and Sandwiches	<i>\$13.00</i>	<i>\$26.00</i>
Holy Land Pilgrimage Dinner	Thursday, April 19	Italian Medley	<i>\$25.00</i>	<i>\$45.00</i>
Lunch	Friday, April 20	Taco Plate	<i>\$13.00</i>	<i>\$26.00</i>
Grand York Rite Banquet	Friday, April 20	Prime Rib or Salmon	<i>\$28.00</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
Lunch	Saturday, April 21	Cold Cut Sandwiches	<i>\$13.00</i>	<i>\$26.00</i>



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GRATUITIES FOR VISITING DIGNITARIES

Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico

All Expenses paid

National Officers

Most Excellent General Grand High Priest

Two (2) night lodging *

Most Puissant General Grand Master

Lunch on the day of his meeting

Right Eminent Grand Master

Grand Banquet

Or the Official Representative for one of the above**

Regional Officers

SW Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest

One (1) night lodging *

SW Regional Deputy General Grand Master

Lunch on the day of his meeting

SW Department Commander

Grand Banquet

Visiting from other Jurisdictions

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Lunch on the day of his meeting

Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Banquet

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Or the Official Representative for one of the above ***

If a visiting dignitary listed above is accompanied with his lady, she will enjoy the same gratuities.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Dinner is a fund raiser and **there are no gratuities for this event.**

Please register for this event and indicate choice of meal.

Note: * Does not include room service, phone charges, gratuities or any extras.

** Must have current **Official Documentation** on file

*** Must be a **Grand Line Dais Officer** with **Official Documentation** on file

For additional information or any questions, please call or email either Companion and Sir Knight below:

Stephen A. Balke: 505 – 730 – 7189 steve.a.balke@gmail.com

Dennis R. Detrow: 505 – 350 – 3430 drdetrow53@gmail.com



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Each Companion/Sir Knight attending must fill out a registration form. **Please Print.** Regular Registration Closes 4/8/18

Name: _____ Lady / Guest: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____
 Email: _____ Additional Guest(s): _____

Service to York Rite and Masonry (Fill the appropriate blanks)

Name / Number (NM only) CH: _____ CO: _____ KT: _____
 Local YR Office(s) _____
 Grand YR Office(s) _____
 Other YR / GL Office(s) _____
 Lady/Guest Honors/Titles _____

Regular Registration Ends April 8, 2018.

Meals cannot be guaranteed for late (non-regular) registrations, and a late fee of \$15.00 will be added.

Meals

		<i>Member</i>	<i>Lady</i>	<i>QTY Total</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Thursday	April 19, 2018				
Lunch	Soup and Sandwiches	_____	_____	_____	\$13.00 ea. _____
	Holy Land Pilgrimage FUNDRAISER				
	Italian Buffet	_____	_____	_____	\$25.00 / single _____ \$45.00 / couple _____
Friday	April 20, 2018				
Lunch	Taco Plate	_____	_____	_____	\$13.00 ea. _____
	Grand Banquet				
	Prime Rib	_____	_____	_____	\$28.00 / single _____
	Salmon	_____	_____	_____	\$50.00 / couple _____
Saturday	April 21, 2018				
Lunch	Cold Cut Sandwiches	_____	_____	_____	\$13.00 ea. _____

Registration

New Mexico York Rite Masons Only	\$25.00	_____
Late Fee (Any registration <i>received</i> after April 8, 2018)	\$15.00	_____

Grand Total

If Registering More Than One Guest, Please Contact Stephen Balke Directly

DIETARY CONCERNS, please let us know. _____

Payment Options:		Registration and Payment Online are Available, Please Visit or Follow the Link Below: https://sessions.nmyorkrite.org
If By Mail, Pay & Address to:	NM Grand York Rite	
Check Memo:	PO Box 25004	
NM GYR Sessions		Albuquerque, NM 87125-0004