



# MID-ATLANTIC YORK RITE

## 2026 Department Conference

Dear Companions and Sir Knights:

It is with pleasure we invite you to attend the 2026 Mid-Atlantic Department Conference, which will be held September 25-26, 2026, and will take place at the Maritime Conference Center, 692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090. The General Session of Commandery will take place Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, and the General Session for Chapter/Council, the Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program, and the Leadership Training Course will take place Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

We have secured a variety of room selections, allowing single occupancy, double occupancy, as well as room share for triple and for quad occupancy for cost-sharing. Additional information for rates and booking is available in the [Hotel Registration Information](#) page. **The hotel registration cutoff date is Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Please do not wait to make your reservation until the last minute.**

Conference attendees have the option to arrive Wednesday (September 23<sup>rd</sup>) or Thursday (September 24<sup>th</sup>) before the meetings begin and enjoy the sights of the area. Meeting registration will take place in the hotel lobby Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00-5:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 pm, as well as Friday and Saturday, September 25-26, from 6:00-8:00 am. The Conference sessions will begin at 8:00 am. Dress for all activities is coat and tie or business casual. **Conference registration deadline is Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Your registration will not be considered "complete" until payment is received.**

The hotel offers complimentary use of recreational facilities; including indoor pool, fitness center, and game room. Complimentary parking and shuttle service to/from BWI Airport and BWI Amtrak Station, which currently runs 24 hours depending on hotel guest volumes. Please refer to the hotel website FAQ page for specifics on shuttle service: <https://mccbwi.com/faqs/>. Complimentary Wi-Fi service is available in all guest rooms and throughout the property.

We will have a well-stocked Hospitality room that will be open Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-12:00 pm, and evenings except during dinner. Breakfast and dinner will be free for all overnight guests, and lunch is included in the daily meeting/class registration fee. The hotel will also have a Continental Breakfast service break Friday and Saturday, 7:30-11:00 am, as well as an afternoon service break with snacks, 1:30-4:00 pm Friday and Saturday. There will be a banquet dinner on Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, and also a wonderful Ladies Program on Saturday, the 26<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the [Conference Schedule of Events](#) for a full agenda for a list of event times and room locations, as well as the [Conference Registration Form](#) for all meetings and cost breakdown for overnight guests and non-overnight guests. **When registering for the meeting, please be sure to account for ladies and guests (overnight and non-overnight/non-class registered attendees) in your total costs so we have proper head counts, as well as knowledge of guests for the purpose of name badges.**

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact your Conference representative by clicking the emblem below.



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**Mid-Atlantic Department Conference Registration Information**  
 September 25-26, 2026  
 Maritime Conference Center  
 692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090, (410) 859-4100

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Room Day	Room Date	Room Type
Thu	09/24/2026	Standard Room
Thu	09/24/2026	2 Rm Suite - North
Thu	09/24/2026	1 RM Suite - North
Fri	09/25/2026	Standard Room
Fri	09/25/2026	2 Rm Suite - North
Fri	09/25/2026	1 RM Suite - North
Sat	09/26/2026	Standard Room
Sat	09/26/2026	2 Rm Suite - North
Sat	09/26/2026	1 RM Suite - North

**ROOM RATES (taxes not included):** Single Occupancy rate of \$169.00, Double Occupancy rate of \$214, Triple Occupancy Rate of \$254 and Quad rate of \$294 will be honored for the dates listed.

Room rate includes breakfast (available 6:30-9:00 am) for each night of lodging (no rebate for missed meals). The special room rate will be available until Friday, September 4, 2026, or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. Self-parking is free. Please make room reservations directly with the hotel either online or by phone.

Booking link: <https://gettaroom.b4checkin.com/mccbwi/rlp/GEKT>

Guests may also call Hotel Reservations at 410-859-5700, Press 7, then identify themselves with **Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA**

Check-in time is after 3:00 pm and Check-out time is 11:00 am. Complimentary shuttle service is available daily 24/7 to/from BWI Airport. Please check directly with the hotel for arrangements (PH: 410-859-8400). We will once again offer the Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program (CTCP) to be held concurrently with the Department Conference. This is a training program for Prelates and Chaplains. Long thought of as simply officers who read a prayer, or pray for the sick, Chaplains and Prelates should be leading officers in all Masonic bodies, but more especially in Commandery. This program is designed to help members dedicated enough to serve the Craft and God to be more effective in their positions. For the Chaplain Program, everyone must register and pay the registration fee using the Mid-Atlantic Department Conference Registration Form. Registration ensures availability of training materials. **\*See accompanying message for Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program.**

**Please remember that Grand Encampment Statutes specify that the Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General and Grand Recorder are *REQUIRED* to attend. Attendance will be taken. A count of the participating members of the Grand Commanderies will also be taken.**

All Grand Recorders should encourage all Officers in their respective jurisdictions to attend the Conference. Non-Dais Officers MAY attend the Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program. Please also note that this conference is open to any and all Sir Knights who desire to attend.



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SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2026

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TIME	EVENT	ROOM LOCATION
<b>Thursday, September 24, 2026</b>		
3:00-5:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 pm	Registration	Hotel Lobby
<b>Friday, September 25, 2026</b>		
6:00 am-8:00 am	Registration	Hotel Lobby
7:30 am-11:00 am	AM Service Break*	Conference Center Lobby
8:00 am-12:00 pm	Hospitality	8 South
8:00 am-5:00 pm	Grand Encampment Session	Classroom 3
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch	Chesapeake Dining Room
1:30 pm-4:00 pm	PM Service Break**	Conference Center Lobby
6:00 pm-9:00 pm	Banquet Cocktail & Dinner	CDR Salons 1 and 2
<b>Saturday, September 26, 2026</b>		
6:00 am-8:00 am	Registration	Hotel Lobby
7:30 am-11:00 am	AM Service Break*	Conference Center Lobby
8:00 am-12:00 pm	Hospitality	8 South
8:00 am-5:00 pm	Joint Chapter & Council Session	Classroom 3
8:00 am-5:00 pm	Commissioned Templar Chaplin Session	A312
8:00 am-5:00 pm	Leadership Training	A300 A302 A303
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch	Chesapeake Dining Room
1:30 pm-4:00 pm	PM Service Break**	Conference Center Lobby
2:00 pm-3:30 pm	Ladies Tea	8 South
<p><i>*AM service breaks include coffee and hot tea service, fruit juices, assorted sodas, water, assorted breakfast pastries and muffins, seasonal fruit, milk, and assorted yogurts</i></p> <p><i>** PM service breaks include coffee and hot tea service, assorted sodas, water, cookies, seasonal fruit, and Chef's selection of sweet, salty, and healthy snacks</i></p>		

**Suit & tie requested for Conference & CTCP**

**Hospitality Suite - 8 South Room**

- ❖ Closed: Friday Banquet, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm, & Saturday Ladies Tea, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm
- ❖ Open: Friday and Saturday, 8:00 am-12:00 pm; Evenings except during dinners



# MID-ATLANTIC DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

September 25-26, 2026 -- Maritime Conference Center  
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**DEADLINES:** ☞☞☞☞ **Hotel Registration** cutoff date is Friday, September 4, 2026  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Commandery: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lady Attending: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Lady's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one or more of the following to attend: (all meeting fees include lunch; there is a cost if not registered for a class/Conference)

DATE	MEETING/SESSION REGISTRATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = YES	COST	TOTAL X PER PERSON
<b>Friday, September 25</b>	General Session Commandery	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$98.00	\$
	General Session for Chapter/Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$98.00	\$
<b>Saturday, September 26</b>	<b>OR</b>			
	Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program*	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$98.00	\$
	<b>OR</b>			
	Leadership Training Course	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$78.00	\$

*\* NOTE: If you select the Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program, the \$98 fee must be paid with this Registration Form. Please refer to "Commissioned Chaplain Program Option at Mid-Atlantic Conference" notice regarding additional registration requirements and book ordering.*

MEAL SELECTION	** MEAL SELECTION & PAYMENT MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN September 15, 2026				
<b>Friday, September 25</b>	Breakfast Buffet	Free for overnight guests	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$00.00	\$00.00
		Non-overnight guests	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	\$
Lunch	Free for all registered attendees	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$00.00	\$00.00	
	Not-registered for a class/Conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$45.00	\$	
Banquet	Free for overnight guests	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$00.00	\$00.00	
	Non-overnight guests	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$65.00	\$	
<b>Saturday, September 26</b>	Breakfast Buffet	Free for overnight guests	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$00.00	\$00.00
		Non-overnight guests	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	\$
Lunch	Free for all registered attendees	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$00.00	\$00.00	
	Not-registered for a class/Conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$45.00	\$	
Lady's Tea	Free for all ladies attending	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$00.00	\$00.00	
<b>TOTAL***</b>				\$	

Return this form with check made payable to:  
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\*\*\* Totals must include meeting, Lady, and non-registered guests  
 If electronic payment is preferred, please e-mail completed form to John Austin and submit payment using Zelle