

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Virginia



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TO: All Sir Knights and their Ladies
FROM: The Office of the Grand Recorder
DATE: February 16, 2025
SUBJECT: 203rd Stated Grand Conclave, May 1-3, 2025

Sir Knight Scott Lyons Fielding, Right Eminent Grand Commander, cordially invites all Sir Knights and their Ladies to attend the 203rd Stated Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of Virginia. The Stated Grand Conclave will be held May 1-3, 2025, at the Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Hotel reservations should be made directly through the Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Conference Center either by phone or registering online at the link provided below:

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/110365?groupID=3825844>

Check in date is Thursday May 1, 2025, Check out Sunday May 4, 2024. Deadline for making reservations is April 13, 2025. For your convenience, essential contact and relevant information is listed below:

Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Conference Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia,
710 S Main St, Harrisonburg, VA 22801-5821
Phone: (540) 564-0200

When **NOT using the link provided to make your reservation, call the phone number listed above, be sure to specify you are registering for the **Annual Conclave Knights Templar****

As in past years, the Grand Commandery will be hosting a Hospitality Room for fellowship and refreshment (no donations are being requested). The Hospitality Room will be located in Allegheny Room C. Access to the Hospitality Room will be from 9am to 5pm on Friday May 2nd. The Hotel Madison will ensure that the room is kept stocked with snacks and beverages. Please stop by to rest yourselves between meetings, catch up with friends, or grab a quick drink and snack. Although not necessary, if any Sir Knight or their Lady would like to volunteer their time staffing the Hospitality Suite, please email SK Jake Trenary (GStB@vatemplars.org).

As a reminder, it is expected that each Constituent Commandery's dais officers attend the Stated Grand Conclave (refer to Constitution & Statutes, Section 24- F3) or have their proxies attend in their stead. Also please ensure your Commandery's listing of voting delegates is current in MMS.

This year a charity Degree titled the Ancient Order of the Gordian Knot will be conferred on Thursday evening on May 1st, 2025, starting at 7pm. A fee of \$50 must accompany all Petitions (attached to the Call). All proceeds will be donated to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. The Grand Commander's Awards banquet (Tickets required) will take place on the evening of Friday May 2nd (see menu attachment for details).

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Virginia



The Business Session will take place on Friday afternoon May 2, 2025, and include election of Officers, Installation will take place on Saturday May 3rd (see agenda).

Uniform for attending the open session for the Introduction & Reception of Distinguished Guests and Grand Master's Remarks and all Business Sessions will be chapeaus and gloves for all Sir Knights NO swords. Grand Line Officers full uniform w/ swords.

Be our guest at the reception of our 2025 Right Eminent Grand Commander and his Grand Officers on Saturday May 3rd from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Open cash bar, Hors D'Oeuvres,

Sir Knights, please make every effort to attend and support your Grand Commandery, participate in this year's many events, and enjoy the time with your friends. The Grand Commander and I look forward to seeing and greeting you all at the Stated Grand Annual Conclave.



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Scott Lyons Feilding, KCT
Grand Commander

David R. Conner

David Ray Conner
Grand Recorder

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia
Hotel Madison at Harrisonburg, Virginia
May 1 – May 4, 2025

Thursday – May 1, 2025

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Registration	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	St. Thomas of Acon Lunch	(Alleghany Room B & C)
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	St. Thomas of Acon Meeting	(Alleghany Room A)
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Masonic Order of Pilgrim Preceptors	(Alleghany Room C)
7:00 PM	Ancient and Heroic Order of the Gordian Knot Petition Fee(s) to go to Holy Land Pilgrimage	(Alleghany Room A & B)

Friday – May 2, 2025

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration	
	Shenandoah Ball Room	
8:00 AM	Distinguished Guest (DG's) Assemble in the Conference Center Hallway,	
8:30 AM	Grand Line Officers: Form the Lines	
9:00 AM	Introduction & Reception of Distinguished Guests and Grand Master's Remarks. (Open Session <i>(chapeaus and gloves for all Sir Knights NO swords. Grand Line Officers full uniform w/ swords)</i>)	
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Hospitality Room	(Alleghany Room C)
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Vendors	
10:15 AM	Necrology and Religious Service Opens (National Anthem)	
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own at Monty's Restaurant (Sir Knights)	
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Ladies Lunch and Activities (RSVP)	(Appalachian Ballroom C)
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Business Session <i>(chapeaus and gloves for all Sir Knights NO swords. Grand Line Officers full uniform w/ swords)</i> Open full form with duties <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation of the United States Flag (Grand Commanders Honor Guard)- Pledge Allegiance- Drape the Charter- Welcome remarks by Right Eminent Grand Commander- Roll Call the of Commanderies- Announcements- Grand Commanders Allocution- Committee of Past Grand Commanders' Response- Call the Roll of the Grand Representatives- *Propositions and Resolutions (VOTING ONLY)- 2025 - 2026 Budget- Awards Committee- Election of Grand Line Officers 2025 – 2026	

****The installation ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 4:00 pm in the Shenandoah Grand Ballroom.****

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Finance Investment Program (Presentation)	(Shenandoah Ball Room)
5:30 PM – 10:00 PM	151st Grand Commanders Awards Banquet (Tickets Required)	(Shenandoah Ball Room)

Saturday – May 3, 2025

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Deputy Grand Commanders Breakfast *(food will be served in Conference Center Foyer)*	(Shenandoah Ball Room)
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Ritual and Tactics Competition	(Blue Ridge Room)
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Vendors	
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	KYCH Meeting	(Alleghany Room A & B)
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Registration	
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Pictures for Incoming Grand Officers, (if Necessary)	
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Knights Preceptor Meeting/Conferral	(Alleghany Room A & B)
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own Monty's Restaurant	
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Reconvene Business Session (Tiled if Required)	(Shenandoah Ball Room)
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Setup and Practice for Installation of Officers	(Shenandoah Ball Room)
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Installation of Officers 2025-2026	(Shenandoah Ball Room)
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Open Reception Grand Commandery (Cash Bar)	(Shenandoah Ball Room)

Sunday – May 4, 2025

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Grand Commander, and Hotel Madison Representative meet in the Lobby. Review final invoice and approve for full payment.

Check out and return home

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia
Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Valley Conference Center Harrisonburg, Virginia
710 S. Main Street Harrisonburg VA. 22801-5821

Friday, May 2, 2025

5:30 – 6:30 pm: Social Hour with open cash bar available

7:00 pm: 151st Grand Commander Awards Banquet (ticket required) Live Entertainment:

	Price	Number	Total
Marinated Pork loin w/Apple Cider Reduction	\$ 50.00	_____	_____
Market Fresh Green Salad, Served with Roasted Vegetable Ratatouille, Rosemary Rosted Fingerling Patatoes, freshly baked rolls and butter, Regular Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee,Sweet-Unsweet Iced Tea, and Iced water.			
Rotisserie - Style Chicken with Tomato Vinaigrette Marinade	\$ 50.00	_____	_____
Market Fresh Green Salad, Served with Market Fresh Green Salad, Served with Roasted Vegetable Ratatouille, Rosemary Rosted Fingerling Patatoes, freshly baked rolls and butter, Regular Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee,Sweet-Unsweet Iced Tea, and Iced water.			
Cauliflower Steak with House Chimichurri Sauce	\$ 50.00	_____	_____
Market Fresh Green Salad, Served with Roasted Vegetable Ratatouille, Rosemary Rosted Fingerling Patatoes, freshly baked rolls and butter, Regular Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee,Sweet-Unsweet Iced Tea, and Iced water.			

Desserts: Cheesecake Topped with Seasonal Fruit Compote

Please make your meal selection and advise of any special dietary needs or allergys in submitting this form. Mail this form and your check for the meals selected to:

Grand Commandery
P.O.Box 9178
Virginia Beach, VA.23450

Make all Checks Payable to Grand Commandery. Deadline for all meal selections is April 5, 2025.

Please check this box to confirm if your lady is going to attend the Ladies Luncheon on Friday May 2, 2025.

Ladies Luncheon Buffet

Friday, May 2, 2025

Serve Time: 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Chicken Marsala

Rigatoni with Italian Sausage and Garlic Marinara.

Cheese Tortellini in a Roasted Tomato Cream Sauce

Italian Lunch Salad Mixed Greens, Tomatoes, Pepperoncini, Feta, and Kalamata Olives
Served with White Balsamic Vinaigrette Garlic Butter Bread Sticks, Italian Style Green Beans
with Diced Roma Tomatoes, Lemon Juice, and Garlic Olive Oil. Iced Tea (Unsweet) Iced
Water.

Desert: Tiramisu or Carrot Cake with Caramel Sauce.

Note: Please check the box for the ladies Luncheon when you mail in your meal selection.

Breakfast Buffet

Conference Center Foyer

Saturday, May 3, 2025

6:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Sausage Gravy

Biscuits (Vegetarian)

Fluffy Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs (Vegetarian/Gluten Free)

Applewood Smoked Bacon

Country Ham

House Potatoes

Orange Juice

Artisanal Blend Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Fine Teas
served with a variety of sugar/sugar substitutes and creamer

Iced Water

Grand Commandery Knights Templar Reception

Shenandoah Ball Room

Saturday, May 3, 2025

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Be our guest at the Reception of our 2025 Right Eminent Grand Commander and his Grand Officers. Open cash bar,

Below are the selections for the Reception.

Rustic Tomato Basil Bruschetta on Toast Points

Pulled Pork Sliders with Whiskey BBQ & Cole Slaw

Deviled Eggs (Gluten Free) with Bacon Jam

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Ancient and Heroic Order of the Gordian Knot

Petition



To the Officers and Companions of Virginia Synod No. 1

(Please Print)

I, _____, herewith crave permission to be elevated to the rank of Companion of the Gordian Knot. I declare that I am in good health and capable of traversing the rugged path to Gordia. I am a Master Mason in good standing, being a member of _____ Lodge No. _____, in the city of _____, and State of _____.

Recommended by: _____ Applicant's Signature _____
Companion _____ Date of Application _____

Administrative Data

The Fee of \$50.00 was received on: _____

Assigned Lifetime Member Number _____ and recorded on the rolls. Lifetime Membership Card and Lapel Pin were issued on _____.

Recorder's Signature _____
Date _____

Applicant Address

First & Last Name: _____
City _____ State _____ zip code _____
Email _____
Phone no. _____

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