



Convent General

Knights of the York Cross of Honour (KYCH)



83rd Annual Conclave

September 13-15, 2018

Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Fellow Knights,

On behalf of Charles Clyde Hunt Priory No. 42 and the Officers of Convent General, it is my pleasure to invite you and your lady to attend the 83rd Annual Conclave, September 13-15, 2018 in Des Moines, Iowa. The Knights of Iowa are ready to welcome you to the Heartland and show you "Iowa Nice" hospitality.

The Embassy Suites Des Moines Downtown, 101 East Locust St., Des Moines, Iowa 50309 is our hotel. The hotel is all suites, offering complimentary cooked to order breakfast, evening Managers reception with beverages and appetizers, free wi-fi, and free hotel shuttle service. Upon arrival at the Des Moines International Airport you will need to use the phone in the baggage claim area to call the hotel to come pick you up. The special group rate is \$134.00 per night, plus tax which currently is 12%. Parking is available but not included. All tours will leave from the hotel. There are many nearby restaurants and attractions.

Tours are planned for Thursday September 13, 2018 and Friday September 14, 2018, with the annual meeting and the Grand Master-General's Banquet on Saturday September 15, 2018 at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Building, 519 Park St. Des Moines, IA 50309. Transportation will be provided to and from all events.

Thursday's tours consist of attractions in the Des Moines area, including: The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, Iowa State Capital, Salisbury House and Gardens, The State Historical Museum of Iowa, and a tour of the Dennis Albaugh Private Chevrolet Collection. Lunch hosted by The Grand Lodge of Iowa. Dinner will be on your own, there are many nearby restaurants.

Friday's tour is a day excursion to Madison County. Visit and learn about the Covered Bridges made famous by Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep in the movie *The Bridges of Madison County*, from the book by Robert James Waller. Visit the John Wayne Birthplace and Museum, shop the square, and for the ladies a visit to the Iowa Quilt Museum. Lunch hosted by the Iowa Grand York Rite Bodies.

Friday evening, we will leave the hotel to visit Geisler Farm in Ankeny, IA. This will be a relaxing evening including an Iowa Pork Chop dinner with all the fixing's hosted by the Des Moines Scottish Rite.

On Saturday the men will leave the hotel for the Des Moines Scottish Rite for the Annual Meeting. The ladies can enjoy the nearby Downtown Farmers Market. All will have lunch hosted by the York Rite Sovereign College, at the Scottish Rite, followed by a presentation about the Medical Research Foundation and Installation of incoming Officers.

The Grand Master-General's Banquet will be held Saturday evening at the Des Moines Scottish Rite Building. International Steinway Artist Jim McDonough will be the featured entertainment.

**For more detailed information and to make reservations go to the website: kych.org
Reservations can be made after October 12, 2017**

Reservations must be received by Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

Yours in Faith,

**Bryce B. Hildreth
Grand Master-General**