

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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Companions and Ladies of the Royal Arch in Alberta

Invitation to the Grand Chapter Convocation in Red Deer on May 8th and 9th, 2020

Marilyn and I would like to invite, and encourage you, to attend the Grand Convocation this year. After many years, we are in a new host city, Red Deer, and will be located at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre. Many of you will recognize the facility as the former Sheraton or Capri.

Please make sure you give the attached note from Marilyn to your lady. *(Ignore this advice at your peril!)*

In addition to the Ladies' functions, there will be a Convocation of Royal Arch Masons, with visitors expected from other Jurisdictions, within and outside of Canada. We begin Friday morning with a meeting of the Executive Committee and the afternoon will include the Order of the High Priesthood and some Capitular Education.

Friday evening continues with the Ceremonial Opening, with our ladies present, when we will welcome local dignitaries and representatives of numerous concordant bodies. The evening will include a Memorial Service, and conclude with a reception in an adjacent room. Later that evening, Marilyn and I welcome you to our suite for "a nightcap".

The Communication itself, on Saturday, features a Business Meeting and our Elections during the morning, with the Installation of next year's Grand First Principal that afternoon. The Grand Chapter Banquet will occur Saturday evening, and the day will conclude with the continuation of the socializing which began Thursday night following the KYCH meeting.

This year we would like to leave some "light" in our host city of Red Deer. To do this, the plan is to bring just a little bright light to those who may need it most. Companions: please bring a small gift – some new socks – to leave for those who have so little. They will be donated to the Mustard Seed for distribution to the homeless. Marilyn will be asking the ladies to bring a new stuffed animal for distribution to children who may be victims or survivors and who need something to hug and call their own. We who have so much can surely share a little and spread some light.

Alberta's Royal Arch Communication is widely recognized as one of Canada's most relaxing and social gatherings of Freemasons. It has been suggested that since there is no Masonic Workshop this year, Red Deer will be the trip of choice for the Masons in our Province.

Please join us at the Cambridge, and do not delay in completing your registration and booking your room.

Fraternally,

Rod Rod Ponech, Grand "Z"