

NOTICE OF MEETING

(THIS NOTICE MUST BE READ IN OPEN CHAPTER highlighted in Grey)

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ALBERTA
1914 – 2020
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION
To be held
RED DEER, ALBERTA - MAY 8TH AND 9TH 2020

To all Constituent Chapters, Chapter Officers, and Members of Grand Chapter

GREETINGS: This one hundred and sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the Cambridge Red Deer Hotel, 3310 50th Avenue, Red Deer on Friday, May 8th and Saturday 9th. Hotel reservations must be made directly to the hotel (403) 346-2091 indicating that you're attending the "Royal Arch" Convention. Please note we have secured rates of \$139.00 per night plus taxes which are guaranteed until April 30, 2020. If you are planning to attend, please make your reservation prior to this date, otherwise the guarantee will not apply.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 AM Sharp. Friday, May 8th 2020. This will be a full-scale meeting, and all members of the Executive Committee are urged to be present. Copies of the Preliminary Report will be available on the Grand Chapter Web-site or copies at the meeting, there will be some important topics to be discussed.

ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN THE CAMBRIDGE HOTEL IN THE CONVENTION AREA (unless otherwise stated)

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD: The Order of High Priesthood will meet during the Annual Convocation at 1:30 PM Sharp, Friday, May 8th. The order will be conferred upon all candidates, who have made application, are present and balloted on favourably. All First and Past First Principals, who are members in good standing in a Royal Arch Chapter, are eligible for this Degree. The fee for 2020 is \$90.00. The fee includes the Jewel of the Order and a beautiful Masonic Bible. There are no annual membership fees for this Order. Applications for this Order must be submitted to the Grand Scribe E, prior to the Grand Chapter Convocation in order to ensure that the correct number of supplies are available and that the various documents have been advance printed. Applications are available from your Scribe E or the Grand Chapter Web-site and cheques (no E-Transfers available) are made **payable to the Grand Chapter RAMs' of Alberta.**

CEREMONIAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER: The Ceremonial Opening of the Grand Chapter will take place at 7:30 PM, Friday 8th. Ladies, guest and visitors are invited to attend and sit with the Companions for this Opening. **DRESS:** Officers: Formal (Dark Tux); others dark business suit. The Memorial Service will take place that evening. Adjournment is expected about 9:15 PM. After the Opening Ceremony concludes there will be light refreshments, with a no-host bar service. Cost \$10.00 per person for the food.

REGISTRATION: Grand Chapter Registration will commence on Friday at 3:00 PM and continue through to 5:00 PM and will resume Saturday at 8:00 AM on 9th MAY and terminate at 11:00 AM that same morning.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE: There will be a breakfast for members of this Order on Saturday morning with a social at 7:00 AM and the breakfast at 7:15 PM. Taylor Conclave #5 will be the hosts. Be sure to wear your RCC Collar.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION: The Grand Chapter will be opened in Ample Form at 9:00 AM on Saturday. **ORDER OF DRESS:** Officers – dark business suites or formal (dark Tux); others dark business suit. **LUNCH BREAK:** will be available for those Companions who have ordered luncheon tickets. The Ladies will have luncheon within the hotel, location to be announced.

BUSINESS RESUMES: The Grand Chapter will resume business at 1:15 PM on Saturday May 9th 2020.

GRAND CHAPTER INSTALLATION: The Grand Chapter installation under the direction MEC Donald Gillies. **ORDER OF DRESS:** Officers (Out-going and In-coming) – formal (Dark Tux), others – dark business suit.

GRAND CHAPTER PHOTOGRAPH: The official photograph of the 2020-2021 Grand Chapter Officers will be taken immediately following the ceremony of the Grand Convocation. The first photograph will be all the Grand Chapter Officers and the elected executive Committee, followed by the smaller groups consisting of the Grand Council and Past Grand Z, followed by Grand Council and the District Superintendents, Grand Council and individual photographs. If you fall into one the above groups, please stick around near the photographer, we are not going to look for you, be available.

GRAND CHAPTER BANQUET: Following the Close of Grand Chapter there will be social gathering from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM and at 7:00 PM the banquet will commence. This year the banquet will be a “Buffet Style”.

PLEASE NOTE: All breakfast, luncheon and banquet tickets **MUST** be ordered from MEC Jesse Carr prior to April 30th 2020. The Registration & ticket form is available through your Scribe E or the Grand Chapter Web-site. Tickets can be picked up from MEC Carr at the time of registration.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Notice to amend the Constitution & Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta were received by the constitutional deadlines:

- a. Repeal or rescinded Article 3.85 & 3.86 at amended in 2019
- b. Limited the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E to five years in office
- c. NOTICE OF MOTION to amend Constitution & Regulations and present at 2021 Grand Convocation

NOMINATIONS

In accordance with Section 1, sub-section 9 of the Regulations, you are hereby notified that the following nominations were filed with Office of the Grand Scribe E on February 28, 2020, for the Elective Offices of Grand Chapter at the One Hundred and sixth Annual Convocation, to be held in the City of Red Deer, AB on May 8th and 9th 2020.

OFFICE	NAME	CHAPTER	CITY
Grand First Principal	REC Gerald D.R. Waldern	Shikinah #4	Lethbridge
Grand Second Principal	REC W. Jeff Knight	Cold Lake #9	Cold Lake
Grand Third Principal	REC James Carswell	Golden West #5	Calgary
Grand Treasurer	REC Donald H. Murray	Harmony 26	Brooks
Grand Scribe E	REC Jerry W. Kopp – PGZ	Strathmore #21	Calgary
Grand Scribe Nehemiah	REC Wayne King	Shikinah #4	Lethbridge
Grand Principal Sojourner	REC Brant Irwin	Shikinah #4	Lethbridge
Grand Executive 2-year term	REC William Kostenuk	Mountainview #42	Carstairs
	REC Larry Watson	Strathmore 21 Eheyeh 27	Calgary
	REC Richard Sellers	Strathmore 21	Calgary
	REC Brad Edstrom	Hangingstone 40	Ft. McMurray
	REC Ken Ionel	Mountainview 42	Airdrie

Grey highlight must be read out in open Chapter

March 1, 2020

Jerry W. Kopp
Right Excellent Grand Scribe E PGZ