

# The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta



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**My Companions of the Royal Arch in Alberta,**

I truly hope that you are staying-in as much as possible, and have remained well during these difficult times.

The Grand Chapter is following current COVID-19 government (AHS) guidelines and cannot foresee these changing in a time frame which would permit a Grand Convocation to be held this year. With the unanimous approval of the Grand Council, I today announce that **the Grand Convocation for 2020 is now cancelled and that our next Convocation will be held at the Cambridge Hotel and Convention Centre in Red Deer on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**The Grand First Principal, Grand "H", Grand "J", and all other Grand Chapter Officers, Executive Committee Members, and Committee Members will stay in their respective positions until that time.**

**There WILL NOT be a second round of Grand "Z's or Grand District Superintendents' Official Visits** from now through May 2021. Once Chapter meetings are allowed to resume, we hope that individual Chapters can devote themselves to strengthening Companionship and focusing their efforts on Candidates and programming rather than hosting "dignitaries". Grand Chapter in return will make every effort to assist them.

**The Grand Council strongly encourages that Chapters retain their present slate of Officers for an additional year as we expect Royal Arch Masonry may be from Labour to Refreshment for six months or more.** As a result, the current Chapter Officers' terms would effectively be eighteen months or less. This is far better than shortened terms which may be only a few months in length. Dispensations will be granted to forego having Installations.

For the period May 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 through May 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 the following changes will be in effect:

- **Ex. Comp Jim Johnston (Stoney #41) will continue as Grand Pursivant Pro-Tem.**
- **V. Ex. Comp. Dan Cox (Cold Lake #39) Grand District Superintendent-Elect for District #2 will assume a Pro-Tem "assistant" role to R. Ex. Comp Henk Gerow, (Mount Olivet #17) GDS D#2,** who has already completed two full years in office.
- **R. Ex. Comp. Wayne King (Shekinah #4) , GDS D#4, will assume the Finance Committee Chairmanship** replacing R. Ex. Comp. Neil White (Capital City #13) who has resigned.

Finally, to those of you with **socks and stuffies**, please hold them for next May's Convocation. If you do not have them yet the good news is that there is lots of time to get them.

*Continue to let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven. Today, more than ever, our good works are essential for the welfare of all.*

*Rod Ponech*

M. Ex. Comp. Rod Ponech  
Grand First Principal