

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta



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UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS FOR ALL CHAPTERS- GRAND Z's MESSAGE

Declining active COVID 19 cases and hospitalization numbers, in conjunction with increased vaccination rates, are giving Albertans hope and optimism that we may soon be able to return to some normalcy in our daily lives. The Alberta Gov't announcements of a three phased reopening for this summer has no doubt, left many in our membership wondering when Grand Chapter will allow in person meetings to resume. As a Grand Council, our foremost responsibility is to the safety of our membership. As such, we have not allowed Chapter Meetings to resume for the time being. Rather, we are proceeding cautiously and will continue to monitor the situation as the phased re-openings occur. Specifically, we should soon know in the next few weeks whether COVID numbers and resulting hospitalizations, are on the increase due to the more aggressive Delta variant. Until the end of August there are to be no in person Chapter meetings. The Grand Council will review this prior to summer's end, and trust that we will have some good news to report on our re-openings.

When in person meetings are once again allowed, we want to point out the following conditions precedent:

1. Follow all guidelines and procedures of Alberta Health.
2. Follow all guidelines and procedures set-out by your local municipality. Please note that local restrictions may be additional to Provincial requirements.
3. Follow all guidelines and procedures set-out by building owners (landlord) that rent to Chapters.
4. Approval of applicable procedures of the Grand Chapter.

In the meantime, we encourage all of our Chapters to keep in contact with the well-being of Chapter members. Use Zoom as a means of connecting with your members and provide meaningful education. Grand District Superintendents are encouraged to arrange joint meetings of Chapters within our respective Districts. Finally, and most importantly, if you have not been vaccinated, we encourage you to do so today for your own well-being as well as your family and neighbours.

Fraternally yours,

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