

# The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta



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Constituent Chapters  
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Grand Executive Companions

Dear Companions:

Greetings from the Office of the Grand Scribe E, I was hoping that by now, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons would have something different to report on other than COVID 19. Yes, we have all been waiting for a long time to the return of in-person meetings, but as one can see, the fourth wave of COVID 19 has struck harder and authorities have made it necessary to implement more stringent restrictions. These restrictions are once again hindering Freemasonry across the country. We have been in communication with our sister jurisdictions and concordant bodies of Freemasonry and there appears to be varied restrictions for the resumption of in person meetings. Some of our sister jurisdictions have gone as far as maintaining the restrictions until January 2022 and even then, there is no guarantee of re-opening, there will be a continued review as to the status of COVID 19 with the Governments and Medical Authorities.

Companions, we need to be patience and ride out this horrible virus. The decision has been made that our Chapters will not have in person meetings for the months of October and November and we expect that in late November another review will be made by the Grand Council. In the meantime, Chapters are encouraged to continue to ZOOM along with the Virtual meetings.

With respect to Installation of Chapter Officers, the Grand Chapter recently completed the installation of Chapter Officers for three Chapters with success. Grand Chapter is prepared to assist Chapters with the installations and would prefer the grouping of three or more Chapters at the same time, via ZOOM. It takes a coordinated effort to complete this task, first is to find someone who can set up four different break-out sessions for the installation of the Principal Officers and second ensuring the availability of all the officers for installation and/or investiture.

Remember, be patience this will also soon pass.

Fraternally yours,

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