

NOTICE OF MEETING
(This notice is to be read in open Chapter)



THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ALBERTA
ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

To be held at the Red Deer Resort & Casino
3310 50th Avenue - Ph: 403-346-2091 for Reservations
Red Deer, AB T4N 3X9 **MAY 12 & 13 2023**

TO ALL CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF GRAND CHAPTER

GREETINGS: The one hundred and eighth Annual Convocation will be held at the Red Deer Resort & Casino (formerly the CAPRI Hotel) on May 12th & 13th, 2023. Guests can make their reservation either calling the Reservation Department at 403-346-2091 or toll free at 1-800-662-7197 or through email at reservations@recasino.ca by identifying yourself as a member of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Meeting May 2023. Room rates are \$142.00 per night with two room choices: Deluxe Room Two Queen Beds or Traditional Room One King Size Bed. Room rates remain in effect till April 09, 2023. Book early.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Committee will meet on Friday morning at 9:30 AM (Sharp) in the **Santano Room**. Committee Chairman need only report on matters that may differ from that shown in the Preliminary Report. All members are encouraged to attend.

VIRTUAL PAST MASTER DEGREE: This ceremony will be held in the **Santano Room** following the Grand Executive Meeting at approximately 10:00 AM, attendees must all register and candidates for this degree must register separately. Degree will start at 10:00 AM.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD: This ceremony will take place Friday afternoon in the **Santano Room** and start at 1:30 PM. Attendance is restricted to High Priesthood Members, candidates must advance registration with the Grand Scribe E, at a cost of \$95.00 (a one-time fee).

CEREMONIAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER: Takes place on Friday evening in the **Santano Room**, commencing at 7:30 PM, doors will be open to this session at 6:30 AM. Non-masons are welcome to attend. DRESS: Officers formal (dark tux); others: optional. The Grand Chapter receive all visiting Civic leaders and Grand Chapter officers from other jurisdictions, along with other Masonic Concordant Bodies and the Memorial Service will take place. Grand First Principal will introduce the Grand Chapter Officers and the candidates for election to the various electable Grand Chapter Officers and Executive.

REGISTRATION & BALLOTING: Will be under the direction of REC Ken Ionel – Grand Registrar. First session for registration will take place on Friday Afternoon between 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the **Convention Center Lobby** outside the Conference Space, which will be manned by the current Grand District Superintendents. Registration and balloting will continue on Saturday Morning 8:30 am to 11:00 AM, manned by the Grand District Superintendent Elects. Balloting will be declared closed at 10:00 AM Sharp by the Grand First Principal.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE BREAKFAST: This breakfast is restricted to Knight Companions of the Order, but must be in possession of a breakfast ticket available only through pre-registration through MEC Donald Gillies on the appropriate registration form. Event takes place on Saturday morning in the **Marseille & Savona Room**, with a social at 7:00 AM and the breakfast will commence at 7:30 AM. Please ensure you have your breakfast voucher available for presentation.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GRAND CONVOCATION OF GRAND CHAPTER: Will be opened in Ample Form at 9:00 AM (Sharp) in the **Santano Room**. DRESS: Officers formal (dark Tux), other optional.

NOON LUNCH BREAK: Men between 12:00 – 1:15 PM in the **Marseille& Savona Room** for ticket holders and Ladies between 12:00 – 1:30 PM in **Boardroom III** for ticket holders.

BUSINESS RESUMES & INSTALLATION TO FOLLOW: Resume at 1:15 PM (Sharp), complete any unfinished business from the agenda and any introductions of **Notice of Motion** will be received and will be presented at the 2024 Convocation. Installation of the 2023-2024 at the conclusion of the business, will be under the direction of MEC Donald A. Gillies as the Installing Grand First Principal.

GRAND CHAPTER PHOTOGRAPH: The Grand Scribe E will prepare a document to whom-ever is tasked with the taking of photographs, outlining the order which the photographs are to be taken. The first photo will be all of the Past Grand First Principals, followed by the group photos of all the Grand Chapter Officers, which included the Grand Executive and Grand District Supt. We will then follow up with small groups such as the GDS & the Grand Council, then the GDS as a group of four, followed by a group of the Grand Council and then single photo's of the Grand Council. Grand District Supt, Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E. The photo session will take place within the Conference space. We ask that full cooperation in this undertaking take place to speed up the process.. Thank you.

GRAND CHAPTER BANQUET: Following the close of Grand Chapter there will be a social gather in the Florence Room from 5:30 to 6:30 PM (Flexible) and at approximately 7:00 PM everyone should be in place for the Banquet to commence. Please have your banquet tickets available for presentation. Right Excellent Companion Jaime Wong – Grand J will be the Master of Ceremonies. Right Worshipful Brother Chuck Rose – Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alberta is providing the entertainment for the benefit of the Higher Masonic Education Bursary Fund.

NOMINATIONS: Names of nominees will be announced at the Informal Opening of Grand Chapter and also a separate letter will be distributed to the Chapters and Grand Chapter Officers to make the announcements.

Fraternally yours,

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