

**APRIL 26-28 2018**

**Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites St. Catharines**

**327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines Ont.**

**For your attention: “By direction of the Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Companion Alan Donovan, this letter is to be read in its entirety in Chapter and sent to the membership by e-mail or regular mail”.**

**To my Companions in Royal Arch Masonry**

The Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. Alan Donovan invites you to attend the 160<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario being held at:

**The Holiday Inn and Suites, 327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines Ontario, on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>

Office = Montebello Room, Registration & Voting = Brock Room

The Grand Executive Meeting = Concord Room, Social = Royal Henley Room

The Grand Executive will start at 12:30 pm.

Following the Grand Executive meeting, two Education Seminars will take place in the same room:

· Seminar #1 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. R. Ex. Comp. Robert Kliaman will provide a presentation on “**Effective Office Management**”.

· Seminar #2 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. R. Ex. Eric Lakien will provide a presentation on “**Protocol and Etiquette a.k.a. Protocol vs Etiquette**”

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Brock Room, Thursday evening from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

**The Grand Council Meet and Greet Social 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

The Social will be hosted by M. Ex. Companion Alan Donovan and Heather. This is a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new friends with the Grand Council in an informal atmosphere. The menu consists of Chef’s Selection of Two Freshly Prepared Salads, Hot Turkey and Pulled Pork Sliders, served with a selection of Condiments. Please note that this menu is not intended to be a dinner. During this time there will be a presentation to Royal Arch Masons who are Worshipful Master of a Lodge. Advance ticket admission is \$30 per person.

## Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>

Office = Montebello Room, Robing = Cabernet Room

Registration & Voting = Brock Room, Ladies Hospitality = Ostin A B,

Grand Convocation = Merlot Room, Ladies Meeting & Lunch = Royal Henley

Men's Lunch = Orchard Room, Pre Dinner Social = Cabernet Room

Grand Principles' Dinner = Royal Henley

The Credentials Committee will register delegates in the Brock Room from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm when the registration will be closed. Voting will take place one half hour after the recess of the Friday Grand Chapter Session, but voting will not open later than 4:00 pm and will close by 5:00 pm. Note: proxies can only pick up ballots between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm.

The Grand Chapter will open at 9:00 am promptly, in the Merlot & Concord Room on the main level. Please note that the "robing room", is also located on the main level, in the Cabernet Room.

### **The Ladies Program and Luncheon**

The hospitality room, hosted by Heather Donovan, will open for the ladies at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm and will consist of: Tossed Garden Green Salad with Assorted Toppings & Dressings, Carved Pork, Rice Pilaf, Vegetables & Pasta, Assorted Cookies, Squares & Tarts, and Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaf & Tea.

Following the lunch there will be a "Creative workshop on Floral design". Join Brad Baker of BB Blooms Floral Studio for an informative and fun presentation on floral design and arranging.

Advance ticket Admission, \$30.00 per person.

### **Men's Luncheon**

Back by popular demand, a luncheon will be provided for the Companions beginning at noon. Lunch will be make your own sandwich complete with assorted breads, meats, cheese, and a salad, Sweets, tea or coffee to follow.

Advance ticket Admission, \$30.00 per person.

### **Grand Superintendents' Reception**

There will be a reception for the Grand Superintendents, Grand Superintendents Elect and their Secretaries in the Cabernet room at 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. This event will provide an opportunity for the soon-to-be Grand Superintendents Elect and their secretaries to meet and exchange ideas, and to meet personally with the Grand Council.

The Grand Third Principal will act as host for this event.

## **Grand First Principal's Banquet**

Social hour 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm

The menu consists of choice of Oven Roasted New York Striploin with Peppercorn Sauce or Grilled Chicken Breast stuffed with sundried tomatoes and feta cheese. There will be light music at the social hour and during dinner. Head table to line up at 6:45 pm.

Advance ticket admission, \$60 per person

### Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>

Superintendents meeting =Brock Room

Robing = Cabernet Room, Grand Convocation = Merlot Room

Grand Chapter resumes its labours at 8:30 am and will close by noon.

The Grand Superintendents and their secretaries will meet with the Grand Lecturer at 1:00 pm.

I am honoured to have this opportunity to serve as Chairman of this year's Annual Convocation in St. Catharines. It is very much appreciated, the support and guidance provided by the Grand Council and Grand Chapter Office in putting together this year's program.

Building on the successes of previous convocations we are offering 2 seminars again for the betterment of the way we conduct our business. Every effort has been taken to allow more time between some of the events. To minimize the rush from venue to venue. Building on the good work of our Grand Superintendents there will be an opportunity for the Grand Superintendents, their Elected successors and their secretaries to meet socially with the Grand Council and their counterparts and to exchange ideas. This will allow for a better networking of talents both near and afar.

I look forward to greeting you in St. Catharine's at this 160<sup>th</sup> assembly.

Fraternally and sincerely,

V. Ex. Comp. Brian Kiernan

General Chairman, 160<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Convocation