



THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA
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To My Companions in Royal Arch Masonry

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE **150th GRAND CONVOCATION** IN THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES IN THE REGION OF NIAGARA

The **150th Grand Chapter Convocation** will be held on April 3rd to 5th 2008, at the Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre, 327 Ontario Street South, St. Catharines, Ontario.

This year marks a milestone for our Grand Chapter in Ontario. This milestone being the celebration of 150 years of existence. How many volunteer organizations can boast of this great feat, this all owed to the years of hard work done by our Grand Chapter and all the Companions past and present who have dedicated their time and energy to their individual Chapters and Royal Arch Masonry in general. Give yourselves a good pat on the back for a job well done.

This year we will be electing a new slate of Officers and as said numerous times, many hands make light work. I am therefore requesting any Companion who would like to assist on the Elections whether it be in the voting room or the counting room your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

This year we are planning on receiving a greater number of Companions and Visitors due to our special year. We will again, due to its success last year, have our "Meet and Greet" on Thursday evening as well as having a program for the Ladies on Friday morning while we take part in the Elections and other business that pertains to Grand Chapter and the subordinate Chapters. A Hospitality Room will be available on Saturday morning for the Ladies while we finish business and the Installation of Officers for our 151st Year.

Our 150th Anniversary Committee under the guidance of Comp. Terry McLean have been very busy over the past few years in promoting this special occasion, preparing and selling memorabilia and also working on providing you with exceptional entertainment for the Grand First Principal's Banquet on Friday evening. As many of you are aware, not letting any cats out of the bag, the well known Irish Tenor John McDermott is the feature of our evening. The tickets for this Banquet will go fast, don't be disappointed. There will be a cut off for sales as seating will be limited.

The Meeting Rooms where we normally meet for the different banquets and meetings will be posted in the lobbies of the Hotel, this is due to the larger than normal expected number of Companions and Guests and it may mean changing rooms at the last minute, bear with us.

Thursday, April 3rd

The Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. George H. Gifford and his lady Carol invite you to a Meet and Greet commencing at 7:00 p.m. This is a good opportunity to meet your Grand Council and their ladies on an informal basis and renew acquaintances and meet new friends. There will be a Buffet and Cash Bar. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.

Remember Your Grand Chapter Charities

Friday, April 4th - Grand Chapter Convocation will be held starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. Your presence is requested. Meeting rooms will be posted.

Friday, April 4th - Grand First Principal's Banquet. There will be a cash bar in the Atrium commencing at 5:30 p.m. The Head Table will enter the Banquet Hall at 6:15 p.m. with the Banquet commencing at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Seating will be limited, so don't delay in ordering your tickets. If a special diet is required, include your requests with your ticket order, the Hotel will do their utmost to accommodate you.

Saturday, April 5th - A Sunrise Service will be held at 8:00 a.m. officiated by Rev. David Whiston. Companions and Ladies are invited.

Saturday, April 5th - Grand Chapter will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. and all going well, be closed by noon.

The Grand Chapter Office, the Grand Council and the Companions of District No. 7 in conjunction with the Companions of District No. 10 take great pleasure in extending this invitation to you and your ladies to join us on this very special Convocation, our *150th Anniversary*.

Enjoy your stay in the Niagara region and travel safely to and from our Grand Chapter Convocation.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Doug Overy

R.Ex.Comp. Douglas W. Overy
General Chairman
150th Grand Chapter Convocation Committee