



THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA
In the Province of Ontario

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To My Companions in Royal Arch Masonry

The Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion Roland P. Mandeville, invites you to attend the 153rd Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Province of Ontario at the Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre, 327 Ontario Street South, St. Catharines, Ontario, on March 31st, April 1st and 2nd, 2011.

The governance and performance of your Grand Chapter is subject to yearly review and ratifications by its members. Elections for key Grand Chapter Officers are conducted and concluded by their Installation. As a current or Past Principal, you have the ability to shape the future of Capitular Masonry in your District and across the Province. Your vote and participation in the business session, count.

The Social Program for the Convocation promotes fellowship and provides opportunities for our "personal companions" including our ladies and guests to attend numerous functions before, during and after the official business sessions of Grand Chapter. The City of St. Catharines and Niagara Region are full of sights to explore and partake of. A drive along the Niagara Parkway and a visit to the Canadian and American Falls is an experience that you will not easily forget.

Thursday, March 31st

The Credential Committee will register delegates in the Cabernet Room on Thursday evening the 31st day of March 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Grand First Principal's social "Meet and Greet" will be at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., hosted by Most Excellent Companion Roland P. Mandeville and his wife Lynette in the Royal Henley Ballroom. At this time you have the opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet new friends, and be received by your Grand Council in an informal atmosphere. Enjoy a light buffet with a cash bar.

Friday, April 1st

The Credential Committee will register delegates in the Cabernet Room on Friday, the 1st day of April 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. when the registration books will be closed. Voting will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Lynette Mandeville will host the Ladies Program in the Royal Henley Ballroom from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is wine tasting at its best. The Ontario Winery Society is sending a knowledgeable speaker to lead us through a formal wine tasting session beginning at 10:00 a.m. Bring your best palette for this event. A local chocolate maker will also be present to discuss the best chocolates to accompany the particular wine. Information on local wineries for private consumption will be available. Ladies be sure not to miss this event. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

Grand First Principal's Banquet. Social hour - 5:30 p.m. Cash Bar. Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Menu will consist of Garden Salad with Herb Olive Oil & Red Wine Dressing, European Rolls, Boneless Breast of Chicken (Wing Bone In) Stuffed with Feta Cheese & Sundried Tomatoes with a Light Creamed Red Pepper Sauce, Roasted Parisienne Potatoes, Medley of Seasonal Vegetables and Vanilla Ice Cream Crepes for Dessert. Entertainment by the Niagara Men's Chorus, whose members are joined by a common love of singing and are dedicated to musical growth, good fellowship and public service through performance.

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Remember Our Grand Chapter Charities

Saturday, April 2nd

Grand Chapter Session resumes at 8:30 a.m. and will close by noon.

A complimentary Ladies Hospitality room will be available in the Niagara Room A and B (Lower Level) to all ladies from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Our business and social programs being concluded, we depart with safe journey to our own communities to work in harmony with our Chapters and District for another year.

As your General Chairman, I am supported by the Grand Chapter office as well as other dedicated representatives in developing your program. I hope that you, in addition to your fellow and personal companions, can join us for this annual occurrence of renewing our ties to Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario.

Fraternally and sincerely,

John W. Richel

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General Chairman
153rd Grand Chapter Convocation Committee