



OFFICIAL NOTICE



161TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IOWA AND

115TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS OF IOWA

To the Officers and Members of all Chapters, Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests and Committeemen; and to the Officers and Members of all Councils, Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters and Committeemen:

You are hereby notified that the 161th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa and the 115th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Iowa will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport in Des Moines, Iowa on August 10, 11 & 12, 2017.

ATTENDANCE

It is important that every Chapter and Council in the State of Iowa be represented. It is the duty of the Dais Officers of every Chapter and Council to be present, either in person or by their duly authorized representative, to take their rightful part in our deliberations. If you are a Dais Officer and are unable to attend in person, designate one of your members to represent you and your Companions by proxy. Proxy forms will be mailed to your Secretary/Recorder. All other Companions are encouraged to attend.

We highly encourage our newest York Rite Masons and their Ladies to come and experience our Grand Chapter/Grand Council Sessions. We hope that many Companions, along with their Ladies, will participate in the activities. The Joint Arrangements Committee along with the Presiding Officers would greatly appreciate it if you would attend the full sessions or as much as you are able. It is a fun, social and informative time for all.

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS

Our rate for all sleeping rooms is **\$94.00** plus tax per night at the:

**HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT
6111 FLEUR DRIVE
DES MOINES, IA 50321**

Check in time is 3:00 PM and check out time is 12:00 Noon (late check-out may be available upon request).

PHONE NUMBERS FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS:

515/287-2400 (HOTEL DIRECT)

Please ask for the **MASONS GROUP** when making your reservations to receive the group room rate. The **deadline** for room reservations is **FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017**. After that the room rate will be the regular charge of **\$169.95** plus tax per night. **You are responsible for making your own room reservations.** Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card and cancelled before 5:00 PM on the day of arrival. Grand Chapter/Grand Council **will not be responsible** for making any sleeping room reservations.

Stephen G. Libby
M.: E.: Grand High Priest

Kevin T. Christians
M.: I.: Grand Master

MEAL RESERVATIONS

Meal Reservations are to be made by completing and submitting this form, **WITH check, Payable to "2017 Joint Session"** and mail to:

RON GUTHRIE

P O Box 1841

MASON CITY IA 50402-1841

There are two dates associated with meal reservations. Meal reservations, with payment, **received by JULY 14, 2017**, will be honored at the meal rates shown below. Any meal reservations **received between JULY 15 and JULY 25 will be honored with a \$15 surcharge. NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY, 25 and no meal tickets will be sold at the Sessions.** We must have our meal order to the Hotel well before the Sessions start. Be advised that all times and prices shown in this notice are subject to change if unforeseen circumstances require.

Name: _____	Unit Price	Number	Amount
Friday, August 11, 2017			
Men's Lunch – Choice of:			
1). Turkey Croissant Sandwich	<u>\$25.00</u>	_____	\$ _____
2). Ham Croissant Sandwich	<u>\$25.00</u>	_____	\$ _____
Served with potato salad, chips, cookie and iced tea, coffee or water.			
Ladies Brunch – Ham & Cheese Strata			
Fluffy eggs baked with green peppers, ham & cheese topped with Béchamel Sauce, American fried potatoes, sticky cinnamon rolls & seasonal fresh fruit. Milk, coffee, orange juice or water.	<u>\$20.00</u>	_____	\$ _____
Joint Grand Banquet – Choice of:			
1). Roast beef-slow roasted w/black pepper, garlic, red wine reduction.	<u>\$35.00</u>	_____	\$ _____
2). Frenched chicken breast oven roasted and served with garlic-parsley butter sauce.	<u>\$35.00</u>	_____	\$ _____
3). Eggplant Parmesan—eggplant covered in panko on angel hair pasta with marinara sauce & shredded Parmesan cheese.	<u>\$35.00</u>	_____	\$ _____
Served with garlic rosemary mini red potatoes, orange honey glazed carrots, tossed salad, Boston cream and wild berry pie and iced tea, coffee or water.			
<u>Kid's meal</u> (10 years and younger - Friday Banquet only): Chicken tenders & tater tots.	<u>\$15.00</u>	_____	\$ _____
Saturday, August 12, 2017			
Joint Luncheon – Choice of:			
1). Smoked beef brisket melt	<u>\$25.00</u>	_____	\$ _____
2). BBQ pulled pork sandwich	<u>\$25.00</u>	_____	\$ _____
Served with pasta salad, chips, cookie and iced tea, coffee or water.			
Surcharge for reservations received between July 15 & July 25 (if applicable)	<u>\$15.00</u>	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:			\$ _____

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If you have questions or any SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS, please contact Ron Guthrie at 641/424-9230, or email him at braveheart92@mediacombb.net. We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

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Please submit the following information, whether or not you are ordering any meals, to:

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PLEASE PRINT!

NAME: _____

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

IOWA CHAPTER NAME & No. _____

IOWA COUNCIL NAME & No. _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____

DEPARTURE DATE: _____

TITLES FOR INTRODUCTIONS (PLEASE PRINT):

SIGNATURE

DATE

Once again we were available to successfully negotiate with the Hotel to avoid any meeting room rental charges for the 2017 Sessions, which is a huge savings. Our ability to do this is dependent upon the number of meals we sell and the number of sleeping rooms that are utilized by our group at the Headquarters Hotel. Please keep this in mind as you consider your meal and sleeping room reservations.

MEN'S PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT
6111 FLEUR DRIVE
DES MOINES, IA 50321

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM	Registration	Iowa Foyer
12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM	Grand Council Jurisprudence Committee Meeting (Members Only)	Iowa B
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Grand Chapter Jurisprudence Committee Meeting (Members Only)	Iowa B
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Hospitality Room open (All Invited))	Rooms 158/160
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Red Cross of Constantine Meeting (Members Only)	Iowa B
3:20 PM – 3:35 PM	HRAKTP Meeting (Members Only)	Iowa B
3:35 PM – 3:55 PM	KYCH Meeting (Members Only)	Iowa B
4:00 PM – 4:20 PM	York Rite College Meeting (Members Only)	Iowa B
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Grand Chapter Charity Board Meeting	Iowa C
7:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Informal Opening & Necrology Service (All Invited)	Ballroom North
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Grand Council Officers Practice for Opening	Ballroom North
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Hospitality Room open (All Invited)	Rooms 158/160
8:00 PM – 8:20 PM	Yeoman of York Meeting (Members Only)	Iowa B
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Grand Chapter Officers Practice for Opening	Ballroom North

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2017

7:30 AM - 9:10 AM	Thrice Illustrious Master Degree	Westview
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Registration	Ballroom Foyer
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Hospitality Room open (All Invited)	Rooms 158/160
9:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Convene 115 th Annual Grand Council Assembly	Ballroom CS
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	Grand Council at Refreshment	
12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM	Men's Luncheon (Ticket Required)	Boardroom
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Hospitality Room open (All Invited)	Ballroom CS
1:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Grand Council Reconvenes	Ballroom CS
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Public Installation of 2017-18 Grand Council Officers (All Invited)	Ballroom CS
4:15 PM - 4:45 PM	Photos: 2017 - 2018 Grand Council Officers & Ladies	Boardroom
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Social Hour - Cash Bar (All Invited)	Ballroom Foyer
6:00 PM – 8:15 PM	Joint Grand Banquet (All Invited – Ticket Required)	Ballroom NC
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Hospitality Room open (All Invited)	Rooms 158/160

Recommended dress for the Grand Banquet:

Grand Officers & Distinguished Guests – Tuxedo/White Dinner Jacket with Jewel & Collar. Ladies - Evening Attire.
General Membership – Tuxedo/White Dinner Jacket or Dark Business Suit. Ladies – Evening Attire or Sunday best.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

7:30 AM – 9:50 AM	Holy Order of High Priesthood Degree	Westview
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration	Ballroom Foyer
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Hospitality Room open (All Invited)	Room 160
9:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Convene 161 th Annual Grand Chapter Convocation	Ballroom CS
11:45 AM – 1:15 PM	Grand Chapter at Refreshment	
12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM	Joint Luncheon (Ticket Required)	Ballroom North
1:15 PM – 2:30 PM	Grand Chapter Reconvenes	Ballroom CS
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Public Installation of 2017 - 18 Grand Chapter Officers (All Invited)	Ballroom CS
4:10 PM - 4:40 PM	Photos: 2017 - 2018 Grand Chapter Officers & Ladies	Boardroom

NOTE: Times/Locations subject to change. Please check at Registration Desk for any changes.

RUSTY HILL, PGC
CELL515/419-6528

GRAND SECRETARY/GRAND RECORDER
OFFICE IN ROOM 133

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10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon	Ladies Brunch and Program	Ballroom N
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Grand Chapter RAM/Grand Council R&SM of Iowa
 Rusty Hill, PGC
 Grand Secretary/ Grand Recorder
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 Office in Room 133