

THE SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND

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2010

118TH ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION



TAURANGA

12, 13, 14 MARCH 2010

INVITATION

A WELCOME TO THE HAURAKI DISTRICT



The Hauraki District is privileged to have the opportunity of organising the Grand Convocation for 2010, when we will Proclaim Most Excellent Companion Graeme Pengelly as First Grand Principal for the coming year.

Despite suggestions to the contrary there will be a number of investitures particularly for Companions of the Hauraki District as well as a full business session which amongst other items will include discussion and confirmation of the alterations to the Constitution and Laws of Grand Chapter.

We have an expert committee who have for some time been working diligently to ensure that all aspects of this Convocation are very well organised to guarantee that all who attend are well catered for and have an enjoyable and memorable sojourn in the sunny Bay of Plenty.

We extend a particular welcome to the Ladies and Companions who will be travelling from Australia to join us for the weekend. We trust you will enjoy your visit to our beautiful country.

Accordingly we invite you, both Ladies and Brethren to "take the weekend off" and join us in Tauranga for some rest, relaxation and good company. At that time of the year we cannot promise full sunshine but we do ensure you of a warm and friendly welcome.

A full programme of events is set out in this booklet as well as a list of the Committee Members who will be available to assist if required.

Fraternally

Jim Ingley
Grand Superintendent

TAURANGA



Tauranga, in the Western Bay of Plenty, is the ninth largest city and the centre of the fifth largest urban area in New Zealand and is one of the fastest growing areas in the country.

It offers a variety of lifestyles and opportunities. The name, a Maori word, translates roughly to "a sheltered anchorage" and it offers superb harbour views across to

the startling outline of Mt Maunganui and Matakana Island. With one of the best



climates in New Zealand warm, fine weather for the Grand Convocation is likely.



It is also the home for one of the most successful consolidations of Masonic Resources in New Zealand. Situated in the suburb of Hairini, at the Welcome Bay Road roundabout, the Bay Of Plenty Masonic Centre is the venue for the meeting of the Research

Chapter of New Zealand and the Royal Arch Forum.



REGISTRATION

Registration applications must be in the hands of the Registrar no later than Friday 19 February 2010. Applications for registration may be made on the forms included or, after 31 October 2009, on-line at

<http://www.kerkin.co.nz/freemason/ra>.

You may be able to link to this page from the Royal Arch Web Page at

<http://www.royalarchmasons.org.nz/>

All registration information may be viewed on line shortly after it is received by the Registrar. If you have not registered on-line but wish to review your application information please email the Registrar for a login id and password (the information cannot be viewed without these). If you do not wish to register on-line fill in a registration application and post it to the Registrar. This invitation and the application for registration are available from the Registrar or at

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and

<http://www.kerkin.co.nz/freemason/ra/registration.pdf>.

Please note that the latter form cannot be filled in on-line. If you do not wish to register on line download it, fill in the information and post it to the Registrar.

If you intend staying privately, or wish to arrange your own accommodation at other than the indicated accommodation please include a contact address and telephone number on your application for registration so that you can be contacted should the need arise.

Satchels containing Convocation and other material will be available at the Hotel Armitage for collection on the morning of Friday 12 March and at Otumoetai College on Saturday 14 March prior to the Business Session.

VENUES

The “Meet and Greet” on Friday evening and the Devotional Service and Morning Tea on Sunday will be held at the Hotel Armitage.

The Convocation Business Session and Proclamation Ceremony will be held at Otumoetai College, 108 Windsor Road, Bellevue, Tauranga.

The Banquet will be held at Classic Flyers Museum, Jean Batten Drive, Tauranga Airport.

TRANSPORT

Transport to and from the Hotel Armitage and Otumoetai College will be available for the Business Session and the Grand Convocation. Transport to and from the Banquet will also be available. Transport to and from your accommodation can be arranged for those arriving in Tauranga by air or coach. Please indicate your

requirements on your registration application. However, please note that transport to functions will be from the Hotel Armitage only.

Function	Location	Time	Departure Time
Business Session	Otumoetai College	Saturday 9:30 am	9:00 am
Grand Convocation	Otumoetai College	Saturday 3:00 pm	2:30 pm
Banquet	Classic Flyers' Museum	Saturday 6:30 pm	6:00 pm

PROGRAMME

(See complete schedule of events on page 7)

RESEARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND No 93

The Research Chapter of New Zealand will be holding a meeting at the Bay of Plenty Masonic Centre, Hairini, on Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm. The Chapter welcomes all Companions to this meeting which will be addressed by RE Comp Gary Kerkin Grand Lecturer. Dress is a lounge suit and regalia.

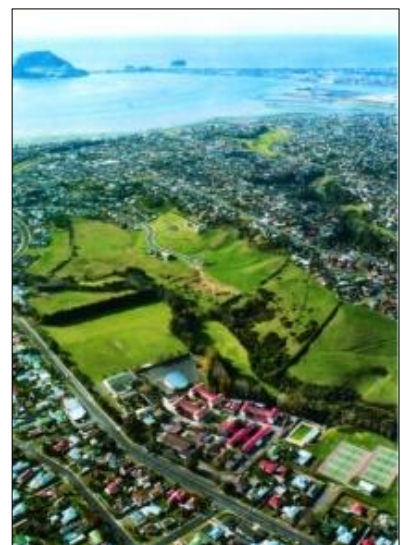
ROYAL ARCH FORUM

Previously know as the “Delegates’ Meeting” this forum, open to all Companions, will meet at the Bay of Plenty Masonic Centre at 3:00pm on Friday afternoon. This is an opportunity to raise matters of interest and concern which Companions may wish to bring to the attention of others and the Management Council. Dress is tidy casual.

GRAND CONVOCATION

The Grand Convocation will be held in the Auditorium of Otumoetai College (see map). The Business Session will commence at 9:30 am. Dress for this meeting is a lounge suit and regalia.

Companions are requested to be seated prior to opening.



REHEARSAL

A rehearsal for the Proclamation Ceremony will be held at the Auditorium immediately following the Business Session.

ALL COMPANIONS INVOLVED IN THE CEREMONIAL AND ALL GRAND OFFICERS TO BE INVESTED ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS REHEARSAL.

Transport back to the Armitage will be available after the rehearsal.

LADIES' ENTERTAINMENT: KATIKATI BIRD GARDENS



While the Companions attend the Business Session, Ladies and guests can visit the Katikati Bird Gardens at a cost of \$22.00 per person.

A beautiful and extensive park and bird sanctuary on the edge of the inner Tauranga harbour, the Bird Gardens feature a wide range of native and colourful birds set in delightful gardens of mature trees, lily ponds, wetlands and secret paths.

- Art Gallery featuring local artists.
- Cafe serving Illy Coffee and lunches.
- Golf car tours and accommodation in a romantic cottage.
- A great family day out and place to unwind.



PROCLAMATION

The Proclamation Ceremony and Investitures of Officers of Grand Chapter will open at 3:00 pm.

Companions are asked to be seated by 2:45 pm.

Dress is formal (black or white tie) and regalia must be worn.

Ladies and guests are encouraged to attend the Proclamation.

BANQUET



The Grand Convocation Banquet will be held at the Classic Flyers Museum, 8 Jean Batten Drive, Tauranga Airport. The cost is \$60.00 per person which includes some beverages. A cash bar will operate for other beverages if desired. Companions and guests are requested to be seated by 6:30 pm. Seating is limited to 300 and early registration is advisable.



DEVOTIONAL SERVICE AND MORNING TEA

A Devotional Service will be held on Sunday morning in the Hotel Armitage followed by morning tea. The cost for morning tea is \$10.00 per person.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged at the Hotel Armitage and may be available at selected motels in its immediate vicinity. We anticipate that the Hotel Armitage will be fully booked and since March is a popular time of year in Tauranga and accommodation may be hard to find you are urged to register early to avoid any disappointment.

Accommodation	Address	Cost Per Room	Deposit
Hotel Armitage	9 Willow St, Tauranga	\$120 per room per night	\$60.00
Harbour City Motor Inn	50 Wharf Street, Tauranga	From \$130 per night	\$60.00
Durham Motor Inn	Cnr Cameron Road and Harington Street, Tauranga	From \$135 per night	\$60.00
Puriri Park Boutique Hotel	32 Cameron Road, Tauranga	From \$135 per night	\$60.00
Roselands Motel	21 Brown Street, Tauranga	From \$125 per night	\$60.00

The Organising Committee requests that all bookings be arranged through the registration application and the Registrar so that we can properly manage accommodation.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

	Time	Location	Cost	
KT Annual Muster	Friday 12 at 9:00 am	BOP Masonic Centre		Annual Muster of the Knights Templar at the Bay of Plenty Masonic Centre followed by a catered lunch. This function is NOT organised by the Grand Convocation Committee and registration must be made separately with KT's.
Chapter of Research	Friday 12 at 1:00 pm	BOP Masonic Centre		A meeting of the Chapter of Research No 93. The speaker will be RE Comp Gary Kerkin, Grand Lecturer. All Companions are invited to attend. Dress is a lounge suit and regalia.
Royal Arch Forum	Friday 12 at 3:00 pm	BOP Masonic Centre		A meeting for all Companions attending the Grand Convocation. The meeting is a development of what used to be referred to as the "Delegate's Meeting" and is intended as a forum, open to all Companions. Dress is tidy casual.
Friday Night Meet and Greet	Friday 12 at 7:30 pm	Hotel Armitage	\$15.00	Gather and meet and greet others attending the Grand Convocation. The cost includes finger food and tea or coffee. A cash bar will operate.
Business Session	Saturday 13 at 9:30 am	Otumoetai College		The Business Meeting of the Grand Convocation. Companions should be dressed in a lounge suit and wearing regalia appropriate to their rank. They must be seated by 9:30 am. A rehearsal for the afternoon session will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Business Session.
Ladies' Function	Saturday 13 at 10:00 am	Departing from the Hotel Armitage	\$22.00	A visit to the Katikati Bird Gardens while the Companions are at the Grand Convocation Business Session. Coach trip and morning tea is included.
Proclamation	Saturday 13 at 3:00 pm	Otumoetai College		Grand Convocation, Proclamation and investiture of Officers of Grand Chapter. Open to all Companions and guests. Our Ladies are especially welcome.
Banquet	Saturday 13 at 6:30 pm	Classic Flyers' Museum	\$60.00	The Grand Convocation Banquet at The Classic Flyer's Museum, Jean Batten Drive, Mount Maunganui. Companions and Ladies are asked to be seated prior to 6:30 pm. The cost includes some beverages. A cash bar will operate for other drinks.
Devotional Service	Sunday 14 at 9:30 am	Hotel Armitage		Devotional Service at the Hotel Armitage. The Service will be followed by Morning Tea for which registration is required. A Management Council Meeting will follow morning tea.
Sunday Morning Tea	Sunday 14 at 10:30 am	Hotel Armitage	\$10.00	Morning tea following the Devotional Service.

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