



Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Greetings, Companions,

I would like to invite each of you to our 2017 Grand Sessions, being held July 13-15, 2017 at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, the same location it has been in for the past four years. The Grand Chapter will be having its Annual Grand Convocation on the morning of Friday, July 14th.

Included with this letter is general information on the event, details about hotel reservations (**June 21st is the last day to take advantage of special room pricing**), reservation information for meals and special events, and flyers for the Grand Gala Friday evening as well as the Grand Chapter Ladies Piano Bar Luncheon.

Also included is information about our Annual Grand York Rite Ad Book. I would especially like to draw your attention to this and encourage your Chapter to place an ad encouraging our next York Rite leaders. This is important for many reasons: It continues the tradition of support that is so critical to our organization, it shows that your Chapter has a vested interest in the ongoing survival and growth of our York Rite Bodies, and it instills pride in your Chapter's Companions as they take an active part in the Grand Chapter. **Please support the Grand York Rite with the placement of an ad – all sizes are welcome and designed to fit your Chapter's budget.**

Companions, we are in the last few months of what I hope you all agree was an important year. We have made strides to bring in new members and keep those we have interested and active. We have endeavored to communicate better and more frequently. And, I hope, you have renewed your fellowship ties with old friends and realized the joy of a new Companion.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our York Rite Grand Sessions this July. Thank you for your commitment to our Great Fraternity.

Travel well, Companions.

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