

**Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
In Virginia**



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CALL TO GRAND CHAPTER

September 1, 2026

To: Grand Chapter Officers; Past Grand High Priests; District Deputy Grand High Priests; Chapter Secretaries; and Companions:

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia will hold its 219th Grand Annual Convocation at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Williamsburg, Virginia on 20th and 21st November 2026. The deadline for the block reservation is no later than October 25, 2026. Early reservations are suggested, as the number of rooms is limited. The hotel's telephone number is (800) 222-8733 the room rate is \$154.00 + \$18.48 (12%) + \$2.00 (county Tax) = \$174.48 per night. The online link is <https://group.doubletree.com/qbmeka>

St. Thomas of Acon will be on Thursday morning, November 19th at 11:00A.M.

The York Rite College Banquet will be on Thursday evening, November 19th. Use the enclosed form, make copies as needed, and mail your check to the address shown.

The Super Excellent Master's Degree will be conferred on Friday morning, November 20th at 9:00 A.M. Any Companion who has not received this Degree is urged to receive it. Although optional, this is one of Masonry's most beautiful degrees and should not be missed by anyone eligible to receive it. The requirement for Virginia is that the candidate has had the Royal Arch Degree. The fee for the degree is \$40.00. The check should be payable to Romulo Capuno marked for the Super Excellent Master's Degree. All proceeds after expenses are donated to Alzheimer's research.

The Grand High Priest's Banquet will be held Friday evening, 6:30 P.M. Doors will open at 6:00P.M. for cash bar. Formal or Semi-Formal for ladies

To avoid confusion, seating for the Grand High Priest banquet will be by assigned table numbers.

The Committee of Whole will meet Saturday morning at 9am.

The Ladies Luncheon Program will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The Anointed High Priest's Degree will be conferred on Saturday afternoon (fee \$70.00) at 1:00 P.M.; the Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree will also be conferred on Saturday afternoon (fee \$50.00) at 2:30 P.M. The registration forms for each degree are enclosed.

The KYCH meeting will follow immediately after the Thrice Illustrious Master's Degree

The Grand Secretary will meet with the Chapter Secretaries on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. in Rooms A & B.

Grand Commandery will meet with Sir Knights at 2:30 P.M. on Saturday in Room 15.

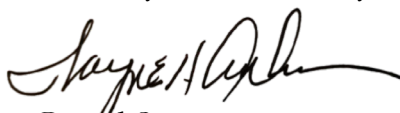
Installation of Grand Chapter Officers and District Deputy Grand High Priests will take place immediately following the close of Grand Chapter.

The reception for the newly installed Grand High Priest will be held in Harrisons 1 & 2 immediately following the Installation of Officers.

High Priests and Chapter Secretaries are requested to bring this information to the attention of all Companions at your Stated Convocations and your meeting announcements.

SUPPORT YOUR GRAND CHAPTER BY YOUR ATTENDANCE ON NOVEMBER 20th and 21st, 2026.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Grand Secretary

“Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia”

Office of the Grand Secretary

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“2026 GRAND ANNUAL CONVOCATION”

I / We will attend the Grand Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia on November 20th and 21st, 2026, and request the following reservations:

<u>Event:</u>	<u>No. of Reservations</u>	<u>Per Person: Total:</u>	
Grand High Priests Banquet	_____	\$65.00	\$ _____
Friday, November 20, 2026 (Ladies invited)			
Buffet: Caesar Salad with Shaved Parmesan, Focaccia Croutons & Green Goddess Caesar Dressing, Mixed Greens with Goat Cheese with Spiced Pecans & Cranberries with a Roasted Peach Vinaigrette, Pasta Primavera Bowtie Pasta, Asparagus and Cherry Tomatoes and Fresh Garlic, with Four Cheese Alfredo, Grilled Chicken Breast with Boursin Cheese Sauce, Sliced Sirloin with a Wild Mushroom Demi Seasonal Grilled Vegetables, Steamed Broccoli in Lemon Butter Rosemary & Garlic Red Bliss Potatoes, Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter, Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Coffee, and Herbal Teas and Pre-set Iced Tea (Unsweet) DESSERTS - Assorted Mini Dessert Shooters			
Ladies Luncheon (Open Invitation)			
Saturday, November 21, 2026, 12:00 PM	_____	\$50.00	\$ _____
Buffet: Tossed Chopped Salad with Peppers, Red Onions, Tomatoes, and Cucumber Dressing: Ranch and Italian, Smoked Beef Brisket, Roasted Chicken Basted with Sweet & Tangy BBQ Sauce, Southern Style Mac n' Cheese, Southern Style Green Beans with Bacon and Onions. Sweet Corn Bread & Biscuits with Butter. DESSERT: Assorted Mini Dessert Shooters			

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2026

THIS RESERVATION MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2026

TO:

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia

“2026 Convocation Arrangements”

Post Office Box 2276

Portsmouth, Virginia 23702-2276

“Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons In Virginia”

Office of the Grand Secretary
(757) 646-1438

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“2026 GRAND ANNUAL CONVOCATION”

2026 - 2027 High Priests and District Deputy Grand High Priests ONLY

The Grand King cordially invites you to be his guest for the Grand King's Breakfast, Saturday, November 21, 2026, 7:30 AM.

Event:

NO COST

Grand King's Breakfast (7:30 AM)

Buffet: Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Applewood Smoke Bacon & Logan's Sausage Links, Home Fried Potatoes, Steel Cut Oatmeal & Southern Style Grist, Freshly Bake Warm Muffins, Croissants, and Cinnamon Buns, Served with Seasonal Jam, and Apple Butter, Seasonal Fruit Charcuterie, Served with Cut Fruit, Dried Fruit, Honey, Plain Greek Yogurt, Toasted Coconut Almonds and Granola, Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaf Coffee, Almond Milk, 2% and Whole Milk, Herbal Tea, Orange & Apple Juice

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

Name: _____

Chapter/District _____

THIS RESERVATION MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2026

TO:

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Virginia
“2026 Convocation Arrangements”
Post Office Box 2276
Portsmouth, Virginia 23702-2276

“Washington & Lee No. 93”

Joseph H. Martinez, Governor

Jeremy B. Utt, Secretary

(703) 340-5914

Email: jmartinezafam@gmail.com

“2026 York Rite College Banquet”

I//We will attend the 2025 York Rite College Banquet on November 19, 2026, as follows:

<u>Event:</u>	<u>No. of Reservations</u>	<u>Per Person:</u>	<u>Total</u>
Banquet	_____	\$65.00	\$ _____

Thursday, November 19, 2026 (Ladies invited), Plated Meal:

Farmers Market Salad: Strawberries, Grape Tomatoes, Carrots, Lemon Vinaigrette

Entrees (choose one):

Grilled Pork Chop, served with Smashed Sweet Potatoes, Apple Butter Pork Demi, Grilled Asparagus & Baby Carrots

Pan Seared French Cut Chicken, Shallot Mustard Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus & Baby Carrots

Roasted Cauliflower Steak, Topped with Zesty Green Chimichurri Sauce

Dessert: Belgian Chocolate Petit Gateau

Served with Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter, Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Coffee, and Herbal Teas, and Pre-set Iced Tea

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
Tele. No. _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2026

THIS RESERVATION MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2026

TO:

Manasseh Lodge No. 182

C/O: W&L No. 93

9810 Cockrell Road, Manassas, VA 20110

The Grand Council of Super Excellent Masters in Virginia
Romulo M. Capuno, Grand Recorder, 7323 Rolling Oak Lane, Springfield, Virginia 22153
(703)855-7023, E-mail: qualityqti@aol.com

Dear Companion Secretary,

The Grand Council of Super Excellent Masters will assemble and confer the Super Excellent Master's Degree during the Grand Royal Arch Chapter session on **Friday, November 20, 2026, at 9:00 A.M., at the Double Tree by Hilton, Williamsburg, Virginia.** Any Companion who has not received the degree is urged to receive it. Although optional, this is one of Masonry's most beautiful and informative degrees and should not be missed by anyone eligible to receive it. The requirement for Virginia is that the candidate has had the Royal Arch Degree.

The fee for the Super Excellent Master Degree will be \$40.00. The check should be made payable to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, marked for the Super Excellent Master Degree.

It takes a considerable amount of time to prepare the necessary cards and other paperwork: **please have the application and fee sent in by November 1, 2026.**

All proceeds after expenses will be donated to Alzheimer's Research.

Fraternally,
Romulo M. Capuno, Grand Recorder

Please detach application here

Application for the Super Excellent Master Degree

First Name:_____Middle:_____Last:_____

Mailing Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Member of _____Royal Arch Chapter No._____ Located at:_____

Check No. _____ Date Received by the Recorder: _____

November 20, 2026, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Williamsburg, Virginia.
Fee for the Degree is \$40.00. Make check payable to Romulo M. Capuno
and marked for the Super Excellent Master Degree on the memo line
Mail to: Romulo M. Capuno, Grand Recorder, 7323 Rolling Oak Lane, Springfield, VA 22153
By November 1, 2026

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests in Virginia
Romulo M. Capuno, Grand Recorder, 7323 Rolling Oak Lane, Springfield, Virginia 22153
(703) 855-7023, E-mail: qualityqti@aol.com

Dear Companion Secretary,

Your High Priest elected for the 2026-2027 Capitular Year is now eligible to receive the Anointed High Priest Degree, or Holy Order of High Priesthood. This is an incredibly beautiful and meaningful degree and is a requisite to being recognized as a Past High Priest when his year has ended.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests will assemble and confer the Degree during the Grand Royal Arch Chapter session on **Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. at the at Double Tree by Hilton at Williamsburg, Virginia. The fee for the Degree is \$70.00, and your checks should be made payable to "Grand Council AHP in VA" and should be sent to the address above along with the completed application form prior to November 1, 2026. While some High Priests have paid the fee for this Degree themselves, it is strongly recommended that the Chapter pay the fee in recognition of the High Priest's service to his Chapter.**

Fraternally,
Romulo M. Capuno, PDDGHP
Recorder

Please Detach Application Here

Application for the Anointed High Priest Degree (Holy Order of High Priesthood)

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No. _____ E-mail: _____

Member of _____ Royal Arch Chapter No. _____ Located at: _____

Member of _____ Lodge No. _____ Located at: _____

Date Installed High Priest: _____ / _____ / _____ Date of Application: _____ / _____ / _____

Applicant's Signature

November 21, 2026, Grand Royal Arch Chapter at Williamsburg, Virginia
Fee for the Degree is \$70.00, Make check payable to "Grand Council AHP in VA"
Mail to: Romulo M. Capuno, Grand Recorder, 7323 Rolling Oak Lane, Springfield, VA 22153
By November 1, 2026.

The Grand Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters in Virginia

Romulo M. Capuno, Grand Recorder, 7323 Rolling Oak Lane, Springfield, Virginia 22153
(703)855-7023, E-mail: qualityqti@aol.com

Dear Companion Secretary;

Your immediate Past High Priest, if he has received the Anointed High Priest Degree, is now eligible to receive the **Thrice Illustrious Master Degree**, or **Order of the Silver Trowel**. Although this Degree is optional, it is one of Masonry's most beautiful and meaningful degrees and should not be missed by anyone eligible to receive it.

This Degree will be conferred by the Grand Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters during the Grand Royal Arch Chapter session **at 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, November 21, 2026**, at the **DoubleTree by Hilton** in Williamsburg, Virginia. **The fee for the Degree is \$50.00, payable to Grand Council TIM in Virginia** and should be sent to the address above along with the completed application form below.

It takes a considerable amount of time to prepare the necessary cards, certificates, and other paperwork, so **please have the application and fee sent in by November 1, 2026**.

Fraternally,
Romulo M. Capuno, Grand Recorder

Please detach application here

Application for the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree (Order of the Silver Trowel)

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No, _____ E-mail: _____

Member of _____ Royal Arch Chapter No. _____ Located at: _____

Member of _____ Lodge No. _____ Located at: _____

Date of High Priest: / _____ / _____

Date Received AHP Degree: _____ / _____ / _____ Date of Application: _____ / _____ / _____

I certify that I have served one year as High Priest and have received the Anointed High Priest Degree (or will receive it this date).

Applicants's Signature: _____

TIM Number (for Council use): _____

November 21, 2026, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Williamsburg, Virginia
Fee for the Degree is \$50.00, Make check payable to Grand Council TIM in
Mail to: Romulo M. Capuno, Grand Recorder, 7323 Rolling Oak Lane, Springfield, VA 22153
By November 1, 2026

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026

12:00 P.M. ST. THOMAS OF ACON

PLACE: CENTRAL LOUNGE
WHO: MEMBERS ONLY
DRESS: COAT and TIE
ADMISSION: MEMBERS ONLY

1:00 P.M. COMMITTEE ON WORK:

PLACE: AMPHITHEATER
WHO: COMMITTEE ON WORK.
DISTRICT LECTURERS, ASSISTANT DISTRICT
LECTURERS. GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
DRESS: CASUAL

4:00 P.M. OVERVIEW AND PRACTICE MEETING WITH THE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS:

PLACE: ADAMS BALLROOM
DRESS: CASUAL

**6:00 P.M. TO
8:00 P.M. YORK RITE COLLEGE - RECEPTION AND DINNER:**

PLACE: HARRISON BALLROOM 1 & 2
WHO: MEMBERS OF YORK RITE COLLEGE & INVITED GUESTS
DRESS: TUXEDO
ADMISSION: TICKET ONLY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026

**7:00 A.M. TO
3:00 P.M. REGISTRATION – PROMENADE REGISTRATION DESK**

**7:30 A.M. TO
8:30 A.M. GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER'S BREAKFAST:**

PLACE: ROOMS 2 & 3
WHO: GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND WIVES
DRESS: RED COAT WITH GRAND CHAPTER TIE OR TUXEDO
ADMISSION: INVITATION ONLY

**9:00 A.M. TO
10:15 A.M. SUPER EXCELLENT MASTERS' DEGREE:**
(CAST REPORTS AT 8:00 A.M.)

PLACE: ADAMS BALLROOM
WHO: REGISTERED CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
DRESS: CANDIDATES – COAT AND TIE
ADMISSION: MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE DEGREE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026

10:30 A.M. ***ALL DISTINGUISHED GUESTS ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE ADAMS BALLROOM***

10:45 A.M. **PUBLIC OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER:**
TO **RECEPTION OF DISTINGISHED GUESTS:**
11:45 A.M.

PLACE: **ADAMS BALLROOM**
WHO: **MEMBERS, WIVES and GUESTS**
DRESS: **GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS - TUXEDO**
MEMBERS: **DARK SUIT OR RED COAT WITH TIE**
ADMISSION: **OPEN.**

(NOTE: ALL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS TO BE IN THEIR SEAT BY 10:40 A.M.)

11:00 A.M. **HOSPITALITY SUITE:**
TO
12:45 P.M.

PLACE: **ROOM 18**
WHO: **ALL ATTENDEES**
DRESS: **CASUAL**
ADMISSION: **OPEN**

1:00 P.M. **OFFICIAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER (MEMBERS OF THE CRAFT ONLY.)**

PLACE: **ADAMS BALLROOM**
DRESS: **GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS – TUXEDO**
MEMBERS: **DARK SUIT OR RED COAT WITH TIE**

4:00 P.M. **CALL OFF GRAND CHAPTER.**

6:30 P.M. **GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S BANQUET:**

PLACE: **HARRISON AND TAYLOR BALLROOMS**
WHO: **INVITED GUESTS.**
DRESS: **GENTLEMEN - TUXEDO (PREFERRED). RED COAT WITH TIE**
 OR DARK SUIT
DRESS: **LADIES - FORMAL (PREFERRED) OR CHURCH DRESS**
ADMISSION: **OPEN / PAID RESERVATIONS**

10:00 P.M. **OLD SARATOGA DEGREE**

PLACE: **ROOM 2 & 3**
WHO: **CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE**
DRESS: **CANDIDATES - CASUAL**
ADMISSION: **MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE DEGREE**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2026

7:00 A. M. **REGISTRATION – PROMENADE REGISTRATION DESK**
TO
11:00 A.M

7:15 A. M. **GRAND KING'S BREAKFAST**
TO

8:45 A. M. **PLACE: ROOM A & B**
WHO: 2025 - 2026 HIGH PRIESTS AND
DRESS: DDGHP'S RED COAT WITH TIE OR
ADMISSION: DARK SUIT INVITATION ONLY

7:30 A. M. **GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S BREAKFAST:**
TO

8:30 A.M. **PLACE: ROOM 11**
WHO: GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND WIVES
PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S AND WIVES
INVITED GUESTS
DRESS: GENTLEMEN: RED COAT WITH TIE. OR DARK SUIT
LADIES: STREET DRESS
ADMISSION: INVITATION ONLY

9:00 A. M. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE GRAND CHAPTER:**

PLACE: ADAMS BALLROOM
WHO: ALL MEMBERS
DRESS: RED COAT WITH TIE OR DARK SUIT WITH TIE

11:30 A. M. **PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S LUNCHEON MEETING:**

PLACE: ROOM A & B
WHO: ALL PAST GRAND PRIESTS
DRESS: MEETING ATTIRE

11:00 A.M. **HOSPITALITY SUITE:**
TO

2:00 P. M. **PLACE: ROOM 18**
WHO: ALL ATTENDEES
DRESS: CASUAL
ADMISSION: OPEN.

12:00 P.M. **LADIES LUNCHEON**
TO

2:00 P.M. **PLACE: HARRISON 1 & 2**
WHO: LADIES AND FAMILY MEMBERS
DRESS: DRESSY / CASUAL
ADMISSION OPEN / RESERVATION ONLY

12:30 P.M. **GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER**
TO

4:00 P.M. **PLACE: ROOM 16**
WHO: INCOMING GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DDGHP'S
DRESS: TUXEDO

1:00 P. M. ANOINTED HIGH PRIEST DEGREE:

PLACE: **ADAMS BALLROOM**
WHO: CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
DRESS: CANDIDATES - COAT AND TIE
ADMISSION: MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE DEGREE

2:00 P. M. GRAND SECRETARY'S MEETING:

PLACE: **ROOM A & B**
WHO: CHAPTER SECRETARIES
DRESS: CASUAL
ADMISSION: OPEN TO SECRETARIES

2:30 P.M. COMMANDERY MEETING

PLACE: **ROOM 15**
WHO: SIR KNIGHTS

2:30 P. M. COUNCIL OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS DEGREE:

PLACE: WHO: **ADAMS BALLROOM** CANDIDATES
DRESS: FOR THE DEGREE CANDIDATES -
ADMISSION: COAT AND TIE
MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE DEGREE

4:00 P. M. KYCH MEETING

PLACE:
WHO: **ADAMS BALLROOM** MEMBERS
DRESS: AND CANDIDATES
RED COATE AND TIE / DARK SUIT

4:15 P.M. GRAND OFFICER'S MEETING

PLACE: **ROOMS A & B**
WHO: GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS ONLY
DRESS: CASUAL

7:00 P.M GRAND CHAPTER - FINAL SESSION – ELECTIONS:

PLACE: **ADAMS BALLROOM**
WHO: MEMBERS ONLY.
DRESS: GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS – TUXEDO

6:30PM GAME NIGHT
TO

PLACE: ROOM 18
WHO: LADIES AND FAMILY
8:00PM DRSS: CASUAL

8:30 P.M. PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS & DDGHPS:

PLACE: **ADAMS BALLROOM**
WHO: MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS.
DRESS: GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS - TUXEDO. DISTRICT
DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS: TUXEDO
(PREFERRED) OR DARK SUIT MEMBERS DARK
SUIT OR RED COAT WITH TIE

10:00 P.M. RECEPTION FOR THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

PLACE: **HARRISONS 1&2**
WHO: ALL ATTENDEES
DRESS: CASUAL
ADMISSION: OPEN