

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Of West Virginia

Call to 154th Annual Grand Convocation October 25 – 26, 2024

Dear Companions,

Let us come together for the 154th Annual Grand Convocation to be held Oct. 25 -26, 2024 in Parkersburg, WV.

The Blennerhassett Hotel and Spa, 320 Market St., Parkersburg is the site for the Annual Convocation. A block of rooms has been reserved at The Blennerhassett Hotel for the nights of Oct. 25 and 26 on a first come basis. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at **304 422 3131**. Be sure to mention that you are with the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons when making your reservation. The cutoff date for the room block is **September 25**. Please forward any questions to REC Larry Bates, Grand Secretary (304 838 1781) or MEC Ed Ball (304 479 0105) voice or text.

The dress code for all functions at the Convocation is red sport coat and tie or dark suit and tie. **For the Ladies:** The luncheon and the afternoon activity is casual and should include comfortable walking shoes. The banquet attire should be Sunday best or semi-formal.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia will convene at 8:30 am on Saturday October 26, 2024 in the Charleston I ballroom of the Blennerhassett Hotel and Spa located at 320 Market St. Parkersburg WV. Please bring an apron if planning to attend.

The Grand Banquet will be held on Saturday October 26, 2024 in the Charleston II & III Ballroom of the Blennerhassett Hotel and Spa. The installation of the Grand Officers for the 2024 – 2025 Capitulat year will follow the Banquet.

The Ladies luncheon will be held in the Patio Tent of the Blennerhassett Hotel on the 26th as well. The Ladies activity, a tour of Blennerhasset Island State Park and the Blennerhassett Mansion, follows the luncheon. Transportation to Blennerhassett Island State Park and return to the hotel is provided. Ladies luncheon and tour cutoff date is **October 4**.

A form for registration and meal reservations is included with this call. Note that the cutoff date for meal reservations is **October 4 (allow time for mailing)**. Please make your reservations as early as possible and participate in your Grand Convocation.

My Lady Sandy and I look forward to seeing you at the Grand Convocation in October.

Warm fraternal regards,

Edward E. Ball

M. E. Grand High Priest

Hotel Information

The Blennerhassett Hotel & Spa 320 Market St., Parkersburg WV

Reservations (304) 422 3131

www.theblennerhassett.com

The Historic Blennerhassett Hotel & Spa is a boutique, Victorian hotel with 86 guest rooms. It has a fine dining restaurant, lounge, Spa, fitness center, garden patio area and a recently completed Speakeasy themed bar. Spa services require advance reservations. Information is available online.

A block of 40 rooms per night (Oct. 25, 26) is being held for the Grand Convocation until **Sept. 25, 2024**. After which rooms will be on an availability basis and the prevailing rate at that time.

You must make your own hotel reservations by calling the hotel at the number above. Be sure you tell them that you are with Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Group.

Room rates

Traditional Double \$159 + tax /night

Traditional King \$169 + tax /night

Lunch and Banquet Menus

Red Cross of Constantine Continental Breakfast - \$25 / person

Assorted muffins, pastries, bagels, cream cheese, fruit preserves, seasonal fruit, water, tea or coffee, and orange juice

Men's Lunch – Delicatessen Buffet - \$40 / person

Pasta salad, assorted breads, assorted deli meats and cheeses, Lettuce , tomato, red onion, pickles, condiments, potato chips and French onion dip, water, tea or coffee

Ladies Luncheon – Express Lunch - \$30

Assorted ½ sandwiches, housemade fries, fresh fruit salad, house salad with balsamic vinaigrette, water, tea or coffee

Banquet – Steak and Chix Buffet - \$75 / person

Grilled flank steak w/ mushroom demi sauce, grilled chicken w/ honey glaze, roasted red skin potatoes, green beans, grilled vegetables, fresh rolls, seasonal pies, water, tea or coffee

Ladies Activity Information

After the luncheon, there will be a visit to the historic Blennerhassett Island State Park. We will depart the hotel at 12:30 pm and take a trolley to the dock. We will then take the 1:00 pm ferry to the Island. At the island, there will be golf carts for those who are unable to walk up the hill. There will be a tour of the mansion, a wagon ride around the island and a gift shop to visit. We will take the ferry departing at 3:30PM back to the hotel. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress according the season and weather. Reservations are required for the tour. October 4 is the cutoff date for luncheon and tour reservations.

Registration and Meal Reservation Form

154th Grand Convocation Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of WV, Oct. 25 – 26, 2024

(Please Print)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Chapter Name: _____ No. _____ State: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____ Cell? Y / N

City/State/ Zip Code: _____

Email _____

Lady accompanying you? Yes / No If yes, Lady’s name: _____

Will you represent your Chapter? Yes / No If yes, under which classification?

High Priest _____, King _____, Scribe _____, Proxy _____ (for which office?)

Meal Reservations **NOTE: FIRM CUTOFF DATE IS OCT. 4 FOR MEALS!**

Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast Number _____ X \$25/person = _____

Men’s Lunch Buffet Number _____ X \$40/person = _____

Ladies Luncheon plus Activity Number _____ X \$30/person = _____

Island tour reservations required, check here if **NOT** taking tour _____

Grand Banquet Number _____ X \$75/person = _____

Grand Total = _____

Make checks payable to: **GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF WV**

Mail the completed form with check enclosed to:

**H. L. “JB” Campbell
Grand Chapter Registration
584 Blenn Lake Rd.
Parkersburg, WV 26101**

Grand Convocation RAM of WV Advance Schedule
October 25-26, 2024
Blennerhassett Hotel 320 Market St. Parkersburg, WV

Friday October 25 – *times may vary*

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Registration - Blennerhassett Hotel Ballroom Foyer

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Committee Meetings - Stratford Boardroom

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm School of Instruction - **Scottish Rite Building 1340 Juliana St.**

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Anointed High Priest Degree - **Scottish Rite Building 1340 Juliana St.**

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Red Cross of Constantine - **Scottish Rite Building 1340 Juliana St.**

Saturday October 26 – *times may vary*

7:00 am – 8:00 am Red Cross breakfast (by ticket only) – Charleston II

8:00 am – 8:30 am DDGHP meeting – Stratford Boardroom

8:30 am – 12:00 pm Committee meetings – Stratford Boardroom

8:30 am – 11:30 am Registration - Blennerhassett Hotel Ballroom Promenade

8:30 am – 9:00 am Opening and Roll Call – Charleston I

9:00 am – 9:30 am Introductions of Distinguished Visitors – Charleston I

9:30 am – 9:45 am Welcome and minutes of last Grand Convocation – Charleston I

9:45 am – 10:00 am MEGHP Report – Charleston I

10:00 am – 10:15 am Break

10:15 am – 11:00 am Grand Officer and Grand Committee Reports – Charleston I

11:00 am - 11:30 am Recognition of DDGHPs, DGLs, Gr. Reps, PGHPs – Charleston I

11:30 am – 12:00 n Awards – Charleston I

12:00 – 1:00 Men's Lunch (by ticket only) – Charleston II

11:00 am - 4:00 pm Ladies lunch and activity (by ticket only) – Garden Patio Tent / Mansion
Tour Blennerhassett Island

1:00 pm – 2:45 pm Legislation / Misc. business – Charleston I

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm Break

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Election – Charleston I

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Announcements and recess – Charleston I

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm Social time (Cash bar) – Ballroom Promenade

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Banquet (by ticket only) – Charleston II & III

8:00 pm Installation