



GRAND CHAPTER OF MANITOBA, ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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**YOU are invited to attend a GRAND EXECUTIVE MEETING to be held
Sunday March 8th 2026 at 3:00 PM via TEAMS**

AGENDA

Welcome by the President - R.Ex. Comp. Dan Fardoe - meeting started 3:15 pm (waited for technical difficulties and quorum) - Welcome remarks and agenda displayed - MEC Uson, MEC Romu, Comp Bjore, MEC Laronde, MEC Porter, REC Rountree, MEC York

Invocation and Fraternal Tribute – given by R. Ex. Comp. Brian Rountree

Regrets - MEC Cliff Hartmier, MEC Bob McMillan

Minutes of Last Meeting – distributed via email motion to approval minutes MEC Porter, seconded - MEC Laronde passed

Business arising out of the Minutes - RAM Amendment to Constitution from Comp John Bjore - amendment was read aloud and passed by Laws and Jurisprudence and distributed to all Chapters in February to be discussed in their March and April meetings

Committee Reports:

Laws and Jurisprudence – MEC Rick Porter -nothing at this time

Nominations – MEC Richard Laronde - nominations must be in by January 31st, 2026 extended to MArch 31st, 2026, one received so far for Grand Treasurer, Grand Scribe E will reach out to the Scribe E of each Chapter by sending the nomination forms and the annual returns, so far REC Dan to Grand First Principal, REC York to Grand H, MEC Romu to Grand Scribe E

Cust. of the Work – MEC Bob McMillan - no report, Grand Scribe E sent out a copy electronically on June 10th of Manitoba Work - Companions will read it over and respond with corrections and choice of font – have not received feedback yet regarding the ritual, a few copies of the DRAFT were sent out, Grand Scribe E resent on March 8th



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R.A.R.A. – Grand Scribe E was in touch with GGCRAMI to explain the troubles with sending money to the USA and may be looking to find a Canadian Charity, to date we have contributed \$1861 (last updated in 2023), Grand Scribe E will ask about an electronic copy of the RARA program to distribute – they are working on it, we can use a Canadian Charity (kidney or hearing)

Constitution and Revision – MEC Rick Porter - see Laws and Jurisprudence

Royal Arch Philanthropic Project – REC Dan Fardoe - cheques are here, we can now give out our winner from 2025 (REC Fardoe will arrange), Credit Union balances and bank balances were shared \$164,292.44 in GICs for the Project in Brandon, \$24,141.36 in Bank account in Brandon for the Philanthropic

Education – MEC Payne – (absent) forwarded a ton of papers regarding the Royal Arch, REC Yorke attended Capitol Lodge and gave a presentation about Royal Arch and the York Rite, the Grand Lodge Education Committee will be doing a presentation and MEC Romu will be discussing the York Rite at the Lunch and Learn

Budget and Finance - REC Dan Fardoe reported that Convocation monies are coming in, \$3651.24 in Winnipeg account, \$450.37 in Brandon and \$20000 in GIC there as well, MEC Romu called to see where a transaction from Thomas Bryll for \$1800 came from - it was done in error and MEC Fardoe fixed it, MEC Romu will let the Chapters know that we need separate cheques for per capita and Philanthropic Fund as they are separate accounts

Grievances and Appeals – MEC Jack Fryatt - no report

Cond. of Capitular Masonry – All Chapters are dark during the winter recess, all Chapters should meet in March, we need to better communicate as some Chapter Scribes have not responded to the Grand Scribe E emails

Grand Convocation - Rooms booked, dinners need feedback from MEC Uson, monies are coming in, Grand Scribe E has sent out information to the Jurisdictions, Masonic Bodies, and invited guests and then reminders will be sent out closer to the date, the agenda will be the same as last year and will we ask for a donation from KYCH and Order of the High Priesthood



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Unfinished Business - nothing to report

New Business – MEC Romu received a letter from the Grand Chapter of B.C. and Yukon asking the following questions about reimbursement for the Grand First Principal's Travel, how many Chapters we have, how many members we have, and how we reimburse the Grand First Principal - he responded in kind, Grand Scribe E will send out a copy of the Program to the three Grand Officers for their approval once it is cleaned up

Closing - MEC Chibu thanked everyone for attending this TEAMS meeting, perhaps the next meeting should be in person, he believes that the Chapter Scribe position needs to be addressed as communication is the key to Royal Arch Masonry continuing and growing in Manitoba, he also hopes that each of us will visit Lodges and promote the Royal Arch and spread the education and benefits of the York Rite, he also said it is important to keep our new members with education, engagement, participation, and fellowship, the next meeting will be TBD and held via TEAMS

Closing Prayer - REC Brian Rountree

ADJOURN – 4:40 pm