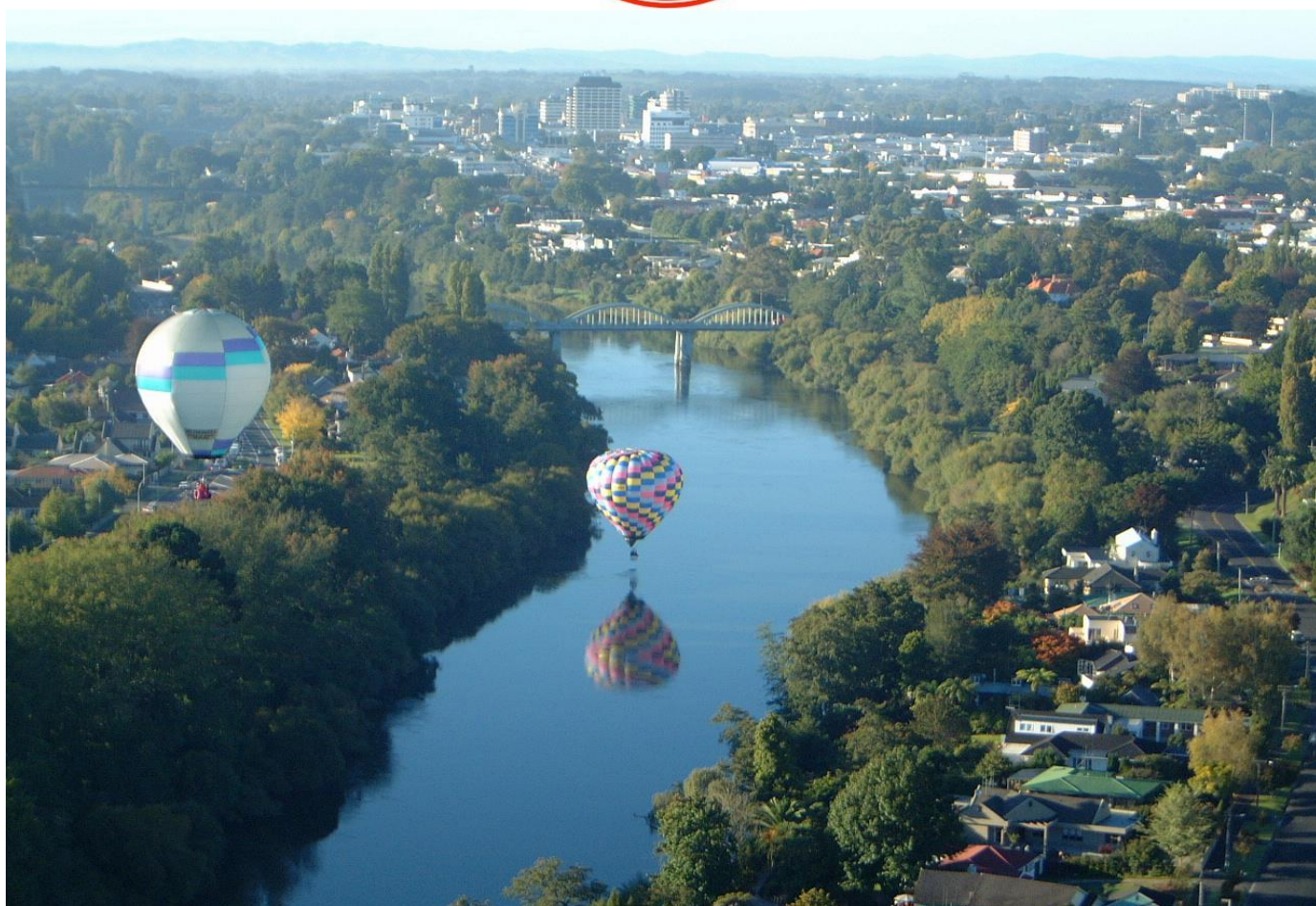


SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND

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2019



127th ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION
HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND
on 7, 8, 9, 10 MARCH 2019
INVITATION & REGISTRATION

WELCOME ALL TO THE 127th ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Dear Companions,

It is with much pleasure that I extend to all Royal Arch Masons, the Heads of other Orders, as well as all overseas Delegations and their ladies, a most cordial invitation to attend this, the 127th Grand Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand. This is to be held at the Distinction Hotel, Te Rapa, Hamilton from Thursday 7th March through to Sunday 10th March 2019.

Hamilton is in the heart of the Waikato Region, and is centrally located making it a perfect base to explore the central North Island attractions. It is only one and a half hours from Auckland Airport and also the spectacular geothermal action of Rotorua. One and a quarter hours will have you at the magical Waitomo Caves and one and three quarter hours will have you on the beautiful beach of Mount Maunganui and under an hour will see you at the rugged West Coast beach of Raglan and its bohemian community.

The city of Hamilton is well served with a vibrant café and restaurant scene. There is the Sky City Casino for those who want to chance their luck, and for those that are outdoor enthusiasts looking for some exercise, there are a multitude of walks that will lead you through our scenic city, plus there is the internationally award-winning Hamilton Gardens. If shopping is on the agenda then New Zealand's largest shopping complex, The Base, is only 2 kms from the Distinction Hotel.

The Saturday bus trip, including morning tea, will take the ladies and visitors to a unique, internationally recognised and award-winning venue, the only one of its kind in New Zealand.

All functions (apart from the Silver Trowel Ceremony and the bus trip) will take place at the Distinction Hotel, located in the suburb of Te Rapa, and five kilometres from the CBD.

On behalf of the local committee, we look forward to your company and are sure that your time with us in our city will be enjoyable.

Yours fraternally

John Evered

Grand Superintendent, Hauraki District

REGISTRATION

EITHER (the preferred method)

Register on line by going to [http://kerkin.co.nz /ragc](http://kerkin.co.nz/ragc) and complete the details.

N Z Residents, if you register on line and:

- wish to pay by cheque, send your remittance to the Registrar (see below); or
- wish to pay by Direct Credit, ensure that your payment details clearly identify you as the payer; to account 03-0785-0002857-00 and use CONVO2019 as the Reference.

Overseas Visitors can register on line. If you wish to pay by direct credit you can do so to the account details above but please ensure that the final payment into the account is the required amount in New Zealand Dollars, clear of any transfer and exchange charges. Alternatively you may pay on arrival at the Grand Convocation venue.

OR

Fill in the Registration Form printed here, make out your cheque payment for the full amount to *Convocation 2019*, and DETACH and POST to:-

Convocation Registrar
19 Cruickshank Rd
Clouston Park
UPPER HUTT 5018

Please ensure that your cheque clearly identifies you as the payer.

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2019

Additional Registration Forms, which cannot be filled in on-line, may be downloaded in pdf format from <http://kerkin.co.nz/ragc>

ACCOMMODATION

You must arrange your accommodation yourself. The recommended accommodation is:

**Distinction Hotel,
100 Garnett Avenue,
Te Rapa, Hamilton 3200
www.distinctionhamilton.co.nz
Telephone +64 07 849 0860**

Rooms have been reserved at \$165.00 for two people per night. The Hotel will allocate them on a first come/first served basis. Early booking is advisable.

Please use booking reference 69030 to gain the Conference rate; this rate is available for the entire duration of your stay.

For those arriving by car, there is excellent on-site parking at the Distinction Hotel.

For those who do not wish to stay at the Hotel there are several Motels available near the hotel.

DRESS CODES

Royal Arch Forum	Smart casual
Meet & Greet	Smart casual
Business Session	Jacket and tie, NO regalia
Installation Ceremony	Formal with regalia for men
Banquet	Formal

All ladies and guests are invited to attend the Installation Ceremony.

SATURDAY BUS TOUR

A very interesting tour has been organised. You will travel through beautiful countryside to our arranged venue, made up of beautiful gardens, stunning views and the home of internationally recognized and award-winning products. Morning tea will be provided here, and we are sure this experience will be one that you will talk about for many years to come.

SUNDAY MORNING - HAMILTON GARDEN VISIT

For those who were at the Business Session in New Plymouth you will have heard the address by the current Centennial Fund Awardee, Dr. Peter Sergel (Director of the Hamilton Gardens) outlining the work being undertaken in creating a "Picturesque Garden" at the Hamilton Gardens. The garden is inspired by the 18th Century fashion for landscape paintings of wild, romantic landscapes often featuring classical ruins, this one being based on Mozart's 18th-century opera 'The Magic Flute' and is told through a series of garden features supported by past Masonic elements.

Dr Sergel will guide groups through the garden on Sunday morning- between 10.00 and 12.00 noon. The garden will be completed but not yet open to the public. It is planned to be opened in Spring 2019.

We do need an indication of numbers for this tour so please indicate this on your registration.

CONVOCATION 2019 – PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2019

Management Council	Conference Room 3 (Reception Room)	9.00 am -12:00 pm
Heads of Orders	Conference Room 3 (Reception Room)	12:30pm – 5:00pm

FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2019

Grand Superintendents	Conference Room 4 (Reception Room)	9:30am - 12:00 noon
The 2019 Royal Arch Forum (Includes a presentation by the Research Chapter)	Conference Room Four	1:00pm - 3:00pm
Silver Trowel Ceremony	Hamilton East Masonic Centre, Grey Street, Hamilton (bus is organised for transport)	3:30pm - 4:45pm
Convocation Meet and Greet Please note—this is NOT a meal.	Bar area adjacent to main Reception area. Light meal options will be available in the Restaurant.	6:00pm – 8.30pm

SATURDAY 9 MARCH 2019

Saturday Bus Tour	Departs Distinction Hotel	9:30am - 12:30 pm
Business Session	Conference Rooms Three and Four	9:00am - 11:00am
Installation Rehearsal	Conference Rooms Three and Four	11:15am - 12:30pm
Grand Installation	Conference Rooms Three and Four	2:30pm – 5:15pm

PLEASE NOTE: the house bar will be open at the end of the Grand Installation.

Banquet	Garnett Restaurant	6:30pm - 11:30pm
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SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2019

Tour of the "Picturesque Garden"	Hamilton Gardens	10:00am - 12:00pm
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COSTS

Registration	\$65.00 (men only)
Meet & Greet	\$25.00 (per person) Cash bar available
Saturday Bus Tour	\$45.00 (per person)
Banquet	\$75.00 (per person)

TRANSPORT

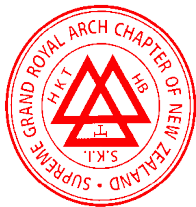
Transport from and to the Hamilton Airport and the Hamilton Transport Centre (bus transport) will be provided. If you require transport please ensure you record your flight numbers and arrival and departure dates and times when you register.

If you require transport from Auckland Airport, you will need to organise a shuttle from the Airport to the Hotel prior to your arrival at Auckland. There are no flights between Auckland and Hamilton.

CONTACTS

Chairman John Evered 021-025-8227

Transport Enquiries Errol Paterson 027-492--2174



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REGISTRATION FORM

(Please use block letters)

Surname:		Given Names:	
		Preferred Name:	
Accompanied by Wife/Partner Surname:		Preferred Name:	
If you have other guests attending with you please show their preferred names and surnames on a separate sheet, indicating the functions they will be attending.			
Address:		Telephone Number:	
		Mobile Number:	
		Email Address:	
Chapter Name and Number:			Highest Rank:

DELEGATIONS (Overseas and Other Orders)

Name of Order:	
Rank:	

EVENTS REQUIRING BOOKINGS

(#) Registration fee applies only to Companions

(+ Please specify any special dietary requirements below

	Registration	Meet & Greet	Ladies Tour	Banquet (+)	
Cost	\$65.00 (#)	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$75.00	
Number (Include all guests)	1				
TOTAL	\$65				\$

Vegetarian Gluten Free Diabetic Other

Special dietary requirements (indicate)				
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For contact purposes please indicate where you will be staying and contact details

Distinction Hotel Te Rapa,
Hamilton

Privately or hotel/motel
Please provide name and
address

INDICATION OF ATTENDANCE AT THE SUNDAY FUNCTION

I will be attending Yes/No

Number attending

TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

If you require transport on arrival and departure please indicate the information below

Arriving by	Air/Coach	Departing by	Air/Coach
Arrival Date		Departure Date	
Arrival Time		Departure Time	
Flight/Service		Flight/Service	
No. of persons		No. of persons	

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please place a tick beside your option

My cheque accompanies this registration

I will pay by Internet Banking or Bank transfer to
Account 03-0785-0002857-00 with my SURNAME as Particulars and
CONVO2019 as Reference

DETACH and POST this form to the Convocation Registrar

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Clouston Park,
Upper Hutt 5018