

Welcome to Nelson Convocation 2020

The purpose of this document is to give you a detailed description of what's happening at the Convocation in Nelson in March 12- 14th 2020.

Arrival at The Hotel

If you are arriving by car the Hotel's address is The Grand Mercure Nelson, Monaco, 6 Point Road Nelson. If you are coming by Air to Nelson Airport we will have a free shuttle service working between the hours of 8am and 6pm on the 12 and 13th March.

Report to our reception point at the airport and we will take it from there. (Outside of these hours or days it's a quick taxi ride or you can use the public shuttle service.)

At the hotel we will have a small reception desk where you can check into the Convocation and get your Convocation delegate pack.

Thursday 12th Events

Breakfast in the hotel.

Day/Date	Meeting	Start	Finish	Location
Thursday 12 March	Management Council	9:00 am	12 noon	Grand Mercure - Village Hall
		Lunch	Noon	Grand Mercure Restaurant
	Grand Superintendents including new G Supts	2.00pm	5.00pm	Grand Mercure - Village Hall
	*Knights Templar Re-enactment	8:00 pm	10:00 pm	Nile Street Lodge Rooms

*Transport to and from the the Knights Templar event is available by coach and a light supper will also be provided at the Lodge Rooms

Or

Evening Meal at the Hotel or in Nelson as you require

The Masonic Exchange will have an on-site regalia shop open in the Village Hall during the Convocation.

Friday 13th Events

Breakfast at the Hotel

Friday 13 March	*Knights Templar Annual Muster	10.30am	12.00 noon	Nile Street Lodge Rooms
	Royal Arch Forum and Research Chapter	1:00 pm	4.00 pm	Grand Mercure Village Hall
	** Silver Trowel Ceremony	3:00 pm	4:30 pm	Nile Street Lodge Rooms
	Convocation Meet 'n' Greet	5:30 & 6.00 pm	8:30 pm	Grand Mercure Village Hall or Village Green

* Booking only Event - Transport to and from the Knights Templar event is available by coach and a lunch will also be provided at the Lodge Rooms. Booking for this from Phil Brooke email phil.brooke@xtra.co.nz

** Invitation only Event - Transport to and from this event is available - Contact Robert Jaray email robertsjaray@gmail.com for full details.

Meet and Greet

If you are coming to the Meet and Greet you will each be given a meal ticket and a drink voucher. The drink voucher is for a glass of local wine or a soft drink. A cash bar is available for the rest of the evening. The meal is a pre plated meal (choice of two) and can be taken anytime that evening in the room.

Those attending the Convocation for the first time are invited to come at 5.30 pm so that the Grand Principals can personally meet you. Those experienced Convocation attendees will be received at 6 pm. A Cash bar is available all night.

Provisional menu

- ½ Beef sliders ½ Thai fish cake slider
- BBQ Lamb shoulder, creamy cheesy polenta
- Slow cooked pork belly skewers
- Roast carrots and beets, feta, maple syrup, toasted seeds salad
- Gourmet potato salad

Monaco staff to serve – guests to hand over a Food ticket

Note: A Late night meal service is also being provided by the hotel if you need it.

Saturday 14th Events

Breakfast in the hotel.

Saturday 14 March	Convocation Business Session	9:00 am	11:00 am	Grand Mercure Village Hall
	*Ladies Bus Tour	9:00 am	12.45 pm	
	** Convocation Rehearsal	11:15 am	12.30 pm	Nelson Centre of Musical Art
	***Convocation Meeting	3:00 pm	4:30 pm	Nelson Centre of Musical Art
	Convocation Banquet	7.00 pm	12:00 pm	Grand Mercure Village Hall and Tent City

* Includes a light Lunch before returning. Trip includes visiting WoW Or Pic's Peanut Butter Factory and local sights of interest.

** Transport to and from the Hotel is provided by coach.

*** Transport to and From the Hotel by Coach is available (Note two trips may be needed 2pm and 2.30pm departures).

Pre dinner drinks are to be held in the Village Hall (Cash bar). Then adjourn to the adjacent Tent City.

Note:

Tables hold 6 people and seating is free format (sit with a friend) except for the tables marked reserved.

A bottle of each local Red and white table wine per table is included in the price. Additional wine and other drinks are available from the waitresses.

Provisional Menu

7.00pm – Entrée served, alternate drop – then speeches, **10 mins MAX each**

TMK HOT SMOKED SALMON SERVED ON A FETA CHEESE AND POLENTA CAKE AND A AVOCADO AND KING SALMON CAVIAR

OR

SLOW BRAISED LAMB SHOULDER AND SOFT HERB CROQUETTES SERVED WITH A MINTED PEA PUREE AND BEETROOT MASCARPONE CREAM

7.30pm – Mains to be served alternate drop

SLOW COOKED RIB OF BEEF WITH POTATO GRAIN POACHED BABY ONIONS SUMMER GREENS AND VEIL JUS

OR

MARINATED AND GRILLED HIND QUARTER OF CHICKEN WITH CREAMY SAFFRON MASH AND PANFRIED MEDITERRAIN VEG PLUS ROAST CAPSICUM SAUCE

Musical interlude – School of Music 30mins

8pm – Dessert

SERVED ON HIGH TEA STANDS TO THE TABLE

MIXED PORFITAROLLS

MINI POTTLES OF CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

LEMON MERINGUE PIE

TIRAMISU

FRESH FRUIT CUPS

9.30pm – Finish - After dinner drinks are to be held in the Village Hall (Cash bar)

Sunday 15th Events

Breakfast at the Hotel

Departure organised by the hotel

Or

Nelson Orientation Coach Tour.

This is a guided tour around Nelson and its environs – a great way to see some of the things you may wish to visit in slower time during your time in Nelson. The guides on the Coach will also give personal advice on activities etc you may want to do.