**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.

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| 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 | Grand Mercure Tent City |

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

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| **Friday** **13 March** | \*Knights Templar Annual Muster and Lunch | 10.30am  | 12.00 noon | Grand Mercure Tent City |
|  | Royal Arch Forumand Research Chapter  | 1:00 pm | 4.00 pm | Grand Mercure Village Hall  |
|  | \*\* Silver Trowel Ceremony | 3:00 pm | 4:30 pm | Grand Mercure Tent City |
|  | Convocation Meet 'n' Greet | 5:30 & 6.00 pm | 8:30 pm | Grand Mercure Village Hall or Village Green |

\* Booking only Event - Booking for this from Phil Brooke email phil.brooke@xtra.co.nz

\*\* Invitation only Event - 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 an 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.

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| **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.

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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 MEDITERAIN 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.

**Dress Codes for Men**

Royal Arch Forum - Smart Casual, Lounge Suit

Knight Templar re-enactment - Smart Casual

Convocation Meet n Greet - Smart Casual, Lounge Suit

Business Session - Smart Casual, Lounge Suit

Convocation Meeting - Formal with Regalia – Minimum Lounge Suit

Convocation Banquet - Formal, Black Tie

**Dress Codes for Partners**

Knight Templar re-enactment - Smart Casual

Convocation Meet n Greet - Smart Casual, Cocktail Dress

Tour - Smart Casual

Convocation Meeting - Smart Casual, or, Garden Party Cocktail

Convocation Banquet - Cocktail Dress, Black Tie