



Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan

Grand First Principal's Quarterly Message

"Growth and Discovery through Unity and Collaboration"

Thanksgiving: The first official, annual Thanksgiving in Canada was celebrated on 6 November 1879. However, Indigenous people in Canada have a history of celebrating the fall harvest that predates the arrival of European settlers. Sir Martin Frobisher and his crew are credited as the first Europeans to hold a Thanksgiving ceremony in North America, in 1578. In 1957, Thanksgiving was proclaimed an annual event to occur on the second Monday of October. *Source: The Canadian Encyclopedia*

Companions: I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and had a chance to reunite with family and friends. We can be thankful for the bountiful harvest that has been provided for us. I have begun my Chapter visitations and I invite any companion to join me. My scheduled visits is listed below and subject to change. I will try to visit your Chapter more than once. When I attended the Grand Convocation of The Grand Chapter of BC and Yukon I noticed that the jurisdiction is experiencing a lot of the same demographics that we are experiencing. They were emphasising the 3 R's, "Recruit, Rejuvenate and Retain." It made a lot of sense to me and I encourage that Chapters and companions talk to and recruit potential RAM members, rejuvenate your meetings by making them fun and interesting. Retaining companions will naturally occur if you are providing a quality product that is fun and interesting.

Grand First Principal's Visits

Chapter	Date
Prince Albert No. 2	October 21, 2025
Saskatoon No. 4	December 17, 2025
Estevan No. 8	February 11, 2026
Battleford No. 9	November 18, 2025
Unity No. 10	October 8, 2025
King George No. 14	October 15, 2025
Eagle Lake No. 20	TBD
Prince of Wales No. 27	September 2, 2025
Wilkie No. 29	December 2, 2025

I emphasize that **that all Chapter Scribes send their notices to all Chapters in our jurisdiction.**

Let's re-discover Royal Arch Masonry in Saskatchewan and grow in unity.



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Grand First Principal 2025-2026