

The 59th Annual Four Corners Royal Arch Festival

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Holbrook, Arizona

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona and your host chapter, Temple Chapter #8, of the Winslow York Rite Bodies, welcomes you to the 59th Annual Royal Arch Festival. All Royal Arch Masons are encouraged to attend and participate in this gala event. The capitular degrees will again be conferred in the barn of the historic Jeffers' Ranch in the high desert country of Holbrook, Arizona on Saturday, October 5, 2024 starting with coffee and doughnuts at the barn at 8:00 a.m.

The Jeffers' Ranch is owned and operated by Past Grand Master of Masons in Arizona, MWB William B. Jeffers, Jr. who has again graciously allowed us to have this great Masonic event on his property. Although the headquarters of the Jeffers' Ranch is actually located within the town of Holbrook, the grand vistas, corals, and general atmosphere of the place have a real "country feel". The degrees conferrals will take place in the MWB Jeffers barn and promises to be a truly unique experience combining the best in ritual presentations with the enchanting ambiance of the old west.

Attendees may consider dressing in western attire for this event, but red jackets are always appropriate. Typical weather in Holbrook for early October is cool early mornings, warm afternoons in the 80s, and a noticeable temperature drop at sunset.

Speaking of sunsets, dinner will be served around 5:30 p.m. at the barn: about the time the sun goes down over the Painted Desert.

Site Hotel: Quality Inn

Our site hotel is a solid mid-range hotel, the Quality Inn, located at 2602 North Navajo Blvd. in Holbrook. This hotel has been managed by the same family for the past thirty years. The rate for Royal Arch Masons and their guests for the nights of October 4th and 5th is a very low \$75 a night plus tax. This wonderful price also includes a full hot breakfast! Call 928-524-6131 and ask for the "Four Corners Royal Arch" rate. Cutoff for this special rate is September 4th, so don't wait too long to call!

Ladies' Program

Ladies are encouraged to visit the Old Court House Museum in downtown Holbrook. This historic structure dates from 1898 and has many interesting artifacts of the old west on display. Holbrook was a true wild and wooly Cowtown. You will get to see an "invitation to a hanging" of "George Smiley, murderer". This tongue and cheek invitation was the work of eccentric sheriff, Frank Watron, and caused outrage all over the United States, including President William McKinley. You will also have the opportunity to tour the old county jail that was assembled from a second-hand ships' brig. This mediaeval looking affair was actually used into the 1970s and includes some authentic graffiti and art work done by incarcerated prisoners.

Also on tap is a visit to Jim Gray's Rock Shop located at the St. Johns turnoff. This is a world class store and museum and houses some of the most unique examples of petrified wood, fossils, and mineral

specimens that one could imagine. Whether you are just browsing or buying, a trip to Jim Gray's Rock Shop promises to be a delightful experience!

Lunch for the ladies will be "on your own". Holbrook has some good places to eat, depending on what "suits your fancy". There are numerous Mexican Restaurants including El Rancho and Romos, the usual fast-food joints, a great Italian Restaurant, The Mesa, and there is also "Col. Mustard's", housed in a vintage Richfield gas station, your home for Chicago favorites such as Vienna Pure Beef "Chicago Dogs" and Italian beef

Fees for attendees, including all Royal Arch Masons and candidates: \$60.00

Ladies' dinner only: \$15.00 (no additional registration fees for ladies)

Included in men's registration fee:

Early morning coffee and doughnuts, bottled water throughout the day, use of porta johns at ranch, full "make your own sandwich" lunch buffet (includes beverage and desert), pulled pork dinner with all the trimmings (beverage and desert included)

Plan now to attend The Four Corners Royal Arch Festival, Saturday, October 5, 2024 in Holbrook, Arizona.

BE THERE AND BE SQUARE!

Directions to the Jeffers' Ranch: Turn west at the Circle K on Navajo Blvd. on Hermosa (not marked). This road turns into a dirt road almost immediately. Proceed about a quarter of a mile. Turn right (north) at drive way with big line of blue spruce trees. You are there!

2024 Four Corners Registration Form

Multiple Names may be placed on a form

Royal Arch Masons Registration Fee of \$60 Includes Coffee, Pastries
Lunch and Dinner

Name

Number ____ \$60 \$_____

Title _____

The registration fee of \$60 is for Royal Arch Masons only, there is no
Registration Fee for Ladies and Guests. Lady and Guest Dinners are \$15.
Ladies and Guests will have lunch on their own in town.

Name of Lady

Number ____ \$15 \$_____

Name of Guest

Number ____ \$15 \$_____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please mail this registration form and check to Pete Johnson, 1501 Sunset Drive, Holbrook, Arizona
86025. You may also register through PayPal at <https://www.winslowyorkrite.org/2024-four-corners.html>

Map from Quality Inn to Jeffers Ranch

