



# The 115<sup>th</sup> Call

## The Stetson Kindred of America, Inc.

*All members of the Kindred are called to gather in person or online for the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Membership, Sunday, August 16, 2020 at The Homestead, 83 Stetson Shrine Lane, Norwell, MA*

In accordance with our Bylaws, every third Sunday in August Officers, Directors and Members of the Stetson Kindred gather for the Annual Meeting of the Corporation to elect new officers, receive annual reports of the officers and Committees, report on the financial condition of the Kindred, and conduct any other business that may come before the membership, **AND** to enjoy the camaraderie and company of this annual gathering of cousins.

Massachusetts maintains a 14-day COVID-19 quarantine recommendation for anyone visiting from outside of the State, so members from outside the State may not find attending in person to be appealing this year. As an alternative, we are creating an on-line participation alternative through the currently popular Zoom platform that allows members to conference in via computer or phone to the Annual Meeting this year. If that is your choice, please be sure to indicate on the registration form. We hope you can join us either remotely from the comfort of your homes, or in person for what will be a limited event this year.

### Meeting > Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00-11:00 Please register at the pavilion as you arrive. Collect and wear your badges (cleaning wipes provided) and your election ballot. (enclosed if you are a voting member, but will have extras at the meeting – one vote per Senior or LIFE member in good standing)
- 11:00 Last call and closing of the paper ballots to be tallied.
- 11:00-12:30 Annual Meeting of the Membership. Pavilion open to limited seating with family groups at assigned tables set apart for social distancing, and masks required. We will also be broadcasting on Zoom – We will be establishing a quorum, voting live and by proxy, and reporting the tally of all live, proxy and mailed votes. We will also hear from Committee Reports, and Scholarship Awards
- 12:30 'Basket Picnic' lunch with your families – Socially distanced spaces on the lawn for picnicking, with masks recommended. This year it is bring your own food and beverages, remember to bring blankets, seating, sunscreen, and an umbrella or canopy for shade. We will be providing a portable restroom with a wash station and sanitizer. Please pack out your own trash.
- 1:00 Walking Online Zoom Meeting to meet the picnickers – social distancing Stetsons contest, "Most Stetson Dressed Cousin" ..boots...shoes.. hat ..shirt ..jeans, belts, etc ..all Stetson Brand, Stetson University Swag, acquired on line or otherwise.. extra points for Stetson Tattoos, Stetson Bourbon, songs about Stetsons, etc.
- 2:30 Close out the meeting and pack up.

### **SKOA ANNUAL GATHERING RESERVATION FORM- (In person or by Zoom)**

Please return your Reservation for the meeting and your Ballot, if voting, **no later than July 31<sup>st</sup> !**

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_/City \_\_\_\_\_/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Attending in Person (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Meeting by Zoom (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fill out E-mail address above to receive mtg invitation)

**CHILDREN:** Please advise if you will be bringing children so we can plan morning activities for them:

Number of children: \_\_\_\_ Names & Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS?** For questions on Ballots and Reservations -Jim Stetson Ph 508-479-7945 [jim.stetson@gmail.com](mailto:jim.stetson@gmail.com)

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE HOMESTEAD**

**From the North:** From I-93, take Route 3 South toward Plymouth. Take Exit 13 for Rte. 53 (Washington St) south/west. Just past the intersection with Rte. 139, turn left on Broadway. Continue straight into River Street, pass over Rte. 3 and take the first right onto Stetson Shrine Lane. Entrance to The Homestead will be on your left (dirt road) just before Stetson Meadows Cemetery, about ¼ mile.. Look for sign.

Google Map> <https://goo.gl/maps/Rttw59UcvhvBcNew6>

**From the West:** If coming from Providence, take Rte 44 East into Plymouth, then Rte 3 North to Exit 12.

Follow directions for "From the South" below. Google Map> <https://goo.gl/maps/Qz6YtH5wb1QaFdeu8>

**From the South:** From Rte 3 North, take Exit 12 and go West on Rte. 139. Turn right onto Rte. 53 (Columbia Road), then right at the light onto Broadway. Continue straight onto River Street, pass over Rte. 3 and take the first right onto Stetson Shrine Lane. Entrance to The Homestead will be on your left (dirt road) just before you get to the Stetson Meadows Cemetery, about ¼ mile. Look for sign.

Google Map> <https://goo.gl/maps/2qQtZP1qKXeoXCSi9>

**ATTENDING IN PERSON:** Please use common sense if you are planning to attend in person this year. Respect the social distancing directions given by the volunteers on Sunday. If you are bringing children, please observe social distancing guidelines from other families for your comfort and theirs. We request masks be worn when inside of the pavilion and you cannot maintain a distance of 6 feet. Note speakers will be keeping their distance and will not be wearing masks while speaking. SKOA cannot be held responsible for any illness as a result of participating in this event.

**CAMPING:** Our 2020 Annual Meeting will only be on Sunday this year. However, there is a camping option for Saturday night, which President Jim Stetson plans to attend. If you have an RV or camper trailer, are local to Massachusetts and are interested in camping on the Homestead grounds Saturday night consider joining a quiet overnight stay, socially distancing with masks. You must have a self-contained camper with sanitary and water facilities (pack in and pack out, no dumping on the property). President Jim will be camping and would love to have company. If interested, please contact him to reserve space at [jim.stetson@gmail.com](mailto:jim.stetson@gmail.com) or 508-479-7945. Because of social distancing rules, you **MUST** reserve a space to camp at the Homestead in advance.

**ZOOM CONNECTING:** Zoom is a cloud-based video conferencing service you can use to virtually meet with others - either by video or audio-only or both, all while conducting live chats - and it lets you record those sessions to view later. It can be used with **ANY TELEPHONE** or internet connected device.

When you register to attend the Annual Meeting via Zoom, we will send you an e-mail with the meeting code, and a few instructions to make connecting easier. There is **NO** cost for this activity.

You do not need a Zoom account to participate, all you need to participate is to click on the link for the meeting in the invitation that you will receive in your email a few days before the event.

Step 1: Click on the link provided in the email.

Step 2: Download the Zoom App or Desktop Client if needed. Simply follow the prompts to download the correct Zoom Desktop Client for your device.

Step 3: Your Zoom Desktop Client will download for you to install. Note that you may also download the Zoom App for your Apple and Android devices.

Step 4: Once you have downloaded Zoom onto your device, you can then join the meeting. If you install this on the day of the event you may have to click on the link again in the email to connect to the meeting, once you have installed the client.



**THE STETSON EMPORIUM IS OPEN!!** (But not at the Homestead, just online) **HOWEVER**, there is a complete catalog and order form at [www.theSKOA.org/stetsonemporium/](http://www.theSKOA.org/stetsonemporium/) where you can review all the products and pricing that storekeeper Emilie Green has on offer, and even place an order any day of the year. For the 2020 Annual Gathering, it doesn't make sense to be physically shopping, so Emilie has agreed to deliver any pre-meeting orders to the Homestead for cousins to pick up, *saving YOU the shipping costs!*