



The 116th Call

The Stetson Kindred of America, Inc.

All members of the Kindred are called to gather in person or online for the 116th Annual Meeting of the Membership, Sunday, August 15, 2021 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.

We understand that there are some who may still exercise great caution against possible COVID exposure and may not find attending in person to be appealing this year. As an alternative, we are offering online participation through the currently popular Zoom platform that allows members to conference via computer or any 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 may be a limited event again this year. All activities will be conducted in compliance with health regulations, recommendations, and good old common sense.

Meeting > Sunday, August 15th

- 10:00-11:00 Please register at the pavilion as you arrive. Collect and wear your badges (cleaning wipes provided) and your election ballot. (mailed separately by the Election Committee 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 recommended. 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 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.
- The rest of the afternoon is for 'gathering' together, enjoying the company of cousins, perhaps a bit of music or a speaker. There will be diversions for any children attending.

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 31st !**

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MAIL TO: Bill Stetson, 57 Forest Edge, Plymouth, MA 02360 williamwstetson@aol.com

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: _____

**** INFORMATION ON THE BACK REGARDING DIRECTIONS, CAMPING, ZOOM, AND THE STETSON EMPORIUM ****

QUESTIONS? For questions on Ballots and Reservations -Jim Stetson Ph 508-479-7945 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 may 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. 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 or 508-479-7945. Because of social distancing, 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. If you have the Zoom App, you will now join the meeting.

Step 2: If you don't have download the Zoom App or Desktop Client. Simply follow the prompts to download the correct Zoom Desktop Client for your Computer or your Apple or Android phone or pad.

Step 3: Your Zoom Desktop Client will download for you to install.

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.

To join by PHONE, dial the [teleconferencing](#) number provided in your e-mail invite.

When prompted, enter the meeting ID number followed by the # sign, using your dial pad.

If asked for your participant ID, simply press # again.

THE STETSON EMPORIUM IS ALWAYS OPEN!! There is a complete catalog and order form at 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 2021 Annual Gathering, Emilie will bring a limited number of all items to the Reunion. If you have a particular interest in one or more items, especially T-shirts, please let her know in advance (stetsonemporium@gmail.com) so that your order will be available for you to pick up thus **saving YOU the shipping costs!**

