

THE KEYSTONE



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**The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
 Of British Columbia and Yukon**

Grand First Principal



My Companions:

It is just over a month since I had the honour and privilege of being installed as the Grand First Principal of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.

I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me when you elected me Grand Junior Sojourner six years ago. I would also like to thank all who have accepted an office in Grand Chapter, and the Chairmen and members of the various committees.

My theme for this year is **“Stand and be counted”**. We must stand and be proud of our membership in this beautiful organization and communicate that feeling to others, not only to our Companions, but to the outside world. We must not be complacent but all be active in supporting our Chapters and encouraging Master Masons to join with us. I know that many of the Chapters are developing programs and activities to overcome membership and attendance difficulties and are to be congratulated for their efforts.

I have made one trip to the interior, visiting three Chapters and have one more short trip before winter. I will be concentrating on the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island until spring before heading up-country again.

We had a good turn out at the Church Parade last month and at International night in Bellingham, also with our American Companions at the Affirmation service at the Peace Arch, which unfortunately due to rain had



to be held in the pavilion in the park.

I ask you to not forget our Charities, the Royal Arch Home, Society of Royal Arch Masons, Keystone of Life and the Bursary Fund. During my travels so far there have been donations made to one or the more of these charitable causes.

As we approach the Christmas season we must remember all that we are thankful for and to pray that one day in the not too distant future we may have peace in this world.

We must not forget also not only those who are suffering in world conflicts, but those whose lives have been shattered by earthquake and volcano eruptions.

I wish all the Companions a good Christmas and all the best for 2003.

**Norman K. Monro
 Grand First Principal**

Merry
 Christmas
 &
 Happy New Year

Seasons
 Greetings

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**Royal
 Arch
 Freemasonry**

is alive and well

**in
 British
 Columbia
 and
 Yukon**

**DO YOUR
 PART**

PARTICIPATE

Principal Grand Chapter Officers

Grand Zerubbabel
 Grand Haggai
 Grand Joshua
 Grand Principal Sojourner
 Grand Senior Sojourner
 Grand Junior Sojourner

M.E.C. Norman K. Monro
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 R.E.C. Brian A. Richman
 R.E.C. Robert E. Doige
 R.E.C. James C. Whyte



Matthew 1

¹⁸ Now the birth of *Jesus Christ* was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

²⁰ But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the **LORD** appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

²¹ And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins.

²² Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his

name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

²⁴ Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

²⁵ And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name **JESUS**.



M. Ex. Comp. David Turner presenting a Laser Therapy Unit to Pioneer Lodge, Bastion Place, Salmon Arm Hospital on behalf of the Keystone of Life Foundation.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

Management is doing things right; Leadership is doing the right things.
 ~ Peter F. Drucker

Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results.
 ~ George S. Patton

Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.
 ~ Dwight Eisenhower

I must follow the people. Am I not their leader?
 ~ Benjamin Disraeli

** from the internet



Virtual Past Master's Degree

April 19th. 2003

Victoria, B.C.

All Companions of the Royal Arch are invited to attend

Remember your Royal Arch Charities at Christmas

The four primary charities recognized by the constitution of Grand Chapter are

Royal Arch Masonic Bursary Fund

The Keystone of Life Foundation

The Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society

The Society of Royal Arch Masons

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Why Change Is Necessary?

If the rate of change on the outside exceeds the rate of change on the inside, the end is near.

Jack Welch
 Former Chairman and CEO
 General Electric Corp.

Questions and Answers

1. How long after he became king did Solomon build the Temple?
2. What is a Decalogue?
3. What is a crow, and in what degree is it a working tool?

From the Masonic Quiz Book, 1956



**If it's happening in B.C.
 It's happening in
 Royal Arch Freemasonry**

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS ITINERARY

Tuesday December 3 Majuba No. 33 (11) Ladysmith Regular
 Tuesday December 10 Semiahmoo No. 34 (2) Langley Regular/Christmas
 Friday January 17 Composite No. 24 (9) New Westminster Regular
 Tuesday January 28 Cathedral No. 35 (11) Parksville District
 Saturday February 1 Simon Fraser No. 40 (9) Richmond Installation
 Monday February 10 Camosun No. 14 (1) Victoria Regular
 Thursday February 13 North Vancouver No. 16 (7) North Vancouver Regular
 Monday February 17 Joppa No. 31 (9) Vancouver District
 Tuesday February 18 Tzouhalem No. 26 (1) Duncan Regular
 Wednesday February 19 Cyrus No. 10 (11) Courtenay Regular
 Thursday February 20 Pacific Rim No. 44 (1) Sooke Regular
 Tuesday March 4 Columbia No. 1 (1) Victoria District
 Saturday March 8 Papyrus No. 27 (7) Powell River District/Installation
 Saturday March 15 Keystone No. 8 (11) Nanaimo Installation
 Monday March 17 Cariboo No. 43 (10) Quesnel Regular
 Wednesday March 19 Fort George No. 36 (10) Prince George Regular
 Tuesday March 25 Triple Tau No. 21 (9) Vancouver Regular
 Monday April 1 Rossland No. 4 (4) Trail District
 Thursday April 3 Penticton No. 22 (8) Penticton District
Saturday April 5 Mission Chapter No. 28

- SPRING BOARD Port Coquitlam

MASONIC DISCUSSION GROUP

Sponsored by;
The Committee on Masonic Education and Instruction
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons
of British Columbia and Yukon

Meets on the 4th. Thursday of every month
 except
 December, July and August

Time 6:00 P.M.

4th. Floor, 1495 West 8th. Vancouver
 Helen and Leo of Round Table Catering are arranging to have a different
 International meal for each meeting;
 \$15.00

How much do you know about Freemasonry???????

Come and find out
 Papers to be given are to be on
 Symbolism, the Esoteric, the Mysteries of Freemasonry

Followed by an in depth discussion in which everyone is asked to participate.

Please confirm your attendance with
 V. Ex. Comp. Steve McVittie 604 - 687-4401

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of British Columbia and Yukon

Planned Activities of the
 Education and Membership
 Committee
 2002—2003

District Superintendents and
 Chapters will be contacting Craft
 Lodges and offer to do an educa-
 tional presentation.

Masonic Discussion Group
 sponsored by the Grand Chapter
 of Royal Arch Freemasons,
 Committee on Education
 4th. Thursday of Month.

**“Further Light in
 Freemasonry”** Presentation by
 Masonic bodies that require
 Royal Arch membership.

“Royal Arch Celebration”
 A province wide, day of Royal
 Arch Freemasonry

**Gala Banquet and Fund
 Raiser.** With Noted speaker to
 raise funds for Charity.

“Area Open Houses” on Royal
 Arch Freemasonry

**WATCH FOR DATES TO BE
 ANNOUNCED**



**Attend your Craft
 Lodge
 and
 wear your
 Royal Arch Jewel**

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Grand First Principal's Cruise

**Holland America's Volendam
7 Night Alaska Cruise
June 2 - 9, 2003**

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Mini-Suites with Verandah	\$2299
Outside Cabins	\$1669
Inside Cabins	\$1419
Port Charges & Taxes	\$ 276 (subject to change)

Terms and Conditions:

Deposit:

The initial deposit to confirm your reservation is \$200.00 per person. The deposit can be made by Visa, MasterCard or cheque payable to Cruise Holidays. A second deposit by cheque of \$300.00 per person is required by November 30, 2002.

Final Payment:

Final payment is due on March 15, 2003 and is payable by cheque only.

Cancellations:

Until November 30, 2002 \$200.00 per person
December 1, 2002-March 15, 2003 \$500.00 per person
March 16-April 29, 2003 50% of fare
April 30-Sailing 100% of fare

Insurance:

We strongly recommend the purchase of cancellation insurance to protect your cruise investment. Ask us for details.

Changes:

An administration fee of \$100.00 will be assessed for any change made to a reservation after December 1, 2002.

Itinerary:

Holland American reserves the right to change the itinerary if necessary due to weather or other conditions.

Answers:

1. He began the erection of the temple 5 years after he had been crowned king.
2. The Ten Commandments or the moral law.
3. An iron bar used to lift heavy articles. It is a working tool of a Royal Arch Mason, and symbolically teaches him to raise his thoughts above the corrupting influences of worldly mindedness

Saturday April 5
SPRING BOARD
Port Coquitlam

Exciting plans for the future of
Royal Arch Freemasonry in British Columbia
will be discussed.

Will you be there and be able to say you took part?