



Proceedings
of the
GRAND CHAPTER
of
British Columbia & Yukon
94th Annual Convocation
Victoria, B.C.

2012

(Organized June 18th, 1919)

MEC Norm McEvoy
Grand First Principal

MEC Les Robinson
Grand Scribe Ezra



MEC Norm McEvoy
Grand First Principal 2011-2012

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY OF NORMAN McEVOY

Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland in 1934 and, having completed his formal education, entered the workplace in 1950 as an Office Clerk rising to the position of Office Manager in 1956

He then accepted a position as an indentured employee with the Canadian Bank of Commerce and immigrated to Canada in 1956. After approx 40 years of service in 13 different BC & Yukon communities he retired in Victoria in 1998.

Married to Peggy Drinkwater in 1959, they have two daughters Tracy Johnson (Lance) & Diane Ball (Michael) and two Grandchildren Amelia & Alex.

Over the past 55 years, he has been active in all the communities in which the family have lived and has held membership in many Community and Service Organizations.

For relaxation he enjoys Golf and Music & Travel
He is an avid reader especially in the area of Masonic research.

MASONIC BIOGRAPY FOR NORM McEVOY

Initiated Passed and Raised in Belfast Lodge #257 Grand Lodge of Ireland AF & AM in 1965 and affiliated with Victoria Columbia #1, grand lodge of BC and Yukon in 1952

He has been active in his Lodge, serving as Worshipful master in 1998. In the Grand lodge of BC and Yukon he is currently serving as chairman of the Ashlar College of freemasonry.

He is a companion in the Royal Arch Masonry having been exalted in Rocky Mountain Chapter #7 in 1975 and affiliated with Columbia Chapter #1 Victoria BC in 2001. He served as First principal of Columbia #1 in 2003 and was elected and installed as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of BC and Yukon in September 2011.

His masonic involvement includes active membership in a number of other Lodges and concordant bodies.

Lastly he takes great pleasure in the sharing of Masonic education by way of “ The Educator “ website

I, MEC A. Leslie Robinson, Grand Scribe Ezra of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings of the **ninety-fourth** Grand Convocation held in Victoria, B.C. on **September 14th & 15th 2012** and authorized it to be published.

In testimony whereof I have appended my official signature and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon at the office of the Grand Scribe Ezra in the City of Nanaimo, B.C. this 1st day of January, 2013

MEC Les Robinson – Grand Scribe Ezra

SEAL

The ninety-Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon was held on **September 14th – 15th, 2012** at the Masonic Lodge, 650 Fisgard Street, Victoria, B.C.

OFFICERS ELECTED/APPOINTED 2011/2012

MEC Norm McEvoy	Grand First Principal
REC Tony Brown	Grand Second Principal
REC Ken Overy	Grand Third Principal
MEC Joel Chiri	Immediate Past Grand First Principals
REC Peter Guichon	Grand Treasurer
MEC Les Robinson	Grand Scribe Ezra
REC Jeremy Gomersall	Grand Pr. Sojourner
REC Tony D'Eramo	Grand Sr. Sojourner
REC Rick McKay	Grand Jr. Sojourner
REC Garry Butler	Grand Supt. Dist. 1
REC Alex McGregor	Grand Supt. Dist. 2
REC Fred Maides	Grand Supt. Dist. 6
REC Glen Akselson	Grand Supt. Dist. 4
REC Jim Ferguson	Grand Supt. Dist. 6
REC Jim McCowett	Grand Supt. Dist. 7
REC David McAlpine	Grand Supt. Dist. 9
REC Bill Poncia	Grand Supt. Dist. 10
REC Fred Lefley	Grand Supt. Dist. 11
REC Jin Whyte	Grand Nehemiah
VEC James Bennie	Grand Historian
VEC Don Sterling	Grand Sword Bearer
VEC David Storrie	Grand Master 4 th Veil
VEC George Davis	Grand Master 3 rd Veil
VEC Dale Townsend	Grand Master 2 nd Veil
VEC Jack Cain	Grand Master 1 st Veil
VEC Ron Coulter	Grand Standard Bearer
VEC Ray Wilson	Grand Director of Ceremonies
REC Richard Armitage	Grand Marshal
VEC Ian Swann	Grand Pursuivant
VEC Alex Muir	Grand Steward #1
REC Peter Edwards	Grand Steward #2
VEC Gordon Reid	Grand Steward #3
Companion Stephen Godfrey	Grand Chaplain
Companion Brian Johnstone	Grand Organist
Companion Bill Mounce	Grand Tyler

14th September 2012

1. INFORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The informal opening of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon was held in the normal manner on **Friday, September 14, 2012**. The companions and guests were welcomed to the session. The Grand Council and IPGZ were piped in and assumed their respective chairs in the East. The Grand first Principal then declared the Informal Grand Chapter open at **7:30 pm**. He welcomed all to the Grand Convocation.

2. RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests and visitors were seated in the north, each introduced themselves and the concordant body they represented and were welcomed by the Grand First Principal.

Leonard Pickell – Rt Ill Kt. Priest – Gr. Supt KTP

Bro. Tom Lyle representing O.E.S.

V. Ill. Kt Peter Whitehead – representing R.C.C. Canada

David B. Turner – M Em Kt. – Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada

Noble Robert Russell – representing Gizeh Temple

George Eaton – Rt. Worthy Bro – Order of the Secret Monitor

Isabella Wilson, Queen Miriam Temple – D.O.N.

Alastair Ross – representing S of R. I. A.

The following distinguished Companions were received.

Representing the Grand Chapter of Alberta:

MEC Wally Watts - GZ

MEC David Boone – PGZ

MEC Don Gillies - PGZ

MEC Jerry W. Kopp – IPGZ

MEC Daid Switzer - PGZ

Representing Prince Hall Masons of Washington
MEC Robert Cassidy - GR High Priest
James (Rocky) Dallas - Gr Scribe

Representing the Grand Chapter of Washington
MEC Rev Paul K. Reckamp – G.H.P.
MEC Herb Weaver – MEC – P.G.H.P.

MEC John P. Johnson G.H.P – Grand Chapter of Alaska

MEC Richard Laronde – G.Z. grand Chapter of Manitoba

MEC Robert Turner –GZ – Grand Chapter of Sask

M. Wor. Bro. Murray Webster – Grand Master – Grand Lodge of B.C. and Yukon

3. FLAG CEREMONY

The flag ceremony was conducted by present and past members of the Royal Canadian Navy.

The ceremony ended with the singing of “*O Canada*” and “*The Star Spangled Banner*”

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA and YUKON

Memorial Service

Friday, 14th September, 2012.

Masonic Hall, Victoria BC



Acting Grand Chaplain – M.E.C. Joel Chiri
Grand Superintendents
Grand Organist – Companion Bryan Johnstone

Order of Service

Open and Welcome

Opening Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Even for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff my comfort still.

My table Thou has furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou does with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

First Lesson (Read Responsively) Psalm 121

Grand Chaplain: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills

From whence cometh my help.

**All: My help cometh from the Lord
Who made Heaven and Earth.**

Grand Chaplain: He will not suffer thy foot to be move:

He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

**All: Behold, he that keepeth Israel
Shall neither Slumber nor sleep.**

Grand Chaplain: The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade
Upon thy right hand.

**All: The sun shall not smite thee by day
Nor the moon by night.**

Grand Chaplain: The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
He shall preserve thy soul.

**All: The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy
coming in from this time forth, and even for
evermore.**

Grand Chaplain Homily

Rose Ceremony – assisted by Grand Superintendents

District 1 REC Garry Butler

Columbia #1

Albert Victor Vokes 13/01/11

Dick Melville 26/11/11

Tzouhalem #26

Sandy Sloan 27/01/11

Edmund Brady 14/06/11

Reginald Beale 18/12/11

Pacific Rim #44

Nil

District 2 REC Alex McGregor

Chilliwack 319

Richard Arnald 24/12/11

Mission #28

Nil

Semiahmoo #34

Robert Synge 17/08/11

District 3 REC Fred Maides

Kelowna #17

Lorell Sheldon Peterson 17/10/11

Kamloops #18

Les Killoran	05/03/11
John Goodwein	02/07/11
Herbert Wallace Huntington	01/11/11

Penticton #22
Nil

Granite #29
Nil

District 4 REC Glenn Akselson

Rossland #4
Nil

<u>Rocky Mountain #7</u>	
R.W. Richardson	21/01/11
Alastair Drysdale	00/03/11
R.B. Englehart	00/04/11
N.S. Sandhal	unknown

District 6 REC Jim Ferguson

<u>Kaien #13</u>	
Fred Soltzer	13/09/11
Jack Mitcholuk	07/12/11

<u>Kalum #37</u>	
E.S. Ellis	27/05/11

District 7 REC Jim McCowett

North Vancouver-King Solomon #16
Nil

<u>Georgian #39</u>	
W.G. (Bill) Clark	16/04/11
Ronald McPhedran	27/11/11
Victor Southin	23/12/11

District 9 REC David McAlpine

Composite #24

Arnie Burchill	12/01/11
Lazo Iliac	23/02/11
Robert Clark	15/08/11
Herbert Morris	20/10/11
H.A.D. Oliver	14/10/11

District 10 REC William Poncia

<u>Fort George #36</u>	
Kurt Elsner	14/12/11
John Aubone Snowball	04/04/11
Richard Henry Holmes	09/04/11

<u>Yukon #38</u>	
Walter Bork	16/09/11

<u>Dawson creek #41</u>	
Gary Owen Legge	15/08/11

Caribou #43
Nil

District 11 REC Fred Lefley

Keystone #8
Nil

<u>Cyrus #10</u>	
Alan Keith Hancock	10/09/11

Majuba #33
Nil

Discovery #45
Nil

Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Our Father Who are in Heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy Kingdom Come
Thy will be done on earth
As it is in Heaven

Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the Power and the Glory
For ever. Amen

Grand Chaplain

Closing Hymn Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Blessing.

AND for all Companions who may have been inadvertently omitted
as well as all the men and women serving overseas to protect this great nation.
One red rose was placed on the altar by the Grand Superintendent

of the District or in his absence by another Companion for each District and for all
those serving overseas.

The A/Chaplain: *"They shall not grow old as we are left to grow
old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the
sun, and in the morning."* RESPONSE: *"We shall remember them!"*

5. ADDRESSES BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Queen Isabella Wilson brought greetings from the members of the Daughters of the
Nile, and gave a short talk on the Order and wished us well for the convocation

Bro. Tom Lyle brought greeting from the Grand Worthy Matron of the O.E.S.

Noble Robert Russell brought greeting from the Potentate who was at another
function and unable to attend.

6) INFORMAL CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER

This Informal Opening was closed by the Grand First Principal at
9:20 pm with a reminder that the Convocation would commence
tomorrow at **8:30 am on September 15th 2012**

September 15, 2012

7) FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Grand Convocation was formally opened by the Grand First
Principal in ample form at 8:40 am. The Grand Scribe Ezra
confirmed that 22 Chapters were represented and so constituting
a quorum.

8) RECEPTION OF GUESTS/VISITORS

All the guests who did not have occasion to speak at the Informal
Opening were welcomed back and advised they would be provided
the occasion to address the session at some time during the day.

9) CHANGE OF SIGNING AUTHORITY

No change in signing authority

10) RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

The following Resolution of Loyalty, duly **MOVED** by Right Excellent Companion Tony Brown and duly **SECONDED** by Right Excellent Companion Ken Overy was unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that this, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon assembled at their ninety-second Annual Convocation in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada this 15th day of September, 2012, reaffirm the loyalty of all its members to Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada; His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, Charles the Prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry.

WE TRUST AND PRAY Her Majesty will continue to enjoy good health and strength fulfilling the duties of her high and important office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to Her Majesty through the Honorable Secretary of State for Canada under the signature and seal of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY of the Resolution passed at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon on *Saturday, September 15th, 2012.*

“GOD SAVE THE QUEEN”

MEC Norm McEvoy
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

MEC Les Robinson
GRAND SCRIBE EZRA

11. MINUTES OF GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION 2011.

MOVED by Grand Scribe Ezra, MEC Les Robinson that the Minutes of the **2011 Grand Convocation** as printed in the **2011 Proceedings** be adopted. **SECONDED** by REC James Whyte **CARRIED**

12) ADDRESS OF GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL (Z) MEC Norm McEvoy

Another year has passed and again I have been afforded the opportunity to add to my personal growth and experience.

As with every position, that I have had the privilege to occupy, I have been blessed with the total support of my fellow Companions about the Jurisdiction and particularly those of Columbia #1 and wish to thank you all for making my year a pleasant one indeed.

As with my years as Haggai and Joshua, I had the pleasure of traveling to all parts of our Jurisdiction and, on a number of occasions, being honoured to take part in Chapter Installations; special events and very important presentations.

Visitations

Rather than list all of these opportunities I have attached a copy of my official itinerary for the year, including those where I have sought and received the assistance of representatives offering their services to attend on my behalf. May I take this opportunity to extend my personal thanks to those Companions for their assistance to both myself and Grand Chapter.

It had crossed my mind to attempt to say thank you to all those who made our journeys memorable, however, rather than run the risk of offending many, I have decided to limit my special thanks to my traveling Companions; Ray & Ellie Wilson; Fred & Anne-Marie Maides; Peter & Dianne Whitehead; Ron & Elizabeth Coulter. These Companions and their ladies made our Northern & Southern Tours very special indeed.

Spring Board

Our 2011 Spring Board of General Purposes was sponsored by Kamloops Chapter #18 and organized by our Grand Haggai, REC Tony Brown and his committee. All went very well indeed and all are to be congratulated on a job well done.

Special Occasions

On May 12th Peggy and I, (and a suite of 10 Companions and ladies) had the opportunity to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter of Alberta in Camrose, Alberta where we were made very welcome, met many old friends and made many new ones. It was also a time to say thank you to MEC Gerry Kopp who, with a fellow Companion, made a special trip to Invermere, BC to be part of my Official Visit and witness my being made a Most Excellent Master. Thank you Gerry!!!

On June 22nd I had the honour & privilege to represent our Grand Chapter at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon and again I was received with honour and with dignity.

Committees

My thanks go out to all Committee Chairman and their members, for a job well done.

A very special **Thank you**" goes out to MEC. Les Robinson : MEC George Eaton; MEC. Len Pickell; MEC David Grange and REC Peter Guichon for special services rendered as and when called on.

Education and Respect

This was the chosen theme for my year in office and in implementing this theme by way of **sharing** in all opportunities provided, I feel very confident that I and the companions involved have experienced strong personal growth.

It is my intention to continue to share by way of **The Investigator**

Membership

It is my sad duty to record, that after much effort by many companions, both Westminster Chapter No.6 and Mission Chapter No.28 found it necessary to return their Charters and cease operations. Indications are that Companions displaced by these closures are finding homes in other Chapters.

Permanent Rank Recommendations

It is my pleasure to recommend that the permanent rank of **"Right Excellent"** be conferred on all my Grand District Superintendents, they performed their duties with credit to themselves and Grand Chapter.

Garry Butler	District #1	Alex McGregor	District #2
Fred Maides	District #3	Glenn Akselson	District #4
Jim Ferguson	District #6	Jim McCowett	District # 7
David McAlpine	District #9	Fred Lefley	District #11

REC William Poncia has been omitted in that he was serving a second year as GSD #10

Also the rank of "Very Excellent Companion be conferred on all the following Companions and I thank them for their efforts and support:-

Don Stirling;	David Storrie	George Davis	Don Sterling
Ian Swann	Gordon Reid	Dale Townsend	Ron Coulter
Ray Wilson			

Conclusion

As I read this in the surroundings of The Masonic Temple in Victoria I am reminded that I have now had the privilege of representing Columbia Chapter No 1 as their first Grand First Principal since MEC Fredric Percyval Marchant in 1945, a period of 67 years.

I am also very aware that many thanks must be extended to EC Bruce Allan and his team for organizing and hosting both the 2011 and 2012 Annual Communications. Our thanks go out all who have contributed in their success.

My journey through the ranks of Grand Chapter are rapidly coming to an end and looking back there is absolutely nothing that I would have changed. It has been wonderful.

Saving the very BEST for last, I could have achieved nothing without the love and support of my wife of 53 years Peggy. As with all our wives, she has been with me through both the highs and the lows and never once wavered in her support. I am indeed Blessed.

Respectfully submitted
MEC Norman McEvoy

At this time each of the candidates for Grand Junior Sojourner were given the opportunity to address the companions present. Both REC Godfrey Onyemaobi and REC Ron Smith gave a short background of their personal and masonic careers

13) REPORT OF THE GRAND 2nd PRINCIPAL REC Tony Brown

Excellent Companions:

It has been an honour to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as the Grand 2nd Principal for 2011/2012
Needless to say it was a very busy and productive year. In all, I attended eighteen Chapter meetings in various Districts. Some of these were in the company of MEC Norm McEvoy.
I was called upon to install three Chapters - Composite #24, North Vancouver / King Solomon #16, and Georgian #39. I was warmly received by the Officers and Companions of these Chapters. During the year I had the pleasure of installing my counterpart on six occasions at various installations.
However it was my sad duty to attend the closure of two Chapters in the Lower Mainland – New Westminster #6 and Mission #28.
Again this year I served as the Representative of the Grand 1st Principal on the Board of Directors for the Royal Arch Masonic Home. I thoroughly enjoyed this experience and there will be a detailed report on the Home in the Advance Proceedings. On December 7th several Companions and their wives attended at the Home to wrap Christmas gifts for the 151 residents. These gifts are useful and much appreciated.
After many weeks of hard work and planning and with the extraordinary work of REC Ken McKenzie and the Companions of Kamloops #18 the Spring Board was arranged and proved to be highly successful. During this session a total of \$850 was

raised through donations and raffles and was presented to the Keystone of Life and will be put to very good use. The Spring Board was well attended and as Chairperson I am told it was well received by all, and even made a small profit of \$253.

At the request of the Grand 1st Principal I represented him on October 30 at Hands Across the Border at Blaine Washington along with our American counterparts. I also represented him at the Grand Sessions of Jobs Daughters in Surrey in March. During the month of May I attended the Alberta Grand Sessions in Camrose, Alberta. The Grand 1st Principal was received accompanied by eleven Companions in his suite. Immediately following the trip to Camrose I again represented the Grand 1st at the Washington Grand Sessions held in Everett Washington where once again I was very warmly received. At the end of May, I attended the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star on the occasion of their 100th Birthday and extended the best wishes of our Grand 1st Principal.

In conclusion I would like to express my sincere thanks to my wife Sue for her unflagging support – she is truly my strong right arm. I am looking forward with excitement to serving this Grand Jurisdiction in 2013 as your Grand 1st Principal.

Respectfully Submitted
 REC Tony Brown, Grand Haggai

14) REPORT OF THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL REC Ken Overy

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon.

I consider this year to have been a great pleasure as well as an honour to have served as Grand 3rd Principal in this Grand Jurisdiction.

This past year I have had the opportunity to be in attendance at various installations, investing four 3rd Principals and one second Principal. Being a member of two Chapters, I was able to attend all of their meetings as well as assist in the conferring of four degrees in various Chapters on the Island. Joining in with several Companions, we delivered the Four Corner Presentation, (an explanation and introduction to the Holy Royal Arch) in five Lodges from two Districts. This resulted in two new Companions as well as a heightened interest from quite a few more Brethren.

In April I attended the Spring Board in Kamloops, something I encourage everyone to make an effort to do in order to keep up with the developments in Royal Arch. I was also present at all of the Finance and Executive meetings throughout the year. I endeavored to support the Superintendent of District # 11 in his official visits whenever possible.

I have learned quite a bit this past year, and I am looking forward to my upcoming term as Grand second Principal. This year it is my intention to increase visitation, so that I am able to meet more of the Companions as well as see some familiar faces.

I am currently planning for our next Spring Board in April taking place at Nanaimo in 2013, as well as laying the groundwork for Grand Chapter at Parksville in 2014.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all those who have helped me with their advice and guidance this year as well as a thank you once again for the privilege of serving as Grand Third Principal this year.

Respectfully Submitted:
 REC Ken Overy

15. REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Nil Report

15. REPORT OF THE MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

Unfortunately there were no submissions for this award

16. RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

Roll Call of Past Grand First Grand First Principals - 2011

1989	Past Grand First Principal	Thomas O. Mickey
1993	“ “ “ “	William R. Shippam
1997	“ “ “ “	Leonard G.B. Pickell
2001	“ “ “ “	David B. Turner
2002	“ “ “ “	Norman K. Monro
2003	“ “ “ “	Basil R. Hobbs
2004	“ “ “ “	George W. Eaton
2006	“ “ “ “	A. Leslie Robinson
2007	“ “ “ “	George R.E. Tillotson
2008	“ “ “ “	Alastair M. Ross
2009	“ “ “ “	David Grange

Grand Honours were accorded. Each Past Grand First Principal was welcomed by the Grand First Principal.

MEC Mickey offered a few words on behalf of the assembled Past Grand Z's. Thanked Grand Chapter for courtesies extended and reminded that they are always available to offer advice and assistance wherever needed.

17. RECEPTION OF FIRST PRINCIPALS

Roll Call of First Principals

Columbia No. 1	EC Bruce Allan	P
Rossland No. 4		
Rocky Mountain No. 7		
Keystone No. 8	VEC John McIntosh	P
Cyrus No. 10		
Kaien No. 13		
NV – KS No. 16		
Kelowna No. 17		
Kamloops No. 18		
Chilliwack No. 19		
Penticton No. 22		
Composite No., 24		
Tzouhalem No. 26		
Granite No. 29		
Joppa No. 31		
Majuba No. 33	EC John Kelly	P
Semiahmoo No. 34		
Cathedral Chapter No. 35		
Kalum No. 37		
Yukon No. 38		
Georgian No. 39	EC R. Carroll	P
Simon Fraser No 40		
Dawson Creek No 41		
Caribou No. 43		
Pacific Rim No. 44	EC Fred Parker	P
Fort George No. 36		
Discovery No. 45		

P = Present

The attending First Principals were received and welcomed by MEC Joel Chiri, The First Principals were accorded Grand Honours under the direction of the, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

18. REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

For the Year-ended 31st December 2011.

To the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon.

Excellent Companions:-

I now present the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2011. The Accounts of your Grand Chapter have been audited by REC David Lewis and Companion John Laing, to which they have signed the Auditors Report and accepted the Financial Statements for the year 2011.

These Statements comprise the following reports:-

General Account.

1. Statement of Financial Position
2. Income & Expenditure Statement
3. Notes to Financial Statements
4. Statement of Cash Flows

Bursary Account:-

1. Statement of Financial Position – Capital Fund
2. Income & Expenditure Statement – Capital & Annual Fund
3. Statement of Cash Flows – Capital Fund

As in prior years, your Grand Chapter Officers continue to explore avenues of improving the bottom line of your Grand Chapter, and with the close cooperation of the Finance Committee we strive for further improvements and efficiencies - So far for the year ending December 31, 2011 the operating costs of grand Chapter have fell from \$30,400 in 2010 to approximately \$24,100 in 2011. The largest savings were in the areas of insurance, postage, telephone and office supply costs, as a result of your Grand Scribe's continued efforts in streamlining the administration costs of the Grand Chapter office.

GENERAL ACCOUNT:-

1. How did we do last year - to summarize - In the General Account we had Income of \$ 36,662 and Expenses of
2. \$19,347 (these numbers exclude the donation income and donation expenses) ending up with a Net Income of \$ 17,232
3. Compared to the 2011 planned results our Actual Net Income was \$9,522 greater than Plan, the major variance in income being greater than planned per capital income by \$1,154, and greater than planned investment interest by \$1,866, Regarding the expenses, there was an investment income of \$5,760, from the sale of investments where the plan had a \$1,000 loss. This amounted to a “swing of \$6,760..
- 3 In reviewing the Expenditures for last year compared to Plan they were favorable by \$2,288 in total. Individually, the major variances (items over \$250) were as follows:-

Unfavourable

Bank Charges	(\$274)
Proceedings	(\$1,084)
Amortization	(\$353)

Favourable

Jewels, pins and regalia purchases	\$343
Convocation Costs	\$498
Investment loss	\$5,761
Postage	\$825
General printing costs	\$300

Note:- that for the purposes of this discussion I have not included any of the donations as they are unplanned items and they were received and paid out on a net basis

INVESTMENTS:-

Our Total Investments at year end 2010 stood at \$ 193,194 up from the 2009 year end total of \$ 184,969.

At year end we had \$1,845 in ING Savings acct, earning 3.5% compounded monthly.

My Companions, what I have just outlined to you, sums up the financial position of the General Account for last year – 2011, If you have any questions or need additional explanations to my presentation of the General Account fund, I will gladly accept them now, before I move to the presentation of the Bursary Fund.

BURSARY ACCOUNT:-

Regarding the Bursary Account we awarded \$6,000 in Bursaries last year, and had a \$2,695 net increase in our Capital Account, and our total Investment Holdings at year end 2010 increased to \$ 123,232 from \$117,334.

With regard to Donations received for last year, I would like to thank all those Companions and Chapters who generously made donations, one item to note is that the amount received in the Capital Fund for 2011 of \$3,485 down significantly from 2010 by \$3,061, whilst the Donations made to the Annual Fund were nil.

Companions don't forget that if and when you send in a Donation to the Bursary Fund please specify whether it is applicable to the Capital or Annual Fund.

If there are any questions I would be glad to answer them, now or please feel free to talk to me anytime during the day.

2011 OUTLOOK:-

General Account

How are we doing so far in 2012? Again, this year 2012, our expenditures have been reduced again, with the change in our Grand Scribe. Our Grand Scribe has to be commended for his continued diligence in reducing costs were he has. Your executive and finance committee's continue to monitor the financial position of Grand Chapter and any recommendations for any possible changes to the per capita will be made at Grand Chapter

Bursary Account

Donation's to the Annual Fund so far in 2012 as a result of the solicitations by the Bursary committee has proved successful, however Companions, unless the Chapters and members continue to support the Bursary Fund, it will become harder to support the worthy students asking for support that they are asking for.

I move the adoption of this Report and Statements, which will be seconded by MEC.
Les Robinson.

Fraternally Submitted
REC. Peter Guichon – Grand Treasurer
September 2011.

- repairs		147.84	
Amortization	1,226.00	1,352.82	1,000.00
Convocation costs	503.00	201.50	700.00
Move Grand Chapter	492.00		
Donations	2,660.00	4,680.00	
Investment Loss (profit)	(1,778.00)	(4,760.90)	1,000.00

INCOME & EXPENDITUE STATEMENT – GENERAL FUND

Year ending December 31st 2011

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Actual 2010</u>	<u>Actual 2011</u>	<u>Plan 2011</u>
Capita dues	24,613.00	24,954 .00	23,800.00
Bank Interest	38.00	88.59	150.00
Investment Interest	8,303.00	9,866.04	8,000.00
Proceedings	49.00		75.00
Certificates	567.00	390.00	500.00
Donations	2,660.00	4,687.16	
Misc Income	<u>2,163.00</u>	<u>1,263.01</u>	<u>1,590.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	38,393.00	41,348.80	34,115.00
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Bank Charges		473.37	
Grand Z - Travel BC	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
Travel Yukon	700.00	700.00	700.00
Grand E – Travel	27.00	600.88	500.00
Honorarium	9,600.00	9,600.00	9,600.00
Grand T – Honorarium	500.00	500.00	500.00
Travel	250.00	250.00	250.00
Insurance	1,000.89		
Rent	2,140.00	2,040.00	2,040.00
District 10 Travel		500.00	600.00
Jewel/pins/regalia	16.00	156.80	500.00
Regalia repairs	833.00		250.00
Regalia replacement fund	500.00	500.00	500.00
Printing proceedings	1,143.00	1,083.82	
Printing rituals	784.00		200.00
Printing general	345.00		300.00
Postage	1,500.00	-25.00	800.00
Telephone	1,547.00	737.00	685.00
Stationary/office supplies	820.00	210.81	400.00
Regalia case's		113.35	180.00
Misc		86.80	300.00
Computer - supplies	699.00	366.80	600.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 30,396.00 24,116.89 26,405.00

NET INCOME (LOSS) 7,997.00 17,231.91 7,710.00

INCOME & EXPENDITURE “BURSARY ACCOUNT”

CAPITAL FUND

Income	2011	2010
Donations	3,485.00	6,546.08
Investment income	<u>5,810.44</u>	<u>5,473.73</u>
Total	9,295.44	12,019.81

Expenses

Xfere to annual fund	6,600.00	4,200.00
Investment loss (profit)		<u>2,871.18</u>
Total	6,600.00	7,071.18

ANNUAL FUND

Income		
Donations		
Income Xfere	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>4,200.00</u>
Total income	6,600.00	4,200.00

Expenditures

Bursary awards	<u>6,600.00</u>	<u>4,200.00</u>
Total expenses	6,600.00	4,200.00

**Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon
Statement of Expenses – BUDGET 2013**

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Budget 2011</u>	<u>Budget 2012</u>	<u>Budget 2013</u>
Bank Charges			
Grand "Z" Travel B.C.	4,800	4,800	4,800
Travel Yukon	700	700	700
Intineraries			
Grand "E" Travel	500	500	500
Allowance	9,600	9,000	8,400
Grand Treas. Allowance	500	500	500
Travel	250	250	250
Insurance		-	-
Rent incl Security	2,040	2,040	2,400
District 10 Travel	600	600	600
Jewels/Pins etc	500	500	500
Regalia Repairs	250	250	250
Regalia Replacement Fund	500	500	500
Printing - Proceedings		-	-
- Adv Proceedings		-	-
- Business Cards	-	-	-
- G.C. Programmes		-	-
- Memorium Prog.		-	-
- Ritual Revision/Print	200	200	200
- Inventory Write/Off		-	-
- Misc	300	300	300
Postage	800	500	500
Telephone/Internet	685	685	685
Stationery & Office	400	500	500
Miscellaneous	300	300	300
Computer Supplies	600	600	600
Repairs - Computers		-	-
- Office Equipment		-	-
Amortization of Assets	1,000	1,000	1,000
Regalia Cases	180	180	180
RA Charitable Foundation	-	-	-
Grand Z /Reciprocal Jurisdiction	700	700	700
Donations			
Move Grand Scribe Office		-	-
Investment Loss	1,000	1,000	1,000
Grand Chapter Expenses	26,405	25,605	25,365

19. REPORT OF GRAND SCRIBE EZRA

My Companions my knowledge of the workings of the office of Grand Scribe Ezra has increased a little this year, and I hope that I have done justice to that office. Once again over the year I have endeavored to reduce the expenses of the office, and have for the 2nd time reduced the stipend that the Grand Scribe Ezra receives by a modest amount. A lot of the printing has been done by the office at a considerable saving.

I have requested from all chapter Scribes a copy of their data base so I can update all our out of date records and I am still waiting for several chapters to respond. I will be requesting this year with your annual returns a complete copy of each chapters membership details, I will enter all the information on our office data base if you will send it by either attachment or paper.

I would like to thank all the Grand Officers for their assistance throughout the last year, and hope that I have helped them in some small way.

This last year I could not attend the Spring Board as the date was changed and I was in China to see my son and his family. I would also like to make a comment on the Executive meetings. They were very well attended and in my opinion very productive.

This coming year I will endeavor to continue in keeping costs under control and serve the needs of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally
MEC Les Robinson
Grand Scribe Ezra

Tabular Statement of Chapter Statistics

		end of 2011	Exalted	Restored	Affiliated	Deceased	Suspended	Demit	(lost\$)	begin 2012
Columbia	1	123	5	0	1	2	3	7	(309)	119
Rossland	4	33	2	0	0	0	4	1	1,260	30
Rocky Mountain	7	51	0	0	0	4	2	3	(\$1860)	42
Keystone	8	33	1	0	0	0	0	1	(\$451)	33
Cyrus	10	63	1	0	0	2	0	0	\$94	62
Kaien	13	41	0	0	0	2	3	2	(\$1295)	34
N. Van-King Sol.	16	58	2	1	1	0	0	3	\$845	45
Kelowna	17	35	1	0	1	1	2	0	\$249	34
Kamloops	18	52	0	0	1	3	1	2	(\$1512)	47
Chilliwack	19	63	2	1	1	2	1	1	(\$288)	63
Penticton	22	30	2	1	1	0	0	0	(\$721)	34
Composite	24	78	3	0	2	6	6	9	(\$970)	62
Tzouhalem	26	39	4	0	1	3	0	0	(\$1420)	39
Mission	28	37	0	0	3	0	0	40		
Granite	29	26	3	0	2	0	0	1	\$201	30
Joppa	31	66	0	0	0	2	0	5	\$1095	59
Majuba	33	26	0	0	1	0	0	3	(\$132)	24
Semihamoo	34	50	4	0	5	1	0	2	\$1059	56
Cathedral	35	39	0	0	1	0	1	7	\$187	32
Fort George	36	85	0	0	0	3	0	3	(\$1620)	79
Kalum	37	53	5	0	0	1	1	0	\$1046	56
Yukon	38	33	2	0	0	1	0	0	(\$993)	34
Georgian	39	29	0	0	0	3	0	5	\$714	21
Simon Fraser	40	48	2	0	3	1	1	2	(\$390)	49
Dawson Creek	41	75	0	0	0	1	6	1	(\$266)	67
Caribou	43	38	2	0	0	0	0	3	\$370	37
Pacific Rim	44	31	2	0	0	0	0	0	\$782	33
Discovery	45	44	2	0	0	0	0	0		46
TOTALS		1379	45	3	24	38	31	101		1281

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE
REPORT TO GRAND CHAPTER ANNUAL CONVOCATION

September 15, 2012 in Victoria, B.C.

We are honoured to submit the following abstract of our activities during the year. We have a few observations and six (6) proposals to amend the constitution.

In response to a question early in the year, we answered that it was not proper to confer the Mark Master Mason degree on candidates who had not petitioned a chapter for exaltation or paid the necessary fees. We are surprised that it was thought necessary to ask this question. Photographs of several degree conferrals show candidates apparently clothed in a manner which contravenes the established ceremonies. The proper Fellowcraft apron in our order has two rosettes and Chapters should arrange that proper regalia is available. If that is not possible, then one solution might be to use a Master Mason apron with the flap tucked into the belt so that the two rosettes are visible.

Some chapters still use the little red binder when presenting the Constitution. This is obviously obsolete as the current edition on the website is in a more standard format. It is nice that most of our problems are so small.

We remark that if an elected Grand Chapter officer resigns during his term of office but after he has been regularly nominated, and nominations are closed, then his mere resignation as such does not void his nomination and he is therefore still eligible as a candidate for election in the usual manner.

Several resolutions proposing to amend the constitution have been properly submitted and reviewed favourably by the committee. We would like to deal with them serially and in numerical sequence.

RESOLUTIONS

FIRST PROPOSAL: Moved by Ex. Comp. Bruce Allan (Columbia No. 1). 10.10.1 Columbia Chapter No 1 retains the ritual and regalia in use in 1920. (Reference Proceedings Grand Chapter RAM BC 1920 Page 16.) **(REV 2012)**
REMARKS: Reconfirming and clarifying part of the original binding agreement with Columbia 120 (SC) - see Proceedings Grand Chapter RAM BC 1920 Page 16.

SECOND PROPOSAL: Moved by M. Ex. Comp. Les Robinson (KeystoneNo. 8). 25.2 Meetings The Board meets once a year on the first Saturday in April. The location is decided by the Grand Council who may consider invitations from Chapters. **(REV 2012)**

REMARKS: A fixed rather than a variable date.

THIRD PROPOSAL: Moved by Most Ex. Comp. Les Robinson (KeystoneNo. 8)
(For Grand Executive).

26.1 List **(REV 2012)**

The following are the Standing Committees of Grand Chapter.

26.1.1 Constitution and jurisprudence

26.1.2 Finance

26.1.3 Executive

26.1.4 Grand Superintendent's report

26.1.5 Regalia

26.1.6 Information technology & fund raising

26.1.7 Bursary Fund Trustees

26.1.8 Keystone of life Foundation

26.1.9 Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society

26.1.10 Royal Arch Charitable Foundation

26.1.11 Address of the Grand First principal

26.1.12 Merit award

26.1.13 P.G.Z's Award

REMARKS: Deletes or regroups some committees as requested by Grand Executive: Foreign Correspondence, Printing, Grand Convocation, Credentials, Benevolence ; Information Technology, Fund Raising.

FOURTH PROPOSAL: Moved by Ex. Comp. Bruce Allan (Columbia No. 1).
40.2 Past Master - Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No 1, may confer the degree of "Past Master" on visiting Royal Arch Masons, as a courtesy, or on its own members who are Mark Master Masons. These become "Virtual Past Masters" without thus acquiring any privileges in a Craft Lodge. **(REV 2012)**

REMARKS: Correcting the name of the original Scottish degree not extant elsewhere and clarifying its lack of relevance to the Craft.

FIFTH PROPOSAL: Moved by Most Ex. Comp. Les Robinson (Keystone No. 8).

53.1 Payable

The annual dues of every member of the Chapter become due and payable to the Chapter on **January 1st** of each year.

REMARKS: Obvious

SIXTH PROPOSAL: Moved by Most Ex. Comp. Les Robinson (Keystone No. 8).

53.2.1 Per capita not payable

53.2.1.1 When the dues of a member are remitted then the corresponding annual per capita fee is not payable to Grand Chapter, provided that if any dues thus remitted be paid at a future date then the per capita fee shall be payable at once. **(REV 2012)**

53.2.1.2 When a Companion dies prior to paying his dues for the current calendar year, the per capita for that Companion shall not be payable. If the deceased Companion has paid his current dues then the per capita fee will be due and payable to Grand Chapter in the normal manner. **(REV 2012)**

REMARKS: A Chapter pays a portion of collected dues to Grand Chapter, but only if they are first collectible by the Chapter.

SEVENTH PROPOSAL: (Editorial only - no vote required)

55.4.2 Changed and moved from 55.1.4

REMARKS: (listed for information only)

Respectfully Submitted, M.E.C. George W. Eaton

Constitution and Jurisprudence (26.1.1): Executive representative - Grand Principal Sojourner (REC Jeremy Gomersall), MEC George W. Eaton (Chairman), MEC Norman K. Monro, REC James C. Whyte, Companion Ian D. Macdonald)

All amendments to the constitution were passed unanimously

21. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report submitted

22. GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Companions,

My heartfelt thanks go to M. Ex. Comp. Norm McEvoy for having the confidence in me to continue in this office and submit my eighth report as your Grand Historian.

We have, regretfully, lost another one of our Lower Mainland Chapters and my report begins with a little historic look back.

Mission No. 28

Mission Chapter was originally chartered for the Mission area, named for St. Mary's Mission, founded in 1862. With the coming of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the mid-1880s, a railway station was established with Bro. M.F. Shook of Cascade No. 12 as agent. In 1891, the Bellingham Bay and British Columbia Railway connected with the CPR at Mission and a townsite was mapped out, and sold by Ex. Comp. J.W. Horne of Vancouver No. 98 (later No. 2). That same year, Pacific Masonic Lodge was instituted on April 20.

Royal Arch Masonry wasn't easily accessible to Freemasons in Mission. By the 1920s, it involved going via dirt road or train from either Chilliwack, via Abbotsford, or New Westminster. Four Comps. who lived in Mission demitted from Chilliwack No. 19 in 1925. One of them, Comp. S.H. Crosby, got the idea of forming a local Chapter. One of the difficulties was the lack of Past Principals in the area but was solved when R. Ex. Comp. L.A. La Pierre, who was living in Vancouver at the time, agreed to become Z. He had been the first Z. of Chilliwack No. 19. The Chapter was Instituted on April 8, 1930 and Constituted on August 14, 1930. The first officers were:

Louis Ames La Pierre, Z. He was born in Paris, Ontario on December 27, 1876 to William B.D. and Ruth (Ames) La Pierre. He was a broker when he enlisted in World War One, rising to Colonel in the Canadian Cavalry, 25th Brant Dragoons. He arrived in B.C. about 1920 and was a field supervisor for the Soldier Settlement Board. In 1926, he had a patent assigned to him for a thief deterrent automobile switch. He had been Grand Superintendent of District No. 2 in 1925. He died in Vancouver on October 9, 1937 and his funeral was conducted by Ionic Lodge No. 19.

Stephen Harold Crosby, H. He was born in Yarmouth, N.S., on April 7, 1884 to Joseph and Margaret A. (Pitman) Crosby. The family moved to Vancouver in 1891. He trained with his brother-in-law as a watchmaker and found work in New Westminster. He moved to Mission in 1912 and opened a jewellery store. He added an optical business on the side and the CPR hired him as the official timekeeper to synchronise the railway station's clocks and employees watches. R. Ex. Comp. Crosby was a noted rose grower and his front lawn had 120 of them, in pairs. In 1926, he was appointed the district's marriage licenser. He and became Z. in 1931 and Grand Superintendent in 1935. He sold his home and business in 1942 with the plan of opening a new store in White Rock, but wartime shortages stopped him. He died of a heart attack at his work bench in Mission City on July 10, 1943.

Archibald Burnet Noble, J. He was a real estate agent, born in Dundalk, Ontario on December 26, 1894 to Charles Edward and Mary (Edger) Burnet. When he enlisted for military service in 1915, he was a drug clerk living in Hatzic. Comp. Noble was Secretary of the local branch of the Legion and was the head of the Mission Board of Trade for two years. He never advanced to the chair of Z. He died in Vancouver on February 25, 1968.

Vernon English, Treasurer. He was an operator on the CPR, born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 29, 1888 to Abraham Lincoln and Josie (Morrow) English. He was living in Seattle in 1910 before coming to Canada. He died in Mission on November 6, 1970.

Thomas Albert George Clegg, Scribe E. He operated the Central Meat Market. He was born in Rochdale, Yorkshire in October 26, 1876 to Thomas and Fanny (Hansler) Clegg and arrived in Canada in 1895. He served with the 72nd Battalion

during World War One. He was later Z. of the Chapter and Organist for a number of years. He died in Vancouver on May 31, 1951.

Frederick Maxwell Copland, Scribe N., He was born in England on July 31, 1868 to John and Annie (Steuart) Copland. He came to Canada in 1871, was living in Minto, Ontario in 1881, Harriston, Ontario in 1909 and Red Deer, Alberta in 1916. V. Ex. Comp. Copland was exalted in Orient No. 79 in Toronto in 1893. He hand-carved the original working tools for Mission Chapter. He died in Mission City on July 27, 1959.

Thomas James Blackadder, P.Soj. He was born in Parish of Crichton, Scotland on September 15, 1883 to William and Mary (Crozier) Blackadder. He arrived in Vancouver in 1910 and got a job in a laundry. He was a poultryman in 1916 (yes, in Vancouver!) when he enlisted for World War One, but was a signalman living in Matsqui Village when he joined the Chapter. He eventually went back to chicken farming. He served a term as Z. He died in Matsqui on June 24, 1954.

James Gilbert Gilfillan, S.Soj. He was born in Moncton, New Brunswick on June 19, 1899 to John and Flora (Bell) Gilfillan. He worked for a phone company in Amherst, N.S. before coming west to work for B.C. Tel in Abbotsford as a line repairman, eventually becoming a supervisor. He died in Haney on May 30, 1968.

Frank Lusty Elkin, J.Soj. was a department manager for DesBrisay's store. He was born in Birmingham, England, October 8, 1875 to John and Clara Annie (Atkinson) Elkin. In 1911, he was living in Port Arthur, Ontario. He was Z. in 1936 and 1942. He died in Mission City on March 30, 1949.

Anthony Samuel Taulbut, Tyler, was an insurance agent, born January 18, 1874 in Fareham, Hampshire to Samuel and Elizabeth (Browne) Taulbut. He spent 20 years at sea before arriving in Mission in 1909. He was active in community affairs, serving as village assessor and a school trustee. Comp. Taulbut grew English Walnuts and collected objects from around the world that formed the basis of the Mission Museum. In 1929, after a heated council meeting, he presented the village with a peace pipe to be smoked just prior to the next meeting. It became a custom for each council to smoke the pipe prior to the start of inaugural deliberations. He died in Mission City on August 18, 1949.

The bulk of the original Mission members either belonged to Pacific Lodge or were not affiliated with a Lodge in B.C. Oddly, only one belonged to Abbotsford No. 70 six miles away (Comp. Arthur Milton Ham, the CPR agent in Clayburn) and the Chapter rarely received petitions from its members. Mission struggled through the Depression and the early war years, with meetings cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. The situation became so dire that on September 24, 1943, the Grand Z. opened Grand Chapter in Ample Form in Mission to discuss the Chapter's future. Chilliwack No. 19 graciously agreed to help provide a quorum until Mission could field a stable corps of officers. The village of Mission began a Strawberry Festival in 1946 that saw children given the day off school to see the Strawberry King crowned,

so it was appropriate that Mission Chapter would inaugurate an annual Strawberry Night.

The Chapter survived in Mission until a move that is never recorded in the Grand Chapter Proceedings. Apparently it happened in 1982. Mission's 759th and final meeting was held on November 23, 2011 with 11 members and 7 visitors present. The vote to hand in the charter was 9-2. The Chapter had been having difficulty finding people to fill the chairs and it appears there was no boost to the Chapter through the dissolution of Westminster No. 6.

Many dedicated Royal Arch Masons passed the Veils in Mission Chapter; one thinks of M.E. Comps. Roy Byrnell and Shindy Brown of earlier days. It provided good service our Royal Art, and it's sad to realise there is now only one Chapter between Vancouver/Richmond and Chilliwack (Semiahmoo No. 34).

Chapter Events

Our jurisdiction apparently has Chapters in Castlegar, Quesnel, Roberts Creek and Dawson Creek, but your Grand Historian has never received any information from them, thus they are absent from this report. Unfortunately, your Grand Historian also had a motherboard crash during the summer and it appears not all correspondence was saved (blaming a computer is the best excuse). So here are only a few historical highlights:

Columbia No. 1: Has been presenting the lectures and charges from the "Horn" ritual separate from degree nights. No doubt extremely educational. Held the 145th anniversary lunch in August.

Rocky Mountain No. 7: balloted on five applications for exaltation.

Keystone No. 8: gave presentation on Royal Arch Masonry to the three Lodges in Nanaimo, joint installation with Majuba No. 33 and Cathedral No. 35, held 12th annual camp-out in August.

Cyrus No. 10: Sends notices bi-monthly, raised \$225 for prostate cancer research at one festive board.

Kaien No. 13: includes historical items in its notice.

North Vancouver-King Solomon No. 16: busy with degree work.

Kamloops No. 18: Joint installation with Granite No. 29, conferred MMM Degree on the new Junior Grand Warden and his son.

Composite No. 24: Active social programme, Phillipine Festive Board (April), barbecue (July).

Tzouhalem No. 26: raising money for a girl who lost her mother, dinner prior to each meeting, joint installation with Pacific Rim No. 44.

Granite No. 29: R. Ex. Comp. Percy Harkness retired after 24 years of service, presented cheques to Bursary recipient and the local hospital, educational talks by R. Ex. Comp. Ron Bushby, fine newsletters by V. Ex. Comp. Dale Townsend, Z., Chapter has sign on Highway No. 1 proclaiming its existence.

Joppa No. 31: Courtesy Mark Degree on the Sr. Grand Warden and his brother for Simon Fraser No. 40.

Majuba No. 33: Valentine's evening with the ladies, "Four Corner" presentation given to two Lodges, the Chapter likes English food as it held a Bangers and Mash night and a Pie, Chips and Peas meal.

Cathedral No. 35: Good education programme, with talks on Cowans, Hosea, the significance of numbers.

Ft. George No. 36: Joint installation with Caribou No. 43, emergent meeting for HRA Degree.

Kalum No. 37: Exalted five MEMs at one meeting, elected H and J declined office due to other commitments but replacements found.

Yukon No. 38: R. Ex. Comp. Gene Clever made an honorary member, age 94.

Simon Fraser No. 40: Christmas social with wives, widows and Comp. S. Claus of North Pole Chapter.

Pacific Rim No. 44: Chapter had its regalia stolen, held a roast beef dinner to raise money to replace it.

Discovery No. 45: Annual Table Lodge in September, trip to Port Hardy in April to confer the Mark Degree.

Camosun No. 14

Mention should be made that the late Camosun Chapter would have marked its 100th anniversary this year, having been instituted in Victoria on December 15, 1911. The Chapter had 18 petitioners. Ex. Comp. John James Jackson of Camosun Lodge No. 60 and Shuniah Chapter No. 82 in Port Arthur was the first Z. and Ex. Comp. Stephen Charles Court of Columbia No. 120 (Scotland) was the first Scribe E. Eight of the petitioners belonged to the Scottish Chapter. Ex. Comp. Jackson was a Scotsman who was the chief operator for CPR telegraphs. Court was a Welshman who had a variety of occupations, including clerk at the Hudson's Bay store and a mariner. He died in World War One. The Chapter was No. 182 under the Grand Chapter of Canada and given No. 14 when our Grand Chapter formed. At one time, Camosun had the largest membership in the jurisdiction but handed in its charter in 2003 with 83 members listed as suspended.

Archives

An number of items, mainly Proceedings, annual returns, surrendered charters and the first Grand Chapter minute book, in the old Vancouver No. 2 locker at 1495 West 8th Avenue has not been accomplished. Access is difficult as other things have been shoved in front of our archives; it's basically being treated by the building as a storage room. However, a decision should be made about what should be done with it all when an inventory is made.

Conclusion

There is a common theme among many of the Chapters which communicate with your Historian, and that is survival. They generally all have problems attracting the necessary officers and candidates. They all feel their Chapters should carry on, but none expound on *why*. Their situation is compounded by the fact that, at least in the Lower Mainland, young men joining Freemasonry barely have time for their own Lodge. They certainly have no time to join a concordant body, regardless of how good its ritual exemplification and meetings are. This is not a new problem. The best that Chapter members can do is to remain dedicated to quality and inform the Master Masons of their Lodges of the benefits of Royal Arch membership. But if that isn't enough, Chapters should objectively look at the reality of their chance of survival and act accordingly.

Again, my sincere thanks to the Scribes E. of the jurisdiction for taking the time to e-mail me their Chapter notices, and to our Grand Scribe N., R. Ex. Comp. Jim Whyte, for his help.

Fraternally submitted,
 V. Ex. Comp. Jim Bennie
 Grand Historian

23. REPORT OF REGALIA COMMITTEE FOR 2012

The regalia on hand is practically the same as that contained in the preliminary report of March 20, 2012. A carrying case for the Grand First Principal is now in stock and will be delivered at Grand Chapter session in Victoria in September.

Two (2) Past Grand First Principal collars and jewels have been ordered some time ago but delivery has not been received to date. Al's Regalia Sales advises that his supplier has been somewhat slow in delivering lately but hopefully the order will be received prior to Grand Chapter.

The situation relative to regalia remains the same in that it is most difficult to determine the condition of most of the regalia distributed throughout the province. No serious complaints have been received this year so one must assume most of the regalia is in relatively "good" condition. Should any companions report poor or missing items, please advise and replacement items will be ordered as soon as possible.

MEC Brian Richman and I wish to thank Grand Chapter for again affording us the privilege of serving on this committee.

REC Ed Wilson, chairman

MEC Brian Richman, member

July 28, 2012

24. REPORT OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 2011

Nil Report

25. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

nil

26 ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

There	Surname	Grand Chapter	Here	Surname	Chapter	Present
F	GOYOGAVA	ARGENTINA	Anthony	D'ERAMO	1	X
E G	MEHRTENS	AUSTRALIA - NEW SOUTH WALES	John	MCINTOSH	8	X
F S	BELL	AUSTRALIA - QUEENSLAND	Ian	CAMPBELL	38	
RJ	STEWART	AUSTRALIA - S AUSTRALIA & N T	Ed	WILSON	19	X
K L	PAROISSIEN	AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA	Jeremy	GOMERSALL	31	X
G F	WALDER	AUSTRALIA - W AUSTRALIA				
G	ULICH	AUSTRIA				
P	NOEL	BELGIUM				
		BRAZIL				
D	BRUCE	CANADA - ALBERTA	George	TILLOTSON	6	X
D.W	OVERY	CANADA - CANADA - ONTARIO	Joseph R	MARSHALL	31	X
G	STEWART	CANADA - MANITOBA	David B.	TURNER	8	X
C W	WEBBER	CANADA - NEW BRUNSWICK	Colin	HART	16	
O J	WHITE	CANADA - NEWFOUNDLAND	Glenn M	SPENCER	28	
J.E.	TAYLOR	CANADA - NOVA SCOTIA / PEI	James R	ELTON	30	
T	JOHNSON	CANADA - QUEBEC	George W	EATON	21	

					.3	X
H E	HILL	CANADA - SASKATCHEWAN	LGB (Len)	PICKELL	34	X
J	TUONEN	FINLAND				
B	CHARPENTIER	FRANCE				
A	MCGHEE	GERMANY	R F E (Dick)	SCHAEFER	16	X
E	ASPIOTIS	GREECE				
H P	MATHUR	INDIA			1	
M S	BEATTY	IRELAND	Sidney G	ROBERTS	31	
G	BERKOW	ISRAEL	Isaac	BROWER-BIRKHOVEN	6	
F	BONAFE	ITALY				
O J	SALINAS E	MEXICO	Kenneth W	GIBSON	33	X
J J	HANRATH	NETHERLANDS	Norman K	MONRO	27	X
H R	LIGHTWOOD	NEW ZEALAND	Donovan O	TYERS	6	X
H S	GONZALEZ	PHILLIPINES	William F	FOOKS	19	
S T	GEDDES	SCOTLAND	Alastair M	ROSS	6	X
F C	SCHUMACHER	SWITZERLAND	Larry L	LOWDEN	30	X
HO	WILLIAMS, Jr.	USA - ALABAMA	David F	LEWIS	21	
J	HOUTCHEN	USA - ALASKA	R. Hilliard	CLARE	36	
J J	ROLLE	USA - ARIZONA	Gordon	KICKBUSH	22	
D O	WHITE	USA - ARKANSAS	Michael P	RAYNOR	31	
R D	KELLY	USA - CALIFORNIA	Alexander S	ROLLO	21	
J E	ERICKSON	USA - COLORADO	Alexander	McGREGOR	34	X
CB	FOWLER, JR	USA - CONNECTICUT				
R N	BIGGS	USA - DELAWARE	Stanley	SORENSEN	16	
K D	FULLER	USA - DIST OF COLUMBIA	Wm O	WALLS	31	
R E	BURLESON	USA - FLORIDA	Denis S	CARRIERE	18	
B L	JOHNSON	USA - GEORGIA	Joel	CHIRI	33	X
RW	PATE	USA - HAWAII			21	
A G	SUCH	USA - IDAHO	Edward	SCOTT	40	X
M U	BALDING	USA - ILLINOIS				
E R	GRAHAM	USA - INDIANA	Anthony	BROWN	24	X
	CROUCH	USA - IOWA	Arnold	BURCHILL	21	
D B	HANSON	USA - KANSAS				
T	FRASER	USA - KENTUCKY	Donald	LEISCHNER	10	X
J P	DAVIS	USA - LOUISIANA	B J	MASLANEIC	20	
D P	COATES	USA - MAINE	John	MCBAIN	34	
J A	RAFINE	USA - MARYLAND	Les	ADAMS	8	
M E	HOST	USA - MASSACHUSETTS	Harold D (Bud)	FREESTON	16	

G P	SIVERTSON	USA - MICHIGAN	Gary	GORDON	8	
J E	MELANDER	USA - MINNESOTA			45	
J W	HAMIL	USA - MISSISSIPPI	Hugh	FERSTER	17	
J W	STAFFORD	USA - MISSOURI				
	GROTTS	USA - MONTANA	Basil R	HOBBS	8	X
	MULHOLLAND	USA - NEBRASKA	Rae	HUMESTON	11	
D	GAUCH	USA - NEVADA	Roy	FRASER	19	
H M	CHASE JR	USA - NEW HAMPSHIRE				
R S	MIDDLETON	USA - NEW JERSEY	Neil	MARSH	34	X
E S	RICHMOND	USA - NEW MEXICO	Les	ROBINSON	8	X
P M	DESAUTEL	USA - NEW YORK	Ron	GLOVER	8	
R L	PARKER	USA - NORTH CAROLINA	Douglas	BURKE	39	
N	KNUDSON	USA - NORTH DAKOTA	A R (Kurt)	WENSLER	19	
A D	HART	USA - OHIO	Steve	MCVITTIE	31	
E L	BERRYMAN	USA - OKLAHOMA	William F	AAROE	28	
J	MUCEUS	USA - OREGON	WR (Bill)	SHIPPAM	21	
R L	PARKER	USA - NORTH CAROLINA	Douglas	BURKE	39	
N	KNUDSON	USA - NORTH DAKOTA	A R (Kurt)	WENSLER	19	
A D	HART	USA - OHIO	Steve	MCVITTIE	31	
E L	BERRYMAN	USA - OKLAHOMA	William F	AAROE	28	
J	MUCEUS	USA - OREGON	WR (Bill)	SHIPPAM	21	
E G	REESE	USA - PENNSYLVANIA	Vernon M	HALVERSON	31	
R L	MANDERVILLE	USA - RHODE ISLAND	Harold	HAYES	45	
J T	DICKSON	USA - SOUTH CAROLINA	Brian A	RICHMAN	28	
M	CHRISTENSEN	USA - SOUTH DAKOTA	Doug	PAUGH	8	X
R J	COATES	USA - TENNESSEE	Thomas O	MICKEY	38	X
HD	MOORE	USA - TEXAS	JS (Stewart)	DREVER	24	
R H	SIMMONS	USA - UTAH	Brian	HEMINGWAY	33	.5
L G	PHELPS	USA - VERMONT	David	GRANGE	34	X
D E	WETTSTONE	USA - VIRGINIA	Robert E	DOIGE	40	
J T	STEPHENS	USA - WASHINGTON	Norman F	MACDONALD	11	X
J	DALLAS	USA - WASHINGTON (PHA)	Norman F.	McEVOY	1	X
W E	BIRD	USA - WEST VIRGINIA	Donald H.	McMILLAN	19	
G	JOLIVETTE JR	USA - WISCONSIN	Lionel	BROWNSEY	1	
A R	CORBERG	USA - WYOMING	Frank James	WARREN	13	

27. FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The final report of the Credentials Committed on this Grand Session was presented as follows:

Total Number of Chapters this jurisdiction.....	27
Chapter represented today.....	22
Chapters NOT represented (4,18,37,41 & 43)	5
Comp’s registered this jurisdiction.....	105
Comp’s registered other jurisdictions.....	7
Grand representatives present.....	12
Past Grand First Principals present.....	11
TOTAL Companions registered.....	109
Number of Principals attending (Z = 6, H = 1 J = 2).....	9
TOTAL VOTES	105

Submitted by Committee Chairman.

29. NEW BUSINESS

BALLOTING :- Because of the resignation of REC Rick McKay and his withdrawal of his application for the position of Grand Senior Sojourner, a ballot was taken between the two candidates for Grand Junior Sojourner and the candidate with the most ballots cast in his favour with seem to be elected to the office of Senior Grand Sojourner and the one with the least Grand Junior Sojourner.

The ballot having been taken and scrutinized by two distinguished visitors the results were as follows :-

REC Godfrey Onyemaobi	46
REC Ron Smith	37
Spoiled ballots	3

28. ROYAL ARCH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Report to Grand Chapter, at the Annual Convocation held in Victoria on September 15, 2012

To all Foundation Members & Companions,
This Report has been prepared to update both the Life Members of the Foundation & the Companions of Grand Chapter of progress made since our formal inception at Grand Chapter in September 2007.

Membership

We are very pleased to inform you that we now have 51 Voting Members and 10 Non Voting Members and we continue to solicit for New Members. Should you be interested in membership, we have “Membership Packages” available on request.

Finance

Our Treasurer, R.E.C. Peter Guichon, informs us that we have now have \$7, 284.05 in our account, which has been accumulated by way of Membership Fees ; Interest on Investments & \$105.80 from Husky Card revenue. We have no debts outstanding. Our current financial picture includes, \$3,874.67 in our Chequing Account and \$3,409.38 in a GIC. Total \$7,284.05 We also note at our last Annual Meeting all the funds within the GIC were endowed to the Foundation’s General Endowment Fund. No expenses have been incurred since our last Annual meeting.

Federal Income Tax Status

We are delighted to inform all who have not yet heard the NEWS we are a **FULLY REGISTERED CHARITY** and now authorized to issue Tax Receipts under Registration Number #841684152-RR 0001

Donations & Activity

Since inception we have received a number of queries and requests for information and have been asked to act as a conduit in the disbursement of funds to our Registered Charities. We have welcomed this opportunity and are now in a position to accept Donations and Bequests from any and all sources. Our Secretary informs us that we have a number of commitments (Legacies and/or Bequests) now in place with a sum total in excess of \$100,000.00

We believe this is only the beginning and ask each and every companion to consider this opportunity to say “**THANK YOU**” to this great organization in which we are privileged to be members.

Husky Community Rebate Program

We are pleased to inform you that under the leadership of REC. Bill Aaroe our Foundation has been approved as a “**Benefactor**” under this program. The workings of the program are extremely simple in that a percentage of any purchase made using a “Royal Arch Foundation Card “is deposited directly to our account.

These Husky/Mohawk cards are **NOT CREDIT CARDS, do not bear the Companion’s name** and have **NO COST** to the holder.

The process is for you, or anyone you may know, to present the card at an Husky/Mohawk outlet where a purchase is being made, they swipe it and the Foundation gets the benefit.

REC. Bill Aaroe OR MEC Norman McEvoy have cards available for issuance to all interested Companions."

It may be of interest to note that approx 300 of these cards have been distributed by MEC McEvoy during his travels about the Jurisdiction.

Disbursements

It was, and continues to be, the intention to distribute the earnings from the Foundations Investments to our Grand Chapter Charities on an annual basis. The reality is that Interest Rates are at an all time low and earnings have been minimal.

It is the hope that as and when Bequests are received and invested, those revenues will prove beneficial to our Charities.

Summary

This is your Foundation and its success is totally dependant on your support. We sincerely suggest that each and every Companion consider making a Life Donation and/or a Bequest to the Foundation and thereby leave a lasting benefit to Royal Arch Masonry in BC & Yukon and the Charities that fall under our umbrella. We thank you all for your support and encouragement along the road, we still have a long way to go, so let’s all get on the wagon and move forward.

Have a wonderful day & God Bless You and Yours.

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Director

Folders providing information on the Society, Membership Forms and Legal data are available from the Secretary of the Society at any time. PLEASE ASK.

29. PRINTING COMMITTEE

Nil Report

30. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

**Oversight Committee (Special) - Report to Grand Convocation 2011
(updated from the report to Spring Board)**

At the Grand Convocation in September, 2010, Most Excellent Companion Joel Chiri appointed the special “Oversight Committee”. Its purpose would be to “oversee” the Keystone publication, web site, e-mail and other electronic communications and ritual.

The Keystone

Very Excellent Companion John McIntosh has once again produced two excellent editions of “The Keystone” and another is nearly ready to go to print. Several years worth of “back issues” are available on the web site.

The Web Site

The web site is updated as information becomes available or events are scheduled such as the Spring Board of General Purposes. Agenda and registration forms are

available for down loading as they are made available by the organizers. The web site remains popular, and receives between 175-225 visits average each week.

E-mail and other Electronic Communication

As in other years, information bulletins are sent out on an irregular basis to nearly 400 addresses. Just recently, there have been some problems with the mass mailing at the internet provider which causes rejection of so many addresses at one time. Further research and experimentation will be required to streamline the process once again.

Several programs, such as Skype, are now available for audio video communication. The web camera manufacturers also offer similar programs with their hardware. Audio-video conferencing could easily be used by the Grand Executive Council as the next best thing to face-to-face meetings, with the advantage of savings in time and travel.

Fraternally submitted,

Jim Whyte
John McIntosh

31. REPORT OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDANCE 2010

Nil report

32. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS 2011

All our guests were honorary members

33. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

16.1.1 Acclamation

When only one nomination is received for any office in Grand Chapter, or any chapter, and the nominee accepts the nomination, that a companion is declared elected by acclamation without any ballot being taken. It is not proper to declare the election unanimous.

16.1 Majority

A majority of votes cast is necessary for the election of an officer.

16.3 Balloting continues

If there are more than two candidates and not one of them has a majority of votes cast, then the name having the least number of votes is dropped. The ballot is taken again and balloting continues until one candidate has a majority of the votes cast. This candidate is declared duly elected.

There are eight elective offices in Grand Chapter. At the close of nominations on March 31st 2012 the following nomination have been received:

Grand First Principal	REC Tony Brown	Acclamation
Grand Second Principal	REC Ken Overy	Acclamation
Grand Third Principal	REC Jeremy Gomersal	Acclamation
Grand Treasure	REC Peter Guichon	Acclamation
Grand Scribe Ezra	MEC Les Robinson	Acclamation
Principle Sojourner	REC Tony D'Eramo	Acclamation
Senior Sojourner	Nomination withdrawn	
Junior Sojourner	REC Godfrey Onyemaobi	
	REC Ron Smith.	

There being two candidates for the office of Grand Junior and Senior Sojourner a ballot was cast, and REC Godfrey Onyemaobi having the most of votes was declared Grand Senior Sojourner and REC Ron Smith Grand Junior Sojourner

The Grand First Principle then asked the credentials committee to destroy the ballot

34. REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

Once again the success of this committee is directly attributable to the companions who make-up the committee and assist in the decision making. This year there were seven (7) applications of which we were able to grant six (6). The one rejection was based on the information that the applicant had received a bursary grant from Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon this year and we have a policy not to duplicate the same year.

Traditionally we have granted **\$600.00** per application and we maintained this amount this year. The applicants are from all parts of the province and it is a privilege to grant funds to those students who, in a few years, will be the back bone of our nation.

We had a balance of **\$3814.00** in the *Annual Fund* as of May 31, 2012 and **\$128,031.76** in the *Capital Fund* as of December 31, 2011. The bursaries are granted from the Annual Fund and we do transfer interest accrued each year from the Capital Fund to the Annual Fund as required. We do, however, require funding assistance to sustain our fund and grant bursaries and chapters and companions are encouraged to consider donating to this highly worth while cause.

It has been a privilege to serve on this committee and we thank the Grand First Principal for providing the opportunity for us to do so.

Respectfully submitted by: REC Ed Wilson, Bursary Chairman
REC Neil Marsh, MEC David Grange and REC Peter Guichon – Members

July 25, 2012

35. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Our Grand First Principal, Norman McEvoy is to be congratulated on his address to Grand Chapter and his for vigor in performing all the duties of his office as Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter.

We have pleasure in noting that his wife Peggy was able to accompany him on many of his travels around the jurisdiction. We concur with his personal thanks to all those companions who have assisted him during the year and for representing him by attending functions on his behalf.

We concur with his thanks to all the committees and their Chairmen for a job well done. We note his sad duty to record that two Chapters have found it necessary to surrender their Charters and cease operation. No doubt their members will find homes in other Chapters.

We concur and join him with him in his thanks to the members of Columbia Chapter for a successful hosting of Grand Chapter here in Victoria.

We also concur with his recommendations of permanent rank on the Grand Chapter officers named in his report.

Finally, we extend our best wishes to Most Excellent Companion McEvoy and his wife Peggy for good health and happiness in the future.

Respectfully submitted:
MEC Norman K. Monro, Chairman
MEC Basil R. Hobbs
MEC Leonard G.B. Pickell

SECONDED by MEC David Turner that the report be received - CARRIED

36. REPOT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROCEEDURE AND PROTOCOL.

Nil Report

37. REPORT OF THE KEYSTONE OF LIFE SOCIETY

Since this foundation was formed it has contributed over \$500,000.00 to various hospitals throughout the province.

OUR TOTAL ASSETS AT THIS TIME ARE APPROXIMATELY \$89,411.51

This year we have committed to two hospitals:

Cranbrook	\$2310.00
Prince Rupert	\$2954.01
Total Committed:	\$5264.01

Okayed but awaiting funding:

Ridge Meadows	\$4088.00
Delta H Foundation	\$3623.00
Total	\$7711.00

Requests pending

Holy Family Hospital	\$4200 .00
Eagle RidgeHospital	\$5200.00

We have had donations come in this year of \$2085.00 due to the hard work of some of our members and we thank them for their efforts. We are still suffering from a shortage of active members.

Report submitted by Grand Chapter representative Ex Companion Sonny Bond
July 19th 2012

38. ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOME SOCIETY REPORT

This past year I have had the distinct privilege of serving as the Grand Representative of the Grand 1st Principal, MEC Norm McEvoy on the Board of Directors of the home.

Serving in this capacity has been an invaluable experience for me and has brought me to realize what an enormous amount of work is involved in the daily running of the home.

The administration is in the very capable hands of Mr. Greg Runzer who performs a Herculean task in making sure that all runs smoothly and efficiently. He is assisted by a very competent staff and we as Royal Arch Masons owe them a great debt of gratitude.

Should anyone be interested in becoming a Board member you can apply in writing to the secretary of the Royal Arch Masonic Home Society (RAMHS) by using the application form for Board membership. This application can be obtained from . The RAMHS board Nominating Committee must receive applications no later than May 1st of the current year.

Details of some of the projects that have been carried out at the Home this year are outlined in my report that was presented at the Spring Board in Kamloops. However, I note that only 18 or 27 Chapters have paid their dues to the Home after having been invoiced for the same. This is an ongoing problem, and we as Royal Arch Masons can do better than this.

It is with much regret I have had to relinquish my position on the Board as I have thoroughly enjoyed serving in this capacity, and I feel that what I have learned in the running of this Home will serve me well as I assume the position of Grand 1st Principal.

Respectfully Submitted
REC Tony Brown, Grand Haggai

Grand Convocation, Victoria BC September 2011

39. REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

Nil report

40. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND SUPERINTENDANTS

As the direct representative of the Grand First Principal, the Grand Superintendent is responsible for the supervision of the Chapters in his District. He is to ensure there are no deviations from the Constitution, Rites, or ceremonies of Grand Chapter. Most Grand Superintendents report that Chapter record keeping, including financial ledgers are in good order. That Chapter ritual is being followed. Nearly all Chapters have reported that attendance continues to be a serious problem. Some Chapters barely had the constitutional number to form a quorum while some proceeded with meetings using visitors. Shortage of officers continues to be an ongoing problem.

District # 1 - REC Garry Butler

On the whole the District is in good shape, the members are talking to their brothers in the Craft Lodges which should have positive results in obtaining new members.

Columbia #1

- This Chapter with the number of new Royal Arch Members is showing great progress and should have no difficulty in keeping a steady flow of new officers each year

Tzouhalem #26

- Have 3 new members - Although they are a small Chapter they always have a good turn out.

Pacific Rim #44

- Have 2 new members - Turn out for meetings could be improved.

District # 2 - REC Alex McGregor

Chilliwack # 19

- Chapter is doing quite well with seasoned officers officiating.

Semiahmoo #34

- Official visit occurred when Chapter conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree on two candidates. Degree work went well, smooth and enjoyable.

Mission # 28

- This Chapter unfortunately is turning in their warrant. They don't have enough members attending in order to open. Lack of interest and attendance. Final meeting was held November 23, 2011, of 11 members who showed up 9 voted to return warrant.

District # 3 – REC Fred Maides

The district is in fairly good shape. Ritual is being followed in good form. Three of the four Chapters either have degrees in progress or have applications pending. Encouraging all members to contact their Craft Lodge with the concept of completing their M.M. Degree.

Penticton #22

- The Chapter is in good hands. They are not large in number but make up for it with good humour and hard work.

Kelowna # 17

- This Chapter appears vibrant and in good hands. Officers are in agreement with Grand Z's theme of "Education & respect."

Granite #29

- This Chapter has a good number of active members. Will be conferring MMM Degree in April.

Kamloops # 18

- This Chapter has not done a Degree in the past 5 years. They need new members as they can only keep trading until attrition takes place.

District # 4 – REC Glen Akselson

I am happy to report that District #4, which comprises Rossland Chapter #4 and Rocky Mtn. Chapter #7. The books of the Treasurer(s), Scribe E(s) and the Books of Marks are all up to date and accurate doing well. Both chapters conferred on degrees this year. Our financial states are similar in that (we) both Chapters have limited funds but are not, by any means, destitute.

Rocky Mtn. #7

- has 44 Companions with 21 considered Active. They have degrees scheduled for: MMM - Sept. 29, MEM - Nov. 13, RAM - Dec.08. 12 for 3 new Candidates.

Rossland #4

- has 30 Members with 15 Active off and on. We have no Degrees planned, although we have 2 new R.A.M.s this year.

District # 6 – REC Jim Ferguson

Kalum #37

- Have 55 members . 6 candidates in waiting. Quality of ritual is fair with older members performing from memory with newer members reading from the book.

Kaien #13

- Have 34 members. 2 candidates in waiting. Ritual is about same as in Kalum Chapter

District # 7 – REC Jim McCowett

King Solomon #16

- Reviewed Books of Scribe Ezra and Treasurer both found in order.

Georgian #39

- Checked Chapter books with MEC McEvoy during his official visit and found chapter in sound condition

District # 9 – REC David R, McAlpine

All Chapters have been most receptive to MEC McEvoy's theme of "Education and Respect".

Joppa Chapter #31

- Has conferred MMM and MEM degrees with some assistance from other chapters. Need to continue membership have a long term sustainable future. There is a nice enthusiasm among the companions and new petitions are coming in.

Composite Chapter #24

- All three degrees conferred throughout the year. The Chapter is healthy with good fellowship and work but needs to continue new membership drive and dues for a balanced budget

Simon Fraser Chapter #40

- Conferred the M.E.M degree on 3 candidates. This Chapter is healthy in all areas but needs to continue membership drive to offset attrition. Have had 4 exaltations in last 12 months and two petitions in the works

District #10 – REC Bill Poncia

Caribou Chapter #43

- Has 31 members, a lot are working and cannot get to the convocations, so they are having a hard time getting a quorum for their meetings. At this time, they have no applications, and no degrees planned, things do not look good for the near future. What work I have seen them do, is in good form, with what they have to work with. They are trying to get interest from the Craft Lodge's, but not too much success at this time.

Yukon Chapter # 38

- Has 33 members, 15 active and 18 not, the inactive are from out of town, and it is too great a distance to travel for a meetings, they also have 3 in town that do not attend. They too have been approaching the Craft Lodge's, but with no success. They have no applications coming up and no

degrees at this time. I did see a degree done last year, and the ritual was done very well.

Dawson Creek Chapter # 41

- Has 17 active and 83 non active members, they don't have much activity going on at this time, but, they do have some Brothers that are interested to go through our degrees. As of this time they have not set any dates. They have two brothers that have taken the MMM. and MEM degrees, but with the oil industry as it is, they don't know when they will be available to complete the RAM.

Fort George #36

- Have 25 active and 57 non-active Companions. They did a joint installation of Caribou and Fort George Chapters, on December 1st with me as installing Z. It was well attended. Had most of the officers of Fort George, but unfortunately not so many from Quesnel. But the work was done well, and we all had a good time. They have two candidates for the RAM degree,

District # 11 – REC Fred Lefley

Keystone #8

- Mostly past First Principals filling offices at this time, have not received any petitions to date. Books in order and financially they are fine, dedication of the past principals are what keep the chapter going.
- Average attendance members eight, visitors four.

Cyrus #10

- First Principal is in office for the first time next three officers are all past first principals. The Senior and Junior Sojourners are filled by companions but at this time show no interest in advancing.
- Conferred the MEM in exemplary fashion.
- Books are in good order.
- Average attendance members nine, visitors three.

Majuba #33

- First, second and third principals are first time officers. All other officers are past first principals
- no petitions, and low membership.
- Books are in good order, financially not very good. Their expenses right now exceed their income, trying to do fund raisers rather than increase dues.

- Average attendance members nine, visitors four.

Cathedral # 35

- Most offices are held by past first principals
- no petitions to date
- Books well maintained.
- Average attendance members twelve, visitors four.

Discovery # 45

- Again most offices are held by past first principals
- they have conferred the MMM and MEM on three new companions all are from the Port Hardy area, degrees very well done.
- Average attendance members nine, visitors three.

None of these Chapters are in a position to make a five year plan. All would require assistance to confer the Holy Royal Arch degree. They all do the opening and closing ritual well and those members that are in attendance support their chapters to the utmost. Most meetings they require a visitor or two to fill the chairs. Unfortunately the Chapters are just getting by.

Conclusion; this year or next, if no changes in support, Discovery and Cyrus should become one Chapter again and alternate meeting between Campbell River and Courtenay. Majuba, Cathedral and Keystone should consider forming one Chapter and again could alternate meeting between Ladysmith, Parksville and Nanaimo, or hold all meetings in Nanaimo, it being the more central point.

This winner of the “Facing the Challenge Trophy” for 2012 is REC Fred Lefley District #11

Submitted by: REC Neil Marsh Chairman

Assisted by: MEC David Grange

REC Jeremy Gomersall

REC Ed Wilson

41. EDITING COMMITTEE

Nil report

42. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAST GRAND Z's AWARD.

To the Most Excellent grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of BC and Yukon:

During the past year, 2011, 9 Chapters showed an increase in membership, 2 Chapters stood fast and 16 Chapters showed a decrease of membership including the closing of Mission Chapter #28. It also noted that 10 Chapters did not have the pleasure of performing Exaltation.

Reviewing the statistics of membership for 2011, (1379), went as follows 45 Companions were Exalted or 3.3 percent of the current status. Reinstated were 3 or .02 percent, 24 affiliations or 1.7 percent, and 28 or 2.8 percent passed to the Grand Lodge above, 31 or 2.2 percent were suspended, and 101 or 7.3 percent had demitted. The overall net result is a loss of 98 companions or 7.1 percent of the membership of Grand Chapter.

The time and effort and devotion of the Companions is appreciated and also taken into consideration for the Award. Congratulations to chapters showing an increase in membership.

The PAST GRAND Z'S AWARD this year goes to Tzouhalem #26

Many Thanks to MEC Les Robinson, GSE for providing the necessary information and assistance in compiling this report.

MEC Alastair Ross will move the reception of this report due to my absence. Seconded by MEC Joel Chiri

Respectfully submitted;
MEC Denis S. Carriere, Chairman

**43. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHAPTER
(Columbia #1)**

MOVED by MEC Tom Mickey and SECONDED by REC A Les Robinson, Grand Scribe Ezra CARRIED

The convocation was called from Labour to refreshment to be called on again at 2:00pm for the purpose of installing the Officers for the year 2012 – 2013.

The Convocation was called from refreshment to Labour at 2:00pm

44. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installing Grand Z: MEC Tom Mickey
Installing Grand DOC: MEC Alastair Ross
Installing Gr. Chaplain: MEC Joel Chiri

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Installed by</u>
Grand Z	Tony Brown	MEC Tom Mickey
Grand H	Ken Overy	MEC Len Pickell
Grand J	Jeremy Gomersall	“ “
Gr. Treasurer	Peter Guichon	MEC Basil Hobbs
Gr. Scribe E.	Les Robinson	MEC Basil Hobbs
Grand P. Sojourner.	Tony D'Eramo	MEC David Grange
Grand S. Sojourner	Godfrey Onyemaobi	MEC Basil Hobbs
Grand J. Sojourner	Ron Smith	“ “ “
GS Dist 1	Daniel Dyke	MEC Les Robinson
GS Dist 2	Don McMillan	“ “
GS Dist 3	Bill Phillips	“ “
GS Dist 4	Glen Askelson	“ “
GS Dist 6	Jim Ferguson	“ “
GS Dist 7	Roy Friis	“ “
GS Dist 10	Jim Jenson	“ “
GS Dist 11	Tim Yates	“ “
Gr. Scribe N.	George Porter	MEC George Eaton
Gr. Historian	James Bennie	“ “
Gr. Sword Bearer	Kerry Whitefoot	MEC Norm Monro
Gr. Standard Bearer	Tom Balabanov	“ “
GM 4 Veil	Dean Box	MEC Les Robinson
GM 3 Veil	Calvin Jones	“ “
GM 2 Veil	Graeme Wallace	“ “
GM 1 Veil	Rodney Holmes	“ “
Gr. Dir. of Ceremonies	Ed Scott	MEC George Tillotson
Gr. Marshal	Jim Elton	“ “
Grand Pursuivant	Gary Mutter	MEC George Eaton
Gr. Steward 1	Peter Edwards	MEC David Turner
Gr. Steward 2	Gordon Reid	“ “
Gr. Steward 3		
Gr. Chaplain	Stephen Godfrey	MEC Alastair Ross
Gr. Organist	Bryan Johnstone	MEC Joel Chiri
Gr. Tyler	Bill Meagher	MEC Alastair Ross

(Those officers **NOT INSTALLED** are to be installed at the earliest opportunity with advice to Grand Scribe Ezra when completed.)

Grand Honors were properly accorded under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, MEC Alastair Ross. Proclamation, presentation of gavel and General Charge were all completed under direction of IGPZ, MEC Tom Mickey.

The Grand First Principal thanked all for attending the convocation and for supporting him during the years. Pledge to carry out the work of his predecessors and would work diligently to ensure the continued success of the Royal Arch in B.C. & Yukon.

Those not installed :-

Gr Dist Sup #4	Glen Askelson
Gr Dist Sup #6	Jim Ferguson
Gr Scribe N.	George Porter
Gr Historian	Jim Bennie
Mst 4 th Veil	Dean Box
Gr Chaplain	Stephen Godfrey

45. GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES 2012-2013

Constitution & Jurisprudence

(26.1.1)

Executive Representative		Grand Principal Sojourner
MEC Alastair Ross	(1) Chairman	604-582-2574 amross@hotmail.com
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REC James Whyte	(6)	250-338-5566 jcwhyte@telus.net
REC Godfrey Onyemaobi	(1)	604-729-2605 enyi77@yahoo.com

Finance

(26.1.2)

Executive Representative		Grand Haggai
REC Edward Scott	(4) Chairman	604-588-5817 edjscott@shaw.ca
MEC Les Robinson	(6)	250-729-0190 robins5@telus.net
REC Peter Guichon	(6)	604-530-3140 peterguichonj@telus.net
REC Art Bossons	(3)	250-246-4016 artbossons@shaw.ca
EC John Laing	(2)	604-590-4080 jmlaing@dccnet.com

Executive Committee

(26.1.3)

Grand Haggai	Chairman	All Elected Officers
all elected officers		
Chairman of Finance Committee		
Immediate Past Grand First Principal		

Fund Raising Committee

(26.1.4)

Executive Representative		Grand Senior Sojourner
REC Jim Whyte	(6)	250-338-5566 jcwhyte@telus.net
VEC John McIntosh		250-726-2620

Grand Superintendent's Reports

(26.1.7)

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swampy@telus.net
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Regalia (26.1.9)
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 REC Jin Whyte 250-338-5566
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 MEC Basil Hobbs 250-756-7750
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Credentials (26.1.15)
 Local Convocation Committee accepts full responsibility.

Response to the address of the Grand Z. (26.1.16)
 These members are selected by Grand Scribe Ezra

Merit Awards (26-1.17)

MEC Hilliard Clare (6) Chairman 250-562-4656
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(#) indicates number of years on committee

46. LOCATION OF FUTURE GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATIONS

- 2013 Chilliwack B.C. September 2013
- 2014 Nanaimo B.C. – September 2014
- 2015 Chilliwack BC

47. CLOSING

The Grand Z thanked MEC Tom Mickey and those who took part in the Installation of officers.

The 93rd Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon was closed in ample form by MEC Anthony “Tony” Brown at 3:46 pm September 15th 2012.

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

1985:	Most Excellent Comp	R. Hilliard Clare
1989:	“ “ “	Thomas O. Mickey
1991:	“ “ “	Alexander S. Rollo
1993:	“ “ “	William S. Shippam
1997:	“ “ “	Leonard G.B. Pickell
1998:	“ “ “	Joseph R. Marshall
1999:	“ “ “	Denis S. Carriere
2001:	“ “ “	David B. Turner
2002:	“ “ “	Norman K. Monro
2003:	“ “ “	Basil R. Hobbs
2004:	“ “ “	George W. Eaton
2005:	“ “ “	Brian A. Richman
2006:	“ “ “	Leslie A. Robinson
2007:	“ “ “	George R.E. Tillotson
2008:	“ “ “	Alastair M. Ross
2009:	“ “ “	David Grange
2010:	“ “ “	Joel Chiri
2011:	“ “ “	Norm McEvoy

GRAND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANTS 2012/2013

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CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

COLUMBIA CHAPTER NO 1

INST: Feb 1867 CONST: Jun 1867

REG MTG: 1st Tue ex Jul Aug

TIME: 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 650 Fisgard Street,
Victoria, B.C.

INST: 4th Sat of Nov.

SCRIBE E: MEC Norm McEvoy,

650 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC V8W 1R6

Phone 250-652-6969

ROSSLAND CHAPTER NO. 4

INST: Nov 19, 1898 CONST: Jun 17, 1919

REG MTG: 3rd Thur. Emerg 4th Thur. ex Jul Aug

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Temple, Castlegar, BC

INST: 3rd Thur. of Dec.

SCRIBE E: REC David B. Dudley,

25 Wilson Rd., Christina Lake, BC V0H1E0

(250) 447-6622

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER NO 7

INST: Oct 1900 CONST: Jun 17 1919

REG MTG: 2nd Tue ex July, Aug.

TIME: 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 401-3rd Ave S.Cranbrook, BC

INSTALLATION: 2nd Sat In Jan

SCRIBE E: Brian Stringer,

5137, Stringer Loop, Fairmont Hot Springs BC. V0B 1C1

Phone 250-345-6495

KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 8

INST: Dec 16, 1891 CONST: Jun 17, 1919

REG MTG: 4th Fri. ex Mar, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Dec.

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: 620 Morpeth, St., Nanaimo. B.C.

INST: 3rd Sat Mar (With 33 & 35)

SCRIBE E: MEC Les Robinson,

5561 Turner Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T6B3

Phone (250) 729-0190

CYRUS CHAPTER NO. 10

INST: Jul 30, 1904 CONST: Jun 18, 1919

REG MTG: 3rd Wed. ex June, July Aug. Sept.

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 361-5th St. Courtenay, BC

INST: 3rd Wed of Apr.

SCRIBE E: REC James Whyte, 5254 Langlois Rd.,

Courtenay, BC V9J1S8 (250) 338-5566

KAIEN CHAPTER NO 13

INST: Aug 2, 1910 CONST: Feb.28, 1912

REG MTG: 3rd Wed ex Jul Aug Dec

TIME: 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Temple 6th

& Bowser Street Prince Rupert, BC

INST: 3rd Sat Nov

SCRIBE E: REC. Paul Pike,

180 – 6th Avenue East, Prince Rupert, V8J 1W1,

Phone: (250)

NORTH VANCOUVER – KING SOLOMON CHAPTER NO. 16

INST: Feb 25, 1914 CONST: Jun 17, 1919

REG MTG: 2nd Thu ex Jul Aug

TIME: 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 1142 Lonsdale Ave.

North Vancouver, BC

INST: 2nd Thur Jan

SCRIBE E: Alphonse Quenneville,

4796 Hoskins Road., North Vancouver, BC V7K 2R1

Phone (604) 656-6440

KELOWNA CHAPTER NO. 17

INST: 1916 CONST: Jun 17 1919

REG MTG 4th Tue ex Jul Aug Dec (Jun 2nd Tue)

TIME: 8:00 PM

LOCATION: St. George's Hall, 1564 Pandosy St.

Kelowna, BC

INST: 4th Tue Nov

SCRIBE E REC Bill Ferguson,

146 – 1202 Cameron Rd. Kelowna, BC V1W3S1

Phone (250) 860-7627

KAMLOOPS CHAPTER NO. 18

INST: Aug 2, 1920 CONST: Jul 26, 1921
 REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jul Aug
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 351 Nicola Street, Kamloops, BC
 INST: 2nd Sat Mar (With 11 & 29)
 SCRIBE E: VEC Dave Ogilvie
 PO Box 492., Ashcroft, BC V1K 1A0
 Phone (250) 453-9431

CHILLIWACK CHAPTER NO. 19

INST: May 12, 1921 CONST: Jun 21, 1922
 REG MTG: 2nd Thur. Feb, Mar, Apr, Oct Nov
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 INST: 2nd Thur Nov
 SCRIBE E: REC Ed Wilson,
 35188 Spencer St. Abbotsford, BC, V3G 2E3,
 Phone(604) 684-0443

PENTICTON CHAPTER NO. 22

INST: Jun 18, 1923 CONST: Sept 9, 1924
 REG MTG: 1st Thur ex Jul Aug
 TIME: 8:00 PM
 LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 1197 Main St.,
 Penticton, BC
 INST: 1st Thur of Oct
 SCRIBE E: EC Dean Box,
 PO Box 1254., Summerland, BC V0H 1Z0
 Phone: (250) 492-3087

COMPOSITE CHAPTER NO. 24

INST: May 29, 1925 CONST: Jun 7, 1926
 REG MTG: 3rd Fri ex Jul Aug.
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 LOCATION: Park Lodge Hall,
 4474 Rupert Street., Vancouver, BC
 INST: 3rd Fri Jan
 SCRIBE E: REC Bill Aaroe, 1279 Brand Street
 Port Coquitlam, BC, V3C 5C4 Phone:
 Phone(604) 942-7746

TZOUHALEM CHAPTER NO. 26

INST: Feb 28, 1928 CONST: Jun 20, 1928
 REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jul Aug
 TIME: 7:00 PM
 LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 163 Canada Ave., Duncan, B C
 INST: 3rd Tue Oct
 SCRIBE E: Comp. Ken Swain,
 6307 Woodgrove Way. Duncan, BC, V9L 5P4
 Phone: (250) 748-3481

GRANITE CHAPTER NO 29

INST: Aug 8, 1946 CONST: Oct 10, 1947
 REG MTG: 3rd Mon ex Jul Aug Dec
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 LOCATION: Masonic Lodge Hall , 270 Alexander Ave.,N
 Salmon Arm, BC,
 INST: 2nd Sat Mar (With 11 & 18)
 SCRIBE E; VEC Dale Townsend
 51\ - 60th Ave, Salmon Arm, BC. V1E 3B3
 Phone: (250) 832-2443

JOPPA CHAPTER NO 31

INST: Jan 3, 1949 CONST: Aug 1, 1949
 REG MTG: 3rd Mon ex Jul Aug Dec.
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 LOCATION: Marpole Masonic Hall, 8486 Granville St.,
 Vancouver, BC
 INST: 3rd Mon Jan
 SCRIBE E: EC John Laing,
 6129 Briarwood Cres., Delta BC., V4E 2X1
 Phone: (604) 590-4080

MAJUBA CHAPTER NO. 33

INST: Jan 13, 1951 CONST: Jul 14, 1951
 REG MTG: 1st Tue ex Jul Aug Jan.
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 LOCATION: St. John's Masonic Temple,
 26 Gatacre St. Ladysmith, BC
 INST: 3rd Sat (With 8 & 35)
 Scribe E VEC Norm Carreck
 104 Bertram Place Ladysmith BC. V9G 1T8
 Phone; 250-245-8089

SEMIAHMOO CHAPTER NO 34

INST: Sept 29, 1952 CONST: Jul 4, 1953
 REG MTG: 2nd Tue ex Jul Aug
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 20710 Fraser Highway Langley, BC
 INST: 2nd Tue May
 SCRIBE E: REC Neil Marsh,
 4577-196A St., Langley, BC V3A7G5
 Phone: (604) 532-1732

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER NO 35

INST: Jun 21 1956 CONST: Sept, 1956
 REG MTG: 4th Tue ex Jun Jul Aug Sept
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 136 Memorial Ave.,
 Parksville, BC
 INST: 4th Tue Apr
 SCRIBE E: VEC Tim Yates,
 1440 – 13th Street, Unit 16, Courtenay BC V9N 6C1
 Phone: (250) 338-5114

FORT GEORGE CHAPTER NO 36

INST: CONST: Sept 20, 1957
 REG MTG: 3rd Wed ex Jul Aug
 TIME: 8:00 PM
 LOCATION: Freemason's Hall, 450 Vancouver. Prince George, BC
 INST: 1st Wed Dec (With 43)
 SCRIBE E: REC. R. Neil Weller,
 4313 Granite Ave., Prince George, BC VC1 5C1
 Phone: (800) 614-8933

KALUM CHAPTER NO 37

INST: May 26 1956 CONST: Sept 19, 1957
 REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jul Aug Oct
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 LOCATION: Freemasons Hall, 4915 Lazelle Avenue
 Terrace BC
 INST: 3rd Sat Oct
 SCRIBE E: REC Wolfgang Scholz,
 64 Bittern Street, Kitimat BC., V8C 1R2
 Phone; (250) 632-3900

YUKON CHAPTER NO 38

INST: Jan 30, 1950 CONST: Jan 30, 1951
 REG MTG: 4th Mon ex Jul Aug Sept.
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 143 Industrial Rd.,
 Whitehorse, YT
 INST: 4th Mon Nov
 SCRIBE E: EC Alan Hubley,
 51 Finch Cres., Whitehorse, YT Y1A 5X5
 Phone: (867) 663-6600

GEORGIAN CHAPTER NO 39

INST: May 25 1960 CONST: Sept 30 1961
 REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jul Aug Dec
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 LOCATION: Roberts Creek Masonic Hall, BC
 INST: 1st Sat May
 SCRIBE E: REC Douglas Burke,
 2 – 4496 Sunshine Coast Hwy., Sechelt, BC V0N3A1
 Phone: (604) 885-7525

SIMON FRASER CHAPTER NO 40

INST: Mar 29, 1961 CONST: Jul 29, 1961
 REG MTG: 2nd Tue ex July Aug Feb
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 LOCATION: Richmond Masonic Temple,
 6730 No. 3rd Richmond, BC
 INST: 1st Sat Feb
 SCRIBE E: EC. John Laing,
 6129 Briarwood Cres, Delta B.C. V4E 2X1
 Phone: (604) 590-4080

DAWSON CREEK CHAPTER NO 41

INST: Oct 15, 1960 CONST: Sept 1, 1962
 REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jul Aug
 TIME: 7:30 PM
 LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 901-103rd Ave, Dawson Creek, BC
 INST: 3rd Tue Sept
 SCRIBE E: EC Don Stirling, 10012 – 94th Ave.,
 Fort St. John, BC V1J5J6 Phone (250)787-9659

ELECTED OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER SINCE 1919

CARIBOU CHAPTER NO 43

INST: May 23, 1975 CONST: Sept 4, 1976

REG MTG: 2nd Wed Jan, Feb Apr Oct

Nov in Quesnel; 1st Sat in May in

100 Mile House ex Mar Jun Jul Aug Dec

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 520 Front St., Quesnel, BC

Masonic Hall 100 Mile House, BC

INST: 1st Wed Sep (With 36)

SCRIBE E: EC. Joseph Bare,

PO Box 4551 Quesnel, BC, V2J3J8 Phone: (250) 992-7937

PACIFIC RIM CHAPTER NO 44

INST: May 3, 1990 CONST: Apr 11, 1992

REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jun Jul, Aug Dec

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 6544 Throup Road,

Sooke, BC

INST: 3rd Tue Jan

SCRIBE E: EC Garry Butler,

2386 Poplar Drive, Sooke, BC V9Z 0Y5 Phone: (250) -642-3459

DISCOVERY CHAPTER NO 45

INST: Sept 17, 1998 CONST: Sept 25, 1999

REG MTG: 4th Mon Mar Apr May Sept Oct Nov

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 2905 N. Isld Hwy.,

Campbell River, BC INST: 4th Mon of Nov

Z: EC Harry Hemphill

SCRIBE E: VEC John Bradley,

9276 Martin Park Dr Black Creek, BC V9J1C3

Phone: (250) 337-4009

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1919	*Harry H. Watson	*Daniel M Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1920	*Edward B Paul	*Daniel M. Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1921	*Daniel M. Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin	*Vernon W. Stewart
1922	*Charles F. Sherwin	*Vernon W. Stewart	*Frank C. Bird
1923	*Vernon W. Stewart	*Frank C. Bird	*John G. Gamon
1924	*Frank C. Bird	*John G. Gamon	*Thomas H. Carey
1925	*John G. Gamon	*Thomas H. Carey	*Henry Giegerich
1926	*Thomas H. Carey	*Henry Giegerich	*Donald Adams
1927	*Henry Giegerich	*Donald Adams	*William T. Phillips
1928	*Donald Adams	*William T. Phillips	*Ernest P. Allen
1929	*William T. Phillips	*Ernest P. Allen	*Donald A. Stewart
1930	*Ernest P. Allen	*Donald A. Stewart	*Samuel Drake
1931	*Donald A. Stewart	*Samuel Drake	*Daniel W. Sutherland
1932	*Samuel Drake	*Alexander McDuff	*Alex M. Manson
1933	*Alexander McDuff	*Alex M. Manson	*William R. Trench
1934	*Alex M. Manson	*William R. Trench	*William R. Yule
1935	*William R. Trench	*William R. Yule	*George H. McKay
1936	*William R. Yule	*George H. McKay	*K.K. Reid
1937	*George H. McKay	*K.K. Reid	*W.P. Marchant
1938	* K.K. Reid	*W.P. Marchant	*Stanley Gordon
1939	*W.P. Marchant	*Stanley Gordon	*Thomas B. Goodall
1940	*Stanley Gordon	*Thomas B. Goodall	*George E. MacKinnon
1941	*G.E. McKinnon	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor
1942	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor	*John. H. Morgan
1943	*W. Coates Taylor	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis
1944	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle
1945	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker
1946	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker	*John MacLeod
1947	*Edgar B. Baker	*John MacLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger
1948	*John MacLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson
1949	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell
1950	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts
1951	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker
1952	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness
1953	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard L. Williams
1954	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard L. Williams	*George M. Harmen
1955	*Richard L. Williams	*George M. Harmen	*Arthur Hamilton
1956	*George M. Harmen	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W.H. Walker
1957	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W. H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen
1958	*T.W.H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell
1959	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell
1960	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss
1961	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss	*J. Stanley Dyke
1962	*James S.E. Meiss	*J. Stanley Dyke	*R. Thomas Litt
1963	*J. Stanley Dyke	*R. Thomas Litt	*Thomas A. Dobson
1964	*R. Thomas Litt	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Gamey
1965	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Gamey	*Ewan E. Andrews
1966	*L. R. Gamey	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Mark H. Hannah
1967	*Mark H. Hannah	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Thomas Isbister
1968	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham

1969	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles F. Armstrong
1970	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles F. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl
1971	*Charles F. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin
1972	*Evan H. Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Manzer
1973	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Manzer	*William H. Young
1974	*James A. Manzer	*William H. Young	*Cyrus D. Biddulph
1975	*Cyrus D. Biddulph	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton
1976	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton	*George H. Coupland
1977	*Henry M. Dayton	*George H. Coupland	*William Blake
1978	*George H. Coupland	*William Blake	*R. Cedric Telford
1979	*William Blake	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall
1980	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall	*Stephen G. Redgrave
1981	*James Randall	*Stephen G. Redgrave	*Alvin P. Alexander
1982	*Stephen G. Redgrave	*Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton
1983	*Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton	R. Hilliard Clare
1984	*F. Melvin Fulton	R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie S. Lamb
1985	R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie S. Lamb	*Roderick A. Cutler
1986	*Huie S. Lamb	*Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack A. Laffling
1987	*Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack A. Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey
1988	*Jack A. Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall
1989	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall	Alexander S. Rollo
1990	*Robert J. Gornall	Alexander S. Rollo	*H. James White
1991	Alexander S. Rollo	*H. James White	William R. Shippam
1992	*H. James White	William R. Shippam	*Trevor O. Thomas
1993	William R. Shippam	*Trevor O. Thomas	*Leslie J. Tutt
1994	*Trevor O. Thomas	*Leslie J. Tutt	*William D. Jasper
1995	*Leslie J. Tutt	*William D. Jasper	Leonard G. Pickell
1996	*William D. Jasper	Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall
1997	Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall	Denis S. Carriere
1998	Joseph R. Marshall	Denis S. Carriere	*David D.S. Anderson
1999	Denis S. Carriere	*David D.S. Anderson	David B. Turner
2000	*David D. S. Anderson	David B. Turner	Norman K. Monro
2001	David B. Turner	Norman K. Monro	Basil R. Hobbs
2002	Norman K. Monro	Basil R. Hobbs	George W. Eaton
2003	Basil R. Hobbs	George W. Eaton	Brian Richman
2004	George W. Eaton	Brian Richman	William Fooks
2005	Brian Richman	William Fooks	Leslie Robinson
2006	Leslie Robinson	George Tillotson	Alastair Ross
2007	George Tillotson	Alastair Ross	David Grange
2008	Alastair M. Ross	David Grange	Joel Chiri
2009	David Grange	Joel Chiri	Norm McEvoy
2010	Joel Chiri	Norm McEvoy	Tony Brown
2011	Norman McEvoy	Tony Brown	Ken Overy

ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD
Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon
Minutes of Annual Meeting
September 14, 2012, Victoria, B.C.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by President, Most Excellent High Priest David Grange at 1:45 pm.
- 2) President welcomed all to the meeting.
- 3) Visitors MEC's Robert Turner, Saskatchewan, John Johnson, Alaska, Richard Laronde, Manitoba, Paul Reckamp, Washington, Wally J. Watts, Alberta.
- 4) Memorial None.
- 5) The Order of the High Priesthood was conferred on Companions Bruce Allan, Ernest Parker, Garry Mutter, Dale Townsend and John Kelly with the latter being the representative candidate.
 Prologue by MEC George Eaton
 Obligation by MEC Joel Chiri
 Prayer of Consecration by REC Tony Brown
 Signs by REC Tony Brown
- 6) Minutes of meeting of **September 16, 2011. MOVED** by REC Ed Wilson **SECONDED** by MEC Alistair Ross the minutes be accepted as printed in the 2011 RA Proceedings. **CARRIED**
- 7) Correspondence none received.
- 8) Treasurer's report **\$847.00** balance in account.
- 9) Accounts none submitted.
- 10) Unfinished business none.
- 11) New business: Honorary membership cards presented to MEC's Paul Reckamp, John Johnson, Richard Laronde & Wally J. Watts by the President.
Elections: (All elected by acclamation)
 President: MEC Joel Chiri
 V/President: MEC Norman McEvoy
 Chaplain: REC Ken Overy
Appointed:
 Treasurer: REC Peter Guichon
 Recorder: REC Ed Wilson
 Master of Ceremonies: REC Jeremy Gomersall
 Conductor: REC Anthony D'Eramo
 Herald: TBA
 Steward: REC Don McMillan
 Sentinel: MEC George Tillotson
 Director of Ceremonies: MEC David Grange
 Installing Officer: REC Ed Wilson

Installing Director of Ceremonies MEC George Eaton.

Presentations:

- 12) Past President's jewel and certificate presented by MEC Alastair Ross.
Illness/distress: MEC Brian Richman in Eagle Ridge Hospital, Port Moody and does not seem to be recovering very quickly companions are urged to visit or call him. MEC Alex Rollo in Royal Columbian Hospital undergoing treatment. MEC Denis Carriere having balance problems but unable to attend because of other commitments. REC Donovan Tyers had another head operation and feels weak and is sorry as this is first Grand Session he has missed in over 30 years. REC Fred Lefly has a persistent cough. MEC Stan Johnson (Manitoba) doing poorly because of cancer of the bowel.
- 13) Good of the Order nothing reported.
- 14) Closing at 3:40 pm.

(MEC Joel Chiri/President)

(REC Ed Wilson/Recorder)

2012 AGENDA

No. Order of Business

Friday, September 14, 2012

- 1) Grand Chapter Informal Opening. **7:30 pm**
- 2) Admission/Reception of Distinguished guests
- 3) Flag Ceremony
- 4) Memorial Service
- 5) Responses of Civic/Concordant bodies.
- 6) Informal Grand Chapter closed.

Saturday, September 15, 2012

- 7) Grand Chapter Formal opening. **9:00 am**
- 8) Reception of Visitors & Regrets.
- 9) Invocation – Grand Chaplain
- 10) Resolution of Loyalty to Queen
- 11) Minutes of Grand Convocation of **2011**
- 12) Grand Z address
- 13) Grand H report
- 14) Grand J report
- 15) Grand Chaplain's address
- 16) Report of Merit Award Committee
Address by candidates of Gr. Jr. Soj.
- 17) Reception of Past Gr. First Principals
- 18) Reception of First Principals
- 19) Grand Treasurer's report
- 20) Grand Scribe Ezra report
- 21) Report of Committee on Constitution & Jurisprudence
- 22) Unfinished Business
- 23) Report of Committee on Finance (2013 Budget)
- 24) Report of the Grand Historian
- 25) Report of Executive Committee
- 26) Roll Call of Grand Representatives
- 27) Report of Credentials Committee
- 28) Motions on Amendments to Constitution
- 29) New Business
- 30) Report of Committee on RA Foundation
Report of Committee on Fund Raising
- 31) Report of Committee on Printing
- 32) Report of Committee on Information and Technology

- 33) Report of Committee on Foreign Corr.
- 34) Presentation of Honorary Memberships
- 35) Election of Officers for 2012/13
- 36) Report of Bursary Fund Trustees
- 37) Report of Committee on Grand Z address
- 38) Report of Committee on Protocol & Procedure
- 39) Report of Royal Arch Home Society
Report of Keystone of Life Foundation
- 40) Report of Benevolence
- 41) Report of Committee on Grand Superintendents
- 42) Report of Editing Committee
- 43) Report of Committee on Past Z's Award
- 44) Good of the Order
- 45) Vote of Thanks to Host Chapter
- 46) Installation of Officers for 2011/12
- 47) Committees for 2011/12
- 48) Location of Grand Chapter for 2012, 2013 & 2014
- 49) Closing of Grand Chapter
Report (Minutes) of Order of High Priest