



Proceedings

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GRAND CHAPTER

Of

British Columbia & Yukon

98th Annual Convocation

Victoria, B.C.

2016

(Organized June 18th, 1919)

MEC Antony D'Eramo

MEC Ken Overy

Grand First Principal
Ezra

Grand Scribe

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MEC Antony D'Eramo
Grand First Principal
2015-2016

Most Excellent Companion Anthony “Tony” James D’Eramo Grand First Principal of British Columbia and Yukon

- Anthony James D’Eramo, otherwise known as Tony, was born May 4th 1956 in Scarborough, Ontario. He is the eldest of 2 children of Nicola and Jeanne D’Eramo and spent his early years in Kingston Ontario.
- After graduating from Ernestown Secondary School he joined Canada’s **World Youth Cultural Exchange Program** assigned to **Columbia** where he worked building schools. When contracting malaria curtailed his construction activities he chose not to return to Canada but remained in Columbia on assignment to teach English to the local Spanish speaking children.
- Returning to Canada he sought adventure in the west working on a cattle ranch in Bonnyville Alberta. A few years later the boom in new construction in Alberta gave him the opportunity to apprentice as a Carpenter, Cement Finisher and Bricklayer for which he holds journeymen tickets in all three trades today. Oil money and adventure took him to Fort McMurray where he worked for Syncrude, Suncor and Shell Canada for over 20 yrs.
- In 1996 he retired from Construction and moved to Victoria BC where he met his wife Elizabeth while Dragon-boating. They have been teammates ever since.
- Retirement not being what it’s cracked up to be, Tony went to work with Elizabeth’s family business, Pedersen’s Rentals. Again the lure of construction was too great and he returned to applying his trade for Farmer Construction ending up project supervisor.
- He now says he has retired from construction (...except for ‘minor’ house and friends renos) and is operating the family business, Pedersen’s Rentals, with his wife.
- MEC Tony D’Eramo is a veteran Dragon-boat enthusiast and advisor, an avid custom motorcycle builder and rider who receives great joy from his travels, his fine scotch and Cuban cigar collection. He is member of the Union Club of British Columbia and Victoria and regularly hosts whisky and liquor tastings for charities.

Masonic History

- Brother D’Eramo was raised to the Sublime Degree of a **Master Mason** in Victoria Columbia # 1 **Lodge** in June 2002 and was **Worshipful Master** 20009.
- He was exalted in the **Holy Royal Arch** in Columbia Chapter #1 BC & Yukon in 2003 and became First Principal in 2008.
- He is a member of **Acme Council** No. 14 Royal & Select Masters of Western Canada. He was Thrice Illustrious Master 2010 and W. Commander “Noah” 2015-present.

- Presiding Preceptor Western Gate **Preceptory** No. 30 in 2008.
- Sovereign Master of Victoria Council No. 213 **Allied Masonic Degrees** in 2008.
- Most Puissant Sovereign of Red Cross of **Constantine** Saxa Ruba #26 in 2009-2010
- A founding member of the Order of the **Secret Monitor** or Brotherhood of David & Jonathon of Canada, Vancouver Island Conclave No. 9 and Supreme Ruler in 2006 and 2007
- A member of:
 - Vancouver Island York Rite College No. 48
 - The Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests - Order of Holy Wisdom Victoria Tabernacle No. 52
 - Knights of York Cross of Honor BC & Yukon Priory No. 67
 - The Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord

I, MEC Ken Overy, 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-Eighth** Grand Convocation held in Victoria, B.C. on **September 16th & 17, 2016** and authorized 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 23 day of October, 2016

(MEC Ken Overy – Grand Scribe Ezra)

SEAL

The ninety-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon was held on **September 16th – 17th, 2016** at the Masonic Temple, Victoria, B.C.

OFFICERS ELECTED/APPOINTED 2015/2016

MEC Antony D'Eramo
REC Godfrey Onyemaobi
REC Ronald Smith
MEC Jeremy Gomersall
REC Peter Guichon
MEC Ken Overy

Grand First Principal
Grand Second Principal
Grand Third Principal
IPGZ
Grand Treasurer
Grand Scribe Ezra

REC Timothy Yates	Grand Pr. Sojourner
REC George Porter	Grand Sr. Sojourner
REC Tom Balabanov	Grand Jr. Sojourner
REC Doug Watson	Grand Supt. Dist. 1
REC Douglas Sprague	Grand Supt. Dist. 2
REC Dale Townsend	Grand Supt. Dist. 3
REC Brian Stringer	Grand Supt. Dist. 4
REC Paul Pike	Grand Supt. Dist. 6
REC John Young	Grand Supt. Dist. 7
REC Ted Perry	Grand Supt. Dist. 10
REC Doug Paugh	Grand Supt. Dist. 11
REC Filipe Ariel	Grand Nehemiah
REC James Bennie	Grand Historian
VEC Chris Perry	Grand Sword Bearer
VEC Sunny Bond	Grand Standard Bearer
VEC Brian Beech	Grand Dir. Of Ceremonies
REC John Laing	Grand Marshal
VEC Robert McLellan	Grand Pursuivant
VEC Bruce Alan	Grand Steward #1
VEC Bill Hogewoning	Grand Steward #2
VEC TBA	Grand Steward #3
VEC Philip Pigford	Grand Chaplain
VEC Brian Johnstone	Grand Organist
VEC Robert Carrol	Grand Tyler

16 September 2016

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 16, 2016**. 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 each introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, VEC Brian Beech and then received and welcomed by the Grand Council and seated.

MEC. Duncan Strachen – Grand First Principal – Grand Chapter of Alberta

MEC. Frederick Donaldson – Grand High Priest.– Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia

MEC. Brian Bechler – Grand Chapter of Washington State

Rt.III.Comp. Jerry Copp – Representing Cryptic Rite Masons of Western
Canada, Royal and
Select Masters

Rt.Em.Kt. Colin Hart -Prov. Prior -Representing Sovereign Great Priory of
Canada Knight Templar

Noble Wally Lee -Oriental Guide- Representing Gizeh Shriners of B.C.
and Yukon

Rt. Ill. Kt. Comp. Peter Whitehead -Gr. Jr. Gen.- Representing Red Cross
of Constantine

Ill. Kt Priest. Ken Ward- Representing Grand College of the Holy Royal
Arch Kt. Templar Priests & Order of Holy Wisdom

Em. Kt. Alex Hart – Past Prior- Representing Knights of York Rite Cross
of Honour

M. Ven.Sov. Robert Turner-Grand Master Supreme G.Cross– Allied
Masonic Degrees

Rt. Em. Dist. Br. Richard Armitage-Grand Governor of B.C. – York Rite
Sovereign College of North America.

Worthy Br. Ray Wilson- Representing the Order of the Secret Monitor

Worthy Knight Kurt Wensler - Representing the Commemorative Order
of St. Thomas of Acon

Queen Noreen Cronk – Daughters of the Nile

Master Councilor Conner Massey- Representing the Order of DeMolay

Honour Queen Megan Jackson-International Order of Job's Daughters

33rd Degree Stephen Godfrey- Deputy of B.C. and Yukon – Scottish Rite

Rt. W. Bro Douglas Franklin- Grand Jr. Warden- Representing the
M.W.Master Ian Bowman , Grand Master
of B.C. and Yukon

3. FLAG CEREMONY

The flag ceremony was conducted by MEC Ken Overy.
The flags were carried in by members of the local Bethel #2 of the International Order of Job's Daughters. Senior Princess Megan Jackson carried the Canadian flag, Junior Princess Julia Su carried the American flag, Past Honoured Queen Brittany Rai carried the Yukon flag and Marshall Estelle Parkhill carried the British Columbia flag. The ceremony ended with the singing of "*O Canada*" and "*The Star Spangled Banner*"

4. MEMORIAL SERVICE

Presided over by Philip Pigford:

Invocation.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Psalm 133, verse 1.

Ladies and Companions let us now bow our heads and invoke the blessings of the Most High on this convocation.

O Thou from Whom the breath of life comes, Who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration let Thy light be experienced by all gathered here in Thy holy name.

Grant that our endeavours proceed with dignity and respect for each other, in the spirit of friendship and brotherly love, and for those who were unable to attend this gathering, for whatever reason, we ask that you watch over them and comfort them as their needs require.

We ask that all may be safe in their travels, please keep us alert and attentive while driving.

And finally Lord we ask you to bless and guide, the yet to be installed

new Grand Zerubabel and his officers, that this worthy Order may continue their noble work to Your honour and glory. Amen.

Opening Prayer.

Almighty and Eternal God, Great art Thou and worthy to be praised; great is Thy power, and Thy wisdom infinite. Be graciously pleased to direct this Grand Chapter Convocation now assembled in Thy name. May Thy blessing and Guidance rest upon Its proceedings, so that the affairs of this Convocation may be settled upon the best and surest foundations, to the advancement of Thy glory, and the safety, honour and welfare of our fraternity. Amen.

Opening Hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy.

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty,
God in three persons blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty,
God in three persons blessed Trinity.**

Lesson: (read responsively)

The Beatitudes

Gr. Chaplain

Blessed are the poor in Spirit

All:

for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven

Gr. Chaplain

Blessed are those who mourn

All:

for they will be comforted.

Gr. Chaplain

Blessed are the meek

All:

for they shall inherit the earth.

Gr. Chaplain

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness.

All: **for they will be filled.**

Gr. Chaplain Blessed are the merciful
All: **for they shall be shown mercy.**

Gr. Chaplain Blessed are the pure in heart,
All **for they shall see God.**

Gr. Chaplain Blessed are the peacemakers
All: **for they will be called the sons of God.**

SERMON:

21 September is St. Mathew's Day, and as we recall Our Lord's encounter with Mathew the tax collector, we are brought face to face with the reality of the Christian Gospel. For Mathew was a despised outcast. He worked for the enemy, the Romans. Tax collectors became rich by taking as much as they could from the people before passing on only what was necessary to the government. But Jesus did not shun people like Mathew nor did he despise prostitutes and sinners like Mary Magdalene, rather he showed them respect by accepting their hospitality, and won their trust by showing that he cared for them. So Christianity is about care for the outcast – or it is worthless.

Since its inception Freemasonry has pioneered care for the needy and less fortunate, unless we speak for those who have no voice and continue these good works, then what we do is just a charade.

Let us pray: Lord, open our hearts and minds to the needs around us, and give us the courage and commitment to do what we can to respect our neighbour, whatever his or her needs might be, and give practical help and support according to our means.

As we remember the needs of people in our own areas, we pray for the people with political responsibility and power. Lord give them the grace to serve others with integrity.

We are aware of the terrible plight of thousands who have lost everything in their search for a safe existence for themselves and their children.

Lord, give wisdom to refugee agencies and governments in finding ways to help these neighbours of ours. Our hearts yearn for peace as we witness the evil brutality and satanic ideology of those who are destroying civilized life in so many places. Lord, have mercy, and lead all who care for peace to find just ways of confronting and destroying what is evil.

Lord, bless and bring comfort to all in our fellowship and those who are known personally to us. Lord we beseech Thee, give us understanding and assistance for our daily needs detach the fetters of faults that bind us, and be with us all forever. Amen.

ROLL CALL OF FRATERNAL DEAD (Rose Ceremony)

District No. 1.

REC. Douglas Watson

Columbia No. 1

MEC. David Bridges Turner

23 Feb./2015

Tzouhalem No. 26

VEC. Ronald Holcroft

04 Aug./2015

Pacific Rim No 44

NONE REPORTED

District No. 2.

REC. Douglas Sprague

Chilliwack No. 19

Comp. Robert Craven

28 April/2015

Composite #24

Comp. Earl Lovering

30 July/2015

Comp. Leslie Peterson

14 April/2015

Comp. Foster Richardson

??/??/2015

MEC. Alexander Rollo

04 Dec./2015

Comp. Edward Taychuk

03 Aug./2015

Semiahmoo No. 34

Comp. Rolland Bell

02 July/2015

Rec. Donald Nikkels

13 Nov./2015

District No. 3.

REC. Dale Townsend

Kelowna No. 17

REC George Kerr

24 July/2015

Ex. Comp. Daniel McLeod

03 Oct./2015

Kamloops No. 18

Comp. Peter Collins

03 May/2015

Comp. Raymond Matwick

08 Dec./2015

Penticton No. 22
 Comp. John Sullivan 19 Aug./2015
 REC.Edward Lucas 01 Oct./2015
 Ex. Comp. Mike Mandich 13 Oct./2015
 REC. Ken Hasanen 18 Nov./2015

Granite No. 29
 REC. Marvin Adelbert Lundeen 13 Dec./2015
 Comp. Malcolm Newlands ??/??/??
 Ex. Comp. E. Elliot ??/??/??

District No. 4. REC. Brian Stringer

Rossland No. 4
 Comp. Charles Stocking ??/Jan./2015

Rocky Mountain No. 7
 None Reported

District No. 6. REC.Paul Pike

Kaien No. 13
 Ex. Comp. (W.E.) Ted Mainprise 31 May/2015

Kalum No. 37
 None Reported

District No. 7. REC. John Young

North Vancouver King Solomon No. 16
 Comp. Julio Escudero 11 Jun. /2014
 Ex. Comp. Harold Horwood ??/??/2015
 REC. Michael Raynor 11 Aug. /2015

Joppa No.31
 VEC. William Cecil Jackson 15 May/2015
 Comp. Guenter Alwin Max Klinkow 13 May/2015
 Comp. James Donald McKinnon 18 Aug. /2014

Georgian No. 39
 Ex. Comp. Alex Jack 25 Dec. /2015
 Rec. Stanley Sorensen 06 May/2015
 Comp. Lyle Campbell 07 July/2015

Ex. Comp. Douglas Follet
REC. James McCowatt

06 Sept. /2015
14 Sept/2015

Simon Fraser #40
Ex.Comp. Charles Holden

28 Dec. /2015

District No. 10.

REC Ted Perry

Fort George No. 36
None Reported

Yukon No. 38
REC. Michael John Scott
Comp. Lawrence (Larry) Chalifour

07 Sept. /2015
20 Dec. /2015

Dawson Creek No 41
Comp. John Brucker
Comp. Maurice Hayward
Ex. Comp. Marvin Lundeen

14 Aug/2015
03 Mat/2015
01 Aug. /2015

Caribou No. 43
Comp. Ross Rollins

06 June/2015

District No. 11.

REC Douglas Paugh

Keystone No. 8
Ex. Comp. John Morris

29 June/2015

North Island No. 10
Comp. Llewellyn (Pat) John Martin
REC Michael Patrick Raynor

20 Aug. /2014
11 Aug. /2015

Majuba No. 33
None Reported

Cathedral No. 35
MEC. David Bridges Turner
Comp. Jack Horning

23 Feb. /2015
27 Mar. /2015

MEC. Frederick Donaldson GHP, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

For all Companions who may have been inadvertently overlooked as well as all those serving overseas to protect this great Nation.

And the laying of a white rose in remembrance of the departed spouses of all Companions everywhere by MEC. Antony D'Eramo

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.

Homily: Remembering our dead and contemplating our own mortality.

LORDS PRAYER

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.

BLESSING:

Ladies, Gentlemen, and Companions, go in peace and may the blessings of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

5) ADDRESSES BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Grand First Principal invited those guests who will not be here on Saturday to address the assembly

6) INFORMAL CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER

This Informal Opening was closed by the Grand First Principal at 9:25

pm with a reminder that the Convocation would commence tomorrow at **9:00 am on September 17th 2016**

September 17, 2016

7) FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Grand Convocation was formally opened by the Grand First Principal in ample form at **9:05 am**. The Grand Scribe Ezra confirmed that **20** Chapters were represented and so constituting a quorum.

8) RECEPTION OF GUESTS/VISITORS AND REGRETS

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.

Regrets Received:

M.Ex. Comp. Hilliard Claire

M.Ex Comp. Tony Brown

M.Ex. Comp. Len Pickell

M.Ex.Comp. George Tillotson

M.Ex.Comp. George Eaton

M. Ex.Comp. Norm Monro

R.Ex.Comp. Alan Akehurst

R.Ex.Comp. Ted Perry

R.Ex. Comp.Paul Pike

R.Ex.Comp. Neil Marsh

V.Ex.Comp. Jim Bennie

V.Ex.Comp. John Mcintosh

V.Ex.Comp. George Porter

M.Ex.Comp.Francois Labrie. GZ. GCRAM Quebec

M.Ex.Comp. Alan Donovan. GZ. GCRAM Canada in Ontario

M.Ill.Comp Richard Laronde. G.M. GCCR. R&S. Masters of Western Canada

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 Godfrey Onyemaobi and duly **SECONDED** by Right Excellent Companion Ron Smith 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-eighth Annual Convocation in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada this 17th day of September, 2016, 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 17th, 2016.***

“GOD SAVE THE QUEEN”

MEC Antony D’Eramo
Overy
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL
EZRA

MEC Ken
GRAND SCRIBE

**11. MINUTES OF GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION
2015.**

Motion by Grand Scribe Ezra M.E.C. Ken Overy.

I hereby move that the minutes of the ninety-eighth annual Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon, held in the city of Victoria, British Columbia and as published in the annual proceedings of 2015 be hereby adopted.

Seconded by REC. Brian Beech

Carried as Presented

**12) ADDRESS OF GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL (Z)
MEC Antony James D’Eramo**

R.Ex. Comp. Godfrey Onyemaobi assumed the chair

My Companions and honoured guests, it is my privilege and honour to welcome you to British Columbia’s, Garden City, our provincial capital, Victoria, for our 98th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all distinguished visitors from our sister jurisdictions including the representatives of the Concordant Bodies, and the friends and families that have joined us here today. As we are all volunteers, our time is precious to us and a great many of us have travelled long distances and spent a great deal of time sojourning from faraway places to join us spreading the word of masonry, creating new and cementing old friendships - many to last lifetimes. Upon your return to your Grand Chapters and Grand Bodies I ask you to please take back our sincere and fraternal greetings.

Preamble

During my visitations and travels this year I observed a brotherhood that is strong and heartwarming. All companions have greeted me with a warm embrace which has swelled my heart each time. Companions within our jurisdiction have worked hard to maintain a level of proficiency that is second to none. Many companions travel mile upon mile to make their chapters work, and extend their efforts to other chapters visiting to help in the running and maintaining their ability to perform degrees.

This tight knit brotherhood has been the foundation which I have tried to promote over these past years.

Membership

Membership is always a challenge in this modern time. Our time is precious. Between work, school, family, private avocations, and for many of us Concordant Bodies as well, one must choose how to spend our moments. We must make dire choices, regarding where to allot our time. However, we all have hurdles we must jump, and what is life without some adversity? I am pleased to report that this year we had no amalgamations and no chapters turned in their Charters. Our numbers are slowly declining from those passing to the Grand Lodge above, and from demits.

This year there have been 29 suspensions and 24 demits. Passing to the grand Lodge above was 45. These numbers have been offset by the exaltation of 19 new companions, the reinstatement of 2, and the affiliation of 12 Companions.

We have no power over the passing of Companions, nor demits over reasons such as financial responsibilities, but apathy is a disease, we must fight. We as an organization must be inclusive and engage all members especially our newest exalted companions. This does not mean funneling them into an officer position and causing burnout, but assisting and nurturing their growth in the craft, even help on the most basic level as car-pooling can help. I realize that every chapter has their own special challenges and they will have to find their own special

solutions. We must learn to educate and promote who we are and what we do. Most importantly, Companions, we must have fun at what we do! Bring the brother back into the “hood”. To hear laughter, back slapping and felicitations upon ritual work only promotes a feeling of accomplishment! That, my companions, is infectious; it will spread and help grow our excellent organization.

Visitations

During my year I have attended 26 Chapters many of which I was able to visit numerous times. It was with deep sadness I was unable to attend Robert’s Creek Georgian Chapter No. 39 due to conflicts of schedules. I would like to thank all companions and their wives for the warm hospitalities, courtesies, and friendships afforded to me, my wife Elizabeth and my travelling companions. I would like to thank those Chapters who changed their meeting date to accommodate my visitations. I was able to attend 11 installations and enjoyed the opportunity and honour of installing their First Principals I was able to participate at the exaltation of 9 companions.

My first visitation was to the North Island Chapter #10 for their Table Lodge; it wasn’t my first time there to experience a wonderful brotherhood and will not be my last. I not only attended Kelowna Chapter #17 100th Anniversary but was asked to put on a special anniversary whisky tasting which was well received.

I had the opportunity to present VEC. Jim Young his 60th Year pin. Wow, what an experience, and to top it off Jim was installed into the office of 4th Veil. His dedication to the craft is a shining example of Royal Arch Masonry. I could go on and on however for brevity I have pared it down to a few examples.

My itinerary is published in the 2016 proceedings.

Other Visitations

On May 13 and 14th I attended Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

May 20 and 21st Grand Council of Cryptic Rite of Western Canada

May 26 and 27th Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan

May 30th Grand Session of the Eastern Star

June 17-18th Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon

July 28-30th Grand Convocation York Rite Sovereign College

Aug 12-13th Grand Convocation Allied Masonic Degrees

Aug 14th Grand Convocation Order of the Secret Monitor

Sep 14-18th Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon

I was well received at all Convocations and was treated with due respect

and once more brought the greetings from our Jurisdiction to each Grand Body.

Due to other commitments I regretfully was unable to attend some other invitations and I would like to thank REC Ron Smith for representing me at the Installation of Jobs Daughters.

The Spring Board was held in Abbotsford this year and was chaired by MEC. Godfrey Onyemaobi , whom I would like to thank. He and his spring board committee did a wonderful job. Congratulations.

Necrology

The past year has been marred with the passing of 45 Companions, who were called to the Grand Chapter above. A ceremony of tribute to their lives and contributions was conducted last night under the direction of the Grand Chaplain, VEC. Philip Piggford, with the assistance of the District Superintendents.

The departed wives and families of our Companions were also remembered with the placing of a white rose by the Grand First Principal. We join you in feeling the loss of each and every one of them and celebrating the pleasure of having known them.

Permanent Rank

It is with great pleasure that I recommend that the Permanent rank of “Right Excellent Companion” be conferred on the following Grand District Superintendents.

Grand Dist. Sup./ Dist. #1 REC. Doug A. Watson
Grand Dist. Sup./Dist. #2 REC. Douglas Spague
Grand Dist. Sup./Dist. #3 REC. Dale Townsend
Grand Dist. Sup./Dist.#4 REC. Brian Stringer
Grand Dist. Sup./Dist.#6 REC. Paul Pike
Grand Dist. Sup./Dist.#7 REC. John Young
Grand Dist. Sup./Dist.#10 REC. Ted Perry
Grand Dist.Sup./Dist.#11 REC. Douglas Paugh

I would also take great pleasure in recommending that the permanent rank of “Very Excellent Companion” be conferred upon those appointed Grand Chapter officers of 2015-2016 who assisted and gave their support to me during my tenure in office, where applicable.

Highlights

To name one highlight of the year would cast a shadow on so many others. The opportunity to represent our grand Jurisdiction was the highlight in itself. These past years have taught me to be humble and

thankful for the friends that I have kept and those who I have gained. This journey has provided me with an insight few men are lucky enough to behold. The companionship shown to my wife Elizabeth and me will never be forgotten. The opportunity to see our great provinces and territories and beyond is an experience I wish all could feel. Being able to shake the hands of all the Companions I was able to meet was an experience in itself. The laughter, jokes, degrees and ritual that I have enjoyed, having a glass of some elixir and smoking a good cigar, travelling in planes, trains, automobiles and ships, these memories you cannot buy, but must be experienced.
Thank you!

Appreciation

I would like to thank the Companions within and outside of this jurisdiction who have supported me, not only this year, but in the years leading up. I used to joke when someone would ask me what did I know, my typical answer was nothing, humility was the correct answer. However, after completing my journey up the Grand Line from Junior Sojourner to Grand First Principal, if I have learnt anything I have learnt I actually know nothing!

If it was not for the tutelage and patience afforded to me from MEC. Len Pickell, MEC. David Grange, MEC. Les Robinson, MEC. Norm McEvoy and MEC. Jeremy Gomersall. I am sure, I would have lost my way years ago. Thank you for your shining example of leadership. The support from all of the Companions of this Jurisdiction has warmed my heart and truly showed me what the Royal Arch stands for. Companions, you truly do get out of it what you put into it.

I would like to thank my various travelling companions, a special thanks to REC Bob Hart who kept me on the straight and narrow on our Mediterranean Cruise.

To my "Vancouver connection" VEC. John Laing, who through his tireless efforts, coordinated many of my mainland activities.

To REC. Ron Smith my personal Air BnB, chauffeur and trusted travel companion.

To VEC. Bruce Allan for his dedication to the craft and perseverance in dealing with me over the years, and to Dixie his gracious wife for allowing me to interrupt numerous dinners, evening plans and special moments with questions and requests.

Lastly, to MEC. Ken Overy not only my Grand Ezra, but confidant, voice of reason, and one of the pillars who supported me throughout not only this year but others.

To MEC. Geoffrey Onyemaobi and his Officers I wish you all

congratulations and support for the upcoming year.

Finally, there is one person to whom I must give a special thank you for supporting and helping me these last years with encouragement, support, counsel, ghost writing, and proof reading. To my wife Elizabeth who was my pillar, my best friend, and the foundation my support. Without her I could have not done what I did. Elizabeth is a shining example why the Royal Arch is a family and I thank you for your love and support - a debt I will never be able to pay back.

Respectfully Submitted
MEC Anthony James D'Eramo
Grand First Principal 2015-2016

**13) ADDRESS OF THE GRAND 2nd PRINCIPAL (H)
REC Godfrey Onyemaobi**

To: The Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon:

Companions :

A year has once again passed since I was installed as Grand Second Principal and it has been my pleasure to serve you all with added satisfaction and also participating in a number of official activities with our Grand First Principal, M.E. Companion Anthony D'Eramo

My year was busy though marred with work and health constraints.

On November 20th I accompanied the Grand First Principal to Composite Chapter No. 24 and attended Columbia Chapter No 1 installation on November 28th.

On Sunday, October 25th, I and many Companions from this Grand Jurisdiction were at the Peace Arch Affirmation day celebrations with Companions from Washington State. This was a well-attended event with most of the Grand Line from both Jurisdictions properly represented.

I was unable to attend some installations in the Lower Mainland as I was not of sound health around that period. I was able to attend many meetings in Vancouver and environs and was always welcomed.

The Spring Board of General Purposes was held in Abbotsford on April 2nd and as Grand Haggai it was my duty to preside. This was well

attended by representatives from majority of the Chapters in the Jurisdiction. There were productive deliberations with Companions contributing their own quota during the discussions.

Companions, I thank you for electing me to the Office of Grand Haggai. I enjoyed my term and the experiences associated with it. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those that guided me and offered their support. The past year has been a wonderful experience for me and I really enjoyed serving this Grand Chapter. I look forward to being of more service in the coming years.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted:

REC Godfrey Onyemaobi

Moved by REC Godfrey Onyemaobi and Seconded by MEC Ken Overy that the report be accepted. **Carried**

**14) ADDRESS OF THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL (J)
REC Ronald Smith**

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

I would like to thank you all for the privilege of serving as the Grand Third Principal in this Grand Jurisdiction. This past year I have had the opportunity to be in attendance at various installations, investing eight 3rd Principals and one 2nd Principal. I was able to regularly attend meetings of the Chapters in the Lower Mainland as well as assist in the conferring of several of their Degrees, as well as give my Support to the Superintendents of District #2 and #7 in their official visits. I was also honored to support our Grand First Principal with official visits on Vancouver Island, Greater Vancouver and Kelowna.

In April I attended the Spring Board in Abbotsford, something I encourage all companions to make an effort to participate in. I am also planning to have our next Spring Board in 2017 to be held in Saanich and laying the groundwork for our Grand Chapter of 2018 in Nanaimo. I am looking forward to my upcoming term as Grand Second Principal with intentions to increase visitation to enable me to meet more of our Companions in this Grand Jurisdiction.

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all those who have helped me as I continue my Masonic journey and thank you all once again for the privilege of serving as Grand Third Principal this year.
Respectfully Submitted,

REC Ronald R. Smith

Moved by REC. Ronald Smith and **Seconded** by MEC. Ken Overy that the report be accepted. **Carried.**

15) REPORT OF THE MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

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

Your Merit Award Committee was presented with the name of one
Companion to
Receive this prestigious award.

We are pleased to recommend and confirm the presentation of the Merit
Award to
Companion Ed Lomax of North Island Chapter #10.

Your Merit Award Committee reminds the Chapters that there are
Companions within
our Chapters who have devoted much time and effort to their Chapter
without any
recognition. Do not forget them ---now is the time to forward their name
to the Grand Scribe Ezra who will forward the Application form to the
Committee.

The Application Form for the Merit Award is available on the Website and
should be filled out as per the format with special attention to the part
labelled "for the following reasons:

It should be noted that this report was completed prior to the passing of
our Committee Chairman and we would like to acknowledge his
leadership and commitment to the work of
this committee.

Fraternally submitted,

M.E.C. Dennis S. Carriere, Chairman
M.E.C. Anthony Brown
M.E.C. Joseph Marshall

Moved by MEC Les Robinson and **Seconded** by MEC. Ken Overy to accept this report.

Carried

**16) RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS
2015**

	1985	Most Excellent Companion	Hilliard Clare
1989	Most Excellent Companion	Thomas O. Mickey	
1993	Most Excellent Companion	William R. Shippam	
1997	Most Excellent Companion	Leonard G.B. Pickell	
1998	Most Excellent Companion	Joseph R. Marshall	
2002	Most Excellent Companion	Norman K. Monro	
2004	Most Excellent Companion	George W. Eaton	
2005	Most Excellent Companion	Brian A. Richman	
2006	Most Excellent Companion	A. Leslie Robinson	
2007	Most Excellent Companion	George R. E. Tillotson	
2008	Most Excellent Companion	Alastair Ross	
2009	Most Excellent Companion	David Grange	
2010	Most Excellent Companion	Joel Chiri	
2011	Most Excellent Companion	Norman McEvoy	
2012	Most Excellent Companion	Antony (Tony) Brown	
2013	Most Excellent Companion	Kenneth Overy	

2014 Most Excellent Companion Jeremy Gomersall

Grand Honours under the direction of REC Brian Beech, Grand Director of Ceremonies 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 2015

Columbia # 1	EC Jimmy Catala	P
Rossland # 4	EC Doug Peters	
Rocky Mountain #7	EC Fred Blunden	
Keystone #8	EC Tim Findlay	
North Island #10	VEC John Bradley	
Kaien #13	EC Steven Finnigan	
N.Vancouver – King Solomon #16	EC Goran Ivankovic	
Kelowna #17	EC Francis Latter	
Kamloops #18	EC Fred Duwick	
Chilliwack #19	EC Ivan Hamilton	
Penticton #22	EC Barry Robinson	
Composite #24	EC Tom Balabanov	
Tzouhalem #26	EC Art Graff	P
Granite #29	VEC Eric B. Hanson	
Joppa #31	EC Ziv Kowarsky	
Majuba #33	MEC Les. Robinson	P
Semiahmoo #34	EC Bill Duncan	P
Cathedral #35	EC Dean Turner	P
Fort George #36	EC Robert Rose	
Kalum #37	EC Darcy Netzel	
Yukon #38	EC Don Frizzell	
Georgian #39	EC Randy Sorenson	P
Simon Fraser #40	EC Barry Chilton	
Dawson Creek #41	REC John Murphy	
Caribou #43	EC Jeffrey Blodquett	
Pacific Rim #44	EC Duane Cutrell	

P = Present

A = Absent

The attending First Principals were received and welcomed by MEC Antony D'Eramo. 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 2015.**

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

I now present the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2015. The Accounts of your Grand Chapter have been reviewed by REC D. Lewis and Ex. Companion J. Laing, to which they have signed the Reviewers Report and accepted the Financial Statements for the year 2015.

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 for the year ending December 31, 2015, the operating costs of Grand Chapter have remained relatively consistent with 2014. Your Grand Chapter increased the donations to our three charities, from 35% of the investment income in 2014 to 50%

in 2015. However, as a result of your Grand Scribe's continued efforts in streamlining the administration costs of the Grand Chapter office, the actual operating costs of Grand Chapter remained approximately the same as in 2014, once the increase in donations was taken into account.

GENERAL ACCOUNT:-

1. How did we do last year - to summarize - In the General Account we had Income of \$ 30,061 and Expenses of \$ 22,485 (these numbers exclude the Donation income and Donations expenses) ending up with a Net Income of \$ 6,795.
2. Compared to the 2015 planned results our Actual Net Income was \$3,460 more than Plan, the major variance in income being greater than planned investment income of \$2,229, however that was partly offset by a reduction in capita fees of \$726.
3. Regarding the expenses, there was investment income of \$4,334, from sale of investments where the plan had a \$1,000 loss. Donations from the investment income to the three Grand Chapter supported Charities totaling \$5,115. As noted above, your Grand Chapter Executive this year authorized a distribution of 50% of the investment income earned beginning in the fiscal year ending 2015 to the Charities.
- 3 In reviewing the Expenditures for last year compared to Plan they were favorable by \$ 2,214 in total. Individually, the major variances (items over \$250) were as follows:-

Unfavorable

	\$
Miscellaneous	(453)
Stationery/office supplies	(381)

Favorable

	\$.....
Jewels, regalia, pins	269

Regalia repairs	250
General	500
Postage	292
Telephone	380
Convocation costs	397
Move- Grand Scribe Office	1,000
Investment loss	5,334

Note that for 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 2015 stood at \$ 253,648 at cost (market value \$ 279,747) from 2014 year end total of \$ 245,035 at cost (market value \$ 271,462).

My Companions, what I have just outlined to you, sums up the financial position of the General Account for last year – 2015.

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 \$ 3,000 in Bursaries last year, and had a \$ 5,098 net increase in our Capital Account, and our total Investment Holdings at year end 2015 increased to \$ 141,089 from \$135,348.

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 2015 of \$NIL whilst the Donations made to the Annual Fund were \$ 4,277.

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.

2016 OUTLOOK:-

General Account

How are we doing so far in 2016? Again, this year 2016, our expenditures are within budget to date. Our Grand Scribe has to be commended for his continued diligence in reducing costs where he has., Your executive and finance committee continue to monitor the financial position of Grand Chapter and any recommendations for any possible changes to the per capital will be made at Grand Chapter.

Bursary Account

Donations to the Annual Fund so far in 2016 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. Ken Overy.

Fraternally Submitted

REC. Peter Guichon – Grand Treasurer
September 2016.

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
“GENERAL ACCOUNT”
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

Expenditures

*REC Peter Guichon
Grand Treasure*

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*Financial Reviewers Report
Statement of Financial Position
Statement of Income &*

*Notes to Financial Statements
Statement of Cash Flows*

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS

of

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

To: ALL COMPANIONS

FINANCIAL REVIEWERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2015

We the undersigned, have made examination of the records of "The Grand Chapter British Columbia and Yukon – General Account" for the year ended 31st December 2015, and
In our opinion, the financial Statements present a true and correct view of the affairs of the Grand Chapter – General Account as at that date, and conform to standard accounting procedures.

However, we did not perform a Statutory Audit as defined by Law.

Fraternally,

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REC. D. Lewis

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EX. Comp. J. Laing

Dated....., 2016

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

**STATEMENT of FINANCIAL POSITION
"GENERAL ACCOUNT"**

DECEMBER 31st 2015

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Bank Account – Chequing	4,881.14	4569.32
Cash – Investments	2,052.19	4323.03
Inventories (note 1)	2,519.98	1747.63
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	500.00
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	\$9,453.31	
\$11,139.98		
<u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u>		
Odlum Brown – Holdings (note 2)	245,035.29	253,647.97

		\$235,035.29
\$253,647.97		
<u>FIXED</u>		
Regalia etc	14,993.34	14,993.34

Accumulated Depreciation	(13780.00)	(14,174.00)
Computer Equipment	4,315.59	4,315.59
Accumulated Depreciation	(3,425.71)	
(3,749.40)		
Office Equipment	1,380.88	1,380.88
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,380.88)	
(1,380.88)		
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	<u>\$2,103.22</u>	
<u>\$1,385.53</u>		

TOTAL ASSETS **\$256,591.82**
\$266,173.48

LIABILITIES

CURRENT

Accounts Payable	3,681.00	6,217.99
Convocation Loan Acct.	906.68	906.68
Provision Regalia Replacement	15,000.00	15,250.00
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	\$19,587.68	
\$22,374.67		

CAPITAL & EQUITY

Prior Years Surplus	224,944.63	237,004.14
Prior Years Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Current Years Surplus/(Loss)	12,059.51	6,794.67
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	<u>\$237,004.14</u>	
<u>\$243,798.81</u>		

TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$256,591.82**
\$266,173.48

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Approved.....Grand 1st Principal

Approved.....Grand 2nd Principal

**GRAND CHAPTER of Royal ARCH MASONS
British Columbia & Yukon**

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT – “GENERAL FUND”
For the Year Ended December 31st 2014

<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>PLAN</u>
INCOME	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>to Plan 2015</u>			
Capita Dues (726.00)	20,518.00	19,074.00	19,800.00
Bank Interest (64.91)	85.49	20.09	85.00
Investment Interest 2,229.60	10,517.63	10,299.60	8,000.00
Proceedings -	10.00	0.00	-
Certificates 240.00	190.00	440.00	200.00
Donation -	1,204.70	0.00	0.00
Misc. Income (note 3) (432.55)	<u>704.88</u>	<u>297.45</u>	<u>730.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	33,230.70	30,061.14	28,815.00
1,246.14			

EXPENDITURE

Bank Charges (126.88)	45.00	151.88	25.00
Grand "Z" – Travel-B.C. -	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
Travel Yukon -	700.00	700.00	700.00
Grand "E" - Travel 00.00	474.69	500.00	500.00
Honorarium -	8,400.00	8,400.00	8,400.00
Grand Trea. Honorarium -	500.00	500.00	500.00
Travel 205.28	250.00	44.72	250.00
Rent -	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
District 10 Travel -	448.38	600.00	600.00
Jewels/Pins/Regalia 269.20	32.00	230.80	500.00
Regalia Repairs 250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Regalia Replacement Fund	500.00	250.00	250.00

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	Printing – Proceedings	0.00	0.00	0.00
	-			
	- General	0.00	0.00	500.00
500.00				
	Postage	359.47	207.49	500.00
	292.51			
	Telephone	1,122.16	845.00	1,125.00
	280.00			
	Stationary/Office Supplies	422.07	881.13	500.00
	(381.13)			
	Cases – Regalia	96.30	200.66	180.00
	(20.66)			
	Miscellaneous	38.92	752.84	300.00
	(452.84)			
	Computer Supplies	34.04	0.00	-
	-			
	Repairs – Computers	0.00	0.00	0.00
	-			
	Amortization	488.92	717.69	500.00
(217.69)				
	Convocation Costs Net	728.70	303.18	700.00
396.82				
	Donation	4,885.00	5,115.00	0.00
	(5,115.00)			
	Move – Grand Scribe Office	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
	1,000.00			
	Investment Loss (Profit)	<u>(5,554.46)</u>	<u>(4,333.92)</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<u>5,333.92</u>				
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>21,171.19</u>	<u>23,266.47</u>	<u>25,480.00</u>
<u>2,213.53</u>				
	NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ 12,059.51	\$ 6,794.67	\$ 3,335.00
\$ 3,459.67		=====	=====	=====
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**GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
NOTES to FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

at December 31st 2015

Capital Assets are recorded at Cost. Amortization is calculated using the Straight-line

Basis at the following annual rates:-

Computer Equipment – 33%

Office equipment – 20%

Note 1 Inventories

	\$
Printed Materials	626.08
Pins & Jewels	<u>1,121.55</u>
Total	1,747.63
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Note 2 Investments (Long Term at Cost)

Market Value	Cost	%
\$	\$	Return
Bank of New York Mellon	7,344.20	
14,251.82		
Weherhaeuser Co. - shares	6,184.42	
12,438.70		
Trans Alta Corp. – shares	8,933.16	6.40%
7,812.10		
Brookfield Off	24,952.870	4.00%
24,524.95		
Cominar REIT	8,253.76	4.23%
8,196.09		
First West GIC	10,300.00	2.10%
10,300.00		
Chevron Corp.	9,145.25	
8,086.95		
Fortis Inc.	12,507.66	
13,093.50		
H&R Real Estate Trust	11,512.82	4.78%
11,179.10		
Hollis Investment Savings	8,101.40	
8,232.33		
Home Trust GIC	10,000.00	2.00%
10,000.00		
Bell Canada	21,070.14	5.00%
21,781.18		
Fairfax Financial Holdings	7,716.30	5.00%
6,267.00		
Mondelez International Inc.	10,412.74	
10,542.33		
Power Financial Corp.	6,303.60	
6,998.20		
BCE Inc. Cum Red Pfd.	10,442.20	
9,150.00		
Granite Real Estate Inc.	6,794.02	
6,832.80		
Reliance LP	11,768.95	4.57%
11,250.79		
Reliance LP	21,593.40	5.19%

21,033.60		
	CU Inc. Preferred	6,909.48
6,222.00		
	GE Shares	5,972.79
13,785.74		
	Toronto Dominion Bank	8,770.37
8,678.40		
	Transdigm	8,649.45
17,377.05		
	BMO Common	<u>10,009.06</u>
<u>11,712.00</u>		
	Total	\$ 253,647.97
279,746.63		\$

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Note 3 Analysis of Misc. Income

Dispensations	110.00
Jewels 50/60 yrs.	254.00
Consolidation – North Island	0.00
Rituals	- 116.55
Apron Crests	40.00
Bylaw change fee	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$ 297.45

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**GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – “GENERAL ACCOUNT”
For the Year Ended DECEMBER 31st, 2015**

NET INCOME (EXPENDITURES) \$ 6,794.67

SOURCE of FUNDS

Inventory	
772.35	
Amortization Net	
717.69	
Regalia Reserve Fund	
250.00	
Accounts Payable	
354.00	
Prepaid Expense Decrease	

<u>2,536.99</u>		
4,277.03	Source	\$
11,071.70	Sub Total	\$
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
Prepaid Expenses		
500.00		
Net Investment Increase		
<u>8,612.68</u>	Application	\$
<u>9,112.68</u>		
	Net Cash Flow	\$
1,959.02		
BANK BALANCE at January 1st 2015		\$
<u>6,933.33</u>		
BANK BALANCE at December 31st 2015		\$
8,892.35		

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COMPOSED OF

	Cash – Chequing account	\$
4,569.32		
	Cash Investments	
<u>4,323.03</u>		\$
8,892.35		

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**GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
of
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
“BURSARY ACCOUNT”
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31st 2015**

Reviewers Report
Financial Position
Income & Expenses
Cash Flows

Financial
Statement of
Statement of
Statement of

REC. Peter Guichon
Grand Treasurer

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
“BURSARY ACCOUNT”

To: All Companions

FINANCIAL REVIEWER’S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st 2015

Chapter We the undersigned, have examined the records of “The Grand
of British Columbia & Yukon – “Bursary Account” for the year ended
December 31st 2015,

and in our opinion, the Financial Statements present a true and correct view of the affairs of the Grand Chapter Bursary Account as at that date, and conform to Standard Accounting procedures.

However, we did not perform a Statutory Audit as defined by Law.

Fraternally,

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REC. D. Lewis

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EX. Comp. J.

Dated2016

AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 2015

“CAPITAL FUND”

2014

2015

ASSETS:

Current

	Bank Account HSBC	\$	3,616.85	
\$	3,535.42			
	Investment – Cash Account		<u>2,502.66</u>	
<u>1,905.57</u>				
				6,119.51
5,485.99				
	<u>Investments – At Cost</u>			
	Odlum Brown – Holding at Cost	\$	141,089.40	\$
135,347.92				
	FUND ASSETS	\$	147,208.91	\$
140,833.91				
			=====	
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LIABILITIES:

Current

	Accounts Payable	\$	-	
\$	-			
	Investment Loss Provision	\$	0.00	
0.00				

Equity

	Prior Years Surplus	\$	140,833.91	
\$	137,534.44			
	Current Years Surplus	\$	<u>6,375.00</u>	
\$	<u>3,299.47</u>			
	Total Equity	\$	147,208.91	
\$	140,833.91			

	FUND LIABILITIES	\$	147,208.91	\$
137,534.44				
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Approved.....Grand 1st Principal

Approved.....Grand 2nd Principal

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS – “BURSARY ACCOUNT”

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS

For the YEAR ENDED – DECEMBER 31st, 2015

<u>“CAPITAL FUND”</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
	<i>Income</i>
	Donations \$ 0.00\$
0.00	Investment Interest \$ _____
<u>6,298.00\$</u>	
<u>6,174.44</u>	
	Total
\$ 6,174.44	\$ 6,298.00
	<i>Expenses</i>
	Transfer to Annual Fund \$ 0.00\$
0.00	Investment Loss (Profit) \$ _____
<u>3,709.97</u>	
	Total
\$ 3,709.97	\$ 0.00
	NET CAPITAL
	Income
\$ 2,464.47	\$ 6,298.00
=====	=====

<u>“ANNUAL FUND”</u>		<u>2015</u>	
<u>2014</u>			
	<i>Income</i>		
	Donations	\$	4,277.00
\$	3,835.00		
	Investment Transfer	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<u>0.00</u>			
3,835.00	TOTAL INCOME	\$	4,277.00
		\$	
	<i>Expenditures</i>		
	Bursary Awards	\$	<u>4,200.00</u>
\$	<u>3,000.00</u>		
	Total Expenses	\$	4,200.00
\$	3,000.00		
	Net Income (Loss)	\$	77.00
\$	835.00		
			=====
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Grand Chapter Royal Arch – Bursary Account

Grand Treasurer’s Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31st, 2015

“CAPITAL FUND”

Net Capital Income **\$**

6,375.00		
Source of Funds:		
Investment – Cash Account		
Investment - Sold		
		<hr/>
	Source Total	\$
6,375.00		
Application of Funds:		
Investments Purchased		\$
5,741.48		
Investment – Cash Account		\$
<u>552.09</u>		<hr/>
	Application Total	\$
6,293.57		
	Net Cash Flow	\$
81.43		
Opening Bank Balance Jan 1st, 2015		\$
<u>3,535.42</u>		
Closing Bank Balance Dec 31st, 2015		\$
3,616.85		
		=====

<u>Investments – Odlum Brown</u>	Cost	Interest
Market Value		%
\$	\$	Return
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Odlum Brown –		
Cominar Reit	11,440.22	4.23%
11,269.62		
Northern Savings GIC – 2.1%	15,700.00	2.1%
15,700.00		
General Motors	8,402.03	
9,407.17		
Brookfield Asset	6,326.04	4.75%
5,979.00		
Rogers Communications	8,272.46	
8,351.00		
Fortis Inc. – 4.9%	9,574.60	4.90%
9,336.00		
RBC Common Shares	5,980.46	
11,864.00		
George Weston – 5.20%	6,395.40	5.20%

7,077.00			
	Bell Canada	7,192.15	5.00%
7,260.39			
	ALTM Hi Int Cash	9,876.63	
10,277.26			
	BCE INC New	7,579.31	
9,088.20			
	Kraft Food Common Shares	5,103.56	
20,125.42			
	CIBC Common Shares	6,466.50	
10,942.80			
	NTL Oilwell Varco Inc	8,453.65	
5,094.83			
	Reliance LP	19,434.06	5.19%
18,930.24			
	BMO Common Shares	<u>4,892.33</u>	
<u>5,465.60</u>			
	<u>Total</u>	\$ 141,089.40	
\$ 166,168.53			

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**Report of Grand Scribe Ezra:
M.E.C. Ken Overy**

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

Companions, this past year has been quite an experience ranging from extreme satisfaction to extreme frustration. I have learned quite a bit this year and I would like to thank all of the Chapter Scribes for their help whenever I contacted them and their courteousness for not saying what they really thought until after they had hung up the phone. I am trying to follow my predecessor's theme in keeping the costs to Grand Chapter down and hopefully to try and reduce our expenses if possible.

I have received all the annual returns for this year and urge the Scribes to endeavor to have them in as early as possible in the upcoming

year, as it will make my job a little easier. Thank you to those who have included me in their email list for notices. It keeps me better informed of your activities.

I would also like to receive a complete list of your members. I have had numerous inquiries this year about various members both present and past and it is frustrating to have to admit that I do not have any record of their father, grandfather or of a recently relocated companion wishing to affiliate with a Chapter out of our jurisdiction.

I thank you for the privilege of being your Grand Scribe and will endeavor to continue to earn the trust you have placed in me.

Respectfully Submitted

M.E.C. Ken Overy
Grand Scribe Ezra

YEAR END REPORT

Care Rest. Loss	Total Mem. Affil.	Ttl. Mem. Decd	Surplus/ Susp	Demit	Chapter Expel	No.			Jan – 15 Homes	Comp. in Exhalt Dec -15	
Columbia 93	1	99		4	1	1	1	7	4	0	7
			-\$2,664.42								
Rosland 25	4	27		0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
			-\$92.55								
R. Mount., 30	7	32		0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
			-\$823.68								
Keystone 28	8	29		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
			\$324.00								
N. Island 76	10	82		0	0	0	2	1	3	0	5
			No Report								
Kaien 24	13	25		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
			-\$289.00								
NV – KS 65	16	74		0	0	0	3	3	2	1	1
			\$660.00								
Kelowna 29	17	32		1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
			-\$2548.94								
Kamloops 37	18	44		0	0	0	2	3	0	0	4
			-\$2,056.13								
Chilliwack 34	19	37		1	0	0	1	1	2	0	1
			\$1224.11								
Penticton 32	22	35		1	0	0	4	0	0	0	1
			\$651.70								
Composite 62	24	66		2	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
			-\$506.00								
Tzouhalem 36	26	37		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
			-\$1662.83								
Granite 29	29	33		0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0
			-\$370.00								

Joppa 51	31 No Report	49	1	0	5	3	1	0	0	1	
Majuba 22	33 \$237.32	21	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Semiahmoo 50	34 \$559.96	51	3	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	
Cathedral 26	35 No Report	30	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	1	
F.George 67	36 \$30.47	70	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Kalum 51	37 -\$105.96	53	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	
Yukon 30	38 -\$401.15	31	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	
Georgian 13	39 -\$714.94	18	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	
S.Fraser 41	40 -\$914.60	41	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
D. Creek 53	41 \$1,021.00	60	0	1	1	3	5	1	0	0	
Caribou 30	43 -\$5.00	30	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
P.Rim \$955.06	44	27	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	26

Totals	1133		19	2	12	45	29	24	1	30
1067	Loss of 66									

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Report of Finance Committee

Your Finance Committee, of which the Grand Treasurer is a major

member, supports the Budget and the Fiscal Year End Statements of Account as presented by R.E.C. Peter Guichon. Please note that the job of presenting a fiscal forecast is made ever more difficult if some Chapters fail to send in their yearend membership totals by the necessary deadline of February 1st.

Odlum Brown are the appointed professional investors because the Grand Treasurer can make no professional recommendation as to investments. Their Statements of Account show that our investments are generally up in value by 4 – 5%. The planning is such that our conservative strategy should hopefully maintain our ability to support our Charities while hedging against this continued poor economy. Distribution to the 3 Charities will be kept at 25% with an ex gratia amount be increased this year to a total of 50% of the available amount.

This Committee notes that membership has continued to decline and supports the motion to increase the per Capita by \$1.00. A 100-member decline represents about an \$1800 loss to Grand Chapter. Bear in mind that we reduced the per capita by \$20 when the Offices were moved out of the Grand Lodge Building a few years ago. It is therefore necessary to now increase them for the first time in a long while. We encourage the Grand Treasurer to ensure that in the next fiscal year that perhaps a more substantial hike may be warranted so that we do not get behind the curve and have to incur small increases each and every year. Best increase sufficiently to give us at least a 5 year or better stability in our per capita income.

For the Committee

V.E.C. John M. Laing
Chairman

I move that this report of the Finance committee be received.

Seconded : MEC Jeremy Gomersall

Passed:

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**CONSTITUTION & JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
REORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

GRAND CHAPTER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

JUNE 28, 2016
MEC GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL & COMPANIONS
REPORT TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF
BC & YUKON, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE
2015-2016

Companions,

There is only one proposal to amend the Constitution this year. If passed it would remove balloting for membership in our order by either exaltation or affiliation for petitioners who are "well known". This committee finds this proposal **unacceptable** for **FOUR** reasons:

- a) It is contrary to established Masonic and Capitular usage.
- b) The proposer offers no explanation for his proposal.
- c) He provides no protocol to replace the current procedure for selecting new members.
- d) The term "well known" is vague and undefined.

Respectfully submitted,

MEC George W EATON

MEC Leonard G B PICKELL

MEC Joel CHIRI

REC Tim YATES (GPS, ex officio observer) Most Excellent First Principal and Companions

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Forum for Candidates for Elected Offices.

Candidates to give short speech to Convocation

Candidates for office of Grand Joshua:

V.E.C. Norman Bruce

R.E.C. Donald Walkey (withdrew his name from Nominations)

Candidates for Grand Principal Sojourner:

R.E.C. Philip Robinson

V.E.C. George Porter (absent)

R.E.C. Dale Townsend (absent)

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Report of the Executive Committee

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GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Companions,

My thanks go to M. Ex. Comp. Tony D'Eramo for reappointing me to this enjoyable office. My only regret is one of my Lodges meets the same night as my Chapter, so I haven't attended Royal Arch for a number of years.

As this report, my twelfth, contains a great deal of biographical information and space is limited, let's get right to it.

Kelowna No. 17

The Chapter turned 100 years old this past term and was the last one in B.C. chartered by the Grand Chapter of Canada. Prior to 1915, the closest Chapter for Companions in Kelowna was Okanagan No. 157 in Vernon.

An organizational meeting was held at 8 p.m. on August 7, 1915 in the office of Comp. Ernest Wilkinson to discuss applying to the Grand Chapter for a dispensation. 11 Royal Arch Masons attended the meeting. Eventually, 22 Companions signed the application. The Chapter was instituted on January 17, 1916 with 28 Royal Arch Masons present; the ceremony was conducted by R. Ex. Comp. G.L. Estabrooke. The Grand Superintendent was R. Ex. Comp. E.R. Bailey, who was also the First Principal of the next Chapter! A charter, No. 206, was approved by Grand Chapter the following month.

The petitioners were (with their Chapter number): Elisha Rezeau Bailey, Simon Tackett Elliott, Sidney Cornelius Cosens, Ernest Wm. Wilkinson, Percy Thomas Dunn, Daniel Wilbur Sutherland, Francis Richard Edwin DeHart, William John Knox, Henry Herbert Millie, Henry Birkett Burtch, John Ford Burne, Robert Andrew Copeland, Benjamin de Furlong Boyce, No. 157; George Howard Dunn, Rossland No. 122; Rev. Alexander Dunn, No. 137; Samuel Henry Green, No. 128; Charles Wm. Dickson, No. 1 ; Angus George McFarlane McGregor, No. 102; Jarvis William Currie, No. 52 ; Samuel Gray, Alberta No. 106, G.R.C.; Howard Freeman Rees, No. 10, G.R.N.S. ; Alexander Ritchie Drysdale, No. 2, G.R., Que.

Biographies of Kelowna's Founders

As you might expect, a number of the original members of the Chapter were very active in civic service. Some still have streets named for them today. Here are some brief notes about each:

BAILEY, the founding Z., was born near Collingwood, Ontario on January 1, 1853 to John and Mary (Lawrence) Bailey. He was a butcher in Kelowna in 1893, and served as Postmaster from 1896 to his death. He was President of the Agricultural and Trades Association. R.Ex. Comp. Bailey was a founding member of Okanagan No. 157 in Vernon, affiliating from Vancouver No. 98. He was Z. in Vernon in 1909 and Supt. in 1916 and 1917 in District 18A. He was a member of Miriam Lodge No. 20 in Vernon, demitting in 1901. Oddly, he was not among the founders of St. George's Lodge in Kelowna in 1905.

He and his wife celebrated 55 years of wedded bliss and when he died in Kelowna on April 12, 1931; she died a few hours later.

ELLIOTT was born in Ontario, Oct. 4, 1864 to James and Janet (Thompson) Elliott. He moved to B.C. in 1887 and spent some time in Vernon before heading to Ft. Wrangell in Alaska where he was blacksmith in 1900. Comp. Elliott was a pioneering auto dealer in Kelowna, selling Maxwell cars and trucks as well as farm implements at one point, and also had a real estate business with Comp. Copeland. He became a member of St. George's Lodge while U.D. He died on April 27, 1931 in Kelowna.

COSENS was born Jan. 1, 1869 in London, England to Cornelius and Ellen Cosens. He arrived in Canada in 1897 and the following year was a clerk at Camp McKinney (now a ghost town east of Oliver). He and his brothers ran a store in Kelowna in 1901. By 1911, he was a farmer in Glenmore, raising Spitzenberg apples. He died in Kelowna on Feb. 6, 1942.

WILKINSON, the Chapter's sixth Z., was born in Ashford, Kent, England on Jan. 6, 1875. He came to Canada in 1893 and was operating a general store in Kelowna in 1901. By 1913, he was in the real estate business. In World War One, he served with the 2nd C.M.R. He became a Mason while St. George's Lodge was U.D. He died on Jan. 17, 1929.

PERCY DUNN, Z. in 1926, was born Oct. 4, 1888 in High Wych, England to William George and Emily (Howard) Dunn. For a time, he was the City Assessor and evidently had an aviary. He was W.M. of St. George's No. 41 in 1920. He spent the last seven years of his life in Kaslo, where he was the Municipal Clerk at the time of his death on Aug. 22, 1962.

SUTHERLAND, born June 26, 1865 to John and Margaret (Murray) Sutherland. He received his teaching certificate in 1888 and came to Kelowna from Nova Scotia in February 1893. He gave up teaching and by 1905 went into the furniture business (the store also supplied coffins). R. Ex. Comp. Sutherland was very involved in civic affairs. He was elected to City Council on Kelowna's incorporation in 1905, and was alderman or mayor every year except one until 1929. He ran unsuccessfully as a Liberal for both provincial and federal seats. Sutherland Street and Sutherland Park, at the base of Knox Mountain, are named for him. He was initiated into St. George's Lodge in June 1905, was W.M. in 1911,

DDGM in 1914 and installed as Grand Master in 1926. He was a founding member of Okanagan No. 153 from Revelstoke No. 128, the second Z. of Kelowna Chapter, and Grand Supt. in 1923. He was the first Chaplain of Kelowna Elks Lodge No. 52 in 1921. He died in Kelowna, Oct. 4, 1931.

DeHART was the Chapter's seventh Z. in 1922. He was born Nov. 18, 1874 in Whitby, Ontario to Edwin and Diana (McKay) DeHart. He was educated at and graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College. Ex. Comp. Hart farmed at Indian Head, Saskatchewan from 1897 to 1901, and was instrumental in founding the town of Grand Coulee Saskatchewan, where he built the first store in 1902.

He came to the Okanagan Valley in 1903 and was instrumental in the formation of the Okanagan Fruit & Land Company. Ex. Comp. DeHart served as an alderman in the Kelowna City Council during 1907 and 1908 and in 1909 was elected as Mayor, and saw the City Park and Aquatic Pavilion established during his term.

He was the first S.D. of St. George's Lodge and served as W.M. in 1910. He was a founding member of Okanagan No. 153 in Vernon, hailing from Keystone No. 35 in Whitby. He died July 22, 1935 in Kelowna.

KNOX was one of Kelowna's most respected and beloved citizens, practicing medicine in the city for 60 years. He was born June 5, 1878 in Fitzroy Harbour, Ont., the second of eight children. He studied medicine at Queen's University around the turn of the century, and then made his way to Vancouver with the idea of being a doctor on the CPR's Empress of China. But the ship was held up in the Orient, so he went to Kelowna in 1902, originally to assist Dr. Boyce. The two doctors had the first telephone in Kelowna.

Knox practised dentistry in addition to his regular medical practice. He was a charter member of the Kelowna Rotary Club, president of the BC Medical Association, a school trustee and medical inspector of schools for Kelowna for 53 years starting in 1909. W.J. Knox Secondary is named for him. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1946, made an honorary doctor of laws by Queen's in 1951, chosen Good Citizen of the Year for Kelowna in 1953 and made a Freeman of the City in 1961. Dr. Knox retired in 1963.

Comp. Knox was among the first initiates of St. George's Lodge when it was U.D. He was W.M. in 1912 and DDGM in 1937. He died in Kelowna on Dec. 28, 1967.

MILLIE, born in Geastull, Ire., on Jan. 6, 1863 to Henry and Mary Millie. He came to Canada in 1884 and settled in Carman, Manitoba, where he ran the telephone company. In 1903, he moved to Kelowna and was a

jeweler by trade but conceived the idea of starting a phone service in Kelowna and strung the first wires in 1905. He sold out to the Okanagan Telephone Co. around 1913 but continued to act as the agent for the Dominion government telegraphs.

A year before his death he suffered what he thought was a severe toothache. His condition grew so bad, his doctor urged him to see the Mayo brothers, who diagnosed him with cancer of the face and sent him home, saying nothing that could be done for him.

Millie served three terms as an Alderman on Council, which refused to accept his resignation for health reasons. He died on Oct. 22, 1917. His funeral was conducted by the Oddfellows Lodge. He was also W.M. of the Orange Lodge in 1914.

BURTCH, born Dec. 19, 1871 in Brantford, Ontario to Stephen and Annie (Houlding) Burtch. He and his brother Charles moved to Kelowna in 1897 and took up farming and were joined by another brother in 1914. Burtch had some side businesses, too. He sold ice and also rented out a car for hire. He was a director of the Kelowna General Hospital. Burtch was W.M. of St. George's Lodge in 1913 and appointed a Grand Steward in 1930. He died April 1, 1945 in Kelowna.

BURNE, Kelowna's first lawyer, was born Aug. 12, 1868 in Alder Marston, England, to John Butler and Elizabeth Burne. In 1892, we find him newly-arrived in Canada as a court advocate and notary public in Ft. MacLeod, Alberta. He practiced law in Pincher Creek, Alberta, where he was a founding member of Spitzie No. 45, GL Manitoba (later No. 6, GL Alberta). He took his practise to Ymir, where he became the first W.M. of Ymir No. 31 in 1899. He was appointed DDGM for District No. 6 in 1903, which was awkward as he had moved to Kelowna. He went back to the Kootenays and visited all the Lodges in his District once over a two-week span. He was the founding Secretary of St. George's Lodge and was its second W.M. in 1907. He was the first Exalted Ruler of Kelowna Elks Lodge No. 52 in 1921.

Comp. Burne started the Kelowna Club, a social outlet, in 1904. He was the first police magistrate of the City of Kelowna, from 1905 to 1910 and again from 1929 to 1938. He was very active in the Kelowna Aquatic Association and, despite his bulk, was an expert diver (his nickname was "John Fat"). He died in Kelowna, Dec. 13, 1938.

COPELAND, born June 16, 1864 in Grey County, Ontario to James and Arabella (Timmins) Copeland. He operated a hotel in Grenfell, Saskatchewan, for twenty years and served as an auxiliary in the Northwest Rebellion. Copeland and his family moved to Kelowna in the spring of 1907. He was in the real estate business with Comp. Elliott for

a time, became a director of the Central Okanagan Land Company and served as an alderman from 1911 to 1916. In 1917 the Copelands left Kelowna and took up farming in the Lumby district. He was president of the United Farmers of British Columbia from 1919 to 1921. In 1942, the Copelands sold the farm and returned to retirement in Kelowna, where he died on Jan. 4, 1955.

Comp. Copeland was lucky to live that long. The Kelowna Record of Sept. 17, 1914 relates, under the headline "Drink-Crazed Swede Runs Amok With Rifle," how a bullet missed him "by only a few inches" while driving his buggy one day.

BOYCE, born March 31, 1866 in Percy, Ontario to George B. and Eleonore (deFurlong) Boyce. He graduated in medicine from McGill in 1892 and found work with the Montreal Maternity Hospital before leaving at the end of the year for British Columbia. He was employed as a doctor at the mines in Fairview, now a ghost town between Oliver and Cawston. He arrived in Kelowna in 1894 and, for a time, was the only doctor between Vernon and the U.S. border, serving the area on horse, then by horse and buggy, and finally by car (he owned a Napier). Besides his medical practice, he was also a rancher and operated a small sawmill on the shore of Okanagan Lake. During World War One, he treated POWs interred in Vernon.

Comp. Boyce was community minded, donating land for a park along the lakeshore in 1931 and selling 191 acres on Knox Mtn. to the city in 1939 for \$1 for parkland.

He was a founding member of Okanagan No. 153 in Vernon from Vancouver No. 98. He was W.M. of Miriam Lodge in Vernon in 1902 and the first W.M. of St. George's No. 41 in 1906. He died Sept. 26, 1945 in Kelowna.

GEO. DUNN, city clerk for 50 years, the Chapter's first H. and second J. was born in Hertfordshire on Oct. 9, 1883. He began his career in banking in Rossland in 1901; he then worked in Japan for two years before coming to Kelowna in 1908. He became the City's second City Clerk in June that year.

He became interested in radio when that technology was in its infancy, and was one of the first amateur radio operators in Canada. He got his first radio, a spark set, in 1912 and he had a private broadcasting license as early as 1921. R. Ex. Comp. Dunn was involved with the formation of the Kelowna Radio Association in 1928 and with its non-commercial broadcasting station 10-AY, which became CKOV when it went commercial in 1931 (the station employed your Grand Historian in 1982 and part of 1983). Dunn resumed his amateur radio activities. He was also instrumental in obtaining a Coat-of-Arms for the City in 1954.

R. Ex. Comp. Dunn was appointed Supt. for District 3 upon the formation of our Grand Chapter. He was W.M. of St. George's in 1917. He died in Kelowna on March 1, 1970.

ALEX. DUNN, the Chapter's first J., was born on March 30, 1843 in Cushnie, Scotland to Peter and Jane (Ritchie) Dunn. He was a Presbyterian minister and keeping track of his movements is somewhat difficult as local histories conflict. He arrived in Ft. Langley in 1875 and oversaw church activities on riverside communities from Yale to the mouth of the Fraser. He was in Comox in 1880, where he married, then became the first resident minister in Port Alberni in 1885. By spring 1888, he returned to the Mainland and lived in Whonnock until 1905 when he supposedly retired. But he relocated to Fernie in 1898, where he became a member of Crow's Nest Chapter. He was living in New Westminster in 1911 but we find him in Kelowna in 1912 where he remained until probably 1916, resigning his job in favour of a Union Church with the Methodists.

While he didn't mind a church union, he didn't want one involving "Christians" and Orientals, being quoted in 1890 by the Vancouver World newspaper that "they cannot exist side by side. In their very nature they are opposed to each other, and never can be harmonized." He died in New Westminster on April 10, 1925.

GREEN, a CPR freight department, born to Francis Walter and Margaret Anne (Bradley) Green in Brandon, Manitoba on Feb. 28, 1887. He came to BC in 1906. He was the CPR's freight agent in Kelowna at the time of the Chapter's founding, and also belonged to the Oddfellows and the Aquatic Club. He was transferred to Okanagan Landing in August 1916. In 1921, he was with the railway in Kamloops, and then got a clerk's job in the public works dept., retiring to Mirror Lake in 1950. He died in Kaslo on Aug. 7, 1953.

DICKSON was born Jan. 13, 1878 in Hamilton to Charles Thompson and Isabella (Smith) Dickson. In 1901, his family was living in Kingston, where he joined the Craft and gained a doctorate from Queen's University. Upon arriving in the Kelowna area about 1910, he bought a ranch across on Mission Road, farming tobacco. He was soon elected president of the Farmers Institute and the Literary Society. He was made J.P. for the Ellison District in 1915. That year, he was made a lieutenant with the Rocky Mtn. Rangers, transferred to the Seaforths, was wounded at Vimy Ridge and decorated by George V at Buckingham Palace. He was a government agent in Kelowna for more than 20 years and died in Grafton, Ont. in March 1949.

McGREGOR was the Chapter's sixth Z., born Sept. 23, 1864 in Ontario to Alexander and Catherine (Morrison) McGregor. He was living in Wingham in 1895 and came to Kelowna in 1913 from Sault Ste. Marie. He was a contractor by trade. Comp. McGregor was W.M. of the Orange Lodge in Kelowna in 1916 and affiliated with St. George's Lodge as a P.M. in 1915. He was also a Deacon of the Kelowna Baptist Church. He died in Vancouver on May 9, 1929.

CURRIE was born in Lambton, Ontario to Hector and Edith E. (Jarvis) Currie on April 15, 1882. In 1911, he was W.M. of Spallumcheen No. 13 in Armstrong, where he had a drug store. Two years later, he was in Winnipeg. He spent only a short time in Kelowna, from 1916 to 1918, when he moved to Calgary. He was in business in Kelowna with M. Ex. Comp. William Trench. He affiliated with St. George's Lodge in 1916. Comp. Currie died in Creston on Nov. 20, 1944.

GRAY, the Chapter's First Scribe E. and fourth Z., was born March 10, 1864 in England to Thomas and Elizabeth Gray. He immigrated to Canada in 1889, was in Portage La Prairie in 1891 and living in Winnipeg four years later. He made his way to Calgary in 1906 (where he joined the Royal Arch) and then settled in Rutland, where he operated a farm, and was Secretary of the School Board, but was working in a government liquor store at the time of his death. Ex. Comp. served overseas in World War One as a Quarter Master Sergeant and was active in the Great War Veterans Assn. when he returned. He affiliated with St. George's No. 41 as a P.M. in 1910. He died in Kelowna on June 3, 1926.

REES was born in Halifax on Oct. 15, 1876 to William and Jane (Thomas) Rees. In 1910, he was the manager of the Royal Bank in Kelowna. He served president of the Board of Trade and the Rowing Club for a time. He moved to San Jose, California in 1930.

DRYSDALE, born Jan. 13, 1856 in Scotland, where he worked as a shoe manufacturer. He spent some time in Quebec City as he joined Stadacona Chapter there. He arrived in Kelowna in June 1912 and lived in the Glenmore district at a time when it had no lights or running water. He was the manager, Stirling and Pitcairn, fruit packers and Reeve of the District of Glenmore in 1923-24. He died May 24, 1925.

Early Kelowna Chapter History

The Chapter had a couple of unexpected early problems. The Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. W.S.R. Murch of Kingston, Ont., intended to constitute the Chapter during a trip to B.C. on June 28, 1916. Let him tell the story:

I started for Kelowna, but regret the Canadian Pacific Railway left me at Midway, between Rossland and Kelowna, for twenty-four hours. After getting in communication with the Companions of Kelowna Chapter I was taken the following day by Comp. Wilkinson, who unfortunately had a mishap to his automobile, and consequently I was denied the pleasure of riding down the mountain for twenty-two miles, as well as losing the opportunity of performing the ceremony of the consecration and dedication of this Chapter. Since my visit to the West this Chapter has had the misfortune of having its Hall burned to the ground [October 29, 1916], but with the energy characteristic of many of the Chapters of the West it soon righted itself and is now meeting regularly. The following day I was met at the boat landing by some of the Kelowna Companions. At Vernon I was met by the Companions of Okanagan Chapter and given a delightful two hours' drive.

The aforementioned fire destroyed the regalia and the Charter, but not the records which the Scribe E., Comp. Gray, had at his office. A new Hall was built and the Chapter moved in on October 11, 1917. In the meantime, the Chapter exalted 16 Companions in its first year. The Chapter grew to 41 members when our Grand Chapter was formed in 1919, at which time it was holding convocations on the Friday after the full moon.

No report on Kelowna Chapter can be complete without a mention of former Premier W.A.C. Bennett, who was First Principal in 1942 and a Grand Sojourner in 1946.

With apologies for the length, we conclude our report.

Fraternally submitted,
Jim Bennie, PZ, Grand Historian

**25) REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE**

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon, your credentials committee offers the following report on the 2016 convocation.

Total Number of Chapters in this Jurisdiction
..... 26

Chapters represented today	.....	20	
Chapters not represented today	..... #7, #13, #18, #36, #37.....	5	
Total BC & Yukon Companions registered	.....	68 *	
Grand First Principals present	.....	6	
Grand Representatives present	.....	9	
Companions from other jurisdictions.....		8	
Past First Principals attending	49	
Number of Principals attending	Z..... <u>5</u> H..... <u>6</u> J..... <u>1</u>		
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• **This will be the number of votes cast**

Certified correct:- Committee Chair -----
V.E.C.Bruce Allan
Member -----

V.E.C.Peter Whitehead

Member -----V.E.C

Brian Beech

27) ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

There: Surname	Grand Chapter	Here: Surname
Chapter Present F GOYOGAVA 1 Y	ARGENTINA	Anthony D'ERAMO
E G MEHRTENS 8	AUSTRALIA - N.S. WALES	John MCINTOSH
F S BELL CAMPBELL RJ STEWART 19	AUSTRALIA - QUEENSLAND 38 AUSTRALIA - S	Ian Ed Wilson
K L PAROISSIEN 31 Y	AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA	Jeremy GOMERSALL
G F WALDER G Ulich 24	WEST AUSTRALIA AUSTRIA	Tony Brown
P NOEL	BELGIUM	
D BRUCE 6	BRAZIL CANADA - ALBERTA	George TILLOTSON
D.W OVERY 31	CANADA - CANADA -ONTARIO	Joseph R MARSHALL
G STEWART 8	CANADA - MANITOBA	David BridgesTurner
C W WEBBER 16 Y	CANADA - NEW BRUNSWICK	Colin HART

O J WHITE 24 Y	CANADA – NEWFOUNDLAND & LAB.	Jeremy Gommersall
J.E. TAYLOR 30	CANADA - NOVA SCOTIA/ PEI	James R ELTON
T JOHNSON 21	CANADA - QUEBEC	George W EATON
H E HILL 34	CANADA –SASKATCHEWAN	LGB (Len) PICKELL
J TUONNIEN	FINLAND	
B CHARPENTIER	FRANCE	
A MCGHEE 16	GERMANY	R F E (Dick) SCHAEFER
E ASPIOTIS	GREECE	
H P MATHUR	INDIA	
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O J SALINAS E 33	MEXICO	Kenneth W GIBSON
J J HANRATH 27	NETHERLANDS	Norman K MONRO
H R LIGHTWOOD 6	NEW ZEALAND	Donovan O TYERS
H S GONZALEZ 19	PHILLIPINES	William F FOOKS
S T GEDDES 6 Y	SCOTLAND	Alastair M ROSS
F C SCHUMACHER 8	SWITZERLAND	Larry L LOWDEN
HO WILLIAMS, Jr. 21	USA - ALABAMA	David F LEWIS
J HOUTCHEN 36	USA - ALASKA	R. Hilliard CLARE
J J ROLLE 22	USA - ARIZONA	Gordon KICKBUSH
D O WHITE 31	USA - ARKANSAS	Michael P RAYNOR
R D KELLY 21	USA - CALIFORNIA	Alexander S ROLLO
J E ERICKSON 34	USA - COLORADO	Alexander McGREGOR
CB FOWLER, JR	USA - CONNECTICUT	
R N BIGGS	USA - DELAWARE 16	
K D FULLER 31	USA - DIST OF COLUMBIA	Wm O WALLS
R E BURLESON 18	USA - FLORIDA	Denis S CARRIERE
B L JOHNSON 33	USA – GEORGIA	Joel CHIRI
RW PATE	USA - HAWAII	
A G SUCH 40	USA - IDAHO	Edward SCOTT
M U BALDING	USA - ILLINOIS	
E R GRAHAM	USA – INDIANA	Anthony BROWN

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CROUCH	USA - IOWA		Arnold BURCHILL
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D B HANSON	USA - KANSAS		
T FRASER	USA - KENTUCKY		Donald LEISCHNER
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J P DAVIS	USA - LOUISIANA		B J MASLANEIC
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D P COATES	USA - MAINE		John MCBAIN
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J A RAFINE	USA - MARYLAND		Les ADAMS
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M E HOST	USA - MASSACHUSETTS		
G P SIVERTSON	USA - MICHIGAN		
J E MELANDER	USA - MINNESOTA		
J W HAMIL	USA - MISSISSIPPI		Hugh FERSTER
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J W STAFFORD	USA - MISSOURI		
GROTTS	USA - MONTANA		
MULHOLLAND	USA - NEBRASKA		Rae HUMESTON
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D GAUCH	USA - NEVADA		Roy FRASER
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H M CHASE JR	USA - NEW HAMPSHIRE		
R S MIDDLETON	USA - NEW JERSEY		Neil MARSH
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E S RICHMOND	USA - NEW MEXICO		Les ROBINSON
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P M DESAUTEL	USA - NEW YORK		Ron GLOVER
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R L PARKER	USA - NORTH CAROLINA		Douglas BURKE
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N KNUDSON	USA - NORTH DAKOTA		A R (Kurt) WENSLER
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A D HART	USA - OHIO		Steve MCVITTIE
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E L BERRYMAN	USA - OKLAHOMA		
J MUCEUS	USA - OREGON		WR (Bill) SHIPPAM
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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	Y		
R J COATES	USA - TENNESSEE		Thomas O MICKEY
38	Y		
HD MOORE	USA - TEXAS		JS DREVER
24			
R H SIMMONS	USA - UTAH		Brian HEMINGWAY
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L G PHELPS	USA - VERMONT		David GRANGE
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D E WETTSTONE 40	USA – VIRGINIA	Robert E DOIGE
JT STEPHENS 11	USA - WASHINGTON	Norman F MACDONALD
J DALLAS 1	USA - WASHINGTON (P.H.)	Norman F. McEVOY
W E BIRD 19	USA - WEST VIRGINIA JOLIVETTE JR	Donald H. McMILLAN
Lionel BROWNSEY A R CORBERG 13	USA - WYOMING	Frank WARREN

28) REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon Bursary Committee Report to the 2016 Annual Convocation

The Bursary Committee make educational financial awards to the children and grandchildren of Companions of Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon.

The ability of the Bursary Committee to make awards depends upon the generosity of individual Companions and Chapters. This year, donations were received from the following Chapters – North Vancouver/King Solomon #16, Tzouhalem #26, Joppa # 31, Semiahmoo # 34, Yukon # 38 & Simon Fraser # 40. Personal donations were also received from MEC. Jeremy Gomersall and MEC. Thomas Mickey. In addition a donation from Conclave #7 of the Order of the Secret Monitor was received. We thank these Chapters and Companions for their generosity and especially thank Semiahmoo Chapter # 34 for their usual substantial donation. In 2015/16 we received \$3,200 in total donations.

The other charities operated under the umbrella of Grand Chapter are worthy charities which deserve support. However not being a Registered Charity, unlike the other charities, donors to the Bursary Fund do not benefit from receiving a tax deductible receipt. For this reason Companions may be more likely to donate to the other charities than the Bursary Fund. Not being able to use a charitable receipt means that the Bursary Fund, the only charity which directly benefits Companions, is suited to donations from Chapters.

We encourage all Chapters to consider contributing to this worthwhile cause. A small contribution from every Chapter each year will greatly help us in our ability to assist deserving students.

We ask that all Scribe Ezra's inform the companions of their Chapters of

the availability of these bursary funds. The application form, conditions and submission deadline is available on the Grand Chapter website. This year a total of 9 applications were received which was up from 6 received last year.

Of the 9 applications received, one was rejected since the applicant had already received an Undergraduate degree and another was rejected as there was no apparent Royal Arch connection.

The Grand Fathers/Fathers of this year's grant beneficiaries came from Delta, Golden, Prince Rupert, Surrey, Victoria, and West Vancouver. Considering the funds available for distribution and the needs of the applicants, the committee awarded one grant of \$1,100, one grant of \$1,000, three grants of \$800 and two grants of \$500 for a total of \$5,500. The difference between the funds raised and the grants distributed - \$2,300 came from interest earned by our endowment fund. In the period 2008-2016 we have distributed educational grants totaling \$43,900. In 2016 the number of grants given increased by 75% compared to the previous year yet the funds available for distribution increased by only about 30%. Of necessity the average grant this year was reduced to \$785 from an average of \$1,050 last year. This illustrates the need to raise additional funds.

We wish to thank the committee members for the time and efforts given to this committee.

Respectfully submitted:
REC John Young – Chairman
REC Peter Guichon
REC Andrew Law
EC Alphonse Quenneville
Comp. Cole Harvey

29th August 2016

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REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

ROYAL ARCH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon

**Report to Grand Chapter, at the Annual Meeting held in Victoria BC
on
September 16th & 17th 2016**

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 approx 50 Voting Members and 10 Non Voting Members and we continue to solicit for New Members.

Should you the reader have an interest in becoming a member, please contact

MEC. Les Robinson or myself. (access details below) Full Membership Fee \$100.00; Associate Member Fee for our Ladies \$50.00

Only Full Membership Holders have voting rights.

Finance

Our Treasurer, R.E.C. Peter Guichon, informs us that as at July 31, 2016 we have \$54,723.06 in our Investment Account; all of which has been accumulated by way of Donations; Membership Fees & Gains on Investments.

We also wish to make it very clear that all the funds are endowed (locked in) to the Foundation's General Endowment Fund, with 80% of Annual Profits shared with our Beneficiaries (noted below) and the other 20% added to our Capital Account.

No Association expenses have been incurred since our last Annual meeting.

Royal Arch Masonic Home Society
Keystone of Life Society
BC Prostate Cancer Society

Federal Income Tax Status

We are delighted to inform you that we are a **FULLY REGISTERED CHARITY** and authorized to issue Tax Receipts under Registration Number # 841684152-RR 0001

Donations & Activity

Since inception, we have received numbers of enquiries and requests for information and are pleased to note that we have prepared information folders which are available from our Secretary.

A number of those folders will be available at Grand Chapter.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the very generous donation made to the Foundation by Companion Jim McMillan of Kamloops Chapter #18. Thank You Jim!!!!

What is the purpose of this Foundation and HOW do we differ from our other Charities?

This Foundation was established in 2007 for the purpose of acting as the recipient of

Un-Designated donations & Bequests and thereby creating an Endowment Fund, the earnings of which would be distributed annually & equally to our Registered Charities, as named above.

It should be noted that The Royal Arch Bursary Fund is missing from this list.

This is due to the fact that, in that they do not accept bursary applications from other than those within the Royal Arch Family of BC & Yukon, thus they do not qualify for Canada Revenue Tax Exempt Status and cannot issue Income Tax related receipts

The BC Prostate Cancer Society has been included as a beneficiary in that the Canada Revenue Agency required an OUTSIDE beneficiary to be included.

The difference of the Foundation is that by acting as an **UMBRELLA** it eliminates the need for the Donor to specifically select any one of our Charities well knowing that all will benefit equally from the earnings of the Foundations Endowment Funds.

It is anticipated that as Donations & Bequests continue to be received

the support we are able to provide will show steady increases over time.

May we ask that each and every companion to consider this opportunity to say **“THANK YOU”** to this great organization in which we are privileged to be members.

I now hear this form of giving being referred to as **"Paying it Forward"**

Summary

This is your Foundation and its ongoing success is totally dependent on your support.

May we suggest that each and every Companion consider making a Life Donation &/or a Bequest to the Foundation and thereby leave a lasting benefit to Royal Arch Masonry in B.C.& Yukon and the Charities that fall under our umbrella.

We thank you all for your support and encouragement along the road, we are just getting started and the sky is the limit. We welcome your assistance and are all here to answer any questions you may have.

Have a wonderful day & God Bless You and Yours.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST

PRICIPAL'S ADDRESS

Our Grand First Principal, Anthony (Tony) D'Eramo is to be congratulated on his address to Grand Chapter and for his dedication in performing all the duties of his office as Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter.

We have great pleasure in noting that his wife Elizabeth was able to accompany him on many of his travels both around the Jurisdiction & beyond.
Her dedication and support has been very evident and appreciated by all.

We concur with his personal thanks to all those Companions who have lent their assistance both prior to and over his term of office and to those who had the honour of representing him by attending functions on his behalf.

We concur with his thanks to all the Grand Chapter Committees & their Chairmen for a job well done.

We note with pleasure, his thanks to The Officers & Companions of Columbia No 1 for their efforts in ensuring that this Grand Chapter is the success that it is. Congratulations from all.

We all concur with his recommendations for permanent Rank on the Companions named in his report.

Finally we extend our very best wishes to Most Excellent Companion D'Eramo and his wife Elizabeth and wish them both Good Health & Happiness well into the future.

Respectfully Submitted
MEC Norman McEvoy, Chairman
MEC Les Robinson
MEC Tom Mickey

Seconded by MEC Les Robinson that the Report be received

It was **moved** by V.E.C. John Laing that the report be accepted
Seconded by R.E.C. Kurt Wensler
Passed:

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**REPORT OF EDUCATION AND ADVANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

Companions

I refer you to The Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon Book of Constitutions Page 68 Appendix C Resolutions, which deals with Concordant Bodies recognized by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon.

This appendix Lists 15 Fifteen Concordant Bodies in total.

The FIRST Concordant Body noted in the Appendix is The Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon and as commented on by the Grand Lodge Committee on the Constitution has, since the establishment of our Grand Lodge in 1871 has had the Historical Right to wear their Honourary Jewel in Craft Lodge & in Grand Lodge.

For future reference it is my contention, that were permission granted to any one of those other thirteen Concordant Bodies recognized in Appendix C it could of necessity apply to all.

As I personally recall at Grand Lodge 2008 the Resolution to move the Honourary Jewel of the Holy Royal Arch to the Right Lapel was promoted as being necessary because there were too many Jewels being worn on the Breast Pocket.

This it is was commented on as creating **Clutter** which could be avoided.

Grand Master were this Resolution approved I suggest one could only imagine what **CLUTTER** could look like.

Moved by M.E.C. Norm McEvoy that this report be received.

Seconded by M.E.C. Ken Overy
Passed:

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS

M.E.C. D'Eramo presented an Honorary Membership Cards to the following visiting Companion;

M.E.C. Frederick Donaldson, Grand Z., from Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and P.E.I.

He then thanked him for attending our Grand Convocation.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

16.1.1

When only one nomination is received for any office in Grand Chapter, and the nominee accepts the nomination, that companion is declared elected by acclamation without any ballot being taken.

It is not proper to declare the election unanimous.

There are eight elected offices in Grand Chapter. as of the close of nominations on March 31st 2015.

The following nominations have been received:-

Grand First Principal **REC Godfrey Onyemaobi**

Acclamation

Grand Second Principal **REC Ron Smith**

Acclamation

Grand Third Principal **REC Donald Walkey**

VEC Norman Bruce

Grand Treasurer **REC Peter Guichon**

Acclamation

Grand Scribe Ezra **M.E.C. Ken Overy**

Acclamation

Grand Principal Sojourner **R.E.C. Philip Robinson**
R.E.C. Dale Townsend
V.E.C. George Porter

R.E.C. Donald Walkey having withdrawn his nomination V.E.C. Norman Bruce was then declared Grand Third Principal by Acclamation.

A ballot was cast for the Office of Grand Principal Sojourner. A first ballot was decisive with the result R.E.C. Philip Robinson being declared Grand Principal Sojourner. The Grand First Principal ordered the ballot destroyed.

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REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE R.A.M.H.S.

ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOME SOCIETY REPORT Grand Convocation September 17th 2016

GRAND CHAPTER REPORT ON THE RAMHS

Grand First Principle – Tony D'Eramo; thank you for this appointment, I am honored and happy to report on the state of affairs at the Royal Arch Masonic Home, it's facilities, it's operation & management, & the activities of the Board.

I have been a member, director and President of the RAMHS over the past five years and have come to realize the full scale of role that the Society plays in the administration of the facility.

Since the opening of the RAHMS in 1982, the operation has evolved from its original purpose as a care home for seniors, to what it is now – a complex care facility with 151 residents, 150 staff and an operating budget of about \$10M which is funded by the Provincial Government, via Vancouver Coastal Health.

Under the terms of the original agreement, the society would be responsible for supplying the interior furnishings in perpetuity. To comply with this agreement, there needs to be continuing and active support from Royal Arch Masons of B.C. and Yukon. Unfortunately this support has been on a dramatic decline over the last 10 years or more.

About 10% of the Royal Arch Members are members of the Society. We are fortunate and appreciate the membership, & donations of a few of the chapters, Craft lodges and concordant bodies, other Masonic charities, families and friends. Their care and participation has enabled the Society to meet its obligation.

Our Care Home is considered a “gold” standard amongst Lower Mainland residential Care providers. Again this year the RAMH achieved a 100% compliance with a 173 item inspection as per the Community Care facilities licensing report. As mentioned before, the home employs about 150 people on a 24 hour basis. 18 nurses and 43 care aides are scheduled for round the clock care. We have many programs that contribute to the well-being of the residents. We have full-time regular music therapists; residents and families’ are encouraged to participate in the planning of programs. A wide variety of social services are available to residents, such as pastoral care by a full-time chaplain providing for the spiritual needs consistent with the religious history and personal preference. All our services are on site including kitchen, laundry, housekeeping and many others. A facility is equipped with a newly updated emergency generator which can supply all essential services, the building has also been upgraded for earthquake protection.

The RAMH is the “flagship” charity of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. and Yukon. It is a requirement under the Society’s act that regular members maintain an active participation in the affairs of the society and that proper records are maintained and submitted together with annual reports. The Society membership and attendance at the AGM is imperative for the ongoing “life” of the Society and the RAMH.

Here are some of the projects undertaken during the past year:

The first floor window replacement was completed at a cost of about \$250,000 for each floor. These windows were about 34 years old and have been replaced by modern double-paned energy efficient windows. The funding came from the operating budget spread over several years and did not cost anything over the annual budget.

Accidents at the apartment complex are expensive – floods and false fire alarms have been mostly covered by our insurance.

Replacing 60 beds at the Care Facility cost about \$120,000. About 20 of those beds were funded by Royal Arch Masons and their charitable organizations. 46 beds were replaced by funding from VCH through an equipment grant over and above regular budget.

Replacing the front door mechanism and automatic lock & wander guard feature cost over \$25,000. It was last replaced 16 years ago

As mentioned before, the number of life memberships is declining and donations to the funding society are declining noticeably. Not so many years ago, the funding society was raising about \$60 to \$70,000 per year from Chapters, Lodges and members. It is now about \$15,000. We thank the several lodges and chapters and charitable organizations that provide generous support every year.

At this time, we have about 182 life members and only 7 Chapters as paid up members of the Society. We need to encourage RAM's & Chapters in the lower mainland and catchment areas to participate in the Society as paid up members. If, say, an additional 10% of the members were to pay a life-time membership fee of \$100.00 that might raise about \$4000.00. If 90% of the chapters in the catchment area were to pay their \$25.00 annual membership fee, we would raise another \$200.00.

This example is not an overly onerous commitment but it would help.

As the Care Facility mortgage was amortized and paid off in August 2016 and the apartment complex will be paid off in August 2017, BC Housing support for low income residents will stop.

The apartment residents have been kept apprised of this eventuality and are aware that the rent will be increased to market rent, which is, expected to be about \$800.00/month. The residents may be able to get some subsidy from Shelter Aide for Elder Renters of about \$250.00.

The VCH has set a staffing model required for all care facilities. The RAMH operation has more staff than that requirement. This does not negatively impact our resident services, indeed we have been able to provide several services and programs that are not in the VCH model.

Pro Vita, are the contractors providing nurses, care aides and soon, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and rehabilitation services and ongoing staff training and education. They have bought into RAMH principle of continual operational improvement & are a big part of the success of the facility.

The auditors Grant Thornton thoroughly review our financial records and comment that our RAMH is operating on a sound financial platform; which is evidenced by the afore mentioned several inspections resulting in 100% compliance of the inspection items conducted by VCH.

The 10 million dollar annual budget is run very tightly, but by careful efficiencies and prudent prioritizing of needs and projects, there has been money available to maintain the facility and improve care for the residents. Referring back to the funding society mandate where we, the RAMHS provide those “extras” in furnishings and equipment that make life so much better for the residents.

\$10 million is a lot of money and the care facility is a big operation; through the competent operation & management of the facility and the very capable administration by Greg Runzer and his team over the past 30 years, this facility is a first class operation and reflects well on Royal Arch Masons.

We should be proud of our connection with it and it deserves our generous support.

In summary, we ask for your continued support by joining the ‘Society’ & welcome your active participation at the AGM. Your membership fee will qualify as a charitable donation & an income tax receipt will be issued.

We want thank each & every Royal Arch Mason who supported & donated in various ways, you have made a difference in another person’s life & we ask that u continue supporting the RAMH Society & this flagship care facility ‘Royal Arch Masonic Home’

MEC 1st Principal Tony D’Eramo, I can report that the RAMH is being operated efficiently & is completely worthy of our generous support.

REC Roy Friis,
Grand Chapter representative

Declared received by M.E.C. D’Eramo

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**REPORT OF THE KEYSTONE OF LIFE
FOUNDATION**

KEYSTONE OF LIFE FOUNDATION

REPORT FOR 2016 GRAND CONVOCATION COVERING PERIOD August
2015 to August 2016

The Keystone of Life Foundation (KLF) is a registered non-profit organization, and a charity supported by the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon.

The KLF was founded in 1975 as a means to provide small value grants to hospitals throughout the region for much needed primary care equipment.

In the past 12 months, KLF has been delighted to deliver and /or approve over \$43,000 of grants. These grants include:

Dec 2015 Langley Memorial Hospital	\$7,951	CADD Pump
Dec 2015 Mount St Mary Hospital	\$4,050	Active Passive Trainer
Dec 2015 Peace Arch Hospital	\$9,470	EchoFlex Stretcher
Feb 2016 Saanich Penninsula Hosp.	\$4,522	BP Machine & chair
Feb 2016 Nanaimo Regional Hospital	\$8,677	Retractable Gas Column
Aug 2016 100 Mile House Hospital	\$8,400	Cast cutter/O2 monitors/Nerve Stimulator

The KLF acquires its funds for grant awards from donations, membership dues, and bequests together with income from invested assets. Although to date almost \$600K of grants have been awarded, to over 50 hospitals, downturns in both investment returns and particularly donations / members dues over the past few years continue to restrict the Foundation's ability to award regular grants.

Our "operating funds", ie the money we have available for distribution as grants, is still largely derived from the generous donations and membership dues from our Fraternity. Sadly, despite a concerted publicity drive over the past three years, our annual membership amongst Royal Arch Masons and their families has dwindled from a hundred or so 10 years ago, to a handful last year (2014/2015) and we are attracting fewer life members to our fold.

Donations from some individual Masons, Chapters and other Masonic organisations do continue to be received, and for those we are very grateful. However we are encouraging the message of KLF's needs to be spread by all Grand Chapter officers whilst visiting, and in their own Chapters, to try to resurrect the same level of enthusiasm

and financial support
your KLF charity enjoyed a decade ago.

**The KLB Board particularly encourages gifting through planned
regular giving, bequests**

and non---monetary donations such as insurance policy and

securities transfers.

Any Companion or friend of the Foundation can contact any Board member of KLF to set up the simple process of making such donations. Tax receipts are always available against donations from individuals.

Our policy is to distribute as much of our available funds as is prudently possible and within our bylaws. We consider that a gift of a grant now to a hospital where it can purchase essential equipment for its patients, and may even be a life---saver, better meets our mandate, and the objectives of our founders, than accumulating a large investment portfolio benefitting primarily the investment community.

We encourage Chapters across the jurisdiction to review their own financial resources and to consider that if they hold significant monetary reserves, whether any of that reserve can be released to KLF to be used for our charitable cause. Charity, as we all know, underpins the concepts of Masonry.

KLF continues extend its reach using the internet and current technology. We have increased our presence on the KLF webpage on the Grand Chapter website, and will be launching our own KLF website in the near future.

KLF is registered with “CanadaHelps”, a national website database of all Canadian charities

That allows potential donors to make an on line donation using a credit card.

KLF has developed a new Brochure which has been distributed to all members, grantees, Chapters and friends of the Foundation. We also have introduced a brand new NEWSLETTER which will be produced on a biennial basis and which will provide KLF up to date information and some historic trivia to our members and supporters.

Much work is still to be done to encourage more individual membership from RA Masons and their families throughout the region. Our aim is for each and every Royal Arch Mason throughout the jurisdiction to become a member of KLF!

The Foundation thanks all donors and members for their continuing support of this Royal Arch Charity.

The KLF Board is committed to increase awareness of the Foundation amongst all Chapters in this jurisdiction and to increase membership in the coming year.

The Keystone of Life Foundation encourages Chapters, through their members, to locate hospitals in their geographic area (particularly those smaller establishments with smaller budgets), who may like to apply for a KLF grant and to put them in touch with a KLF Director.

The KLF Board continues to work hard to raise money for this important charitable cause, and to distribute grants to needy hospitals whilst keeping the Foundation's operating costs to an absolute minimum.

Peter Edwards
KLF President
September 2016

I **move** acceptance of this report to be **seconded** by M.E.C. Ken Overy
Passed:

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REPORT OF THE REGALIA COMMITTEE

Report of the Grand Chapter Regalia Committee

An inventory was taken in July of the regalia we have on hand .

1 new Grand 1st Principal's Apron Have ordered a new Collar

1 Gr. 3rd Principal's Apron

1 Gr. Superintendent's apron and sash

1 Gr. Steward's Jewel

1 Gr. Dir. of Ceremonies Jewel

Have checked with various suppliers and Past Gr. Scribes to see who may have produced the

Past Grand 1st Principal's Jewel – no luck - Had Masonic Supply Shop in High River Alberta produce a new one.

We will be monitoring the regalia at Grand Convocation in September and replacing any collars or aprons which we feel are in bad or poor condition.

Submitted by
REC Neil Marsh
Chairman

Declared received by M.E.C. D'Ermo

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REPORT OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

Grand Superintendents Report 2015-2016

District # 1 REC Doug Watson:

REC Doug Watson became sick at the start of his year and Past Superintendents from his district covered his official visits during the year.

District # 2 REC Doug Sprague:

Composite Chapter # 24.

Attended the installation of officers with MEC Jeremy Gomersall as the installing officer. At another meeting I saw the HRA conferred on a couple of companions. This was well done with some officers reading parts.

Overall the chapter is doing well but does need new members. Low attendance at some meetings.

Semiahmoo Chapter # 34.

During my visits I observed the conferring of the MMM degree and the MEM degree. The degree was conferred on 2 candidates from Joppa Chapter #31 and

2 candidates from Semiahmoo #34. The work was well done with over 30 companions in attendance. Also attend the Christmas dinner along with the Grand 1st Principal.

Chilliwack #19

On my 2nd visit the MEM was conferred on 4 companions from Joppa chapter.
Great evening work was good and enjoyable. The next meeting was the installation of officers conducted by REC Kurt Wensler with only a few officers not installed.
Over all the district is doing well.

District # 3 REC Dale Townsend:

Kelowna Chapter #17.

Suffer from absence of members in the winter as do the other chapters. They exalted 2 companions to the MEM degree in April. The Chapter is doing ok at present.

Penticton Chapter #22.

The Chapter is in generally good shape with 2 new MMM,s.
The Chapter needs to communicate better with the other chapters in district.

Granite Chapter #29.

Continues to struggle for new companions. At present they have 1 candidate with 2 more later in year.

Kamloops Chapter #18.

Also has problems just like Granite but are working together to put on the MMM degree in April.

District #4 REC Brian Stringer:

Rocky Mountain Chapter #7.

Due to Weather and distance attendance at time is low.
Looking forward to October when they hope to have new candidate.

District #6 REC Paul Pike:

Kalum Chapter #37.

This is a healthy chapter. The majority of its members drive from Kitimat to Terrace for the meetings. Hope to get new members soon from the lodges.
Some degree and installation are done in conjunction with Kaien chapter in Prince Rupert.

Kaien Chapter #6.

The health of the chapter is made up of senior members who are dedicated.

The chapter draws from 2 lodges in Prince Rupert.

Installations and degrees are held with Kalum Chapter #13 in Terrace.

Some meetings have to be cancelled due to quorum in winter months.

District #7 REC John Young:

North Vancouver King Solomon #16.

This chapter is not as strong as it has been in the past.

There have been no degrees so far this year. The 3rd Principal has been absent due to Grand Lodge obligations along with the Scribe being absent due to health problems. Younger companions not attending and a series of demits caused by personality conflicts and misunderstandings. In June 2016, the chapter conferred the MMM on 1 candidate with the work done well by the officers. The installation was carried out by MEC Jeremy Gomersall with the Grand 1st Principal Tony D'Eramo in attendance.

Simon Fraser Chapter #40.

Strong chapter but still needs new candidates.

Attended the annual Remembrance Day Service in chapter which was well done. In the New Year the chapter exalted to the HRA, 5 MEM's on behalf of Joppa chapter. All the work was excellent.

Joppa Chapter #31.

The installation of officers was conducted by MEC Jeremy Gomersall in great form. Grand 3rd Principal REC Ron Smith was also in attendance. This chapter is doing great with new candidates, and will help this chapter to remain strong.

Georgian Chapter #39.

A small chapter but looking better this year. With the assistance of Companions from NVKS #16 they have conferred degrees on 3 new companions. MEM in January 2016, followed by the HRA in April. The installation was conducted by MEC Jeremy Gomersall with assistance of Companions from different chapters.

District # 10 REC Ted Perry:

Caribou Chapter # 43.

Since moving location of meeting to Williams Lake attendance has improved. Better memory work needed by some officers. Great Chapter with the hope of new candidates soon.

Fort George Chapter #36.

Need new members to help build up the chapter. No degrees during year.

District # 11 REC Doug Paugh:

Cathedral Chapter #35.

Jan meeting was opened in the MMM with new candidate advanced to the honorary degree of MMM. Good degree work. In Feb the chapter opened in the HRA and 4 companions were exalted to the HRA. The chapter was assisted by companions from Keystone

Keystone#8, North Island #10 and Majuba #33.

On 27th April the chapter installed the remaining officers.

Keystone Chapter # 8.

Jan meeting with the official visit by the Grand 1st Principal Tony D'Eramo . Opened in the MEM degree and 2 companions were received and acknowledged as MEM. In March the Tri-chapter Installation was attended by the Grand 1st Principal and other Grand Officers to assist with the Installation. Well run installation. April meeting was opened in the MMM degree and 2 candidates were advanced to the degree of a MMM. Companions from the other 4 chapters were in attendance.

Tzouhalem Chapter 26.

Went on the Official visit by the Grand 1st Principal MEC Tony D'Eramo, great dinner and evening.

North Island Chapter #10

In April the chapter opened in the MMM degree to receive the Grand 1st Principal Tony D'Eramo. They the advanced to the honorary degree 2 candidates. Great meeting and enjoyed by all. May meeting was the installation of officers and was attended by the Grand 1st Principal Tony D'Eramo .

Summary:

All chapters received new members this year.

This report is a summary of the Superintendents reports for 2015/2016.

MEC David Grange

REC Jim Elton

Moved by M.E.C.David Grange to accept this report. **Seconded** by M.E.C. Ken Overy

Passed:

38)

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAST GRAND
“Zs” AWARD**

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

Your committee this year has reviewed all the membership lists for 2015 and find that membership on January 1st 2015 was 1133 and we had a loss of 66 Companions during 2015 or 5.8%. Only 2 Chapters reported an increase in membership and 2 chapters remained the same, while 22 reported a loss.

Your committee this year is awarding the Grand Z's award to Joppa Chapter #31 who saw an increase of 2 Companions. Majuba Chapter #33 saw an increase of 1 companion and Simon Fraser #40 and Caribou #43 remained static.

It was sad to see that we lost 45 Companions who passed to the Grand Lodge above, while 29 Companions were suspended and 24 demitted. During 2015 only 19 Brethren were exalted and 15 Chapters had no new Companions.

We thank M.E.C. Ken Overy for providing the necessary data for this report

Moved by M.E.C. Les Robinson and **Seconded** by M.E.C. Ken Overy that this report be received.

Carried.

39)

New Business

M.E.C. Tony D'Eramo then called for a Representative of each the Royal Arch Charities to meet him on the level. When all were assembled he then presented each of the Charities, the **Keystone of Life**, the **Royal Arch Masonic Home Society**, and the **Grand Chapter Bursary Fund** with a cheque for \$1,705 each from Grand Chapter. Ex. Comp Bill Duncan from Semiahmoo Chapter #34 and V.E.C. John Laing from Joppa Chapter #31 were then call to the East. Both Companions each presented a cheque for \$100.00 from their respective Chapters to the **Grand Chapter Bursary Fund**.

40)

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE TO THE HOST CHAPTER

(Columbia #1)

Moved by MEC Tom Mickey and **Seconded** by MEC A. Les Robinson, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the host Chapter, Columbia #1, and to the organizing committee for an excellent facility and running a successful Convocation.

Grand Chapter was then called from Labour to Refreshment, but all to stay within hail to come on again at the sound of the gavel in the East at 13:00 hrs., for the purpose of installing the Grand Chapter Officers for the year 2016-2017.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2016

Installing Grand Z
Installing Grand D of C

MEC Tom Mickey
MEC Les Robinson

Installing Grand Chaplain

MEC Ken Overy

<u>Office</u> <u>Installed By</u>	<u>Name</u>	
Grand Z Tom Mickey	MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi	MEC
Grand H Ken Overy	REC Ron Smith	MEC
Grand J Ken Overy	REC Norm Bruce	MEC
IPGZ Tom Mickey	MEC Tony D'Eramo	MEC
Grand Treasurer A. Les Robinson	REC Peter Guichon	MEC
Grand Scribe Ezra A. Les Robonson	MEC Ken Overy.	MEC
Grand Principal Soj. David Grange	REC Philip Robinson	MEC
Grand Senior Soj David Grange	VEC John Shandella	MEC
Grand Junior Soj David Grange	VEC Carl Ellington	MEC
G.Sup. Dist #1 A. Les Robinson	REC Alexander Muir	MEC
G.Sup. Dist #2 A. Les Robinson	REC Peter Edwards	MEC
G.Sup. Dist #3 A. Les Robinson	REC John Griffin	MEC
G.Sup. Dist #4 A. Les Robinson	REC Brian Stringer	MEC
G.Sup. Dist #6 A. Les Robinson	REC Paul Pike	MEC
G.Sup. Dist #7 A. Les Robinson	REC Norm Blair	MEC
G.Sup. Dist #10 A. Les Robinson	REC Herbert Arthur Leer	MEC
G.Sup. Dist #11 A. Les Robinson	REC David McEachern	MEC
Grand Scribe N. Norm McEvoy	VEC Richard Trippel	MEC
Grand Historian Norm McEvoy	VEC Jim Bennie	MEC
Grand Sword B.	VEC Preciocisimo Bunagan	MEC

Ken Overy Grand Standard B	VEC Jeff Woodburn	MEC
Ken Overy Grand D of C	VEC. Alexander Hart	MEC
A. Les Robinson Grand Marshall	VEC Jinmmy Catala	MEC
Ken Overy Grand Pursuivant	VEC Daniel McCoy	MEC
Ken Overy Grand Steward #1	VEC Bill Hogwoning	MEC
Ken Overy Grand Steward #2	VEC Tim Findley	MEC
Ken Overy Grand Steward #3	VEC _____	MEC
Ken Overy Grand Chaplain	REC Alan Akehurst	MEC
Ken Overy Grand Organist	Comp. Bryan Johnstone	MEC
Ken Overy Grand Tyler	VEC Aaron Harrison	MEC
Ken Overy		

(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 Les Robinson. Proclamation, presentation of gavel and General Charge were all completed under direction of IGZ, MEC Tom Mickey.

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

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GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES FOR 2016-2017

<u>26.1.1 Constitution and Jurisprudence</u>				
Executive Representative:		Grand Second Principal		
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MEC	Jeremy Gomersall	(1)	1-604-948-9278	gomersall@telus.net
<u>26.1.2 Finance</u>				
Executive Representative:		Grand Principal Sojourner		
VEC	John Laing	(5)	1-604-590-4080	jmlaing@dccnet.com
EC	Bob Coan	(2)	1-604-736-4646	rcoan@telus.net
EC	Leonard Janot	(2)	1-604-488-4129	ljanot@shaw.ca
MEC	Grand Scribe Ezra	(-)		
REC	Grand Treasurer	(-)		
<u>26.1.3 Executive</u>				
Chairman: Grand Second Principal				
	All Elected Officers			
	Immediate Past Grand First Principal			
	Chairman of Finance Committee			
<u>26.1.4 Grand Superintendents' Reports</u>				
Executive Representative:		Grand Third Principal		
REC	James Elton	(3)	1-604-988-6704	nspainter@gmail.com
REC	Ian Thompson	(1)	1-250-650-3764	wian.thompson@gmail.com
REC	Roy Friis	(1)	1-604-990-0294	rfriis@telus.net
<u>26.1.5 Regalia</u>				
REC	Neil Marsh	(3)	1-604-888-8932	swampy@telus.net

REC	David Lewis	(3)	1-604-882-4942	nicada@shaw.ca
REC	Doug Sprague	(3)	1-604-858-8789	spragued@telus.net
<u>26.1.6 Information Technology and Fund Raising</u>				
Executive Representative:		Grand Principal Sojourner		
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VEC	John McIntosh	(4)	1-250-726-2620	johnmcintosh@ukeecable.net
<u>26.1.7 Bursary Fund Trustees</u>				
Executive Representative:		Grand Third Principal		
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VEC	Peter Blagaic	(3)	1-604-230-5732	blagaic@shaw.ca
<u>26.1.9 Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society</u>				
REC	George Heggie	(1)	1-604-946-0028	gheggie@telus.net
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MEC	Norman McEvoy	(2)	1-250-658-4036	dnyboy@shaw.ca
MEC	Les Robinson	(2)	1-250-729-0190	robin5@telus.net
REC	Peter Guichon	(2)	1-604-530-3140	pguichon@telus.net
<u>26.1.11 Address of Grand First Principal</u>				
	Members selected by the Grand Scribe Ezra			
<u>26.1.12 Merit Awards</u>				
MEC	Anthony Brown	(3)	1-250-395-3722	tonysas@xplornet.ca
REC	Colin Hart	(1)	1-250-594-3553	cmhart@shaw.ca
REC	Robert Hart	(1)	1-604-682-8314	hartb@shaw.ca
<u>26.1.13 Past Grand First Principals' Award</u>				

MEC	Les Robinson	(2)	1-250-729-0190	robin5@telus.net
MEC	Ken Overy	(2)	1-250-714-0873	ken.overy@telus.net
MEC	Anthony Brown	(1)	1-250-395-3722	tonysas@xplornet.ca
<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>				
<u>26.1.14 Education and Advancement</u>				
MEC	Norman McEvoy	(2)	1-250-658-4036	dnyboy@shaw.ca
<u>26.1.15 Grand Chapter Of British Columbia & Yukon 100th Anniversary</u>				
Executive Representative:			Grand First Principal	
MEC	Les Robinson		1-250-729-0190	robin5@telus.net
EC	Tim Findley		1-250-667-1893	thorshaven@shaw.ca
Grand Scribe Ezra	Ken Overy		1-250-714-0873	ken.overy@telus.net
Grand Treasurer	Peter Guichon		1-604-530-3140	pguichon@telus.net

The number shown in parentheses () denotes the number of consecutive years of appointment to that committee.

If a Chairman is not shown above, the first named is to chair his committee, Executive Representatives excepted.

LOCATION OF FUTURE GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATIONS

A motion was called for the location of the Grand Convocation for the Royal Arch Grand Chapter to be held in Chilliwack in 2019 as put forward by REC Norm Bruce.

Moved : MEC Jeremy Gomersall. **Seconded:** VEC John Laing. **Passed:**

Future Locations of Grand Convocations:

- 2017 Chilliwack BC
- 2018 Nanaimo BC
- 2019 Chilliwack BC

CLOSING

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

The 98th Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon was closed in ample Form by MEC. Godfrey Onyemaobi at 3:52 pm September 17th, 2016

Past Grand First Principals

	Most Excellent Companion	
1985 Hilliard Clare		R.
1989 Thomas O. Mickey	“ “ “	
1993 William S. Shippam	“ “ “	
1997 Leonard G.B. Pickell	“ “ “	
1998 R. Marshall	“ “ “	Joseph
1999 S. Carriere	“ “ “	Denis
2001 B. Turner	“ “ “	David
2002 Norman K. Monro	“ “ “	
2004 W. Eaton	“ “ “	George
2005 A. Richman	“ “ “	Brian
2006 Leslie Robinson	“ “ “	A.
2007 R.E. Tillotson	“ “ “	George
2008 Alastair M. Ross	“ “ “	
2009 Grange	“ “ “	David
2010 Chiri	“ “ “	Joel
2011 Norman McEvoy	“ “ “	
2012	“ “ “	

Anthony "Tony" Brown				
2013	"	"	"	Ken
Overy				
2014	"	"	"	Jeremy
Gomersall				
2015	"	"	"	Antony
"Tony" D'Eramo				

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CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

COLUMBIA CHAPTER NO 1

INST: Feb 1867 CONST: Jun 1867

REG MTG: 1st Tue ex May, Jul, Aug

TIME: 7:30 pm

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

INST: 4th Sat of Nov.

SCRIBE E: VEC Bruce Allan,

650 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC V8W 1R6
Phone 250-652-4584

ROSSLAND CHAPTER NO. 4

INST: Nov 19, 1898 CONST: Jun 17, 1919
REG MTG: 3rd Thur. Emerg 4th Thur. ex Jan, Feb, 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 V0H 1E2
(250) 447-6622

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER NO 7

INST: Oct 1900 CONST: Jun 17 1919
REG MTG: 2nd Sat ex July, Aug. Sept
TIME: 10:30 AM
LOCATION:
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 V9T 6B3
Phone (250) 729-0190

NORTH ISLAND NO. 10

INST: Jul 30, 1904 CONST: Jun 18, 1919
REG MTG: 3rd Wed. ex January, February, June, July August, December.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 361-5th St. Courtenay, BC
Masonic Temple 2905 N Isld Hwy Campbell River
INST: 3rd Wed of May
SCRIBE E: REC James Whyte, 5254 Langlois Rd.,
Courtenay, BC V9J 1S8 (250) 338-5566

KAIEN CHAPTER NO 13

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

REG MTG: 3rd Wed ex Jul Aug Dec

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Temple 6th & Bowser Street Prince Rupert, BC

INST: 3rd Sat Nov

SCRIBE E: REC. Paul Pike,

423- 4th Avenue west, Prince Rupert, V8J 1P6,

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: 4th Sat in Jan

SCRIBE E: Roy Friis,

975 Hartford Place, North Vancouver, BC V7H 2J8

Phone (604) 990-0294

KELOWNA CHAPTER NO. 17

INST: 1916 CONST: Jun 17 1919

REG MTG 4th Tue ex Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept & Dec

TIME: 7:30 PM

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

Kelowna, BC

INST: 4th Tue Nov

SCRIBE E VEC Al Akehurst,

1755 Johnathan Court. Kelowna, BC V1P 1A9

Phone (250) 765-2883

KAMLOOPS CHAPTER NO. 18

INST: Aug 2, 1920 CONST: Jul 26, 1921

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

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 351 Nicola Street, Kamloops, BC

INST: 2nd Sat Mar (With 11 & 29)

SCRIBE E: VEC Wolfgang Schwieger

1205-343 Nicola St., BC V2C 5X6

Phone (250) 571-9058

CHILLIWACK CHAPTER NO. 19

INST: May 12, 1921 CONST: Jun 21, 1922

REG MTG: 2nd Thur .in Feb, Mar, Apr, May, 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 Jan, Jul Aug &Sept.

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 9536 Main St.,
Summerland, 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. Sep &Dec

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Park Lodge Hall,
4474 Rupert Street, Vancouver, BC

INST: 3rd Fri Jan

SCRIBE E: Kevin Fitzgerald

305-7155 Hall Road, Surrey V3W 4X4

Phone (778) 593-5053

TZOUHALEM CHAPTER NO. 26

INST: Feb 28, 1928 CONST: Jun 20, 1928
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec
TIME: 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 163 Canada Ave., Duncan, B C
INST: 3rd Tue Oct
SCRIBE E: Comp. Ron Coulter
1225Chapton Road, Cobble Hill, BC, V0R 1L0
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 St 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: Kerrisdale Masonic Hall, 2146 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver
8486 Granville St., Vancouver, BC
INST: 3rd Mon Jan
SCRIBE E: George Heggie
5152 – 56th Street, Delta BC., V4K 3P9
Phone: (604) 946-0028

MAJUBA CHAPTER NO. 33

INST: Jan 13,1951 CONST: Jul 14, 1951
REG MTG: 1st Tue ex Jul, Aug, Sep & 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 Jan, Jul, Aug & Sep
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 20710 Fraser Highway Langley, BC
INST: 2nd Tue May
SCRIBE E: REC Neil Marsh,
#80-21138- 88th Ave., Langley, BC V1M 2G7
Phone: (604) 532-1732

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER NO 35

INST: Jun 21 1956 CONST: Sept, 1956
REG MTG: 4th Tue ex Jan, Jun, Jul & Aug
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 Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec
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
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

INST. Jan 30, 1950 - Const Jan 30, 1951

REG MTG: 4th Mon ex Jul Aug Sept.

TIME: 7:30 PM

Location: Masonic Hall, 1501 Dogwood St.,
Whitehorse, YT

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 Jun, 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 V0N 3A1
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: 8:00 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

CARIBOU CHAPTER NO 43

INST: May 23, 1975 CONST: Sept 4, 1976
REG MTG: 1st Tues ex Jan, Feb, Jul, Aug, Sept.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Centre Lodge #113, 130 - A Oliver Street., Williams Lake, BC
INST 2nd Tues May @ 6:00 PM (With 36)
SCRIBE E: EC. Joseph Bare,
PO Box 4551 Quesnel, BC, V2J 3J8 Phone: (250) 992-7937

PACIFIC RIM CHAPTER NO 44

INST: May 3, 1990 CONST: Apr 11, 1992
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jan, Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec
TIME: 7.30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 6544 Throup Road,
Sooke, BC
INST: 3rd Tue Jan
SCRIBE E: REC John Paterson,
29 Knollwood Road, Victoria BC V9B 1C3
Phone: (250) -381-3236

ELECTED OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER SINCE 1919

Year	Grand Zerubbabel	Grand Haggai	Grand
Joshua			
1919	*Harry H. Watson *Charles F. Sherwin	*Daniel M Harrison	
1920	*Edward B Paul *Charles F. Sherwin	*Daniel M. Harrison	
1921	*Daniel M. Harrison *Vernon W. Stewart	*Charles F. Sherwin	
1922	*Charles F. Sherwin	*Vernon W. Stewart	*Frank
C. Bird			
1923	*Vernon W. Stewart	*Frank C. Bird	*John
G. Gamon			
1924	*Frank C. Bird *Thomas H. Carey	*John G. Gamon	
1925	*John G. Gamon	*Thomas H. Carey	*Henry
Giegerich			

1926	*Thomas H. Carey *Donald Adams	*Henry Giegerich	
1927	*Henry Giegerich *William T. Phillips	*Donald Adams	
1928	*Donald Adams *Ernest P. Allen	*William T. Phillips	
1929	*William T. Phillips *Donald A. Stewart	*Ernest P. Allen	
1930	*Ernest P. Allen *Samuel Drake	*Donald A. Stewart	
1931	*Donald A. Stewart *Daniel W. Sutherland	*Samuel Drake	
1932	*Samuel Drake M. Manson	*Alexander McDuff	*Alex
1933	*Alexander McDuff *William R. Trench	*Alex M. Manson	
1934	*Alex M. Manson *William R. Yule	*William R. Trench	
1935	*William R. Trench *George H. McKay	*William R. Yule	
1936	*William R. Yule Reid	*George H. McKay	*K.K.
1937	*George H. McKay Marchant	*K.K. Reid	*W.P.
1938	*K.K. Reid *Stanley Gordon	*W.P. Marchant	
1939	*W.P. Marchant *Thomas B. Goodall	*Stanley Gordon	
1940	*Stanley Gordon *George E. MacKinnon	*Thomas B. Goodall	
1941	*G.E. MacKinnon Coates Taylor	*M.J. Little	*W.
1942	*M.J. Little H. Morgan	*W. Coates Taylor	*.John.
1943	*W. Coates Taylor Willis	*John H. Morgan	*F.A.
1944	*John H. Morgan *Edward T. Searle	*F.A. Willis	
1945	*F.A. Willis B. Baker	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar
1946	*Edward T. Searle MacLeod	*Edgar B. Baker	*John
1947	*Edgar B. Baker *Gerald M. Sedger	*John MacLeod	
1948	*John MacLeod Davidson	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E.

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. Bidulph	*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 Leonard G. Pickell	*William D. Jasper Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph
1996	*William D. Jasper R. Marshall	Joseph R. Marshall	*Denis
1997	Leonard G. Pickell S. Carriere	*Denis S. Carriere	*David
1998	Joseph R. Marshall D.S.Anderson	*David D.S. Anderson	*David
1999	*Denis S. Carriere B. Turner	*David B. Turner	
2000	*David D. S. Anderson Norman K. Monro	Norman K. Monro	*Basil
2001	*David B. Turner R. Hobbs	*Basil R. Hobbs	
2002	Norman K. Monro George W. Eaton	George W. Eaton	Brian
2003	*Basil R. Hobbs Richman	Brian Richman	
2004	George W. Eaton William Fooks	William Fooks	Leslie
2005	Brian Richman Robinson	George Tillotson	
2006	Leslie Robinson Alastair Ross	Alastair Ross	David
2007	George Tillotson Grange	David Grange	Joel
2008	Alastair M. Ross Chiri	Joel Chiri	Norm
2009	David Grange McEvoy	Norm McEvoy	Tony Brown
2010	Joel Chiri 2011 Norman McEvoy	Tony Brown	Ken
2012	Overy Tony Brown	Ken Overy	Jeremy
2013	Gomersall Ken Overy	Jeremy Gomersall	Tony
2014	D'Eramo Jeremy Gomersall	Tony D'Eramo	Godfrey
2015	Onyemaobi Tony D'Eramo	Godfrey Onyemaobi	Ron Smith
2016	Godfrey Onyemaobi Bruce	Ron Smith	Norm

Minutes of the Order of the High Priesthood

Minutes of the order of the High Priesthood Held at Victoria Sept 16.2016.

Called to order @ 14:15 by Ex President MEC Ken Overy

Welcome to visitors MEC Fredrick Donaldson Nova Scotia

Members present 12, Guests 5, candidates 9, as per Porch book

In Memoriam. A moments silence was given for MEC ex Companion Dennis Carriere who passed to the Great lodge in the sky during the past year.

Minutes of 2014 meeting. **Moved** by Ex. Recorder Peter Whitehead to be adopted as read. **Seconded** by REC Phillip Robinson. **Carried:**

Correspondence None

Treasurers report Bank balance of \$1523.37 **Motion to receive** the report made by REC Peter Guichon; **Seconded** by MEC Les Robinson. **Carried:**

Unfinished business Ex. President read out his appointed officers for 2015/16

Conductor REC Phillip Robinson

Herald MEC David Grange

Steward MEC Les Robinson

D.O.C. REC Philip Robinson

Sentinel REC Norm Bruce

Confer Order. On REC Larry Holte, Robert Hart and Douglas Paugh
VEC O.R. "Sonny" Bond, Robert Carroll, Robert Trippel
EC Douglas Phelan, Ziv Kowarsky, Aaron Harrison.

The representative Candidate was EC Aaron Harrison.

Prologue given by MEC Norm McEvoy

Obligation given by MEC Ken Overy

Prayer of Consecration by REC Godfrey Onyemaobi

Signs given by REC Phillip Robinson

Election of Officers for 2016/17

President MEC Jeremy Gomersall
V/President MEC Tony D'Eramo
Empty Chair REC Godfrey Onymaobi
Chaplain REC Ron Smith
Recorder MEC Ken Overy
Treasurer REC Peter Guichon
Master of Ceremonies TBA
Conductor TBA
Herald TBA
Steward TBA
Director of Ceremonies TBA
Sentinel TBA

All officers were elected by acclimation. The installing officers took their stations and proceeded with the installation.

Ex. Installing President. MEC Ken Overy

Ex. Chaplain. MEC Norm McEvoy

Ex. D. of C. MEC Les Robinson

Sick and Distress MEC Alistair Ross expressed regrets at being absent the previous year.

Good or the order Honorary membership card was given to MEC Fredrick Donaldson, Grand 1st Principle of Nova Scotia and PEI.

Past Presidents Jewel presented to MEC Ken Overy.

Motion to change signing officers. Made by REC Peter Guichon .

Seconded by C John Laing. Carried.

The incoming President expressed a desire to commence meetings on time in future years.

Order of the High Priesthood closed in due form at 16:20 by ex President Jeremy Gomersall.

EX President
Recorder

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2016 AGENDA

No. Order of Business
Friday, September 17, 2016

- 1) Grand Chapter Informal Opening. **7:00 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 18, 2016

- 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 **2014**
- 12) Grand Z address
- 13) Grand H report
- 14) Grand J report
- 15) Report of Merit Award Committee
- 16) Reception of Past Gr. First Principals
- 17) Reception of First Principals
- 18) Grand Treasurer’s report
- 19) Grand Scribe Ezra report
- 20) Report of Committee on Finance (2015
Budget)
- 21) Report of Committee on Constitution &
Jurisprudence
- 22) Unfinished Business
- 23) Report of Executive Committee
- 24) Report of the Grand Historian
- 25) Report of Credentials Committee
- 26) Roll Call of Grand Representatives
- 27) Report of Bursary Fund Trustees
- 28) Report of Committee on RA Foundation
- 29) Report of Committee on Grand Z address
- 30) Report of Education and Advancement
Committee
- 31) Presentation of Honorary Memberships
- 32) Election of Officers for 2015/16
- 33) Report of Royal Arch Masonic Home
Society
- 34) Report of Keystone of Life Foundation
- 35) Report of Regalia Committee
- 36) Report of Committee on Grand

Superintendents

- 37) Report of Committee on Past Z's Award
- 38) Good of the Order
- 39) Installation of Officers for 2015/16
- 40) Vote of Thanks to Host Chapter
- 41) Scribe E. Reads Committees for 2015/16
- 42) Location of Grand Chapter for 2017, 2018,
2019.
- 43) Closing of Grand Chapter
- 44) Report (Minutes) of Order of High Priest