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Of

British Columbia & Yukon

99th Annual Convocation

Chilliwack, B.C.

2017

(Organized June 18th, 1919)

MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi
Grand First Principal

MEC Ken Overy
Grand Scribe Ezra



MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi
Grand First Principal
2016-2017

M.E.C. Godfrey Onyemaobi

Bio:

MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi was born on April 20th, 1966 in Nigeria – West Africa where he had his Education, graduating with a B.sc in Media Communications and a Masters in International Relations and Strategic Studies in 1988 and 1990 respectively.

Coming from an active political family, he became active in Nigerian Politics and was elected to the State Assembly in 1991, serving as Minority Chief Whip and served in various capacities while elected. He was actively involved in making Laws protecting the Rights of Women and Children.

After serving as a Legislator, he went back to his original passion which was advertising and Public Relations and worked as an advert Copywriter for Daily Star Newspapers and a Consultant on many major brand adverts. A job he did with passion for many years.

In late 2000 he migrated to Canada where he met his Wife and has two lovely Sons. He is currently a self-employed Computer Network Systems Professional and specializes in Cyber Security and Network Administration. Hobbies include playing Chess, listening to music, esoteric studies and brainstorming.

Masonic History:

- He began his Masonic career in Nigeria where he was I/P/R in Lodge Meridian # 1742 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland – District Grand Lodge of Nigeria in 1993, now # 34 Under the Grand Lodge of Nigeria. In 2001 he affiliated with Burrard Lodge #50 Grand Lodge of BC&Y, and has served as WM and other offices in the Lodge. He were appointed Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of BC &Y in 2013.
- **Served as 1st Principal of North Vancouver – King Solomon Chapter # 16** and was appointed Grand Superintendent of District # 7 in 2010. Elected as Grand Senior Sojourner of our Grand Chapter in 2012. Installed as GZ in September 17th, 2016.
- **Served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Zaphon Council #8 Cryptic Rite Masons Royal and Select Masters** (2009) and was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Council R & SM of Western Canada in 2010. Elected as Grand Inspector General of BC Lower Mainland District in 2013.
- **Presided over Capilano River Lodge #8 Royal Ark Mariners in 2009 as Worthy Master**
- **Presided over Jordan Preceptory #76 Sovereign Great Priory of Canada - Knight Templars as Preceptor.** 2009 – 2010 & 2010 – 2011. Appointed as Grand Captain of the Guard of The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada in 2013

- **Presided over Dogwood Council #171 Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada (AMD) as Sovereign Master.** 2009 – 2010 & 2010 – 2011. Appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2014.
- **Presided over B.C & Yukon Conclave #7- Order of the Secret Monitor (OSM) as Supreme Ruler** – 2012. Appointed Grand Bow Bearer in 2014.
- **Presided over Lumen Terrestris College - Societas Rosicrusiana in Anglia (S.R.I.A) as Celebrant** in 2011 till 2014.
- Member - Royal City Conclave #22- Red Cross of Constantine – Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada.
- Governor - York Rite Sovereign College of North America British Columbia College # 44 in 2017.
- Member - Fraser Tabernacle #163 –The Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests – Grand College of England.
- Member - Knights of the York Cross of Honour (KYCH) Priory #67.
- Worthy Master - Baldwin Chapel #99 Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon. (Founder member). 2016

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-Ninth** Grand Convocation held in Victoria, B.C. on **September 15th & 16, 2017** 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 13 day of November, 2017

(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 15th – 16th, 2017** at the Masonic Temple, Victoria, B.C.

OFFICERS ELECTED/APPOINTED 2016/2017

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| MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi | Grand First Principal |
| REC Ronald Smith | Grand Second Principal |
| REC Norman Bruce | Grand Third Principal |
| MEC Anthony D'Eramo | IPGZ |
| REC Peter Guichon | Grand Treasurer |
| MEC Ken Overy | Grand Scribe Ezra |
| REC Philip Robinson | Grand Pr. Sojourner |
| REC John Shandella | Grand Sr. Sojourner |
| REC Karl Ellingsen | Grand Jr. Sojourner |
| REC Alexander Muir | Grand Supt. Dist. 1 |
| REC Peter Edwards | Grand Supt. Dist. 2 |
| REC John Griffin | Grand Supt. Dist. 3 |
| REC Brian Stringer | Grand Supt. Dist. 4 |
| REC Paul Pike | Grand Supt. Dist. 6 |
| REC Norm Blair | Grand Supt. Dist. 7 |
| REC Herbert Arthur Leer | Grand Supt. Dist. 10 |
| REC David McEachern | Grand Supt. Dist. 11 |
| REC Richard Trippel | Grand Nehemiah |
| REC James Bennie | Grand Historian |
| VEC Preciocisimo Bunagan | Grand Sword Bearer |
| VEC Jeff Woodburn | Grand Standard Bearer |
| VEC Alexander Hart | Grand Dir. Of Ceremonies |
| REC Jimmy Catala | Grand Marshal |
| VEC Daniel McCoy | Grand Pursuivent |
| VEC Bill Hogwoning | Grand Steward #1 |
| VEC Timothy Findley | Grand Steward #2 |
| VEC TBA | Grand Steward #3 |
| VEC Alan Akehurst | Grand Chaplain |
| VEC Brian Johnstone | Grand Organist |
| VEC Aaron Harrison | Grand Tyler |

15 September 2017

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 15, 2017**. 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 **7:15 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. John Bronius – Grand First Principal – Grand Chapter of Alberta

MEC. Clifford Hartmier – Grand First Principal.– Grand Chapter of Manitoba

MEC. Joseph MacIntyre – Grand High Priest - Grand Chapter of Washington State

MEC. Gary Spriggs - Past Grand High Priest – Grand Chapter of California
also General Grand Custodian of the Works

M.Ill.Comp. Robert Turner – Grand Master - Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal
and Select Masters

Rt.Em.Kt. Timothy Yates - Prov. Prior -Representing Sovereign Great Priory of Canada Knight
Templar

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

V. Em High Priest. Les Robinson - 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

Rt. Ven.Bro. Norman McEvoy – Representing - Allied Masonic Degrees

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

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

Worthy Knight Jeremy Gomersall – Past Grand Herald - Representing the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon.

Rt. Worthy Frater Alastair Ross – Suffragen – Representing the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia (SRIA)

Sister Arlene Hallam – Grand Associate Matron – Representing Order of the Eastern Star
Queen Margaret Logan – Daughters of the Nile

Master Councilor Paxton Cowley - Representing the Order of DeMolay

M. W. Master Ronald W. Yates- Grand Master of the M.W.Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia and Yukon

3) FLAG CEREMONY

The flag ceremony was conducted by MEC Ken Overy.
The flags were carried in by members of the local Chapter of DeMolay. Master Councilor Paxton Cowley carried the Canadian flag, Senior Councilor Matthew Gordon carried the American flag, Marshal Lorne Putman carried the British Columbia flag and Senior Deacon Phoenix Coley carried the Yukon flag. The ceremony ended with the singing of “*O Canada*” and “*The Star Spangled Banner*”

4) MEMORIAL SERVICE

Presided over by Rt. Ex. Comp. Alan Akehurst:

Open and Welcome. (Chaplain)

Companions and guests, we have come together at this time to remember before God the lives of our Companions, to commend them in God’s keeping and to comfort those who mourn with our sympathy and with our love; in the hope we share that our souls too shall return to the One who gave them. **Amen.**

Hear the words of comfort.

I am the resurrection and the life;
even in death, anyone who believes in me will live.
Set your troubled hearts at rest.
Trust in God always; trust also in me.
Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden
And I will give you rest.

Our Companions have completed their labours and gone to their rest in the Grand Lodge above, where we will all dwell with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Therefore let us remember that, although we have been parted from these our companions, none of us need ever be separated from the love of God.

Hymn: God, that Madest Heaven and Earth (all through the night)

**God, that madest earth and heaven,
darkness and light;
who the day for toil hast given,
for rest the night;
may thine angel guards defend us,
slumber sweet thy mercy send us;
holy dreams and hopes attend us,
all through the night.**

**Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
and when we die,
may we in thy mighty keeping
all peaceful lie;
when the last dread call shall wake us,
do not thou, our God, forsake us,
but reign in glory take us
with Thee on high.**

Scripture Reading: Wisdom 3: 1-6

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of the others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little. They will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

Sermon:

Let us pray:

God of our life,
There are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;
When the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening;
When our lives have on music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls
have lost their courage.
Flood the path with light, turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise;
Tune our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and
saints of every age;
And so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls
of all who journey with us on the road of life, to your honour and glory. **Amen**

ROLL CALL OF FRATERNAL DEAD (Rose Ceremony)

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| District #1 | REC. Alex Muir (represented by REC. Roy Friss) |
| <u>Columbia #1</u> | |
| NONE REPORTED | |
| <u>Tzouhalem #26</u> | |
| EC James Matthew | Feb. 09/ 2016 |
| <u>Pacific Rim #44</u> | |
| Owen Robertson | 2016 |
| District #2 | REC. Peter Edwards |
| <u>Chilliwack #19</u> | |
| REC. Allan H. Jesperson | June 30/2016 |
| REC. Joseph Carver | July 03/2016 |
| <u>Composite #24</u> | |
| <u>Ex. Comp. Giles Goulding</u> | April 11, 2016 |
| <u>Semiahmoo #34</u> | |
| REC. Donovan Tyers | October 11, 2016 |
| District #3 | REC. John Griffin |
| <u>Kelowna #17</u> | |
| NONE REPORTED | |
| <u>Kamloops #18</u> | |
| MEC. Dennis Carriere | August 25, 2016 |
| Comp. Leith Hazen | August 31, 2015 |
| <u>Penticton #22</u> | |
| Comp. Carl Kickbush | December 3, 2016 |
| <u>Granite #29</u> | |
| NONE REPORTED | |

District #4Rossland #4

REC. Robert Shillito

July.22/2016

Rocky Mountain #7

Comp. Douglas Pepper

Apr. 01/2016

District #6Kaien # 13

Comp. Floyd Casperson

Feb. 15/2016

Kalum #37

REC. Rick Wintemute

Oct. 03/2016

REC. Dieter Wagner

April 12, 2016

Comp. Bert Santucci

November 11, 2015

District #7North Van. King Sol. #16

NONE REPORTED

Joppa #31

Ex. Comp. Giles Goulding

April 07/2016

REC. Furness Henry Robert

Aug. 21/2016

Comp. Arvid Kautz

Nov. 18/2016

Comp. George Alexander Jack

Nov. 22/2016

Georgian # 39

NONE REPORTED

Simon Fraser # 40

NONE REPORTED

District #10Fort George #36

NONE REPORTED

Yukon #38

REC. Clayton Matthews

Jan.29/2016

Dawson Creek #41

Comp. Donald Phillips

Sept. 15/2016

Comp. Donald Hope

Sept. 15/2014

Caribou #43

Comp. Arthur James Brown

July 10/2016

District #11Keystone #8

Ex. Comp. Peter Saggars

Dec.01/2016

North Island #10

REC. Dennis Revel Machin

Jan. 18/2016

VEC. Lorne Hammett

Mar. 12/2016

Comp. Earl Parker

Apr. 24/2016

Comp. Donald Wilfred Assu

July 19/2015

Comp. Robert Lewis

Dec. 08/2016

Majuba #33**REC. Brian Stringer (represented by REC. Richard Trippell)****REC. Paul Pike (represented by REC Roy Friis)****REC. Norm Blair (represented by EC. Randy Sorenson)****REC. Herbert Arthur Leer****REC. David McEachern / REC. Timothy Yates**

NONE REPORTED
Cathedral #35
REC. David McEachern
Comp. Peter Mately

December 1, 2016
August 22, 2016

FOR all Companions who may have been inadvertently overlooked as well as all those serving overseas protecting this great nation.

AND the laying of a white rose in remembrance of the departed spouses of all Companions everywhere by M.E.C. Godfrey Onyemaobi

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;

Chaplain: They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning

All: We shall remember them.

Let us pray:

We commend to God our Companions as they have journeyed beyond our sight.

We give them back to you. O Holy One, who gave them to us. Yet as you do not lose them in giving, so we have not lost them by their return.

Not as the world gives do you give. O Lover of souls. What you gave you do not take away; for what is ours is ours always as we are yours. And life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only a horizon and a horizon is nothing save the limits of our sight. Lift us, O God, that we may see farther.

Cleanse our eyes that we may see you more clearly. Draw us close to yourself that we may know ourselves nearer to them. And while you are preparing a temple for us, prepare us for that eternal temple, that where they and you are, we too may be. **Amen.**

Would you join me in the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name
Thy Kingdom Come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven

Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
but deliver us from evil
for Thine is the Kingdom,
the Power and the Glory
for ever and ever Amen.

Blessing:

Be steadfast in faith. iovful in hope and untiring in love all the days of your life and the blessing of the Great architect of the Universe be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

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.

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

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

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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 9:20 pm with a reminder that the Convocation would commence tomorrow at **8:30 am on September 16th 2017**

September 16, 2017

7) FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Grand Convocation was formally opened by the Grand First Principal in ample form at **8:35 am**. The Grand Scribe Ezra confirmed that **19** 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. Tom Mickey

M.Ex.Comp. George Eaton

R.Ex.C. Norm Blair

R.Ex.C. Alex Muir

V.Ex.Comp. Jim Bennie

M.Ex.Comp.Doug Byers. GZ. GCRAM Saskatchewan

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

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

A moment of silence was observed to honour the memory of M.Ex. C. Dennis Carriere.

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 Ron Smith and duly **SECONDED** by Right Excellent Companion Norman Bruce 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-ninth Annual Convocation in the City of Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada this 16th day of September, 2017, 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 16th, 2017.**

“GOD SAVE THE QUEEN”

MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

MEC Ken Overy
GRAND SCRIBE EZRA

Passed

**11) MINUTES OF GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION
2016.**

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

I hereby move that the minutes of the ninety-ninth annual Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon, held in the city of Chilliwack, British Columbia and as published in the annual proceedings of 2016 be hereby adopted.

Seconded by REC. Ron Smith

Carried as Presented

**12) ADDRESS OF GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL (Z)
MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi**

R.Ex. Comp. Ronald Smith assumed the chair

Companions,

It is with great pleasure I welcome you to the 99th annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon taking place in the city of Chilliwack in the Fraser Valley. I extend a special hand of warm welcome to those visitors from sister Jurisdictions and also representatives of the Concordant bodies. I hope your time with us is

enjoyable and you take our warmest fraternal greetings to your Companions from this Jurisdiction.

It was about a year ago that I was installed to the highest office this Grand Chapter can bestow on a Companion. I sincerely hope I have discharged the duties of that high office to the satisfaction of my fellow Companions. It has been a wonderful experience for me and I would forever cherish the opportunity of serving as your Grand First Principal.

I set out with the goal of instilling that sense of pride amongst Royal Arch Masons in this Jurisdiction and one of the ways I chose was to get companions to wear the Royal Arch Jewel at all Masonic functions where we are permitted to wear them.

I had also wanted to get Royal Arch Masons more interested in Masonic education especially as it pertains to the Holy Royal Arch and in conjunction with the Ad- Hoc Committee on Education and Advancement formulated a plan whereby such articles would be distributed to Companions through the Grand Scribe Ezra and onwards to the various Chapter Scribes. Also a pass worded page was to be provided on the Grand Chapter website with most of these papers for the perusal of the Companions at their leisure.

I would say my goals were met with success.

Visitations:

During my year, I visited all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction at least once, met with the Companions and was well received with the dignity and courtesies that the office demands. Visiting these Chapters made me relate directly with the Companions and this is an experience I cherish.

I was present at 13 installations involving 17 Chapters and was happy to install the First Principals of these Chapters. I was ably supported by the Grand Second and Grand Third Principals in many of these visits and I am eternally grateful for their support. I am also grateful to those Chapters that changed their meeting dates in order to accommodate my schedule which was published in the 2016 proceedings.

The visits afforded me the opportunity of experiencing firsthand the very long distances Companions in the remote towns travelled to attend meetings. The dedication of these Companions was the more appreciated as I am not used to driving for very long distances for meetings (most of our Lower Mainland Chapters are within close proximity to each other). The zeal and dedication to keep Royal Arch Masonry in these small or remote towns must be commended.

Some of the visits afforded me the opportunity of witnessing the various Chapter Degrees being conferred on candidates. The Degree work in most cases was done with the solemnity expected in our Jurisdiction. Most of the Chapters are doing well with many witnessing an influx of new Companions and conferring Degrees on a regular basis.

Awards:

I was pleased to present some Past First Principals with their certificates and Jewels and also a few certificates to newly registered Royal Arch Companions. The joy on the faces of these deserving Companions made my visits the more memorable.

Other Visitations:

On October 17th, I attended the International Night in Bellingham – Washington State. This is an annual event put on by Companions of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington State and Bellingham Bay Chapter to foster that unity between Companions of both Jurisdictions. I attended with a strong Deputation from our Grand Chapter. Needless to say that it was well attended by our Companions with a few of them receiving the Virtual Past Master Degree as practiced in Washington State.

On October 30th, I with a strong Deputation from this Grand Chapter joined the Companions again from Washington State for the Affirmation day ceremony. We enjoyed a very pleasant time with our American Companions and it is my hope that these two annual events done in conjunction with our American Companions continue as this fosters unity.

On May 12th and 13th, I attended the Grand Chapter of Alberta with 5 companions from British Columbia and their Ladies. On the 26th and 27th of May, I also attended the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. I was well received at both Convocations and brought greetings on behalf of our Grand Chapter.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to attend the Grand Chapter of Manitoba as planned and I would like to thank MEC Ken Overy for representing this Grand Chapter.

I was invited and attended the Grand Court of the Amaranth on March 2nd and also the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star on May 29th. On both occasions I was warmly received and brought greetings from this Grand Chapter.

On June 20th I attended the Annual General meeting of the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society in Vancouver and gathered firsthand information as to how the Society functions. This is one of our Charities and I urge Companions to support them in whatever capacity.

On June 23rd, I attended the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon.

On August 5th and 6th, I with a good number of Grand Chapter officers attended Columbia Chapter No 1, 150 years celebration. The two day event started with a fun night on Friday and the Bible dedication ceremony on Saturday morning. The Chapter was rededicated by the Grand Chapter officers with a nice banquet later in the evening. I wish the Chapter many more fruitful and eventful years. I would also like to thank MEC Norm McEvoy and his Wife Peggy for being fantastic hosts and I did enjoy every bit of the hospitality extended to me by the Chapter.

Spring Board of General Purposes:

The Spring Board of general Purposes meeting was held in Saanichton and it was well attended by Companions. It was chaired by REC Ron Smith and we all had fruitful deliberations. I urge all Companions to attend the annual Spring Board Meetings as the workings of Grand Chapter can be observed in an informal setting. I would like to thank the Spring Board Committee for a job well done.

Necrology:

It is with great regret that I report to you the passing of a number of beloved, dedicated and well respected Companions from this Jurisdiction to the Grand Chapter above. Last night we paid our last respects to these Companions with a solemn ceremony conducted by our Grand Chaplain, REC Alan Akehurst. We extend to their loved ones our sincere sympathy.

Recommendations:

I am pleased to recommend that the permanent rank of "Right Excellent Companion" be conferred on the following Companions for fulfilling their duties as Grand Superintendents.

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| REC Alex Muir | Grand Sup. District 1 |
| REC Peter Edwards | Grand Sup. District 2 |
| REC John Griffin | Grand Sup. District 3 |
| REC Norm Blair | Grand Sup. District 7 |
| REC Herbert Arthur Leer | Grand Sup. District 10 |

It should be noted that REC Brian Stringer of District 4 and REC Paul Pike of District 6 were left out of this list as they have served in this position for two years and they were given the title of REC on the recommendation of MEC Anthony D'Eramo in 2016. My special thanks to REC Tim Yates (Past Grand Principal Sojourner) for stepping in and completing the term of REC David McEachern who sadly passed away mid-way into his term as Grand Superintendent of District 11. REC Tim Yates is also a Past Grand Superintendent of that District. My sincere thanks to them all for a job well done and for acting as my eyes and ears in their various Districts.

I also recommend the rank of "Very Excellent Companion" be granted to the following Companions and the appropriate certificates issued to them:

Karl Ellingsen
John Shandalla
Richard Trippel
Preciocisimo Bunagan
Jeffrey Woodburn
Jimmy Catala
Daniel McCoy
Bill Hogewoning
Aaron Harrison.

I would also like to thank REC Alex Hart, REC Alan Akehurst, VEC Jim Bennie and Companion Bryan Johnstone for taking up office once again in Grand Chapter.

Committees:

I would like to recognize all the Committees for their hard work and dedication this past year. I now discharge them with thanks for their services. I also recognize the marvelous effort of the Ad – Hoc Committee on Education and Advancement in sensitizing and educating Companions of this Jurisdiction. The effort of MEC Norm McEvoy in this regard is most appreciated.

Highlights:

Companions, one of the highlights of my year took place when I was representing this Grand Chapter at the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon. This Communication was attended by a very large number of Brethren who are also Royal Arch Companions. They proudly displayed their Royal Arch Jewel on their right lapel. In fact, the enthusiasm to be identified as a Royal Arch Companion was so great that many Companions approached me and pointed out that they wore their Jewel as I had appealed to them to do in their various Chapters during my visits. The pride exuded by these Companions was so great and made me extremely proud. This singular act capped up a great year as your Grand First Principal. I also remember the warm faces at all Chapter meetings I attended across the Jurisdiction. The banquets; many attended by the wives of Companions, the laughter, jokes, making new friends and rejuvenating old acquaintances are things I would remember for many years to come.

Appreciation:

At this time I would like to thank all those Companions that supported me one way or the other during my year as Grand First Principal. The Grand Council was very supportive and I appreciate all the visits to Chapters together as a team. I also appreciate the efforts of my appointed Grand Chapter officers and thank them for accompanying me during my visits. The giving up of their time and dedication to the well-being of this Grand Chapter leaves me with a feeling of humility and a sense of pride and joy. These thanks are also extended to their Ladies who added colour and joy to those visits.

A very special thanks to VEC Bill Hogewoning, REC Roy Friis, REC John Young, EC Goran Ivankovic, EC John Ranking and the Companions of North Vancouver – King Solomon Chapter No. 16 who all worked so hard to ensure this Convocation was a success.

To VEC John Laing; your assistance this past year in your ‘small ways’ is much appreciated. You probably don’t realize how easy you made a few things for me.

To MEC Ken Overy our Grand Scribe Ezra for all the assistance and answers to my never ending questions. Your assistance made my year smooth.

To MEC Jeremy Gomersall for his invaluable insights and tips on how to make my year enjoyable. Those tips worked as I had a good time.

To MEC George Eaton and REC Ed Wilson, my recommenders who signed my Grand Chapter nomination form all the way from Grand Junior Sojourner to Grand First Principal and mentoring me all the way right from my time as a Royal Arch Companion. Both of you made this go smoothly and enjoyable. Your immeasurable experience is second to none.

To MEC Len Pickell, that bastion of Capitular knowledge. Your guidance and mentorship coupled with your voice of reason has been priceless.

To all the Companions of this Grand Chapter, I hope I lived up to your high expectations and didn't fail you all.

To MEC Ron Smith and his officers. I wish you all a successful year and you can count on my support during your year.

Finally, to my Wife, Marian for being very supportive and understanding. I would not have done this without her constant support and encouragement. To my Kids, Obinna and Oti; thanks for being understanding all those days and nights I had to be away and missed your extracurricular activities.

Thank you all once again for the privilege to serve you as Grand First Principal.

Sincerely and Fraternaly submitted.

MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi
Grand First Principal.
2016 – 2017.

Address Received

13) ADDRESS OF THE GRAND 2nd PRINCIPAL (H) REC Ronald Smith

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon: Companions,

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve this Grand Jurisdiction in the office of Grand Second Principal Haggai for the period 2016 – 2017.

I have had the honour of accompanying the Grand First Principal on many of his official visits to Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction and when accompanying him on 12 installations had the privilege of installing 16 Second Principals for their various Chapters. Living in the Lower Mainland I regularly attend meetings of the local Chapters and assist in the conferral of degrees.

In my capacity as Grand Haggai, I acted as chairman of the executive meetings which were held throughout the year, including the Spring Board. This was held in Saanichton and was arranged by Very Excellent Companions Bruce Allen & Jimmy Catala to whom I express my sincere thanks for their hard work in making this a successful event.

I was able to join with many of our Companions in the fellowship of our American brothers at International Night in Bellingham and also Affirmation Day at the Peace Arch in Blaine, Washington.

Attending and partaking in the ceremony of the 150 year anniversary in Victoria, of Columbia Chapter No. 1 and the rededication of a beautifully restored Bible was a once in a lifetime event and the perfect end to what was a memorable and enjoyable year as your Grand Haggai.

I thank all the companions for their continued support and look forward to renewing their acquaintance this coming year as I continue to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand First Principal.

Respectfully Submitted,
REC Ronald R. Smith

Report Received

14) ADDRESS OF THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL (J) REC Norman Bruce

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

I wish to thank you for the privilege of serving this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Third Principal (Joshua) 2016-2017.

It has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience and thank the Companions for the warm hospitality afforded me during my travels.

I was able to accompany the Grand First Principal to Chapters on the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast, Southern Interior, and the Cariboo, and supported the Grand Superintendents of District's #2 and #7.

I also attended International Night at Bellingham, WA, Affirmation Day at the Peace Arch Border, Semiahmoo Chapter's Christmas Party in Langley, Spring Board of General Purposes in Saanich, Annual General Meeting of the Royal Arch Masonic Home Society in Vancouver, Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon in Langley, and the 150 Years Celebration and Rededication in Victoria.

Due to recent developments on the home front, I decided not to submit my name for the Office of Grand Second Principal, and thank our Grand Scribe E. MEC Ken Overy for his guidance and understanding on this matter and to MEC Les Robinson for his commitment to serve the Office of Grand Second Principal for the ensuing year.

To the Grand Line and Grand Chapter Officers, it has been an honor and pleasure to serve

Grand Chapter with you and appreciate the mentorship and support you have provided me this past year.

To my sponsors, thank you for your faith in me to serve Grand Chapter as a Grand Line Officer, and extend my "Congratulations and Best Wishes" to the Grand First Principal Elect, REC Ron Smith and the Elected and Appointed Grand Chapter Officers for 2017-2018.

May you enjoy good health and an excellent year in Office.

Respectfully submitted;

REC Norm W. Bruce
Grand Third Principal
B.C. & Yukon

Report Received

15) Report of the Grand Chaplain

My thanks to MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi for the appointment as Grand Chaplain during this term. It was a pleasure to serve with him and his other officers. Unfortunately I was unable to attend MEC Onyemaobi's visits to District 3 except for the visit to Kelowna Chapter 17 as I had an unavoidable concordant body obligation during his visit to Penticton Chapter 22 in November and a family obligation during the joint installation of Kamloops and Granite Chapters in March. I attempted to support the Grand Superintendent REC John Griffin on his official visits in the District.

A special privilege was being asked to participate in the 150th Anniversary of Columbia Chapter # 1 in August. During the rededication of the Chapter, I had the honour of leading the prayers and of reading the scriptures. The Chapter also dedicated the Bible from 1862, which had been refurbished by a skilled bookbinder who is a member of the Chapter. During my visits to chapters I usually found myself asked to say grace at meals and festive boards. Occasionally I was requested to say the prayers during installations. I would suggest that chapters try to make use of the Grand Chaplain's services when he is present for meetings and installations and festive boards.

It was also my privilege to prepare the Memorial Service for this Grand Convocation in conjunction with MEC Ken Overy, Grand Scribe Ezra. My thanks to him as well for keeping me on track with my reporting duties.

In conclusion may I offer a blessing to MEC Ron Smith and all his incoming officers. May the Great Jehovah be with you and support you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
REC Alan Akehurst, Grand Chaplain

Moved to Accept REC. Alan Akehurst

Seconded VEC. Jimmy Catala

Passed

16)**REPORT OF THE MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE**

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal 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 Doug Bonk of Dawson Creek #41.

Your Merit Award Committee reminds the Companions that there are Companions within our Chapters, who have devoted much time and effort for their Chapter without receiving any recognition. Do not forget them.

There is an Application for the Merit award available on the website along with a note of explanation. Fill out the Application as per the format---especially "for the following reasons- and forward to the Grand Scribe Ezra.

Fraternally submitted,

MEC Anthony G Brown, Chair

REC Colin Hart

REC Robert Hart

Report Received**17)****RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS
2017**

| | | | |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1985 | Most Excellent Companion | Hilliard Clare | |
| 1989 | Most Excellent Companion | Thomas O. Mickey | |
| 1997 | Most Excellent Companion | Leonard G.B. Pickell | P |
| 1998 | Most Excellent Companion | Joseph R. Marshall | P |
| 2002 | Most Excellent Companion | Norman K. Monro | P |
| 2004 | Most Excellent Companion | George W. Eaton | |
| 2005 | Most Excellent Companion | Brian A. Richman | |
| 2006 | Most Excellent Companion | A. Leslie Robinson | P |
| 2007 | Most Excellent Companion | George R. E. Tillotson | |
| 2008 | Most Excellent Companion | Alastair Ross | P |

| | | | |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 2009 | Most Excellent Companion | David Grange | P |
| 2010 | Most Excellent Companion | Joel Chiri | |
| 2011 | Most Excellent Companion | Norman McEvoy | P |
| 2012 | Most Excellent Companion | Anthony (Tony) Brown | P |
| 2013 | Most Excellent Companion | Kenneth Overy | P |
| 2014 | Most Excellent Companion | Jeremy Gomersall | P |
| 2015 | Most Excellent Companion | Anthony (Tony) D'Eramo | P |

Grand Honours under the direction of VEC Alex Hart, Grand Director of Ceremonies were accorded. Each Past Grand First Principal was welcomed by the Grand First Principal.

MEC Pickell 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.

P = Present

18)

RECEPTION OF FIRST PRINCIPALS

Roll Call 2017

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Columbia # 1 | EC Steven Ackroyd | P |
| Rossland # 4 | EC Blaine Cantelope | |
| Rocky Mountain #7 | EC B.Maslaniec | |
| Keystone #8 | EC Doug Paugh | P |
| North Island #10 | VEC Rob McLellan | |
| Kaien #13 | EC Steven Finnigan | |
| N.Vancouver – King Solomon #16 | EC John Ranking | P |
| Kelowna #17 | EC Francis Latter | |
| Kamloops #18 | EC Fred Duwick | |
| Chilliwack #19 | EC Doug Davie | P |
| Penticton #22 | EC Dave Wooldridge | |
| Composite #24 | EC Dave Cox | P |
| Tzouhalem #26 | EC Paul Philcox | |
| Granite #29 | REC Eric B. Hansen | P |
| Joppa #31 | REC Greg Sawchuk | P |
| Majuba #33 | EC Geoff Winter | |
| Semiahmoo #34 | EC Bill Duncan | |
| Cathedral #35 | EC John McDowell | |

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------|---|
| Fort George #36 | VEC Rod Holmes | |
| Kalum #37 | EC William Hickman | |
| Yukon #38 | REC Jaques Boily | |
| Georgian #39 | EC Jon Glencross | |
| Simon Fraser #40 | EC Nick Materna | P |
| Dawson Creek #41 | EC Scott Wisdahl | |
| Caribou #43 | EC John Tauber | |
| Pacific Rim #44 | EC William Hilborn | P |

P = Present

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

19) REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER For the Year-ended 31st December 2016.

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 2016. 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 2016.

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

Companions, as you will note I redesigned the Statement of Income and Expenditure slightly in that I broke out the Investment Income and Donations made to our Charities from the Operating Income and Expenditures, as I believe it provides a more clear presentation.

Consequently with this presentation, you will note that the Operating Income for 2016 was \$20,124.98 (2015 – \$19,831.54) and Operating Expenditures for 2016 were \$22,208.82 (2015 - \$ 22,485.39). The result is that your Grand Chapter had Operating losses for 2016 of \$2,083.84 (2015 - \$ 2,653.85).

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, 2016, the operating costs of Grand Chapter have remained relatively consistent with 2015.

The investment income for the year from investments totaled \$21,323.21 (2015 - \$ 14,563.52) and Your Grand Chapter has donated in 2016 to our three Charities \$ 10,662.00 (2015 - \$ 10,662).

GENERAL ACCOUNT:-

1. How did we do last year, compared to the 2016 planned results our Actual Net Income was \$690 ,less more than Plan, the major variance in income being less than planned miscellaneous income of \$508.
2. In reviewing the Expenditures for last year compared to Plan they were favorable by \$ 1,271 in total. Individually, the major variances (items over \$250) were as follows:-

Unfavorable

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| | \$ |
| Jewels, pins and regalia | (1,554) |

Favorable

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| | \$..... |
| Grand Ezra travel | 500 |
| General | 500 |
| Postage | 370 |
| Telephone | 380 |
| Convocation costs | 700 |
| 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 2016 stood at \$ 268,984 at cost (market value \$ 297,496) from 2015 year end total of \$ 253,648 at cost (market value \$ 279,747).

My Companions, what I have just outlined to you, sums up the financial position of the General Account for last year – 2016.

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 \$ 4,400 in Bursaries last year, and had a \$ 8,677 net increase in our Capital Account, and our total Investment Holdings at year end 2015 increased to \$ 149,767 from \$141,089. The market value of the investments for 2016 stood at \$ 1815593.

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 2016 of \$NIL whilst the Donations made to the Annual Fund were \$ 5,062.

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.

2017 OUTLOOK:-

General Account

How are we doing so far in 2017? Again, this year 2017, 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

Donation's to the Annual Fund so far in 2017 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.

Finally my Companions, it is with some sadness that I am stepping aside as your Grand Treasurer, but with a tremendous amount of satisfaction, that you have place your trust in me over the last 10 years to oversee and safeguard the investments of your Grand Chapter. Your Grand Chapter is in very sound financial condition, and I have absolutely no doubt that REC. Tom Balabanov will serve your Grand Chapter as treasurer very well.

Thank you again for all your trust in my tenure.

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 2017.

Fraternally Submitted

REC. Peter Guichon – Grand Treasurer
September 2017.

Passed

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

" GENERAL ACCOUNT "

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*REC Peter Guichon
Grand Treasurer*

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
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TO: ALL COMPANIONS

FINANCIAL REVIEWERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2016

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 2016, 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,

.....
REC. D. Lewis

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V.EX Comp. J. Laing

Dated.....,2017

**GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON**

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

DECEMBER 31st 2016

| <u>ASSETS</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>CURRENT</u> | | |
| Bank Account - Chequing | 4,569.32 | 931.97 |
| Cash - investments | 4,323.03 | 5,309.95 |
| Inventories (note 1) | 1,747.63 | 1,450.84 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 500.00 | 2,100.00 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | \$11,139.98 | \$9,792.76 |
| <u>INVESTMENTS (at Cost)</u> | | |
| Odlum Brown - Holdings (note 2) | 253,647.97 | 268,984.26 |
| | \$253,647.97 | ----- |
| | | \$268,984.26 |
| <u>FIXED</u> | | |
| Regalia etc | 14,993.34 | 14,993.34 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (14,174.00) | (14,568.00) |
| Computer Equipment | 4,315.59 | 4,315.59 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (3,749.40) | (4,073.09) |
| Office Equipment | 1,380.88 | 1,380.88 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (1,380.88) | (1,380.88) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | \$1,385.53 | \$667.84 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u><u>\$266,173.48</u></u> | <u><u>\$279,444.86</u></u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | |
| <u>CURRENT</u> | | |
| Accounts Payable | 6,217.99 | 10,662.00 |
| Convocation Loan Acct | 906.68 | 906.68 |
| Provision Regalia Replacement | 15,250.00 | 15,500.00 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | \$22,374.67 | \$27,068.68 |
| <u>CAPITAL & EQUITY</u> | | |
| Prior years Surplus | 237,004.14 | 243,798.81 |
| Prior years Adjustment | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Current years Surplus/(Loss) | 6,794.67 | 8,577.37 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | \$243,798.81 | \$252,376.18 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u><u>\$266,173.48</u></u> | <u><u>\$279,444.86</u></u> |

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 2016**

| OPERATING INCOME | <u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2015</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2016</u> | <u>PLAN</u> <u>2016</u> | <u>VARIANCE</u> <u>to Plan 2016</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Capita Dues | 19,074.00 | 19,570.00 | 19,800.00 | (230.00) |
| Bank Interest | 20.09 | 2.65 | 85.00 | (82.35) |
| Proceedings | 0.00 | 0.00 | | - |
| Certificates | 440.00 | 330.00 | 200.00 | 130.00 |
| Donation | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| Misc Income (note 3) | 297.45 | 222.33 | 730.00 | (507.67) |
| TOTAL OPERATING INCOME | 19,831.54 | 20,124.98 | 20,815.00 | -690.02 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| Bank Charges | 151.88 | 0.00 | 25.00 | 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 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Honorarium | 8,400.00 | 8,400.00 | 8,400.00 | - |
| Grand Treas. Honorarium | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | - |
| Travel | 44.72 | 250.00 | 250.00 | - |
| Rent | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | - |
| District 10 Travel | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | - |
| Jewels/Pins/Regalia | 230.80 | 2,054.18 | 500.00 | (1,554.18) |
| Regalia Repairs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Regalia Replacement Fund | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 | - |
| Printing - Proceedings | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| - General | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Postage | 207.49 | 130.48 | 500.00 | 369.52 |
| Telephone | 845.00 | 975.08 | 1,125.00 | 149.92 |
| Stationery/Office Supplies | 881.13 | 420.89 | 500.00 | 79.11 |
| Cases - Regalia | 200.66 | 0.00 | 180.00 | 180.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 752.84 | 10.50 | 300.00 | 289.50 |
| Amortization | 717.69 | 717.69 | 500.00 | (217.69) |
| Convocation Costs Net | 303.18 | 0.00 | 700.00 | 700.00 |
| Move - Grand Scribe Office | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | 22,485.39 | 22,208.82 | 23,480.00 | 1,271.18 |
| OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | (2,653.85) | (2,083.84) | (2,665.00) | 581.16 |
| INVESTMENT INCOME | | | | |
| Interest and dividend | 10,229.60 | 11,267.61 | 8,000.00 | 3,267.61 |
| Capital | 4,333.92 | 10,055.60 | (1,000.00) | 11,055.60 |
| | 14,563.52 | 21,323.21 | 7,000.00 | 14,323.21 |
| Donations paid | 5,115.00 | 10,662.00 | | 10,662.00 |
| Net Income after donations | 9,448.52 | 10,661.21 | 7,000.00 | 3,661.21 |
| TOTAL INCOME (LOSS) | 6,794.67 | 8,577.37 | 4,335.00 | 4,242.37 |

**GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
NOTES to FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

at **DECEMBER 31st 2016**

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 | 264.88 |
| | Pins & Jewels | <u>1,185.96</u> |
| | Total | <u><u>1,450.84</u></u> |

Note 2 Investments (Long Term at Cost)

| | Cost | % | Market Value |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| | \$ | Return | \$ |
| Bank of New York Mellon | 7,344.20 | | 15,907.84 |
| Allied Properties | 15,595.80 | 3.75% | 15,244.05 |
| Weherhaeuser Co. - shares | 6,184.42 | | 12,123.26 |
| Trans Alta Corp Shares | 17,243.16 | 6.40% | 17,011.36 |
| Brookfield Property | 7,379.70 | | 7,039.20 |
| Brookfield Off | 24,952.80 | 4.00% | 24,237.24 |
| CGI Group Inc. | 7,361.75 | | 7,410.60 |
| Cominar REIT | 8,253.76 | 4.23% | 8,263.02 |
| Chevron Corp. | 9,145.25 | | 10,274.62 |
| Fortis Inc | 12,507.66 | | 14,511.00 |
| Hollis Investment Savings | 8,101.40 | | 8,294.11 |
| Home Trust GIC | 10,000.00 | 2.00% | 10,000.00 |
| Fairfax Financial Holdings | 11,614.30 | 5.00% | 10,950.00 |
| Mondelez International Inc. | 10,412.74 | | 10,120.98 |
| Power Financial Corp | 6,303.60 | | 7,383.20 |
| BCE Inc. Cum Red Pfd | 10,442.20 | | 9,360.00 |
| Granite Real Estate Inc. | 6,794.02 | | 8,069.40 |
| Reliance LP | 11,768.95 | 4.57% | 11,052.46 |
| Reliance LP | 21,593.40 | 5.19% | 20,828.64 |
| CU Inc Preferred | 6,909.48 | | 6,510.00 |
| GE Shares | 5,972.79 | | 13,580.42 |
| Toronto Dominion Bank | 8,770.37 | | 10,595.20 |
| TransAlta Corp | 15,337.50 | 5.00% | 15,337.50 |
| Visa | 8,985.95 | | 8,906.37 |
| BMO Common | 10,009.06 | | 14,485.50 |
| Total | <u><u>\$ 268,984.26</u></u> | | <u><u>\$ 297,495.97</u></u> |

Note 3 Analysis of Misc Income

| | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Dispensations | 230.00 |
| Rituals | -14.08 |
| Apron crests | -3.59 |
| Bylaw change fee | <u>10.00</u> |
| Total | <u><u>\$ 222.33</u></u> |

**GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - "GENERAL ACCOUNT"
For the Year Ended DECEMBER 31st, 2016**

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| NET INCOME (EXPENDITURES) | \$ 8,577.37 |
| SOURCE of FUNDS | |
| Inventory | 296.79 |
| Amortization Net | 717.69 |
| Regalia Reserve Fund | 250.00 |
| Accounts payable | 4,444.01 |
| | Source |
| | \$ 5,708.49 |
| | sub total |
| | \$ 14,285.86 |
| APPLICATION of FUNDS | |
| Prepaid expenses | 1,600.00 |
| Net investment increase | 15,336.29 |
| | Application |
| | \$ 16,936.29 |
| | Net Cash Flow |
| | \$ (2,650.43) |
| BANK BALANCE at January 1st 2016 | \$ 8,892.35 |
| BANK BALANCE at December 31st 2016 | \$ 6,241.92 |
| COMPOSED OF | |
| Cash - chequing account | \$ 931.97 |
| Cash - investments | 5,309.95 |
| | \$ 6,241.92 |

**GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
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" BURSARY ACCOUNT "

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*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 2016

We the undersigned, have examined the records of " The Grand Chapter of British Columbia & Yukon - Bursary Account " for the year ended December 31st 2016, 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,

.....
REC. D. Lewis

.....
VEX. Comp. J. Laing

Dated.....2017

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH - BURSARY ACCOUNT

STATEMENT of FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 2016

" CAPITAL FUND "

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ASSETS: | | |
| <i><u>Current</u></i> | | |
| Bank Account HSBC | \$ 9,279.55 | \$ 3,616.85 |
| Investment - Cash Account | 1,484.25 | 2,502.66 |
| | <u>10,763.80</u> | <u>6,119.51</u> |
| <i><u>Investments - At Cost</u></i> | | |
| Odlum Brown - Holdings at Cost | 149,766.62 | 141,089.40 |
| FUND ASSETS | <u>\$ 160,530.42</u> | <u>\$ 147,208.91</u> |
| LIABILITIES: | | |
| <i><u>Current</u></i> | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ - | \$ - |
| Investment Loss Provision | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <i><u>Equity</u></i> | | |
| Prior Years Surplus | 147,208.91 | 140,833.91 |
| Current Years Surplus | 13,321.51 | 6,375.00 |
| <i>Total Equity</i> | <u>160,530.42</u> | <u>147,208.91</u> |
| FUND LIABILITIES | <u>\$ 160,530.42</u> | <u>\$ 147,208.91</u> |

Approved.....Grand 1st Principal

Approved.....Grand 2nd Principal

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS - "BURSARY ACCOUNT"

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS

For the YEAR ENDED - DECEMBER 31st 2016

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| "CAPITAL FUND" | | |
| <i>Income</i> | | |
| Donations | \$ - | \$ - |
| Investment Interest | 6,247.91 | 6,298.00 |
| Total | \$ 6,247.91 | \$ 6,298.00 |
| <i>Expenses</i> | | |
| Transfer to Annual Fund | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Investment Loss(Profit) | (6,411.66) | - |
| Total | \$ (6,411.66) | \$ - |
| Net Capital | | |
| Income | \$ 12,659.57 | \$ 6,298.00 |

"ANNUAL FUND"

| | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Income</i> | | |
| Donations | 5,061.94 | 4,277.00 |
| Investment Transfer | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 5,061.94 | \$ 4,277.00 |
| <i>Expenditures</i> | | |
| Bursary Awards | 4,400.00 | 4,200.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 4,400.00 | \$ 4,200.00 |
| Net Income(Loss) | \$ 661.94 | \$ 77.00 |

Grand Chapter Royal Arch - Bursary Account

Grand Treasurer's Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31st, 2016

| " CAPITAL FUND " | \$ |
|---|------------------------|
| Net Capital Income | 13,321.51 |
| Source of Funds: | |
| Investment - Cash Account | 1,018.41 |
| Investment Sold | |
| Source Total | 14,339.92 |
| Application of Funds: | |
| Investments Purchased | 8,677.22 |
| Investment- Cash Account | |
| Application Total | 8,677.22 |
| Net Cash Flow | 5,662.70 |
| Opening Bank Balance Jan 1st 2016 | \$ 3,616.85 |
| Closing Bank Balance Dec 31st 2016 | \$ 9,279.55 |

| <u>Investments - Odlum Brown</u> | Cost | Interest % | Market Value |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | \$ | Return | \$ |
| Odlum Brown - | | | |
| Cominar Reit | 11,440.22 | 4.23% | 11,361.65 |
| Laurentian Bank GIC | 15,700.00 | 2.10% | 15,700.00 |
| Brookfield Asset | 6,326.04 | 4.75% | 6,399.00 |
| Rogers Communications Inc | 8,272.46 | | 9,063.25 |
| Fortis Inc - 4.90% | 9,574.60 | 4.90% | 9,224.00 |
| RBC Common Shares | 5,980.46 | | 14,539.20 |
| George Weston - 5.20% | 6,395.40 | 5.20% | 7,290.00 |
| ALTM Hi Int Cash | 11,017.68 | | 11,507.34 |
| BCE INC New | 7,579.31 | | 9,865.10 |
| Carmax Inc. | 8,083.17 | | 9,944.71 |
| Kraft Foods Common Shares | 2,934.43 | | 13,486.14 |
| CIBC Common Shares | 6,466.50 | | 13,147.20 |
| Microsoft | 9,036.31 | | 10,849.02 |
| NTL Oilwell Varco Inc | 8,453.65 | | 5,531.01 |
| Reliance LP | 19,434.06 | 5.19% | 18,745.78 |
| TransAlta Corp. | 8,180.00 | 5.00% | 8,180.00 |
| BMO Common Shares | 4,892.33 | | 6,759.90 |
| Total | \$ 149,766.62 | | \$ 181,593.30 |

BursyFinancials

CashFlow.xls

**Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon
INCOME STATEMENT - BUDGET
January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**

| | Budget 2016 | Budget 2017 |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Sundry Income: | | |
| Bank & Savings Interest | 85 | 85 |
| Investment Income | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Proceedings | - | - |
| Certificates | 200 | 200 |
| Dispensations | 100 | 100 |
| Jewels/Pins 50/60 yr | 30 | 30 |
| Royal Art | | - |
| Constitutions | | - |
| Rituals | 300 | 300 |
| Ceremonies/Guides | | - |
| 25 yr Pins Donation | 50 | 50 |
| Misc | 250 | 250 |
| | 9,015 | 9,015 |
| Total Sundry Income | | |
| PER CAPITA | 19,800 | 19,000 |
| | <u>28,815</u> | <u>28,015</u> |
| <u>TOTAL INCOME</u> | | |
| Members | 1,100 | 1,000 |
| Per capita | 18 | 19 |
| | 19,800 | 19,000 |

**Budget on 1000 members (down 100)
Raise per capita to \$19.00 from \$18.00**

Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon
Statement of Expenses - BUDGET
January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

| <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>2017</u> | <u>Budget</u> <u>2018</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bank Charges | 25 | 25 |
| Grand "Z" Travel B.C. | 4,800 | 4,800 |
| Travel Yukon | 700 | 700 |
| Intineraries | - | - |
| Grand "E" Travel | 500 | 500 |
| Allowance | 8,400 | 8,400 |
| Grand Treas. Allowance | 500 | 500 |
| Travel | 250 | 250 |
| Insurance | - | - |
| Rent incl Security | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| District 10 Travel | 600 | 600 |
| Jewels/Pins etc | 500 | 500 |
| Regalia Repairs | 250 | 250 |
| Regalia Replacement Fund | 250 | 250 |
| - Ritual Revision/Print | 200 | 200 |
| - Inventory Write/Off | - | - |
| - Misc | 300 | 300 |
| Postage | 500 | 500 |
| Telephone/Internet | 1,125 | 1,125 |
| Stationery & Office | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 300 | 300 |
| Computer Supplies | - | - |
| Repairs - Computers | - | - |
| - Office Equipment | - | - |
| Amortization of Assets | 500 | 500 |
| Regalia Cases | 180 | 180 |
| Grand Z /Reciprical Jurisdiction | 700 | 700 |
| Donations | | |
| Move Grand Scribe Office | - | - |
| Investment Loss | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Grand Chapter Expenses | <u>24,980</u> | <u>24,980</u> |

There will be funds required to celebrate our 100th year celebration.
Those funds, being an exceptional expense will have to be approved by the executive
and will have to be provided out of our investments.

To date there has been no budget for the celebrations presented to Grand Chapter or the Executive.

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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, I would like to thank everyone for once more placing their faith in me for this past Year. I am trying to continue along the path of reducing costs to Grand Chapter wherever possible and to share whatever knowledge I may have gained over these past years whenever I am asked and am able to help with. Thanks again to the Chapter Scribes for their help whenever I contacted them.

I have received all the annual returns for this year and urge the Scribes to endeavor to have them in by the deadline of February 28th. The annual returns are used to determine the health of our Grand Chapter by informing us of the number of new members as well as informing us of the passing of some of our esteemed colleagues, those whom we honoured last night in our Memorial Service. It is also one of the tools used to calculate the budget each year. It is a window by which we know if our numbers are rising or declining and by what amount. The Per Capita is determined by these numbers so as you can see the per Capita being submitted on time is quite important. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those Scribes who have included me in their email list for notices. It keeps me better informed of your activities and also lets me know who your Officers are for the year.

I would also like to receive a complete roster of the members of your Chapters. It is a great help in keeping our list of members up to date.

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

Moved Acceptance of Report MEC Ken Overy

Seconded REC Phil Robinson

Passed.

YEAR END REPORT 2016

| Chapter | No. | Ttl. Mem. | | Rest. | Affil. | Decd | Susp | Demit | Expel | Comp. in Care Homes | Total Mem. Dec -16 | Surplus/ Loss |
|---------------|-----|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Jan – 16 | Exhalt | | | | | | | | | |
| Columbia | 1 | 84 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 76 | \$1,297.00 |
| Rossland | 4 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 22 | -\$156.00 |
| R. Mount., | 7 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 25 | -\$609.01 |
| Keystone | 8 | 28 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | No Report |
| N. Island | 10 | 75 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 70 | \$1,338.47 |
| Kaien | 13 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 19 | \$750.00 |
| NV – KS | 16 | 55 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 49 | \$1,676.86 |
| Kelowna | 17 | 30 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 34 | -\$1,854.92 |
| Kamloops | 18 | 39 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 32 | \$750.21 |
| Chilliwack | 19 | 34 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 33 | -\$1,003.23 |
| Penticton | 22 | 31 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 32 | \$1,478.29 |
| Composite | 24 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 56 | -\$2,477.00 |
| Tzouhalem | 26 | 36 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 36 | \$109.10 |
| Granite | 29 | 28 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 24 | \$663.54 |
| Joppa | 31 | 51 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 69 | -\$3,491.04 |
| Majuba | 33 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 23 | -\$153.55 |
| Semiahmoo | 34 | 50 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 50 | \$273.44 |
| Cathedral | 35 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 24 | -\$682.30 |
| F.George | 36 | 69 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 63 | \$953.99 |
| Kalum | 37 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 46 | \$66.00 |
| Yukon | 38 | 30 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 | -\$1,502.69 |
| Georgian | 39 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | -\$656.21 |
| S.Fraser | 40 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 38 | -\$754.04 |
| D. Creek | 41 | 55 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 54 | \$605.00 |
| Caribou | 43 | 30 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | \$190.00 |
| P.Rim | 44 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | -\$1,174.90 |
| Totals | | 1045 | 50 | 2 | 25 | 32 | 25 | 55 | 0 | 32 | 1008 | Loss of 37 Comp. |

Report of the Finance Committee

To the Most Excellent Grand 1st. Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon.

Companions:

The role of the Finance Committee is to examine the financial reports and to provide comments and recommendations to the Grand Treasurer throughout the year. Your Finance Committee was impacted by this past year's weather. While we could keep in contact via telephone and email throughout the year, the annual meeting held on Feb 4th proved to be a challenge for many due to heavy snow in the Lower Mainland. Despite these challenges we were able to complete our required duties.

It continues to be our opinion that Grand Chapter operating expenses should be covered by the per capita received. Last year we raised the per capita by \$1.00 which allowed Grand Chapter to meet their operating expenses without drawing from the Investment Account. Four Chapters missed the February 2017 reporting deadline for their Annual Reports therefore we could only estimate their numbers. Based on the reports received, we forecast a further decline in membership and recommend a \$4.00 increase in per capita to cover expenses for the next three to four years. In light of the fact that when Grand Chapter moved out of the Grand Lodge Building a few years ago the per capita was reduced by \$20.00, we do not feel this modest increase should prove onerous. We need to ensure that we have stability in the coming years.

The committee identified an issue that needs to be considered over the coming year. Financial plans for the upcoming Grand Chapter Centenary need to be drawn up and financing approved. The committee would be happy to provide assistance in this matter should it be required.

The Budget and Fiscal year end Statements of Account as presented by our outgoing Grand Treasurer, R.W. Comp. Peter Guichon, have received the full support of this Committee. Our outgoing Grand Treasurer has completed his given task with due diligence and in a timely fashion. Our professional investment managers, Odlum-Brown, have provided us with an annual return of 8 - 10%. Once again, we will be able to distribute more than the stipulated 25% amount to our charities. This amounts to \$3,554.00 for each of the 3 established Charities – an increase of \$254 over last year.

Lastly, on behalf of this Committee, our thanks to Rt. Ex. Comp. Guichon for his outstanding service over the past 10 years. He has been of great service to the Finance Committee and our sincere best wishes to the acclaimed incoming Grand Treasurer, R. Ex. Companion Tom Balabanov. We have no reason to doubt that we will continue to have smooth sailing under his helm.

Fraternally submitted

Vy. Ex. Comp. John M. Laing, Chairman

Most Ex. Comp. Ken Overy;

Rt. Ex. Comp. Peter Guichon;

Ex. Comp. Robert (Bob) Coan;

Ex. Comp. Leonard Janot

Moved for Acceptance REC. John Laing
Seconded MEC. Ken Overy
Passed.

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**CONSTITUTION & JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
GRAND CHAPTER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON**

Report of the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee 2017

To the Most excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of
The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Mason of British Columbia and Yukon

We are pleased to report that only a few minor problems were reported to the committee. These were resolved with satisfaction to those concerned.

There were 14 notices of motion submitted with proposed changes to the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

Resolutions No 4, 10 and 14 have been withdrawn

The Committee found No. 13 unacceptable in its present form and should not be dealt with.

The remainder of the resolutions are acceptable as to form. The Committee offers no opinion as to the wisdom of these proposals.

Fraternally submitted,

MEC Joel Chiri

MEC Jeremy Gomersall

MEC Leonard Pickell, Chairman

Report Received

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS TO GRAND CHAPTER CONSTITUTION
FOR 2017**

1) Original Section.

53.2.1 PER CAPITA NOT PAYABLE: When the dues of a member are thus remitted due to the said member having been permanently committed to a long term care facility, then the annual per capita shall not be payable to Grand Chapter in respect of that member, provided that, if any dues thus remitted by a Constituent Chapter be paid at a future date, then, the annual per capita fees payable to Grand Chapter in relation thereto shall be at once due and payable.

Proposed New Section.

53.2.1.3 REMISSION FOR A COMPANION IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS. When the dues of a companion are remitted then the corresponding annual per capita fee is not payable to Grand Chapter, provided that if any dues thus remitted be paid at a future date then the per capita fee shall be payable to Grand Chapter at once.

Reason.

Whereas this provision is provided by Grand Lodge of B.C. & Yukon to the Constituent Lodges of the jurisdiction and whereas this benevolence should be extended by Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon to alleviate the cost of the per capita to the Chapter remitting the annual dues of the distressed Companion.

Proposer. REC. Norman Carreck. Majuba Chapter #33

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

Moved: REC. Norm Carreck **Seconded:** MEC Ken Overy **Passed.**

2) Original Section.

None.

Proposed New Section.

38.11.8 WELL KNOWN COMPANION: If a Companion is well known to the Companions of a Chapter and of high moral standing in his community, the requirements of 38.11.4 may be deemed to have been met and an invitation may be offered to the Companion to become a member of the Chapter.

Reason.

This gives the same privileges to an affiliate as is offered to a Master Mason.

Proposer. MEC. Les Robinson. Keystone Chapter #8

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

Moved: MEC Les Robinson **Seconded:** REC. Philip Robinson **Passed**

3) Original Section.

42.3 UNAFFILIATED COMPANIONS: an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason may visit a Constituent Chapter with the consent of that Chapter.

Proposed New Section.

An Unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason may visit a Constituent Chapter no more than twice except with the express consent of the Grand First Principal.

Reason.

To prevent a member from requesting a demit, and then continuing to visit Constituent Chapters.

Proposer. MEC. Ken Overy. Majuba Chapter #33

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

Moved: MEC Ken Overy **Seconded:** EC. Steven Ackroyd **Passed**

4) Original Section. **WITHDRAWN BY PROPOSER**

15.1 PAST FIRST PRINCIPALS: Only Past First principals, who are members of this Grand Chapter, hold Grand Offices. However, any member of a Chapter may fill the office of Grand Organist, Grand Chaplain or Grand Tyler. For the position of Grand First Principal, he must have served as a Grand Sojourner and as a Grand Principal.

Proposed New Section.

15.1 PAST FIRST PRINCIPAL: Only Past First Principals, who are members of this Grand Chapter, hold Grand Offices. However, any member of a Chapter may fill the office of Grand Organist, Grand Chaplain or Grand Tyler.

Reason. To delete the sentence "*For the position of Grand First Principal, he must have served as a Grand Sojourner and as a Grand Principal.*" Which could prevent the nomination of otherwise well qualified Companions such as certain past Grand Officers and others.

Proposer. MEC. George W. Eaton. Columbia #1, Composite #24, Joppa 31.

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

5) Original Section.

15.1 PAST FIRST PRINCIPALS: Only Past First Principals, who are members of this Grand Chapter, hold Grand Offices. However any member of a Chapter may fill the office of Grand Organist, Grand Chaplain or Grand Tyler. For the position of Grand First Principal, he must have served as a Grand Sojourner and as a Grand Principal.

Proposed New Section.

15.1 PAST FIRST PRINCIPALS: Only Past First Principals, who are members of this Grand Chapter, hold Grand Offices. However, any member of a Chapter may fill the office of Grand Organist, Grand Chaplain or Grand Tyler. For the position of Grand First Principal, he must have served as a Grand Principal Sojourner and as a Grand Principal.

Reason. **Housekeeping.** In order to bring article 15.1 in keeping with the elected Grand Line presently consisting of the Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Third Principal, and Grand Second Principal .

Proposer. MEC. Les Robinson. Keystone #8

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

Moved: MEC Les Robinson **Seconded:** REC. Norm Bruce **Passed.**

6) Original Section.

None.

Proposed New Section.

14.1.1 ATTENDANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS: All incoming and current elected and appointed Grand Officers must be in attendance at Grand Chapter to be installed into their respective offices. Exceptions being by specific dispensation from the Grand First Principal.

Reason. Too many Grand Officers do not attend Grand Chapter to be installed (and invested).

Proposer. MEC. Les Robinson. Keystone #8

Ammendment

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

Moved as amended: MEC. Les Robinson **Seconded as amended:** **Passed.**

7) Original Section.

None.

Proposed New Section.

14.1.2 ATTENDANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS: All current elected and appointed Grand Officers must be in attendance at Grand Chapter to have permanent Grand Rank conferred on them. Exceptions being by specific dispensation from the Grand First Principal.

Reason.

Too many Grand Officers do not attend Grand Chapter to receive their permanent rank.

Proposer. MEC. Les Robinson. Keystone #8

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

Moved: MEC Les Robinson **Seconded:** REC. Ron Smith **Passed.**

8) Original Section.

8.4.1 PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER OF WASHINGTON: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon extends full recognition to the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington and Jurisdiction.

Proposed New Section.

8.4.1 PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER OF WASHINGTON: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon extends full recognition to the Prince Hall Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington and Jurisdiction.

Reason.

Housekeeping. To have this section reflect its actual intent.

Proposer. MEC. Ken Overy. Majuba #33

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

Moved: MEC. Ken Overy

Seconded: REC. Phil Robinson

Passed

9) Original Section.

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: The Constitution of Grand Chapter may be amended or altered at its annual convocation. Written notice, stating distinctly the proposed amendment or alteration, may be given at the preceding annual convocation, but must be in the hands of the Grand Scribe Ezra by March 15th before the convocation at which the motion is to be considered.

Proposed New Section.

9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: The Constitution of Grand Chapter may be amended or altered at its annual convocation. Written notice, stating distinctly the proposed amendment or alteration, may be given at the preceding annual convocation but must be in the hands of the Grand Scribe Ezra by March 1st before the convocation at which the motion is to be considered.

Reason.

To remove conflict with section 9.3

Proposer. MEC. Jeremy Gomersall Composite #24

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

Moved: MEC. Jeremy Gomersall

Seconded: REC. John Laing

Passed

10) Original Section.

WITHDRAWN. ALREADY IN CONSTITUTION.

14.2 WRITTEN NOMINATION: The elected Grand Chapter Officers (Grand First Principal, Grand Second Principal, Grand Third Principal, Grand Treasurer, Grand Scribe Ezra, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Senior Sojourner and Grand Junior Sojourner) are elected annually after written nomination. Two members of Grand Chapter sign the nomination. It gives the full name, Address, and Masonic rank of the nominee and the name and number of his Chapter. The Grand Scribe Ezra receives nominations on or before February 28th.

Proposed New Section.

14.2 WRITTEN NOMINATION: The elected Grand Chapter Officers (Grand First Principal, Grand Second Principal, Grand Third Principal, Grand Treasurer, Grand Scribe Ezra and Grand Principal Sojourner) are elected annually after written nomination. Two members of Grand Chapter sign the nomination. It gives the full name, Address, and Masonic rank of the nominee and the name and number of his Chapter. The Grand Scribe Ezra receives nominations on or before February 28th.

Reason.

To make Section 14.2 coincide with Section 11.3.2.

Proposer. MEC. Joel Chiri Majuba Chapter #33

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

11) Original Section.

34.2 NOTICE: A notice shall be mailed at least ten days before each chapter convocation.

Proposed New Section.

34.2 NOTICE: A notice shall be mailed by post or electronically at least 10 days before each chapter convocation.

Reason. Reduce cost.

Proposer. REC. Jon Paterson. Pacific Rim #44

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

Moved: EC. Steven Ackroyd **Seconded:** VEC Jimmy Catala **Passed**

12) Original Section.

34.1 AT LEAST SIX TIMES: Each Chapter shall hold a regular convocation at least six times in every twelve months unless by dispensation. (Rev. 2014)

Proposed New Section.

34.1 AT LEAST FOUR TIMES: Each Chapter shall hold a regular convocation at least four times in every twelve months unless by dispensation. (Rev. 2017)

Reason. To improve attendance.

Proposer. REC. John Paterson Pacific Rim #44.

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

Moved: MEC. Ken Overy **Seconded:** EC Steven Ackroyd **Defeated**

13) Original Section.

None.

Proposed New Section. **REMOVED. CONTRARY TO CONSTITUTION**

23.1.6 COLUMBIA CHAPTER 150 YEAR EMBLEM: To Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Royal Arch Masonry in British Columbia and Yukon and the 150th Anniversary of the Consecration of Columbia Chapter No. 1 in 1867, originally Chapter No. 120 under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. Companions who are members of Columbia Chapter No.1 are permitted to have emblazoned in red on the white lamb skin portion of their apron: on the right side as worn under the tassel "1867" and on the left side as worn under the tassel "2017.

Reason. This will acknowledge 150 years of Royal Arch Masonry in British Columbia and Yukon, it is similar to what is worn in other jurisdictions for both 100th and 150th anniversaries; it will not interfere with any other badges of office or badges of former office.

Proposer. VEC. Bruce Allan. Columbia #1

Decision of C.& J. Committee. This Notice of Motion is not acceptable because it is contrary to Section 23.1.1. It will desecrate the apron. A breast jewel would be more appropriate.

THIS NOTICE OF MOTION, No.14 WAS WITHDRAWN AS A SIMILAR NOTICE OF MOTION WAS ALREADY PUT FORWARD. (NOTICE OF MOTION No 2).

14) Original Section.

None.

Proposed New Section.

38.11.5 WELL KNOWN COMPANION: If a Royal Arch Companion is well known to the Companions of a Chapter and of high moral standing in his community, the requirement of 38.11.4 may be deemed to have been met and an invitation may be offered to the companion to become a member of the Chapter by Affiliation.

Amend 38.11.5 to 38.11.6

Amend 38.11.6 to 38.11.7

Amend 38.11.7 to 38.11.8

Reason.

At present a Brother who is well known ... and applies for Exaltation, the requirement for a committee of Investigation may be waived, 38.10.10 applies.

However, if a Companion wishes to Affiliate, regardless of whether he is well known or not, a Committee of Investigation must be appointed 38.11.4. Why does a Brother applying for Exaltation have the requirement of a Committee of Investigation waived when a Companion who is already a member of Royal Arch requires a Committee of Investigation? Inserting this new section as 38.11.5 is logical and follows the same pattern as that for Exaltation.

Proposer. VEC. Bruce Allan Columbia #1

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form.

23) Forum for Candidates for Elected Offices.

Candidates to give short speech to Convocation

Candidates for Grand Principal Sojourner:

R.E.C. Dale Alfred Townsend

V.E.C. John Merryweather Laing

V.E.C. Jimmy Serge Catala

24) Report of the Regalia Committee Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of BC & Yukon Regalia Report 2017

As reported in prior years it is difficult maintaining track and condition of inventory items when spread throughout the Province with various companions.

The following items are on Regalia Inventory:

| | | |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Grand 1 st Principal apron | on Order | 1 |
| Grand 1 st Principal Collar & Jewel | being refurbished | 1 |
| Grand 2 nd Principal apron | poor | 1 |
| Grand 3 rd Principal apron | new | 1 |
| | old-poor condition | 3 |
| Grand Officer collars | fair | 2 |
| Grand Principal Sojourner collar | poor | 1 |
| Grand Superintendent of Districts | fair | 1 |
| | poor | 2 |
| Grand Chaplain | poor | 1 |
| Grand Sojourners Collar | poor | 3 |
| | fair | 1 |
| | good | 2 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|------|---|
| Grand Tricolor Sash | new | 2 |
| | fair | 1 |
| Apron cases leather | new | 1 |
| | fair | 2 |
| Apron case Large (soft) | new | 1 |

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

Submitted by REC Neil Marsh Chairman

Report Received

25) REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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26) GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Companions,

My thanks again to our dedicated Grand Z. for appointing me for a thirteenth term. In the interests of brevity, I will limit this report to a look at the founding of Royal Arch Masonry in our jurisdiction 150 years ago. My apologies to Chapters with historical milestones this year.

We're fortunate for two things—that the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon saw fit to publish a book of its history, and that the Historian of Columbia Chapter No. 1 in Victoria was Ex. Comp. Ken Reid, an extremely competent and thorough chronicler who, for those who don't know, served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of B.C. in 1958.

However, one piece of information that eluded Ex. Comp. Reid—at least, it was not mentioned in his writings in the Grand Chapter history—is that a meeting of “Companions of the Holy Royal Arch residing in Victoria or British Columbia” was called for the Masonic Lodge rooms at 8 p.m. on February 1, 1864, and advertised that day in the *Victoria Colonist*. It was called by Comp. William Henry Thain. He was a member of Victoria Lodge No. 1085 under the United Grand Lodge of England; in fact, he was present at the first organisational meeting of July 12, 1858 to form a Masonic Lodge in the city. He became Victoria Lodge’s first Senior Deacon. Ex. Comp. Thain had been made a Mason in 1856 in St. John No. 632 in New Brunswick under the English Grand Lodge. It’s unclear when or where he became a Royal Arch Mason, or served as a principal. And it’s also unclear what the end result of that meeting in 1864 was other than it obviously didn’t result in the formation of a Chapter.

It wasn’t until three years later that an attempt to form a Chapter bore fruit. In 1867, there were four Lodges in Victoria, two under England and two under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. An organisational meeting of five Companions took place on February 10, 1867. Ex. Comp. Thain was present and acting as Secretary. Presiding was Ex. Comp. Israel Wood Powell, who became the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of B.C. in 1871. Ex. Comp. Powell hailed from Elgin Lodge No. 348 in Montreal under the Grand Lodge of Scotland and was the de facto founder (though not a founding member) of Vancouver Lodge No. 421 in Victoria, also under Scotland. That’s perhaps why Scotland, and not England, was asked to charter a Royal Arch Chapter.

There were other Royal Arch Masons in Victoria who did not attend the meeting but evidently had indicated they would become members. 11 Companions signed a letter to the Grand Chapter of Scotland applying for a charter. The request named Ex. Comp. Powell as First Principal, Comp. Richard Lewis as Second Principal, Comp. John Robertson Stewart as Third Principal, Ex. Comp. Fred Williams as Scribe Ezra, Ex. Comp. Thain as Scribe Nehemiah, Comp. John Edward Hunt as Principal Sojourner, Comp. Joseph Blackbourne as Second Sojourner, Comp. Thomas Smith Allatt as Third Sojourner, Ex. Comp. Henry Holbrook as Treasurer and Comps. Joseph Johnson Southgate and Robert Burnaby, who, at the time, was District Grand Master under England, and was made the First Immediate Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge in 1871.

We are quite used today to the way concordant bodies are structured, but in the 19th Century, things weren’t cut and dried, with wayward degrees left to their own devices. At organisational meeting of Columbia Chapter, it was agreed that Ex. Comp. Thain could confer the Royal Ark Mariner, Knight of the Sword, Knight of the East and Knight of the East and West on any of the other founding members by dispensation. (Thain died in Victoria on September 12, 1882).

In this day of instant communication, it would be maddening to some to have to deal with the realities of 1867. The letter requesting a charter had to be put on a boat which sailed around the tip of South America and thence to the United Kingdom, where it made its way to Edinburgh, likely by train. There was a slight problem with the request. Only three of the petitioners were Royal Arch Masons under the Grand Chapter of Scotland—Lewis, Stewart and Thain—so the Grand Scribe E. got around it by simply adding the names of some random Scottish Royal Arch Masons so Columbia had the official number needed to open.

We’ll give you a little more information about the founders.

Powell was born in Simcoe, Lower Canada, on April 7, 1837. He graduated in medicine from McGill in 1860, practised in Port Dover where he was the first W.M. of Erie Lodge, then came to Vancouver Island in 1862. Powell River is named for him, as is Powell Street in Vancouver;

in the mid-1860s, Powell had a large section of land along the south shore of Burrard Inlet which would be worth billions of dollars today. He became Indian Reserve Commissioner when B.C. became a province.

Something happened in Lodge and Powell demitted from Vancouver and Quadra No. 2 in 1878. An unpublished historical sketch in the Grand Lodge archives by Bro. Hollis Slater reveals that a delegation went to Powell late in life and induced him to accept honorary membership. He died on February 25, 1915 and a full Masonic service was performed.

Lewis was a native of London and arrived in Victoria in 1858, after stops in Chile and San Francisco. He was an architect and designed the original—not the current—Masonic Hall in the city. He served on Victoria Council for three terms, one as mayor, and was credited with enacting measures that prevented a smallpox epidemic from spreading. He died early New Year's Day morning, 1875, at age 51. Masonic and Oddfellows funeral services were conducted. He never served as First Principal.

Robertson Stewart was in Victoria by 1859. He had started a stage line from Port Douglas, and then struck gold in the Lillooet area in 1862. He then opened an insurance business in Victoria. He had been a member of Canongate Kilwinning No. 2 in Edinburgh, and was Secretary for the first five meetings of Vancouver No. 421 in Victoria. He demitted from the Lodge in December 1868. He was in ill health when he sold his business in 1871 and returned to Scotland, where he died on September 17, 1873. He never served as First Principal.

Williams was a native of Suffolk, England, born about 1822. He headed to California during the gold rush of 1849 and joined Columbia No. 28 in the now ghost-town of Columbia. He came to Victoria around 1860 and established a hotel in Esquimalt. He was elected an MLA in 1875 and 1878 and served as Speaker of the House. He affiliated with Victoria Lodge in 1861 and was Master in 1873 and 1874. He served two terms as Grand Master, in 1876 and 1877. He suffered from palsy later in life and died November 30, 1899. During his time in the Grand East, the four Victoria lodges combined into two. He was First Principal in 1872.

Holbrook was a native of Cheshire, born July 11, 1820, and began his business life in Liverpool. In 1854, he went to the Crimea as a contractor during the war. He eventually arrived in New Westminster where he opened a business and was active in civic life. He was mayor for four successive terms, elected to the first B.C. legislative Council in 1863 and served until 1868. He was a strong proponent of Confederation, and when it came in 1871, he was elected an MLA for New Westminster. He returned to England in the 1880 and died there in May 13, 1902.

Holbrook is somewhat infamous in the Grand Lodge history. He was the first Master of Union Lodge No. 1201 in New Westminster in 1861. He had been Master of two Lodges (Sincerity No. 368, Liverpool and Combermere No. 880, Liscard, of which he was the first S.W.), a Past Provincial officer in Cheshire and was made the Deputy District Grand Master for England in B.C. under Robert Burnaby. Union Lodge did not join the others in the province when the Grand Lodge of B.C. was formed in 1871; Holbrook violently opposed it. When his Lodge finally voted in 1872 to hand in its English warrant and join B.C., Holbrook stormed out of the Lodge meeting and was rewarded by being suspended by our Grand Lodge for unmasonic conduct. All attempts to become reinstated were rejected. However, he had maintained his membership in Combermere Lodge and was welcomed back upon his return to Cheshire and later joined the Dee Lodge No. 1576 in Parkgate, suspensions in one Lodge meaning nothing under the rules of the United Grand Lodge of England.

Allatt was a contractor, a native of Wakefield, England. He was a member of Victoria city council for seven years, and the first Jr. Deacon of Vancouver No. 421. He died on May 5, 1880, age 62.

Blackbourne was an Englishman. He left England in 1862, arrived in Victoria, married there in 1868 and then moved to the Nicola Valley by 1871 where he took up ranching. He retired in 1901 and returned to Victoria where he died of heart failure at age 78 on July 5, 1907.

Hunt was a blacksmith and carriage maker who affiliated with Vancouver No. 421 from Ione No. 80 of Ione City, California, of which he was a founder, on March 16, 1864. It would appear he was born in Newark, Ohio and moved to San Francisco in 1872, where he died at age 77 on November 19, 1907. He was buried by Crockett Lodge No. 139, where he was Tyler for a number of years.

Burnaby's background should be well-known. Burnaby Lake was named for him, from which the municipality gets its name. Burnaby was another large landowner/investor in what became the Vancouver area. He was born in Leicester on November 30, 1828 and spent some time on the staff of Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton, who gave him a letter of introduction to bring with him to British Columbia in 1858. He became Secretary for Colonel Moody of the Royal Engineers until Governor Douglas fired Moody's staff in May 1859. Burnaby then headed to Victoria where he opened a business and served as a colonial MLA from 1860 to 1865. He was made a Mason in Frederic Lodge of Unity No. 661 in May 1854. Burnaby was not a founding member of Victoria No. 1085, though he took part in the first installation ceremony. He served as First Principal in 1868 and 1869. He returned to England in 1874 and died there on January 10, 1878, age 49, suffering six years from an acute form of paralysis.

Southgate was a pioneer commission merchant in Victoria, having arrived from San Francisco in 1858. He was born July 14, 1820 in Tottenham, Middlesex, and married in the old country in 1843. He was elected to the Legislative Assembly for Salt Spring Island in 1860 (though living in Victoria) to 1863, and then Esquimalt from 1864 to 1866, switching to Nanaimo (where he also did not live) when B.C. and Vancouver Island became a joint colony in late 1866. Southgate is noted for calling the first meeting on July 12, 1858 to organise a Masonic Lodge in Victoria and became the first W.M. of Victoria No. 1085. M. Ex. Comp. Norm McAvoy has related correspondence from the Grand Chapter of Scotland that Comp. Southgate never did join Columbia Chapter. It's likely because he left for Europe in July 1867 and, while he visited or stayed in Victoria on a number of occasions, he was living in San Francisco and then England. He died in Chiswick, London, on October 4, 1894. His home there was named Esquimalt House. Southgate River into Bute Inlet is named for him.

To return to our story, a charter was shipped on May 7, 1867 with rituals for the four degrees. A second meeting was on June 27th. A third meeting, and a first under the charter, was held August 5th, at which the Mark Degree was conferred on two candidates and the first visitor was received, a Comp. Brown hailing from a Chapter in New York. Another Mark Degree was conferred September 4th, this on Bro. Hewitt Smith, a Captain in the U.S artillery and living at Steilacoom near Tacoma. Evidently, Columbia's jurisdiction included part of Washington Territory. On September 12th, the Past Master Degree was conferred for the first time on Bros. Robert H. Adams and Norton I. Neustadt, while Bro. James Wilson Trahey was installed in the Chair in due form. There's no word when the three received the Excellent Master Degree but they were all exalted on September 16th, the first Royal Arch Degree conducted on B.C. soil. A sad post script is that Comp. Trahey was found dead on the floor of his home on Boxing Day 1868, just a few days after he had been elected Master of Victoria Lodge. He died of heart problems at age 37.

The first installation of officers was conducted on October 14, 1867 at the new Chapter Hall at the corner of Langley and Yates Streets. Ex. Comp. Holbrook presided—he was a Past Z. of No. 292 (formerly 368) in Liverpool—with above-named officers installed, exceptions being Comps. Neustadt as Scribe E., Williams as Treasurer, and Trahey as Janitor, the original moniker for a Tyler. The Chapter carried on with its busy life, conferring the first three degrees on November 11th at an emergent meeting.

We'll stop our story there and express our appreciation with the fine start given to Royal Arch Masonry in our jurisdiction by Columbia Chapter. We hope it, and our Royal Art, will prosper for years to come.

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

Report Received

27) ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

| There: Surname | Grand Chapter | Here: Surname | Chapter | Present |
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| F GOYOGAVA | ARGENTINA | Anthony D'ERAMO | 1 | Y |
| E G MEHRTENS | AUSTRALIA – N.S. WALES | John MCINTOSH | 8 | |
| F S BELL | AUSTRALIA –QUEENSLAND | Ian CAMPBELL | 38 | |
| RJ STEWART | AUSTRALIA – S | Ed Wilson | 19 | |
| K L PAROISSIEN | AUSTRALIA – VICTORIA | Jeremy GOMERSALL | 31 | Y |
| G F WALDER | WEST AUSTRALIA | | | |
| G ULICH | AUSTRIA | Tony Brown | 24 | Y |
| P NOEL | BELGIUM | | | |
| | BRAZIL | | | |
| D BRUCE | CANADA - ALBERTA | George TILLOTSON | 6 | |
| D.W OVERY | CANADA - CANADA –ONTARIO | Joseph R MARSHALL | 31 | Y |
| G STEWART | CANADA - MANITOBA | | | |
| C W WEBBER | CANADA – NEW BRUNSWICK | Colin HART | 16 | Y |
| O J WHITE | CANADA – NEWFOUNDLAND & LAB. | Jeremy Gomersall | 24 | Y |
| J.E. TAYLOR | CANADA - NOVA SCOTIA/ PEI | James R ELTON | 30 | Y |
| T JOHNSON | CANADA - QUEBEC | George W EATON | 21 | |
| H E HILL | CANADA –SASKATCHEWAN | LGB (Len) PICKELL | 34 | Y |
| J TUONIEN | FINLAND | | | |
| B CHARPENTIER | FRANCE | | | |
| A MCGHEE | GERMANY | R F E (Dick) SCHAEFER | 16 | |
| E ASPIOTIS | GREECE | | | |
| H P MATHUR | INDIA | | | |
| M S BEATTY | IRELAND | JohnYoung | 16 | Y |
| G BERKOW | ISRAEL | Isaac BROWERBIRKHOVEN | 6 | |
| F BONAFE | ITALY | | | |
| O J SALINAS E | MEXICO | Kenneth W GIBSON | 33 | |
| J J HANRATH | NETHERLANDS | Norman K MONRO | 27 | Y |
| H R LIGHTWOOD | NEW ZEALAND | | | |
| H S GONZALEZ | PHILLIPINES | William F FOOKS | 19 | |
| S T GEDDES | SCOTLAND | Alastair M ROSS | 6 | Y |
| F C SCHUMACHER | SWITZERLAND | Larry L LOWDEN | 8 | |
| HO WILLIAMS, Jr. | USA - ALABAMA | David F LEWIS | 21 | |
| J HOUTCHEN | USA - ALASKA | R. Hilliard CLARE | 36 | |
| J J ROLLE | USA - ARIZONA | Gordon KICKBUSH | 22 | |

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| D O WHITE | USA - ARKANSAS | | | |
| R D KELLY | USA - CALIFORNIA | | | |
| J E ERICKSON | USA - COLORADO | | | |
| CB FOWLER, JR | USA - CONNECTICUT | | | |
| R N BIGGS | USA - DELAWARE 16 | | | |
| K D FULLER | USA - DIST OF COLUMBIA | Wm O WALLS | 31 | |
| R E BURLESON | USA - FLORIDA | | | |
| B L JOHNSON | USA - GEORGIA | Joel CHIRI | 33 | |
| RW PATE | USA - HAWAII | | | |
| A G SUCH | USA - IDAHO | Edward SCOTT | 40 | |
| M U BALDING | USA - ILLINOIS | | | |
| E R GRAHAM | USA - INDIANA | Anthony BROWN | 24 | Y |
| CROUCH | USA - IOWA | Arnold BURCHILL | 21 | |
| D B HANSON | USA - KANSAS | | | |
| T FRASER | USA - KENTUCKY | Donald LEISCHNER | 26 | |
| J P DAVIS | USA - LOUISIANA | B J MASLANEIC | 20 | |
| D P COATES | USA - MAINE | | | |
| J A RAFINE | USA - MARYLAND | Les ADAMS | 8 | |
| M E HOST | USA - MASSACHUSETTS | | | |
| G P SIVERTSON | USA - MICHIGAN | | | |
| J E MELANDER | USA - MINNESOTA | | | |
| J W HAMIL | USA - MISSISSIPPI | | | |
| J W STAFFORD | USA - MISSOURI | | | |
| GROTT | USA - MONTANA | | | |
| MULHOLLAND | USA - NEBRASKA | Rae HUMESTON | 11 | |
| D GAUCH | USA - NEVADA | Ken Overy | 33 | Y |
| H M CHASE JR | USA - NEW HAMPSHIRE | | | |
| R S MIDDLETON | USA - NEW JERSEY | Neil MARSH | 34 | Y |
| E S RICHMOND | USA - NEW MEXICO | Les ROBINSON | 8 | Y |
| P M DESAUTEL | USA - NEW YORK | Ron GLOVER | 8 | |
| R L PARKER | USA - NORTH CAROLINA | Douglas BURKE | 39 | |
| N KNUDSON | USA - NORTH DAKOTA | A R (Kurt) WENSLER | 19 | |
| A D HART | USA - OHIO | Steve MCVITTIE | 31 | |
| E L BERRYMAN | USA - OKLAHOMA | | | |
| J MUCEUS | USA - OREGON | | | |
| E G REESE | USA - PENNSYLVANIA | | | |
| 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 | |
| HD MOORE | USA - TEXAS | JS DREVER | 24 | |
| R H SIMMONS | USA - UTAH | Brian HEMINGWAY | 45 | |
| L G PHELPS | USA - VERMONT | David GRANGE | 34 | Y |
| D E WETTSTONE | USA - VIRGINIA | Robert E DOIGE | 40 | |
| JT STEPHENS | USA - WASHINGTON | Norman F MACDONALD | 11 | |
| J DALLAS | USA - WASHINGTON (P.H.) | Norman F. McEVOY | 1 | Y |
| W E BIRD | USA - WEST VIRGINIA | Donald H. McMILLAN | 19 | |
| JOLIVETTE JR | USA - WISCONSIN | | | |
| A R CORBERG | USA - WYOMING | Frank WARREN | 13 | |

The attending Grand Representatives were received and welcomed by MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi. The Grand First Principals then presented MEC. Jeremy Gomersall with his Certificate acknowledging him as a Grand Representative near to the Grand Jurisdiction of Newfoundland.

28) 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 2017 convocation.

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| Total Number of Chapters in this Jurisdiction | | 26 |
| Chapters represented today | | 19 |
| Chapters not represented today ...#4,#13,#18,#26,#36,#37,#38.... | | 7 |
| Total BC & Yukon Companions registered | | 91 * |
| Grand First Principals present | | 4 |
| Grand Representatives present | | 15 |
| Companions from other jurisdictions..... | | 14 |
| Past First Principals attending | | 23 |
| Number of Principals attending | Z..... <u>9</u> | |
| | H..... <u>8</u> | |
| | J..... <u>8</u> | |
| | Principal Officers Attending | Total 25 |

* This will be the number of votes cast

Certified correct:- Committee Chair ----- R.E.C.Roy Friis
 Member ----- R.E.C. John Young
 Member -----V.E.C Bill Hogwoning

Report Received

29) REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon

Report to Grand Chapter, being held in Chilliwack BC on Sept 15 &16, 2017

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 the Foundation Secretary 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 Dec 31, 2016 we had \$61,873.19 in our Investment Account; plus \$2,381.76 in our Operating Account for a total of \$64,254.95 all of which 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 Endowment Account. No expenses have been incurred since our last Annual meeting.

Charities who benefit from our earnings are the following:-

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

We are very pleased to inform all that at Grand Chapter we, the Foundation, will be presenting, each of the above named charities, with a cheque in the amount of \$2,500.00

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 are available from our Secretary here at Grand Chapter.

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

This Foundation was established in 2007 for the purpose of acting as an **Umbrella**, whereby donors would no longer be with the decision as to which of our Charities they wished to support.

By using the **Umbrella** process donated funds are invested through our Investment Broker & the earnings are distributed equally to our Registered Charities, as named above. It is worth noting 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, they do not qualify for Canada Revenue Tax Exempt Status and cannot issue Income Tax related receipts.

Were they to open the Bursary to all applicants we would then be in a position to include them in the sharing of earnings.

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

It is anticipated that as Donations & Bequests continue to be received and invested, the support we will be able to provide will show steady increase 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 believe this form of giving is referred to as **"Paying it Forward"**

Summary

This is your Foundation and its ongoing success is totally dependant 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 BC&Yukon and the Charities that fall under our umbrella.

Brochures providing information on how to make that happen are available from the Foundation Secretary & copies will be available at Grand Chapter.

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 here to answer any questions you may have.

Have a wonderful day & God Bless You and Yours.

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Report Received.

30) REPORT OF EDUCATION AND ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon Ad-Hoc Committee on Education & Advancement.

Report to Grand Chapter of BC. & Yukon, being held in Chilliwack BC on Sept 15-16, 2017.

Companions;

Since the inception of this committee in September 2015, there have been a number of educational distributions made by the committee through the Grand Scribe Ezra to Chapter Scribe Ezra's and ultimately to all the Companions of the Jurisdiction who have email access.

The committee is also delighted to advise that our Grand Lodge Website now has had a category added "**Education**" which allows for the availability of a Library for all Companions to access using a "*password*". Many thanks to our Webmaster for making this happen.

Informally, I have been advised that these sharings are being well received and in some cases added to Chapter Agendas for formal discussion amongst the Companions present.

The intent of this committee is to continue to provide topical information on and about Royal Arch Masonry, thereby giving each and every Companion material for his own enlightenment & sharing with others.

Looking back over 2017, it can be reported that this committee found itself in the position of defending the Historical position of the "Holy Royal Arch" within the framework of Freemasonry in British Columbia & Yukon. I am pleased to relate that, with the energy & support of a number of Royal Arch Masons & the Royal Arch Community at large, that that challenge was met and defeated.

Looking to the future, it would appear that the existence of a Grand Lodge Education & Advancement would be of benefit to our Grand Chapter and its Companions. Objectives would include providing educational papers by email to all companions ; making personal Educational presentations at Chapters & promoting Royal Arch Masonry in Craft Lodges when given the opportunity.

With that in mind, I propose that the existing Ad Hoc Committee by this name, receive full and permanent status within the Grand Chapter of BC & Yukon.

Respectfully submitted
M.E.C. Norman McEvoy
Chairman

Report Received.

31) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS

M.E.C. Godfrey Onyemaobi presented an Honorary Membership Cards to the following visiting Companions;

M.E.C. Gary Spriggs, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of California
M.E.C. Clifford Hartmier ,Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of Manitoba
R.E.C. Jack Fryatt, Grand Second Principal, Grand Chapter of Manitoba
R.E.C. Ted Yorke, Grand Third Principal, Grand Chapter of Manitoba

He then thanked each of them for attending our Grand Convocation.

32) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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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 six elected offices in Grand Chapter. As of the close of nominations on March 31st 2016.

The following nominations have been received:-

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| Grand First Principal REC Ronald Smith | Acclamation |
| Grand Second Principal No Nominations | |
| Grand Third Principal REC Philip Robinson | Acclamation |
| Grand Treasurer REC Thomas Balabanov | Acclamation |
| Grand Scribe Ezra M.E.C. Ken Overy | Acclamation |
| Grand Principal Sojourner V.E.C. Jimmy Catala V.E.C. John Merryweather Laing R.E.C. Dale Townsend | |

M.E.C. Godfrey Onyemaobi appointed three scrutineers; R.E.C. Bill Hogwonning (BC), MEC Bob Turner (SASK.), MEC Jerry Copp (ALTA.)

A ballot was cast for the Office of Grand Principal Sojourner. The scrutineers retired for a short period and returned with the results. A first ballot was decisive with the result V.E.C. John Merryweather Laing being declared Grand Principal Sojourner. The Grand First Principal thanked the scrutineers for their assistance, dismissed them from their duty and ordered the ballot destroyed.

33) REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon
Bursary Committee Report to the 2017 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 – Joppa # 31, Semiahmoo # 34 & Simon Fraser # 40 and the 2015 Convocation Organising Committee. We thank these Chapters and the Organising Committee for their generosity and especially thank Semiahmoo Chapter # 34 for their usual substantial donation. In 2016/17 we received \$ 1,946.94 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 our other charities rather than donate to the Bursary Fund. Chapters, not being able to use a charitable tax receipt means that the Bursary Fund, our 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 Ezras 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 7 applications were received which was down from 9 received last year. Of the 7 applications received, two were rejected since the applicants had already received bursaries from Grand Lodge and another was rejected as there was no Royal Arch connection. The Fathers/Grand Fathers of this year's grant beneficiaries came from Invermere, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, & West Vancouver.

Considering the funds available for distribution and the needs of the applicants, the committee awarded one grant of \$1,200, one grant of \$1,000, one grant of \$800 and one grant of \$500 for a total of \$3,500. The difference between the funds raised and the grants distributed - \$1,553.06 came from interest earned by the Bursary Endowment Fund.

During the period 2008-2017 the Bursary Fund has distributed educational grants totalling \$47,400. In 2017 four grants were given compared to 7 in the previous year. As a result the average grant this year was able to be increased to \$ 875 from an average of \$785 last year. However these figures are quite a bit less than the average grant of \$ 1,050 in 2015. This illustrates the urgent need to raise additional funds in order to try to keep our average annual grant above \$ 1,000.

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

EC Cole Harvey

30th August 2017

Report Received

34) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Grand Officers and members or this Grand Chapter.

Having read the report of the Grand First Principal we will not recap it, except to say that our Grand First Principal has fulfilled his duties this year with dignity. He has visited many of the Chapter in our jurisdiction and attended most of the installation of officers of the Chapters.

It was also noted that his principal officers attended at many of his official visits, M.E.C. Godfrey Onyemaobi also made visits to our neighbouring jurisdictions and represented our Grand jurisdiction at the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon.

We concur with MEC Onyemaobi that all his elected and appointed officers be granted permanent rank having completed their duties to his satisfaction.

We thank him for his dedication over the past year and wish him well in his future endeavours in our noble craft.

Respectively submitted

MEC A. Les Robinson - Chairman
MEC Len Pickell
MEC David Grange

Report Received

35) REPORT OF INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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

ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOME SOCIETY REPORT Grand Convocation September 15th 2017

Companions,

My name is George Heggie, the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the R.A.M.H.S. I would like to present an update of our actives this year.

Funded, to a large extent, by the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, it is still very dependent on the financial support of the Royal Arch Masons of BC & Yukon.

The Home is considered by many to be the flagship among all the care homes in BC and those of you who have never visited the Home are welcome to take advantage of a tour (our regular monthly tour is scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm – contact Reception at 604-437-7343 ext. 221 to confirm) and see for yourself how your money is being put to excellent use.

I would compliment the members of the Board of Directors; they are all dedicated, hard working Royal Arch Masons and, to those who have left the Board, we thank them for a job well done. If anyone is interested in becoming a Board Member, you must apply in writing to the Secretary of the Royal Arch Masonic Home Society using the RAMHS Application for Board Membership. The RAMHS Board Nominating Committee must receive your application no later than May 1st of the current year.

During the past year, the Board has completed the following projects:

Care Home:

Complete Ground Floor windows (Common Areas) \$320.000.

100% compliance for – Vancouver Coastal Health Licensing report

100% compliance for – Vancouver Coastal Health – Nutritional Licensing report

Apartments:

Replacement of Laundry equipment

- 75 New toilets
- 75 new sets of faucets

Funding for the following items was approved by the Board for the comfort and safety of the residents.

I strongly urge all Chapters to participate and each Companion of those Chapters to become a life member of the Society. Personal donations, as well as bequests, are other ways of providing financial support.

Your support is imperative at our Annual General Meeting as the numbers attending reflect on the viability of the Society.

I will close by thanking every Companion who has donated this year, both in time and energy to this Charity. You have made a difference in another person's life through your support.

My request is that we continue to be the Flagship of care and charity in Royal Arch Masonry BC&Y.

Respectfully submitted by R.E.C. George Heggie (Secretary R.A.M.H.S.)

Report Received.

37)

REPORT OF THE KEYSTONE OF LIFE FOUNDATION

REPORT FOR 2017 GRAND CONVOCATION

COVERING PERIOD September 2016 to August 2017

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. KLF actively seeks out smaller hospitals in the region where needs for such grants are greater.

In the past 12 months, KLF has been delighted to deliver and /or approve over \$50,000 of grants. These grants include:

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|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Mar 2017 Kelowna General Hospital | \$8,050 | (Awarded) |
| Aug 2017 Castlegar & District | \$5,292 | (Awarded) |
| Jan 2017 Quesnel Regional Hosp. | \$4,975 | (Awarded) |
| Feb 2017 100 Mile Hse & Dist. | \$8,410 | (Awarded) |
| May 2017 Bella Coola Hospital | \$9,828 | (Approved) |
| May 2017 Williams Lake Hospital | \$6,575 | (Approved) |
| Aug 2017 Golden & District | \$10,471 | (Awarded) |

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, 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. This income has dwindled from a hundred or so 10 years ago, to a handful last year (2016/2017).

KLF does not seek to build large monetary assets, which benefits only investment companies and monetary markets in the short term, but attempts to disburse grants as frequently and broadly as prudently feasible, so that the residents of this jurisdiction may benefit as soon as possible from the acquisition of the essential hospital equipment that these grants make possible.

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.

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 plan to launch our own KLF website.

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.

Work is still ongoing to encourage more individual membership from RA Masons, Craft 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.

Wherever possible, representatives from Chapters local to the grantee hospital are invited to be present at formal grant cheque presentations so that Royal Arch Masonry is more broadly promoted as a charitable institution and receives significant press publicity as a result.

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.

KLF recognizes that there are many worthy causes deserving of a Freemason’s charitable support and that we all have limited resources o donate to these causes, but we earnestly encourage all Royal Arch, and indeed Craft Masons, to consider this Foundation a prime object for your charity.

Peter Edwards
KLF President
September 2016

I **move** acceptance of this report to be **seconded** by R.E.C. John Laing
Passed:

38) REPORT OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon; we the committee of Grand Superintendents have received the reports sent in twice during this year by your Grand Superintendents concerning their comments and opinions.

Some of the concerns of the Grand Superintendents were: - A shrinking of the membership pool in our chapters and lack of attendance at meetings, therefore officers' positions need to be filled by willing visitors. The reading of officer's lectures from ritual books is still being done by unprepared companions.

The chapters are compensating for these short-comings by supporting each other with ritual work and willing visits to allow them to open and conduct business. A recommendation from this committee is to allow the MMM Degree to be conferred by a Chapter in any Masonic lodge hall in the district, without a dispensation from the Grand Chapter. For interest at business meetings, to include Royal Arch Education in the business agenda.

We thank the Grand Superintendents for their dedication to this our royal craft, and recommend permanent rank of Right Excellent Companion to be conferred on these companions of this year. We also recommend this rank to be conferred posthumously upon REC. David McEachern of District #11.

C.S. Committee REC. J. Elton Chairman

REC. I. Thompson

REC. R. Friis

SUPERINTENDENTS AWARD 2016/2017

The winner of "Facing the Challenge" Award 2016/2017

We the committee have recommended the Right Excellent Companion John Griffin of District #3 be awarded the **Facing the Challenge Award** for his dedication and proper reporting on his district.

Respectfully submitted

REC J. Elton

REC I Thompson

REC R. Friis

Grand Superintendents Reports 2016/2017

District #1 – REC Alex Muir

Columbia Chapter #1

The Chapter is financially sound, they are receiving applications for degrees, however attendance is lacking. All in all, the Chapter is strong and doing well.

Tzouhalem Chapter #26

The Chapter is financially sound, and are maintaining good attendance and plan to visit local lodges, to perhaps interest new candidates.

Pacific Rim Chapter #44

The Chapter has good attendance at most meetings and are financially sound. However the Sooke Masonic Temple is in serious need of repairs. The financial impact of these repairs might cause concern that the cost of those repairs may be too great for the various groups that meet there.

District #2 – REC Peter Edwards

Composite Chapter #24

The installation of the new officers left six offices unfilled. The Chapter is running a financial deficit of about \$2000.00 and there are a large number of members with unpaid dues. The attendance is relatively low and the members' morale is low. The Chapter may well be in a crisis due to no new candidates, many demits, unpaid dues and poor attendance. There is some back room talk of considering turning in the Chapter's Warrant.

Semiahmoo Chapter #34

The attendance is poor, but the financial condition is sound. There is disappointing support by the members for Christmas parties and other Chapter initiatives. There was significant reading of the ritual by all officers.

Chilliwack Chapter #19

The Chapter is welcoming and friendly to visitors and they diligently perform their roles and degree work. There has been only one candidate in the past twelve months. The Chapter is running a small deficit and will be, hopefully rectified by modest increase in dues.

District #3 – REC John Griffin

Penticton Chapter #22

The Chapter has fairly good attendance (20-30 members). There are a lot of visitors at most meetings. The memory work and ritual is well done. The Chapter needs more candidates.

Kelowna Chapter #17

The Chapter has a small core of dedicated Companions, but they usually require help from other chapters to conduct their degree work. Overall the Chapter is healthy but is struggling due to lack of membership.

Kamloops Chapter #18

The Chapter is small and struggling and has joint meetings with Granite Chapter #29. There are five candidates lined up; there was some reading of the ritual at their last HRA.

Granite Chapter #29

This is another small Chapter struggling to survive and depends on assistance from Kamloops #18 to perform their degree work. There is generally good visitation at Kamloops #18 and Granite #29. (There were 45 attending the Festive board).

District #4 – REC Brian Stringer

Rocky Mountain Chapter #7

The Chapter is active and doing degrees, however, there have also been some demits. There is some reading of the lectures. The Companions travel considerable distances, three hours driving to meetings.

Rossland Chapter #4

The Chapter struggles with membership and attendance, however there is a great Masonic spirit and Fellowship in spite of the driving and overnight stays required.

District #6 – REC Paul Pike

Kaien Chapter #13

There is generally poor attendance and a lack of prospective candidates. The travelling distance and winter weather makes it difficult to attend meetings.

Kalum Chapter #37 – There is a small group of dedicated members doing good work, but they do need assistance for some meetings and degree work.

District #7 – REC Norm Blair

Georgian Chapter #39

The Chapter has only one lodge to draw from for membership. They are taking an initiative by having a meeting at Powell River this year. The companions are dedicated to having the Chapter continue.

Simon Fraser #40

The Chapter works with Joppa Chapter in their ritual work and social events. The Chapter is growing and looks healthy for the future.

NVKS #16

The Chapter is holding its own and continues to bring in new members, however demits and retention are a problem. The attendance is generally very low and there is too much reading of ritual and lectures.

District #10 – REC Art Leer

Prince George Chapter #36

The Chapter is fairly healthy and are attracting new members. Ritual work is generally well done.

Whitehorse Chapter #38

The Chapter is small and needs new members.

Williams Lake Chapter #43

The membership is small and needs new candidates, attendance is about 12 to 14 at meetings.

District #11 – REC Dave McEachern/REC Tim Yates

Keystone Chapter #8

The Chapter continues to struggle with attendance and most officers are being re-cycled. There is now a small group of newer companions who are willing to progress, so the problem of constantly re-cycling officers should be remedied in the near future.

North Island Chapter #10

There is a small membership that struggles and they hold alternate meetings in Campbell River and Courtney. There was a problem getting nominations for the first Principal this year. They do good work and there is good companionship in the Chapter.

Majuba Chapter #33

Although this Chapter is one of the smallest in the jurisdiction, (18 members) the attendance averages out at over 12/meeting.

Cathedral Chapter #35

The Chapter has exalted 4 new Companions in the last two years. But this has been more than offset by demits and deaths. The Chapter continues to do good ritual and is relatively healthy. However expenses exceeded income this past year, but was almost entirely due to the purchase of new 100 year Chapter pennies.

Moved by REC. James Elton. **Seconded** REC Roy Friis

Passed:

39) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAST GRAND “Z’s” AWARD

To the Grand First Principal officers and members.

During the past year 2016 Grand Chapter saw a drop in membership of 37.

Of the 26 Chapters 17 saw a drop in membership 3 remained the same and only 6 saw an increase in membership.

During 2016 we saw 55 members demitting, 25 suspended and 32 deceased, 18 Chapters had 50 Brethren Exalted and we had 25 affiliations. Companions while we have no control over deaths we can put more effort into retaining those members that either demit or are suspended.

This year’s Past Grand “Zs” award goes to Georgian Chapter with an increase in membership of 46%, while Georgian only had a membership of 13 they had an increase of 6 members and saved the Chapter from going dark. It must be noted that Joppa had an overall increase of 18 members which is 35% and they should be congratulated on their fine effort, which should be an inspiration to all Chapters.

Many thanks to Grand Scribe Ezra M.E.C. Ken Overy for providing the information to compile this report.

I, M.E.C. A. Les Robinson move that this report be received.

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

Carried.

40) New Business

M.E.C. Godfrey Onyemaobi then called for a Representative of each the Royal Arch Charities to meet him on the level. When all were assembled he then asked Grand Scribe Ezra, M.E.C. Ken Overy to present each of the Charities, the **Keystone of Life**, the **Royal Arch Masonic Home Society**, and the **Grand Chapter Bursary Fund** with a cheque for \$3,554 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 \$1000.00 from their respective Chapters to the **Grand Chapter Bursary Fund**.

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 2017-2018.

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2017

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| Installing Grand Z | MEC Tony Brown * |
| Installing Grand D of C | MEC Jeremy Gomersall |
| Installing Grand Chaplain | MEC Ken Overy |

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Installed By</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Grand Z | MEC Ron Smith | MEC Len Pickell |
| Grand H | MEC Les Robinson + | MEC Ken Overy |
| Grand J | REC Philip Robinson | MEC Ken Overy |
| IPGZ | MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi | MEC Len Pickell |
| Grand Treasurer | REC Tom Balabanov | MEC Len Pickell |
| Grand Scribe Ezra | MEC Ken Overy. | MEC Len Pickell |
| Grand Principal Soj. | REC John Laing | MEC David Grange |
| Grand Senior Soj | VEC Richard Trippel | MEC David Grange |
| Grand Junior Soj | VEC Preciocisimo Bunagan | MEC David Grange |
| G.Sup. Dist #1 | REC Jeff Woodburn | MEC Ken Overy |
| G.Sup. Dist #2 | REC Peter Blagaic | MEC Ken Overy |
| G.Sup. Dist #3 | REC Eric Hansen | MEC Ken Overy |
| G.Sup. Dist #4 | REC Greg Constable | MEC Ken Overy |
| G.Sup. Dist #6 | REC Paul Stevenson | MEC Ken Overy |
| G.Sup. Dist #7 | REC Sonny Bond | MEC Ken Overy |
| G.Sup. Dist #10 | REC Matt Fletcher | MEC Ken Overy |
| G.Sup. Dist #11 | REC Rick Sheldon | MEC Ken Overy |
| Grand Scribe N. | VEC Goran Ivankovic | MEC Norm McEvoy |
| Grand Historian | VEC Jim Bennie | MEC Norm McEvoy |
| Grand Sword B. | VEC Steven Ackroyd | MEC Norm Monroe |
| Grand Standard B | VEC Richard Parker | MEC Norm Monroe |
| Grand D of C | VEC. Felip Areil | MEC Ken Overy |
| Grand Marshall | VEC Madhu Vadgama | MEC Ken Overy |
| Grand Pursuivant | VEC William Duncan | MEC Ken Overy |
| Grand Steward #1 | VEC Tim Findley | MEC Ken Overy |
| Grand Steward #2 | VEC TBA | MEC Ken Overy |
| Grand Steward #3 | VEC Chuck Chamberlain | MEC Ken Overy |
| Grand Chaplain | VEC Aaron Harrison | MEC Ken Overy |
| Grand Organist | Comp. TBA | MEC Ken Overy |
| Grand Tyler | VEC Alphonse Quenneville | MEC Ken Overy |

+Immediately after being installed as Grand Zerubbabel, M.E.C. Ron Smith appointed M.E.C. Les Robinson to fill the vacant position of Grand Haggai for the ensuing year, due to the withdrawal of the previous Grand Third Principal.

* Due to a sudden illness M.E.C. Tony Brown was unable to perform his duty as Installing Grand Zerubbabel. M.E.C. Len Pickell agreed to preside over the Installation.

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

Grand Honours were properly accorded under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, MEC Jeremy Gomersall. Proclamation, presentation of gavel and General Charge were all completed under direction of IGZ, MEC Len Pickell.

The Grand First Principal thanked all for attending the convocation and for supporting him during the previous 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.

42) VOTE OF THANKS TO THE TO THE HOST CHAPTER

(North Vancouver – King Solomon #16)

Moved by MEC Len Pickell and **Seconded** by MEC Jeremy Gomersall, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the host Chapter, North Vancouver – King Solomon #16, and to the organizing committee for an excellent facility and the running a successful Convocation.

| 26.1.1 Constitution and Jurisprudence | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--|
| Executive Representative: | | Grand Second Principal | | |
| MEC | Leonard Pickell | (4) | 1-604-530-5937 | leonardpickell@shaw.ca |
| MEC | Joel Chiri | (4) | 1-250-245-4797 | jchiri@shaw.ca |
| MEC | Jeremy Gomersall | (2) | 1-604-948-9278 | gomersall@telus.net |
| 26.1.2 Finance | | | | |
| Executive Representative: | | Grand Principal Sojourner | | |
| REC | Peter Guichon | (1) | 1-604-530-3140 | pguichon@telu.net |
| EC | Bob Coan | (3) | 1-604-736-4646 | rcoan@telus.net |
| REC | John Laing | (6) | 1-604-590-4080 | jmlaing@dccnet.com |
| MEC | Grand Scribe Ezra | (-) | | |
| REC | Grand Treasurer | (-) | | |
| 26.1.3 Executive | | | | |
| Chairman: Grand Second Principal | | | | |
| | All Elected Officers | | | |
| | Immediate Past Grand First Principal | | | |
| | Chairman of Finance Committee | | | |
| 26.1.4 Grand Superintendents' Reports | | | | |
| Executive Representative: | | Grand Third Principal | | |
| REC | James Elton | (4) | 1-604-988-6704 | nspainter@gmail.com |
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| 26.1.5 Regalia | | | | |
| REC | Neil Marsh | (4) | 1-604-888-8932 | swampy@telus.net |
| REC | David Lewis | (4) | 1-604-882-4942 | nicada@shaw.ca |
| REC | Doug Sprague | (4) | 1-604-858-8789 | spragued@telus.net |
| 26.1.6 Information Technology and Fund Raising | | | | |
| Executive Representative: | | Grand Principal Sojourner | | |
| REC | Jim Whyte | (3) | 1-250-218-9919 | jewcom@gmail.com |
| VEC | John McIntosh | (5) | 1-250-726-2620 | johnmcintosh@ukeecable.net |
| 26.1.7 Bursary Fund Trustees | | | | |
| Executive Representative: | | Grand Third Principal | | |
| REC | John Young | (4) | 1-604-602-2883 | jyoung@fairmontshipping.com |
| REC | Peter Guichon | (6) | 1-604-530-3140 | pguichon@telus.net |
| REC | Andrew Law | (3) | 1-604-988-7202 | spongo33@shaw.ca |
| VEC. | Alphonse Quenneville | (3) | 1-604-985-7748 | alphonseq@gmail.com |

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| Comp | Cole Harvey | (3) | 1-778-386-3201 | cole@dcharvey.com |
| <u>26.1.8 Keystone of Life Foundation</u> | | | | |
| REC | Peter Blagaic | (4) | 1-604-230-5732 | blagaic@shaw.ca |
| <u>26.1.9 Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society</u> | | | | |
| REC | George Heggie | (2) | 1-604-946-0028 | gheggie@telus.net |
| <u>26.1.10 Royal Arch Charitable Foundation</u> | | | | |
| MEC | Norman McEvoy | (3) | 1-250-658-4036 | dnyboy@shaw.ca |
| MEC | Les Robinson | (3) | 1-250-729-0190 | robin5@telus.net |
| REC | Peter Guichon | (3) | 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 | (4) | 1-250-395-3722 | tonysas@xplornet.ca |
| REC | Colin Hart | (2) | 1-250-594-3553 | cmhart@shaw.ca |
| REC | Robert Hart | (2) | 1-604-682-8314 | hartb@shaw.ca |
| <u>26.1.13 Past Grand First Principals' Award</u> | | | | |
| MEC | Les Robinson | (3) | 1-250-729-0190 | robin5@telus.net |
| MEC | Ken Overy | (3) | 1-250-714-0873 | ken.overy@telus.net |
| MEC | Anthony Brown | (2) | 1-250-395-3722 | tonysas@xplornet.ca |
| <u>26.1.14 Education and Advancement</u> | | | | |
| MEC | Norman McEvoy | (3) | 1-250-658-4036 | dnyboy@shaw.ca |
| <u>Ad Hoc Committees</u> | | | | |
| <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 |
| VEC | Tim Findley | | 1-250-667-1893 | thorshaven@shaw.ca |
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| Grand Scribe Ezra | Ken Overy | | 1-250-714-0873 | ken.overy@telus.net |
| Grand Treasurer | Tom Balabanov | | 1-604-562-2855 | comp24hra@gmail.com |

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.

44) 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 Kelowna in 2019 as put forward by MEC Les Robinson.

Moved : REC Philip Robinson. **Seconded:** VEC Felip Areil. **Passed:**

Future Locations of Grand Convocations:

2018 Nanaimo BC

2019 Kelowna BC

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CLOSING

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

The 99th Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon was closed in ample form by MEC. Ron Smith at 3:56 pm September 16th, 2017

46)

Minutes of the Order of the High Priesthood

Held at Chilliwack Sept 15, 2017

Called to order @ 14:30 by Ex President MEC Ken Overy

Welcome to visitors MEC Gary Spriggs, Grand Chapter of California : MEC Clifford Hartmier, REC Ted Yorke, REC Jack Fryatt, all of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba: MEC Don Gillies, MEC Jerry Kopp, MEC David Boone, MEC John Bronius, REC Keng Wei Chiew, MEC Duncan Strachon, MEC Norm Downs, all of the Grand Chapter of Alberta :MEC Brian Bechler, MEC Joseph Macintyre, both of the Grand Lodge of Washington

Members present 16, Guests 13, candidates 9, as per Porch book

In Memoriam. A moments silence was given for MEC Bill Shipham who passed to the Grand Chapter above during the past year.

Confer Order. On REC Brian Stringer, VEC's Preciocisimo, Bunagan, Richard Sheldon.
EC William Duncan, William Hilborn, Nick Materna, Dean Turner, Barry Chilton, Steven Ackroyd.

The representative Candidate was EC Steven Ackroyd.

Prologue given by MEC Ken Overy

Obligation given by MEC Jeremy Gomersall

Prayer of Consecration by REC Ron Smith

Signs given by REC Phillip Robinson and REC. Norm Bruce

Minutes of 2016 meeting. **Moved** by MEx. Recorder Ken Overy to be adopted as read.
Seconded by REC Phillip Robinson. **Carried:**

Correspondence None

Treasurers report Bank balance of \$2641.21 **Motion to receive** the report made by REC Peter Guichon; **Seconded** by MEC Ken Overy. **Carried:**

Unfinished business. Ex. President read out his appointed officers for 2016/17

Conductor REC Philip Robinson

Herald MEC David Grange

Steward MEC Norn McEvoy

M.O.C. REC Norm Bruce

Sentinel REC Les Robinson

New Business. MEC Ken Overy made a **motion** to raise fee for OHP Degree to \$100.00 to offset rise of jewels and bibles. **Seconded** by REC. John Laing **Passed.**

Election of Officers for 2017/18

President MEC Anthony D'Eramo

Vice President MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi

Empty Chair REC Ronald Smith

Chaplain MEC Les Robinson

Recorder MEC Ken Overy

Treasurer REC Tom Balabanov
Master of Ceremonies TBA
Conductor TBA
Herald TBA
Steward TBA
Sentinel TBA

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

Ex. Installing President. MEC Jeremy Gomersall

Ex. Chaplain. MEC Norm McEvoy

Ex. D. of C. MEC Ken Overy

Sick and Distress MEC George Eaton expressed regrets at not being able to attend due to Health issues. Regrets of MEC Doug Byers, GZ of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. Regrets of REC. John Young, busy with registration.

Good of the order Honorary membership card was given to MEC Gary Spiggs, PGZ. of the Grand Chapter of California: MEC Clifford Hartmier, REC Ted Yorke, Grand 1st and Grand 3rd of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba: MEC Don Gillies, PGZ. of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Past Presidents Jewel presented to MEC Jeremy Gomersall by MEC. Ken Overy

Motion to change signing officers. Made by REC Peter Guichon . **Seconded** by MEC. Ken Overy. **Carried.**

EC. Steven Ackroyd expressed his thanks to all those who helped with the Degree on behalf of all the Candidates.

MEC.Jerry Kopp brought greetings on behalf of all the visitors.

The incoming President expressed his thanks to all those who attended and to all of the officers for helping out as well as those who will be assisting him next year.

Order of the High Priesthood closed in due form at 16:35 by Ex. President Anthony D'Eramo

EX President

Ex Recorder

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APPENDIX 1

Living Past Grand First Principals

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| 1985 | Most Excellent Companion | R. Hilliard Clare |
| 1989 | “ “ “ | Thomas O. Mickey |
| 1997 | “ “ “ | Leonard G.B. Pickell |
| 1998 | “ “ “ | Joseph R. Marshall |
| 2002 | “ “ “ | Norman K. Monro |
| 2004 | “ “ “ | George W. Eaton |
| 2005 | “ “ “ | Brian A. Richman |
| 2006 | “ “ “ | A. Leslie Robinson |
| 2007 | “ “ “ | George R.E. Tillotson |
| 2008 | “ “ “ | Alastair M. Ross |

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| 2009 | “ | “ | “ | David Grange |
| 2010 | “ | “ | “ | Joel Chiri |
| 2011 | “ | “ | “ | Norman McEvoy |
| 2012 | “ | “ | “ | Anthony “Tony” Brown |
| 2013 | “ | “ | “ | Kenneth Overy |
| 2014 | “ | “ | “ | Jeremy Gomersall |
| 2015 | “ | “ | “ | Anthony “Tony” D’Eramo |
| 2016 | “ | “ | “ | Godfrey Onyemaobi |

APPENDIX 2

GRAND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS 2017/2018

District #1

REC. Jeff Woodburn
 125 South Turner Street.
 Victoria, B.C. V8v 2J9
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REC. Peter Blagaic
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District #3

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District #4

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District #6

REC Paul Stevenson
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District #7

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District #10

REC Matt Fletcher
RR1 S3 C10
Dawson Creek BC. V1G 4E7
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District #11

REC Rick Sheldon
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Comox, BC V9N 1E7
250-338-894
ricksheldon7@gmail.com

APPENDIX 3

CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

COLUMBIA CHAPTER NO 1

INST: Feb 1867 CONST: Jun 1867
REG MTG: 1st Tue ex Jul, & Aug
TIME: 7:30 pm
LOCATION Masonic Temple, 650 Fisgard Street,
Victoria, B.C.
INST: 4th Sat of Nov.
SCRIBE E: VEC Bruce Allan,
6310 Elaine Way. Victoria, BC V8Z 6A1
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 Nov.
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: Columbia Lodge, 1307-7th. Ave Invermere
INSTALLATION: 2nd Sat in Jan
SCRIBE E: Brian Stringer,
5137 Wilder 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: Alternating between 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 1S9 (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, BC. V8J 1P6,
Phone: (250) 627-1472

**NORTH VANCOUVER – KING SOLOMON
CHAPTER NO. 16**

INST: Feb 25, 1914 CONST: Jun 17, 1919
REG MTG: 2nd Thu ex Jul Aug
TIME: 7:30 pm
LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 1142 Lonsdale Ave.
North Vancouver, BC
INST: 2nd Thurs. in Jan
SCRIBE E: Ivan Ivankovic,
304-1775 Bellvue Avenue, West Vancouver, BC. V7V 1A8
Phone (604) 328-2812

KELOWNA CHAPTER NO. 17

INST: 1916 CONST: Jun 17 1916

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

TIME: 7:30 PM

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

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

SCRIBE E: VEC Wolfgang Schwieger

1206-343 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

LOCATION: Chilliwack Lodge 45905 Hocking Avenue

INST: 2nd Thur. Nov

SCRIBE E: REC Kurt Wensler,

10181 Manor Drive. Chilliwack, BC, V2P 5Y7,

Phone (604) 792-5670

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,

#145 – 805 Comox Street., Penticton, BC V2A 8G5

Phone: (250) 493-2417

COMPOSITE CHAPTER NO. 24

INST: May 29, 1925 CONST: Jun 7, 1926

REG MTG: 3rd Fri ex. June, Jul, Aug. Sep & Dec

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Park Lodge Hall,

4474 Rupert Street, Vancouver, BC
INST: 3rd Fri Jan
SCRIBE E: Tom Balabanov
3059 West 20th Avenue, Vancouver V3C 2J3
Phone (604) 562-2585

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
1225 Chapton Road, Cobble Hill, BC, V0R 1L0
Phone: (250) 743-2117

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.E, Salmon Arm, BC,
INST: 2nd Sat Mar (With 11 & 18)
SCRIBE E; REC Dale Townsend
51- 60th St. N.W., 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
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 March (with 8 & 35)
Scribe E REC 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: Eureka Masonic Hall, 20701 Fraser Highway Langley, BC
INST: 2nd Tue June
SCRIBE E: REC Neil Marsh,
#80-21138- 88th Ave., Langley, BC V1M 2G7
Phone: (604) 888-8932

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER NO 35

INST: Jun 21 1956 CONST: Sept, 1956
REG MTG: 4th Tue ex Jan, Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 136 Memorial Ave.,
Parksville, BC
INST: 3rd Sat. Mar.(with #8 & #33)
SCRIBE E: REC Tim Yates,
1440 – 13th Street, Unit 16, Courtenay BC V9N 6C1
Phone: (250) 338-5114

FORT GEORGE CHAPTER NO 36

INST: CONST: Sept 20, 1957
REG MTG: 3rd Wed ex Jul, Aug, & Dec.
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Freemason's Hall, 450 Vancouver. Prince George, BC
INST: 1st Wed Dec (With 43)
SCRIBE E: VEC. Richard Dawson,
5018 Leslie Road, Prince George, BC V2N 6J7
Phone: (250) 964-0102

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
REG MTG: 4th Wed. ex Jul Aug Sept.
TIME: 7:30 PM
Location: Masonic Hall, 1501 Dogwood St.,
Whitehorse, YT
SCRIBE E: REC 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 Apr. May, Jun, Jul, Aug & Sept
1st. Tue Apr.(elections)
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Roberts Creek Masonic Hall,
13190 Roberts Creek Road 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.3 Road Richmond, BC
INST: 1st Sat Feb
SCRIBE E: REC. John Laing,
6129 Briarwood Crescent. 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 Jan, Feb, Mar, Jul, Aug, & Dec.
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 901-103rd Ave, Dawson Creek, BC
INST: 3rd Tue Sept
SCRIBE E: REC Don Stirling, 10012 – 94th Ave.,
Fort St. John, BC V1J 5J6
Phone (250) 261-0608

CARIBOU CHAPTER NO 43

INST: May 23, 1975 CONST: Sept 4, 1976
REG MTG: 2nd Wed. ex Jan, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, & Dec.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Centre Lodge #113, 130 - A Oliver Street., Williams Lake, BC
INST 1st Wed. Dec
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 Thur ex Jan, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept & Dec

TIME: 7.30 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 6544 Throup Road,
Sooke, BC

INST: 3rd Thur Oct(even years) 3rd Tues (odd years) (with #26)

SCRIBE E: REC John Paterson,
29 Knollwood Road, Victoria BC V9B 1E4

Phone: (250) -381-3236

APPENDIX 4

ELECTED PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER SINCE 1919

| Year | Grand Zerubbabel | Grand Haggai | Grand Joshua |
|------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1919 | *Harry H. Watson | *Daniel M Harrison | *Charles F. Sherwin |
| 1920 | *Edward B Paul | *Daniel M. Harrison | *Charles F. Sherwin |
| 1921 | *Daniel M. Harrison | *Charles F. Sherwin | *Vernon W. Stewart |
| 1922 | *Charles F. Sherwin | *Vernon W. Stewart | *Frank C. Bird |
| 1923 | *Vernon W. Stewart | *Frank C. Bird | *John G. Gamon |
| 1924 | *Frank C. Bird | *John G. Gamon | *Thomas H. Carey |
| 1925 | *John G. Gamon | *Thomas H. Carey | *Henry Giegerich |
| 1926 | *Thomas H. Carey | *Henry Giegerich | *Donald Adams |
| 1927 | *Henry Giegerich | *Donald Adams | *William T. Phillips |
| 1928 | *Donald Adams | *William T. Phillips | *Ernest P. Allen |
| 1929 | *William T. Phillips | *Ernest P. Allen | *Donald A. Stewart |
| 1930 | *Ernest P. Allen | *Donald A. Stewart | *Samuel Drake |
| 1931 | *Donald A. Stewart | *Samuel Drake | *Daniel W. Sutherland |
| 1932 | *Samuel Drake | *Alexander McDuff | *Alex M. Manson |
| 1933 | *Alexander McDuff | *Alex M. Manson | *William R. Trench |
| 1934 | *Alex M. Manson | *William R. Trench | *William R. Yule |
| 1935 | *William R. Trench | *William R. Yule | *George H. McKay |
| 1936 | *William R. Yule | *George H. McKay | *K.K. Reid |
| 1937 | *George H. McKay | *K.K. Reid | *W.P. Marchant |
| 1938 | * K.K. Reid | *W.P. Marchant | *Stanley Gordon |
| 1939 | *W.P. Marchant | *Stanley Gordon | *Thomas B. Goodall |
| 1940 | *Stanley Gordon | *Thomas B. Goodall | *George E. MacKinnon |
| 1941 | *G.E. MacKinnon | *M.J. Little | *W. Coates Taylor |
| 1942 | *M.J. Little | *W. Coates Taylor | *John. H. Morgan |
| 1943 | *W. Coates Taylor | *John H. Morgan | *F.A. Willis |
| 1944 | *John H. Morgan | *F.A. Willis | *Edward T. Searle |
| 1945 | *F.A. Willis | *Edward T. Searle | *Edgar B. Baker |
| 1946 | *Edward T. Searle | *Edgar B. Baker | *John MacLeod |
| 1947 | *Edgar B. Baker | *John MacLeod | *Gerald M. Sedger |
| 1948 | *John MacLeod | *Gerald M. Sedger | *A.E. Davidson |
| 1949 | *Gerald M. Sedger | *A.E. Davidson | *A. Roy Byrnell |
| 1950 | *A.E. Davidson | *A. Roy Byrnell | *Andrew Coutts |
| 1951 | *A. Roy Byrnell | *Andrew Coutts | *Charles E. Renecker |
| 1952 | *Andrew Coutts | *Charles E. Renecker | *Harvey P. Wyness |

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| 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 | *William D. Jasper | Leonard G. Pickell |
| 1996 | *William D. Jasper | Leonard G. Pickell | Joseph R. Marshall |
| 1997 | Leonard G. Pickell | Joseph R. Marshall | *Denis S. Carriere |
| 1998 | Joseph R. Marshall | *Denis S. Carriere | *David D.S. Anderson |
| 1999 | *Denis S. Carriere | *David D.S. Anderson | *David B. Turner |
| 2000 | *David D. S. Anderson | *David B. Turner | Norman K. Monro |
| 2001 | *David B. Turner | Norman K. Monro | *Basil R. Hobbs |
| 2002 | Norman K. Monro | *Basil R. Hobbs | George W. Eaton |
| 2003 | *Basil R. Hobbs | George W. Eaton | Brian Richman |
| 2004 | George W. Eaton | Brian Richman | William Fooks |
| 2005 | Brian Richman | William Fooks | A.Leslie Robinson |

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| 2006 | A.Leslie Robinson | George Tillotson | Alastair Ross |
| 2007 | George Tillotson | Alastair Ross | David Grange |
| 2008 | Alastair M. Ross | David Grange | Joel Chiri |
| 2009 | David Grange | Joel Chiri | Norman McEvoy |
| 2010 | Joel Chiri | Norman McEvoy | Anthony Brown |
| 2011 | Norman McEvoy | Anthony Brown | Kenneth Overy |
| 2012 | Anthony Brown | Kenneth Overy | Jeremy Gomersall |
| 2013 | Kenneth Overy | Jeremy Gomersall | Anthony D'Eramo |
| 2014 | Jeremy Gomersall | Anthony D'Eramo | Godfrey Onyemaobi |
| 2015 | Anthony D'Eramo | Godfrey Onyemaobi | Ronald Smith |
| 2016 | Godfrey Onyemaobi | Ronald Smith | Norman Bruce |
| 2017 | Ronald Smith | A.Leslie Robinson | Philip Robinson |

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2017 AGENDA

Friday, September 15, 2017

No. Order of Business

- 1) Grand Chapter Informal Opening. **7:15 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 16, 2017

- 7) Grand Chapter Formal opening. **8:35 am**
- 8) Reception of Visitors & Regrets.
- 9) Change of signing Authority
- 10) Resolution of Loyalty to Queen
- 11) Minutes of Grand Convocation of **2016**
- 12) Grand Z address
- 13) Grand H report
- 14) Grand J report
- 15) Report of Grand Chaplain
- 16) Report of Merit Award Committee
- 17) Reception of Past Gr. First Principals
- 18) Reception of First Principals
- 19) Grand Treasurer's report
- 20) Grand Scribe Ezra report
- 21) Report of Committee on Finance (2016 Budget)
- 22) Report of Committee on Constitution & Jurisprudence
- 23) Forum for Candidates
- 24) Report of Regalia Committee
- 25) Report of Executive Committee
- 26) Report of the Grand Historian
- 27) Roll Call of Grand Representatives
- 28) Report of Credentials Committee

- 29) Report of Committee on RA Charitable Foundation
- 30) Report of Education and Advancement Committee
- 31) Presentation of Honorary Memberships
- 32) Election of Officers for 2017/18
- 33) Report of Bursary Committee
- 34) Report of Committee on Grand Z address
- 35) Report on Information and Technology Committee
- 36) Report of Royal Arch Masonic Home Society
- 37) Report of Keystone of Life Foundation
- 38) Report of Committee on Grand Superintendents
- 39) Report of Committee on Past Z's Award
- 40) New Business
- 41) Installation of Officers for 2017/18
- 42) Vote of Thanks to Host Chapter
- 43) Scribe E. Reads Committees for 2017/18
- 44) Location of Grand Chapter for 2017, 2018, 2019.
- 45) Closing of Grand Chapter
- 46) Report (Minutes) of Order of High Priest

- Appendix 1) Living Past Grand First Principals
- Appendix 2) Grand District Superintendents
- Appendix 3) Constituent Chapters
- Appendix 4) Elected Grand Chapter Principals since 1919