



# *ONE HUNDRED YEAR ANNIVERSARY*

Proceedings

Of

**GRAND CHAPTER**

Of

British Columbia & Yukon

**101st** Annual Convocation

Kelowna, B.C.

**2019**

(Organized June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1919)

**MEC Les Robinson**

**MEC Ken Overy**

Grand First Principal

Grand Scribe Ezra



# **MEC Les Robinson**

Grand First Principal

**2018-2019**

**MEC Albert Leslie (Les) Robinson**

**Grand First Principal**

**Royal Arch Mason, BC and Yukon**

**2018 - 2019**

## **Bio:**

Born in Liverpool UK a long time ago and married to Brenda in 1964 ,that's 54 years for anybody that's counting. I attended Quarry Bank grammar school and Riverdale Technical college in Liverpool and worked for the British Government Telephones for 11 years.

We immigrated to Stettler Alberta in 1967, and once again worked in the telephone industry for Alberta Govt. Telephones for the next 6 years. We then moved to BC in 1973 to work for BC Tel, retiring in 1995.. We have 3 children and 4 granddaughters, and one of my son's is now S.W. of Manoah Lodge in Tofino, 1st Principal of Keystone Chapter, and P.C.W. in Adoniram Council I was raised in Adoniram Lodge in Vancouver in 1978.

## **Masonic History:**

Past Master of Nanaimo Lodge #110 in 1988

Grand Steward of Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon

Past Master of Manoah Lodge #141 in 2016

32<sup>nd</sup> degree Scottish Rite mason & Thrice Puissant Master in 1988

Member of Keystone Chapter #8 & Majuba Chapter #33

Past 1<sup>st</sup> Principal of Keystone and Majuba Chapters

Grand First Principal in 2006-7 & 2018-2019

Member of Adomiram Council in Ladysmith

Serving as Deputy Grand Master for Western Canada.2018-9

Member of Bethlehem Preceptory and Past Provincial Prior.

Also a member of many other concordant bodies

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 **One Hundred and First** Grand Convocation held in Kelowna, B.C. on **September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019** 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, 2019

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(MEC Ken Overy – Grand Scribe Ezra)

SEAL

The one hundred and First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon was held on **September 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre, in Kelowna, B.C.

## OFFICERS ELECTED/APPOINTED 2017/2018

### **MEC Ronald Smith**

MEC A. Leslie Robinson  
REC Philip Robinson  
MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi  
REC Tom Balabanov  
MEC Ken Overy  
REC John Merryweather Laing  
VEC Richard Trippel  
VEC Preciocisimo Bunagan  
REC Jeffery Woodburn  
REC Peter Blagaic  
REC Eric Hansen  
REC Greg Constable  
REC Paul Stevenson  
REC Sonny Bond  
REC Matthew Fletcher  
REC Richard Sheldon  
REC Richard Trippel  
REC James Bennie  
VEC Steven Ackroyd  
VEC Richard Parker  
VEC Felip Ariel  
VEC Madhu Vadgama  
VEC William Duncan  
VEC Timothy Findley  
VEC **TBA**  
VEC Chuck Chamberlain  
REC Aaron Harrison  
VEC **TBA**  
VEC Alphonse Quenneville

### **Grand First Principal**

Grand Second Principal (appointed)  
Grand Third Principal  
IPGZ  
Grand Treasurer  
Grand Scribe Ezra  
Grand Pr. Sojourner  
Grand Sr. Sojourner  
Grand Jr. Sojourner  
Grand Supt. Dist. 1  
Grand Supt. Dist. 2  
Grand Supt. Dist. 3  
Grand Supt. Dist. 4  
Grand Supt. Dist. 6  
Grand Supt. Dist. 7  
Grand Supt. Dist. 10  
Grand Supt. Dist. 11  
Grand Nehemiah  
Grand Historian  
Grand Sword Bearer  
Grand Standard Bearer  
Grand Dir. Of Ceremonies  
Grand Marshal  
Grand Pursuivent  
Grand Steward #1  
Grand Steward #2  
Grand Steward #3  
Grand Chaplain  
Grand Organist  
Grand Tyler

**September 20, 2019**

**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 20, 2019**. The companions and guests were welcomed to the session. The Grand Council was piped in and assumed their respective chairs in the East. The Grand First Principal then declared the Informal Grand Chapter open at **7:00 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 Richard Trippel and then received and welcomed by the Grand Council and seated.

MEC. Ron Ponech – Grand First Principal – Grand Chapter of Alberta with following suite.

MEC. David Boone – Past Grand First Principal - Grand Chapter of Alberta

MEC. Jerry Copp – Past Grand First Principal - Grand Chapter of Alberta

REC. Troy LeBlanc – Grand Principal Sojourner – Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan

MEC. Robert Turner – Past Grand First Principal - Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan

MEC. Gary Spriggs – Past Grand High Priest - Grand Chapter of California

REC. Daniel Smith – Grand Captain of the Host, representing MEC Ross R. Black II- Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio

Rt.Ill.Comp. Bruce Allan – Grand Inspector General for Vancouver Island- Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal and Select Masters

Most Ill. Kt. Comp. Charles E. Rutt – Grand Sovereign- Red Cross of Constantine

Em. Dist. Brother Colin Hart –Representing Knights of York Rite Cross of Honour

Rt. Ven. Bro. John Hayes, Sovereign Grand Master- Elect - Allied Masonic Degrees

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

Sister Eileen Howells, and Brother Kevin Howells –Associate Grand Matron and Grand Sentinel– Representing Order of the Eastern Star.

M. W. Grand Master Douglas Franklin- 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 Companions of our Grand Chapter. REC. Alan Akehurst carried the Canadian flag; Excellent Companion Bert Fredin carried the American flag; Excellent Companion Bill Phillips carried the British Columbia flag; and VEC. Carsten Osterhold carried the Yukon flag. The ceremony ended with the singing of “*O Canada*” and “*The Star Spangled Banner*”

### **4) MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Presided over by V. Ex. Comp. Aaron Harrison:**

**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.**

**Prayer of Saint Francis**

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**ALL:** Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.



Where there is offense, let me bring pardon.  
Where there is discord, let me bring union.  
Where there is error, let me bring truth.  
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.  
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.  
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.  
O Master, let me not seek as much  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love,  
for it is in giving that one receives,  
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,  
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,  
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.

**Amen**

**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: Matthew 5:3-12 King James  
Version**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

- <sup>4</sup> Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- <sup>10</sup> Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup> Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- <sup>12</sup> Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

**Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 King James Version (KJV)**

- <sup>3</sup> To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
- <sup>2</sup> A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
- <sup>3</sup> A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- <sup>4</sup> A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- <sup>5</sup> A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- <sup>6</sup> A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- <sup>7</sup> A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- <sup>8</sup> A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

### **Sermon:**

My Companions,

I'd like to share with you a poem. The Poem is called: "IF" and was penned by, Rudyard Kipling.

It is likely familiar to many of you. Hopefully "IF" may contain some pearls and speak to you.

### **If**

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son.

Companions, losing our loved ones to physical death is never easy. This poem: "IF" speaks of LIVING: "Living Life" with integrity and with courage. Our Companions "Lived".

Indeed, Our Companion-Brothers DID live their lives to the very best of their abilities with integrity and with courage. May we be thankful for their individual examples of "well lived lives".

They now are at peace with the Creator.

Thankfully, Our Companions will continue to live in our memories, in our hearts and in the memories and hearts of ALL those that they touched.

With gratitude, we will remember our Companions, their examples as Royal Arch Masons, as our Companions, as Brothers and as men.

Lord God Jehovah, we thank You for the gift of life and for the beauty that You express and share throughout ALL Your Creation. **Amen.**

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Would you join me in reciting the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

### **Psalm 23 King James Version (KJV)**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## ROLL CALL OF FRATERNAL DEAD (Rose Ceremony)

### Deceased Members

#### District #1

REC. Paul Philcox

##### Columbia #1

Comp. Joseph L. Dowler

July. 20, 2016

Comp. John Stephen Felix Newton

Mar. 13, 2018

Comp. Bertram (Bert) Storar

Apr. 13, 2018

##### Tzouhalem #26

REC. Donald Gotfried Leischner

Sept. 09, 2018

Ex. Comp. Alexander Middleton

Date Unknown

Ex. Comp. Robert McLachin Crawford

Aug. 28, 2018

##### Pacific Rim #44

Comp. Karl Maas

Mar. --, 2018

#### District #2

REC. Karl Ellingsen

##### Chilliwack #19

REC. Kurt Wensler

Aug. 17 2018

Comp. Paul Stainecht

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##### Composite #24

NONE REPORTED

##### Semiahmoo #34

NONE REPORTED

#### District #3

REC. Francis Latter

##### Kelowna #17

NONE REPORTED

##### Kamloops #18

REC. Gerald Farnsworth

Oct 06, 2018

##### Penticton #22

NONE REPORTED

##### Granite #29

REC. Gene Bryan Clever

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Comp. Ronald Raymond Day

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#### District #4

REC. Greg Constable by EC. Blaine Cantalope

##### Rossland #4

Comp. James Nelson

Mar. 23, 2018

Rocky Mountain #7

NONE REPORTED

**District #6**

**REC. Paul Stevenson**

Kaien # 13

NONE REPORTED

Kalum #37

REC.Klaus Blassing

Dec. 25, 2018

REC. James MacIntosh

Mar. 25,2018

**District #7**

**REC. Barry Chilton**

North Van. King Sol. #16

REC. Richard (Dick) Schafer

May.--.2018

REC. Aubrey Bell

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Ex. Comp. Harold Horwood

Nov. 29,2018

Ex. Comp. Donald McTaggart

Dec. 14, 2014

Joppa #31

Comp. Cornelius (Casy) Van Dyke

Mar. 11, 2018

Georgian # 39

NONE REPORTED

Simon Fraser # 40

NONE REPORTED

**District #10**

**REC. Leonard Timmins**

Fort George #36

REC. Harold Woolgar

Dec. 04, 2018

Yukon #38

Comp. Harry Glen Cross

Aug. 07, 2018

Dawson Creek #41

Comp. Curtis Clark

Aug. 05, 2017

Comp. Ronald Blake

May. 02, 2017

Comp. Gerry Mangel

Sept. 25, 2018

Comp. Clifford Kortmeyer

June 05, 2017

Caribou #43

NONE REPORTED

**District #11**

**REC. John Kelly**

Keystone #8

NONE REPORTED

North Island

MEC. George Tillotson

July 29, 2018

Comp. John Landels

Sept.10, 2018

Comp. Chris Mossaurer

Apr. 15, 2018

Comp. Albert Earle Pollen

May 28, 2018

Comp. Leyland George Rayson Watson <u>Majuba #33</u>	Nov. 26, 2018
Comp. Donald R. Vance	May 06, 2018
REC. Arthur Franklin Bossons <u>Cathedral #35</u>	Sept. 02, 2018
REC. Robert Lasser	Mar. 08, 2009
Comp. J.H. Smith	July 20, 2016
Ex. Comp. Gerald Price	Apr. 18, 2017
Comp. Ben Duncan	May 23, 2018
Ex. Comp. James Hutchings	Aug. 30, 2018

**FOR** all Companions from sister Jurisdictions, or those who may have been inadvertently overlooked as well as all those serving overseas protecting this great nation by M.E.C. Les Robinson

**AND** the laying of a white rose in remembrance of the departed spouses of all Companions everywhere by the wife of our Grand First Principal, Brenda Robinson

*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.*

### **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.**

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. Joyful 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 would 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 8:35 pm with a reminder that the Convocation would commence tomorrow at **8:30 am on September 21st 2019.**

**September 21, 2019**

### **CEREMONY OF RE-CONSECRATION**

As adapted from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

**Grand Scribe Ezra:**

It gives me great pleasure at this time to request our Grand First Principal, MEC. Les Robinson who with the prerogatives, powers and duties of the Most Excellent Companion of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon, to please assume the Gavel and proceed with the Ceremony of Re-consecration.

*The Grand First Principal having assumed the Chair of Royal Solomon, the Grand Scribe Ezra, MEC. Ken Overy rises.*

**Grand Scribe Ezra:**

MEC. Robinson, the First Principals, Officers and Companions of the Chapters of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon, here assembled, have for the past 100 years, regularly met and conducted the practice of Capitular Freemasonry to the best of their abilities. The proceedings of the Chapters through this first century of its existence, having received the approbation of the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon, the Companions of the Chapters request your consent that this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons be Re-consecrated to the aims, purposes and practice of Capitular Freemasonry for which purpose they are now assembled and await your will and pleasure.

**Grand Z:**

Companions, 100 years ago, you received your Charter as the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario. In accordance with your request, I am pleased to proceed with the

Re-consecration of this Grand Chapter, and the Re-dedication of its Companions to the practice of Capitular Freemasonry for the next 100 years and until time shall be no more. Before proceeding with this important ceremony, it is our duty to invoke the Blessing of the Great Architect. Very Excellent Companion Harrison. Grand Chaplain, will you attend at the altar.

**Grand Chaplain:**

Great Architect of the Universe. Creator and Ruler of all Worlds – Deign from Thy Celestial temple, from the Realm of light and glory, to bless us, in all the purposes of our present assembly.

We Humbly implore Thee, to give us, at this and all times – Wisdom to plan and carry out all the duties and practices of our beloved Freemasonry; Strength of Mind and Body to aid us in overcoming all our difficulties, and the Beauty of Harmony and Brotherly Love in all our Communications. And permit us, thou Great Author of Light and Life, Great Source of love and happiness, to continue to build and dedicate this, our Chapter, to the practice and preservation of the Ideals of Freemasonry and to now, solemnly Re-consecrate it to Thine Honour and Glory now and forever. Amen. So Mote It Be.

**Grand Z:**

Companion Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will retire with the designated Grand Chapter Officers, obtain the articles necessary to the ceremony, and form the Companions on proper procession, so that we may proceed with the Re-consecration.

*The Grand Director of Ceremonies will for the procession as follows;*

*The Grand Director of Ceremonies*

*Four Past Grand First Principals carrying the Ark*

*The Grand N. and the Grand Principal Sojourner (with G.P.S. on the left)*

*The Most Sr. Past Grand First Principal with Vessel of Oil. (alone)*

*The next Sr. Past Grand First Principal (on the Right) with Vessel of Wine beside the Junior Past Grand First Principal (on the Left) with Vessel of Corn*

*The Grand Senior and Junior Sojourner (with G.S.S. on the right.)*

*When ready, the procession will enter the Grand Chapter at the Southwest Corner;--proceed to the North by way of behind the Sojourners stations towards the East.*

*There Grand First Principal will join the procession falling in between the Grand N. and the Grand Principal Sojourner. The Procession will perform one perambulation around Grand Chapter and upon arriving in the East (in the front*

*of the Chair of G.Z.) will turn to the West and proceed to a pedestal situated approximately midway between the Altar and the East.*

*The Ark will then be placed on the pedestal; the PGZ's will remove the staves and remain at their stations facing West, the two in front retaining the staves.*

*The Grand Director of Ceremonies then proceeds around to the front of the Ark and stands facing East. The rest of the procession will then proceed around the Ark with except those carrying vessels to line up across the East behind the G.Z. facing West.*

**Grand Z:**

The escorting Officers will resume their places.

*All but the Grand D.O.C. and those carrying vessels will proceed to their seats without ceremony.*

*The vessel of corn is then presented to the Grand Z.*

**Grand Scribe Ezra: (...)**

**Grand Z:** *Sprinkles Corn on tray on top of Ark.* “In the Name of the Great Architect to Whom be all Honour and Glory, I re-consecrate the Grand Chapter with Corn --- the emblem of health and plenty, and symbolic of the many gifts and blessings for which we are indebted to him.

*The vessel of wine is then presented to the Grand Z.*

**Grand Z:** *Pours wine on tray on top of Ark.* “In the Name of the Great Architect to Whom be all Honour and Glory, I re-consecrate the Grand Chapter with Wine, the emblem of joy and cheerfulness.

*The vessel of oil is then presented to the Grand Z.*

**Grand Z:** *Pours oil on tray on top of Ark.* “In the Name of the Great Architect to Whom be all Honour and Glory, I re-consecrate the Grand Chapter with Oil, the emblem of comfort and consolation.

And thus we consecrate this Grand Chapter to the Honour and Glory of the Great Architect of the Universe until time shall be no more. So Mote It Be.

**Grand D.O.C:**

Grand Honors nine times.

**Grand Z:**

In the Name of the Most High and the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon, I hereby Re-consecrate and Re-dedicate you, my good Companions and your Chapters on the Register of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon and we are confident that you will continue to practice the principles and ideals of Capitular Freemasonry, and to act as a regular Chapter duly constituted in conformity to the rites, ceremonies and Charges of our honourable fraternity: *(come to sign of Fidelity)* and may the Supreme Architect of the Universe prosper, direct and council you, in all your doings

**All:** So mote it be.

**Grand D.O.C.**

Grand Honors nine times.  
*(Done)*

**Grand Z:**

*Returns to seat and remains standing.*  
Companions you will be seated. (.)

**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 **25** 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. Norm Monro

M.Ex. Comp. Tony D'Eramo.

M.Ex.Comp. George Eaton

M.Ex. Comp. Jeremy Gomersall

V.Ex. Comp Jim Bennie – Grand Historian  
M.Ex.Comp.Frederic Comtour. GZ. GCRAM Quebec  
M.Ex.Comp. George Napper GZ. GCRAM of Canada in the province of Ontario

A moment of silence was observed to honour the memories of MEC.Alistair Ross, PGZ of this jurisdiction for the year 2008; and MEC. Antony (Tony) Brown, PGZ of this jurisdiction for the year 2012.

**9) INVOCATION BY GRAND CAPLAIN**

V.E.C. AARON HARRISON

**10) CHANGE OF SIGNING AUTHORITY**

No Change in Signing Authority.

**11) RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY**

The following Resolution of Loyalty, duly **MOVED** by Most Excellent Companion Les Robinson and duly **SECONDED** by Right Excellent Companion Phillip Robinson was unanimously adopted.

**BE IT RESOLVED** THAT THIS MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA and YUKON, assembled on the occasion of its one hundredth Annual Convocation held at the City of Nanaimo in the Province of British Columbia, Canada this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2019 takes pleasure in recording its loyalty and deep respect for our Sovereign, HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, Queen of Canada, and Head of the Commonwealth to which our Nation belongs.

We desire to place on record our undying loyalty to Your Majesty and unswerving devotion and warm affection. We extend our congratulations to your Majesty on the celebration of your 93rd birthday this year and give to you our warmest blessings for continued health and happiness.

We extend our greeting to all members of your family—in particular this year to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on the birth of their first child, Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor, your eighth great grandchild. May he grow strong and be a delight to both you and his parents.

We express to Your Majesty our steadfast and abundant gratitude for your outstanding accomplishments. What you have achieved over many years cannot be fully appreciated—the vastness and depth of your continued love for the Commonwealth is heartwarming to us all.

**WE TRUST AND PRAY** Her Majesty will continue to enjoy good health and strength fulfilling the duties of her high and important office as you continue to serve our Commonwealth and particularly to us in Canada. Your commitment to us remains an exceptional lesson for us all.

This Resolution of Loyalty was proposed by M...W... Bro. Stephen Godfrey, seconded by M...W... Bro. R. Glenn Allen, and carried unanimously—and was followed by the singing of GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. that this, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon assembled at their One Hundred and First Annual Convocation in the City of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada this 21st<sup>h</sup> day of September, 2019, 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, Prince Harry and Prince George.

**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 21st, 2019.**

**“GOD SAVE THE QUEEN”**

MEC A. Leslie Robinson  
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL  
EZRA

MEC Ken Overy  
GRAND SCRIBE

**Adopted**

**12) MINUTES OF GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION  
2018.**

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

I hereby move that the minutes of the one hundredth annual Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon, held at the city of Nanaimo, British Columbia and as published in the annual proceedings of 2018 be hereby adopted.

**Seconded by** MEC. Ron Smith

**Carried as Presented**

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**ADDRESS OF GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL (Z)  
MEC ALBERT LESLIE (LES) ROBINSON**

R.Ex. Comp. Phillip Robinson assumed the chair.

PREAMBLE: - My Companions, my year as your Grand First Principal has concluded and it has been my privilege to serve you over the last twelve months. I have endeavored to visit as many Chapters or districts as possible, and for the few Chapters I did not get to, my apologies, scheduling did not just allow it. Wherever I travelled this last year I was very well received, and I thank all the Companions for their kind reception. This year I decided that if I attended an installation I would not install the First Principal, because I feel that Chapters should not rely on the executive officers to do that job for them every year.

On my visits I found that some Chapters had many candidates and some just 1 or 2, and while we having candidates join our fraternity we are losing many to demits and suspensions, and maybe that is something that can be looked into and addressed. One of the ideas I adopted this year was to encourage companions to get to know all new masons joining the craft, by actively taking part in their mentoring and also when a brother is raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason let your Chapter scribe know so he can send him an invitation from the Grand First Principal and an information pamphlet in the mail to join our Holy Royal Arch.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS: - I would like to thank the entire executive for their support in either visiting with me or representing me at other meetings. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Grand Scribe Ezra MEC Ken Overy for his help in keeping me informed on a day to day basis, without a good scribe my job would have been very difficult. Also with the forming of a new society and all the difficulties that came with it I would like to thank our Grand Treasurer REC Tom Balanabov and REC Peter Guichon for their endeavors in getting it all completed efficiently. To my District Superintendants thank you for your efforts in representing me in your districts. This year we have two companions who have submitted their names for the position of Grand Principal Sojourner, and I wish them both well.

STATE OF THE CHAPTERS:- During my travels there are a few Chapters that have problems and of course they know who they are. If a Chapter cannot have meetings on a scheduled basis because of a lack of a quorum it may be time to consider consolidating with another Chapter, to make one strong Chapter as opposed to two weak ones. It is only as a last resort that a Chapter hands in its Charter, after seeing to it that all other options have been considered.

PERMANENT RANK:- Permanent rank will be conferred of those officers who have attended both annual convocations, and I will confirm them during the convocation. To those companions who have served on our various committees I thank you for your dedication, all committees have an essential part in the running of Grand Chapter

CONCLUSION:- I would like to thank my wife of 55 years for her constant support and love, without which I could not have taken on this position. As you all know this is my second time as Grand First Principal, and I hope I have not disappointed you on either occasion, and believe me there will be no third time. In the coming years I will be around to give assistance to the Grand Officers when requested, and I extend by best wishes to Phillip Robinson ( no relation ) your incoming Grand First Principal, and may he have as much fun and pleasure as I did during my year.

Once again my Companions I thank you for the privilege and honour you bestowed on me for serving as your Grand First Principal.

I hereby move that this report be referred to the committee on the Grand Z's address.

Seconded by:-

Respectfully Submitted  
MEC Les Robinson  
Grand First Principal 2018-2019

**Address Received**

**14) ADDRESS OF THE GRAND 2<sup>nd</sup> PRINCIPAL (H) 2019  
REC Phillip Robinson**

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal and the members of this Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.

Thank you my companions for your continuing support and confidence, I have had an enjoyable year as your Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Principal, thanks in a great part to your generous welcome when I have visited your chapters. Each year brings a change of responsibilities, which is always a challenge particularly this year as chair of the executive committee, fortunately, as it should be among companions, there have been no really contentious items to deal with, though a couple of difficult questions needed to be answered.



I have had the pleasure of visiting many chapters this year with our Grand Zerubbabel to great welcomes, happy meetings, and new friendships. I also had the honour of participating in several installations of Chapter Officers. I unfortunately was unable to attend International night in Bellingham WA, but was able again to attend the “Hands Across the Border” Ceremony at the Peace Arch, I look forward to seeing many companions at both visitations in 2020. I was honoured to represent this Grand Chapter at the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada held in Canmore Alberta; and because our Grand 1<sup>st</sup> principal was suffering the rigours of a cruise in the Mediterranean at the time I represented you at the Grand Lodge of BC & Y in June.

I hope that during my year as your Grand Haggai I have helped to remind our companions that the pleasure of each other’s company is a necessary component of our success as an organization, we meet as companions, part as friends, and at each meeting those bonds of friendship are renewed and made stronger.

My thanks to M. Ex. Comp. Les Robinson for his continued encouragement and support, to the executive, for making my year as their chairman easy; and not least to our Grand Scribe Ezra for his valiant attempts to keep me on the straight and narrow.

Respectfully Submitted  
R. Ex. Comp. Phillip Robinson  
Grand Haggai

**Report Received**

**15) ADDRESS OF THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL (J)  
REC John M. Laing**

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

As I sit here at the keyboard the end of July is getting near and already thoughts of our next Royal Arch season are starting to go through my grey matter. This report gives me time to reflect on this past year.

Throughout our Masonic year, I attended the two Chapters I belong to, albeit on a slightly less regular basis than normal due to scheduling conflicts. Often accompanying other members of the Grand Line, I visited thirteen different Chapters in our Jurisdiction (several more than once) and was warmly received in all. During those visits I witnessed or participated in nine Installations and Investitures I was present at the Annual General Meetings of both our Royal

Arch Masonic Home Society and the Keystone of Life Society. I acted as scribe for the Executive and Financial Meetings of this Grand Chapter It was also my pleasure to assist the Grand S/E with mailing list updates and other minutiae. I hope to be able to continue with that practice next year.

The downside of my year was attending the Memorial for M.E.C. Alastair M. Ross in January, followed by a Celebration of Life for the wife of Companion David Officer of Simon Fraser Chapter in April and the Interment of M.E.C. Tony Brown earlier this month. I intend to be at the Memorial for M.E.C. Brown at Kamloops Chapter in October.

In May my wife and I attended the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta which coincided with the Grand Assembly of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada. Both events were enlightening and served to reinforce the fellowship we have developed with that jurisdiction. Internationally, I enjoyed being present at “Affirmation Sunday”, (the last Sunday in October), at the Peace Arch border crossing. It was a sunny day and meeting with our Washington State Companions was a pleasure as usual. In November, I enjoyed an evening with the Grand Lodges of BC & Yukon and the Grand Lodge of Washington at the annual “Hands Across the Border” event.

My goal this year as Grand Joshua was to observe, listen and learn in order to best prepare myself for my elevation to Grand Haggai in the coming year. I endeavored to reach out to as many brethren as possible to elicit their suggestions and concerns in order to make our fraternity stronger. It is a work in progress that I will carry forward into the coming year.

In conclusion, I thank you for the opportunity to have served you as your Grand Joshua and look forward to the ensuing term as Grand Second Principal, Haggai for 2019 – 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

R.E.C. John M. Laing  
Grand 3<sup>rd</sup>. Principal

**Report Received**

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**Report of the Grand Chaplain**

**2018/2019 Visitation Report**

-- September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons B.C. & Yukon: Nanaimo, BC

??? Monday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Joppa NO.31 – Vancouver (Kerrisdale), B.C.

- Monday October 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 Joppa No.31 - Vancouver (Kerrisdale), B.C.

#Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Composite Chapter No. 24 – Rupert Street, Vancouver, B.C.

--Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>2018 – Georgian Chapter NO.39 – Roberts Creek B.C.

--Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>2018 – Affirmation Sunday @ Peace Arch Blaine, WA, USA

--Thursday Noveber15<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Chilliwack Chapter NO.19 – Chilliwack (Installing Chaplain)

#Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>2018 – Composite Chapt eer #24 – Elections

#Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup>2018 – Composite Chapter – Christmas Party @ Village Pub

#Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>2018 – Organized Composite Storage Lockers

???Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>2018 – Joppa NO.31- Vancouver (Kerrisdale) B.C.

???Thursday December 27<sup>th</sup>2018 – NVKS Chapter – Christmas Dinner

--Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup>2019 – NVKS NO.16 N. Vancouver, B.C. (Installing Chaplain)

\* \* \*Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup>2019 – MEC Alistair Ross’s Memorial Service, Surrey B.C,

#Friday January 18<sup>th</sup>2019 – Composite Chapter NO.24 (Installation) Rupert Street, Vancouver B.C.

--Monday January 21<sup>st</sup>2019 – Joppa Chapter NO.31(Installing Chaplain) Vancouver B.C.

--Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>2019 – Simon Fraser NO.40 – (Installing Chaplain): Richmond B.C.

#Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup>2019 – Organized Composite Storage Lockers

#Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>2019 – Composite Chapter NO.24 (Business Meeting)

--Monday February 18<sup>th</sup>2019 Joppa Chapter NO.31 (MEM Degree Prayers)

#Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>2019 Composite Chapter NO.24 (BOGP’s @ Village Pub)

#Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>2019 Composite Chapter NO.24 (MMM Practice)

#Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>2019 Composite Chapter NO.24 (MMM Degree)

---Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>2019 – Georgian Chapter NO.39 –Roberts Creek B.C. (1<sup>st</sup> Veil)

#Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>2109 – Composite Chapter NO.24 (Business Meeting – No Degree)

--Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>2019 – Georgian Chapter NO.39 – (Installing Chaplain) Roberts Creek B.C.

#Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>2019 Composite Chapter NO.24 (BOGP’s @ The Village Pub)

--Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>2019 Semiahmoo Chapter NO. 34 (Installing Chaplain) Langley, B.C.

--Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>2019 NVKS Chapter NO.16 (MEM Degree: 3 Composite MMM Brothers)

--Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>2019 Joppa Chapter NO.31 (70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – MMM Degree Opening)

--Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup>2019 NVKS Chapter (MEM Degree: 1 Composite  
MMM Brothers)

Respectfully Submitted,

VEC Aaron J. Harrison, Grand Chaplain

**Report Received**

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

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

MEC. Les Robinson reminded the Companions of the importance of nominating faithful and hard working Companions who have no aspirations of becoming First Principal of their Chapter yet deserves recognition.

**18) RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS 2019**

1985	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Hilliard Clare</b>	
1989	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Thomas O. Mickey</b>	
1997	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Leonard G.B. Pickell</b>	P
1998	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Joseph R. Marshall</b>	
2002	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Norman K. Monro</b>	
2004	Most Excellent Companion	<b>George W. Eaton</b>	
2005	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Brian A. Richman</b>	
2006	Most Excellent Companion	<b>A. Leslie Robinson</b>	P
2009	Most Excellent Companion	<b>David Grange</b>	P
2010	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Joel Chiri</b>	
2011	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Norman McEvoy</b>	P
2013	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Kenneth Overy</b>	P

2014	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Jeremy Gomersall</b>
2015	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Antony (Tony) D'Eramo</b>
2016	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Godfrey Onyemaobi P</b>
2017	Most Excellent Companion	<b>Ronald Smith P</b>

Grand Honors under the direction of VEC Richard Trippel, 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

## **19) RECEPTION OF FIRST PRINCIPALS**

### **Roll Call 2019**

Columbia # 1	EC Robert Jackson
Rossland # 4	EC Blaine Cantelope <b>P</b>
Rocky Mountain #7	EC Peter Mennie
Keystone #8	EC Mark Robinson
North Island #10	VEC George MacLagan
Kaien #13	EC Mike Calli <b>P</b>
N.Vancouver – King Solomon #16	EC Darin Stangowitz
Kelowna #17	EC Danny Keen
Kamloops #18	EC Ivan Hamilton
Chilliwack #19	REC Edward Wilson
Penticton #22	EC Bert Freden <b>P</b>
Composite #24	VEC Aaron Harrison <b>P</b>
Tzouhalem #26	EC Rick Mellson
Granite #29	REC Dale Townsend <b>P</b>
Joppa #31	EC Eric Duchesne <b>P</b>
Majuba #33	REC Ken Gibson <b>P</b>
Semiahmoo #34	EC Patrick Miller
Cathedral #35	VEC Ron Rutter
Fort George #36	EC Darwin McKinnon <b>P</b>
Kalum #37	EC Gordon Hamer <b>P</b>
Yukon #38	REC Wayne Huffman

Georgian #39  
Simon Fraser #40  
Dawson Creek #41  
Caribou #43  
Pacific Rim #44

EC Errol Lipschitz  
EC Glen Stutt  
EC Christian Larsen  
EC Clifford Clark  
EC William Ley **P**

**P** = Present

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

## **20) REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER For the Year-ended 31st December 2019**

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 2018. The Accounts of your Grand Chapter have been reviewed by REC J. Laing and REC P. Guichon, to which

they have signed the Reviewers Report and accepted the Financial Statements for the year 2018.

These Statements comprise the following reports:-

### **General Account:-**

1. Income & Expenditure Statements
2. Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

### **Bursary Account:-**

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

### **Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC & Yukon Account:-**

1. Statement of Financial Position

### **GENERAL ACCOUNT:-** Income and Expenses

1. How did we do last year, compared to the 2018 planned results? Our Actual Net Operating Income was \$6,491.43 more than Plan, This is primarily due to Investment Income \$3,939.40 more than budgeted

and Per Capita dues \$3,134.00 more than budgeted due to the raise of per capita from \$19 to \$23)

2. In reviewing the Expenditures for last year compared to Plan they were favorable by \$1,329.75 in total. The investment loss was greater than budgeted for as well as regalia expenses. We had a significant line item of \$467 for computer expenses which was the cost for computer toner for the Grand Scribe printing.

The Statement of Financial Position is quite different this year. Due to the formation of the Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC & Yukon (RAMSBCY) the investment assets of \$278,657.95 have been transferred from Grand Chapter to RAMSBCY. All regalia have now been fully depreciated, and we have moved the \$16,000 of regalia reserve from the investments to Grand Chapter. Our 2018 surplus is \$3,656.18 similar to last year. Please note in order to facilitate the reporting all investments were deemed to be transferred as of December 31, 2018.

#### **BURSARY ACCOUNT:-**

Regarding the Bursary Account we awarded \$ 6,300 in Bursaries last year, and had a \$ 4,754.91 net increase in our Capital Account, and our total Investment Holdings at year end 2018 increased to \$ 167,429 from \$162,673.

As with the Grand Chapter General account the investments of the Bursary funds of \$167,428.60 have been transferred to RAMSBCY.

With regard to Donations received for last year, I would like to thank all those Companions and Chapters who generously made donations.

Our Constitution allows us to transfer up to 80% of the interest earned in our Capital Fund to the Annual Fund and that sum and any donations to the Annual fund as well as outstanding amounts in the Annual Fund can be used for bursaries for the current year. The Capital Fund income for 2018 is \$4,754.91, and with the outstanding Annual Fund of \$9,909.64 means we can donate up to \$14,664.55.

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.

#### **ROYAL ARCH MASONIC SOCIETY OF BC & YUKON ACCOUNT:-**

On the Statement of Financial Position we see the transfers from the Grand Chapter General and Bursary Investments. As of December 31, 2018 the Equity of the Society stands at \$430,336.55.

#### **2019 OUTLOOK and BUDGET:**

## General Account and Bursary Account:-

Income is predicted to be \$939 lower than budgeted due to fewer per capita than budgeted. For 2020 and 2021 I have adjusted expected per capita based on projected revenue on a \$24 per capita with budgeted total income of \$23,305 and \$22,465 respectively. On expenses 2019 is expected to be down significantly to \$19,706 being the current prediction. Budgeted expenses for 2020 and 2021 are \$22,830 respectively. With that we expect a profit of \$475 for 2020 and shortfall of \$365 for 2021. Next year we will review the interim budget for 2021 and adjust accordingly.

Bursary account budget is subject to donations which is why we encourage any companions to contribute to the education of our young students.

## Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC & Yukon Account:-

We have been doing well over the last few years in the investments.

With discussions with Odlum-Brown we have reduced somewhat our equities and increased fixed income to take profits from the last few years and take a defensive stand against possible market volatility. We do expect the Investment income to be fairly steady over the next 3 years. Expenses are shown as donations which we would like to keep steady at \$7,500.00 per year. We do have an option to transfer to Grand Chapter should it run in a deficit but only as a last resort. In all years we are aiming for a net positive income each year however due to the variability of the stock market performance, there is no guarantee but likely will do well.

Fraternally Submitted

REC. Tom Balabanov – Grand Treasurer

September 2019.

**Seconded** REC. John Laing

**Adopted**

**GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS**  
**British Columbia & Yukon**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT – “GENERAL FUND”**  
**For the Year Ended December 31<sup>st</sup> 2018**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2017</b>	<b>ACTUAL 2018</b>	<b>PLAN 2018</b>	<b>VARIANCE to Plan 2018</b>
Capita Dues	19,688.00	22,134.00	19,000.00	3,134.00
Bank Interest	68.81	0.07	85.00	(84.93)
Investment Interest	10,459.57	11,939.40	8,000.00	3,939.40
Proceedings	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Certificates	230.00	400.00	200.00	200.00
Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Misc Income (note 2)	289.07	32.96	730.00	(697.04)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>30,735.45</b>	<b>34,506.43</b>	<b>28,015.00</b>	<b>6,491.43</b>



**EXPENDITURE**

Bank Charges	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Honorarium	8,400.00	8,400.00	8,400.00	-
Grand Trea Honorarium	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
Travel	145.00	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	213.92	1655.85	500.00	(1,155.85)
Regalia Repairs	1,090.66	0.00	250.00	250.00
Regalia Replacement Fund	250.00	250.00	250.00	-
Printing – Proceedings	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
- General	49.97	0.00	200.00	200.00
Postage	345.37	177.62	500.00	322.38
Telephone	975.08	840.00	1,125.00	285.00
Stationery/Office Supplies	421.11	341.45	1,000.00	658.55
Cases – Regalia	0.00	0.00	180.00	180.00
Miscellaneous	244.86	66.84	300.00	233.16
computer supplies	0.00	467.06	0.00	(467.06)
Amortization	455.17	212.67	500.00	287.33
Convocation Costs Net	1,408.06	350.00	700.00	350.00
Donation	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Move – Grand Scribe Office	350.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
Investment Loss(Profit)	(3,387.23)	1,338.76	1,000.00	(338.76)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>27,111.47</u></b>	<b><u>30,850.25</u></b>	<b><u>32,180.00</u></b>	<b><u>1,329.75</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ 3,623.98</b>	<b>\$ 3,656.18</b>	<b>\$ 4,165.00)</b>	<b>\$ 7,821.18</b>

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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.

Thank you Companions for your help and support again this year. A look at my report on the status of the Chapters shows that we are still in a declining situation. I have this year attempted to arrive at a true count of the numbers of Companions in our Jurisdiction. I started by trying to determine the amount of plural memberships there were.

This past year there was a request sent out to the Chapter Scribes to send a current copy of their membership list along with the Annual Returns to allow me to update our files. This proved a much more difficult task than I had envisioned. I discovered that there were over 300 Companions more in my data base than what was declared on the returns. With the help of those

scribes who honoured my request, and I thank you very much for the effort, we cleared some of the names off of the list, and I was delighted to find 25 Companions I did not know about, who were not a part of my base for whatever reason. I am now down to less than 200 Companions to account for. I would ask again for a copy of your data base to be enclosed with your Annual Returns or just send me a copy when you are able,. I would like to know their status and info for our records, of the Companions. I hope that this will go a long way in straightening out all of our Data bases.

There are still a few Chapters who do not have me, the Grand Line or the Grand Historian on the e-mail list to receive the summonses. Companions, this is an easy way to keep us informed as to what is happening in the Chapters. A lack of summons also leads us to believe that these particular Chapters have not held any meetings for up to two years in some cases. Also by not including the Grand Historian to the mailing list, there will be no way of his knowing or recording the events of your Chapter for prosperity. Please add us to your list.

In Conclusion I must say how enthused I am in being a part of Grand Chapter in this our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and am looking forward to being a part, however small, in our future as we start working towards our next Centennial.

Thank you once again for the privilege of once again being your Grand Scribe.

Attached you will find my usual report of the Status of the Chapters.

I ask that this report be received.

Respectfully submitted

MEC Ken Overy - Grand Scribe Ezra

**Report Received**

YEAR END REPORT 2018

Chapter	No.	Jan – 18	Exhalt	Rest.	Affil.	Comp. In				Total. Mem		Surplus/ Loss
						Decd	Susp	Demit	Expel	Care Homes	Dec -18	
Columbia	1	72	4	0	0	3	4	4	0	1	65	No Report
Rossland	4	22	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	20	-\$233.00
R. Mount.,	7	25	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	24	\$104.37
Keystone	8	24	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	25	No Report
N. Island	10	69	4	1	2	5	0	1	0	4	70	No Report
Kaien	13	19	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	38	-\$1,074.51
Kelowna	17	31	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	29	-\$658.98
Kamloops	18	27	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	26	\$3,214.46
Chilliwack	19	26	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	24	-\$415.14
Penticton	22	25	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	24	\$575.35
Composite	24	39	3	0	0	0	5	1	0	1	36	-\$1,635.00
Tzouhalem	26	33	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	32	\$206.42
Granite	29	22	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	22	No Report
Joppa	31	72	6	0	0	1	3	2	0	2	72	\$151.14
Majuba	33	23	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	20	\$220.48
Semiahmoo	34	47	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	50	\$264.55
Cathedral	35	24	1	0	1	5	1	3	0	2	17	No Report
Ft.George	36	60	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	4	55	\$3,410.72
Kalum	37	34	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	31	-\$819.00
Yukon	38	26	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	23	-\$5.91
Georgian	39	22	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	19	\$180.65
S.Fraser	40	42	4	1	1	0	1	3	0	2	44	\$262.67
D. Creek	41	53	2	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	48	-\$1414.56
Caribou	43	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	-\$129.00
Pac.Rim	44	29	0	0	3	1	0	2	0	1	29	-\$98.87
<b>Totals</b>		<b>939</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>Loss of 50 Companions</b>
<b>Totals for 2017</b>		<b>1022</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>Loss of 58 Companions</b>

**Note that the numbers indicated with the boxes should be the same.  
The number in blue is as of December 31, 2017 while the other boxed number  
is as of January 01, 2018. A loss of 25 members overnight! ?**

22)

**Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon  
Report of the Finance Committee  
For the year 2018**

TO THE COMPANIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON  
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Companions:

Your Finance Committee met several times this past year, in conjunction with the Board of General Purposes.

Your Grand Chapter and related Society are in sound fiscal position.

Your Grand Chapter Treasurer has summarized the financial position of your Grand Chapter in his report.

However, due to the declining membership, your Finance Committee is recommending that the Per Capita fees be raised by \$1.00 per person beginning January 1, 2020.

The membership summary has been included in your Grand Scribe's report.

The executive continues to review and monitor the annual budget and endeavors to operate Grand Chapter as economically as possible and still be effective in administrating the Jurisdiction effectively.

Respectfully Submitted

REC Peter Guichon

Chairman, Finance Committee.

**Report Received**

23)

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

**Report of the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee 2019**

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.

The Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee finds the six Constitutional Notices of Motion acceptable as to form and not objectionable as to their conflicting with Masonic custom and usage but offer no view as to the wisdom of the policies they advocate.

We thank MEC Ken Overy, Grand Scribe Ezra for his assistance.  
Fraternally submitted,

MEC Jeremy Gomersall,

MEC David Grange,

MEC Leonard G. Pickell, Chairman

**Report Received**

## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS TO GRAND CHAPTER CONSTITUTION FOR 2019**

### **1. Original Section**

N/A

Proposed New Section.

#### **17.8 Term of Appointment.**

“The term of an appointed Grand Superintendent shall be two (2) years.”

Reason for Change.

To reduce the number of District Superintendents appointed and to allow more time for the aforesaid to fulfill their duties.

Other Sections Impacted.

None

Proposer. R.E.C. Peter Guichon. Semiahmoo Chapter #34

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

**WITHDRAWN**

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### **2 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.

Reason for Change.

Improve attendance

Other Sections impacted.

None.

Proposer. R.E.C. John Patterson. Pacific Rim Chapter #44

Seconded; R.E.C. Paul Philcox, Tzouhalem #26

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

**DEFEATED**

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**3.**Original Section.

**11.3.2.14.**- Grand Organist

Proposed New Section:

**11.3.2.14** – Grand Director of Music

Reason for Change:

There are very few Organists to be found in this Grand Jurisdiction. Any musician or person with the capability could run an electronic or other instrument and provide appropriate specific pieces or background music in a Grand Chapter as required.

Other Sections Impacted

The term “Grand Organist” would be changed to “Grand Director of Music” where mentioned in **15.1** and **20.21**

Proposer. R.E.C. John M. Laing. Simon Fraser Chapter #40

Seconded; R.E.C. Jimmy Catala, Columbia #1

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

**PASSED**

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**4** Original Section:

**35.2** – Business – All regular business, including election of officers, may be conducted in either a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters or in a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch. Investiture of Officers may be public.

Proposed New Section:

**35.2** – Business – All regular business, including election of officers, may be conducted in either a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters or in a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch.

Reason for Change:

There is no business or ritual adopted or authorized for use with the public in attendance. Installation and Investiture should not be addressed under this topic.

Other Sections Impacted:

None

Proposer. R.E.C. John M. Laing. Simon Fraser Chapter #40

Seconded R.E.C. Karl Ellingsen

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

Proposed Amendment ; To include the words “Excellent Master in the case of Columbia Chapter #1” .

Proposer. R.E.C. Bruce Allan. Columbia Chapter #1.

Seconded. R.E.C. Jimmy Catala. Columbia Chapter #1

**PASSED**

Proposed Amended Motion;

**35.2** – Business – All regular business, including election of officers, may be conducted in a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Most Excellent Masters, Excellent Master in the case of Columbia Chapter #1, or in a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch.

**PASSED**

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**5. Original Section:**

**37.2 Installation and Investiture of Officers:**

Investiture of any Chapter officer, except the Principals and the Immediate Past First Principal, may be conducted in a tyled Royal Arch Chapter, a Lodge of Mark Master masons or Most Excellent Masters. Public investiture is permissible in a Royal Arch Chapter at refreshment with the exception of the Principals and the Past First Principal.

Proposed New Section:

**37.2 Installation and Investiture of Officers:**

Investiture of any Chapter officer, except the Principals and the Immediate Past First Principal, shall be conducted in a tyled Royal Arch Chapter, a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters. The Principals and the Past First Principal must be Invested and Installed by a Council of Installed Principals in a tyled Royal Arch Chapter.

Reason for Change:

Until a ceremony is adopted and authorized for the public Installation and Investiture of Officers, public participation should neither be condoned nor authorized.

Other Sections Impacted:

None

Proposer. R.E.C. John M. Laing. Simon Fraser Chapter #40

Seconded R.E.C. Jimmy Catala. Columbia Chapter #1

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

Proposed Amendment ; To include the words “Excellent Master in the case of Columbia Chapter #1” .

Proposer. R.E.C. Bruce Allan. Columbia Chapter #1.

Seconded. R.E.C. Jimmy Catala. Columbia Chapter #1

**PASSED**

Proposed Amended Motion;

**37.2 Installation and Investiture of Officers :**

Investiture of any Chapter officer, except the Principals and the Immediate Past First Principal, shall be conducted in a tyled Royal Arch Chapter, a Lodge of Mark Master Masons , Most Excellent Masters, or Excellent Master in the case of Columbia Chapter #1” .

. The Principals and the Past First Principal must be Invested and Installed by a Council of Installed Principals in a tyled Royal Arch Chapter.

**PASSED**

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6. Original Section:

**28.3 Officers:**

The Officers of a Chapter consist of the First, Second and Third Principals, Immediate Past First Principal, Treasurer, Scribe Ezra, Scribe Nehemiah, three Sojourners, Masters of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Veils, Director of Ceremonies, Tyler, and other officers provided for by the bylaws of the Chapter, such as an **Organist** or Historian.

Proposed New Section:

**28.3 Officers:**

The Officers of a Chapter consist of the First, Second and Third Principals, Immediate Past First Principal, Treasurer, Scribe Ezra, Scribe Nehemiah, three Sojourners, Masters of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Veils, Director of Ceremonies, Tyler, and other officers provided for by the bylaws of the Chapter, such as **Director of Music** or Historian.

Reason for Change:

There are very few Organists to be found in this Grand Jurisdiction. Any musician or person with the capability could run an electronic device or other instrument and provide appropriate specific pieces or background music in a Chapter as required.

Other Sections Impacted:

The term or “Organist” would be changed to “Director of Music” where mentioned in 23.4.21 / 37.4.3

Proposer. R.E.C. John M. Laing. Simon Fraser Chapter #40

Seconded. M.E.C. Kern Overy. Majuba Chapter #33

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

Proposed Amendment ; To include the words “excepting that Columbia Chapter #1 has no Veils in its ritual” .

Proposer. R.E.C. Bruce Allan. Columbia Chapter #1.

Seconded. R.E.C. Jimmy Catala. Columbia Chapter #1

**PASSED**

Proposed Amended Motion;

**28.3 Officers:**

The Officers of a Chapter consist of the First, Second and Third Principals, Immediate Past First Principal, Treasurer, Scribe Ezra, Scribe Nehemiah, three Sojourners, Masters of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Veils, excepting that Columbia Chapter #1 has no Veils in its ritual, Director of Ceremonies, Tyler, and other officers provided for by the bylaws of the Chapter, such as **Director of Music** or Historian.

**PASSED**



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**7. Original Section:**

**38.1 Officers: Required to open:**

No Chapter is opened or held except by nine or more Royal Arch Masons, seven of whom must be members of the Chapter and one of whom must be a Principal. If the First Principal is absent and no Past First Principal is present then the Second Principal or in his absence the Third Principal may declare the Chapter open for the transaction of business other than conferring the Holy Royal Arch Degree.

**Proposed New Section:**

**38.1 Required to Open:** No Chapter is opened or held except by seven or more Royal Arch Masons, seven of whom must be members of the Chapter and one of whom must be a Principal. If the First Principal is absent and no Past First Principal is present then the Second Principal or in his absence the Third Principal may declare the Chapter open for the transaction of business other than conferring the Holy Royal Arch Degree.

**Reason for Change:**

Some Chapters due to declining membership are having difficulty getting a quorum to open a regular Chapter meeting. It is very disappointing to prepare a Chapter room and then be short one or more members to form the present quorum of nine which has caused some Chapters to have to cancel increasing numbers of meetings.

**Other Sections Impacted:**

None that I am aware of.

Proposer. M.E.C. Thomas Oliver Mickey. Yukon Chapter #38

Seconded. R.E.C. Dean Box. Penticton Chapter #22

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

**PASSED**

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**Recommendations:**

The three recommendations proposed by the Executive regarding amalgamation of Districts are not Constitutional items but should be considered under Jurisprudence. This Committee finds that these three recommendations are acceptable as to form to be discussed but offer no view as to the wisdom of the policies they advocate.

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The Executive has after some discussion concerning the decline in membership and the reduction in the number of Chapters in our Jurisdiction have arrived at the following recommendations effective September 2020

- 1.** District No. 7 and District No. 2 in the Lower Mainland be combined under the designation of District No. 2.
- 2.** District No.1 and District No.11 on Vancouver Island be combined under the designation of District No.1.
- 3.** District No. 6 and District No. 10 in the North be combined under the designation of District No. 5.

With the diminishing number of Companions and the struggling of some of the Chapters themselves, it is getting increasing difficult to find willing and capable Companions to fill the Office of Superintendent. This will provide a broader base to choose from, and requires only one Grand Superintendent for each of the new Districts.

**24) Forum for Candidates for Elected Offices.**

**Candidates to give short speech to Convocation**

**No speech was deemed necessary for the following Offices as there was only one Candidate for each: Grand First Principal, Grand Second Principal, Grand Third Principal, Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe Ezra**

**The following Candidates for Grand Principal Sojourner were then asked in turn to approach the East and deliver their talks:**

- R.E.C. Barry Edward Chilton
- V.E.C. Daniel McCoy

**25) Report of the Regalia Committee  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of BC & Yukon  
Regalia Report 2019**

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 <sup>st</sup> Principal apron	New	1
Past Grand 1 <sup>st</sup> Principal Collar & Jewel		2
<b>Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Principal apron</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>1</b>
Grand 3 <sup>rd</sup> Principal apron	Good	1
	Old-poor condition	3
Grand Officer collars	New	2
Grand Superintendent of Districts	New	1
	Fair	2
	<b>Poor</b>	<b>3</b>
Grand Chaplain	<b>Poor</b>	<b>1</b>
Grand Sojourners Collar	<b>Poor</b>	<b>4</b>
	Fair	1
	Good	2
Grand Tricolor Sash	New	2
	Good	
	Fair	1

Apron cases vinyl [foldover type]	Good	5
	Fair	2
Apron case Leather	New	1
Companions sash(need new braid}	Poor	6

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**

## 26) **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

## 27) **GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT**

It remains a pleasure to be your Grand Historian, especially in this auspicious year of our Grand Chapter's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. My thanks goes to M. Ex. Comp. Les Robinson in re-appointing me to this position and to the Chapter Scribes E. who have seen fit to e-mail me their notices. Some even send minutes. Unfortunately, there are still Chapters which have never communicated with me and others that don't pass along my address when they elect a new Scribe E.

### The Founding of Grand Chapter

Royal Arch Masonry was around British Columbia more than 50 years before our Grand Chapter was formed. In the Colonial days, Masonic lodges were warranted by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. Thus the first Chapter in our jurisdiction was under Scotland. Columbia Chapter No 120 held its first meeting under charter in Victoria on February 10, 1867; both English and Scottish Masons were members. There was one other Scottish Chapter—Keystone No 234 in Nanaimo, constituted in 1891. By this time, the Grand Lodge of B.C. had been in existence for 20 years.

There was a great deal of excitement when B.C. joined Confederation in 1871 but the new province stagnated until the Canadian Pacific Railway construction began. Towns sprung up along the rail route and a flood of Easterners arrived on the West Coast when the line pushed through to Port Moody, then Vancouver. Among them were Royal Arch Masons who belonged to Chapters under the Grand Chapter of Canada, headquartered in Ontario. Because there was no independent Grand Chapter west of the Lakehead, they gathered in cities and towns across Western Canada and requested charters from Ontario. Vancouver No 98 first met at the end of 1888, the city being less than two years old but with two very quickly growing lodges.

A mining boom was now getting underway in the Kootenays and this helped spread Royal Arch Masonry further. Canada warranted the following Chapters: Kootenay No 120, Kaslo (1898); Rossland No 122, Rossland (1899), Nelson No 123, Nelson (1900); Westminster No 124, New Westminster (1900), Rocky Mountain No 125, Fort Steele (1900); Revelstoke No 128, Revelstoke (1901); Crow's Nest No. 137, Fernie (1904); Cyrus No 142, Cumberland (1904); Klondike No 154, Dawson, Y.T. (1906); Okanagan No 157, Vernon (1906); Boundary No 174,

Grand Forks (1910); Kaien No 178, Prince Rupert (1910); Camosun No 182, Victoria (1911); Pacific No 190, Vancouver (1913); North Vancouver No 191, North Vancouver (1913) and Kelowna No 206, Kelowna (1916).

In addition, Keystone gave up its Scottish charter and affiliated with Canada as No 127 in 1901.

With the “head office” so far away from British Columbia, and with Freemasons in the province having their own Grand Lodge since 1871, it’s natural that some Royal Arch Masons felt it would be in the best interests of Capitular Masonry to be governed a little closer to home. M. Ex. Comp. Harry Holgate Watson recalled there was talk starting around 1910 and a meeting was held in conjunction with a Grand Lodge communication in Victoria around 1914 but decided the time was not right. Meanwhile, some Alberta Chapters arbitrarily declared their independence from Ontario and organised their own Grand Chapter in 1914. The Grand Chapter of Canada—and this included all its Chapters in B.C.—refused to recognise the new body and differences weren’t settled until 1917.

When World War One ended in 1918 and returning soldiers started knocking on the doors of the Craft for admission, talk resumed again of forming a Grand Chapter of B.C. Now was a time of growth for our Lodges and some foresaw similar fortunes for Royal Arch Masonry. For a number of years, the North Vancouver and Vancouver Chapters held a joint installation, and it was in conjunction with the ceremony on January 14, 1919 that M. Ex. Comp. Watson was appointed the chairman of a committee to see what could and should be done.

There may not have been a better choice to lead the steps to what became our Grand Chapter. M. Ex. Comp. Watson had been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1900 and later served as Grand Treasurer for decades. He had been a tireless Grand Superintendent in 1897 for the Grand Chapter of Canada, which named him an Honorary Past Grand Z. in 1909. In 1919 he was on the Grand Chapter Executive Committee. During his Superintendency, he consulted informally with Columbia and Keystone Chapters about joining Canada. They decided to remain as they were, and he advised the then-Grand Z. to respect that decision and avoid getting involved. When Keystone became moribund for a few years and tried to reorganise, it was M. Ex. Comp. Watson who guided them into the Canadian fold, even coming over to Nanaimo from Vancouver to assist them in perfecting an unfamiliar ritual.

M.E. Comp. Watson sent a circular to all 17 Canadian Chapters in B.C. pointing out the fees and dues being sent to Ontario, the distance from Central Canada that hampered growth of the Royal Arch in the province and the fact another jurisdiction (Alberta) separated the two. Snails generally move faster than Masonry, but in this case the answers came very, very quickly. A petition for separation to form an independent Grand Chapter was submitted on April 26, 1919, with 12 Chapters signing; Cyrus, Rocky Mountain and Boundary had not responded by the deadline (but were added), Klondike took no action despite its Companions’ desire to join, Crow’s Nest had gone dormant, while Nelson favoured a Grand Chapter of B.C. and Alberta.

Our First Grand Chapter meeting was on June 18, 1919 in Vancouver, the day before the Grand Lodge communication was to begin there. 22 Royal Arch Masons were present representing 12 Chapters in person or by proxy. First on the order of business was to elect a Chairman and Secretary. M. Ex. Comp. Watson was chosen as the former and R. Ex. Comp. William Burns of Vancouver No 98, who had been handling correspondence on the separation since January, was picked as the latter. A telegram was then read from the Mother Grand Chapter giving its unanimous approval to the birth of the new Grand Body. R. Ex. Comp. Frank Wheeler of North Vancouver then moved, and Ex. Comp. William Coates Taylor of Pacific seconded, a motion that a Grand Chapter be formed. It was carried unanimously. Next, officers were elected and appointed, then installed, with M. Ex. Comp. Watson becoming

Grand Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Daniel Hazen Morrison of Kaien, Grand H.; R. Ex. Comp. Charles Frances Sherwin of Kootenay, Grand J. and R. Ex. Comp. John William Prescott of Pacific as Grand Scribe E. Interestingly, no Grand Historian was appointed, though Ex. Comp. the Rev. Samuel Fea was later considered Grand Registrar (as the office was then called) from the outset.

Nelson Chapter was not represented but had apparently changed its mind about the new Grand Chapter; the first Superintendent of District No 4 was R. Ex. Comp. John Henry Lemmon of that Chapter. Columbia No 120 was not present either, but it must have been understood that it would be joining upon approval of the Grand Chapter of Scotland; it's mentioned as No 1 in the list of Chapters in the 1919 Proceedings. M. Ex. Comp. Watson sent an extremely courteous and diplomatic letter to Columbia, which agreed to join under terms including retaining its Scottish ritual, regalia and honours, and Past Grand Z. rank being conferred on three of its very respected Past Zs., Angus McKeown (a Past Grand Master), William Trickey and Edward E. Leason. Another concession of sorts was made—the following year, the Grand H. and J. stayed in their positions and M. Ex. Comp. Edward Burness Paul of Columbia (Grand Master in 1910) was installed as Grand Z. The other two eventually became Grand First Principals.

Thus our Grand Chapter was off to a fine start and soon applications for dispensations for new Chapters came in.

M. Ex. Comp. Watson passed away in 1949, M. Ex. Comp. Morrison in 1935, M. Ex. Comp. Sherwin in 1930 and R. Ex. Comp. Prescott (the only Secretary ever fired by the Master of Lodge Southern Cross) in 1937.

#### Joppa 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Joppa No 31 celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with a social following a short convocation on June 17, 2019. The Chapter was born in the days of Masonic expansion in the Marpole area. Emerald No 134 had split off from Mt. Lebanon No 72 in 1948 and now Royal Arch Masons who lived in the area looked to form their own Chapter. After some preliminary discussions, an organisational meeting was held on November 7, 1948 at the Marpole Oddfellows Hall to request a dispensation to form a new Chapter. It was quickly granted and the first meeting U.D. was held the following January 3rd. R. Ex. Comp. John Gordon Campbell Hogg was the first Z., Ex. Comp. Don Peters (who died in 1952) was H. and Ex. Comp. John Rowland was J.; he was the first W.M. of Emerald Lodge. The Chapter was Constituted on August 1, 1949 in the extremely hot Oddfellows Hall. Of note is the first D.C., Ex. Comp. Frank Morgan, was the only member who conferred the Past Master Degree in Joppa until it was abolished.

Joppa struggled in the 1980s until a push from Grand Chapter resulted in the Chapter amalgamating with Pacific No 15 and Mt. Horeb No 32, with the formal ceremony on February 19, 1990. Pacific supplied the senior officers, Mt. Horeb provided the junior officers, Joppa contributed a meeting place and M. Ex. Comp. Stephen Redgrave went out in a successful search for petitioners. It should be noted three members of Pacific were at the anniversary meeting—R. Ex. Comps. George Heggie, Kambiz Forouhar and Comp. Helio da Costa (the two remaining members of Mt. Horeb—myself and Comp. Jack Barr—did not attend).

#### An Historical Quirk

To complete this 15<sup>th</sup> report, let me note that this past year I also served as Grand Historian of Grand Lodge. The Masonic year 2018-19 marks the only time the same person has been Grand Historian of both bodies.

Fraternally,

V. Ex. Comp. Jim Bennie, Grand Historian

**Report Received**

## 28)

## ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

There: Surname	Grand Chapter	Here: Surname	Chapter	Present
F GOYOGAVA	ARGENTINA	Anthony D'ERAMO	1	
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	
G F WALDER	WEST AUSTRALIA			
G ULICH	AUSTRIA			
P NOEL	BELGIUM			
	BRAZIL			
D BRUCE	CANADA - ALBERTA			
D.W OVERY	CANADA - CANADA –ONTARIO	Joseph R MARSHALL	31	
G STEWART	CANADA - MANITOBA			
C W WEBBER	CANADA – NEW BRUNSWICK	Colin HART	16	Y
O J WHITE	CANADA – NEWFOUNDLAND & LAB.			
J.E. TAYLOR	CANADA - NOVA SCOTIA/ PEI	James R ELTON	30	Y
T JOHNSON	CANADA - QUEBEC			
H E HILL	CANADA –SASKATCHEWAN	LGB (Len) PICKELL	34	Y
J TUONIEN	FINLAND			
B CHARPENTIER	FRANCE			
A MCGHEE	GERMANY			
E ASPIOTIS	GREECE			
H P MATHUR	INDIA			
M S BEATTY	IRELAND	JohnYoung	16	Y
G BERKOW	ISRAEL	Isaac BROWERBIRKHOVEN	6	
F BONAFE	ITALY	Tony D'Eramo	1	
O J SALINAS E	MEXICO	Kenneth W GIBSON	33	Y
J J HANRATH	NETHERLANDS	Norman K MONRO	27	
H R LIGHTWOOD	NEW ZEALAND			
H S GONZALEZ	PHILLIPINES			
S T GEDDES	SCOTLAND	Alastair M ROSS	6	
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			
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		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			
CROUCH	USA - IOWA	Arnold BURCHILL	21	
D B HANSON	USA - KANSAS			
T FRASER	USA - KENTUCKY			
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			
GROTTS	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 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			
L G PHELPS	USA - VERMONT	David GRANGE	34	Y
D E WETTSTONE	USA - VIRGINIA	Robert E DOIGE	40	
JT STEPHENS	USA - WASHINGTON			
J DALLAS	USA - WASHINGTON (P.H.)	Norman F. McEVOY	1	
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 Les Robinson.

**29) 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 2019 convocation.

Total Number of Chapters in this Jurisdiction .....	26	
Chapters represented today .....	25	
Chapters not represented today .....	#38.....	1
Total BC & Yukon Companions registered .....	102 (A) *	
Grand First Principals present .....	6	
Grand Representatives present .....	8	
Companions from other jurisdictions.....	8 (B)	
Past First Principals attending .....	62	
Number of Principals attending	Z..... <u>10</u>	
	H..... <u>11</u>	
	J..... <u>8</u>	
	<b>Total... <u>110</u> (A+B)</b>	
	<b>Companions Attending</b>	
<b>Principal Officers Attending Total .....</b>	<b><u>19</u></b>	

\* This will be the number of votes eligible to be cast

Certified correct:- Committee Chair -----	V.E.C. Carsten Osterhold
Member -----	R.E.C. Alan Akehurst
Member -----	R.E.C. Kerry Whitefoot

**Report Received**



**30) REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

**Report to Grand Chapter, being held in Kelowna BC on Sept 20 & 21, 2019**

**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

**31) 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, being held in Kelowna BC on Sept 20-21, 2019.**

**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

**32) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

M.E.C. Les Robinson presented an Honorary Membership Cards to the following visiting Companions;

R.E.C. Charles Rutt, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland

V.E.C. Troy LeBlanc, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Chapter of Alberta

M.E.C. Rod Ponech, Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of Alberta

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

**33) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**16.1.1**

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

It is not proper to declare the election unanimous.

There are six elected offices in Grand Chapter. As of the close of nominations on March 31st 2019.

The following nominations have been received:-

Grand First Principal <b>REC Phillip Robinson</b>	<b>Acclamation</b>
Grand Second Principal <b>REC John M. Laing</b>	<b>Acclamation</b>
Grand Third Principal <b>REC Jimmy Catala</b>	<b>Acclamation</b>
Grand Treasurer <b>REC Thomas Balabanov</b>	<b>Acclamation</b>
Grand Scribe Ezra <b>M.E.C. Ken Overy</b>	<b>Acclamation</b>
Grand Principal Sojourner <b>V.E.C. Daniel McCoy / R.E.C Barry Chilton</b>	

M.E.C. Les Robinson stated that there being only one nomination for each of the first five elected Offices mentioned, he therefore declared them elected by Acclamation.

He then called upon the three previously chosen scrutineers, M.E.C. Bob Turner, (Saskatchewan), M.E.C. Rod Ponech, (Alberta), and R.E.C. Bill Phillips (B.C. and Yukon) to deliver the results of the ballot taken for the two Candidates- R.E.C. Barry Chilton and V.E.C. Daniel McCoy for the Office of Principal Sojourner. M.E.C. Bob Turner announced V.E.C. Daniel McCoy as the new Principal Sojourner. M.E.C. Robinson then thanked the three Scrutineers for their assistance and ordered that the Ballot box containing the ballots be deposited with the Grand Scribe Ezra for disposal.

### **34) REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE**

#### **Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon Bursary Committee Report to the 2019 Annual Convocation**

The Bursary Committee make educational financial awards to close relatives 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.

The charities operated under the umbrella of Grand Chapter namely the Royal Arch Masonic Home Society, the Keystone of Life Foundation and the Royal Arch Charitable Foundation are fine and deserving charities which warrant our support. However not being a Registered Charity, donors to the Bursary Fund do not benefit from receiving a tax deductible receipt. For this reason individuals may chose to donate to the three previously mentioned charities rather than the Bursary Fund. The Bursary Fund, our only charity which directly benefits Companions, is therefore suited to donations from individual Chapters, since they are not able to benefit from charitable receipts.

To date, in the 2018/2019 year, donations have been received from the following Chapters – NVKS Chapter #16, Kelowna Chapter #17, Tzouhalem Chapter # 26 and Simon Fraser #40. We thank these Chapters for their generosity. Semiahmoo Chapter # 34 deserves a special mention for their usual substantial annual donation over many years. Last year we were also

very fortunate in again also receiving a substantial donation from Joppa Chapter #31. In 2018/19 the total donations received from individuals and Chapters plus interest was \$4,026. This year a total of 7 applications were received which was down from 9 received last year. Of the 7 applications received, one was rejected as there was no Royal Arch connection. The Royal Arch Companion relatives of this year's grant beneficiaries come from;- Langley, Nanaimo, Penticton & West Vancouver.

Considering the funds available for distribution and the needs of the applicants, the committee awarded 5 grants of \$1,200 and one grant of \$1,500, for a total of \$7,500. The difference between the funds raised for distribution in the current year (\$4,026) and the grants distributed (\$7,500) - \$3,200 came from interest earned by the Bursary Endowment Fund plus \$274 from funds remaining in the Annual Fund.

During the period 2009-2019 the Bursary Fund has distributed educational grants totaling \$57,600.

In 2019 six grants have been given compared to seven in the previous year. Due to the number of grants requested and the funds available for distribution, the average grant this year was able to be increased to \$1,250 up from \$1,071 in 2018 and \$875 in 2017. These increases were due to an increase in donations however we must not be complacent in our fund-raising efforts.

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

We also acknowledge and thank the financial support given by the Grand Chapter through their contribution from the General Fund.

We ask that all Scribe Ezra's inform the companions of their Chapters of the availability of these bursary funds. The application form, conditions and submission deadline are available on the Grand Chapter website.

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

VEC Alphonse Quenneville

REC Tom Balabanov

REC Andrew Law

EC Cole Harvey

30<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**REPORT RECEIVED**

The Grand Third Principal then jumped up to present the cheque on behalf of NVKS #16 and one from Joppa Chapter #31 for \$1000.00

### **35) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRICIPAL'S ADDRESS**

To the Grand Officers and members or this Grand Chapter.

We would like to start by expressing our Gratitude to M.E.C. Robinson for stepping in to a vacant spot in the Grand Line and serving this Grand Chapter as its Grand First Principal for

a second time. 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 Chapters in the various Districts in our Jurisdiction and attended to some of the Installation of Officers of the Chapters.

It was also noted that his Principal Officers were in attendance at many of his official visits. M.E.C. Les Robinson also made visits to our neighboring jurisdictions and represented our Grand Jurisdiction at these events.

We concur with MEC Robinson that all his elected and appointed officers named 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 endeavors in our noble craft.

Respectively submitted

MEC Norm McEvoy - Chairman

MEC Len Pickell

MEC David Grange

**REPORT RECEIVED**

## **36) REPORT OF INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

### **Report of Information Technology Committee 2019**

Companions:

This will be my last report as chairman of the IT Committee and web master. It has been an enjoyable experience and one which, I hope, contributed to the growth and vibrancy of our Grand Chapter.

The web site began in a basic format in 2000 when MEC David D.S. Anderson's enthusiasm for the project directed the domain name for British Columbia and Yukon be registered. Since that time every Grand First Principal has been supportive of the web site and its objectives. The site is primarily an information site for the members of this Grand Jurisdiction but also offers general information about Royal Arch Masonry for the general public. Some years ago the web site came under the direction of Grand Scribe Ezra as it became an important vehicle for distributing information to the constituent chapters.

A web site constantly evolves in appearance as technology changes and new web browsing hardware becomes available. Devices such as the I Pad were not available until 2010. Now there is hardly anyone who does not have immediate access to the World Wide Web using cellular technology, their tablets, I Phones and I Pads.

The Grand First Principal, M.E.C. Robinson says the Executive Council have a plan to take the web site to a more modern appearance that will be compatible with the latest mobile devices. A startup cost will be incurred to convert the web site to ensure compatibility and ease of maintenance but in the future should prove worth the cost.

It is exciting to hear the web site that provided simple information in the early days has evolved into an integral part of Grand Scribe Ezra's office routine and keeping the Companions of the Grand Jurisdiction informed in a cost efficient and timely manner.

As web master, I had the opportunity to meet many of the Companions of the jurisdiction or receive their e-mails. Thank you for your many kind remarks over the past 19 or 20 years.

It was my pleasure to serve this Grand Chapter.

Jim Whyte  
IT Committee.

**REPORT RECEIVED**

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

**GRAND CHAPTER REPORT ON THE RAMHS  
ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOME SOCIETY REPORT  
Grand Convocation September 20<sup>th</sup> 2019**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

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

Apartment:

Replacement of Apartment Garden Patios      \$70,000.00 (12 complete).

Care Home: During the past year, the Board has approved funding to:

Nurse Stations	\$50,000.00	
Kitchen Duct replacement	\$ 65,000.00	Complete
Kitchen Steamer	\$ 30,000.00	Complete
Patio Furniture	\$ 10,000.00	(Explain)
Patio Planters	\$ 15,000.00	
Mechanical upgrades	\$78,000.00	

Mattress \$36,000.00 (38)

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 Senior Care* and charity of Royal Arch Masonry.

Respectfully submitted by

R.E.C. George Heggie

( Secretary R.A.M.H.S.)

**REPORT RECEIVED**

**38) REPORT OF THE KEYSTONE OF LIFE FOUNDATION  
KEYSTONE OF LIFE FOUNDATION**

**KEYSTONE OF LIFE FOUNDATION  
REPORT FOR 2019 GRAND CONVOCATION  
COVERING PERIOD August 2018 to August 2019**

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 the 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 pleased to deliver and /or approve over \$37,000 of grants. These grants include:

September 2018	Interior Health	\$10,471
September 2018	Castlegar & District	\$ 5,292
May 2019	Bella Coola Hospital	\$10,960
May 2019	Surrey Memorial Hospital	\$11,084

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", i.e. the money we have available for distribution as grants, is still largely derived from the generous donations and membership dues from our Fraternity.

**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 organizations 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 KLF 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 is registered with "Canada Helps", 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 and Lodges 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 to 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.

Thank you for your support!

Peter Edwards

KLF President

September 2019

Report presented by Vice President REC John Laing

**REPORT RECEIVED**

**39) REPORT OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS**  
**Report of Grand Superintendents 2018-2019**  
**2019 Summary Report on GDS**

To the grand Chapter of BC and Yukon, we, your committee on the District Superintendents' reports have reviewed all the reports received and conclude that many of the previous year's comments continue to re-occur.

The subject of dwindling membership continues. This seems to be happening in most of our other Masonic bodies in our jurisdiction.

Too many Chapters have newer companions that seem reluctant to participate in the ritual work, lectures and even sometimes do not attend meetings as regularly as we might like. There are many Chapters where these Companions are indeed participating in ritual and lectures and are taking offices in the line of progression, although too often the Chapters wind up relying on senior members to do the majority of ritual work and recycling positions. Some regular Chapter issues such as compiling the Annual Report and forwarding the per capita to Grand Chapter late & often need reminding to send them in.

The Superintendents are encouraged to use the report format offered in the Forms and Publications part of the Constitution. These forms include the items that the District Superintendents are to comment on and sight the various financial statements, minute books, book of Marks, and Membership records, etc. The Superintendents are also reminded to send in an Interim report on visitations in January and another Final report to be sent in late June. These reports should be objective and reflect the real situation of the various chapters (Constitution 20.10.2.10)

Royal Arch Masonry is a natural progression of the Craft degrees and has a lot to offer the Companions and we should all participate in the ritual and lectures and develop an enthusiastic interest in our work, so as to improve our Chapter meetings and the Royal Arch generally.

The Committee on Grand District Superintendents reports,  
REC James R Elton, Chairman  
REC Ian Thompson  
REC Roy Friis

**Report Received**

**SUPERINTENDENTS AWARD 2018/2019**

The winner of "Facing the Challenge" Award 2018/2019

We the committee have unanimously chosen Right Excellent Companion John Kelly of District #11 be awarded the **Facing the Challenge Award** for his dedication and proper reporting on his district. REC. Kelly is a member of Majuba Chapter #33.

Respectfully submitted

REC Roy Friis

REC Ian Thompson

REC Jim Elton Chairman

**REPORT RECEIVED**



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

**To the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companion of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of BC and Yukon.**

My Companions on reviewing the statistics supplied by Grand Scribe Ezra I find them very disappointing, once again we have had an overall loss of 53 companions in 2018 which is a loss of 5.6% and we now have a total membership of only 886 companions.

Last year we had only 32 brothers exalted while we saw a loss of 24 suspended and 39 demitted. Unfortunately 38 of our members passed to the Grand Lodge above.

Of the 26 Chapters 19 saw a loss of members while 3 remained static, and only 4 saw an increase. The Chapter that had the highest percentage increase in membership was **Simon Fraser #40 with an increase of 4.7%** for which they receive the Gran Past Z's award for 2019.

Companions while the numbers are disappointing for 2018 it's up to each Chapter to try and get new members to our Royal craft, and see if we can reverse those statistics, and grow our fraternity.

Sincerely submitted

MEC Les Robinson - Chairman  
M.E.C. Ken Overy

**REPORT RECEIVED**

The award was presented to EC. Peter Boddy of Simon Fraser Chapter #40

## **41) New Business**

M.E.C. Les Robinson announced that he had some unfortunate business to deal with. Granite Chapter #29 and all of its members have been suspended for a period of six months by reason of failure to comply to the Regulations of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon. In his statement he said that he hoped the Companions of the Chapter would take this period of grace to strive to get their affairs in order and work towards having their suspension lifted. He cautioned that failure to do so by the deadline of six months after the date of Grand Chapter would result in their Charter being rescinded and the Chapter closed permanently.

**42) Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business reported.

**43) Good of the Order**

M.E.C. Les Robinson then called for a Representative of each the Royal Arch Charities to assemble in the East. When all present 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 \$2,500 each from Grand Chapter.

R.E.C Bill Hilborn then rose and asked to approach the East in order to present some very old pennies from Columbia #1 to R.E.C. Jimmy Catala, a member, to return to the Chapter.

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 2019-2020.

**44) INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2019**

Installing Grand Z	MEC Len Pickell
Installing Grand D of C	MEC Ron Smith
Installing Grand Chaplain	MEC Roy Friis

<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Installed By</u></b>
Grand Z	MEC Phillip Robinson	MEC Ken Overy
Grand H	REC John Laing	MEC Ken Overy
Grand J	REC Jimmy Catala	MEC Ken Overy
IPGZ	MEC Les Robinson	MEC Ken Overy
Grand Treasurer	REC Tom Balabanov	MEC Peter Guichon
Grand Scribe Ezra	MEC Ken Overy.	MEC Peter Guichon
Grand Principal Soj.	REC Daniel McCoy	MEC David Grange
Grand Senior Soj	VEC Darwin McKinnon	MEC David Grange
Grand Junior Soj	VEC William Ley	MEC David Grange
G.Sup. Dist. #1	REC Bruce Allan	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist. #2	REC Precioisimo Bunagan	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist. #3	REC Dean Box	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist. #4	REC Blaine Cantalope	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist. #6	REC Chris Proctor	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist. #7	REC Robert Doan	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist. #10	REC Robert Mackenzie	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist. #11	REC Edward LaMarche	MEC Ron Smith

Grand Scribe N.	REC Peter Guichon	MEC Norm McEvoy
Grand Historian	VEC Jim Bennie	MEC Norm McEvoy
Grand Sword B.	VEC Steven Ackroyd	MEC Ken Overy
Grand Standard B	VEC <b>Vacant</b>	MEC
Grand D of C	VEC. Alphonse Quenneville	MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi
Grand Marshall	VEC Richard Trippel	MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi
Grand Pursuivant	VEC <b>Vacant</b>	MEC
Grand Steward #1	VEC Charles Chaimberlain	VEC Doug Paugh
Grand Steward #2	VEC Douglas Davie	VEC Doug Paugh
Grand Steward #3	VEC <b>TBA</b>	
Grand Chaplain	VEC Darin Stangowitz	MEC Ken Overy
Grand Organist	Comp. <b>Vacant</b>	MEC
Grand Tyler	VEC <b>Vacant</b>	MEC

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

Grand Honors were properly accorded under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, MEC Ron Smith. 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.

#### **45) VOTE OF THANKS TO THE TO THE HOST CHAPTER**

(Kelowna Chapter #17)

It was **Moved** by MEC Len Pickell and **Seconded** by MEC David Grange, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the host Chapter, Kelowna Chapter #17, and to the organizing committee for an excellent facility and the running a successful Convocation.

<b>26.1.1 Constitution and Jurisprudence</b>				
<b>Executive Representative:</b>		Grand Second Principal		
MEC	Leonard Pickell	(6)	1-604-530-5937	<a href="mailto:leonardpickell@shaw.ca">leonardpickell@shaw.ca</a>
REC	Greg Sawchuk	(1)	1-778-683-5430	<a href="mailto:sawchuckg@yahoo.com">sawchuckg@yahoo.com</a>
MEC	David Grange	(2)	1-604-576-2205	<a href="mailto:davidgrange@telus.net">davidgrange@telus.net</a>
<b>26.1.2 Finance</b>				
<b>Executive Representative:</b>		Grand Principal Sojourner		
REC	Peter Guichon	(6)	1-604-530-3140	<a href="mailto:pguichon@telus.net">pguichon@telus.net</a>
EC	Bob Coan	(2)	1-604-736-4646	<a href="mailto:rcoan@telus.net">rcoan@telus.net</a>
MEC	Grand Scribe Ezra	(-)		
REC	Grand Treasurer	(-)		
<b>26.1.3 Executive</b>				
<b>Chairman:</b> Grand Second Principal				
	All Elected Officers			
	Immediate Past Grand First Principal			
	Chairman of Finance Committee			
<b>26.1.4 Grand Superintendents' Reports</b>				
<b>Executive Representative:</b>		Grand Third Principal		
REC	James Elton	(6)	1-604-988-6704	<a href="mailto:nspainter@gmail.com">nspainter@gmail.com</a>
REC	Ian Thompson	(4)	1-250-650-3764	<a href="mailto:wian.thompson@gmail.com">wian.thompson@gmail.com</a>
REC	Roy Friis	(4)	1-604-990-0294	<a href="mailto:rfriis@telus.net">rfriis@telus.net</a>
<b>26.1.5 Regalia</b>				
MEC	Ron Smith	(1)	1-604-276-900	<a href="mailto:ronaldsmith@me.com">ronaldsmith@me.com</a>
REC				
REC				
<b>26.1.6 Information Technology and Fund Raising</b>				
<b>Executive Representative:</b>		Grand Principal Sojourner		
MEC	Ron Smith	(1)	1-604-276-900	<a href="mailto:ronaldsmith@me.com">ronaldsmith@me.com</a>
<b>26.1.7 Bursary Fund Trustees</b>				
<b>Executive Representative:</b>		Grand Third Principal		
REC	John Young	(6)	1-604-602-2883	<a href="mailto:jyoung@fairmontshipping.com">jyoung@fairmontshipping.com</a>
REC	Peter Guichon	(8)	1-604-530-3140	<a href="mailto:pguichon@telus.net">pguichon@telus.net</a>
REC	Andrew Law	(5)	1-604-988-7202	<a href="mailto:spongo33@shaw.ca">spongo33@shaw.ca</a>

VEC.	Alphonse Quenneville	(5)	1-604-985-7748	<a href="mailto:alphonseq@gmail.com">alphonseq@gmail.com</a>
Comp	Cole Harvey	(5)	1-778-386-3201	<a href="mailto:cole@dcharvey.com">cole@dcharvey.com</a>
<b>26.1.8 Keystone of Life Foundation</b>				
REC	Peter Blagaic	(5)	1-604-230-5732	<a href="mailto:blagaic@shaw.ca">blagaic@shaw.ca</a>
<b>26.1.9 Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society</b>				
REC	Roy Friis	(1)	1-604-990-0294	<a href="mailto:rfriis@telus.net">rfriis@telus.net</a>
<b>26.1.10 Royal Arch Charitable Foundation</b>				
MEC	Norman McEvoy	(5)	1-250-658-4036	<a href="mailto:dnyboy@shaw.ca">dnyboy@shaw.ca</a>
MEC	Les Robinson	(5)	1-250-729-0190	<a href="mailto:robin5@telus.net">robin5@telus.net</a>
REC	Peter Guichon	(5)	1-604-530-3140	<a href="mailto:pguichon@telus.net">pguichon@telus.net</a>
<b>26.1.11 Address of Grand First Principal</b>				
	Members selected by the Grand Scribe Ezra			
<b>26.1.12 Merit Awards</b>				
REC	Colin Hart	(3)	1-250-594-3553	<a href="mailto:cmhart@shaw.ca">cmhart@shaw.ca</a>
REC	Robert Hart	(3)	1-604-682-8314	<a href="mailto:hartb@shaw.ca">hartb@shaw.ca</a>
<b>26.1.13 Past Grand First Principals' Award</b>				
MEC	Les Robinson	(4)	1-250-729-0190	<a href="mailto:robin5@telus.net">robin5@telus.net</a>
MEC	Ken Overy	(4)	1-250-714-0873	<a href="mailto:ken.overy@telus.net">ken.overy@telus.net</a>
<b>Ad Hoc Committees</b>				
<b>26.1.15 Grand Chapter Of British Columbia &amp; Yukon 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>				
<b>Executive Representative:</b>			Grand First Principal	
<b>TBA</b>				
Grand Scribe Ezra	Ken Overy		1-250-714-0873	<a href="mailto:ken.overy@telus.net">ken.overy@telus.net</a>
Grand Treasurer	Tom Balabanov		1-604-562-2855	<a href="mailto:lvtbal@gmail.com">lvtbal@gmail.com</a>

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.

## **47) 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 Richmond in 2022 as put forward by REC Jimmy Catala.

**Moved :** REC John Laing. **Seconded:** REC Bruce Allan. **Passed:**

Future Locations of Grand Convocations:

2019 Kelowna BC  
2021 Richmond BC

## **48)**

### **CLOSING**

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

**The 101st Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon was closed in ample form by MEC. Phillip Robinson at 3:55 pm September 21st, 2019**

## **49) Minutes of the Order of the High Priesthood**

Minutes of the order of the High Priesthood  
Held at Kelowna Sept 20.2019.

Called to order @ 13:30 by Ex President MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi

Welcome to visitors MEC Gary Spriggs, P.H.P. Grand Chapter of California : MEC Bob Turner, P.G.Z. Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan: R.E.C. Troy Leblanc, G.P.S. of Saskatchewan: From the Grand Chapter of Alberta - MEC David Boone P.G.Z, MEC Jerry Kopp P.G.Z., M.E.C. Rod Ponech G.Z.: REC Charles Rutt, ,Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia/Newfoundland

Members present - 18, Guests - 7, candidates - 10, as per Porch book

In Memoriam. A moments silence was given for MEC Alistair Ross and MEC Antony (Tony) Brown who passed the Grand Chapter above during the past year.

Confer Order. On EC. John Rankin, REC. Paul Pike, EC.Gord Hamer

EC. William Ley, EC. Steven Finnigan, EC. Paul Stevenson EC. Ivan Hamiton, EC. John Van Damme, EC. Robert Mackenzie, EC. Darin Stangowitz , Robet Coan (absent)

The representative Candidate was EC Steven Finnigan.

Prologue given by MEC Ken Overy

Obligation given by MEC Godfrey Onyamaobi

Prayer of Consecration by REC Phillip Robinson

Signs given by REC John Laing

Minutes of 2018 meeting. **Moved** by M.Ex. Recorder Ken Overy to be adopted as read.  
**Seconded** by REC Phillip Robinson. **Carried:**

Correspondence None

Treasurers report Bank balance of \$2094.00  
**Motion to receive** the report made by MEC Ken Overy;  
**Seconded** by REC Phillip Robinson. **Carried:**

Unfinished business. Ex. President read out his appointed officers for 2019/20  
M.O.C. REC Jimmy Catala  
Conductor REC Dan McCoy  
Herald TBA  
Steward TBA  
Sentinel TBA

New Business. MEC Ken Overy rose to explain that the reason that the fee charged this year was only \$60.00 and not the \$100.00 fee passed last year was that he was unable to locate a source of Bibles used for the degree anywhere. He indicated that he had also tried unsuccessfully to purchase the needed amount from the other Grand Chapters of Canada. MEC. Overy also stated that Companions were kind enough to return any extra jewels from around the province to be reissued amounting to a considerable savings.

Election of Officers for 2019/20

President MEC Ron Smith  
Vice President MEC Les Robinson  
Empty Chair MEC Phil Robinson  
Chaplain REC John Laing  
Recorder MEC Ken Overy  
Treasurer REC Tom Balabanov

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

Ex. Installing President. MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi

Ex. Chaplain. MEC Ken Overy

Ex. D. of C. MEC Ken Overy

Sick and Distress MEC George Eaton PGZ of Grand Chapter of BC & Yukon, and MEC Tony D'Eramo, PGZ of Grand Chapter of BC & Yukon, all expressed their regrets at not being able to attend due to Health issues.

Good of the order Honorary membership card was given to MEC Rod Ponech, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. REC Charles Rutt, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, REC Troy Leblanc. Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan

**Motion** to for signing officers to remain the same. Made by MEC Ken Overy . **Seconded** by REC. Tom Balabanov. **Carried.**

EC. John Van Damme expressed his thanks to all those who helped with the Degree on behalf of all the Candidates.

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 Ron Smith.

Ex. President

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Ex. Recorder

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## APPEND. 1

### Living Past Grand First Principals

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
2009	“	“	“	David Grange
2010	“	“	“	Joel Chiri
2011	“	“	“	Norman McEvoy
2013	“	“	“	Kenneth Overy
2014	“	“	“	Jeremy Gomersall
2015	“	“	“	Antony “Tony” D'Eramo
2016	“	“	“	Godfrey Onyemaobi
2017	“	“	“	Ronald Smith
2018	“	“	“	A .Leslie Robinson (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)



## APPEND. 2

### GRAND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS 2019/2020

#### District #1

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**District #10**

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**District #11**

REC Edward LaMarche  
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**APPEND.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: MEC Norm McEvoy,  
45-530 Marsett Place. Victoria, BC V8Z 7J2  
Phone 250-658-4036

**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 except Dec. 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 1239 3rd Street;  
Castlegar, BC

INST: 3rd Thur. of Nov.

SCRIBE E: REC David B. Dudley,  
25 Wilson Rd, Christina Lake, BC V0H 1E0  
(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 BC.  
INSTALLATION: 1st Sat in April  
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 Ian Thompson, 106-129 Black Road,  
Courtenay, BC V9N 3W5  
Phone (250) 560-3754

**KAIEN CHAPTER NO 13**

INST: Aug 2, 1910 CONST: Feb.28, 1912  
REG MTG: 3rd Wed ex. Jul. Aug.  
TIME: 7:30 PM  
LOCATION: Masonic Temple 6th & Bowser Street Prince Rupert, BC  
INST: 3rd Sat Oct.  
SCRIBE E: REC. Jack Cain,  
615 Pillsbury Avenue, Prince Rupert, BC. V8J 3Z6,  
Phone: (778) 884-0715

**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: Roy Friis,  
975 Hartford Place, North Vancouver, BC. V7H 2J8  
Phone (604) 990-0294

**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 Alan 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 Holly Schwieger  
1205-343 Nicola St., BC V2C 5X6  
Phone (250) 571-9058

**CHILLIWACK CHAPTER NO. 19**

INST: May 12, 1921 CONST: Jun 21, 1922  
REG MTG: 2nd Thur .ex. Jan, June, Jul, Aug, Sept & Dec.  
TIME: 7:30 PM  
LOCATION: Oddfellows Hall 46008 Reece E. Avenue  
INST: 3rd Thur. Nov  
SCRIBE E: EC Doug Davie,  
8400 Upper Prairie Road. Chilliwack, BC, V2P 6H3,  
Phone (604) 794-3383

**PENTICTON CHAPTER NO. 22**

INST: Jun 18, 1923 CONST: Sept 9, 1924  
REG MTG: 1st Thur. ex Feb, 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. Jul, Aug, & Dec.  
TIME: 7:30 PM  
LOCATION: Park Lodge Hall,  
4474 Rupert Street, Vancouver, BC  
INST: 3rd Fri Dec.  
SCRIBE E: Calvin Jonas  
2926 Dewdney Trunk Road,  
Coquitlam. BC. V3C 2H3  
Phone (778) 895-7409

**TZOUHALEM CHAPTER NO. 26**

INST: Feb 28, 1928 CONST: Jun 20, 1928  
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex June, Jul, Aug & Dec  
TIME: 6:30 PM  
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 163 Canada Ave., Duncan, B C  
INST 3rd Tues. Oct. (odd years) 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. (even years) (with #44)  
SCRIBE E: Comp. Ron Coulter  
2265 Baron Road, Cobble Hill, BC, V0R 1L6  
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 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 Peter Blagaic,  
221-12258- 224 Street  
Maple Ridge, BC V2X 8Y7  
Phone: (604) 230-5732

**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: VEC Dieter Endruchat,  
646 Erikson Road, Cambell River BC V9W 5N9  
Phone: (778) 420-1256

**FORT GEORGE CHAPTER NO 36**

INST: CONST: Sept 20, 1957  
REG MTG: 3rd Wed ex Jul, & Aug.  
TIME: 8:00 PM  
LOCATION: Freemason's Hall, 450 Vancouver. Prince George, BC  
INST: 1st Wed Dec (With 43)  
SCRIBE E: VEC. Richard Dawson,  
5018 Leslie Road, Prince George, BC V2M 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 John Van Damme,  
5210 Skeena Drive, Terrace BC., V8G 0A6  
Phone; (250) 635-5578

**YUKON CHAPTER NO 38**

INST: Jan 30, 1950 CONST: Jan 30, 1951  
REG MTG: 4th Mon. ex Feb, Apr, June, Jul, Aug, & Dec.  
TIME: 7:30 PM  
Location: Masonic Hall, 1501 Dogwood St.,  
Whitehorse, YT  
SCRIBE E: REC Alan Hubley,  
51 Finch Crescent. Whitehorse, YT., Y1A 5X5  
Phone: (867) 663-6600

**GEORGIAN CHAPTER NO 39**

INST: May 25 1960 CONST: Sept 30 1961  
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex, Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec.  
1<sup>st</sup>. 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: VEC Peter Boddy,  
8071 Dalemore Road. Richmond B.C. V7C 2A5  
Phone: (604) 272-2906

**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 Matt Fletcher, 11100 – 13th Street.,  
Dawson Creek, BC V1G 3W8  
Phone (250) 782-0134

**CARIBOU CHAPTER NO 43**

INST: May 23, 1975 CONST: Sept 4, 1976  
REG MTG: 1st Tues. ex Jan, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, &.Dec.  
TIME: 7:30 PM  
LOCATION: 130 Oliver Street., Williams Lake, BC  
INST 1st Tues. May  
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) 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues (odd years) (with #26)  
SCRIBE E: REC John Paterson,  
29 Knollwood Road, Victoria BC V9B 1E4  
Phone: (250) -381-3236

**APPEND. 4**

**ELECTED PPINCIPAL 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
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
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	Antony Brown
2011	Norman McEvoy	Antony Brown	Kenneth Overy
2012	*Antony Brown	Kenneth Overy	Jeremy Gomersall
2013	Kenneth Overy	Jeremy Gomersall	Antony D'Eramo
2014	Jeremy Gomersall	Antony D'Eramo	Godfrey Onyemaobi
2015	Antony D'Eramo	Godfrey Onyemaobi	Ronald Smith
2016	Godfrey Onyemaobi	Ronald Smith	Norman Bruce
2017	Ronald Smith	A.Leslie Robinson	Phillip Robinson
2018	A. Leslie Robinson	Phillip Robinson	John Merryweather Laing
2019	Phillip Robinson	John Merryweather Laing	Jimmy Catala

\* Deceased

## 2019 AGENDA

### **No.      Order of Business** **Friday, September 20, 2019**

- 1) Grand Chapter Informal Opening. **7:00 pm**
- 2) Admission/Reception of Distinguished guests
- 3) Flag Ceremony
- 4) Memorial Service
- 5) Responses of Concordant bodies.
- 6) Informal Grand Chapter closed.

### **Saturday, September 21, 2019**

- \*) Rededication of Grand Chapter. 8:30 am**
- 7) Grand Chapter Formal opening.
- 8) Reception of Visitors & Regrets.
- 9) Invocation by the Grand Chaplain
- 10) Change of signing Authority
- 11) Resolution of Loyalty to Queen
- 12) Minutes of Grand Convocation of **2018**
- 13) Grand Z address
- 14) Grand H report
- 15) Grand J report
- 16) Report of Grand Chaplain
- 17) Report of Merit Award Committee
- 18) Reception of Past Gr. First Principals
- 19) Reception of First Principals
- 20) Grand Treasurer's report
- 21) Grand Scribe Ezra report
- 22) Report of Committee on Finance (2018)
- 23) Report of Committee on Constitution & Jurisprudence  
Resolutions and Grand Chapter Recommendations
- 24) Forum for Candidates
- 25) Report of Regalia Committee
- 26) Report of Executive Committee
- 27) Report of the Grand Historian
- 28) Roll Call of Grand Representatives
- 29) Report of Credentials Committee
- 30) Report of Committee on RA Charitable Foundation
- 31) Report on Education and Advancement
- 32) Presentation of Honorary Memberships
- 33) Election of Officers for 2019/20
- 34) Report of Bursary Committee
- 35) Report of Committee on Grand Z address
- 36) Report on Information and Technology Committee
- 37) Report of Royal Arch Masonic Home Society
- 38) Report of Keystone of Life Foundation

- 39) Report of Committee on Grand Superintendents
- 40) Report of Committee on Past Z's Award
- 41) New Business
- 41) Unfinished Business
- 42) Good of the Order
- 44) Installation of Officers for 2019/20
- 45) Vote of Thanks to Host Chapter
- 46) Scribe E. Reads Committees for 2019/20
- 47) Location of Grand Chapter for 2020, 2021, 2022.
- 48) Closing of Grand Chapter
- 49) Report (Minutes) of Order of High Priest
- Append. 1) Living Past Grand First Principals
- Append. 2) Grand District Superintendents
- Append. 3) Constituent Chapters
- Append. 4) Elected Grand Chapter Principals since 1919