

CEREMONIES GUIDE

of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon

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1 PREFACE The Ceremonies Guide has a Table of Contents and a list of abbreviations at the back. This book and the Protocol Guide now replace the Book of Ceremonies and Officers Guide which was last published in 1992 and is now out of print. The rituals of our degrees are published separately. The present Guide is primarily a book of ritual for the other ceremonies of our Chapters and Grand Chapter, such as installations, consecrating, consolidating or instituting chapters. The reader should also be familiar with the Constitution, the Protocol Guide and the Ritual of the degrees. *[Rubrics in this guide are in italic print and square brackets.]*

2 INFORMAL GRAND CHAPTER

2.1 Opening

[Sceptres to be on Dais, Pedestal covered, VASSAL closed, lights not activated, no working tools displayed. The Grand Council, together with the G. Sword Bearer, G. Constitution Bearer, G. Standard Bearer will assemble in a suitable room adjacent to Grand Chapter.]

G.S.E. - Grand Pursuivant, Informal Grand Chapter is ready to receive the Grand Council.

Grand Pursuivant *[to Grand Tyler]* - Informal Grand Chapter is ready to receive the Grand Council. *[Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Constitution Bearer and Grand Standard Bearer enter Grand Chapter, proceed to the Altar, nod, thence to position in front of Dais, present Constitution on G.Z. station, thence to their stations. The Grand Council enters, approaches the Altar, upon which rests the VOTSL (closed), nod, then approach the Throne, [in the form of a Triangle, G.Z. leading ascend the throne and remain standing with sceptres in the form of a Triangle.]*

G.Z. - By virtue of the power in me vested, as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon, I declare this Informal Grand Convocation duly opened for the purpose of welcoming our Ladies and Visitors on this grand occasion. *[G.Z. - Introduces the Grand Council, and makes such remarks as may be appropriate.]*

G.Z. - Grand Scribe Ezra, you will admit our distinguished visitors.

G.S.E. - Grand Pursuivant, You will admit ___ and the distinguished visitors from _____. *[Repeat for other visitors as necessary.]*

G. Pursuivant - Grand Tyler, you will admit the distinguished visitors from _____. *[Repeat for other visitors as necessary.]*

G. Sword Bearer - *[precedes party to Altar for presentation, then returns to anteroom for next presentation.]*

G.Z. - *[From the East, welcomes visitors at the altar and directs the G. Director of Ceremonies to escort the official representative to the East. G. Marshal to escort the balance to North side of Chapter Room; Grand Master, or his representative, to be admitted last.]*

G.Z. - ●●● *[all rise in recognition]*

G.Z. - ● *[all are seated. G.Z. may invite distinguished visitors to address the meeting. The Grand Master to be the final speaker.]*

2.1 Closing

G.Z. - ●●● *[All rise, including ladies and guests.]*

G.Z. - *[Invites all visitors and Companions to remain for refreshments]*

G.Z. - By virtue of the power in me vested, as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon, I declare this Convocation closed. The Formal Opening of Grand Chapter will take place at ____ a.m. tomorrow morning. Delegates govern themselves accordingly. ●

3 FORMAL GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION

3.1 Opening

[The Grand Council, together with the G. Sword Bearer, G. Constitution Bearer, G. Standard Bearer will assemble in a suitable room adjacent to Grand Chapter. The G. Director of Ceremonies, G. Marshal, G. Pursuivant, assisted by G. Stewards shall see that the Grand Chapter Room is properly prepared and V.O.T.S.L. open, the Triangle in place, the Triangle light lit; sword, trowel, pick, shovel, crowbar and scroll are not to be displayed at Grand Chapter; That all G. Chapter Officers are at their stations excluding the Grand Council, G. Sword Bearer, G. Constitution Bearer, G. Standard Bearer, and that all Companions are properly clothed as Royal Arch Masons and are seated.]

G.S.E. - V.E.C. Grand Pursuivant, the Committee on Credentials has reported to me that a constitutional number of Chapters are represented and that this Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon is now ready to be opened in ample form. *[G. Pursuivant approaches the door of the room where the Grand Council, and other officers are assembled]*

G. Pursuivant - *[opens door]* I beg to announce that a constitutional number of Chapters are here represented and this Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon is now ready to be opened in ample form.

G.S.E. - All rise and assume the sign of Fidelity. *[G. Sword Bearer; G. Constitution Bearer and G. Standard Bearer enter G. Chapter, proceed to the Altar, when all three in place nod, then proceed via the North, to a position in front of dais; G. Constitution Bearer places Constitution in front of G.Z. station, G. Standard Bearer places Banner in front of dais on floor, when completed they proceed to their stations and G. Sword Bearer returns to anteroom. G. Council enters; approaches the Altar, upon which rests the open V.O.T.S.L., and Triangle and gives the R.S., they then approach the throne (in the form of a Triangle)]*

G.Z. - REC Grand Second Principal H., what are the essential emblems of a Royal Arch Chapter?

G.H. - The V.O.T.S.L. and Triangle, Most Excellent Companion Grand First Principal.

G.Z. - REC Grand Third Principal J., what do these emblems signify?

G.J. - The Volume of the Sacred Law is given to us as a guide to our faith, to animate our hope and awaken our charity. The Triangle in the days of Pythagoras was esteemed the most sacred of all emblems, and when any oath was required, it was always given thereon, Most Excellent Companion Grand First Principal.

G.Z. - Let us Pray.

G. Chaplain - Almighty and Eternal God, great art Thou and worthy to be praised; great is Thy power, and Thy wisdom infinite. Be graciously pleased to direct this Grand Chapter convocation now assembled in Thy name. May Thy blessing and guidance rest upon its proceedings, so that the affairs of this convocation may be

settled upon the best and surest foundations, to the advancement of Thy glory, and the safety, honour and welfare of our fraternity. Amen Companions - So mote it be.

G.Z. - In the name of Jehovah I declare this convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon duly open in ample form.

G.Z. - ●● **G.H.** - ●● **G.J.** - ●● **G.Z.** - ●

G.Z. - V.E.C. Grand Pursuivant, you will inform the Grand Tyler that this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon has been opened in ample form.

G. Pursuivant - ●● ____ ●● ____ ●● ____ ●

G. Tyler - ●● ____ ●● ____ ●● ____ ●

Grand Pursuivant - Very Excellent Companion Grand Tyler, this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon has been opened in ample form.

G.Z. - R.E.C Grand Scribe Ezra and ____ EC Grand Scribe Nehemiah you will unveil the Pedestal. [*G.S.E. from North, G.S.N. from South*]

G.Z. - ● [*All are seated. Grand Chapter proceeds with business*]

3.2 Closing

G.Z. - [*All rise, Council form Triangle with Sceptres*]

G.Z. - Companions, assist me to close this Grand Chapter.

G.Z. - Right Excellent Companion Grand Second Principal Haggai, what is the Royal Arch Degree?

G.H. - It is the completion of the Master Mason Degree and the copestone of our Masonic structure, Most Excellent Companion Grand First Principal.

G.Z. - Right Excellent Companion Grand Third Principal Joshua, what is the sublime mystical lesson taught in the Royal Arch Degree and upon what is it founded?

G.Z. - It is founded on the name of Jehovah and teaches the three great attributes of the Deity, namely Omniscience, Omnipotence, and Omnipresence, Most Excellent Companion Grand First Principal.

G.Z. - Companions, let us pray.

G. Chaplain - Companions, before this convocation is closed, let us unite in humbly acknowledging our dependence upon the Great Jehovah. May He continue to protect, guide and bless this Grand Chapter to the benefit of the Royal Craft and the honour and glory of His Holy Name. Amen.

Companions - So mote it be.

G.Z. - Very Excellent Comp. Grand Pursuivant, you will inform the Grand Tyler that this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon is about to close in ample form.

G. Pursuivant - ●● ____ ●● ____ ●● ____ ●

G. Tyler - ●● ____ ●● ____ ●● ____ ●

G. PURSUIVANT - ____ EC Grand Tyler, this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon is about to close in ample form.

G.Z. - REC Grand Scribe Ezra, you will close the V.O.T.S.L. with the customary ceremony. [*G.S.E. approaches the Altar and presents the V.O.T.S.L. to the Companions, to the left*]

- *N*, to the right *S*, to the right *W*, to the right *E*]

G.Z. - Most Excellent Companion Immediate Past Grand Zerubbabel, you will disperse the sacred word with the customary ceremony.

I.P.G.Z. - Companions, as we are about to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and brotherly love, nothing remains but, according to ancient custom, to lock up our secrets in the safe and sacred repository of our hearts, with F.F.F.F., and may the Great Jehovah be ever with us. [*Companions repeat F.F.F.F., at the same time making sign of fidelity*]

G.Z. - In the name of Jehovah, I declare this Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon duly closed in ample form, until our next Annual Convocation.

G.Z. - ●● **G.H.** - ●● **G.J.** - ●● **G.Z.** - ●

G.P.S. - Companions, in the name of Jehovah and by command of the Grand First Principal, this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon is closed in ample form, until our next Annual Convocation, or in the case of emergency, of which every Companion shall have due notice. Happy to Meet - Sorry to Part - Happy to Meet Again.

G. Pursuivant - ●● ___ ●● ___ ●● ___ ●

G. Tyler - ●● ___ ●● ___ ●● ___ ●

G.Z. - ●

4 GRAND CHAPTER INSTALLATIONS

[The installation and investiture of Grand Chapter Officers takes place at the regular Annual Convocation, normally the last order of business. The Grand Installing Z. may be assisted by current and past Grand Chapter officers.]

G.I.Z. - Companions, the hour has arrived for the installation and investiture of the officers of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I shall now, by the direction of the Most Excellent Grand Zerubbabel, proceed with the ceremony.

G.I.Z. - Grand Scribe Ezra, you will please read the names of the Grand Principals elect of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. [*G.S.E. reads the names of G.Z. elect, G.H. elect., and G.J. elect.*]

G.I.Z. - I now call a recess, during which time the retiring officers will vacate their stations. They will deposit Grand Chapter regalia on the desk of the Grand Scribe Nehemiah.

G.I.Z. - Grand Scribe Ezra, Grand Scribe Nehemiah, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Chaplain, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Marshal, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Organist and Grand Tyler will remain at their stations until relieved.

G.I.Z. - Incoming Grand Chapter officers will occupy seats on the North side of the Chapter Room.

G.I.Z. - Incoming Grand Superintendents, Grand Masters of the Veils, and Grand Stewards will occupy their appropriate Stations.

G.I.Z. - The officers assisting in the installation will occupy seats on the South side of the chapter room. [*The G. Director of Ceremonies will conduct all incoming officers to the East for Installation or Investiture, except the Grand Superintendents, Grand Masters of the Veils and Grand Stewards, who will be presented at the Altar for Investiture. The Grand Marshal will conduct newly invested officers to their stations.*]

G.I.Z. - ●●● *[All rise]*

4.1 Call Off Grand Chapter

G.I.Z. - Grand Principal Sojourner, you have my command to call off this Grand Chapter for the space of - minutes, or (for lunch) or (to set up the Chapter Room) or (until 8:30 a.m., Saturday morning.) *[The above format to be used at all times]*

G.P.S. - By command of the Grand Installing Zerubbabel, this Grand Chapter is called off for ___ but all keep within hail so as to come on in due time.

G.I.Z. - Grand Scribe Ezra, Grand Scribe Nehemiah, Grand Principal Sojourner, you will perform your customary duties. *[The G. Principal Sojourner closes V.O.T.S.L., G. Scribe Ezra and G. Scribe Nehemiah veil the Pedestal. These three advance and retire in unison with Grand Scribe Ezra. This format to be used at all times.]*

G.I.Z. - ● We are at recess.

4.2 Recess

[During the recess the Grand Director of Ceremonies assisted by the Grand Marshall will see that each remaining incoming officer wears the proper apron for his new office and that the new Grand Superintendents are in their new chairs. Only the new collars are presented during the new investiture.]

4.3 Call On Grand Chapter

G.I.Z. - ●●● Grand Principal Sojourner, you have my command to call on this Grand Chapter.

G.P.S. - Companions, by command of the Grand Installing Zerubbabel, this Grand Chapter is now called on, observing the same order as before.

G.I.Z. - Grand Scribe Ezra, Grand Scribe Nehemiah, and Grand Principal Sojourner, you will perform your customary duties. *[G. Principal Sojourner opens the V.O.T.S.L., G. Scribe Ezra and G. Scribe Nehemiah unveil the Pedestal.]*

G.I.Z. - ●

4.3.1 Zerubbabel

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will please present to me the Grand First Principal elect .

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Sir, I have the honour to present to you Right Excellent Companion ___ , who, having been elected Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, signifies his acceptance of the office and now declares his readiness to be installed herein.

G.I.Z. - Let him face the West.

G.I.Z. - Companions, you now behold Right Excellent Companion ___ , who has been duly elected Grand First Principal, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon, and is now presented and declares himself ready for installation. If any of you have reasons to urge why he should not be installed into office, you will now stand forth and declare your objections, or else hereafter hold your peace. *[pause]*

G.I.Z. - There being no objection, I shall proceed with the ceremony. The G.Z. elect will face the East.

G.I.Z. - Companions, let us pray.

Grand Chaplain - Almighty, All Powerful and Everlasting God, Eternal Source of Light and Life, in the presence of Thine Ineffable and Mysterious Name, in the

Grand Chapter of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, be with us, guide us, bless us and direct us, and in all that we do may we have Thy divine approbation, for in Thee alone do we put our trust. Amen.

Companions - So mote it be.

G.I.Z. - Right Excellent Companion ____ you have been elected to the high and important office of Grand Zerubbabel of this Grand Chapter. I congratulate you upon your preferment. No doubt you have been singled out for this distinction by reason of your faithful services, your integrity and the knowledge you have acquired. The manner in which you have discharged the duties of the several offices in which you have been placed, sufficiently manifests your fidelity and I trust you are inspired with zeal to declare that you are ready to accept the office of Grand First Principal. As this is the highest honour that can be conferred by the Grand Chapter on any of its members, the Companions have a right to expect that not only in, but out of this Grand Chapter, you will set an example of moral and religious rectitude. Before, however, you are placed in the chair of Grand Zerubbabel, it is my duty to demand, in the presence of this Grand Chapter, whether you are willing to enter into a solemn obligation of fidelity regarding the duties of your office.

G.Z. elect - I am.

G.I.Z. - You will proceed to the Altar, where you will kneel on both knees and place both hands on the V.O.T.S.L. and the Triangle .

G.I.Z. - You will say I, state your name and then repeat after me: *[Obligation to be repeated]*

G.I.Z. - ____ , in the presence of the Almighty, the All Powerful and Everlasting God, and before His Sacred and Mysterious Name, and in this assembly of princes and rulers of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Grand Chapter assembled, do solemnly promise and vow that I will accept the office of Grand Zerubbabel of this Grand Chapter, and the duties of that high office faithfully, zealously and impartially administer, to the utmost of my skill and ability, during the ensuing twelve months, and until my successor shall have been duly elected and installed in my stead. I furthermore solemnly promise that I will not, during my term of office, administer, or cause or suffer to be administered, any rite or ceremony contrary to or subversive of our ancient institution; but, on the contrary, I will support, uphold and maintain pure and unsullied, the genuine tenets and principals of our Royal Craft. I furthermore promise that, in the discharge of the duties of my office, I will observe impartiality, and never appoint a Companion to office, except with a firm conviction that he will faithfully discharge his duty. I further promise to promote obedience to the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter, and to preserve that bond of union and fraternal love, which has ever been the foundation of our Masonic structure. To these several points I pledge fidelity, under the penalty of all or any of my former obligations and I pray the Eternal Ruler of the Universe to keep me steadfast therein.

G.I.Z. - As a pledge of your fidelity, you will salute the V.O.T.S.L. once. *[Takes newly obligated G.Z. by the right hand]*

G.I.Z. - Rise duly obligated Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon. *[G.I.Z. - Escorts G.Z. to the East, facing the West, in front of the Throne]*

G.I.Z. - I feel much satisfaction in installing you in the office of Grand Zerubbabel of this Grand Chapter. I now invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is the triangle with an irradiated crown in the centre and is an emblem of royalty. It was the signet of Zerubbabel, and denotes supreme power, or the chosen of the Almighty. I now place you in the chair of Grand Zerubbabel, and may the Most High give you wisdom and direction, that you may guide the affairs of this Grand Chapter with credit to yourself and honour to the Royal Craft.

Lastly, I place in your right hand this sceptre bearing the crown, an emblem of imperial dignity and power. Let it ever remind you that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men is far more gratifying to a generous and benevolent mind than to rule over their lives and fortunes, and that to enable you to enjoy that pre-eminence, with honour and satisfaction, you must subject your own passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity.

G.I.Z. - Companions, I declare Most Excellent Companion ____ duly installed Grand Zerubbabel of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing twelve months, and until his successor shall have been duly elected and installed in his stead.

G.I.Z. - Companions, behold and salute your Grand First Principal with Grand Honours, taking your time from the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

G.D.C. - Companions, Grand Honours [*Nine*]

G.I.Z. - ●

4.3.2 Haggai and Joshua

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will now present to me for Installation the Grand Second and Third Principals elect.

G.D.C. - I present to you Most Excellent Sir, Right Excellent Companion ____ and Right Excellent Companion ____ to be installed respectively as the Grand Second and Third Principals, Haggai and Joshua of this Grand Chapter of British Columbia & Yukon.

G.I.Z. - Right Excellent Companions ____ and ____, your election to the exalted stations of Grand Second and Third Principals of this Grand Chapter, is evidence of the esteem and respect entertained for you by your Companions. I feel assured that this promotion will not only deepen your interest in the Royal Craft, but intensify loyalty to the Grand First Principal and render your term of office one which will be marked by obedience and promptitude in the duties prescribed by the Grand Chapter. Right Excellent Companions, your responsibilities are obvious and the success of the work in many of its most important details rests on your administration of the duties devolving on you. Before placing you in your respective chairs, it is necessary that you take an obligation of fidelity, and I now demand, in the presence of this Grand Chapter of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, whether you are willing to enter into an obligation to perform the duties of your respective offices.

Grand H. and J. elect - I am.

G.I.Z. - Then you will proceed to the Altar, where you will kneel on both knees, place your right hand on the V.O.T.S.L. and the Triangle.

G.I.Z. - ●●●

G.I.Z. - You will each say I, state your name, then repeat after me: ____ in the presence of the Most High and before His Sacred and Mysterious Name and in this

assembly of princes and rulers of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, do solemnly promise to accept the office of ____ , and the duties of that office faithfully and zealously to perform during the ensuing twelve months, and until a successor shall have been duly elected and installed in my stead. I furthermore promise to assist the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal in the management of the affairs of Grand Chapter, and at all times to discharge my duties as a ruler of the craft and an officer of Grand Chapter. To these several points I pledge fidelity, under the penalty of all or any of my former obligations, and I pray the Eternal Ruler of the Universe to keep me steadfast therein.

G.I.Z. - As a pledge of your fidelity you will salute the V.O.T.S.L. once. [*Proceeds to the Altar and takes newly obligated Grand H. and J. each by the right hand.*]

G.I.Z. - Rise, duly obligated Grand Second and Third Principals of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon. [*Escorts Grand H. and J. to the East facing South in front of the Throne.*]

G.I.Z. - Grand Haggai and Joshua, I now invest you with the collars and jewels of your respective offices.

G.I.Z. - Grand Haggai, your jewel is a triangle with an all seeing eye irradiated in the centre, which should remind you that the Almighty is ever present, not only to behold your actions but to know your innermost thoughts for which, at the last great day, He will call you to account. I now place you in the chair of Grand Haggai of this Grand Chapter.

Lastly, I place in your right hand this sceptre, bearing the all seeing eye, an emblem of vigilance. It should remind you to ever stand as a watchman on a tower to admonish the Companions to fidelity and industry. At the same time let it be a faithful monitor to yourself so that when the Great Watchman of Israel, whose eye never slumbers nor sleeps, shall relieve you from your post on earth, you may be permitted to participate in that happiness which will never end.

G.I.Z. - Grand Joshua, Your jewel is a triangle with the V.O.T.S.L., irradiated in the centre, reminding you that the V.O.T.S.L. is the guide to your faith and that it contains the revealed will and word of God. I now place you in the chair of Grand Joshua of this Grand Chapter.

Lastly I place in your right hand this sceptre, bearing the mitre, an emblem of dignity. Let it remind you of the priestly office you are to sustain, and that you are ready and willing at all times to undertake with zeal and fidelity the duties of the high office into which you have just been installed.

G.I.Z. - Companions, I declare Right Excellent Companion ____ duly installed as Grand Haggai, and Right Excellent Companion ____ duly installed Grand Joshua of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing twelve months and until their successors shall have been elected and installed in their stead.

G.I.Z. - Companions, behold and salute your Grand Second and Grand Third Principals with Grand Honours, taking your time from the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

G.I.Z. - ●●●

G.D.C. - Companions, Grand Honours. [*Seven*]

G.I.Z. - ●

4.3.3 Immediate Past Grand First Principal

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present the Immediate Past Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter to Most Excellent Companion ____ for investiture.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Sir, I present to you Most Excellent Companion ____, for investiture as Immediate Past Grand Zerubbabel.

G.I.Z. - Most Excellent Sir, you having discharged the duties of the highest office in Capitular Masonry, as Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter, I now invest you with the collar and jewel which denotes your rank. Your chair is to the left of those occupied by the Grand Council.

4.4 Remaining Elected Officers

G.I.Z. - Grand Scribe Ezra, you will please read the names of the remaining elected Grand Chapter Officers. Companions, as your names are called you will arise and assume the sign of fidelity, to take an obligation relating to the duties of your Offices. *[G.S.E. Reads names]*

G.I.Z. - Do you solemnly promise to discharge the duties of your office faithfully and zealously and uphold and maintain the constitution of Grand Chapter as well as strict conformity to the established rights and ceremonies?

All - I do.

G.I.Z. - ● *[All are Seated]*

4.4.1 Treasurer

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present Right Excellent Companion ____ to Most Excellent Companion ____ for investiture as Grand Treasurer.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Sir, I present to you Right Excellent Companion ____ for investiture as Grand Treasurer.

G.I.Z. - Right Excellent Companion ____, you have been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, and I invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is a triangle, inscribed with a key, which denotes the duty of your office. Your station is to the left of the Grand Council.

4.4.2 Scribe Ezra

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present Right Excellent Companion ____ to Most Excellent Companion ____ for investiture as Grand Scribe Ezra.

G. D.C. - Most Excellent Sir, I present to you Right Excellent Companion ____ for investiture as Grand Scribe Ezra.

G.I.Z. - Right Excellent Companion ____, you have been elected the representative of Ezra, the Scribe, and I invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is a triangle with crossed pens and your duty is to keep records, issue the summonses and perform such duties as prescribed in the Constitution of Grand Chapter. Your station is to the right of the Grand Council.

4.4.3 Principal Sojourner

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present Right Excellent Companion ____ to Most Excellent Companion ____ for investiture of Grand Principal Sojourner.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Sir, I present to you Right Excellent Companion ____, for investiture as Grand Principal Sojourner.

G.I.Z. - Right Excellent Companion ____, you have been elected to fill the office of Grand Principal Sojourner of this Grand Chapter, and I invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is a triangle with an irradiated square thereon, the square being an emblem of truth and perfection. Your station is in the west of the Grand Chapter where it will be your care to see that the Grand Senior and Junior Sojourners perform the important duties of their Offices.

4.4.4 Senior and Junior Sojourners

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present Right Excellent Companions ____ and ____ to Most Excellent Companion ____ for investiture as Grand Senior and Junior Sojourners.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Sir, I present to you Right Excellent Companion ____ and Right Excellent Companion ____ for investiture as Grand Senior and Grand Junior Sojourners.

G.I.Z. - Right Excellent Companions ____ and ____, you have been elected Grand Senior and Grand Junior Sojourners respectively of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with the collars and jewels of your Office. Your jewels are a square within a Triangle, not irradiated. It will be your duty to assist the Grand Principal Sojourner in the performance of his duties, and generally assist the Grand Principals in such manner as the usages of the Royal Craft prescribe. Your stations are to the right and left respectively of the Grand Principal Sojourner.

G.I.Z. - All elected Grand Officers will remain seated. ●●● Grand Honours under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

G.D.C. - Companions, Grand Honours. *[Seven]*

G.I.Z. - ●

4.5 Grand Superintendents of Districts

G.I.Z. - Right Excellent Companion Grand Scribe Ezra, you will read the names of the Excellent Companions appointed Grand Superintendents of the respective Districts of this Grand Jurisdiction.

G.I.Z. - Excellent Companions, as your names are called you will advance to the Altar. *[Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Marshal form Companions in a Triangle West of altar. Companions all assume sign of fidelity and place left hand on right shoulder of Companion in front of him except District 1 who kneels and places both hands on VOTSL]*

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present the Excellent Companions to Most E. Companion ____ for investiture.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Sir, I present to you the Excellent Companions who have been duly appointed Grand Superintendents of their respective Districts to receive at your hands the benefit of investiture, the better to qualify them for the discharge of the duties of their important Offices.

G.I.Z. - Excellent Companions, you have been appointed to serve in the capacity of Grand Superintendent. Previous to your investiture it is necessary that you take upon yourselves an obligation relating to the faithful performance of the duties pertaining to so important office. Are you willing to take that obligation?

All Grand Superintendents - I am.

G.I.Z. - Commencing with the Excellent Companion of District 1, you will each say I, state your name and then repeat after me, ____ In the presence of the Most

High, and before His Sacred and Mysterious Name, and in this assembly of princes and rulers of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, do solemnly promise to accept the office of Grand Superintendent and faithfully perform the duties of that office during the ensuing twelve months, and until a successor shall have been duly appointed and invested in my stead. I furthermore promise and vow that I will exercise a careful supervision over the Chapters in my District, and will not permit or suffer any deviation whatsoever from the constitution of Grand Chapter, or the rites and ceremonies recognized and authorized by the same. That I will endeavour, as far as in my power lies, to visit each Chapter in my District at least once during my year of office, and that I will make a full and careful report of all my actions to the Most Excellent Grand Zerubbabel, and this Grand Chapter. All of this, I solemnly promise to observe, under the penalty of all or any of my former obligations, and I pray the Eternal Ruler of the Universe to keep me steadfast therein.

G.I.Z. - As a pledge of your fidelity, you will salute the V.O.T.S.L. once. *[Marshal and Dir. of Cer. can assist with extra VOTSL]*

G.I.Z. - Rise, duly obligated Grand Superintendents of Districts.

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Marshal, you will place the Grand Superintendents in the West, facing East, for Investiture, and clothe them with the collar and jewel of their respective offices. *[Done]*

G.I.Z. - You are now invested with the collar, to which is attached the jewel of your office. Your jewel is a small triangle irradiated in a double triangle, enclosed within a circle on a triangle. A faithful and satisfactory performance of your duties may result in your achieving the permanent rank of Right Excellent Companion.

G.I.Z. - Grand Marshal, you will seat the Grand Superintendents to the right of the Grand Council. *[Done]*

G.I.Z. - Companions, I declare the Grand Superintendents of Districts duly invested for the ensuing twelve months, or until their successors shall have been duly appointed and invested in their stead; and I call upon you to salute them with Grand Honours, taking your time from the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

G.I.Z. - ●●●

G. D.C. - Companions, Grand Honours *[Seven]*

G.I.Z. - ●

4.6 Other Appointed Officers

G.I.Z. - Right Excellent Companion Grand Scribe Ezra, you will read the names of the remaining appointed Grand officers.

G.I.Z. - Very Excellent Companions, as your names are called, you will rise, assume the sign of fidelity, and take an obligation relating to the duties of your Office. *[Officers named stand at sign of fidelity]*

G.I.Z. - Very Excellent Companions, do you solemnly promise to discharge the duties of your Offices, faithfully and zealously and uphold and maintain the constitution of Grand Chapter as well as strict conformity to the established rights and ceremonies?

All - I do.

G.I.Z. - ● *[all are Seated]*

4.6.1 Scribe Nehemiah

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present Very Excellent Companion ___ to ___ Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Scribe Nehemiah.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Sir, I present to you Very Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Scribe Nehemiah.

G.I.Z. - Very Excellent Companion ___, you have been appointed the representative of Nehemiah, the Scribe, and I invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is similar to and has the same import as Grand Scribe Ezra. Your duty is, when called upon, to assist Grand Scribe Ezra in the discharge of his duties. Your station is to the right of Grand Scribe Ezra.

4.6.2 Historian

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present Very Excellent Companion ___ to Most Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Historian.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Sir, I present to you to you Very Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Historian.

G.I.Z. - Excellent Companion ___, you have been appointed Grand Historian of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is a scroll on a pen with a triangle. It will be your duty to collect and record all data relative to the formation, history and progress of this Grand Chapter and its Constituent Chapters, and to present to Grand Chapter an annual report thereon. Your station is to the left of the Grand Treasurer.

4.6.3 Sword Bearer

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present Very Excellent Companion ___ to Most Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Sword Bearer.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Sir, I present to you Very Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Sword Bearer.

G.I.Z. - Excellent Companion ___, you have been appointed Grand Sword Bearer of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is the crossed swords with a tie within a triangle. It will be your duty to carry the sword of Grand Chapter.

4.6.4 Masters of the Veils

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present our Very Excellent Companions to ___ Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Masters of the Veils.

G.D.C. - ___ Excellent Companion ___, I present to you (V.)Excellent Companions ___, ___, ___ and ___ for investiture as Grand Masters of the Veils.

G.I.Z. - Very Ex. Companions, you have been appointed Grand Masters of the Veils, and I now invest you with the collars and jewels of your office. Your jewels are the crossed batons with a tie within a Triangle. It will be your duty to supervise and assist in the ceremonies of the Royal Craft to which this office alludes. and to see that all such ceremonies are carried out in a dignified and impressive manner. Your stations are on the North side of Grand Chapter facing the East.

4.6.5 Grand Master of the Fourth Veil

Grand Master of the Fourth Veil, the colour of your veil is white, an emblem of

purity. I present you with the signet of truth, a symbol of power and authority which enabled the Sojourners to enter Jerusalem and assist in rebuilding the Temple. Guard well the fourth veil.

4.6.6 Grand Master of the Third Veil

Grand Master of the Third Veil, the colour of your veil is scarlet, typifying fervency and zeal. The Ram's horn is a symbol of plenty, from which water is poured on the dry land and from which the bounteous earth provides life to all God's creatures. Guard well the third veil.

4.6.7 Grand Master of the Second Veil

Grand Master of the Second Veil, the colour of your veil is purple, an emblem of regal authority. The symbol of your veil is the leprous hand, which demonstrates the power of the Almighty, and is a fitting symbol to assist you in building your Temple. Guard well the second veil.

4.6.8 Grand Master of the First Veil

Grand Master of the First Veil, the colour of your veil is light blue, an emblem of friendship and benevolence, and is intimately associated with Craft Masonry. The symbol of your veil is the rod, which when cast upon the ground became a serpent. According to tradition, the serpent represents wisdom and knowledge. Guard well the first Veil.

4.6.9 Standard Bearer

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present Very Excellent Companion ___ to Most Excellent Comp. ___ for investiture as Grand Standard Bearer.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Companion ___, I present to you Very Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Standard Bearer.

G.I.Z. - Very Excellent Companion ___, you have been appointed Grand Standard Bearer of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is the standard with a triple tau in the centre within a triangle. Your duty will be to carry the banner of Grand Chapter in all processions and other ceremonies. Your station is in front of the Grand Treasurer.

4.6.10 Director of Ceremonies and Marshal

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present Very Excellent Companion ___ and Very Excellent Companion ___ to Most Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Marshal.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Companion ___, I present to you Very Excellent Companion ___ and Very Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Marshal.

G.I.Z. - Very Excellent Companion ___, you have been appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is the crossed wands with a wreath within a triangle. It will be your duty to assist the Grand Installing Officer at the Annual Installation of Grand Chapter Officers, and to make such proclamations as the Grand Installing Officer or Grand First Principal may direct, and generally to assist in the supervision of all ceremonies conducted by Grand Chapter. Your station is in front of Grand Scribe Ezra.

G.I.Z. - Very Excellent Companion ___, you have been appointed Grand Marshal

of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is similar to that of the Director of Ceremonies. Your station is in front of the Grand Steward, facing East.

4.6.11 Grand Pursuivant

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present Very Excellent Companion ___ to Most Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Pursuivant.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Companion ___, I present to you Very Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Pursuivant.

G.I.Z. - Very Excellent Companion ___, you have been appointed Grand Pursuivant of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is the crossed sword and wand with a coat of arms within a triangle. It will be your duty to guard the inner door of Grand Chapter, to communicate with the Grand Tyler without, to report all such communications to the Grand First Principal, and to announce all applicants for admission by their names and Masonic titles, and to see that those who enter wear the jewel and clothing proper to their rank, and to allow none to enter or withdraw without the permission of the Grand First Principal.

4.6.12 Stewards

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present our Very Excellent Companions to Most Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Stewards.

G.D.C. - ___ Excellent Companion ___, I present to you Very Excellent Companions ___, ___ and ___ for investiture as Grand Stewards.

G.I.Z. - Very Excellent Companions ___, ___ and ___, you have been appointed Grand Stewards of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with the collars and jewels of your offices. Your jewels are the triangle. It will be your duty to superintend the preparations for all festive occasions, and also see that the jewels, clothing, furniture and other arrangements necessary for the Convocation of Grand chapter are made available and in readiness. Your stations are on the South side of Grand Chapter, facing East.

4.6.13 Chaplain

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present ___ ___ Companion ___ to Most Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Chaplain.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Companion ___, I present to you ___ Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Chaplain.

G.I.Z. - ___ ___ Companion ___, you have been appointed Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is the V.O.T.S.L. within a triangle. It will be your duty to attend all convocations of Grand Chapter, to lead Grand Chapter in their devotions and give such addresses as may be appropriate. Your station is in front of Grand Scribe Nehemiah.

4.6.14 Organist

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present ___ ___ Companion ___ to Most Excellent Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Organist.

G.D.C. - Most Excellent Companion ___, I present to you ___ ___ Companion ___ for investiture as Grand Organist.

G.I.Z. - ____ ____ Companion ____ , you have been appointed Grand Organist of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is a harp within a triangle. It will be your duty to preside at the organ, and to arrange and conduct the musical ceremonies of Grand Chapter.

4.6.15 Tyler

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present ____ ____ Companion ____ to Most Excellent Companion ____ for investiture as Grand Tyler.

G. D.C. - Most Excellent Companion ____ , I present to you Companion ____ for Investiture as Grand Tyler.

G.I.Z. - Companion ____ , you have been appointed Grand Tyler of this Grand Chapter, and I now invest you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is a sword. I present you with this implement of office in order that you may guard well the portals of Grand Chapter, and you will also see that all visitors are vouched for before being reported, and that decorum is preserved at the entrance of Grand Chapter.

G.I.Z. - Companions, I declare the remaining appointed officers duly invested in their respective offices for the ensuing twelve months or until their successors have been duly appointed and invested in their stead and I call upon you to salute them with Grand Honours taking your time from the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

G.I.Z. - All Officers will remain seated.

G.I.Z. - ●●●

G.D.C. - Companions, Grand Honours. *[[five]]*

G.I.Z. - ●

4.7 General Address

Most Excellent and Right Excellent Principals: In closing the Ceremony of Installation and Investiture, allow me to state that, while all officers in Grand Chapter are important and have their responsibilities, the faithful fulfilment of the duties of the offices you are called upon to fill, is essential to the success of the Royal Art in this Jurisdiction. Your duty is not only to see that our rites and ceremonies, as presented by this Grand Chapter, are correctly exemplified, but that the internal economy of this, the governing body in Capitular Masonry is carefully scrutinized. That the excellent reputation this Institution has obtained, both within and without our Chapters, may be sustained, and that its concerns may be managed with discretion and fidelity. The Companions who act under you must ever remember that success in our work can only be obtained when all those selected to govern are loyal to one another and faithful to the high trust reposed in them by the Companions of Grand Chapter. May all who have this day been installed and invested be endowed with zeal and energy in the discharge of the duties allotted to them. May we all work in that perfect harmony which will stamp with unimpaired success, our August, sublime and important work, which is the very summit, perfection and essence of all the Degrees of Freemasonry.

Companions - So mote it be.

5 LATER INSTALLATIONS OR INVESTITURES OF GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

[At times a Grand Chapter Officer may not be able to attend Grand Chapter. In such cases the Grand Z or his delegated MEC or REC may install or invest that Grand Chapter officer in a constituent chapter later. Such ceremonies should be done under Unfinished Business'. Here Grand Chapter is not opened nor is a Council of Installed Principals . The D.C. may be the Chapter D.C. or another Companion selected by the delegate of the Grand Z. Examples follow for investitures of a Grand Superintendent and a Grand Marshall. Others of similar pattern may be adapted as required, using the appropriate charges.]

5.1 Z Transfers Gavel

Z. - I now call upon ___ Excellent Companion ___ to take charge of the Later Installation of (a) Grand Chapter Officer(s). *[Hands gavel to G.I.Z., delegate of GZ]*

G.I.Z. - *[Approaches the East receives gavel from Z. and occupies the chair on the Right of the Council.]*

G.I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies you will escort ___ *[newranks]* Companion(s) at the Altar. *[Done]*

5.2 An Elected Officer

G.I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies you will escort ___ *[newranks]* Companion(s) at the Altar. *[Done]*

G.I.Z. - ___ Companion(s) ___, you have been elected(appointed) ___ of this Grand Chapter. Before placing you in your chair, it is necessary that you take an obligation of fidelity, and I now demand whether you are willing to enter into an obligation to perform the duties of your office.

Officer(s) - I am. *[Here the G.I.Z. will administer the same Oath of office and charge that are used in Grand Chapter. The Oath having been sealed, but before the charge, the , G.I.Z. will have the officer stand. After the charge G.I.Z. will call upon the D.C. to conduct Grand Honours and ask the officer to be seated in the East, North of the council if possible.]*

5.3 Grand Superintendent

[The Grand Installing Z is the delegate of the Grand Z.]

G.I.Z. - Grand Director of Ceremonies, you will present REC ___ at the Altar. *[done]*

G.I.Z. - R. Ex. Companion ___, you have been appointed by the Grand Zerubbabel to serve in the capacity of Grand Superintendent of District No. ___ of this Grand Chapter. Previous to your investiture it is necessary that you take upon yourself an obligation relating to the faithful performance of the duties pertaining to such an important office. Are you willing to take it? **GSD** - I am.

G.I.Z. - Then, if possible, you will kneel on both knees, place your left hand on the VOSL&T and assume the SOF. *[done]*

G.I.Z. - Companions please rise.

G.I.Z. - You will say I, state your name in full, and repeat after me. *[pause]* In the presence of the Most High, and before his Sacred and Mysterious Name, and in this assembly of Princes of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, do solemnly promise to accept the Office of Grand Superintendent of District No. ___ and the duties of that Office faithfully to perform during the ensuing twelve months, and until a successor shall have been duly appointed and invested in my stead. I furthermore promise and vow that I will exercise a careful supervision over the Chapters in my District, and will not permit or suffer any deviation whatsoever from the Constitutions of Grand Chapter, or the rites and ceremonies

recognised and authorized by the same . That I will endeavour, as far as is in my power, to visit each Chapter in my District at least once in my year in office, and that I will make a full and careful report of all my actions to the M.E. Grand Zerubbabel, and this Grand Chapter. All of which I solemnly promise to observe, under the penalty of all or any of my former Obligations, and I pray the Eternal Ruler of the Universe to keep me steadfast therein.

G.I.Z. - As a pledge of your fidelity, you will salute the VOSL once.*[done]*

G.I.Z. - Rise, duly obligated Grand Superintendent of District No. ____.

G.I.Z. - Companions may be seated. *[Takes GSD to East and invests him silently with the Apron, Sash, Collar and Jewel]*

G.I.Z. - You are now invested with the apron, sash, collar, and jewel of your office. Your jewel is a small Triangle irradiated in a double Triangle, enclosed within a circle, on a Triangle. A faithful and satisfactory performance of your duties may result in your achieving the permanent Rank of Right Excellent Companion. Your station in Grand Chapter is to the right of the Grand Council. You will now face the West.

G.I.Z. - All Companions, please rise. Companions, I declare REC ____ duly invested as Grand Superintendent of District No. ____ for the ensuing twelve months and until his successor shall have been duly appointed and invested in his stead, and I call upon you to salute him with Grand Honours, taking your time from the (Acting) Grand Director of Ceremonies. *[seven]*.

G.I.Z. - Grand Superintendent, you may now take your seat on the right of the Council. The companions may be seated.

5.4 Other Appointed Officer

[This example is based on the Grand Marshal but may be adapted for other appointed Grand Officers except Grand Superintendents.]

G.I.Z. - Do you solemnly promise to discharge the duties of your Office faithfully and zealously and uphold and maintain the Constitution of Grand Chapter as well as strict conformity to the established rights and ceremonies?

G.I.Z. - G.D.C. present ____ EC ____ to MEC ____ for Investiture as Grand Marshal.

G.D.C. - I present ____ EC ____ for Investiture as Grand Marshal

G.I.Z. - ____ EC ____, you have been appointed Grand Marshal of this Grand Chapter, and I invest you with the Collar and jewel of your Office. Your Jewel is similar to that of the G.D.C. Your station is in front of the Grand Stewards, facing the East.

6 CONSTITUENT CHAPTER INSTALLATIONS

No Installation or Investiture of any Chapter Officer is possible before that of its First Principal. If the Z elect is not available then the ceremony must be postponed. The Installation Ceremony shall be performed either by the Z. of the Chapter or at his request, by a Past Z. The Council shall be installed by First or Past First Principals. In the constitution of a new Chapter the ceremony of installing the officers is usually performed by the Grand Z. or by the Grand Superintendent of the District in which the Chapter is situated, and in case of his inability to act, by an Excellent Companion authorized by the Grand Z. to do so as his representative. The Installation Officer may request other First or Past First Principals to assist him in the Installation Ceremony. The chair on left of Council is reserved for the Installing Officer.

6.1 Ceremony Starts

Z. - I now call upon ____ Excellent Companion ____ to take charge of the Installation of officers.

I.Z. - *[Approaches East, receives gavel from Z., occupies the chair on left of Council.]*

I.Z. - Companions, I have been requested by the Excellent First Principal of this Chapter to install and invest the officers who have been elected and appointed for the ensuing year. Companion Scribe Ezra, have the minutes of the meeting relating to the election of officers been read and confirmed in open Chapter?

Scribe Ezra - They have, Excellent Sir.

I.Z. - Then you will read the names of the officers so elected. *[Scribe Ezra reads names.]*

I.Z. - Companions of ____ Chapter No. ____ please rise.

I.Z. - Companions, are you satisfied with your choice of officers?

Companions - I am. *[If not, the I.Z. will repeat the Election.]*

I.Z. - The Three Principals, Z. H. and J. will divest themselves of Chapter regalia and be seated among the Companions.

I.Z. - The Excellent Companions who have been appointed to install Z., H., and J. will occupy their respective chairs in the East. **I.Z.** - Director of Ceremonies, have the Principals elect been examined, and are they well skilled in the several degrees and duly instructed in the mysteries of the Holy Royal Arch?

D.C. - They have been examined and have been found well skilled, duly instructed, and are ready to undertake the duties appertaining to their respective offices.

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, present the three Principals elect at the Altar.

D.C. - The Principals elect will present themselves west of the altar, with the Second Principal on the right and Third Principal on the left.

D.C. - Excellent Sir, I present these my Excellent Companions whom I know to be of great skill, true and trusty and lovers of the whole fraternity where so ever dispersed over the face of the earth, to receive at your hands the benefit of installation as Excellent Principals of this Chapter.

I.Z. - *[To be given by the I.Z. only]* By the unanimous consent of the Companions already expressed, we declare you the Excellent Principals of this Chapter. Previous, however, to your installation and investiture, it is necessary that you should signify your assent to the regulations of Royal Arch Masons. I therefore demand, in the presence of the assembled Companions whether you are willing to abide by and maintain the edicts, rules and regulations approved and ratified by the Grand Chapter of British Columbia & Yukon.

Principals elect - I am, Excellent Sir.

I.Z. - *[To be given by the I.Z. only]* Excellent Companions, I congratulate you on the honour that has been conferred upon you by your Companions, no doubt by reason of your faithful services, integrity and the knowledge you have acquired. The manner in which you have discharged the duties of the various offices in which you have served in your progress through the several degrees, sufficiently manifests your zeal, and is a token of future exertion. The highest honours which can be conferred by a Chapter on any of its members have been conferred upon you and the Companions therefore have a right to expect that by your exemplary

conduct, both within the Chapter and in the outside world, you will set an example to all mankind, as well as to your Companions. It is only by such demeanour that you may expect to receive in return the homage and respect due to the exalted stations to which you are about to be elevated and to merit the good will and affection of those over whom you are to preside. Before, however, you are placed in your respective chairs it is my duty to demand of you in the presence of the assembled Companions whether you are willing to enter into a solemn obligation to keep inviolate the secrets of your respective offices. **Principals elect** - I am, Excellent Sir.

I.Z. - Then you will kneel on both knees and place both hands on the V.O.T.S.L. and the Triangle. ●●● [*Companions rise, assume sign of fidelity*]

I.Z. - Commencing with the First Principal elect, you will each in turn say I, ___ state your name ___ ___ ___ and then repeat after me in unison: In the presence of the Almighty, the All Powerful and Eternal God, and before His Sacred and Mysterious Name, in this assembly of Princes and Rulers of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, and the Companions here assembled, do solemnly promise and swear that I will forever preserve inviolate the secrets entrusted to the office to which I have been elected, that my breast shall be the sacred repository of those secrets and that I will never divulge them to any person, unless it be to him who shall be fully entitled thereto according to the ancient regulations of the order, or in a council of Installed Principals regularly constituted. I do furthermore promise that in all things I will act impartially and, in conjunction with the other two principal, endeavour to exact obedience to the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter as well as conformity to the established rites and ceremonies and strive to preserve that bond of union and fraternal love which has ever been the foundation of our Masonic structure. To these several points I pledge fidelity under the penalties of all or any of my former obligations and I pray the Eternal Ruler of the Universe to keep me steadfast therein.

I.Z. - As a pledge of your fidelity, you will salute the V.O.T.S.L. three times with your lips. [*Done*]

I.Z. - I now call your attention to the emblems on which you have been obligated, namely the V.O.T.S.L. and the Triangle. The V.O.T.S.L. is given as a guide to our faith, to animate our hope and awaken our charity. The triangle in the days of Pythagoras, was considered the most sacred of all emblems and when any oath or obligation was required, it was always administered thereon. Rise, duly obligated representative of Zerubbabel, Haggai and Joshua.

I.Z. - you will now give attention to ___ Excellent Companion ___ for a reading of Scripture [*1st Samuel 16: 7-13*] and a Prayer.

Chaplain - [*reads*] But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him. For the Lord seeth not as a man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. Then Jesse called A-bin-a-dab and made him pass before Samuel, and he said, neither hath the Lord chosen this. Then Jesse made Sham-mah to pass by. And he said, neither hath the Lord chosen this. Again Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel, and Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these. And Samuel said unto Jesse, are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel

said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of this brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. [*Companions drop SoF.*]

Chaplain - Companions, we find in these portions of Scripture that the Almighty looks not on the outward appearance of man but on the heart. He therefore selected David and anointed and invested him with kingly power. You have this day, according to the ancient rites of our Order, been prepared to enter upon the exalted offices held by our illustrious ancestors, and may the Great I am, whose eternal existence is expressed in the Sacred Word itself, preserve you for evermore.

Chaplain - Let us pray. [*Companions assume reverential sign*] We unite in heartfelt thanks to Thee, Almighty Father, for the manifold blessings received from Thine inexhaustible store; grant that our labours may produce the fruits of wisdom, sanctity and love, that while we are labouring to erect and preserve our earthly tabernacle to Thy name and glory, we may at the same time prepare our path to Thine eternal temple, where peace and joy reign for evermore. Amen.

Companions - So mote it be.

I.Z. - ●

6.2 Open Council of Installed Principals

I.Z. - All Companions who have not attained the office of First Principal, except the First Principal elect, will now retire under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies. Officers of the Chapter will divest themselves of chapter regalia and leave it at their stations. The Director of Ceremonies will collect the regalia and place it on desk in north-east corner of chapter room.

D.C. - All Companions who have not been installed as First Principals will be upstanding, face the East, salute the Installing Zerubbabel and retire by either door.

I.Z. - The Excellent Companions selected to install the various officers, will occupy the appropriate chairs. ____ Excellent Companion ____ will be the prompter.

I.Z. - ●●● [*All rise, and assume sign of fidelity.*]

I.Z. - By virtue of the power in me vested as Installing Principal, I declare a Council of Installed Principals opened for the purpose of installing the Principals of this chapter.

I.Z. - ● [*All are seated.*]

6.2.1 First Principal

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Excellent Companion ____ , First Principal elect, to Excellent Companion ____ for installation.

D.C. - Excellent Sir, I have the honour to present my worthy Companion ____ , who has been elected to fill the distinguished office of First Principal Zerubbabel of this Chapter.

I.Z. - Excellent Companion ____ , you having taken the solemn Obligation of an Excellent First Principal, I am permitted to entrust you with the Secrets restricted

to that office. They consist of a Sign, a Password, a Sacred Word and a Grip. The Sign of your chair is [1]. The Password is [2]. The SW is [3] and must be mentally pronounced by you when ascending the Throne and saluting your Sceptre of office. The Grip of a First Principal is given thus [4]. It is now my privilege to install you into the office of First Principal Zerubbabel of this Holy Royal Arch Chapter. I therefore invest you with the scarlet robe of a First Principal . The colour scarlet is emblematical of that fervency and zeal which should ever actuate all Royal Arch Masons and Is peculiarly characteristic of this degree. I next invest you with the collar, to which is attached the jewel of your office. It is a Triangle with an irradiated crown in the centre, an emblem of royalty. The Triangle was the signet of Zerubbabel and denotes supreme power, or the chosen of the Almighty.

Being thus invested, ●●●, I now place you in your chair, with the Grip [4] of a First Principal, and according to ancient custom, place on your head this Crown, and hereby constitute you a Prince and Ruler in Israel and the representative of Zerubbabel the Prince of the people, and First Principal of this Chapter . Lastly, I place In your Right Hand this Sceptre and in doing so, ask you ever to bear in mind that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men must be more gratifying to a generous mind than to rule over their lives and fortunes. Let the bright example of your illustrious predecessors stimulate you to a faithful discharge of your duties, so that when the King of Kings shall summon you to His immediate presence, you may receive from His hand a crown of glory which shall never fade away.

I.Z. ● [all are Seated]

6.2.2 Second Principal

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will admit the Second Principal elect and all Second and Past Second Principals. [done] Excellent Companions, during your absence Excellent Companion ____ has been installed as First Principal of this Chapter, you will salute him with the reverential sign and be seated. The Second Principal elect will remain at the altar.

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present the Second Principal elect to ____ Excellent Companion ____ for installation.

D.C. - Excellent Sir, I have the honour to present my worthy Companion ____ who has been elected to fill the office of Second Principal Haggai of this Chapter.

I.Z. - Excellent Companion ____ , you having taken the solemn Obligation of an Excellent Second Principal, I am permitted to entrust you with the Secrets restricted to that office. They consist of a Sign , a Password, a Sacred Word and a Grip. The Sign of your chair is [5] The Password is [6]. The Sacred W is [7] and must be mentally pronounced by you when ascending the Throne and saluting your Sceptre of office. The Grip of a Second Principal is given thus [8]. It is now my privilege to install you into the office of Second Principal Haggai of this Holy Royal Arch Chapter. I therefore invest you with the purple robe of a Second Principal. The colour purple is an emblem of union and being formed by a due admixture of blue and scarlet, is intended to remind us of the intimate connection that exists between symbolic Masonry and the Royal Arch Degree. I also invest you with the collar, to which is attached the jewel of your office. It is a Triangle, with the All-seeing Eye irradiated in the centre. Which should teach you that the Almighty is ever present and not only beholds your actions, but knows your

innermost thoughts, for which, at the last day, He will call you to account.

Being thus invested, ●●●, I now place you in your chair with the Grip of a Second Principal [8] and, according to ancient custom, place this crown on your head, and hereby constitute you a Ruler in Israel, as the representative of Haggai, the Prophet and Second Principal of this Chapter . Lastly, I place in your Right Hand this Sceptre, and would call upon you to remember that the eye of God is in every place, taking strict and impartial cognizance of all human actions. This expressive emblem of the omniscience and omnipresence of the Almighty will recall to your remembrance that the Deity is ever watching over all mankind and will weigh in the balance of truth every thought, word and action.

I.Z. - ● [all are seated.]

6.2.3 Third Principal

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will admit the Third Principal elect and all Third and Past Third Principals. [done] Excellent Companions, during your absence Excellent Companion ____ and ____ Excellent Companion ____ have been installed as First and Second Principal of this Chapter, you will salute them the reverential sign and be seated. The Third Principal elect will remain at the altar.

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present the Third Principal elect to ____ Excellent Companion ____ for installation.

D.C. - Excellent Sir, I have the honour to present my worthy Companion ____ who has been elected to fill the office of Third Principal Joshua of this Chapter.

I.Z. - Excellent Companion ____, you having taken the solemn OB of an Excellent Third Principal, I am permitted to entrust you with the Secrets restricted to that office. They consist of a Sign , a Password, a Sacred Word and a Grip. The Sign of your chair is [9]. The Password is [10]. The Sacred W is [11], and must be mentally pronounced by you when ascending the Throne and saluting your Sceptre of Office. The Grip of a Third Principal is given thus [12]. It is now my privilege to install you into the office of Third Principal Joshua of this Holy Royal Arch Chapter. I therefore invest you with the blue robe of a Third Principal . The colour blue approximates that of the three symbolic degrees of ancient Craft Masonry. It is an emblem of universal friendship and benevolence and teaches us that to the genuine Mason those virtues should be as expansive as the arch of Heaven itself. I also invest you with the collar, to which is attached the jewel of your office. It is a Triangle, with the Volume of the Sacred Law irradiated in the centre, reminding you that the VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW is the guide to our faith and that It contains the revealed Will and Word which it is your duty to promulgate.

Being thus invested, ●●●, I now place you in your chair, with the Grip [12] of a Third Principal and, according to ancient custom, place this Crown on your head and hereby constitute you a Ruler of Israel, as the representative of Joshua the High Priest Third P of this Chapter. Lastly, I place in your Right Hand this Sceptre, an emblem of power, denoting the priestly office. Let it remind you of the dignity of the position you sustain, at the same time impressing upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God, thus showing that perfection is not attained this side of the grave, but that perfect holiness belongs unto Him alone.

I.Z. - [all are Seated]

6.2.4 Immediate Past Zerubabel

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will now present the Immediate Past Zerubbabel to ___ Excellent Companion ___ [*must be a P.Z.*] for investiture.

D.C. - I present to you my worthy Excellent Companion ___ to be invested as Immediate Past Zerubbabel of this Chapter.

I.Z. - Excellent Sir, it is now my privilege to invest you into the Office of Immediate Past Zerubabel of ___ Chapter. I therefore invest you with the C to which is attached the Jewel of your Office . Your Jewel is a Triangle, which was the Signet of Zerubbabel, containing an irradiated crown in the centre, the whole placed in a circle. You have now drawn forth all the Copestones, and discharged the duties of the last and most supreme degree in Freemasonry, the Holy Royal Arch. You are now justly entitled to claim from me, as a reward, the Password of a Past Zerubbabel. The Password is [*in a whisper 13*] and it means [*in a whisper 14*]. Your Station is on the Left of Joshua.

6.2.5 Recess

[The chapter may wish to admit all Companions first. This recess would then follow the presentation of the Warrant, Constitution and Bylaws.]

I.Z. - ●●● I now declare a short recess to enable the Companions present to congratulate the newly installed Principals. The Principals will leave their sceptres on the dais. [*Principals leave the throne and stand on the level in front of the throne. Companions may be reminded to keep their remarks brief.*]

6.3 Close Council of Installed Principals

I.Z. - ●●● [*Calling the Chapter to order; all rise. Principals form Triangle with Sceptres, others stand at sign of fidelity.*] The purpose for which this Council of Installed Principals was convened is now completed and I therefore declare it closed and work resumed in the Chapter. ● [*all seated*]

6.4 Admission & Procession

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will permit all Companions to enter and direct them to stand in two columns on the North side of the Chapter room, keeping well to the West and salute with the reverential sign.

I.Z. - Companions, during your absence Excellent Companions ___ , ___ and ___ have been duly installed as First, Second and Third Principals respectively of this Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch. You will now pass in procession in pairs, headed by the Past Principals of this Chapter. In passing the newly installed Principals you will salute them with the reverential sign under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies. [*They do so and halt on North side of Chapter room facing inward.*]

6.5 Prayer

I.Z. - ●●● [*all rise*] Companions, let us pray.

Chaplain - Almighty God, who hast permitted us this day to number our worthy Companions among the rulers of our order, be graciously pleased to grant that their future life may at all times be regulated by Thy Holy Law. Inspire them and us, with humility: make us obedient to Thy commands. Vouchsafe those mercies to us which Thou didst not withhold from Thine ancient people, so that at the close of this our mortal career, we may be numbered among those whom Thou shalt be pleased to admit into Thy Temple of eternal bliss and glory. Amen.

I.Z. - ● [*All are seated*]

6.6 Warrant, Constitution & Bylaws

I.Z. - ___ Companion ___ , you will now present the warrant, constitution and bylaws to the council.

G.S.D. [or P.Z.] - Excellent Principals, please stand. I now deliver into your care this warrant, your authority for holding this chapter; you will receive it as a sacred trust and never permit it to be used for any other purpose that those expressed in it. To your care and custody, Excellent Companion Zerubbabel, it is especially entrusted. I present you once more with the V.O.T.S.L., the great light in every degree of masonry; also the constitution of the Grand Chapter and the by-laws of this chapter. You will cause them to be punctually obeyed. Excellent Companion Zerubbabel, it is your special charge to see that the officers of this chapter faithfully perform the duties of their respective offices and are examples to their Companions of diligence and industry, that true and accurate records of all the proceedings of the chapter are kept, regular returns to Grand Chapter and the dues punctually paid. Please be seated.

6.7 Remaining Officers

I.Z. - Zerubbabel, you will now enter on the active duties of your office by naming the remaining elected and appointed officers of the Chapter. Companions, as your name is called, you will rise, assume the sign of fidelity, and collectively take an obligation relating to your duties as officers of this chapter. *[done]*

I.Z. - Companions, do you solemnly promise to discharge the duties of your offices faithfully and zealously and uphold and maintain the Constitution of Grand Chapter as well as strict conformity to the established rights and ceremonies?

Companions - I do.

I.Z. - Please be Seated. *[I.Z. will now complete the remaining investitures as follows.]*

6.7.1 Treasurer

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion ___ to Companion ___ for investiture as Treasurer.

D.C. - Companion ___ , I present to you Companion ___ , for investiture as Treasurer of this chapter.

I.Z. - Companion ___ , you having been elected Treasurer of this chapter, I have much pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your office, a key placed within a triangle, which sufficiently denotes your duty and I entertain no doubt that you will justify the confidence reposed in you by your Companions.

6.7.2 Scribe Ezra

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion ___ to Companion ___ , who has been elected Scribe Ezra of this Chapter.

D.C. - Companion ___ , I present to you Companion ___ , for investiture as Scribe Ezra of this Chapter.

I.Z. - Companion ___ , you having been elected the representative of Ezra the Scribe, I have much pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your office, a triangle with crossed pens inscribed which sufficiently points out your duty in keeping the records, issuing summonses and making returns to Grand Chapter. I have no doubt that you will fulfil those important duties with benefit to the Chapter and credit to Yourself.

6.7.3 Scribe Nehemiah

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion ____ to Companion ____ for investiture as Scribe Nehemiah of this Chapter.

I.Z. - Companion ____, you having been appointed the representative of Nehemiah the Scribe, I have much pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your office. It is similar to, and has the same import as that of Scribe Ezra. Your immediate duties are to report and receive all candidates for exaltation, to assist Scribe Ezra, and in his absence perform the duties pertaining to this Office.

6.7.4 Principal Sojourner

I.Z.- Companion Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion ____ to Companion ____ for investiture as Principal Sojourner of this Chapter.

D.C. - Companion ____, I present to you Companion ____, for investiture as Principal Sojourner of this Chapter.

I.Z. - Companion ____, you have been elected to fill the office of Principal Sojourner of this Chapter, one equal in importance to any therein, the Principals excepted. Your duties are to conduct all candidates through the ceremonies of exaltation, to act as Senior Deacon in the Mark, and Most Excellent Master degrees, also to report all alarms to the First Principal. Upon the performance of these duties rests in a great measure the prosperity of the Chapter, and I have much pleasure in investing you with the Collar and jewel of your Office, which is a triangle with an irradiated square thereon. The triangle has been considered a sacred emblem and the square is an emblem of truth and perfection which, being irradiated, denotes that these are divine attributes. By aid of the divine power thus depicted, may you so improve your allotted time as finally to be made perfect in the Grand Chapter Above.

6.7.5 Senior and Junior Sojourners

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companions ____ and ____ to Companion ____ for investiture as Senior and Junior Sojourners of this Chapter.

D.C. - Companion ____ I present to you Companions ____ and ____ for investiture as Senior and Junior Sojourners of this Chapter.

I.Z. - Companions ____, you have been elected Senior and Junior Sojourners respectively. Officers of much importance, as in the absence of the Principal Sojourner, you are to undertake his duties. I now invest you with the collars and jewels of your offices. They are similar to but not irradiated and have the same import as that of the Principal Sojourner. Companion Senior Sojourner, your especial duty is to allow none to enter the Chapter but those who are properly clothed and in possession of the password, and have the permission of the Principals. Companion Junior Sojourner, your especial duty is to see that the Chapter is properly Guarded.

6.7.6 Masters of the Veils

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companions ____ ; ____ ; ____ ; ____ ; to Companions ____ ; ____ ; ____ ; ____ ; for investiture as Masters of the Veils of this Chapter.

D.C. - Companions, I present to you Companions ____ ; ____ ; ____ ; ____ ; for

investiture as Masters of the Veils of this Chapter.

I.Z. - Masters of the Veils, the passing of the Veils in our ceremony may be considered as emblematical of the wanderings of the Israelites in the wilderness, and their return from Babylon to Jerusalem. They allude to the coverings of the tabernacle erected by Moses in the wilderness. They are of different colours, blue, purple, scarlet and white, and each has its own significance.

I.Z. - Master of the Fourth Veil, the white veil is entrusted to your care. It is, I hope, emblematical of that purity of heart and rectitude of conduct which should at all times characterize you as a Mason as well as actuate you in the discharge of your duty. Be sure never to allow anyone to pass your veil without first presenting the Signet of Truth.

I.Z. - Master of the Third Veil, the rich and beautiful colour of your veil, being scarlet, typifies fervency and zeal. It is the appropriate colour of the Royal Arch Degree. May you ever be fervent in the exercise of your duty to the Chapter, as well as zealous in your endeavours to promote the happiness of all men.

I.Z. - Master of the Second Veil, your veil being purple, a colour formed by a due admixture of blue and scarlet, is a symbol of harmony and unanimity. It should be therefore admonish you to cultivate and improve that spirit of harmony and unanimity among your Companions.

I.Z. - Master of the First Veil, the colour of your veil is light blue, a colour peculiar to the three ancient of symbolical degrees, and one of the most durable and beautiful colours in nature. It is an emblem of universal friendship and benevolence, and may these virtues be to you as expansive as the blue arch of heaven itself.

6.7.7 Director of Ceremonies

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion ____ to Companion for investiture as Director of Ceremonies of this Chapter.

D.C. - Companion ____, I present to you for investiture, Companion .?, for investiture as Director of Ceremonies of the Chapter.

I.Z. - Companion ____, you have been appointed (or elected) Director of Ceremonies of this chapter and it is my pleasure to invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office. Your Jewel, the crossed wands, is an emblem of power and authority. It will be your duty to see that the chapter room is properly prepared for each convocation and that there is no mismanagement or confusion in the ceremonies or business of the chapter; to assign Grand Chapter Officers and other visitors to places according to rank, and to give Grand Honours when called upon by the First Principal, to marshal all processions both within and without the chapter; to assist the Installing Principal at the Annual Installation of Officers, and to proclaim such Installation; to direct all practices, ensuing strict adherence to the ritual, and while encouraging progress, guard against innovations. A working knowledge of the Constitution and the Book of Ceremonies is essential for the proper performance of your duties.

6.7.8 Historian

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion ____ to Companion for investiture as Historian of this Chapter.

D.C. - Companion ____, I present to you for investiture, Companion ____ for

investiture as Historian.

I.Z. - ___ Companion ___, you have been appointed Historian of this chapter. It will be your duty to collect and record all data relative to the formation, history and progress of this chapter, and to submit an Annual report thereon. I now place you in your chair, which is at the left of the Scribe Ezra's Desk.

6.7.9 Organist

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion ___ to Companion for investiture as Organist of this Chapter.

D.C. - Companion ___, I present to you, ___ Companion ___, for investiture as Organist of this chapter.

I.Z. - Companion ___, you have been appointed Organist and I have pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your duty is to preside at the organ and to arrange and conduct the musical ceremonies of the Chapter.

6.7.10 Stewards

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present ___ Companions ___ and ___ to Companion ___ for investiture as Stewards of this chapter.

D.C. - Companion ___, I present to you, ___ Companions ___ and ___ for investiture as Stewards of this chapter.

I.Z. - Companions ___, you have been appointed Stewards and I have pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your office. Your jewel is the triangle. It will be your duty to superintend the preparations for all festive occasions, and also to see that the jewels, clothing, furniture and other arrangements necessary for chapter convocations are made available and in Readiness.

6.3.15 Tyler

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies you will present ___ Companion ___ to ___ Companion ___ for investiture as Tyler of this chapter.

D.C. - Companion ___ I present to you Companion ___ for investiture as Tyler of this chapter.

I.Z. - ___ Companion ___, you have been elected Tyler of this chapter, I now invest you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office. Your jewel is a sword within a triangle. You are to be regular in attendance at all meetings of the chapter. I present you with the implement of your office which will enable you to guard the approaches to the chapter and prevent intrusion and interruption to our Mysteries.

6.8 General Address

I.Z. - Principals will please rise. Excellent Principals, the stations you are called upon to fill are important not only respecting the correct practice of our Rites and Ceremonies, and the internal economy of the chapter over which you preside, but the public reputation of the institution will be found to rise or fall according to the skill and discretion with which its concerns are managed and in proportion as the character and conduct of its principal officers are estimable or censurable.

All office bearers please rise. Companion office bearers, precept and example should ever advance with equal pace. Those moral duties you are required to teach unto others, you should never neglect to practice yourselves. Do you desire that the demeanour of your companions toward you should be marked with deference and respect? Be sure that you omit no opportunity of furnishing them

with examples in your own conduct toward your superiors in office. Do you desire to obtain instruction from those who are better informed than yourselves? Be sure that you are always ready to impart of your knowledge to those within your sphere, who stand in need of and are entitled to receive it. Do you desire distinction among your Companions? Be sure that your claims for preferment are founded upon superior attainments. Let no ambitious passion be suffered to induce you to envy or supplant a Companion who may be considered as better qualified for promotion than yourselves. But rather, let a laudable emulation induce you to strive to excel each other in improvements and discipline, ever remembering that he who faithfully performs his duty even in a subordinate or private station, is as justly entitled to esteem and respect as he who is invested with supreme authority.

All Companions please rise. Companions, may our chapter become beautiful as the Temple, peaceful as the ark of the covenant, and sacred as its most holy place. May the exercise of our charity be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed widow and helpless orphan. May the approbation of heaven be our encouragement and the testimony of a good conscience our support. May we be endowed with every good and perfect gift while travelling along the rugged path of life, and finally, may we all be admitted within the veil of heaven to the full enjoyment of life eternal and *[sign of Fidelity]* may the Great Jehovah be ever with us and go with us all.

All Companions - SO MOTE IT BE

I.Z. - All officer bearers will please be seated.

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will make your proclamation.

D.C.- In the name of the Most High, and of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon, I declare the officers of ____ Chapter No. ____ , (with the exception of ____) duly installed and invested for the ensuing twelve months, and until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed in their stead, and I call upon you to salute them with Grand Honours. *[Three times in front of the throne]*

I.Z. •*[all are seated.]*

6.9 Presentation of Gavel

I.Z. - ____ Companion ____ you will please present the gavel to Excellent Companion ____, First Principal of this chapter.

I.Z. - In the discharge of your manifold duties let your character and behaviour ever be marked with kindness and discretion. Let me remind you that the harmony and unanimity of our Order should be your constant aim, and as the glorious sun at its meridian height dispels the mists and clouds which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the clouds of jealousy and discord should they ever appear among the Companions of your chapter. Excellent First Principal, it is my pleasure to present you with this gavel, the symbol of your authority. May you ever use it with discretion and justice.

7 Columbia Chapter No. 1

[Same as other Chapters - The Installation and Investiture of the First, Second and Third Principals, I.P.Z., Treasurer, Scribe Ezra, Organist, Historian, and Tyler are as set out above. Unique in Columbia No. 1 - The investiture of the Scribe Nehemiah, Sojourners, Director of Ceremonies, and Inner Guard

as Follows:]

7.1.1 Scribe Nehemiah

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies you will present Companion ____ to Companion ____ for investiture as Scribe Nehemiah of this chapter.

D.C. - Companion ____ I present to you Companion ____ for investiture as Scribe Nehemiah of this chapter.

I.Z. - Companion ____, you have been elected the Representative of Nehemiah the Scribe, and I have much pleasure in investing you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office. It is similar to and has the same import as that of Scribe Ezra, to whom you will provide assistance. Your immediate duties are to receive all candidates for Exaltation and to conduct them through the several Degrees. You will also assist the Third Principal during the hour of refreshment. It will be your responsibility to see that the pedestal is properly prepared and to attend it during all Ceremonies. Upon the performance of these duties rests in a great measure the prosperity of this chapter.

7.1.2 First, Second & Third Sojourners

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies you will present Companions ____, ____ and ____ to ____ Companion ____ for investiture as First, Second and Third Sojourners of this chapter.

D.C. - Companion ____ I present to you Companions ____, ____ and ____ for investiture as First, Second and Third Sojourners of this chapter.

I.Z. - Companion Sojourners, it is my pleasure to invest you with the collar and jewel of your Offices, which is the square within the Triangle. Your duties, generally, shall be to assist in the preparation of the chapter room and to see that all chapter property is stored and secured. You will welcome all visitors, and inform the Director of Ceremonies of any requiring examination. During the hour of refreshment you will assist the Third Principal. Companion First Sojourner, your particular duties are to act as the Master Overseer and Captain of the third or Scarlet Veil. Companion Second Sojourner, your particular duties are to act as the Senior Overseer and Captain of the Second or Purple Veil. Companion Third Sojourner, your particular duties are to act as the Junior Overseer and Captain of the First or Blue Veil.

7.1.3 Director of Ceremonies

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies you will present Companion ____ to Companion ____ for investiture as Director of Ceremonies of this chapter.

D.C. - Companion ____ I present to you Companion ____ for investiture as Director of Ceremonies of this chapter.

I.Z. - ____ Excellent Companion ____, you have been appointed Director of Ceremonies of this chapter, and I have much pleasure in investing you with the collar and jewel of your Office. Your jewel, the crossed staves, is the emblem of power and authority. It will be your duty to see that everything is done decently and in order, and that there be no confusion or mismanagement in the ceremonies or other business of the chapter. You will see that the chapter Room is properly prepared for all Convocations, and that Grand chapter officers and other visitors are properly received and assigned their places according to their rank, and give Grand Honours on all proper occasion. You will Marshal all procession, both within

and without the chapter, and instruct the Companions in balloting and correct deportment. You will direct all practices and insure strict adherence to the Ritual and the ancient usages and customs, guarding at all times against innovation.

7.1.4 Inner Guard

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies you will present Companion ____ to Companion ____ for investiture as Inner Guard of this chapter.

D.C. - Companion ____ I present to you Companion ____ for investiture as Inner Guard of this chapter.

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies, you will present Companion ____ to Companion ____ for investiture as Inner Guard of this chapter.

D.C. - ____ Companion ____, I present to you Companion ____ for investiture as Inner Guard of this chapter.

I.Z. - Companion ____, you have been appointed Inner Guard and I have pleasure in investing you with the Collar and Jewel of your Office. Your Jewel is the crossed sword and wand with the coat of arms within a Triangle. Your duty is to guard the inner door of the chapter, to communicate with the Tyler without, to report all communications to the Principal, to announce all applicants for admission by their Masonic titles and to see that those who enter wear the jewels and clothing proper to their rank and to allow none to enter or withdraw without the permission of the Principals.

8 LATER INSTALLATION of CHAPTER OFFICERS

[No Installation or Investiture of any Chapter Officer is possible before that of its First Principal. If the Z elect is not available then the ceremony must be postponed. At times another Chapter Officer may not be able to attend his scheduled installation. In such cases he may be installed or invested later in his own chapter or in a different chapter. Such ceremonies should be done under Unfinished Business' and cannot be performed in lodges of MMM or MEM. Haggai, Joshua and the I.P.Z. must be done in a Council of Installed Principals.]

Z. - I now call upon ____ Excellent Companion ____ to take charge of the Late Installation of some (a) Chapter Officer(s).

I.Z. - *[Approaches the East receives gavel from Z. and occupies the chair on the left of the Council.]*

8.1.1 Haggai and or Joshua and I.P.Z.

I.Z. - Director of Ceremonies you will escort ____ (new ranks) Companion(s) to the Altar. *[I.P.Z. does not go to the altar and is not obligated]*

I.Z. - ____ Companion(s) ____, you have been elected ____ of this Chapter. Before installing you, I require your assent to the regulations of Royal Arch Masons and an obligation regarding the secrets and duties of your office. Do you agree?

Haggai and or Joshua - I do.

I.Z. - Then you will kneel on both knees and place both hands upon the VOSL and the triangle. *[I.Z. administers the obligation, explains the emblems and allows the Officer(s) to stand.]*

I.Z. - All Companions who are not installed Second Principals will now retire under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies. *[Substituting Third' for 'Second' if Haggai has already been installed. When the Companions have exited, I.Z. will open a Council of Installed Principals, perform the usual ceremonies, including I.P.Z.; Close the Council and direct the D.C. to readmit the Companions, have them stand West of the altar and salute].*

I.Z. - Companions, during your absence ____ have (has) been installed and invested as ____ . You will salute the East and be seated.

8.1.2 Remaining Officers

I.Z. - I now call upon Z to name the officers who remain to be invested. Companions, as your name is called you will stand, assume the SoF and take an obligation relating to the duties of your respective offices. *[I.Z. administers the vow and performs the standard ceremony for each remaining officer, returns the gavel to Z, salutes and is seated.]*

9 INSTITUTION OF A CHAPTER U.D.

[Note: It is not legal to install or invest the Principals or Officers of a Chapter under Dispensation; nor can such a Chapter adopt any by-laws until it has received a Warrant. But a Chapter can temporarily use for its guidance, the by-laws of another Chapter in the jurisdiction, with any proper alterations that may suit their necessities. The Grand Superintendent having first ascertained that the necessary number of Principals and officers to assist in instituting the new chapter, and the petitioners, are in attendance, will open the chapter in due form.]

G.S.D. - Companions, let us pray.

Prayer - Great Jehovah, Whose throne is the high heaven, and the earth Thy footstool; Who hast knowledge of the doings of Thy intelligent creatures may we ever look unto Thee as our heavenly counsellor, to guide, and direct us in the paths that lead to truth and holiness. We regard Thee as the true source of our happiness. May the favour of Thy blessing rest upon us at all our Convocations. May it be our constant aim to emulate each other in the performance of good work on behalf of our fellow beings, for the promotion of our present and future happiness, and of Thy glory. Amen.

Companions - So mote it be.

G.S.D. - Director of Ceremonies, You will arrange the officers and other Petitioners for the Dispensation in the West, facing the Altar.

D.C. - Right Excellent Sir, the Companions here assembled facing the Altar, are desirous of being instituted into a chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

G.S.D. - A Dispensation has been granted after due deliberation by the Grand Z. to the Petitioners for this new chapter. Companion Scribe Ezra, you will now read the Dispensation granted.

G.S.D. - Excellent Principals Elect, before proceeding to invest you with the honours and responsibility of office to which you have been respectively appointed, it becomes my duty to administer to you an obligation of office. You will place your right hands upon your left breasts, each in turn, repeat your name and say after me in unison: I, ____, do most solemnly promise and declare that I will support and maintain the Constitution, laws, edicts and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon, and that I will to the best of my knowledge and ability, perform the duties of the office that I am about to undertake.

G.S.D. - Director of Ceremonies, You will now place the officers of the chapter in their respective positions, and when placing them, invest them with their respective robes, collars and jewels of office. *[done]*

G.S.D. - Zerubbabel, I now deliver into your hands the Dispensation, and in doing so, enjoin you to faithfully obey its precepts. *[G.S.D. Now addresses the Companions]*

present with any remarks he may desire.]

G.S.D. - Zerubbabel, - I now hand you the sceptre of your office. You have accepted a trust to which is attached a weight of responsibility, that will require all your efforts to discharge the duties of your officer honourably to yourself and satisfactorily to the chapter. You are to see that your officers are capable and faithful in the fulfilment of their duties. You are to watch carefully the progress of their performance and to see that the long established customs of the institution suffer no derangement in their hands. You are to exercise careful supervision over the chapter; to see that due order and subordination are observed on all occasions; that the members are properly instructed; that due solemnity be observed in the practice of our rites, and that no improper levity be permitted at any time. Finally, you are to be an example to your officers and members, an example which they need not hesitate to follow, thus securing to yourself the appreciation of the Companions. You are now authorized to discharge the business of a regular chapter until the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. *[Note: The Scribe Ezra shall at least one week before the annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, forward to the Grand Scribe Ezra the minute book, register and accounts books of the Chapter. for APPLICATION FOR WARRANT - Refer to the Grand Chapter Constitution]*

10 CONSTITUTION OF NEW CHAPTER

[A Chapter should be constituted by the Grand First Principal and his officers, but when it is not convenient to do so, he may issue an instrument under his hand, authorizing either the Grand Superintendent of the District, or some other Present or Past Grand officer to act in his stead. The date of constituting the new Chapter having been arranged, the Grand Scribe Ezra notifies the officers of Grand Chapter. The Companions of the Chapter assemble in their hall and open in the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch; the three lesser lights around the pedestal are not lit. The three tapers representing the Greater lights will be placed in the anti-room ready for use in the procession later. The pedestal is veiled. The Grand Chapter Officers meet in an adjoining room, and are duly organized. A deputation from the Chapter awaits upon the Grand Chapter Officers, informing the Grand Director Ceremonies that the Chapter is prepared to receive them. The Grand Officers then form in procession under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Marshal, as follows: Grand Tyler with Sword and Pursuivant Principals of Constituent Chapters according to Seniority. Grand J. Soj., Grand P. Soj., Grand S. Soj., Grand Sword Bearer. Grand S.N., Grand Treasurer, Grand Scribe Ezra Grand Superintendents One Companion carrying Pot of Incense. Three Companions carrying the Elements of Consecration, Corn, Wine, Oil in proper vessels. Two Companions carrying The Ark of the Covenant. Three Companions carrying Lights triangularly. Grand J., Grand Z., Grand H. This procession proceeds to the hall of the Chapter, the officers of the Chapter having vacated their respective Chairs. On arriving at the entrance of the Chapter room where the ceremonies are to be performed, the procession halts and faces inwards; the Grand Principals pass through the lines to their stations in the East. The Companions bearing the Lights in the form of a triangle will pass to Ped. and place them in their sockets, the Companions extinguishing the Lights as they put them in position. The Ark is carried through the lines to the East, and placed on the floor in front of G.Z.. The Elements are carried to and put upon a table covered with a white cloth, placed for that purpose in the N.E. corner of Chapter room. The Pot of Incense is also placed there. The remaining Grand Chapter Officers take their respective station in the Chapter. The Companions shall then sing the following Ode:]

Companions - *[Tune: Old Hundred]* Genius of Masonry descent, And with three bring thy spotless train; Constant our sacred rites attend, While we adore they peaceful reign. *[The Companions are then seated. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall then form the officers and Companions of the Chapter in one or more lines facing the Grand Z., but on the W. side of the Altar.]*

G.S.D. - Most Excellent Grand First Principal, a number of Companions duly instructed in the mysteries of Royal Arch Masonry, and by virtue of a charter granted them in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon, now desire to be constituted into a regular chapter agreeable to the ancient usages and customs of the Holy Royal Arch.

G.Z. - The Grand Scribe Ezra will read the Warrant of Constitution. *[done]*

G.Z. - Upon mature deliberation the Grand Chapter has granted the Companions of this Chapter a Charter, establishing in them the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted chapter. We shall, therefore, now proceed according to ancient usage to consecrate this into a regular chapter. *[If he so desires, the G.Z. may now offer remarks on the nature and purposes of the Order. The following should either be read or sung.]*

G. Chaplain - BEHOLD, how good and beautiful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments: As the dew of Hermon, And as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. *[PSALM 133: 1 - 3.]*

G.Z. - Companions, let us pray.

G. Chaplain - Almighty and Supreme Governor and Ruler of the Universe, who is therein Heaven like unto Thee? Thine Omniscient mind brings all things in view, past, present, and to come. Thine Omnipotent arm directs the movements of the vast creation. Thine Omnipresent eye penetrates the secret recesses of every heart. Thy boundless beneficence supplies us with every comfort and enjoyment, and Thine unspeakable perfection and glory surpass the understanding of the children of men. Amen

Companions - So mote it be.

Grand Director of Ceremonies - Companions, face the East under the R.S. *[The Companions shall then sing the following Ode:]*

Companions - *[Tune: Old Hundred]* Inspire us with Thy grace divine, Thy sacred law our guide shall be, To every good our hearts incline, From every evil keep us free.

G.Z. - Companions, let us pray.

G. Chaplain - O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like Thee in Heaven above or on earth beneath. Who keepest covenant and mercy with Thy servants that walk before Thee with all their heart. But, with God indeed, come down on the earth, behold the Heaven and heaven of Heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less this house which I have builded. Yet have Thou respect unto the prayer of Thy servant, and to this supplication, O Lord, my God, to harken unto the cry and to the prayer which Thy servant prayeth before Thee this day. That Thine eyes may be open towards this house night and day, even toward the place of which Thou hast said, My name shall be there, that Thou mayest harken unto the prayer which Thy servants shall make toward this place. And harken Thou to the supplication of Thy servant and of Thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place, and hear Thou in Heaven Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest forgive. Amen.

Companions - So mote it be.

G.Z. - Grand Scribe E. and Grand Scribe N., you will light the candles and proceed to unveil the Pedestal. *[done]*

G. Chaplain - Now thine eyes shall be open and thine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and sanctified this house that My name may be there forever, and Mine eyes and Mine heart shall be there perpetually. *[The Companions shall then sing the following Ode:]*

Companions - *[Tune: Old Hundred]* With one consent let all the earth To God their cheerful voices raise; Glad homage pay with awful mirth, And sing before Him songs of praise. For He's the Lord supremely good, His Mercy is forever sure; His truth, which always firmly stood To endless ages shall endure. *[The Grand Director of Ceremonies and Grand Marshal will now arrange the Officers and Companions of the chapter into two columns, one on the North and one on the South of the Altar, facing each other, allowing sufficient space between Altar and lines to permit the procession of Grand Principals to pass. The Grand Director of Ceremonies will hand vessel with Corn [wheat] to G.Z., vessel of Wine to G.H., and Vessel of Oil to G.J., by whom they are carried three times around the chapter room, and the Elements poured on the floor in front of the Ark of the Covenant. During their progress, appropriate music is played by the Grand Organist and in the first perambulation: - the Grand Scribe Ezra reads:]*

G.S.E. - There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon, and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. *[The procession halts in the East, the Grand Z. scatters Corn [wheat] on the floor.]*

G.Z. - I scatter Corn on this chapter as a symbol of plenty and abundance. And may the blessing of benevolence and brotherly love multiply and increase under its auspices, producing fruit a hundred fold. *[During the second perambulation, the Grand Scribe Ezra reads: -]*

G.S.E. - For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the Corn, of the new Wine, and the Oil, into the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers. And we will not forsake the house of our God. *[The procession halts in the East, the Grand H. pours Wine on the floor.]*

G.H. - I pour Wine on this chapter as a symbol of joy and cheerfulness. *[During the third perambulation the Grand Scribe Ezra reads: -]*

G.S.E. - And thou shalt make an Oil of holy ointment, and ointment compounded after the apothecary; it shall be a holy anointing Oil. And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the Ark of the testimony. *[The procession halts in the East, the Grand J. sprinkles Oil on the floor.]*

G.J. - I pour Oil on this chapter as a symbol of peace and unanimity.

G.Z. - To the Most High and to His service, we dedicate this chapter and to perpetuate the memory of the Nine Original Grand Masters under whose auspices many of our Masonic mysteries obtained sanction we perform these ceremonies. May the Companions review their character and imitate their virtues. *[Companions sing the following Ode:]*

Companions - *[Tune - Old Hundred]* Bring with thee Virtue, brightest maid, Bring Love, bring Truth and Friendship here, While kind Relief will lend her aid. To smooth the wrinkled brow of care. *[The Grand Director of Ceremonies hands the Censer to*

the Grand J., who take it three times round the chapter room, swinging it so as to disperse the Incense, appropriate music being played during his progress. The Grand Z. and Grand H. ascend the throne and remain standing; during the three perambulations the Grand Scribe Ezra reads]

G.S.E. - *[First Perambulation:]* And thou shalt make an Altar to burn incense upon; of shittim wood shalt thou make it; And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold. *[Second Perambulation:]* And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning; when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it. *[Third Perambulation:]* And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generation. Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon.

Companions, Let us pray.

Grand Chaplain - In the name, honour and glory of the Great Jehovah, this chapter is now being consecrated and dedicated. Our Father, who art in Heaven, we invoke Thy benefaction upon the purposes of this assembly. Let this chapter be established to Thy honour, let its Officers be endowed with wisdom to discern, and fidelity to preserve its trust and interests. Let its members ever be mindful of the duties they owe to God, the obedience due to those in authority, the love they should cherish for their Brethren, and the good-will they should bestow on all mankind. Let this chapter be consecrated to Thy glory, and its members exemplify their love of God by their beneficence to men. Amen.

Companions - So mote it be.

Grand Z. - In the name of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon, we now constitute you and form you, our Excellent Companions, into a chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and from henceforth we empower you to act as a regularly constituted chapter, in conformity with the rules of the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, and may the Great Jehovah prosper, direct, and counsel you in all your doings.

Companions - So mote it be. *[The Companions sing the following Ode:]*

Companions - *[Tune: God Save the Queen]* Hail, Universal God, By Heaven and Earth adored, All Hail! Great God! Before Thy name we bend. To us Thy love extend, And to our prayers attend; All Hail! Great God! Grand Z. - Companions, Let us pray.

Grand Chaplain - Most Holy and Glorious God, Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all Worlds, vouchsafe, from Thy Celestial Temple to bless the Companions of this chapter in their present undertaking. We humbly pray Thee to grant them Wisdom in all their doings, Strength in all their difficulties, and my Peace and Harmony prevail at all their Convocations. Grant the, O Lord, that those who are invested with the government of this chapter may be endued with wisdom to instruct and guide the Companions in all their duties. Finally, may they finish their work here below with Thine approbation, and then have their transition from this earthly abode to Thy heavenly Temple above, there to enjoy light and eternal bliss. May the Lord bless and keep thee, May the Lord lift up the light of His Countenance upon thee, and give thee peace now and forever more. Amen.

Companions - So mote it be. *[The Grand Officers shall then install and invest the Officers of the chapter.]*

11 CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS

Grand Z. - Companions, every so often an event of note transpires in the life of chapters. It is indeed proper that we convene on this occasion to mark this special occurrence. We are therefore gathered to formally bring to a close the separate existence of ___ Chapter No. ___, ___ Chapter No. ___ and ___ Chapter No. ___, and to confirm an amalgamation into a succeeding chapter. I will therefore preside over the ceremony appropriate to the occasion. The Grand Chapter Officers will assist in the Ceremony of Amalgamation by occupying the Stations. *[done]*

Before entering upon this or any important undertaking, we should always pause for a moment to invoke the aid of the Deity. Let us pray.

Grand Chaplain - May the favour of Thy blessing rest upon us at all our Convocations. May it be our constant aim to emulate each other in the performance of good work on behalf of our fellow beings, for the promotion of our present and future happiness, and of Thy glory. Amen.

Companions - So mote it be.

Grand Z. - Grand Scribe Ezra, have ___ Chapter No. ___, ___ Chapter No. ___, and ___ Chapter No. ___ made the proper request to your Office to consolidate under the requirements of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon?

Grand Scribe Ezra - Most Excellent Grand First Principal, they have.

Grand Z. - In the name of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon, and by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I now declare ___ Chapter No. ___, ___ Chapter No. ___ and ___ Chapter No. ___, to be duly consolidated in accordance with the regulations and ceremonies of the said Grand Chapter. The chapter to be henceforth known and designated ___ Chapter No. ___ on the roll of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon. Companions, let us pray.

Grand Chaplain - Most Holy and Glorious God, Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all Worlds, vouchsafe, from Thy Celestial Temple to bless the Companions of this chapter in their present undertaking. We humbly pray Thee to grant them Wisdom in all their doings, strength in all their difficulties, and may Peace and Harmony prevail at all their Convocations. Grant them, O Lord, that those who are invested with the government of this chapter may be endued with wisdom to instruct and guide the Companions in all their duties. Finally, may they finish their work here below with Thine approbation, and then have their transition from this earthly abode to Thy heavenly Temple above, there to enjoy light and eternal bliss. Amen.

Companions - So mote it be.

[The Grand Z. may wish to address a few remarks to the assembly.]

Grand Z. - We will now proceed with the Installation. *[Grand Z. proceeds with Installation Ceremony or delegates an Installing Officer to take charge.]*

12 PRESENTATION of CERTIFICATE to COMPANION

[This presentation is a suggested but optional form. It need not be committed to memory or followed exactly]

My Companion(s), I have the pleasure to present your Grand Chapter Certificate. This proves your exaltation to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch and your registration with the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of

British Columbia & Yukon. The dominant colour of your certificate is scarlet. This is the characteristic and appropriate colour of the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Scarlet is the basic colour of the regalia worn by all Companions. Documents of the Chapter are often printed in this colour. Your Certificate employs a simple but beautiful design. Two columns rest on the chequered pavement and support the catenarian arch. Thus we are reminded of the close connection between symbolic Masonry and this supreme Order. You carried the white Keystone as a Mark Master Mason. It was later placed in the principal arch when dedicating your temple in the Most Excellent Master degree. In the centre appears the mysterious Triple Tau which appears on your apron, sash, and jewel. This was the united mark of our three Grand Masters whose contributions are recalled in the closing of every chapter. It is the Key to the Treasure of Royal Arch Masons. Finally, there is a space for your standard signature in the margin of the certificate to prevent fraudulent presentation of your certificate by an imposter. You will now attend at Scribe Ezra's desk and sign your name.*[done]*

13 TYLER'S OATH

[To be administered upon the V.O.T.S.L.] I, _____, do solemnly swear on my honour as a Mason, that I am a Royal Arch Mason, in good standing in my Craft Lodge, and in my Chapter, having regularly received the Degrees of M.M.M., M.E.M., and the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in _____ Chapter No. _____, in the Grand Chapter of _____, and I know of no reason why I should not hold Masonic communication with the Companions of this Chapter. So help me the Most High.

[NOTE: In the event of the visitor not having taken one or more of the degrees, the appropriate words should be omitted, and the matter reported to the First Principal when the visitor is introduced.]

14 ABBREVIATIONS

14.1 G.D.C. - Grand Director of Ceremonies

14.2 G.S.E. - Grand Scribe Ezra

14.3 G.H. - Grand Second Principal (Haggai)

14.4 G.I.Z. - Grand Installing First Principal (Zerubbabel)

14.5 G.J. - Grand Third Principal (Joshua)

14.6 G.P.S - Grand Principal Sojourner

14.7 G.Z. - Grand First Principal (Zerubbabel)

14.8 MEC - Most Excellent Companion

14.9 OB - Obligation

14.10 REC - Right Excellent Companion

14.11 V.E.C. - Very Excellent Companion

14.12 V.O.T.S.L. - Volume of the Sacred Law

14.13 ● - Knock with the sceptre for ritual but gavel for business.

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