Report of Constitution and Jurisprudence 2025-2026

This year the Committee reviewed six proposed changes to the Constitution. In all six cases, the Committee found that the proposed changes are not contrary to the established usages and customs of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction. There are also 2 proposals that were tabled from the 2025 convocation.

The proposals are found on the website www.grandchapter.ca (login required)

Fraternally,

REC Scott Wisdahl, Chair
MEC Len Pickell
REC Bill Hilborn
REC Ken Ward
REC Matthew Fletcher

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LIST OF NOTICES OF MOTION

MOTION 1

Form 20 – Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2025

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full:

1.4 "Lodge" is a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or of Most Excellent Masters operating under a Chapter.

10.6 Decides

Grand Chapter has the power to make, alter or repeal laws and regulations for the governance of Grand Chapter, Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters and their members.
Grand Chapter has power to investigate, regulate and decide matters relating to the Capitular degrees, the Chapters and individual members.
Grand Chapter may grant dispensations or warrants for constituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters. These will be under its great seal and bear the signatures of the Grand First Principal, attested by the Grand Scribe Ezra.
Grand Chapter has the power to revoke warrants.

23.3.6 Other
An honorary or other jewel or emblem is worn only if it appertains to or is consistent with those degrees, namely Mark Master Mason, (Virtual) Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Holy Royal Arch, which are recognized and acknowledged by Grand Chapter. The jewel of a Past Master of a Craft Lodge, or the jewels authorized by any concordant body, unless allowed by this Constitution, will not be worn in a Chapter or in Grand Chapter. Grand Representatives may wear the regalia appropriate to their appointment. There is no recognized jewel of a (Virtual) Past Master or of a Most Excellent Master.

23.7 Lodge Officer
The aprons, sashes, collars and jewels of officers of Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters, are those of the Chapter, according to their rank in the Chapter.

28.5 Lodges
Regular bodies of Mark Master Masons, and Most Excellent Masters are called Lodges.

28.6 Lodge Officers
The Principals of the Chapter may be the Master and Wardens of Lodges of Mark and Most Excellent Master. The other officers of the Chapter may be the Lodge officers according to their seniority in the Chapter.

29.8 Approval Granted

If the petition is granted, the Grand First Principal issues a dispensation **(Form 6 - Dispensation for Instituting a Chapter)** authorizing the members to meet as a Chapter and to open and hold Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters.

35.1 Opening

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons or of Most Excellent Masters may be opened and worked without the Chapter being first opened**.**

37.10.1.6 Obligations in Lodges
The First Principal or a Past First Principal administers the obligation in a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters and may confer either degree.

37.10.1.7 Officers of Lodges
The First Principal appoints the Worshipful Master and the Wardens of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters.

38.6 Power to Discipline Members
A Chapter has the power, by a two-thirds vote, to discipline its own members, and Royal Arch Masons residing in its jurisdiction, and members of Lodges of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters held within the body of the Chapter as well as Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters residing in its jurisdiction. Discipline consists of and is restricted to reprimand, suspension, or recommendation for expulsion.

38.10.12 Two-week Interval
A candidate receives the Mark Master Mason degree only after two weeks have elapsed since his being balloted on. A Most Excellent Master is received or a Royal Arch Mason exalted only after two weeks have elapsed since the conferral of the preceding degree. This two-week period may be shortened by dispensation of the Grand First Principal.

38.10.13 Proficiency Test
Before the reception of a Most Excellent Master or the Exaltation of a Royal Arch Mason, a Chapter may require a candidate to prove his proficiency in the former Degree.

38.10.14 Exaltation
A brother is Exalted to the Royal Arch Degree only after he has received the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees and after he has handed his mark to Scribe Ezra.

38.11.2 Residence and Jurisdiction
A Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master or Royal Arch Mason who is not suspended or expelled and whose current dues are paid to his craft lodge and chapter, may be admitted to membership in any Chapter that will receive him. He need not affiliate with the Chapter nearest his place of residence.

40.1 M.M.M. and M.E.M.

When a Royal Arch Mason from another Jurisdiction, recognized by this Grand Chapter, presents himself as a visiting or affiliated Royal Arch Companion, and satisfactorily proves his having been exalted, any Chapter has liberty to confer on him the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees if he has not already received them. The only fee payable is that to Grand Chapter for registry and certificate.

40.2 Past Master
Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 1 may confer the degree of “Past Master" on visiting Royal Arch Masons, as a courtesy, or on its own members who are Mark Master Masons. These Past Masters become “Virtual Past Masters” without thus acquiring any privileges in a Craft Lodge. (Rev. 2014)

42.2 M.M.M. or M.E.M.
A Mark Master Mason or Most Excellent Master may visit a Lodge while working the degree attained by the visitor.

48.1 Register

Each Chapter keeps a book or books, in which are registered the names of members installed as First Principal, Second Principal and Third Principal, and the names of other officers of the Chapter. In these books is kept a list of the members giving the name, date of birth, mother Lodge, present Lodge, date of receiving Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees. The books also record dates of affiliation, demission, suspension, expulsion, or death.

55.5.2 Fees The minimum fee for Exaltation (including the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master Degrees) is $100.

Existing:

Form 11 - Demit Certificate

To All Royal Arch Masons to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings.
This is to certify that Brother (or Companion) who has signed his name below, is a regular Mark Master Mason (or Most Excellent Master), (or Royal Arch Mason) who at this date owes this Chapter no monies and is neither suspended nor expelled and is, at his
own request, regularly discharged from membership in Chapter No. ,
under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.
Given under our hands and seal of Chapter No. at
(City) ,
this *(day)* of *(month)*, *(year)*. (Affix Chapter Seal)
Comp. *(Print)*, *(Sign),* First Principal,
Comp. *(Print)*, *(Sign),* Scribe Ezra.
Brother/ Comp. *(Print)*, *(Sign).*

Form 16 - Application for Exaltation

To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Members of Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No.
.
I, *(print name in full)* of the *(city etc)* of , occupation , Date of Birth *(year) (month) (day)* a Master Mason raised *(year) (month) (day)* in Lodge No. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of
respectfully offer myself as a candidate for the degrees of Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master and EXALTATION to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Chapter No. .
I hereby declare that I have resided within the jurisdiction of said Chapter for years

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section:

1.4 “Lodge” is a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or a Past Master’s Lodge (in the case of Columbia Chapter) or of Most Excellent Masters (Excellent Masters in the case of Columbia Chapter) operating under a Chapter.

10.6 Decides

Grand Chapter has the power to make, alter or repeal laws and regulations for the governance of Grand Chapter, Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Lodges of Mark Master Masons, (Lodges of Past Masters in the case of Columbia Chapter) and Most Excellent Masters (Excellent Masters in the case of Columbia Chapter) and their members.
Grand Chapter has power to investigate, regulate and decide matters relating to the Capitular degrees, the Chapters and individual members.
Grand Chapter may grant dispensations or warrants for constituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Lodges of Mark Master Masons, Lodges of Past Masters in the case of Columbia Royal Arch and Most Excellent Masters (Excellent Masters in the case of

Columbia Chapter). These will be under its great seal and bear the signatures of the Grand First Principal, attested by the Grand Scribe Ezra.
Grand Chapter has the power to revoke warrants.

23.3.6 Other
An honorary or other jewel or emblem is worn only if it appertains to or is consistent with those degrees, namely Mark Master Mason, (Virtual) Past Master, Past Master – Scottish Ritual (in the case of Columbia Chapter) Most Excellent Master, Excellent Master (in the case of Columbia Chapter) and Holy Royal Arch, which are recognized and acknowledged by Grand Chapter. The jewel of a Past Master of a Craft Lodge, or the jewels authorized by any concordant body, unless allowed by this Constitution, will not be worn in a Chapter or in Grand Chapter. Grand Representatives may wear the regalia appropriate to their appointment. There is no recognized jewel of a (Virtual) Past Master, Past Master – Scottish Ritual (in the case of Columbia Chapter) or of a Most Excellent Master, Excellent Master (in the case of Columbia Chapter).

23.7 Lodge Officer
The aprons, sashes, collars and jewels of officers of Lodges of Mark Master Masons, Past Masters (in the case of Columbia Chapter, Most Excellent Masters, Excellent Masters (in the case of Columbia Chapter) are those of the Chapter, according to their rank in the Chapter.
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A Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master (Excellent Master in the case of Columbia Chapter) or Royal Arch Mason who is not suspended or expelled and whose current dues are paid to his craft lodge and chapter, may be admitted to membership in any Chapter that will receive him. He need not affiliate with the Chapter nearest his place of residence.
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55.5.2 Fees The minimum fee for Exaltation (including the Mark Master Mason; Past Master Degree – Scottish Ritual (in the case of Columbia Chapter) and Most Excellent Master Degrees (Excellent Master Degrees in the case of Columbia Chapter) is $100.

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own request, regularly discharged from membership in Chapter No. ,
under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.
Given under our hands and seal of Chapter No. at *(City) ,*
this *(day)* of *(month)*, *(year)*. (Affix Chapter Seal)

Comp. *(Print)*, *(Sign),* First Principal,
Comp. *(Print)*, *(Sign),* Scribe Ezra.
Brother/ Comp. *(Print)*, *(Sign).*

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To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Members of Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No.

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I, *(print name in full)* of the *(city etc)* of , occupation , Date of Birth *(year) (month) (day)* a Master Mason raised *(year) (month) (day)* in Lodge No. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of

respectfully offer myself as a candidate for the degrees of Mark Master Mason, Past Master Degree – Scottish Constitution (in the case of Columbia Chapter) Most Excellent Master (Excellent Master in the case of Columbia Chapter)and EXALTATION to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Chapter No. . I hereby declare that I have resided within the jurisdiction of said Chapter for years immediately before the date of this application, that I am in good standing as a Master Mason

3. Reason for Change:

This will correct errors in the Constitution with regards to Columbia Chapter No. 1. For example, Columbia Chapter does not confer the Virtual Past Degree, Columbia confers the Past Master Degree – Scottish Ritual; Columbia Chapter does not confer the Most Excellent Master Degree, Columbia confers the Excellent Master Degre

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5. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted:

Any other as may be determined in Section 26.3.1.3

Notice of Motion:

(a) I, _Bruce Allan__ _____ will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

(b) Rank: _REC____ Name: _Bruce Allan__

(c) Chapter: Columbia__ _____ Number: _1 (One)

(d) Signature: _____ _____ _Date: ___24 Feb 2025

5. Received by G.S.E. – Date Year _____ Month _____ Day ___

6. Decision of C & J Committee Date Year _____ Month_____ Day _

(a) This Notice of Motion IS acceptable as to form. [ ]

(b) This Notice of Motion IS NOT acceptable because:

i. It is incomplete. [ ].

ii. It provides insufficient rational. [ ]

. It is contrary to established Masonic usage. [ ]

iv. Other

(c) Signature _____ _____ _____ _____ _

(Chairman of C&J, Committee)

(If more space is required for presentation than available on this Form, attachments with the Form will be permitted).

MOTION 2

Form 20 – Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2025

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full:

23.3.1 Royal Arch Mason

The Honorary Jewel of a Royal Arch Mason is that jewel presented during the ceremony of his exaltation. *(This is the only jewel referred to in Article 73 and Regulation 158 of the Grand Lodge Book of Constitutions).* This jewel, of gold or metal gilt, is a red double triangle encircled in white above a triple tau. It is suspended from a ribbon on which is placed a keystone. The jewel is worn by members on the left breast, or on the sash, suspended by a narrow white ribbon. For First Principals and Past First Principals of Chapters the colour of the ribbon may be crimson.

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section:

23.3.1 Royal Arch Mason

The Honorary Jewel of a Royal Arch Mason is that jewel presented during the ceremony of his exaltation. *(This is the only jewel referred to in Article 73 and Regulation 158 of the Grand Lodge Book of Constitutions).* This jewel, of gold or metal gilt, is a red double triangle encircled in white above a triple tau. It is suspended from a ribbon on which is placed a keystone. The jewel is worn by members on the left breast, or on the sash, suspended by a narrow white ribbon. For First Principals and Past First Principals of Chapters the colour of the ribbon may be crimson. For Past Grand Chapter Officers the colour of the ribbon may be pale blue, crimson and purple.

3. Reason for Change:
As the crimson colour of the ribbon shows service to the Companions of a Chapter; the purple, crimson and pale blue ribbon shows service to the Companions of Grand Chapter.

4. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted:
Any other as may be determined in Section 26.3.1.3
Notice of Motion:
(a) I, _Bruce Allan__ _____ will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.
(b) Rank: _REC____ Name: _Bruce Allan_ __
(c) Chapter: Columbia__ _____ Number: _1 (One)
(d) Signature: _____ _____ _Date: ___24 Feb 2025

5. Received by G.S.E. – Date Year _____ Month _____ ___ Day ___
6. Decision of C & J Committee Date Year _____ Month_____ Day
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i. It is incomplete. [ ].
ii. It provides insufficient rational. [ ]
. It is contrary to established Masonic usage. [ ]

iv. Other

(c) Signature ____ _____ _____ _____ _
(Chairman of C&J, Committee)
(If more space is required for presentation than available on this Form, attachments with the Form will be permitted).

MOTION 3

Form 20 – Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2026

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full.

12.1.1 Informal Opening
Grand Chapter shall hold its annual informal opening on the Friday evening immediately preceding the third Saturday in September commencing in 2010.

12.3 Informal
The Grand First Principal may convene an informal convocation of Grand Chapter at his pleasure for the reception of distinguished visitors and non- members. All present wear the regalia appropriate to their Order and rank.

12.4.2 Clothing
Officers, members and visitors must be properly clothed in the regalia of their rank, and, on being called to order, Grand Chapter is opened in proper form.

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section.

12.1.1 Memorial Service
Grand Chapter shall hold its annual memorial service and introduction of visitors on the Friday evening immediately preceding the third Saturday in September commencing in 2027. All present shall wear the regalia appropriate to their Order and rank.

12.3 Reception of Non-Members
The Grand First Principal may convene a convocation of Grand Chapter at his pleasure for the reception of distinguished visitors and non- members. All present shall wear the regalia appropriate to their Order and rank.

12.4.2 Clothing
Officers, members and visitors must be properly clothed in the regalia of their rank and, on being called to order, Grand Chapter is opened in proper form. Those attending the memorial service and the reception of non-members shall be dressed as required for attending the annual convocation. (see 24.3).

3. Reason for Change.

On several occasions in recent years the term “informal” has been misunderstood as permitting casual dress. This change clarifies that these events require the same standard of attire as a regular meeting.

Notice of Motion:

(a) I, Hani Nino will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

(b) Rank: REC Name: Hani Nino

(c) Chapter: Joppa Number: 31

(d) Signature: _____ Date: _____

4. Received by G.S.E. – Date Year____ Month _____ Day ___

5. Decision of C & J Committee Date Year____ Month_____ Day_____

(a) This Notice of Motion IS acceptable as to form. [ ]

(b) This Notice of Motion IS NOT acceptable because:

i. It is incomplete. [ ].

ii. It provides insufficient rational. [ ]

iii. It is contrary to established Masonic usage. [ ]

iv. Other _____

(c) Signature (Chairman of C&J, Committee)

MOTION 4

Form 20 – Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2026

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full.

12.1 Annual (Rev. 2018)
Grand Chapter holds its annual convocation at the time and place it chooses, three years in advance, from submissions by Host Chapters to the Grand First Principal Sojourner prior to the Annual Convocation. The Grand Third Principal shall then select a venue immediately before the closing of the Annual convocation. (See also 54.2.1)

20.2.17 Convocation Budget
The budget proposed for the conduct of Grand Chapter Convocation shall be submitted by the Planning Committee of the host Chapter to the Grand Chapter Finance Committee for approval four months prior to the Annual Convocation.

26.1 List (Rev. 2012)
The following are the Standing Committees of Grand Chapter.
26.1.1 Constitution and Jurisprudence
26.1.2 Finance
26.1.3 Executive
26.1.4 Grand Superintendents Report
26.1.5 Regalia
26.1.6 Information Technology and Fund Raising
26.1.7 Bursary Fund Trustees
26.1.8 Keystone of Life Foundation
26.1.9 Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society
26.1.10 Address of Grand First Principal
26.1.11 Merit Awards
26.1.12 Past Grand First Principal's Award

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section.

12.1 Annual (Rev. 2026)
Grand Chapter holds its annual convocation on the third Saturday in September. The location will be announced at the annual convocation at least three years in advance. The Grand Principal Sojourner will decide on the location of the annual convocation three years hence, based on advice received from the Grand Convocation Committee. A Host Chapter may also be selected for that annual convocation.

20.2.17 Convocation Budget (Rev. 2026)
The budget proposed for the conduct of Grand Chapter Convocation shall

be submitted by the Planning Committee of the Host Chapter, if there is one, to the Grand Convocation Committee for consultation no later than January 31, immediately preceding the Grand Convocation. The Grand Convocation Committee will submit the budget to the Grand Chapter Finance Committee for approval prior to the Board of General Purpose (also known as 'Spring Board'). If there is no Host Chapter, the budget will be prepared by the Grand Convocation Committee. After the Finance Committee approves the budget, the Host Chapter or the Grand Convocation Committee may request that Grand Chapter make payments for required deposits on venues or activities.

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The following are the Standing Committees of Grand Chapter.
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26.1.11 Merit Awards
26.1.12 Past Grand First Principal's Award
26.1.13 Grand Convocation

And add

12.1.3 Change of location for Annual Convocation
If the Executive Committee determines, for good cause, that the location for the annual convocation must be changed, it will ensure that information is sent to all Scribes Ezra as soon as practical, listing the new location.

12.1.4 Selection of venue
The Executive Committee, based on the advice of the Grand Convocation Committee and the Host Chapter, if there is one, will select the venue for the annual convocation no later than the last day of March preceding the annual convocation. If, for good cause, a previously selected venue must be changed, the Grand Executive will communicate this to all Scribes Ezra as soon as practical.

26.3.13 Grand Convocation
This committee provides advice and assistance in the selection of locations and venues for annual convocation as well as for the Board of General Purpose (also known as 'Spring Board'). The committee will assist in the planning of the annual convocation or Board and any activities related to them. If there is no Host Chapter for the convocation or Board, the

committee will assume this role and assist the Executive Committee with running of the events. The committee will be composed of the Grand Principals, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Stewards and others appointed.

3. Reason for Change.

Over the last few years, the ad hoc committee on Grand Convocation has met to address the challenges faced by Grand Chapter in securing host Chapters for annual convocations. Additionally, greater flexibility is required in managing changes to locations and venue. These revisions allow the Executive Committee to more effectively plan and administer annual convocation.

Notice of Motion:

(e) I, Hani Nino will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

(f) Rank: REC Name: Hani Nino

(g) Chapter: Joppa Number: 31

(h) Signature: _____ Date: _____

4. Received by G.S.E. – Date Year__ Month _____ Day ___

5. Decision of C & J Committee Date Year_Month_____Day_____
   a. This Notice of Motion IS acceptable as to form. [ ]
   b. This Notice of Motion IS NOT acceptable because:
      i. It is incomplete. [ ].
      ii. It provides insufficient rational. [ ]
      iii. It is contrary to established Masonic usage. [ ]
      iv. Other _____
   c. Signature (Chairman of C&J, Committee)

MOTION 5

Form 20 – Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2026

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full.

11.3.2 Appointed
11.3.2.1 Grand Superintendents of Districts
11.3.2.2 Grand Senior Sojourner (Rev. 2014)
11.3.2.3 Grand Junior Sojourner (Rev. 2014)
11.3.2.4 Grand Scribe Nehemiah
11.3.2.5 Grand Historian
11.3.2.6 Grand Sword Bearer (Rev. 2018) will be appointed for ceremonial purposes, ad hoc by the Grand First Principal.
11.3.2.7 Grand Masters of the Veils, four - may be appointed at the will of the Grand First Principal (Rev. 2013)
11.3.2.8 Grand Standard Bearer (Rev. 2018) will be appointed for ceremonial purposes, ad hoc by the Grand First Principal.
11.3.2.9 Grand Director of Ceremonies
11.3.2.10 Grand Marshal
11.3.2.11 Grand Pursuivant
11.3.2.12 Grand Stewards, Three
11.3.2.13 Grand Chaplain
11.3.2.14 Grand Director of Music (Rev 2019)
11.3.2.15 Grand Tyler

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section.

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11.3.2.12 Grand Stewards, Three

11.3.2.13 Grand Chaplain
11.3.2.14 Grand Director of Music (Rev 2019)
11.3.2.15 Grand Tyler
11.3.2.16 Grand Registrar

And add

20.23 Grand Registrar
The Grand Registrar will manage the registration system and process for Grand Convocations and Spring Board. He will chair the Credentials Committee at the annual convocation and will be a member of the Grand Convocation Committee.

3. Reason for Change.

The purpose of this change is to designate an individual ideally serving for multiple years to manage the registration system used for Grand Convocations and the Spring Board. This will reduce the workload on Grand Stewards and provide continuity. The Grand Registrar will maintain event records, ensure that organizers, the Grand Scribe Ezra (GSE), and the Grand Treasurer are kept informed, collect event fees, and forward those fees to the Grand Treasurer.

Notice of Motion:
(i) I, Hani Nino will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

(j) Rank: REC Name: Hani Nino

(k) Chapter: Joppa Number: 31

(l) Signature: _____ Date: _____

4. Received by G.S.E. – Date Year____ Month _____Day ___

5. Decision of C & J Committee Date Year____Month_____Day_____
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   (c) Signature (Chairman of C&J, Committee)

MOTION 6

Form 20 – Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2026

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full.

15.1 Past First Principals
Only Past First Principals, who are members of this Grand Chapter, hold Grand Offices. However, any member of a Chapter may fill the office of Grand Director of Music, Grand Chaplain or Grand Tyler. For the position of Grand First Principal, he must have served as a Grand Principal Sojourner and as a Grand Principal. (Rev. 2019)

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section.

15.1 Past First Principals
Only Past First Principals, who are members of this Grand Chapter, hold the Grand Offices of First, Second and Third Principal, Superintendent, Principal Sojourner, Grand Scribe Ezra, Grand Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies or Marshal. Any member of this Grand Chapter may fill any other Grand Office. For the position of Grand First Principal, he must have served as a Grand Principal Sojourner and as a Grand Principal. (Rev. 2019)

3. Reason for Change.

It has become difficult to find Companions who are Past First Principals and who are willing and able to fill the Grand Offices. Many enthusiastic and competent Companions could provide valuable service to Grand Chapter by serving in these positions. This change simply allows more of the appointed officers to be selected from those who are not Past First principals.

Notice of Motion:

(m) I, Hani Nino will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

(n) Rank: REC Name: Hani Nino

(o) Chapter: Joppa Number: 31

(p) Signature: _____ Date: _____

4. Received by G.S.E. – Date Year_____ Month _____Day ___

5. Decision of C & J Committee Date Year____Month_____Day_____
   (a) This Notice of Motion IS acceptable as to form. [ ]
   (b) This Notice of Motion IS NOT acceptable because:
      i. It is incomplete. [ ].
      ii. It provides insufficient rational. [ ]
      iii. It is contrary to established Masonic usage. [ ]
      iv. Other _____

   (c) Signature (Chairman of C&J, Committee)

MOTION 7

Form 20 – Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2026

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full.

1.3 "Grand Lodge" is the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia, AF and AM.

5 JURISDICTION
This Grand Chapter is the sole governing body of Royal Arch Masons in British Columbia and Yukon. Its jurisdiction includes members acting under its authority.

6 CONSTITUTION OF GRAND LODGE
In matters not provided for in this Constitution or in the edicts, resolutions, bylaws, rules of order and forms adopted by Grand Chapter, the Book of Constitutions, Regulations, rules, edicts, practice and forms of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia are hereby adopted in so far as they are applicable to Capitular Masonry and are consistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section.

1.3 "Grand Lodge" is the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon, AF and AM.

5 JURISDICTION
This Grand Chapter is the sole governing body of Royal Arch Masons in the Province of British Columbia and the Yukon. Its jurisdiction includes members acting under its authority.

6 CONSTITUTION OF GRAND LODGE
In matters not provided for in this Constitution or in the edicts, resolutions, bylaws, rules of order and forms adopted by Grand Chapter, the Book of Constitutions, Regulations, rules, edicts, practice and forms of the Grand Lodge are hereby adopted in so far as they are applicable to Capitular Masonry and are consistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

And add:

1.15 "Capitular Masonry" means all of the following: Royal Arch Masonry, Most Excellent Master, Excellent Master (Columbia Chapter), Mark Master Mason, Past Masters' Lodge (as practiced by Columbia Chapter), Virtual Past Master, Order of the High Priest

3. Reason for Change.

The first three are very technical amendments to add in the correct names and titles of the Province and Territory or remove redundant information. The addition is to define capitular Masonry.

Notice of Motion:

(q) I, Peter Guichon will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

(r) Rank: REC Name: Peter Guichon

(s) Chapter: Semiahmoo Number: 34

(t) Signature: _____ Date: _____

4. Received by G.S.E. – Date Year____ Month _____Day ___

5. Decision of C & J Committee Date Year____Month_____Day_____
   (a) This Notice of Motion IS acceptable as to form. [ ]
   (b) This Notice of Motion IS NOT acceptable because:
      i. It is incomplete. [ ].
      ii. It provides insufficient rational. [ ]
      iii. It is contrary to established Masonic usage. [ ]
      iv. Other _____
   (c) Signature (Chairman of C&J, Committee)

MOTION 8

Form 20 – Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2026

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full.

1.4
"Lodge" is a Lodge of Mark master Masons or of Most Excellent Masters operating under a Chapter

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section.

add 1.4.1
"Lodge" in the case of Columbia Chapter is a Paster Masters Lodge or a Excellent Masters Lodge operating under a Chapter

3. Reason for Change.

To acknowledge the Rituals as practiced by Columbia Chapter No 1.

Notice of Motion:

(u) I, Leonard Pickell will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

(v) Rank: MEC Name: Leonard Pickell

(w) Chapter: Semiahmoo Number: 34

(x) Signature: _____ Date: Dec 21, 2025

4. Received by G.S.E. – Date Year 2025 Month Dec Day 30

5. Decision of C & J Committee Date Year____ Month_____ Day_____
   (a) This Notice of Motion IS acceptable as to form. [X]
   (b) This Notice of Motion IS NOT acceptable because:
      i. It is incomplete. [ ].
      ii. It provides insufficient rational. [ ]
      iii. It is contrary to established Masonic usage. [ ]
      iv. Other _____

(c) Signature (Chairman of C&J, Committee)