GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

ADVANCE PROCEEDINGS for the 104th Annual Grand Convocation

At Abbotsford, BC

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MEC Jimmy Catala Grand First Principal

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2023 GRAND CHAPTER ADVANCE PROCEEDINGS

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ADDRESS OF THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

Report of the Grand First Principal
MEC Jimmy Catala 2022-2023

Most Excellent Companions, Guests, and Companions;

As my term of office is coming to end, I wish to thank the Companions for the trust they put in me to perform the duties and responsibilities of your Grand First Principal, and thank all Chapters within our Jurisdiction for the courtesies extended throughout the year.

Unfortunately, my visits throughout the Jurisdiction was somewhat limited due to my present health condition. I am forever grateful to my Grand Superintendents who conducted themselves admirably and represented me and Grand Chapter and guided their District Chapters. Thank you to my Officers for their work and dedication throughout the year.

As we all know our Royal Art and Freemasonry as a whole were struggling for several years, due to the COVID pandemic and lost too many Companions/Brethren. We are experiencing some shortfall as various Chapters are down in numbers and struggling to make the numbers. Do not despair, as we know we rely on the Craft Lodges to fill in our ranks, currently an astonishing numbers of seekers are joining the Craft and it looks promising for a great resurgence for all Concordant bodies.

As one of my talking point during my visits was that, Royal Arch Masons since the mid 70's has been 10% of the numbers from Grand Lodge membership, and it still applies today. Last year we Exalted 20 new Royal Arch masons, we as Royal Arch Masons need to continue to be proud of our Royal Art, promote Royal Arch within our Craft Lodges and even consider presenting an education pieces to generate interest, several Brethren don't really know what we are all about. A gentle reminder that, while in Chapter, perform good ritual, wear your regalia properly and proudly, don't forget to wear the Royal Arch jewel in your Craft Lodge. Remember, Craftmasons who join the Holy Royal Arch never fail to be impressed by the beauty and profound nature of the Order, especially their Exaltation. Royal Arch represents the best means to extend your enjoyment and engagement with Freemasonry.

"PEOPLE JOIN AN ORGANIZATION BECAUSE OF IDEAL, BUT THEY STAY BECAUSE OF YOU"

Sadly, we have been marred with the passing of 37 Companions who were summoned to the Grand Chapter above. A ceremony of tribute to their life and recognition was conducted last evening under the direction of the Grand Chaplain, VEC Doug Henderson with the assistance of the District Superintendents, who laid red roses on the Holy Book for all departed within their District in memory. The Departed wives, family, friends, Service personnel and All Emergency Services were also remembered by laying a white rose.

I would like once again extend my gratitude to all Companions of the Jurisdiction for the trust and support that has been given to me these past 4 years, in permitting me to govern this great institution we call Holy Royal Arch. Thank you to Grand Scribe Ezra, REC Peter Guichon for his help, wisdom and unwavering commitment to our order. A special thank you to all Companions who joined me in my suite during my Official visits. Thank you to the members of Grand Council for your unwavering support during the year. To REC Dan McCoy, Grand First Principal elect and his Officers, I wish you all a great year. I know you will be successful and steer the ship on the right course.

Last but not least, thank you to my wife Melody for her unwavering support, advice and encouragement during my tenure within Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted:

MEC Jimmy Catala

Grand First Principal

Report of the Grand Second Principal (Haggai)

REC Daniel McCoy 2022 - 2023

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

My tour as your Grand Haggai turned out to be quite busy, as well as exceptionally educational. It is a duty as well as a privilege which I thoroughly enjoyed. In addition to the assigned duty of chairing the Executive Committee, I had the distinct pleasure of continuing with the monthly Zoom assemblies of the Grand Superintendents. This relatively new feature has proven to be very enjoyable as well as productive, providing a venue for idea exchange bringing views and representation for the entire jurisdiction together on a regular basis. We say Masonry is about people – and nowhere is that more clear than in the caring and the zeal exhibited by the Superintendents of this jurisdiction and their dedication to ensuring that we operate as a whole.

Spring Board was another unique path this year, introducing and proving the concept of a Hybrid/In-person Zoom format. It was wonderful to have such tremendous attendance –virtual and physical - garnering input and comment on topics from throughout the jurisdiction and allowing a much broader range of participation. Feedback was universally positive and this format should continue into the future, allowing us that much needed cohesion among the disparate groups and regions that make up or great province and territory.

It was most enjoyable to finally see a full season of travel available to all. Your Grand Council managed several visits throughout the year, and I hope to enjoy a full year of visitation as your Grand First Principal. There are a few Chapters that I have not yet had the pleasure to visit and I look forward to rectifying that. Visiting was not limited to the jurisdiction and the Three Principals' visit to the Grand Chapter of Alberta was a highlight, strengthening a long standing friendship. I hope for and anticipate more chances to increase the bonds of fraternity with other jurisdictions over the coming year.

My term as Grand Haggai has been an experience not to be missed, fulfilling and enjoyable. I would like to thank the Grand Council as well as the entire Executive for their support and guidance over the year, keeping the ship on an even keel. I particularly thank all the Companions who took time to move and improve our Royal Craft throughout the year. My appreciation to all those who made the effort to chat during visitations, whether to bring ideas, bring thanks or simply bring forward that social interaction we are known for. Your love of our what we do is evident. Without your action in the Chapters nothing happens. Remember – You can't Watch your Masonry happen; you have to Make it happen - I urge you all to step forward and show that love, assist where you can and help make this Royal Craft even better.

I look with anticipation to serving you all as your Grand First Principal this upcoming year. Together let US Make The Difference.

Respectfully submitted,
REC Daniel McCoy

REPORT OF THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL (JOSHUA)

REC Alphonse J. Quenneville 2022 - 2023

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

It is with great pleasure and honour that I present the annual report for my term as the Grand Third Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon. During this period, we witnessed a significant increase in activity in our craft coming out of the Covid years, we bolstered our various charitable initiatives and worked towards fostering a stronger Membership. I would like to express my gratitude to the Companions and Officers who have contributed to the success thus far of our Royal Craft.

Throughout the year, we focused on enhancing Companion engagement and recruitment efforts. We published and circulated new Royal Arch Brochures. We also presented educational programs, including a four-part information session, to attract new members from Craft Lodges. A number of new dedicated Masons have been welcomed into our Royal Arch Chapters this year.

Charitable endeavors have always been an integral part of our Royal Arch Masonic values. During my term, I have fully supported these important charities to further our positive impact in British Columbia and Yukon.

These charitable initiatives include:

Keystone of Life: Supports hospitals throughout British Columbia by offering significant cash grants to purchase necessary equipment for the treatment of their patients.

Bursaries: We awarded Bursaries to deserving students, encouraging and supporting their pursuit of higher education. This initiative aimed to empower the next generation and enable them to achieve their full potential as citizens of British Columbia and Yukon.

Royal Arch Masonic Homes (RAMH) & Apartments: This complex care home always exceeds industry standards (by a long country mile) in the care of folks who have worked throughout their lives, contributing to the economy and growth of British Columbia and Yukon. RAMH offers Seniors the care they deserve after many years of working and supporting their families. The apartments which are also part of RAMH are offered at below market rents and have long waiting lists of renters interested in moving in.

Companions, we need you to take an active role in promoting these charities and/or supporting them financially. These Royal Arch supported charities are the cornerstone of our Royal Craft and should be promoted throughout our Jurisdiction. Companions, these initiatives spark interest in our Royal Craft and your active participation helps to attract new members.

I attended Monthly Executive meetings as well as Monthly meetings with our Grand Superintendents, all via Zoom. These meetings helped us all to better recognize and deal with our challenges and successes

throughout the jurisdiction. They provided a vital communication resource, and these Zoom meetings should continue well into the future.

I had occasion to visit a number of Regular Chapter meetings and Chapter Installations throughout the province and found that all our Companions are working hard and engaging in the ritual work that is fundamental to our Craft. These rituals serve as a means of personal growth, strengthening our bonds as Companions, and upholding the timeless traditions of Royal Arch Masonry.

We fostered outreach efforts with the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon. At our Grand Lodge Communication in June we presented an informational table display highlighting the good work we do in the community with our Royal Arch charitable initiatives.

We also attended the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Grand Communication. I found the Alberta Companions to be a very well-organized group. Their Grand Communication was no exception. My Companions, I highly recommend that you attend the next Grand Communication in Red Deer Alberta in early May next year. Alberta Hospitality is second to none. This kind of fraternal visit not only enhances our understanding of diverse Masonic traditions, but also facilitates the exchange of ideas, while fostering stronger and more vibrant Masonic communities in both Jurisdictions.

In conclusion, it has been an eventful and fulfilling year as the Grand Third Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon. The dedication and commitment of all our companions have been instrumental in achieving and upholding the principles of Royal Arch Masonry throughout British Columbia and Yukon. I am confident that the seeds which have been planted during this term will continue to flourish, and that Royal Arch Masonry will continue to grow under the guidance of the incoming leadership.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all the Officers and Companions who have contributed to the ongoing successes of our Chapters. Together we have made a positive impact on our communities, strengthened our Masonic bonds, and carried forward the noble traditions of Royal Arch Masonry in British Columbia and Yukon.

Fraternally,

Alphonse J. Quenneville

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

For the Year-ended 31st December 2022

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

Grand Chapter of BC and Yukon
Balance Sheet
Basis: Accrual

Account	12/31/2020 Total	12/31/2021 Total	12/31/2022 Total	12/31/2023 Total
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash				
100th Anniversary Expenses	1	1	1	1
Coast Capital Account	6,711.23	13,876.73	11,277.79	13,261.66
Coast Capital Savings	1	1	1	1
Total for Cash	**6,713.23**	**13,878.73**	**11,279.79**	**13,263.66**
Other current assets				
Inventory	2,073.71	1,923.71	1,923.71	1,923.71
Prepaid Expenses	1200	1200	1200	3057
Regalia Reserve	8250	8250	8250	8250
Total for Other current assets	**11,523.71**	**11,373.71**	**11,373.71**	**13,230.71**
Total for Current Assets	**18,236.94**	**25,252.44**	**22,653.5**	**26,494.37**
Total for Assets	**18,236.94**	**25,252.44**	**22,653.5**	**26,494.37**
Liabilities & Equities				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Grand Communication Loan Account	906.68	906.68	906.68	906.68
Unearned Revenue	0	475	-600	-600
Total for Current Liabilities	**906.68**	**1,381.68**	**306.68**	**306.68**
Total for Liabilities	**906.68**	**1,381.68**	**306.68**	**306.68**
Equities				
Current Year Earnings	1,704.3	6,540.5	-1,523.94	3,840.87
Retained Earnings	15,625.96	17,330.26	23,870.76	22,346.82

Total for Equities	**17330.26**	**23870.76**	**22346.82**	**26187.69**
Total for Liabilities & Equities	**18,236.94**	**25,252.44**	**22,653.5**	**26,494.37**

Grand Chapter of BC and Yukon
Profit and Loss
Basis: Accrual

Account	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020 Total	Jan 2021 - Dec 2021 Total	Jan 2022 - Dec 2022 Total	Jan 2023 - Dec 2023 Total
Operating Income				
I01 General Interest	0.12	0	0	0
Interest Income	0	0.01	0	0
R01 Capital Dues	2,1492	20,960	18,910	17,250
R06 Certificates	720	75	13	449.78
R09 Dispensations	60	0	0	0
R12 Jewels	0	45	0	0
R13 Rituals	390	0	360	287.7
R20 - misc income	10	0	0	0
Total for Operating Income	**22,672.12**	**21,080.01**	**19,283**	**17,987.48**
Total for Cost of Goods Sold	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Gross Profit	**22,672.12**	**21,080.01**	**19,283**	**17,987.48**
Operating Expense				
Convocation Expenses	0	0	0	1025.78
E01 Grand Z Expenses	5,000	0	5,000.8	5,000
E01A Grand E Travel BC	0	0	0	200.9
E02 - District 10 travel	700	0	0	600
E03 Grand Scribe Honorarium	8,400	8,400	8,400	5,400
E04 Grand Treasurer Expenses	500	500	500	0
E21 Inventory Expense	296.64	0	0	0
E22 Postage	44.77	0	0	149.3
E26 Telephone Expense	240	360	360	180
E27 Internet Expense	527.99	429.25	360	180
E30 Grand Communications	350	0	1,175.14	0
E31 Stationary Expenses	266.33	0	0	0
E33 Miscellaneous	0	1000	31.96	0
E34 Moving Expenses	293.84	0	0	0
E38 Computer Supplies	603.55	761.46	201.6	950.8
E47 Computer Systems	1000	688.8	1303.2	403.2
IT and Internet Expenses	250	0	0	0

Jewels Pins and Regalia	0	0	374.78	0
Printing	0	0	499.46	56.63
Regalia Repairs	94.7	0	0	0
Rent Expense	2,400	2,400	2,600	0
Total for Operating Expense	**20,967.82**	**14,539.51**	**20,806.94**	**14,146.61**

Operating Profit	**1,704.3**	**6,540.5**	**-1,523.94**	**3,840.87**

Net Profit/Loss	**1704.3**	**6540.5**	**-1523.94**	**3840.87**

Grand Chapter of BC and Yukon
Budget Vs Actuals summary
Grand Chapter Budget 2022
Jan 2022 - Dec 2022

Account	Jan 2022 - Dec 2022				
	Budget	Actual	Utilized Percentage	Over Budget	Exceeded Percentage
Income					
I01 General Interest	85	0	0.00%	-85	-100.00%
I20 - Misc Income:I22 - Dispensations	100	0	0.00%	-100	-100.00%
I20 - Misc Income:I23 - Certificates	250	0	0.00%	-250	-100.00%
R01 Capital Dues	16250	18910	116.37%	2660	16.37%
R06 Certificates	0	13		13	
R13 Rituals	300	360	120.00%	60	20.00%
R20 - misc income	610	0	0.00%	-610	-100.00%
Total for Income	**1,7595**	**19,283**	**109.59%**	**1,688**	**9.59%**
Total for Income	**1,7595**	**19,283**	**109.59%**	**1,688**	**9.59%**
Expense					
Bank Fees and Charges	10	0	0.00%	-10	-100.00%
E01 Grand Z Expenses	5,000	5,000.8	100.02%	0.8	0.02%
E02 - District 10 travel	600	0	0.00%	-600	-100.00%
E03 Grand Scribe Honorarium	8,400	8,400	100.00%	0	0.00%
E04 Grand Treasurer Expenses	750	500	66.67%	-250	-33.33%
E22 Postage	200	0	0.00%	-200	-100.00%
E26 Telephone Expense	1,000	360	36.00%	-640	-64.00%
E27 Internet Expense	0	360		360	
E30 Grand Communications	0	1,175.14		1,175.14	
E31 Stationary Expenses	1,000	0	0.00%	-1,000	-100.00%
E33 Miscellaneous	0	31.96		31.96	
E38 Computer Supplies	0	201.6		201.6	

E47 Computer Systems	0	1,303.2		1,303.2	
Grand Z Travel Yukon	700	0	0.00%	-700	-100.00%
IT and Internet Expenses	1,000	0	0.00%	-1000	-100.00%
Jewels Pins and Regalia	250	374.78	149.91%	124.78	49.91%
Other Expenses	650	0	0.00%	-650	-100.00%
Printing	0	499.46		499.46	
Regalia Cases	180	0	0.00%	-180	-100.00%
Rent Expense	2,400	2,600	108.33%	200	8.33%
Total for Expense	**22,140**	**20,806.9**	**93.98%**	**-1,333.1**	**-6.02%**
Total for Profit and Loss	**-4545**	**-1,523.9**	**33.53%**	**3,021.06**	**-66.47%**

Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC and Yukon
Balance Sheet
Basis: Accrual

Account	Account Code	12/31/2020 Total	12/31/2021 Total	12/31/2022 Total
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash				
Coast Capital Cash	100001	16,185.54	8,175.82	175.82
Coast Capital Shares	100002	5	5	5
Total for Cash		**16,190.54**	**8,180.82**	**180.82**
Other current assets				
A01 General Odlum Brown Cash	101001	5270.93	3596.28	4389.01
Total for Other current assets		**467,828.1**	**484,114.73**	**482,163.89**
Total for Current Assets		**484,018.64**	**492,295.55**	**482,344.71**
Total for Assets		**484,018.64**	**492,295.55**	**482,344.71**
Liabilities & Equities				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Opening Balance Adjustments		430336.55	430336.55	430336.55
Regalia Replacement Funds	200001	15,750	15,750	15,750
Unpaid Expenses	200002	7,500	7,500	0
Total for Current Liabilities		**453,586.55**	**453,586.55**	**446,086.55**
Total for Liabilities		**453,586.55**	**453,586.55**	**446,086.55**
Equities				
Bursary withdrawals		0	-2,500	-5,500
Current Year Earnings		16,497.35	10,776.91	549.16
Retained Earnings		13,934.74	30,432.09	41,209
Total for Equities		**30,432.09**	**38,709**	**36,258.16**
Total for Liabilities & Equities		**484,018.64**	**492,295.55**	**482,344.71**

Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC and Yukon Profit and Loss					
		Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	Jan 2021 - Dec 2021	Jan 2022 - Dec 2022	
Account	Account Code	Total	Total	Total	
Operating Income					
Bank Interest	400001	0.21	0	0	
R03 Bursary Investment Income	400003	6797.25	9199.07	8285.6	
R04 General Investment Income	400004	10526.15	9174.36	8545.64	
Total for Operating Income		**17,323.61**	**18,373.43**	**16,831.24**	
Cost of Goods Sold					
Total for Cost of Goods Sold		**0**	**0**	**0**	
Gross Profit		**17,323.61**	**18,373.43**	**16,831.24**	
Operating Expense					
Bank Expenses	700001	4.5	3	0	
E88 General Withholding Tax	700188	22.53	0	0	
E89 Bursary Withholding Tax	700189	16.23	0	0	
E98 Capital Gain Loss General Acct	700198	2294.69	313.5	225.28	
E99 Capital Gain Loss Bursary	700199	-9850.75	-726.7	8556.8	
Gifts & Donations:Charity	700012	7500	7500	7500	
Prof and Legal Fees	700010	839.06	506.72	0	
Total for Operating Expense		**826.26**	**7596.52**	**16282.08**	
Operating Profit		**16,497.35**	**10,776.91**	**549.16**	
Non Operating Income					
Net Profit/Loss		**16,497.35**	**10,776.91**	**549.16**	

Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon										
INCOME STATEMENT - BUDGET			due spring 20		due spring 21		due spring 22		due spring 23	
January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021			approve sept 20		approve sept 21		approve sept 22		approve sept 23	
and Budget 2022 & 2023										
Act	**Budget**	**Actual**	**Budget**	**actual**	**Budget**	**ACTUAL**	**Budget**		**Budget**	
	2020	**2020**	**2021**	**2021**	**2022**	**2022**	**2023**		**2024**	
	$		$		$		$		$	
Sundry Income:										
Bank & Savings Interest	85	0	85	0	85		-		-	
Certificates	200	720	250	75	250	13	200		200	
Dispensations	100	60	100		100		100		100	
Jewels/Pins 50/60 yr	30	-	30	45	30		30		30	
Rituals	300	390	300		300	360	300		300	
25 yr Pins	50		50		50		50		50	
Donation										
Misc	250	10	100		100		100		100	
From regalia fund			430		430		430		430	
Total Sundry Income	1,015	1,180	1,345	120	1,345	373	1,210		1,210	
PER CAPITA	21,574	21,492	20,000	20,960	16,250	18,910	15,375		16,800	
OPERATING INCOME	22,589	22,672	21,345	21,080	17,595	19,283	16,585		18,010	
TOTAL INCOME	22,589	22,672	21,345	21,080	17,595	19,283	16,585		18,010	
EXPENSES	**2020**	2020	**2021**	2021	**2022**	2022	**2023**	2023	**2024**	
Bank Charges	25	-	25		10		10		-	
Grand "Z" Travel B.C.	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,001	5,000		5,000	
Travel Yukon	700	700	700	-	700		700		700	
Grand "E" Travel	500									
Allowance	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400		7,200	600$pm down from 7
Grand Treas. Allowance	500	500	500	500	500	500	500		400	20% reduction
Travel	250		250	-	150		150		100	20% reduction
Insurance										
Rent incl Security	2,400	**2,400**	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,600	2,400		3,000	25% increase
District 10 Travel	600		600	-	600		600		600	
Jewels/Pins etc	500									
Regalia purchases/repairs	250	95	250	-	250	375	250		-	use the regalia fund
- Ritual Revision/Print	200		100		-		-		-	
Postage	500	45	500	-	200		200		50	little postage
Telephone/IT & Internet	1,125	**768**	1,125	789	1,000	720	800		800	
Stationary and Computer Suppl	1,000	887	1,000	761	-	202	-			
Website Maintanance	600	1,250	1,200	689	1,000	1,303	1,000		800	
Miscellaneous	300	-	300	1,000	150	32	150		100	
printing						499				
convocation costs		350				1,175				
Regalia Cases	180		180	-	180		180		-	use the regalia fund
Grand Z /Reciprical Jurisdiction	700		500	-	-		-		-	
Move Grand Scribe Office		294								
Operating Expenses	23,730	20,688	23,030	14,540	20,540	20,807	20,340	-	18,750	
			25		25		25		28.0	
per capita ave members		934	800	838	650	756	615		600	
			20000		16250		15375		16800	
Expenses			23,030	14,540	20,540	20,807	20,340	-	18,750	
										4 year loss
Profit/(loss)			-1,685	6,541	-2,945	-1,524	-3,755		-740	52

Report of Grand Scribe Ezra 2023

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

Grand Chapter Website – at www.grandchapter.ca.

The Grand Chapter website has continued to be developed there has been more content added mainly due to the efforts of our webmaster, Steven Noble. He is continuing to do an excellent job in maintaining and protecting the site. We are still in the process of adding more historical information as we go along, however as you can imagine, scanning many pages of past annual proceedings and other documents is a time consuming process.

For those who are not yet registered on the website, and wish to access it, please contact Steven at: webmaster@grandchapter.ca ask for a registration form and he will email it to you so that you can complete the registration. This is a unique registration to you, so keep track of you password.

For any questions regarding the website do not hesitate to contact me at: grandscribee@grandchapter.ca.

Grand Chapter Administration

The Accounting and Grand Scribe records are now in the "cloud". This system is working well, and it is much more effective and efficient to be storing our activities there. The information is backed up on the cloud automatically, and Microsoft 365 works well. The Accounting records are well administered as well by our Grand Treasurer and Chairman of Finance.

Annual Reports
To the Scribes of the Chapters, thank you for your cooperation in getting me the annual reports as soon as you do.

Membership Statistics

Over the last twelve months from January to December 2022, our membership has declined from 742 to 713 a loss of 29 Companions, primarily due to deaths and demits. However, on the bright side is that now that we are able to meet again, there have been 20 exaltations, as well as 5 restorations and 14 affiliations. Your Grand Executive is now encouraging that the Companions attend Craft Lodges and present the 4 part presentation to educate Craft Members. It is unfortunate that we need to raise the per capita, but that is a reflection of our decreasing numbers.

Sincerely and Fraternally

REC Peter Guichon, Grand Scribe Ezra

			Year End Membership Statistic								
				2022							
Chapter	**No.**	**Jan-22**	**Exalt**	**Rest.**	**Affil.**	**Died**	**Susp**	**Demit**	**Expel**	**Care Home**	**Dec-22**
Columbia	1	52	1			2		4			47
R. Mount	4	20				1					19
Keystone	8	18									18
N. Island	10	58	1	1		3		4		1	53
Kaien	13	13				2					11
N.V.K.S.	16	38				1	1	1			35
Kelowna	17	22	2			1		1			22
Kamloops	18	24	2		1	2	1				24
Chilliwack	19	23					1	2			20
Penticton	22	17			2	4		2		1	13
Composite	24	20				1		3		3	16
Tzouhalem	26	26			1	2				2	25
Joppa	31	76	9	1	4	1		3		1	86
Majuba	33	18				1				1	17
Semiahmoo	34	44				2	2	1			39
Cathedral	35	17									17
Ft. George	36	47			2	4		1		3	44
Kalum	37	29			1	3		1			26
Yukon	38	18				1					17
Georgian	39	21								1	21
S. Fraser	40	35		1		1		1			34
D/ Creek	41	42	4	2	1	1	2	1			45
Caribou	43	29									29
Pac Rim	44	35	1		2	2		1		1	35
Total - 2022		**742**	**20**	**5**	**14**	**35**	**7**	**26**	**0**	**14**	**713**

Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon

Report of the Finance Committee

For the year 2022

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

Your Finance Committee has met during the past year and discussed the past, current and immediate future for the finances of the Grand Chapter.

The finances of your Grand Chapter are fundamentally sound. Our Grand Treasurer will provide the relevant details in his report.

Your Committee recommends that the per capita fee be increased from $25 to $28 for the 2024 fiscal year. This is made necessary due to declining membership, and an increase in membership will go a long way to keep future per capita fees stable.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted:

EC Scott Wisdahl
Chairman

CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Report of the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee 2022

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

There have been no Motions or Amendments or other issues and concerns submitted to the Committee this year.

Respectfully Submitted

REC Ken Ward

Chairman

GRAND CHAPTER REPORT ON THE RAMHS

ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOME SOCIETY REPORT 2023

Companions:

The Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society's Board of Directors and Management Staff are pleased to report that the Apartments and the Care Home are operating at a high level and are constantly meeting and exceeding all Health Authority and Licensing protocols this year. The Care Home operates under the Ministry of Health and is a non-profit, charitable organization that contains 151 single rooms for complex care residents. The Apartments also operates under the Society and has 75 rental suites available for low-income seniors. There have been many exciting projects that were completed this year within both buildings.

The Apartment received upgrades and renovations to the lobby, recreation room, lounges, and exercise room with new exercise equipment purchased. Additionally, a complete building wide re-piping project was completed this year. The Care Home received upgrades so far this year of two (out of eight) tub rooms, new specialized mattresses and rehabilitation equipment such as repositioning devices and slings, new ceiling lifts, upgrades to the call bell system, new dining room tables, new bed frames, new feeding chairs. A complete construction project will be starting within the next several weeks on one of the nursing stations in order to fully renovate the area. This project is made possible by a

generous donation from the Dunbar Chapter to the Care Home. Additional funding projects in the Care Home, made possible by the Funding Society, have been six patio mural paintings, a permanent floral art project in the main patio. Other specialized equipment such as a medication cart was also purchased through the Funding Society.

Quality Improvement Programs have explored increasing diversity and cultural safety training and have provided increasing opportunities for resident and staff to celebrate holidays that address social justice issues and multifaith celebrations. The Residents' Council have been meeting directly with the Board of Directors on a monthly basis and Family Meetings have been renewed on site this year after Covid. The facility has the ability to provide increased on-site visitations as well as virtual methods of connecting residents with families and friend who are unable to come to the Care Home. Our Director of Social Services is dedicated to keeping lines of communication open either in-person or via e-mail in order to assist with questions and address care planning needs. Our Pastoral Care Service Director is available to any resident to conduct formal group services or one-on-one visits for reminiscing, life reflection or faith-based discussions. Our Recreation Department provide quality programming with the assistance of volunteers such as hosting outside professional entertainers on a weekly basis, scenic and destination-based

bus trips, special meals, music programs and programs in Cantonese and Mandarin run by the music therapist. Many other events take place such as the seasonal butterfly program, bingo, one-on-one visits, craft programs and reflection and discussion groups just to name a few. Additionally external professional services are being provided on-site to residents such as dental hygiene services, optometrist, foot care nurses, mental health, end-of-life programs, additional private rehabilitation services and hairdressing services.

It is with these services and programs that we can offer high-quality care to persons in need of 24 hour complex nursing care. One such example is Companion William Youde (Bill Youde) who is currently

residing at the Care Home and is 106 years old. He was a founding member of the Care Home and the Apartments over 40 years ago and had worked on the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society Board of Directors for many years until his retirement. He is currently enjoying all of the services as a resident of the Care Home that he worked so hard to put in place; but we need the help of the Masonic Community to keep the Society's vision and our mission alive.

Please consider reaching out to support the Society or by donating to the Funding Society. We are also asking for Chapters to send along their annual dues for 2023 as we currently have 13 out of 26 Chapter due for this year.

Please contact Rina Dhillon (Administrative Services Manager) at 604-412-2452 to confirm attendance at this year's AGM or about any questions regarding Chapter dues or donations.

Respectfully submitted by
REC Peter Boddy
President R.A.M.H.S

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND "Z's" REPORT

NIL REPORT SUBMITTED

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

To the Companions of Grand Chapter

This year has been one of reflection and observation for all Royal Arch masons. New companions (some of which I met) have been admitted in several Chapters and this gives us all hope. Regrettably several familiar faces will no longer be seen at Chapter. This is the way of all mankind, but in my visits I always feel optimism for the future. Our system of liturgy and ceremony is second to none and I am honoured to have led or participated in such functions with our Companions. Royal Arch Freemasons I visited during my term were overwhelmingly kind, friendly and above all hospitable! I wish to thank our very dedicated and capable Grand First Principal Jimmy Catella for his confidence in me in appointing me to this august position within our organization. As your Grand Chaplain it has been my privilege and honour to carry out this office for you all.

Respectfully Submitted

VEC Doug Henderson

Grand Chaplain

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

Once again, Companions, we travel back to the distant past to start my 19th report as your Grand Historian, as another of our Chapters has reached the 100-year milestone.

Penticton No. 22

On May 29, 1923, the Grand Z. issued a dispensation for a number of Royal Arch Masons in the south Okanagan to form a Chapter to meet at Penticton. Available documentation suggests there were 14 founding members, then six exalted before the end of the year, though the 1923 Returns list 21 members. The first Scribe E. was pretty careless with names, too. In any event, the Chapter was instituted on June 18, 1923 with 26 Royal Arch Masons present. The *Herald* newspaper of June 20th states there were visitors from Grand Forks, Vernon, Kelowna and Summerland. The ceremony was conducted by the Grand Superintendent, R. Ex. Comp. L.A. Cresset Kent of Okanagan No. 11, Vernon. Dinner afterward was prepared by members of the Eastern Star.

Here's a little bit of information about the officers when the Chapter was toiling under dispensation.

Dr. **Frederick William Andrew**, Z. No finer community servant could have been found to lead the new chapter. He was the town doctor in Summerland, beginning in September 1908. He was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania on July 25, 1879 and grew up in Brooklyn, New York. The local paper once related how young Fred found an iron ball with a lead plug on one side. His father thought it was the head of the hammer thrown by Olympic athletes. One fall he put the ball in a fire for burning leaves. When he poured water on it, there was a huge explosion which temporarily blinded him and left him with metal shards in his left hand. It also created a hole filled with about 30 other handmade leaden balls, apparently part of an arsenal for the Battle of Long Island in 1776.

He moved to Toronto, graduating there from both medical school and the Normal School. He took his teaching certificate to Manitoba for four years, interned at Winnipeg General Hospital for a year, then came west. He was a founder of the Summerland Telephone Company—he had a pay phone outside his house—president of the Board of Trade, president of the Summerland Golf Club, president of the local Conservative Association and Good Citizen of the Year in 1941. In 1949, he wrote "Klinker – A Country Doctor's Dog," about his pet pooch, and contributed articles to the local historical society.

He received his degrees in Summerland Lodge U.D. (later No. 56) on April 14, May 11 and June 8 (all 1909) and was installed as J.W. on Dec. 27, 1910, becoming W.M. two years later. He had been a member of Kelowna Chapter No. 17. Grand Chapter appointed him Grand Steward in 1925. W. Bro. Andrew was also a 32 degree member of the Scottish Rite. He died at the Summerland Hospital, which he founded, on November 24, 1957. He had been a member of Kelowna Chapter No. 17.

D.J. Johnston, H. This gets tricky because of conflicting spellings and ages in federal documents, but the man's name was Donald John Johnston, born in Marion Bridge, N.S. on Nov. 25, 1967. Newspaper clippings reveal he was an alderman in Cranbrook for several terms, an officer in the local Conservative Association, built the City Hall in 1907, and then the Masonic Hall in 1909. He was also an avid curler. He was living in Victoria during World War One. Military records in 1916 state he was living in Victoria, working as "a carpenter and bridgeman." The 1921 Census has a Donald John Johnson, a 53-year-old carpenter, born in Nova Scotia, boarding at a home in Penticton.

Ex. Comp. Johnston received his Craft degrees in Cranbrook No. 34 on July 18, Aug. 5 and Sept. 19 (all 1907) and remained on the lodge roll the rest of his life. He is in 1921 Returns for Rocky Mountain No. 7 in Cranbrook, demitting in 1927. His name does not appear on the list of members of Penticton Chapter after 1923, but the Returns list no one as suspended or demitted.

He died August 6, 1932 in New Westminster, age 64. At the time, he had been employed by the CNR at Port Mann for five years.

Samuel Theodore Larsen, J., was the city assessor in Penticton for ten years, but had been a hotelier in Rock Creek, and did some mining on the side. In 1906, he made headlines by installing a gas light system in his hotel. He couldn't speak a word of English when he arrived in Canada at age 20 and was employed on boats on the Fraser River for a couple of years. He came to the Boundary district in 1893. He made his home in Victoria for a time, but returned to Rock Creek in 1930 and opened another hotel. He also founded the local pioneers association.
He had been a member of Boundary No. 17 in Grand Forks, and was installed Grand Superintendent in 1926. In the Craft, he was raised in Greenwood No. 28 on April 25, 1907 and installed as W.M. in 1915. He was born in Sweden in June 1867 and died in Seattle on May 27, 1939.

Gordon McKenzie DeRenzy, Treasurer, had a creek, a lake and, most recently, a Bighorn Sheep Habitat named for him. He was the owner of an orchard near Gillies Creek but during World War One, he worked as a surveyor north of Winnipeg. He joined Summerland Lodge No. 56 in 1919 from Madawaska No. 196, Arnprior, Ont., then and affiliated with Orion Lodge No. 51 on Jan. 1, 1924. Comp. DeRenzy was exalted in Kelowna No. 17 on Dec. 12, 1919. He was born December 14, 1881 in Sandpoint, Ont. and died in Penticton on Oct. 4, 1953.

George Simon Pickering, Scribe E., was a conductor on the Kettle Valley Railway. At one time he worked on the CPR out of Revelstoke and was on a train involved in a fatal crash in 1912. He was a bit of an athlete, being part of baseball and soccer teams in Penticton before and after the War. He had been a member of Kelowna No. 17 and was raised in Orion No. 51 on May 2, 1916. He demitted from Penticton Chapter in 1935. He was a native of Marquette, Manitoba and his family moved to New Westminster around 1889. He returned to the Royal City by 1926 and was living in Revelstoke again in 1932. He died at Vancouver General Hospital on May 22, 1942, age 60.

Robert McLaren Johnstone McDougall, Scribe N., was Reeve of the city of Penticton in 1941 (by acclamation), 1942 and 1945. In 1902, his family arrived in Peachland from the Prairies to get away from the rigorous winter. He headed to the coast, where he was city editor of Vancouver *Province*, then moved to Penticton in 1914 where he was eventually publisher of the *Herald*. He was also a founder of the local historical society. He became a Mason in Orion Lodge, his degrees conferred on Dec. 17, 1908, Jan. 7 and Jan. 21 (both 1909) and was W.M. in 1922. He was exalted in Kelowna No. 17, installed as Z. in Penticton Chapter on Jan. 1, 1930, demitted from the lodge and chapter in 1940, but rejoined the chapter in 1950. He was born in Moose Jaw on October 31, 1887 and retired in Vancouver, where he died on October 4, 1982.

James Fergusson Millar, P.S., ministered at St. Andrew's Church (originally Presbyterian, later United) from 1911 until his death. At the age of 19, he was a teacher in his home town, but the Ministry called. He graduated from Queen's University in 1899, served in Blakeney, Ontario, then spent a year in Banff until November 1910. He later served as first secretary of the Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery of the United Church. He was chairman of the local hospital board, chairman of the Central Relief Committee, organiser of every juvenile sport. He affiliated with Orion Lodge in 1923, and joined the Chapter from Granite No. 61 in Almonte, Ont. He was born in Kincardine, Ont., on Nov. 11, 1870 and died in Penticton on March 9, 1927. He was Second Principal at the time of death.

Cecil Jervoise Huddleston, S.S., played on the Summerland Cricket Club. Quite appropriate as he arrived from England in 1905 to settle in Jones Flat as an orchardist. He was Summerland Co-operative Growers and the on the board of the B.C. Tree Fruits Association. He promoted baseball and basketball in the community and was given the Summerland Good Citizen Award. He was a churchwarden at St. Stephen Anglican in Summerland from 1913 to his death.

He joined Kelowna No. 17 and, installed as Z. in Penticton on Jan. 11, 1927 and served as Grand Superintendent in 1936-37. He was made a Mason in 1903 in Royal St Edmunds No. 1008, initiated Feb. 5, passed May 28 and raised June 25. At the time he was unemployed. He became W.M. of Summerland No. 56 in 1923. Ex. Comp. Huddleston was born in Bury St. Edmonds on Feb. 19, 1877 and died in Summerland on July 4, 1953.

Robert Howson, J.S., managed a funeral parlour, retiring in 1943. He was living in Anthracite, near Banff, in 1888, when his furniture store burned to the ground. He ended up in Revelstoke a year later working as a house carpenter and soon owned a furniture store. He also operated a lumber company along the Columbia River. He built a block in that housed the store, the Masonic Hall and a mortuary. It was destroyed by fire in 2003. He was active in Liberal Party affairs at the turn of the last century and was an alderman in Revelstoke in 1906-'07 and a school trustee several years later.
It would appear he got his Capitular degrees in Revelstoke No. 128 (later No. 9, B.C.). He was a member of Cascade No. 42 (now No. 5) in Anthracite and the founding J.W. of Kootenay No. 15 in Revelstoke in 1891. He was unexpectedly pressed into service as W.M. several months later and was appointed a Grand Steward in 1893. He was a member of the Oddfellows in Penticton. He was born in Londesborough, Ontario on Oct. 15, 1864 and died at the Kitsilano Nursing Home on Feb. 2, 1947

John Moir, Tyler, appropriately, was a stonemason. He arrived in Canada from Scotland in 1903. He's likely the John Moir in the 1911 census working as a mason on a railway at Fife, north of Christina Lake.
He was a member in Lodge Aberdeen in Scotland, then Eureka No. 20 in Seattle, and affiliated with Orion No. 51 on Jan. 5, 1926. He also belonged to Edina No. 33 (O.E.S.) Penticton. He was born in Aberdeen on Jan. 19, 1878 and passed away in Penticton on Feb. 8, 1956. He died of exposure two days after wandering away from his care home and falling from a flume at the RB Guest Ranch. He was discovered by a 50-man search party. Comp. Moir was still Tyler of Orion Lodge and had received his 50-year pin in the lodge a few weeks before his death.

The Scribe Ezra's 1923 Return to Grand Chapter is a mess. At the end of the year, it reports 10 Royal Arch Masons signed the application for a dispensation, four more affiliated and six were exalted for a total of 20. Yet the Return has 21 names and reveals Comps. Millar and Howson did not become members until they affiliated on August 14, 1923, two months after the institution. They're recorded twice. The Return also includes Comps. Ernest Robert Butler, James Looney and George Phipps but does not list them as being exalted or affiliated. Were they founders? My head hurts thinking about this. Looney, by the way, was born in London, England, became a Mason in Moose Jaw No. 3 and moved to Penticton in 1919, where was a trainman on the Kettle Valley Railway. He died in Vancouver on June 16, 1936, age 54. English-born Phipps, was an orchardist with 17 great-grandchildren when he died at 84 on Aug. 12, 1949. He and his wife had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. It's unclear where he was made a Freemason; he was a Royal Arch Mason in Walsenburg No. 27, Colorado before coming to the Okanagan in 1913. "Ernest Robert Butler" is really Ex. Comp. Edward Richard Butler, installed as Z. on Jan. 8, 1940. He was another Englishman who arrived in Canada around 1888 and, after living in Arden, Manitoba, moved to Summerland in 1909 (and was W.M. of Summerland No. 56 in 1921), where he died Dec. 9, 1961, age 79.

The first year of the Chapter has its difficulties. Both the Grand Z. and Grand Superintendent remarked on the inexperience of the officers in their reports to Grand Chapter in 1925. The Chapter was constituted on Sept. 9, 1924. Ex. Comp. Adam Creelman MacLennan, Z. of Westminster No. 6 in 1920, was the new Second Principal, but never advanced past that in Penticton.

<u>Around the Jurisdiction</u>
The Grand Historian is supposed to report on the progress of the Chapters. To that end, he is required by the Constitution to receive each notice from every Chapter. In 19 years, I have never heard from Caribou No. 43. Nor have I heard from Rocky Mountain No. 4 or North Island No. 10 this year. Conversely, a few

Scribes Ezra send me their minutes, including V. Ex. Comp. Peter Boddy and R. Ex. Comp. Scott Wisdahl. Thank you so much. If other chapters did the same, it would be very helpful. Now, odds and sods:

● Columbia No. 1 conferred the Past Master Degree in the Scottish ritual on June 6, 2023.
● Keystone No. 8 and Majuba No. 33 have notices of motion to consolidate.
● Kaien No. 13 was victimised by a snowstorm and had to cancel the Jan. 18, 2023 convocation.
● North Vancouver-King Solomon No. 16 and Composite No. 24 continue to alternate meetings in New Westminster.
● Kelowna No. 17 and Kamloops No. 18 held a joint installation on May 16, 2023.
● Penticton No. 22 is meeting in Summerland but looking for a permanent home.
● A stream of petitions continues to flow into Joppa No. 31. The Historian was finally present for the first time in close to 20 years to be invested Dec. 19, 2022 (he is Secretary of a Craft Lodge on Joppa's nights).
● Semiahmoo No. 34 has been taking steps to see if it can, or should, amalgamate with another Chapter. Your Grand Historian was originally in Mt. Horeb No. 32 which joined Joppa more than 30 years ago. Consolidation worked because the members made it work, instead of being negative or avoiding action by nostalgically thinking "the good old days" would somehow return. (And Grand Chapter pushed a bit).
● Cathedral No. 35 voted on May 23, 2023 to become a daylight chapter and hold its festive board in conjunction with a local lodge to gain exposure. An excellent idea on both counts. It also advanced two candidates to the Mark Degree, one of whom worked with your Grand Historian over 40 years ago. I was grabbed with U.M.N. ("Usual Masonic Notice," meaning "None") to take part in the ceremony. I was also given Grand Honours for the first time since my appointment in 2004.
● Kalum No. 37 advanced three candidates to the Mark Degree on Nov. 19, 2022. The Chapter seems to be active and social, judging by the minutes. Strong Chapters have a social component.
● Yukon No. 38 held its first meeting since COVID restrictions ended on July 12, 2023, a period of more than three years. It has received two petitions. This venerable Chapter has the good fortune of the dedicated M. Ex. Comp. Tom Mickey being its Scribe E.
● Georgian No. 39, together with members of other chapters, exalted five Companions, some by courtesy, on April 18, 2023. The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly. R. Ex. Comp. Bong Bunagan was exemplary as Principal Sojourner. R. Ex. Comp. Norm Bruce was the victim of U.M.N. at this convocation.
● Simon Fraser No. 40's irrepressible former Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. Clancy Wilson, was presented with his 50-year pin on Feb. 4, 2023. Clancy's slowed down a bit but he is one of the real characters of our jurisdiction. When your Grand Historian was conferring a degree at Joppa Chapter one evening, Clancy interrupted the ceremony and asked permission to speak. Much like the P. Sojourner in the Royal Arch Degree, he had made a discovery. He discovered the Canucks were winning. V. Ex. Comp. Wilson was known for sitting in the back of Chapter rooms listening to hockey games on his trusty transistor radio. No text messages from sports websites in those days! He was advanced to the Mark Degree on Feb. 13, 1968 and exalted in Simon Fraser on May 19, 1968.

My sincere thanks to M. Ex. Comp. Catala for re-appointing me to this enjoyable office and for R. Ex. Comp. McCoy for doing the same for 2023-24.

Fraternally,
Jim Bennie, PZ No. 31
Grand Historian

REPORT OF THE KEYSTONE OF LIFE FOUNDATION

REPORT FOR 2023 GRAND CONVOCATION
COVERING PERIOD August 2022 to August 2023

The Keystone of Life Foundation (KLF) is a registered non-profit organization, and a charity supported by the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and the Yukon.
The KLF was founded in 1975 as a means to provide small value grants to hospitals throughout the region for much needed primary care equipment. KLF actively seeks out smaller hospitals in the region where major fund-raising groups do not exist so need for such grants is greater.

Over the period covered by this report, KLF has been pleased to deliver and /or approve almost $48,000 of grants. These grants comprise:

Paid Out

Sechelt Hospital	$7,850	Pharmaceutical grade freezer.
Victoria General Hospital	$8,503	Barton Convertible Geri-chair
Trail General Hospital	$8,050	Cystoscope

Approved

Kootenay Emergency Services	$10,678	Paraplus Kit with Accessories
Surrey Memorial Hospital	$7,500	Laporascope
Kitimat General Hospital	$6,254	Universal Slings & Ultrasound Chairs

There are also four other hospitals to whom the grant application process has been sent following a grant enquiry.

Note: It can frequently take several months between the time a grant application is approved and the Health Authority's completion of procurement, and submission of receipt documents to KLF and subsequent release oof a grant cheque.

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

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

Donations from some individual Masons, Chapters and other Masonic organisations do continue to be received, and for those we are very grateful. However we are encouraging the message of KLF's needs to be spread by **all Grand Chapter (Lodge) officers** whilst visiting, and in their own Chapters / Lodges, to try to resurrect the same level of enthusiasm and financial support your KLF charity enjoyed a decade ago. **The KLF Board particularly encourages gifting through planned regular giving, bequests and non-monetary donations such as insurance policy and securities transfers.** Any Companion or friend of

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

KLF is registered with "CanadaHelps", a national website database of all Canadian charities that allows potential donors to make an on-line donation using a credit card.

Work is still ongoing to encourage more individual membership from RA Masons, Craft Masons, and their families throughout the region. Our aim is for each and every Royal Arch Mason throughout the jurisdiction to become a member of KLF! Our Foundation is always seeking life members who wish to be more involved with KLF to become nominated for Trustee positions on our Board at each AGM

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

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

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

Wherever possible, representatives from Chapters local to the grantee hospital are invited to be present at formal grant cheque presentations so that Royal Arch Masonry is more broadly promoted as a charitable institution and receives significant press publicity as a result.
The KLF Board continues to work hard to raise money for this important charitable cause, and to distribute grants to needy hospitals whilst keeping the Foundation's operating costs to an absolute minimum.

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

Some examples of the grants awarded to various hospitals can be seen on the Keystone of Life webpage of the Grand Chapter website.

Thank you for your support!
Peter Edwards
KLF President - September 2023

Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon

Report of the Information Technology Committee

2022 - 2023

Companions,

The Grand Chapter web site continues to be a valuable resource, but it's usage seems to have plateaued. Engaging more actively can lead to greater success and a better experience for the members. Successful engagement, like live streaming events, has shown potential. For the first time, Spring Board was available through zoom where real-time active participation was possible regardless of your location.

I am making a simple request of you all and that would be to provide content. Examples could include writing a short article (1000 word max) about your most memorable masonic experience, upcoming Chapter events, pictures with a description, remembering that our site is member access only and that these photos will not be viewable like other social media posts. Not only do I want you to utilize this website, but I want you coming back regularly. Having said this please be reminded that our GSE serves as the administrator for any material that you may wish to have included and needs to be the point of contact.

Respectfully submitted:

MEC Ronald R. Smith Chairman

Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon

Report of the Superintendents Committee

2022 - 2023

Chapters are in a recovering period, post COVID, having not replaced the losses of an aging membership and with members out of the habit of attending and inhibited by $2 a litre gasoline from travelling.

We are pleased to see reports of new Candidates coming in and that in general Chapter degree work is being well performed. Openings and Closings apparently need some work in some cases.

The Chapters appear to be decently managed with records and finances in order.

Some Chapters are suffering from lack of members, some need assistance with degrees, while others are doing well. It varies Chapter to Chapter.

We note some activity to promote Chapter membership at local Lodges. We encourage such promotion on a regular annual basis as the Lodges are our only source for members.

In some locations consolidation of Chapters seems appropriate and we encourage Companions in those situations to resolve the issues involved with a spirit of fellowship. A merger not completed in amity and continued with teamwork will not succeed.

Vancouver Island Chapters were combined into one District in 2022 and we recommend this be reconsidered. In our opinion the territory is simply too large. Campbell River (North Island 10) to Sooke (Pacific Rim 44) is a 272 km three hour 30 minute drive. We recommend a return to North and South Districts, this time divided by the Malahat.

We thank the Grand Superintendents for their services and for the reports they submitted.

Award Recommendation

We recommend REComp. Robert Mclellen, GS District 1, for the award for exemplary service in his year. He served well.

Respectfully submitted,
REComp. Ian Thompson, Chair
REComp. James R. Elton
Grand Superintendents' Reports Committee

Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon

Report of the Bursary Committee

2022 - 2023

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

The ability of the Bursary Committee to make awards depends upon the generosity of individual Companions and Chapters.

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

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

We acknowledge and thank the financial support given by the Grand Chapter through their contribution from the General Fund. The Committee received slightly more applications for bursaries in 2023 over 2022. However, we wish to continue to raise awareness of the Bursary Fund and again ask that all Chapter Scribe Ezras to inform the Companions of their Chapter of the availability of these bursaries.

The application form, conditions and submission deadline are available on the Grand Chapter website.

The Royal Arch Companion relatives of 2022's grant beneficiaries come from;- Nanaimo(2), & Surrey.

In 2022, the committee awarded grants of $2,000, $1,700 and $1,500 for a total of $5,200.

In 2023, the committee awarded five bursaries totaling $7,700 ranging from $1,350 to $2000 each, for studies at Camosen, Douglas and New Caldenoia Colleges, and Queens (ON) and Victoria Universities.

We thank the following committee members for their time and efforts given to this committee during 2022 and 2023:-
REC. Tom Balabanov
VEC. Cole Harvey.
REC. John Young

REC. Tom Balabanov (ex officio), REC John Young and VEC Cole Harvey were reappointed to serve on this committee for 2023.

Heartfelt thanks go to REC John Young who this year retires as committee chair, having served in that capacity for eight years.

The 2023 Committee looks forward to continuing to support this important service.

Respectfully submitted:
VEC Calvin Jonas – Bursary Committee
September 2023

Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon

Report of the Regalia Committee

2022 - 2023

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

Companions, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Regalia Committee to report to you on the activities and progress made by out committee in the 2022 / 2023 year.

Our Primary Objectives were, as in years past, the repair and replacement of Grand Chapter officer's regalia. This year the Regalia Committee has been pleased to have Very Excellent Companion Connor

Massey join us in the role of 'Custodian of Regalia,' and he has agreed to take up the job of completing those minor yet critical repairs which enable us to extend the lifespan of the Grand Regalia. As such, we have not needed to replace any regalia this year.

Of note, however, there are several Grand Officers who do not have the appropriate apron, collar, and/or jewel pertaining to their office. Over the next year the Regalia Committee hopes to do a proper inventory of our Grand Regalia so that the missing pieces can be ordered.

Lastly, we would like to remind outgoing and incoming Grand Chapter Officers to let us know if they have any issues with their regalia, no matter how minor, as the sooner we know of something the better we can address it.

Fraternally submitted,
MEC Ronald R. Smith, *Chairman*
VEC Connor W. Massey

Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon

Report of the Merit Award Committee

2022 - 2023

No names were put forward this year from the Companions.
NIL REPORT SUBMITTED

Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon

Report of the Ad Hoc Protocol Review Committee

2022 - 2023

NIL REPORT SUBMITTED

BIOGRAPHY OF CANDIDATES FOR GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION PRECIOCISIMO 'BONG BUGSY' SIAO BUNAGAN, Jr.

Mission and Vision Statement:

VISION: *To promote the re-emergence of a strong and vibrant concordant body in the image of the HRA serving as a beacon for the next level of pursuit by fellow craftsmen in their Masonic career.*

MISSION:
1. *To spur the spirit and energy of every Companion and create that unformidable image of one who has seen the beauty of the Order that he belongs to;*
2. *To inspire every Companion take pride in the Order and in the work that he does as an exemplary part of it;*
3. *To inspire every Companion realize that he has himself to offer as the best example to his brethren in various ways as manifested through his zeal for the Order, his proficiency and mastery of his works, the effervescent spirit of camaraderie and good humour that he exudes, and as one in whom the repository of good and lasting friendship and fellowship holds true.*
4. That by strengthening all these as the distinguished character of a RAM in every companion, our brethren from craft lodges may take great interest to know more about the HRA and its works, and attract them to join our ranks to be another distinguished Royal Arch Mason.

"Ride, Companions! Ride High!!"

REC Preciocisimo 'Bong Bugsy' Siao Bunagan, Jr.

Brief Personal Info:
DOB: 27 June 1961
Birthplace: Quezon City, Philippines
Spouse: Maria Rosalinda 'Owie' Anza Bunagan
Children: Rose Catriona Anza Bunagan (married to Kasia Burgess Zimmerman)
P. Baron Domino Anza Bunagan (married to Frances Sala)
Moved with family to Canada in November 2004 and obtained Canadian citizenship in 2008
Resides at 4956 Manor Street, Burnaby, BC V5G 1B5
Works at the Ministry of Attorney General, Province of BC

Education and Professional History:

1. Pursued studies in Law and Jurisprudence, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology and Business Marketing at the University of the Philippines;

2. Pursued Military Science as Cadet at the Philippine Military Academy with Class 84. At the top of his plebe class, nominated cadet candidate to the US Military Academy at West Point.
3. Pursued studies in Office Administration with Technology at BCIT (2006)
4. Held various positions and performed functions in both civil and military service in the Philippines as intelligence and operations officer, investigation officer, Presidential action officer, psy-ops operative, entrepreneur, business analyst, strategist and consultant.
5. Presidential Consultant – Office of the President of the Republic of the Philippines 1998-2001.
6. Ministry of Attorney General, Province of BC - confidential

Masonic Career:
2006 – Raised to the sublime degree as a MM at Maple Leaf Park 63 (now Heritage Lodge 63)
2011-2012 WM Maple Leaf Park 63
2009 – Exalted as Royal Arch Mason in the HRA at Composite Chapter 24
2015 – 2016 First Principal, Composite Chapter 24

Grand Lodge Office(s) held:
Grand Standard Bearer for PGM MWB Douglas C. Collins 2015-2016

HRA Grand Chapter Office(s) Held:
2019- 2022 Past Grand Superintendent – 2nd District for PGZ MEC Philip Robinson
2017-2018 Grand Junior Sojourner for PGZ MEC Ronald Smith
2016-2017 Grand Sword Bearer for PGZ MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi

Current Lodge Membership(s):
Heritage Lodge 63 (mother lodge) – WM 2011-2012
Melrose Lodge 67 – WM 2017-2018 and 2018-2019
Excelsior 195 - member
True Resolution Lodge of the MW Grand Lodge of Prince Hall of Washington – associate

Membership in Concordant/Appendant Bodies:
HRA – exalted 2009 at Composite Chapter 24 / elected 1st Principal 2014-2015
Cryptic Rite – Zabud Council (demitted) / Zarthan Council – petition for affiliation pending
Knights Templar – Columbia Preceptory 34
York Rite Sovereign College of North America - York Rite College 44 BCY
Knights Templar High Priests – Fraser Tabernacle 163
Commemorative Order of Knights of Saint Thomas of Acon – Baldwin Chaper 99
Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada – Dogwood Council 171
Masonic and Military Order of the Kts of the Red Cross of Constantine – Royal City Conclave 22
Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia – Lumen Terrestris College 99
Holy Order of the High Priesthood of BCY

Personal Bio for Very Excellent Companion Hani M. Nino

Very Excellent Companion Nino, was born on November 14th 1974 in Amman Jordan.
He attended school in Amman where he lived, until he graduated as a Petroleum Engineer from the University of Jordan in 1997.

After graduating Hani decided to finish his MBA degree at the same University. Hani began his working Career with European based esteemed Oil and Gas companies. He was tasked with establishing new opportunities, developing new businesses and to establish many companies in new Countries.

In 2005, Hani married Randa, the love of his life. They have two beautiful daughters, Maya and Carla who are 16 and 14 respectively.

In 2012 after witnessing some of the instability in some countries around Jordan, Hani and Randa decided to move their family to Canada. Also, Hani now being weary of traveling the world, he decided to start working remotely, as much as is possible.

Coming from a Masonic family, Hani was initiated into Freemasonry in 2012. Lodge No. 1339 In Jordan, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He became a member of Jordan Royal Arch Chapter No. 663, under the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. Hani is still a life time member of both.

After moving to Canada, in 2014 Hani affiliated with Acacia Lodge No. 22, also with Joppa Royal Arch Chapter No. 31. In 2016 he affiliated with Heritage Lodge No.63; he is also a member of Kolossi Preceptory No. 684 Cyprus.

On May 2019 Hani was invested as Worshipful Master of Heritage Lodge. He served Heritage as Master for three and half years, during the covid years. In January 2020 Hani became first principle of Joppa Chapter, where he also served 3 years. He was anointed and Consecrated to the order of High Priesthood September 2022. In 2023 Hani was appointed as Grand Steward for the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.

Hani is also enrolled in Cryptic Rite with Zabud council No. 1, in February 2016 he was Consecrated as a Knight Templar in Columbia preceptory No. 34, and a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine Pacific Conclave No. 27. Hani is to be elected Presiding Preceptor of Columbia Preceptory for 2023.

Hani is a member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada and proclaimed as Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret 32° of the Valley of Vancouver in 2018.

Hani holds a variety of positions with several Masonic bodies: Vice chair for the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon Finance Committee, Chairman of Mount Lebanon Society, Park Building Association and Joppa Royal Arch Society.

In all the Concordant Bodies and committees Hani is a member of, he is a member in very good standing. He attends all concordant bodies regularly and is very involved with all.

Hani enjoys most water sports, swimming being his passion, since being a member of the Jordanian national swimming team for 15 years. He also enjoys diving, water polo, hiking and golfing.

The future success of our Royal Arch depends directly on all of us as Royal Arch Masons. If elected I will work diligently with the Grand Line to ensure the Royal Arch remains Relevant, Strong, and Gratifying