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Companions
It is my pleasure to report the following to this 2023 Spring Board, where we can at last meet together and for the first time, in combination with Zoom for those who cannot attend in person.

Grand Chapter Website – www.grandchapter.ca

The web site is up and running, it has been very successful due to the thanks of our WebMaster, Companion Steven Noble.

Companion Noble has agreed to attend today and will be speaking to the methods on accessing the members site and answer questions you may have.

Annual Reports
Most of the annual reports from the Chapters are in, there are still three outstanding. I must remind Chapters who have not reported by the deadline of March 31 that the penalty of not having representation at Grand Convocation in September may be applied. That penalty of course, is that the voting privileges at Grand Convocation are revoked.

It appears, with some extrapolation with the 2022 reports on the missing 2023 Chapter reports, our membership which was 760 in 2022 will be somewhere in the 730 range, a drop of about 3.5%. Companions, please work on introducing and inviting Craft Masons to our Royal Craft. Grand Chapter has produced a new brochure you can use. I have a supply with me for those who are interested in picking up.

So please Chapter Scribes, when your Grand Scribe contacts you regarding your annual reports and to acquire a Chapter Roster, it is not to make work, but to assist in the proper administration of the Chapters and Grand Chapter itself.

In the next little while I will be reminding the Scribes, Superintendents, Executive and Committee Chairmen of their responsibilities to submit their annual reports as per the Constitution. In the meantime I refer all of the Companions of Section 54 of the Constitution that outlines all of the deadlines that are in place.

Monthly Meetings
At this time your Grand Chapter Officers and Grand Superintendents are meeting on a monthly basis via Zoom. This practice was established by MEC Phillip Robinson during the two years of COVID and is continuing today.

50 Year Jewel

As all of you are likely aware, Grand Chapter is having a very difficult time in acquiring the 50 year jewel. I have been trying to contact the supplier's representative since last fall, and finally was able to talk to them on Wednesday. The issue has been COVID in that some of the staff in Montreal had contacted COVID and passed away. They have since hired staff and are in the process of training. But fundamentally they had shut down production during COVID.

Our representative has indicated that they hope to have our outstanding 50 year jewels supplied by summer.

Sadly for some of the companions who were to be presented with the jewel have since passed to the Grand Chapter above.

I had contacted Grand Lodge who uses the same supplier who contacted our representative to contact me, and I wish to thank Al at Grand Lodge for the assist.

In summary, I wish to thank the Scribes and Superintendents for their assistance.
For any Companion with questions, please do not hesitate to send me an email at grandscribee@grandchapter.ca. I may not get back to you the same day but I will respond as I am able.

Sincerely and Fraternally
REC Peter Guichon
Grand Scribe Ezra