Proceedings

Of

GRAND CHAPTER

Of

British Columbia & Yukon

105th Annual Convocation

Nanaimo, B.C.

September 21, 2024

(Organized June 18th, 1919)

MEC Dan McCoy
Grand First Principal

REC Peter Guichon
Grand Scribe Ezra

MEC Dan McCoy

Grand First Principal

2023-2024

Most Excellent Companion McCoy was born in 1955 at Galt, Ontario and raised on a dairy farm not far away. The necessity of learning to maintain farm equipment formed a lifelong love of tinkering in general and motorcycles in particular, which led to trading his way through a series of exceptionally "oddball" machines, culminating with a Harley Tour-Glide which he has taken from Coast to Coast.

Seeing that dairy farming was not the life for him, he joined the Canadian Armed Forces for a career that was to last over 35 years. Asked by the recruiter about his hobbies, and responding "motorcycles and hunting," he was told that they didn't have a lot of motorcycles, but boy did they have guns! Thus started a career which has taken him coast to coast and around much of the globe highlighted by a yearlong posting to the Former Yugoslavia.

Meeting his wife Joyce while posted to Alberta, they took off on an adventure that has spanned many places and varying commitments, including a series of staff jobs responsible for such things as Explosives Storage and Disposal, Personnel and Careers, Range Maintenance and Safety Management. These were interspersed with field jobs, as a Maintenance Operations Officer, an Air Liaison Officer and as the Chief of a Tactical Helicopter Squadron. He managed to finish his career in the best position imaginable, in the Directorate of Flight Safety, a job that took him around the world as a guest speaker on safety policies, issues.

Dan took up SCUBA diving in the late 1970s, a hobby which culminated in certification as a Master Instructor/Instructor Trainer, as well as a partnership in a shop in Alberta. Not long into that process, Joyce took up diving in self defence. While diving has provided many memories and taken them many places, he has retired from the industry, although they do still manage the occasional dive trip to somewhere warm.

Masonic

Initiated into Astra Lodge 179, Alberta in March of 1994, he became its Worshipful Master in 1999. While maintaining membership at Astra, there followed a series of affiliations and demits, tracking his career through a series of Grand Lodges and Chapters. A highlight of his Masonic career was attending Lodge Kleovoulos on the Island of Rhodes, Greece, while on a 10 day leave from the former Yugoslavia.

VEC McCoy was exalted in Cold Lake Chapter No. 39, Alberta in 1996, and Installed as First Principal in 2000. He later became Scribe Ezra of Coronation Chapter 27, and Secretary of District 2, GR of Quebec. Upon moving to BC, he affiliated with Cyrus Chapter No. 10, which shortly thereafter amalgamated with Discovery Chapter No. 45, where he was later elected First Principal of the newly warranted North Island Chapter No. 10, followed by an appointment as Grand Pursuivant in 2016.

VEC McCoy is active with several concordant bodies, having served various offices in Cryptic Rite, Allied Masonic Degrees, Red Cross of Constantine and most recently with Knights Templar. VEC McCoy has had an exceptional career serving and travelling around the globe, forming a strong attachment to Freemasonry and developing a broad spectrum of Masonic skills along the way and looks forward to the chance to serve further.

In testimony whereof I have appended my official signature and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon at the office of the Grand Scribe Ezra in the City of Surrey, B.C. this 21st day of September, 2023

PETER G.A. GUICHON

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(REC Peter Guichon – Grand Scribe Ezra)

SEAL

The one hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon was held on **September 20th – 21st, 2024** at Nanaimo, B.C.

OFFICERS ELECTED/APPOINTED 2023 - 2024

MEC Dan McCoy	**Grand First Principal**
REC Alphonse Quenneville	Grand Second Principal
REC Eric Duchesne	Grand Third Principal
MEC Jimmy Catala	IPGZ
REC Kris Toijonen	Grand Treasurer
REC Peter Guichon	Grand Scribe Ezra
REC Scott Wisdahl	Grand Pr. Sojourner
EC John Ranking	Grand Sr. Sojourner
EC Nick Serna	Grand Jr. Sojourner
REC Bill Hilborn	Grand Supt. Dist. 1
REC Wayne Phelan	Grand Supt. Dist. 2
REC John Shandalla	Grand Supt. Dist. 3
REC Gord Hammer	Grand Supt. Dist. 6
REC Rod Holmes	Grand Supt. Dist.10
MEC Ken Overy	Grand Nehemiah
REC James Bennie	Grand Historian
As Required	Grand Sword Bearer
As Required	Grand Standard Bearer

VEC George MacLagen	Grand Dir. Of Ceremonies
REC Colin Hart	Grand Marshal
VEC Chris Larson	Grand Pursuivant
VEC Mark Robinson	Grand Steward #1
VEC TBA	Grand Steward #2
VEC TBA	Grand Steward #3
EC John Van Egmond	Grand Chaplain
VEC TBA	Grand Organist
VEC Connor Massey	Grand Tyler

1) INFORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The informal opening of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon was held in the normal manner on **Friday, September 20, 2024**. The companions and guests were welcomed to the session. The Grand Council entered and assumed their respective chairs in the East. The Grand First Principal then declared the Informal Grand Chapter open at **7:00 pm**. He welcomed all to the Grand Convocation.

2) RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests and visitors were each introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, VEC George MacLagen and then received and welcomed by the Grand Council and seated.

MEC. Jamie Wong – Grand First Principal – Grand Chapter of Alberta with following suite.
IPGZ. MEC Jim Carswell - Immediate Past Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of Alta.
PGZ. MEC Jesse Carr - Past Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of Alberta
REC Kurtis Frederick – Grand Second Principal - Grand Chapter of Alberta
REC. Brad Edstrom – Grand Third Principal - Grand Chapter of Alberta
REC. Grant Molyaeox – Grand Superintendent – District 4 - Grand Chapter of Alberta.
REC Jerry Fulton – Grand Superintendent – District 5 – Grand Chapter of Alberta.
Companion Shane Lamothe, Grand Chapter of Alberta

MEC Rabi Peifir – Grand High Priest – Grand Chapter of Washington State with the following suite:
REC John Burrage – Grand King (Grand 2nd Principal) – Grand Chapter of Washington State
VEC Jeff Steik – District Deputy Grand High Priest – Grand Chapter of Washington State.

3) FLAG CEREMONY

The flag ceremony was conducted by VEC George MacLagan. The flags were placed in their respective places. Each flag as the description of each flag read by VEC MacLagan.

Canadian Flag – REC Doug Burke, USA flag – VEC John Burrage, BC Flag – EC Kevin Guest, Yukon Flag – REC John Schandella. The ceremony ended with the singing of "*O Canada*".

4) MEMORIAL SERVICE

Presided over by REC. John Van Egmond:

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, September 20, 2024
Nanaimo, BC



Grand Chaplain – REC John Van Egmond

Royal Arch Masonic Memorial

Chaplain: "Companions and guests, over the past year many of our chapters, have lost companions to the grand chapter above.

Today, we have the solemn task of taking a few moments in memorial for those who have left us for that undiscovered country, from whose borne no traveller returns.

The white apron was the first gift of Freemasonry to our departed companions, presented at their initiation into our craft. It is an emblem of innocence and a peculiar badge of honour, tonight it represents their many years of masonic labour caring for others on their personal journey of self improvement.

As Royal Arch Masons we maintain our trust in the Grand Architect of the Universe, in the immortality of the soul and in the knowledge that our most important work is in building our spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Rose is a universal symbol of love and remembrance, it has become our way of expressing deep, heartfelt emotions for the deceased and appreciation for their years of service.

In memorial of our companions passing from this life into the next. We now ask our Grand superintendents or a representative of each district,
to step forward, place a rose upon the Apron and bid our Companions goodbye.
But only, Until we meet again."

POWER POINT PRESENTATION: GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON – DECEASED MEMBERS OF 2023

Rose laid by:

District No. 1: REC Bill Hilborn
District No. 2 REC Wayne Phelan
District No. 3 REC John Shandalla
District No. 6 REC Gord Hamer
District No. 10 VEC Richard Dawson
Yukon Chapter No. 38 – EC. Connor Massey
Rocky Mountain Chapter No. 4 – EC Cole Harvey

AND for all Companions who may have been overlooked as well as including the men and women serving overseas protecting this great nation and the first responders.

AND for the deceased spouses who supported our Companions we grieve their loss.

The Chaplain:
The Rose Beyond The Wall: by A.L. Frink (During rose ceremony)

Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by the morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.

As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall
Through which there shone a beam of light.

Onward it crept with added strength
With never a thought of fear or pride,
It followed the light through the crevice's length
And unfolded itself on the other side.

The light, the dew, the broadening view
Were found the same as they were before,
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Breathing its fragrance more and more.

Shall claim of death cause us to grieve.
And make our courage faint and fall?
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive–
The rose still grows beyond the wall,

Scattering fragrance far and wide
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will forever-more.

Chaplain: (Concludes rose ceremony with quotation of the 23rd Psalm.)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

MEGC: (Knock down at end of Psalm.)

Words from Chaplain:
(End of Sermon)
"To live a life followed by goodness and mercy is the greatest gift we can both give and receive, to love one another and be loved is the highest calling of every mans life and our companions have done their utmost to answer that call."

Chaplain: Please join me in prayer
MWGC: (Knock up for prayer)

Prayer: "Grand Architect of the Universe, We thank you for the lives and service of our companions who have now journeyed beyond the veil. May the knowledge of your love ease the pain of their departure and may we be able to rejoice in the memories of their lives well spent in service."

Amen (So mote it be)

(Together)
Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.

Deceased Companions – 2023

Chapter No.	Name	Date of Death
Keystone 8	VEC Les Adams	Sunday, October 1, 2023
North Island 10	Comp. Gordon Peterson	Sunday, July 23, 2023
Kamloops 18	REC Kenneth McKenzie	Saturday, Feb 25, 2023
Chilliwack 19	Comp. Malcolm Johnson	Friday, October 27, 2023
Penticton 22	REC. Egon Ruetters	Sunday, November 19, 2023
Kalum 37	Comp, Wolfgang Scholtz Comp. William Hickman	Wednesday, May 24, 2023 Thursday, May 25, 2023
Georgian 39	REC Paul Gauci	Saturday September 16, 2023
Dawson Creek 41	REC Donald Stirling Comp. Larry Dalke	Tuesday, February 7, 2023 Thursday, November 24, 2022

5) ADDRESSES BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Grand First Principal invited those guests who would not be here on Saturday to address the assembly.

6) INFORMAL CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER

This Informal Opening was closed by the Grand First Principal at 8:35 pm with a reminder that the Convocation would commence tomorrow at **8:30 am on September 20th 2024**.

7) FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Grand Convocation was formally opened **September 21, 2024** by the Grand First Principal in ample form at **8:30 am**. The Grand Scribe Ezra confirmed that **20 of 24** Chapters were represented and so constituting a quorum.

8) RECEPTION OF GUESTS/VISITORS AND REGRETS

All the guests who did not have occasion to speak at the Informal Opening were welcomed back and advised they would be provided the occasion to address the session at some time during the day.

A short memorial was held to recognize the passing of MEC Norman Monroe, on July, 31, 2024.

Regrets Received:

REGRETS

MEC Tom Mickey, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to health reasons

MEC Joseph Marshall, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to health reasons

MEC David Grange, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to other commitments.

MEC Norm McEvoy, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to health reasons.

MEC George B. Fairbairn, Grand First Principal of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Job's Daughters of British Columbia.

Unable to attend due to Annual Conference in Seattle.

All have asked to extend their best wishes for an enjoyable and successful convocation

REC Bill Hilborn – Grand Superintendent District 1 – unable to attend due to family reasons

REC Rod Holmes – Grand Superintendent District 10 - unable to attend.

REC Colin Hart – Grand Marshall – Unable to attend due to medical reasons.

9) INVOCATION BY GRAND CAPLAIN

REC John an Egmond provided invocation.

10) CHANGE OF SIGNING AUTHORITY

No change required.

11) RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA and YUKON, assembled on the occasion of its one hundred and fourth Annual Convocation held at the City of Nanaimo in the Province of British Columbia, Canada this 21st day of September 2024 takes pleasure in recording its loyalty and deep respect for our Sovereign, HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada, and Head of the Commonwealth to which our Nation belongs.

We desire to place on record our undying loyalty to Your Majesty and unswerving devotion and warm affection. We extend our greeting to all members of your family. We hope that they will remain healthy.

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

This Resolution of Loyalty was proposed by M.E. Comp. Lenard Pickell, seconded by M.E. Comp. Phillip Robinson, and carried unanimously—and was followed by the singing of GOD SAVE THE KING. that this, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon assembled at their One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation in the City of Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada this 21st day of September, 2024, reaffirm the loyalty of all its members to His Most Gracious Majesty, King Charles the Third, King of Canada; and all the Royal Family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to His Majesty through the Honorable Secretary of State for Canada under the signature and seal of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY of the Resolution passed at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon on

Saturday, September 21st, 2024.

"GOD SAVE THE KING" "GOD SAVE THE KING"

12) MINUTES OF GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION of 2023

Motion by Grand Scribe Ezra REC Peter Guichon.

I hereby move that the minutes of the one hundred fourth annual Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon, held at the city of Nanaimo, British Columbia and as published in the annual proceedings of 2023 be hereby adopted.

Seconded by MEC. Ken Overy **Carried as Presented**

13) Address of the Grand First Principal MEC Dan McCoy 2023-2024

Most Excellent Companions, Guests, and Companions;

I welcome you to Nanaimo and this 105th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon. This marks the end of what has been a most enjoyable year, filled with companionship, friendship and travel. I feel a sense of sadness that it is over, mixed with a sense of joy and gratitude that I had the chance to meet with so many wonderful Companions. These occasions are special, for while we conduct our business and keep Royal Arch on an even keel, we also take the opportunity to renew old friendships and to make new ones. Royal Arch Masonry is indeed an institution to be proud of and your presence here today exemplifies that pride. You are what make Royal Arch such a good thing.

I would like to express my appreciation to all those who chose to accompany me on my travels. It is always more fun to be with friends. I had the opportunity to make 40 in-person visits to represent our Grand Chapter and was received most graciously on all visits. Many visits were with ladies present and had wonderful social programs to add to the grandeur of the formal Chapter business. Well done to all. To those Chapters that I could not attend, my thanks for your patience and understanding, I hope to visit with you in the upcoming year. In addition I attended a great many Zoom meetings of varying sorts. Zoom has proven a boon to the administration of this far-flung jurisdiction, allowing Executive and coordination meetings to take place on a regular basis, as well as maintaining regular contact with all Districts via our monthly Superintendent's meeting. It has proven its worth.

Spring Board was held this year in Ladner with excellent results. REC Quenneville is to be commended for his organization; developing an agenda that not only provided for the business and review aspects of running an organization of this size, but also included two pieces of education, both of which generated discussion and promoted interaction. Topped off with a great meal at the Legion and a chance to chat with old friends, it made for a productive and enjoyable experience.

In addition to jurisdictional visits we represented British Columbia and Yukon to the Grand Communications of Alberta and Manitoba. Unfortunately plans to visit the Grand Communication in Washington State coincided with our own Spring Board, but I did have the pleasure of attending a rejuvenation of our Affirmation Sunday service via Zoom. We shared this service with them for many years prior to Covid and it was lovely to once again participate. Many thanks to REC Alan Akehurst for filling in as Grand Chaplain for the day. Plans are in place to hold Affirmation Sunday in person at the Peace Arch 24 October 2024. I also took the opportunity to attend the York Rite Picnic at Maple Valley Washington, and I look forward to renewing and continuing our connection with the Companions of Washington State.

I was most impressed with how active our own Chapters are. The greatest portion of my visits included a degree as part of the evening while for several others it was their Installation of Officers. I was fortunate to personally attend 16 Exaltations as well as several Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master conferrals. It is most pleasing to see that interest in Royal Arch is on the upswing, and more importantly that our Chapters have the presence in their communities to recognize and act upon that interest.

One of my goals was to highlight the charities that we as Royal Arch Masons promote. Rather than choosing a favoured charity this year, I chose to include on every visit an education piece on the four charities delineated on the front page of our website. I took the opportunity of outlining their purposes and goals as well as requesting the Companions and Chapters to make donations to the same. I continue in the same vein today and again ask all of you here to get out and support our shared charities; our Bursary Fund, Keystone of Life program, Royal Arch Masonic Home Society and the Prostate Cancer Foundation. My other goal was to emulate the Companion that I asked you to be when I was striking for the position of Grand Principal Sojourner. I commented then that you cannot simply watch your Chapter happen, but rather that you must make it happen. I asked you all to be DOERS as opposed to WATCHERS. I still believe this to be true and necessary and I am pleased to note that I have run into a great many DOERS during my visits - It bodes well for our future. I see hope and progress ahead, with the difficulties from Covid finally becoming a thing of the past.

In closing, I need to pay some Masonic wages. I would like to thank our team of Grand Superintendents this year - you were exceptional. I could count on each and every one of you to be there whenever needed, often ahead of the game,

noting and solving issues off before they could grow. The year could not have happened without you. REC Guichon, as Grand Scribe Ezra you play a major role in keeping this institution afloat and I thank you for your depth of knowledge, guidance, hard work and common sense. You managed to take a complex process and keep us all sorted, in line and on time. Thank you Peter. I must thank all those who stood forth to fulfil an officer position, providing that necessary connection between Chapters and Grand Chapter, you bring us that much closer to Companionship - You do more than you know.

I need to give special thanks to all the Committees for the work they have done. Be it a large involved and busy committee or a small specialized one, be assured that while you often work away in the background, we could not function without you; you are the ones who DO things. Plans and leadership are good things, but without someone actually doing the work, it comes to naught.

Our Grand Third Principal found it necessary to deal with family issues this year and announced his intention to not proceed to Grand Second Principal. We all wish Eric and his family a speedy resolution and hope he will again be able to join us and bring his skills to help lead this great body. MEC Phillip Robinson was qualified and duly nominated for the position. As a result he was acclaimed as Grand Second Principal for the upcoming year. I thank him for his willingness to support us yet again and wish him a good year as Grand Second Principal.

Thank you all my Companions for the privilege of serving you and for the trust you have placed in our team, for the courtesies extended and the companionship offered. I enjoyed it immensely and I wish you an excellent year ahead under the guidance and leadership of REC Quenneville and his team. Alphonse – have a good one. You were a godsend to me this year and I am certain you will have an excellent year. Go forth and enjoy!

A final thanks must be given to my wife, Joyce. Without the love and support she has shown, our Grand Chapter could not have continued as it has. Whether it was accompanying me to Alberta, Washington, Whitehorse, Terrace, Langley and various other places, or by helping me on my way when I headed out the door yet again without her. In either case her support was essential and most appreciated.

Respectfully submitted
MEC Dan McCoy

I REC Alphonse Quenneville hereby move that this report be referred to the committee on the Grand Z's address.
Seconded by:-REC Peter Guichon

Address Received

14) REPORT OF THE GRAND 2nd PRINCIPAL (H) REC Alphonse Quenneville

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 this annual report for my term as the Grand 2nd Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon. During my term, I had the privilege of visiting many Chapters with our Grand 1st Principal and on my own throughout our jurisdiction. I would like to express my gratitude to the Companions who made all these visits a joy to attend for both me and my wife, Janet. I am looking forward to meeting you all again as Grand 1st Principal.

It was also was my responsibility to Chair and Set Agendas for all our Executive and Grand Superintendents meetings for the year. These monthly meetings were always a pleasure to host.
We also enjoyed a well attended Spring Board which allowed us to make a good donation to the Ladner Temple Association for the use of their hall.

We attended The Grand Chapter of Alberta, Grand Communication. I congratulate MEC Jamie Wong, Grand 1st Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, for his upcoming year. Alberta Companions are a very well-organized group. Alberta's Grand Communication takes place in May. Mark your calendars—Alberta is definitely worth the visit.

A number of new dedicated Masons have been welcomed into our Royal Arch Chapters again this year. The success of our Craft Lodges is key to this growth, and it is important that we all work to keep our Craft Lodges strong. One suggestion I heard in my travels this year is for Royal Arch Companions to actively mentor new Brethren in our Craft Lodges. As Royal Arch Masons, this mentoring of new Masons in Lodges could pave the road for the new Brethren to find and rediscover the Lost Words and complete their Masonic journey in our Royal Craft.

In conclusion, it has been an eventful and fulfilling year as the Grand 2nd Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon. The dedication and commitment I witnessed from 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 road paved during this term will continue to lead to a stronger jurisdiction, 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 volunteered to be on my team for the coming year. We all have an opportunity to contribute to the ongoing successes of our Chapters. Together, we can have a positive impact on our communities, strengthen our Masonic bonds, and carry forward the noble traditions of Royal Arch Masonry in British Columbia and Yukon.

Respectfully Submitted
REC Alphonse J Quenneville
Grand 2nd Principal

Report Received

15) REPORT OF THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL (J) REC Eric Duchesne.

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 a sense of optimism and anticipation that we welcomed the new year in September. After a period of extensive preparation and gaining a deeper understanding of the state of the Royal Arch Mason across British Columbia, we were excited to rekindle the camaraderie and activities that had been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Chapters across the region focused on cleaning up regalia, reorganizing meetings, and re-establishing their routines.

While some chapters faced challenges during this transition, others managed it with remarkable ease. Our visits to various chapters, particularly those in the Lower Mainland, revealed the strength and unity within our community. It was truly inspiring to witness the collective effort and enthusiasm that pervaded these gatherings.

As we moved forward, discussions about the future of the Royal Arch Chapter were encouraging, and progress was being made. However, by the end of December, personal family issues began to demand more of my attention, which significantly impacted my ability to fulfill my duties effectively. Despite my initial belief that these issues would resolve on their own, the situation worsened, and my focus became increasingly fragmented.

A recent Zoom meeting served as a crucial moment of realization for me. It became evident that I was not performing to the standards required, and I came to the difficult decision that stepping down was necessary. With a heavy heart and a humbled spirit, I have chosen to step away temporarily to address my family matters.

I remain optimistic about the future of the Royal Arch Chapter. The elected companions are exceptional, and the plans they have in place are promising, filled with potential for growth and revitalization.

While I cannot predict what the future holds, I hope to return and contribute to our community once my personal situation stabilizes. For now, I must take a step back and observe from the sidelines.

I look forward to the day when I can rejoin you all, but for now, I bid you farewell.

Ce n’est qu’un au revoir."

Respectfully Submitted
REC Eric Duchesne
Grand 3rd Principal

Report Received

16) Report of the Grand Chaplain

To the Companions of Grand Chapter

First, thank you to our Most Excellent Companion McCoy for the trust he reposed in assigning me to this position and thanks to VEC Alan Akehurst for assuming responsibilities at our Affirmation Sunday Zoom Service with Washington State Chapter in October.

My companions, to be good and true are the first lessons we are taught in freemasonry.

We assume that we will know good from evil, right from wrong.

Surprisingly it's not that easy, for in general we are blind as a society, or chose to not look, or in looking cannot see the evil within ourselves or within our culture when it aligns with our fears or prejudices.

The major religions do not provide a clear template. The sacred books don't forbid slavery, rape, misogyny, child marriage or forced labour instead focusing on banning shellfish, mixing fabrics and saying gods name in anger.

Yes, some actions are obviously hurtful or helpful, cruel or kind.

But what about those dark parts within us, fearful of loss or agitated by disdain. What about our judgement of others. It is easy to assume that good or evil are obvious especially when we see either in the extreme.

All of our human examples monsters and saviours are mere mortals and a portion of each is reflected in the deep pools of our psyche or souls.

Is it (person, policy, politician, action) good or evil? Is it kind or cruel? Does it hurt or help? Does is oppress or elevate?

Yet, to be good and true are the first lessons we learn as companions. So, how does that look in practice? How do we carefully choose to be good? What is good?

In fine, the foundation of goodness is empathy, which leads our hearts to kindness, compassion and charity.
The fearful pull of evil begins with the grip of contempt or disdain compelling in us a desire for oppression and violence.

A native proverb states that in each of us there are two wolves, representing the good and evil within. Constantly they are in conflict, fighting.
The one who wins, is the one you feed!

We know instinctively that hurting others is wrong, regardless of what our culture allows. Slavery or treating women like chattel is intuitively wrong. If it's socially acceptable to torture animals for entertainment or abuse children we still know in our souls that it's wrong.

When we see accepted cultural norms that promote harm and divisions especially over religious differences we know it's wrong.

Please my Companions, let us feed our heart, mind and soul with all that is good, true and kind. Let us be honest with ourselves, good to one another and generous in spreading that goodness to all mankind.

For the most important thing we can do in our life is to live the life of a good man.

Your Companion
John Van Egmond
Grand Chaplain 2024

Report Received

17) REPORT OF THE MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

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

18 RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

1989 Most Excellent Companion Thomas O. Mickey

P 1997 Most Excellent Companion Leonard G.B. Pickell

1998 Most Excellent Companion Joseph R. Marshall

P. 2006 Most Excellent Companion A. Leslie Robinson

2009 Most Excellent Companion David Grange

2010 Most Excellent Companion Joel Chiri

2011 Most Excellent Companion Norman McEvoy

P. 2013Most Excellent Companion Kenneth Overy

P. 2014 Most Excellent Companion Jeremy Gomersall

P. 2016 Most Excellent Companion Godfrey Onyemaobi

P 2017 Most Excellent Companion Ronald Smith

P. 2018 Most Excellent Companion A. Leslie Robinson

P 2019 – 2021 Most Excellent Companion Phillip Robinson

P. 2022 Most Excellent Companion Jimmy Catala

Grand Honors under the direction of VEC George MacLagen, Grand Director of Ceremonies were accorded. Each Past Grand First Principal was welcomed by the Grand First Principal.

MEC Pickell offered a few words on behalf of the assembled Past Grand Z's. Thanked Grand Chapter for courtesies extended and reminded that they are always available to offer advice and assistance wherever needed. **P** = Present

19) RECEPTION OF FIRST PRINCIPALS Roll Call 2024

Columbia 1

Rocky Mountain 4

P Keystone 8

P North Island 10

Kaien 13

P North Van – King Solomon 16

P. Kelowna 17
P. Kamloops 18

Chilliwack 19

P. Penticton 22

Composite 24

Tzouhalem 26

P Joppa 31

P Majuba 33

P Semiahmoo 34

Cathedral 35

Fort George 36

Kalum 37

Yukon 38

P. Georgian 39

Simon Fraser 40

Dawson Creek 41

Caribou 43

P. Pacific Rim 44

P = Present

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

20) REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER
For the Year-ended 31st December 2023

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

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of BC and Yukon
Financial Report
Years ending December 31

	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2022 Actual
Cash opening	11,278	11,278	12,802
Revenues			
Per capita	18,425	16,250	18,910
Certificates	665	200	13
Dispensation		100	
Rituals	288	300	360
Pins		80	
Spring Board		0	
Gr Chapter		0	
Other		100	
	19,378	17,030	19,283
Expenses			
Grand Z Travel BC	5,000	5,000	5,001
Grand Z Travel Yukon		700	
Grand Scribe E Allowance	8,379	8,400	8,400
Grand Scribe E Travel	201		
Rent	2,400	2,400	2,600
Grand Treasurer Allowance	500	500	500

Grand Treasurer Travel		250	
District 10	600	600	
Insurance	0	0	0
Jewsl/Pins	0	0	0
Regalia Purchase	2,152	200	
Regalia Repair			375
Rituals printed	57		
Telephone/IT	180	800	720
Postage	149	100	
Bank charge Postage	0		0
Software	0		0
Computer support	1,131	800	202
Website	403	800	1,303
Spring Board Gr	0		0
Convocation Rooms	2,728		1,175
Gr Convocation Costs	0		0
Other		100	531
	23,880	20,650	20,807
Net surplus (deficient)	(4,502)	(3,620)	(1,524)
Adjustments to cash			
From regalia fund		430	
Deposit for 2024 convocation	(1,857)		
	(1,857)	430	0
Ending cash balance	4,919	8,088	11,278

Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC and Yukon
Financial Report
Years ending December 31

	2023 Actual		2022 Actual	
	General	Bursary	General	Bursary
Revenues				
Investment Income	11,209	9,028	8,546	8,286
Donations received		4,550		1,050
	11,209	13,578	8,546	9,336
Withholdings				
Taxes and commissions	1,409	637		
Gross income	9,800	12,941	8,546	9,336
Expenses				
Donations (General)	5,000		10,000	
Bursaries (Bursary)		6,350		5,200
Professional fees	404			
	5,404	6,350	10,000	5,200
Net surplus	4,396	6,591	(1,454)	4,136

Transfers between Funds	(5,000)	5,000	(8,000)	8,000
Ending Balances				
Bank account	365	10,188	176	6,988
Investment account (cost)	279,709	200,423	286,146	196,018
	280,074	210,611	286,322	203,006
Ending Balances				
Investment (market)	341,122	254,111	329,546	233,508

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of BC and Yukon
Budget Report
Years ending December 31

	2023 Actual	2023 Approved Budget	2024 Approved Budget	2025 Proposed Budget
Revenues				
Per capita	18,425	16,250	16,800	18,000
Certificates	665	200	200	200
Dispensation		100	100	100
Rituals	288	300	300	300
Pins		80	80	80
Other		100	100	100
	19,378	17,030	17,580	18,780
Expenses				
Grand Z Travel BC	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Grand Z Travel Yukon		700	700	700
Grand Scribe E Allowance	8,379	8,400	7,200	7,200
Grand Scribe E Travel	201			
Rent	2,400	2,400	3,000	3,000
Grand Treasurer Allowance	500	500	400	400
Grand Treasurer Travel		250	100	100
District 10 Travel	600	600	600	
Regalia Purchase & Repair	2,152	200		
Rituals printed	57			
Telephone/IT	180	800	800	800
Postage	149	100	50	50
Computer support	1,131	800		
Website	403	800	800	800
Gr Convocation Rooms	2,728			1,000
Other		100	100	110
	23,880	20,650	18,750	19,160
Net surplus (deficient)	(4,502)	(3,620)	(1,170)	(380)
Adjustments to income				
From regalia fund	2,152	430		
Final surplus (deficit)	(2,350)	(3,190)	(1,170)	(380)
Per capita	25	25	28	30
Number of Companions	737	650	600	600

Fraternally Submitted
REC. Kris Toijonen – Grand Treasurer

Moved for acceptance : REC Kris Toijonen

Seconded REC. Scott Wisdahl **Adopted**

21) Report of Grand Scribe Ezra REC Peter Guichon

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 2023, our membership has declined from 716 to 707 a loss of 9 Companions, primarily due to deaths, suspensions and demits. However, on the bright side is that now that we are able to meet again, there have been 28 exaltations, as well as 1 restorations and 21 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.

Finally

Companions, I am "ageing out" and 2024 -2025 will be my last year as your Grand Scribe Ezra, as per our Constitution. Please look around your Chapters and encourage a good candidate who may take my place as Grand Scribe Ezra.

Sincerely and Fraternally

REC Peter Guichon, Grand Scribe Ezra

Year End Membership Statistics 2023

Chapter	No.	Jan-23	Exhalt	Rest.	Affil.	Died	Susp	Demit	Expul	Care Home	Dec-23
Columbia	1	45						5			40
Rocky Mountain	4	19		1	10		2	3			25
Keystone	8	18			1	1					18
N. Island	10	53			1	1		3			50
Kaien	13	10	1						1		10
N.V.K.S.	16	35					7	1			27
Kelowna	17	22	3		2		1	2			24
Kamloops	18	24				1		5			18
Chilliwack	19	20	2			1					21
Pentiction	22	15	2			1					16
Composite	24	16	2					1			17
Tzouhalem	26	24			1					2	25
Joppa	31	86	2		1		1	2		1	86
Majuba	33	17								1	17
Semiahmoo	34	39	2		2		3	5			35
Cathedral	35	20	2					1		1	21
Ft. George	36	47	2				1	1		3	47
Kalum	37	26	3		1	2					28
Yukon	38	17	2				1				18
Georgian	39	21	1			1				1	21
S. Fraser	40	34			1		1				34
D/ Creel	41	45	2		1	2	1	1			44
Caribou	43	29									29
Pac Rim	44	34	2								36
Total - 2023		716	28	1	21	10	18	30	1	9	707

Sincerely and Fraternally

REC Peter Guichon, Grand Scribe Ezra **Report Received**

22) Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon Report of the Finance Committee For the year 2023 - 2024

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

The Grand Chapter Finance Committee (the "Committee") met a number of times this year. This year marked the change over of Grand Treasurers and this did result in some challenges in changing signing authorities and gathering information. The Grand Treasurer has provided the annual financial reports for both the Grand Chapter and the Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC and Yukon (the "Society"). The Committee recommended to the Grand Executive to approve the financial reports and send them forward to the Grand Communication for approval.

The Committee noted that the Grand Chapter budget for 2023 was based on receiving per capita from 650 Companions and that the actual number was 737. The 2023 budget was established to have a net deficit to use up surpluses generated during COVID. The actual deficit of $4,502 was more than budgeted ($3,620). There were a couple of un-budgeted items that arose. The first was to cover the costs of providing a suite to the outgoing and incoming Grand First at the Grand Communication in 2022 and 2023 (one night each). This amount was $1,026 for 2022 and $1,702 for 2023, and had been recommended for payment by the Committee and approved by the Executive. The second was the additional cost for regalia replacement. The budget was $200 but an amount of $2,152 was spent. However, we offset Regalia expenses by using some of our Regalia Reserve.

A budget was prepared for the Society but the only items within its direct control is the spending plan. The Society holds the investment balance for Grand Chapter in one fund and the investments for bursaries in the other fund. These funds are professionally managed by a third party whose mandate is to look for long-term investments that retain value and produce earnings from dividends and interest. The spending for 2023 out of the Society matched the budget and consisted of $5,000 given to the Royal Arch charities and $6,350 paid out as bursaries. An amount of $404 was spent on annual registration of the Society which had not been in the budget. The two funds earned $18,190 in investments and $4,550 in donations, which means that $10,987 has been left for re-investment. The general investments transferred $2,500 to the bursary account in 2023.

The Grand Treasurer has prepared a budget for 2025 (the 2024 budget was approved at the 2023 Grand Communication) and has discussed the details with the Committee. The Committee finds that the budget is based on conservative estimates of the number of Companions. This budget includes additional spending for information technology and an amount for Grand Communication's Grand 1st Principals room. The Grand Treasurer recommends a change in per capita to $30 a Companion and this Committee agrees with this recommendation and recommends the approval of the 2025 budget.

These are the key items that the Committee is mandated to report on. Additionally, the Committee has some observations that could be reviewed by the Committee and the Grand Executive in the future.

Based on the experiences of the most recent past relating to Grand Communications it may be desirable that Grand Chapter approve the provision of funds to support paying deposits for future Communications. The current practice of most hotels now is that they need a substantial deposit up front to hold facilities for a future event. In many cases this is more than any Chapter could afford, as it could be $5-10,000 held for upwards of three years. Grand Chapter may wish to look at providing some or all of these funds to pay the deposit.

Other organizations, like the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon, have gone away from changing a registration fee for attending Grand Communication. The Committee recommends that this concept be reviewed as if it was desired it would require an amendment to the budget be put before the Companions at an Annual Communication.

The investments held by the Society for the Grand Chapter are there for the purpose of providing support to the Grand Chapter, not simply to grow in value. The Grand Chapter may wish to explore changing the budgeting process of the Society to add the Grand Chapter as recipient of annual investment earnings along-side the Royal Arch Charities. This happens in other jurisdictions and would provide financial support to Grand Chapter to implement other changes.

This is my final year as Chair and I would like to thank the Grand 1st Principals who allowed me the privilege of being part of the Committee.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee:

REC Scott Wisdahl, Chair
REC Kristopher Toijonen, Grand Treasurer
REC Hani Nino, Grand Principal Sojourner
EC Marco Schwab
EC Bob Coan

. **Report Received**

23) CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Report of the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee

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

The Committee is pleased to report that they had very few minor requests for assistance during the past year and that they were resolved with satisfaction to those concerned.

Seven Notices of Motion were submitted and considered for this Grand Chapter. For various reasons, several of these Motions were not acceptable.

The Committee would like to remind the Companions, that each Notice of Motion must be submitted on the prescribed form properly and fully completed.

NOM # 1: Concerns 12.1.2 which sets the date for the annual Grand Chapter to be held on the third Saturday in September.

The NOM proposes that the date be changed to any date between June 1st and September 30th.

The Committee finds that this proposal lacks clarity and does not conform to Masonic custom and usage and is not acceptable in its present form.

NOM # 2: Concerns 12.1.2 which sets the date for the annual Grand Chapter to be held on the third Saturday in September.

The NOM proposes that the Grand Chapter be held on the day before and at the same place as Grand Lodge.

The Committee finds that this proposal would result in the loss of our Autonomy and therefore does not conform with Masonic custom and usage. It is not acceptable in its present form.

NOM # 3: Concerns 25.2 which sets the date of the annual Spring Board to be held on the first Saturday in April.

The Committee finds this proposal unacceptable in its current form.

NOM # 4: Proposes that Grand Chapter commence the process of chartering a chapter of The Order of the Pilgrim Preceptor.

The Committee finds that this Order is a sovereign body with its own ritual and Grand Chapter. It is not a Royal Arch degree.

The Committee finds that this does not conform to Masonic custom and usage and is not acceptable in its current form.

NOM # 5: Concerns 35.2 which details the conduct of business in any degree.

The NOM proposes that business must be conducted in the RAM degree except when a degree is to be conferred.

The Committee finds that this resolution is acceptable as to form and is not objectionable as to conflicting with Masonic custom and usage. The Committee offers no view as to the wisdom it advocates.

NOM # 6: Concerns 12.1 which details the choosing of time and place for the Grand Chapter from submissions by host Chapters.

The NOM proposes that a Grand Chapter Committee be appointed to assist the Host Chapter.

The Committee understands that the Grand First Principal has appointed an ad-hoc committee to address the possibility of having a Grand Chapter Committee host Grand Chapter.

The Committee therefore recommends that the NOM be withdrawn or tabled until the ad-hoc committee has submitted its report.

NOM # 7: Proposes the creation of a committee
The Committee finds that this proposal is incomplete and as it is linked to NOM # 6, it appears to be redundant and should be withdrawn.

Fraternally submitted,

REC Leonard Timmins,
MEC Philip Robinson,
MEC Leonard G. Pickell,
REC Kenneth D. Ward, Chair

NOTICES OF MOTION AS PRESENTED TO CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of
British Columbia and Yukon

Form 20 — Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2()

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

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

3. Reason for Change.

4. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted.
   Any other as may be determined in Section 26.3.1.3.

Notice of Motion:

I, ZIV KOWARS will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

Name: Ziv A Kowarsky

Number: 31

Date: February 29, 2

(b) Rank:

(c) Chapter:

(d) Signature:

5 R ved 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.
iii. 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).

NOM 1)

12.1.2 Business and Installation — Grand Chapter shall conduct its annual business of officers on the third Saturday of September.

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section

12.1.2 Business and Installation — Grand Chapter may conduct its annual business of officers on any day which accommodates the companions between June 1 and September 30.

3. Reason for Change

The current date of 3rd Monday of September almost always conflicts with Jewish High Holidays of either Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur or Succot, either falling on the holiday itself or so close to the holiday that it makes it impossible for Jewish companions to attend

For point of reference

September 2010	Grand Chapter 17th and 1 8th Yom Kippur night ofthe17th to night of the 18th
September 2011-	Grand Chapter 16th and 17th No issue with Jewish holidays
September 2012 —	Grand Chapter 14th and 15 th Rosh Hashanah night of the 16th to night 18th
September 2013-	Grand Chapter 20th and 21 st Succot night of the 18th to night of the 25th
September 2014 -	Grand Chapter 19th and 20th No issue with Jewish Holidays
September 2015 -	Grand Chapter 1 8th and 19th No issues with Jewish Holidays
September 2016 -	Grand Chapter 16th and 17th No issues with Jewish holidays

September 2017 -	Grand Chapter 1 5th and 16th No issues with Jewish holidays
September 2018 -	Grand Chapter 21 and 22nd Succot starts night of the 23 rd
September 2019 -	Grand Chapter 20th and 21 st No issues with Jewish holidays
September 2020 -	Grand Chapter 1 8th and 19th Rosh Hashana starts 1 8th at night to 21 st at night
September 2021 -	Grand Chapter 17th and 1 8th Yom Kippur was on the 16 and Succot starts the 20th
September 2022 -	Grand Chapter 16th and 17th No issues with Jewish holidays
September 2023 -	Grand Chapter 1 5th and 16th Rosh Hashana starts 15th at night to 17th at night
September 2024 -	Grand Chapter 20th and 21 st No issues with Jewish holidays
September 2025 -	Grand Chapter 19th and 20th No issues with Jewish holidays
September 2026 -	Grand Chapter 1 8th and 19th Yom Kippur starts on the 20th
September 2027 -	Grand Chapter 17th and 18th No issues with Jewish holidays
September 2028 -	Grand Chapter 15 th and 16th No issues with Jewish holidays
September 2029 -	Grand Chapter 16th and 17th No issues with Jewish holidays
September 2030 -	Grand Chapter 20th and 21 st No issues with Jewish holidays

4. <u>Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted.</u>

This change could affect the April Board of General Purposes meeting as it might make bring it to being too close to the grand convocation date.

NOM 2)

12.1.2 Business and Installation — Grand Chapter shall conduct its annual business of officers on the third Saturday of September.

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section

12.1.2 Business and Installation — Grand Chapter may conduct its annual business of officers on the antecedent day to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon and at the same location.

3. Reason for Change

It is easier for travel for those of us not retired to only have to concern ourselves with traveling once and getting everything accomplished over a few days than having to travel multiple times in order to attend multiple convocations, additionally, it may assist in getting more people to attend as there are a number of companions of the order who may not come to the Grand Chapter but will be attending grand lodge, thus we will be able to have them attend at the same time.

4. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted.

This change could affect the April Board of General Purposes meeting as it might make it too close to the grand convocation date. Section 25.2

NOM 3)

25.2 The Board meets once a year on the first Saturday of April

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section

12.1.2 Business and Installation — Grand Chapter shall conduct its annual business of officers on the may be conducted on any day which accommodates the companions between June 1 and September 30.

3. Reason for Change

Should previous notice of motions pass, then there will be need to move the Board of General Purposes to a date which is appropriate in distance from the date of the annual communication.

4. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted.

This chance would be required for previous notices of motion on the date of the annual communication to be passed.

NOM 4)

1. Original Section Number and Wording in full
NIL

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section

Grand Chapter will commence the process of chartering a chapter of The Order of the Pilgrim

Preceptor to our Grand jurisdiction as a part of Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.

3. Reason for Change

As there is a continuing issue with attendance at Grand Chapter, adding this side order to Grand chapter with the degree conferred on the day/night before grand chapter, it will be something to entice members who may otherwise not attend the annual communication, to attend.

The Pilgrim Preceptor is an invite only order which has as a requirement that one has both sat as an installed worshipful master and an installed first principal. The regalia is the same as that of Royal Arch except that there is a collar and jewel which is added.

The idea is that the Grand officers would hold the offices of this Order and would meet at the Board of General Purposes meeting and at the Annual communication. Between the added collar regalia for those who are interested in regalia to those who are interested in receiving additional degrees, this would give inducement to attend these sessions.

4. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted.

NIL

NOM 5)

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon

Form 20 Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 20 24-

1. Original Section (if any) Number and Wording in full: 35.2
2. All regular business, including election of officers, may be conducted in either a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters, Excellent Master in the case of Columbia Chapter #1, or in a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch.

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

3 Reason for Change.

ALL REGULAR BUSINESS, INCLUDING ELECTION OF OFFICERS MAY BE CONDUCTED IN THE MARK MASTER MASON OR MOST EXCELLENT MASTER OR EXCENT MASTER IN THE CASE OF COLUMBIA #1, ONLY IF A DEGREE IS CONFIRED OR IN A CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

TO PREVENT CHAPTERS CONDUCTING MEETING IN THE MMM or MEM ON A REGULAR PRACTICE

4. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted.
Any other as may be determined in Section 26.3. I.3.

Notice of Motion:

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

(b) Rank: Mec Name: ALES ROBINSON

KEYSTONE Number: S

(c) Chapter:

Date: FEB 23/24

(d) Signature:

5 R ved 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. [I

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

i. It is incomplete.

ii. It provides insufficient rational [1 iii. It is contrary to established Masonic usage. [ ] iv. Other

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

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MOTION DEFETED

NOM 6)

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British and Yukon **Columbia**

Form 20 — Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2

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

See ATTACHED

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

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

3. Reason for Change.

To assist Grand Officers IN SELECTING & ORGANIZING Grand Convocations

4. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted.
Any other as may be determined in Section 26.3.1.3.

Notice of Motion:

(a) I, A. LESLIE ROBINSON will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

(b) Rank: Name: A. L. ROBINSON

KEYSTONE Number: 8

(c) Chapter:

: A. L. Robinson Date: JAN 8/2024

(d) Signature:

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

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

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12.1 ANNUAL

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 Principal Sojourner prior to the annual convocation. The Grand Third Principal shall then select avenue immediately before the closing of the Annual Convocation.

Proposed new Section

12.1 ANNUAL

Grand Chapter Holds its annual convocation at the Time and place it chooses, three years in advance, from submissions by host chapters to the Convocation committee prior to the annual convocation. The committee in consultation with the Grand Third Principal shall then select a venue immediately before the closing of the annual Convocation.

MOTION TABLED AS A COMMITTEE IS REIVEWING FUTURE GRAND CONVOCATIONS.

NOM 7)

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon

Form 20 — Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2024

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

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

26, 1.14 ANNUAL coNVOCATIONS

3. Reason for Change.

TO ADD STABILITY TO ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS AND ASSIST THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL

4. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted.
Any other as may be determined in Section 26.3.1.3.

Notice of Motion:
(a) I, A. LESLIE ROBINSON will mo

(b) Rank: MEC Name: A.L. ROBINSON move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

KEYSTONE Number: 8

(c)Chapter:

: _____ Date: _____

(d) Signature:

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

_____

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

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MOTION TABLED AS A COMMITTEE IS REIVEWING FUTURE GRAND CONVOCATIONS.

Report Received

24) Forum for Candidates for Elected Offices.

BIOGRAPHY OF CANDIDATES FOR GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

REC Scott Wisdahl, Dawson Creek Chapter No. 41

Royal Arch Masonry in BC has reached a critical point. Without doing something, our numbers will continue to shrink until we are irrelevant. We have too many Chapters closing; we have too many Companions leaving.

Most of us in this beautiful order would agree that Royal Arch is very important. It is full of incredible symbolism and ritual. It is home to fellowship and those in leadership positions across the whole masonic family. It is the gateway to many other degrees. These aspects of Royal Arch meet the needs of a diverse group of Masons.

Those Masons who have not yet joined Royal Arch deserve the opportunity to experience Royal Arch. We need to remain in existence for their future development.

How do we recruit and retain newer Masons and Companions? First, we need to listen to them. Then we need to find ways to adapt to meet their needs without losing the essence of our Order.

I have been a Craft and Royal Arch Mason for more than two decades. I met many of my closest friends through the craft and our fellowship greatly assisted my wife and I in becoming part of a new community.

I am seeking to progress into a leadership role in Royal Arch because it is my turn to give back to the order. Below is a brief resume. I have experience working at the “Grand” level in Masonry and especially in Royal Arch. Throughout my professional career I have lead

initiatives and changes, working with diverse groups. I believe my experiences and education will assist me to listen to our Companions and lead the changes our Order needs.

Brief Resume

Senior Leadership Positions

- Grand Superintendent, District 10, Grand Chapter of BC&Yukon (2022-2023)
- Chair, Grand Chapter Finance Committee since 2021
- DDGM, District 19, Grand Lodge of BC&Yukon (2017-2018)
- DDGM, District No. 4, AMD Canada (2023-2025)
- Grand Stewart, Lower Mainland, Grand Council of Western Canada (2023-2024)
- Partner, MNP LLP Chartered Professional Accountants (2009-today)
- Commanding Officer, 5th (BC) Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery (2010-2013)
- Assistant Governor, Rotary District 5370 (2016-2017)

Leadership Positions

- First Principal, Dawson Creek Chapter No. 41
- Worshipful Master, Fort St John Lodge No. 131
- Thrice Illustrious Master, Zarthan No. 7 and Enoch No. 20
- Sovereign Master, Peace Council No. 224 and Northern Equinox Council No. 226
- Celebrant, Lumen Terrestris College No. 69, SRIA (Kerrisdale) (2023-2024)
- President of Rotary Clubs of Fort St John (both Clubs)
- Board of Directors, Fort St John and District Chamber of Commerce and numerous other profit and not for profit organizations

Other Masonic Organizations

- Red Cross of Constantine, Roya City Conclave No. 22 (Langley)
- Preceptory No. 48, St. Andrew's (Prince George)

Founding Member of the following:

- Peace and Northern Equinox Councils AMD
- Enoch Council Cryptic Rite
- Lumen Septentrionis Rose Circle, SRIA (Dawson Creek)

Education

- Masters of Business Administration, Australian Institute of Business
- Masters of Law (LL.M), University of Cumbria (England)
- Certified General Accountants of BC
- Bachelor of Economics, University of Victoria

Personal Bio for Right Excellent Robert McLellan

Born 1952 and raised in Dumbarton, Scotland
Married his childhood sweet heart Carole who was also born and raised in Dumbarton in 1953 and we were married December 15th 1972

Immigrated to Canada - Went straight to Port Hardy June 1973 we have two children Fiona and Derek both born in Port Hardy, four grandchildren Ashley, Katelyn, Nathan, and Kazzey

I worked at Island Copper mine Port Hardy where I received two apprenticeship's Steamfitter/Pipefitter and then a Millright where I stayed until the mine closed in 1994. We are very fortunate that our children and grandchildren live close by.

After the mine in Port Hardy closed I went to Kemess Mine, Prince George area, where I worked as a Millright and had to retire in 2001 at the age of 49 due to a work accident.

Carole worked for the Scotia Bank in Port Hardy and Courtenay until she retired in 2013.

Masonic Bio.

E. A. Degree – Received 1996
F. C. Degree – Received 1997
M. M. Degree – Received 1998
W. M. Master – Hiram Lodge 2006
D of C. - 2010 till 2020
Hosted on my property Hiram outdoor Lodge and BBQ Since 2010
Craft Lodge – Senior Grand Deacon 2022- 2023

Royal Arch

Royal Arch – Cyrus Chapter 2003
Royal Arch – First Principal 2009/10 2017/18
Royal Arch – Master of the 4th Veil 2011
Royal Arch – Master of the 1st Veil 2013
Royal Arch – Grand Pursuivant 2015
Royal Arch – Grand Super. 2022 / 23

Cryptic

S. E. M. - Alpha Council 2002
Cryptic T. I. M. - 2009/10
Cryptic G. I. G. - 2013 / 14

Knights Templar

Knights Templar - 2003
Presiding Preceptor 2008, 2012, 2020, 2021, 2022
Rt. Em. Kt. Grand – Marshal 2015, 16, 17
K. Y. C. H. Since 2012
Knight Templar Priest
Red Cross of Constantine
York Rite College

O. E. S.

Florence Chapter OES Worthy Patron 2007/ 08 - 2018 /19 - 2023 / 24
O. E. S. Grand Rep to Texas 2020. 21, 22

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

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

REC Scott Wisdahl
REC Robert McLellan

25) Report of the Regalia Committee Regalia Report

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 our committee in the 2023 / 2024 year.

Our Primary Objectives were, as in years past, the repair and replacement of Grand Chapter Officer's regalia. This year we have begun the task of replacing the several pieces of regalia pertaining to the Grand Chapter Officers which are, for whatever reason, missing. In order to facilitate this objective, we ask all Grand Chapter Officers to let us know if they are missing their apron, collar, or jewel so they can be replaced in sequence. 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 and repair it.

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

Report Received

26) REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As Grand 2nd Principal, it was my duty to arrange and set agendas for our monthly Executive/Superintendents meetings. This year, these meetings were scheduled to take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM for the Executive, starting in September following Grand Chapter, and continuing up to and including August 2024. All Executive attended these meetings via Zoom at 7:00 PM, and Grand Superintendents joined in at 8:00 PM.

As noted above, the Grand Superintendents' Zoom meeting was held on the same night immediately after our Executive meetings. A big thank you goes out to REC Bill Hillborn, REC Wayne Phelan, John Shandalla, Gord Hamer, and Rod Holmes for their regular attendance at these Grand Superintendent/Executive Meetings. Their input, participation, and contributions were key to our ability to lead and work with all Chapters in our jurisdiction.

Regular monthly contact via Zoom with all Executive and Grand Superintendents has proven to be an effective tool to ensure issues were properly identified and addressed as efficiently as possible.

Constitutional issues, hosting Grand Communication issues, Chapter issues including consolidation problems, and quorum issues were all discussed at these meetings. Needless to say, these monthly meetings have proven to be a valuable tool for the Executive and Grand Superintendents.

It is highly recommended that these Zoom meetings continue to take place under the auspice of the Grand 2nd Principal.

Respectfully Submitted
REC Alphonse J Quenneville
Grand 2nd Principal

Report Received

27 GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Companions, we all know the old joke about Freemasons and change. Therefore, I hate to inform you there will be a change to my report this year. For years, I have been marking the 100th anniversary of Chapters with biographical sketches. That won't happen this year as no Chapter turns 100. The closest thing is the decision by Grand Chapter in 1924 to agree to accept the application of Klondike No. 154 in Dawson City to affiliate, provided the Grand Chapter of Canada agreed, as the Chapter was under its jurisdiction. It doesn't appear the matter went any further, and Klondike carried on under "Canada" until 1953.

Archives and Records

Our Grand Chapter had an office at the Masonic Centre at 1495 West 8th Avenue in Vancouver. When Grand Chapter closed the office in a cost-saving move, its records and effects were stored in several closets, mainly in one that had belonged to Vancouver No. 2. When the building was torn down in 2018, the Grand Historian of Grand Lodge offered to put them in storage with the Grand Lodge archives and library until a new Centre was erected. The new Centre has been open for a year and a half. Not all our archives have been found. We have returns from 1919 to 1946 and then again from about 1980 onward to when the office closed. There is not a full set of Proceedings. Returned Charters are missing.

Right now, there are about 15 banker's boxes containing our records, plus minutes, petitions and notices of some Lower Mainland chapters. They're taking up space at the Centre in a locker belonging of one of my lodges. We need a place to store them, but with easy access by the Grand Historian. They should not be in someone's home. I ask Grand Chapter to look into finding a storage place.

Around the Jurisdiction

Here are a few events gleaned from chapter notices:

● Columbia No. 1 conferred the Past Master degree on April 2. It cancelled the May convocation.

● Keystone No. 8 hosted what was to be a Tri-Chapter installation on March 22. One of the chapters did not have a quorum, so its installation was postponed.

● North Island No. 10 conducted a Table Lodge on March 20 during a break in a Mark degree.

● Kaien No. 13 held a joint installation with Kalum No. 37 on October 21, 2023.

● North Vancouver-King Solomon No. 16 moved from New Westminster to the Park Hall in Vancouver on Saturday, May 18. That day, your Grand Historian acted as Installing D.C. for the first time in something like 15 years. The chapter will now meet on the first Thursdays.

● Kelowna No. 17 was graced with a talk by R. Ex. Comp. Al Akehurst on the Royal Arch Banners.

● Kamloops No. 18 proposed to meet six times a year. It has been working together with Kelowna Chapter to confer degrees.

● Chilliwack No. 19 carries on, despite some of the senior members not being in the best condition. R. Ex. Comp. Doug Sprague, Z. in 2007 and 2011, finally succumbed to poor health. A friendly and humorous Freemason who will be missed.

● Penticton No. 22, meeting in Summerland, held a couple of emergent meetings for degree work.

● Composite No. 24, by written ballot on April 19, defeated a motion to consolidate with North Vancouver-King Solomon. It is now considering a six-times-a-year schedule for meetings.

● Tzouhalem No. 28 held its joint installation with Pacific Rim No. 44 on Oct. 18, 2023. The Victoria Lodge of Education met after the convocation of November 21, 2023, with a presentation by the Senior Grand Warden.

● Joppa No. 31 celebrated its 75th anniversary on June 2 at the Quilchena Golf and Country Club. The senior member of the chapter was present. Ex. Comp. Jim Young was exalted in Maybole-Union Chapter No. 35 in Scotland in 1955, and affiliated with Pacific No. 15 in 1962; Pacific combined with Joppa and Mt. Horeb No. 32 in 1990. Your Grand Historian gave a short history of the three chapters which make up Joppa. It was a well-organised affair, attended by a number of young companions.

● Majuba No. 33, using a ballot box on October 3, 2023, rejected consolidation with Keystone Chapter.

● Semiahmoo No. 34 voted to make Comp. Kenneth Long an honorary member. He was exalted in 1960. The Chapter organised a barbecue on August 17, inviting a number of chapters.

● Kalum No. 37 is not ignoring education. R. Ex. Comp. Kevin Guest shared a 1780 presentation of the Master Mason apron. The chapter exalted three Royal Arch Masons this term.

● Yukon No. 38 reduced its meetings to four times a year. The hard-working Scribe E., M. Ex. Comp. Tom Mickey, reports all dues were collected this term. No suspensions!

● Georgian No. 39 exalted three companions on April 20. Several other chapters lent a hand (not a leprous one, however).

● Simon Fraser No. 40 was busy on February 3, conferring a M.E.M. degree and installing its officers.

● Dawson Creek No. 42 regularly gets visitors from Alberta. R. Ex. Comp. Matt Fletcher spoke on esoteric elements in the Royal Arch degree, while R. Ex. Comp. Scott Wisdahl gave his thoughts in a paper on geometric shapes. The chapter now has M. Ex. Comp. Dave Grange among their ranks.

I did not hear from Rocky Mountain No. 4, Cathedral No. 35 or Caribou No. 43, which has never sent any information to me since being appointed in 2004.

Richard Jack Meek

R. Ex. Comp. Meek was Grand Historian of our jurisdiction from 1978 to 1990. He was a modest man who never recorded his biography in our Proceedings. That is being rectified below.

Like many good Freemasons, R. Ex. Comp. Jack Meek was community-minded, and also served with distinction in World War Two.

His major accomplishment within Royal Arch Masonry was overseeing the publication of "The Royal Art," a book outlining the progress of Capitular Masonry in our jurisdiction from 1867 to 1982. Possibly because of conditions of government funding for its publication, it is not editorially consistent in format throughout but contains valuable information, especially about other Masonic bodies in the appendices that is not recorded elsewhere.

He was a native Vancouverite, born December 28, 1908, nine and a half months after the marriage of his parents, Richard Horace and Annie (Barratt) Meek. They had come

to Canada from England. At the time he was born, his father was the assistant plumbing inspector for the city of Vancouver.

When he was 13, our future Grand Historian ran in front of a car at 14th Avenue and Commercial Drive but, fortunately came away with only some bruises.

He graduated from the Nelson School in June 1923 and Lord Selkirk School in June 1925. The latter year, he was employed as a messenger for the Canadian Press wire service. (The Jack Meek working for the Vancouver Sun newspaper around this time was a different Jack Meek).

A change in career and address took place in 1930. He moved to Nelson as the radio operator for the Provincial Police force there. He was president of the local ham radio club in early 1931, led the city's rowing team and also played lacrosse. It was here he joined the Craft. He was initiated in Nelson No. 23 on October 28, 1932; passed November 25, 1932 and raised December 16, 1932. He was exalted in Nelson Chapter No. 5 on May 15, 1935 and demitted October 20, 1939.

After five years at the microphone, R. Ex. Comp. Meek left Nelson in May 1935 and headed for McDame Creek, about 55 miles from the Yukon border, to serve as constable, radio operator and deputy mining recorder. On the way to the townsite, the barge he was on began to leak. For five hours, he and the rest of party kept the vessel afloat on the Liard River while they repaired the damage (and saved the 30-pound shortwave radio). A lesser problem was having his potato crop wiped out by snow in August.

Nearby Meek Lake and Meek River are named for him.

When the war came, R. Ex. Comp. Meek enlisted in the R.C.A.F. as a navigator, and flew with the 626 R.A.F. Squadron based in Lincolnshire. In 1944, he was the eighth Canadian airman to win the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal, third highest decoration awarded to non-commissioned officers in the air force. He was wounded in the shoulder and near the heart after a bomber on which he was a navigator was attacked over Berlin in January. He refused to leave his post and, despite the almost complete destruction of his instruments, plotted the course that brought the plane back to England.

With the war ended, toward the end of 1946, R. Ex. Comp. Meek was appointed superintendent of Indian Affairs for Whitehorse, where he also became chairman of the Hospital Board. He now resumed his Masonic career, affiliating with Whitehorse Lodge No. 46. He also took a very active interest in the Royal Arch. Comp. Meek was the one who corresponded with the Grand Chapter of Canada (which had jurisdiction over Yukon at the time) and after a few difficulties, dispensation was granted in January 1950 to form Yukon Chapter, with Comp. Meek as the First H. The Council received its charter a year later, when Comp. Meek became First Principal. He was appointed Grand Superintendent for Yukon District in April 1952.

R. Ex. Comp. Meek was a founding member of Northern Lights Lodge in Mayo, Y.T., which received its dispensation on May 18, 1953, but wasn't warranted until 1955. By May the following year, he had been transferred to Lytton. He became a founding

member of Cayoosh Lodge in Lillooet on April 25, 1959. He was transferred again to Vancouver as community services officer for Indian Affairs, retiring in 1972.

It took a bit of time for him to decide to join some of the Masonic bodies in Vancouver. In 1977, he affiliated with Joppa Chapter No. 31 and was Scribe Nehemiah for a number of years. The following year, he was appointed Grand Registrar. The title didn't sit well with the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Henry Dayton, who convinced Grand Chapter to change it to Grand Historian to better reflect the duties of the office. That happened in 1979.

R. Ex. Comp. Meek was invited to join the newly-formed Dogwood Council No. 171, Allied Masonic Degrees, a body devoted to education and perpetuating old side degrees. He became a member on December 2, 1981, was installed as Sovereign Master in 1987 and served several years as Secretary. The noted Masonic scholar, Most Ven. Bro. Allen E. Roberts, Grand Master of the Allied Degrees, visited Dogwood in 1990 and was made an honorary member of the Council. I strongly suspect R. Ex. Comp. Meek had a hand in bringing him here due to his membership in the AMD's Lodge of Nine Muses in Washington, D.C.

In 1991, he finally affiliated with a local Craft Lodge, joining Zion No. 77 on April 2. By this time, his health was not the best. He bade farewell as Grand Historian the previous year after Grand Chapter was led by his fellow Yukoner, M. Ex. Comp. Tom Mickey, ending his report with words in Chinook: "Kloshe Kawkwa" or "So Mote it Be."

He died in hospice care in Vancouver on January 8, 1995.

Thanks - My thanks to M. Ex. Comp. Dan McCoy for re-appointing me to this office; he has been especially helpful to me in my capacity as District Deputy for the Allied Degrees. In advance, I thank R. Ex. Comp. Alphonse Quenneville for choosing me again to serve in this station. Next May will mark 100 years since Signet No. 23 and Composite No. 24 received their dispensations, so there will be history aplenty to dig up.

Fraternally,
Jim Bennie, Grand Historian.

Report Received

28) ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

No Roll Call as Grand Chapter is no longer appointing Grand Reps.

29) REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon, your credentials committee offers the following report on the 2024 convocation.

Total Number of Chapters in this Jurisdiction 24

Chapters represented today 20

Chapters not represented today 4

Total BC & Yukon Companions registered ..... 66(A) *****

Grand First Principals present 8

Grand Representatives present ..... N/A

Companions from other jurisdictions..... 11(B)

Past First Principals attending .....
Number of Principals attending Z.....14
H 3
J 4
Total... **78** (A+B)

*** This will be the number of votes eligible to be cast** **66**

Report Received

30 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS

MEC Dan McCoy presented an Honorary Membership Cards to the following visiting Companions.

MEC Rabi Peifer, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Washington.
REC John Burrage, Grand King, Grand Chapter of Washington.
VEC Jeff Steik, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Washington
REC Brad Edstrom, Grand 3rd Principal Grand Chapter of Alberta.
REC Jerry Fulton Grand Superintendent District 5, Grand Chapter of Alberta.
Comp. Shawn Lamonth, Companion, Grand Chapter of Alberta.
He then thanked each of them for attending our Grand Convocation.

31) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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When only one nomination is received for any office in Grand Chapter, and the nominee accepts the nomination, that companion is declared elected by acclamation without any ballot being taken.
It is not proper to declare the election unanimous.
There are six elected offices in Grand Chapter. As of the close of nominations on March 31st 2024.

The following nominations have been received:-

Grand First Principal	**REC Alphonse Quenneville**	**Acclamation**
Grand Second Principal	**MEC Phillip Robinson**	**Acclamation**
Grand Third Principal	**REC Hani Nino**	**Acclamation**
Grand Treasurer	**REC Kris Toijonen**	**Acclamation**
Grand Scribe Ezra	**REC Peter Guichon**	**Acclamation**
Grand Principal Sojourner	**REC Scott Wisdahl/REC Robert McLellan**	

MEC Dan McCoy stated that there being only one nomination for each of the first five elected Offices mentioned, he therefore declared them elected by Acclamation.

He then called upon the three previously chosen scrutineers, MEC Jesse Carr (Alberta), MEC Jamie Wong (Alberta) and MEC Rabi Peifer (Washington) to deliver the results of the ballot taken for the two Candidates- REC Scott Wisdahl and REC. Robert McLellan for the Office of Principal Sojourner.

MEC Jamie Wong announced REC Scott Wisdahl the new Principal Sojourner.

MEC McCoy then thanked the three Scrutineers for their assistance and ordered that the Ballot box containing the ballots be deposited with the Grand Scribe Ezra for disposal.

32) REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

Bursary Committee Report

The Bursary Fund Committee annually awards bursaries to the children and grandchildren of Companions of Chapters under the authority of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon.

The Grand Chapter operates several charities, including the Royal Arch Masonic Home Society and the Keystone of Life Foundation, which are deserving of our support. However, the Royal Arch Bursary Fund is not a registered charity and cannot issue receipts eligible for income-tax purposes.

As a result, individuals may prefer to donate to the aforementioned charities rather than the Bursary Fund. The Bursary Fund, which directly benefits Companions, is better suited for donations from individual Chapters that do not require charitable receipts.

We encourage all Chapters to consider contributing to this worthwhile cause. A small contribution from each Chapter will 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.

In 2023 seven awards were made to students in Burnaby, Maple Ridge, Prince George, Victoria, and one extra-provincial award for attendance at Queen's University in Ontario. The grants ranged from $1,350 to $2,000, totaling $7,700.

In 2024, a generous donation of $28,000, earmarked for Royal Arch bursaries, was received by Grand Lodge. The Royal Arch Bursary Committee recommended ten recipients to Grand Lodge to receive bursaries of $2,800 each from this special donation. The application deadline for these bursaries was April 30, 2024.

Subsequently an additional four bursaries were awarded to qualified applicants who applied between May 1st, 2024 and the application deadline of June 12th, 2024. These bursaries ranged from $1500 to $2000, for a total of $6,300 from an approved budget of $7100. The recipients were from 17 to 20 years of age and were from Fernie, Kamloop, Ladysmieth and West Kelowna.

The committee recommended the residue be deposited to the bursary endowment fund to help sustain future bursary awards.

2024 was a welcome exception to prior years that saw a trend toward fewer bursary applicants. That decline prompted some discussion at Spring Board about exploring broadening the scope of applicant eligibility and/or types of educational programs we could support. The Committee welcomes input on this from Companions and/or their Chapters.

Thanks go to the committee members for their service for the 2023/2024 academic year:

Rt. Ex. Companion John Young
V. Ex Companion Cole Harvey
Rt. Ex. Companion Alphonse Quenneville
(ex-officio)

The Committee appreciates all Chapters spreading awareness of the Bursary Fund and ask all Chapter Scribes Ezra to kindly inform the Companions of their Chapter of the availability of these bursaries directing them to our Grand Chapter website www.grandchapter.ca for information on how to apply.

September 2024 **REPORT RECEIVED**

33) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

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

Companions:

We congratulate our Grand First Principal Daniel McCoy on his address to Grand Chapter and for his enthusiasm in performing those of his duties in his travels to the various Chapters and we are pleased that he was able to represent the Companions of British Columbia and Yukon on his visits to the Grand Communications of Alberta and Manitoba as well as Affirmation Sunday with our Companions in Washington. It is noted that he took the opportunity to attend the York Rite picnic in Washington state.

We note with pleasure that his wife Joyce was able to accompany him on of his visits.

We concur with his thanks to those Companions who accompanied him throughout his year.

We applaud his inciteful use of the Zoom platform in order to keep in touch with his officers and other Companions to maintain the two-way flow of information throughout the Jurisdiction.

We concur with his appreciation to REC Quenneville for the commendable job of setting up and chairing the Spring Board of General Purpose this year.

We acknowledge and agree with our Grand First Principals encouraging observations and words with respect to the increase of membership and the renewed enthusiasm in Royal Arch.

We join with him in wishing REC. Eric Duchesne a speedy resolution to his personal issues forcing him to step down as Grand Third Principal, and in thanking him for his work and dedication these past years to our Royal Craft.

We equally concur in thanking MEC Phillip Robinson for stepping in to perform the duties of Grand Third Principal for the remainder of the term and for putting his name forward to serve as Grand Second Principal for the upcoming year.

We agree with his recommendations of permanent rank on those Grand Chapter Officers named in his report.

Finally, we extend our best wishes to Most Excellent Companion Dan McCoy and his wife Joyce for good health and happiness in the future.

Moved by MEC Ken Overy Seconded by MEC Les Robinson that this report be received.

Report Received

34) REPORT OF INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Report of Information Technology Committee

Companions:

The Grand Chapter web site is regularly updated and continues to furnish current and historical information for our Grand jurisdiction. Once again, Spring Board was available through zoom and it was good to witness active participation by those regardless of location. Usage appears to have plateaued, and I remind companions

that you can only gain access to the members area by registering. As mentioned in previous years, engaging more will lead to greater success and a better experience for all members.

I am once again making a request that information be provided about upcoming Chapter meetings of interest, event pictures with a description etc. Our site is member access only and these photos will not be viewable like other social media posts. Please be reminded that our GSE serves as the administrator for any material that you may wish to have included.

I end this report with a few statistics from the past 12 months. We have had almost 8000 site visits, with the top 5 country visitor count in order: Canada, USA, UK, China and Australia. Blocked failed logins: Russian Federation, Singapore, Germany, China and India.

Respectfully submitted:

MEC Ronald R. Smith Chairman

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35) REPORT OF THE REPRSENTATIVE TO THE R.A.M.H.S. ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOME SOCIETY REPORT

Companions:

This year is the 42nd year of the Royal Arch Masonic Care Home and Royal Arch Masonic Apartments known collectively as 'the Society'. The Society would like to take this opportunity to thank the Royal Arch Masonic Grand Chapter, associated Chapters, and Life Members for their ongoing support with the Society. The Board of Directors would also like to acknowledge the Residents, Families, Management Team, Staff, and external stakeholders such as Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, the Attending Physicians, and all of the external contractors that contribute to the Society's vision and mission. The Society is extremely appreciative of the support and good wishes and extend our thanks for the generous donations received throughout the year. The Board of Directors would like to acknowledge the following Board Members for their three years of service and for their dedication and commitment to the Society: Alphonse Quenneville and Stephen Coffey, and for the Grand Chapter Appointee John Paterson for one year service. There were many exciting projects that occurred this year ranging from renovation projects to IT systems upgrades to a full facility wide review of current programs, committee structure, administrative systems and educational programs in response to changes to the healthcare system on a federal and provincial level thus positing the Society to be able to navigate any future challenges within the healthcare system over the next several

years. The Society continues in its mission and are truly committed in providing the best level of care to the 151 Residents who live at the Care Home and are equally committed in providing excellence in independent housing to the 75 Tenants residing at the Apartments. The Society is constantly looking ahead and planning future projects and is committed to reviewing and evaluating current services to ensure that the Society exceeds expectations in healthcare delivery to the Residents and their Families.

Building Committee (Care Home)

Many upgrades continue to occur at the Care Home and new projects have been undertaken this past year. The 2nd east nursing station renovations were completed, the bathing room received new epoxy flooring and new tiling, and the Care Home set up areas in the facility and associated resources that could house up to eight extra Residents in the event of natural disasters or other provincial emergency occurrences. Numerous new IT projects occurred such as multi-factorial authentication ability, a switch to XRD cybersecurity, and penetration and vulnerability assessments. New IT equipment this year included new servers, new UPS devices, and new computers. Upgrades to the nurse call bell system to two floors were completed, new dining room table were purchased as well as an industrial mixer and convention oven for the facility kitchen. The Executive Committee has overseen an extensive review of all internal facility programs and has updated all procedures and policies to reflect new federal, provincial, and health authority legislation and regulations. Year-round annual maintenance occurs to the following areas: landscaping, trees, power washing, exterior and interior building, windows, carpets, flooring, safety and fire equipment, generators, elevators, patios, roof, plumbing, and roof-top units. Additional heat reduction interventions are deployed during the warmer months including portable air condition units. An annual structural building review occurs in the care Home with associated drywall sampling.

Building Committee (Royal Arch Masonic Apartments - RAMA)

We are pleased to announce that the Apartment major building re-piping project was successfully completed this past year. Flooring and beautification renovations to all lobby areas were also completed. Additional security cameras were installed on all levels of the building. Continual year-round maintenance and upgrades continued at the Apartments with initiatives such as annual fire system upgrades and earthquake equipment inventory, roof and gutter maintenance, annual structural engineering reviews, lawn maintenance, arborist reviews, power-washing, parking lot painting, and a full review of all plumbing and drainage systems within the building and throughout the premises. Building servicing also included backflow testing, fire and safety inspections, generator testing. The entry system was upgraded to include new software and capability to connect to cellular devices. Annual suite inspections occurred this year with necessary maintenance follow up as well as follow up with external support services or families as required. The Society is a member of the BC Non-Profit Housing Association.

Membership Committee

The Royal Arch Society's Membership Committee encourages the Companions to become new Life Members and support our Charity. Our current membership is 153 Life Members and 12/26 paid Chapters for 2024

VEC Peter BODDY

36) REPORT OF THE KEYSTONE OF LIFE FOUNDATION

REPORT FOR 2024 GRAND CONVOCATION
COVERING PERIOD August 2023 to August 2024

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 (currently up to $13,000) 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 $75,000 of grants. These grants comprise:

Completed

Kitimat General Hospital	$6,254	Sonography Chair & Sera Lift
Delta Hosp.	$13,700	Mobile Patient Lift
Terrace (NH) Hosp.	$9,916	Basic CPR Training Package
Kootenay Emergency Services	$10,678	Portable Ventilator System
Surrey Memorial Hospital	$7,500	Laparoscope

Approved – awaiting completion

Nanaimo General Hosp.	$10,000	High Acuity Crash Cart
Kamloops General Hosp.	$8,902	Updated Stretcher
Peace Arch Hospital	$8,900	Sara Flex Patient Lift

When reading the above grant data, it should be recognized that Hospital Foundations frequently take up to a year following KLF approval of a grant application to complete the purchase of the subject equipment and for evidence of this to be reviewed and approved by KLF, and for a grant cheque to be presented.

The KLF acquires its funds for grant awards from donations , membership dues, and bequests together with income from invested assets.

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. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or by eTransfer.

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 - August 2024

REPORT RECEIVED

37) REPORT OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS Report of the Superintendents Committee

Based on Reports received, it appears recent conditions mainly continue. Attrition of members, particularly older senior members, during the COVID period coupled with no opportunity for new Companions to join, weakened Chapters' membership, management and ritual work.

New members are now coming in and will be the building blocks for our future. We commend those Chapters who actively promote Royal Arch membership at their local Lodges.

We are pleased to see Chapters co-operating to conduct degrees and Companions extending support beyond their own Chapter. Many Chapters are doing well with no indication such will not continue.

Chapter management, records and finances appear to be in overall good order.

Where problems do appear they vary from Chapter to Chapter: some short of Officers, others with poor attendance and a few reading parts of Ritual.

We would emphasize the importance of good Ritual work, especially at degrees, for the benefit of Candidates, the general morale of the Chapter and member commitment.

It appears there are situations where struggling Chapters that are not widely separated might benefit by consolidating and we recommend such be considered in a spirit of amity.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
REC. Ian Thompson

Award Recommendation

We recommend REC. John Shandella GS District 3, for the award for exemplary service in his year. He served well.

Respectfully submitted,
REC. Ian Thompson, Chair
Grand Superintendents' Reports Committee

REPORT RECEIVED

38) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAST GRAND "Zs" AWARD

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

During the past year 9 Chapters showed an increase in membership, 7 had a decrease membership and 7 did not have the pleasure of performing an Exaltation. Also Rocky Mountain #7 and Rossland #4 amalgamated to form Rocky Mountain #4. Unfortunately Caribou Chapter #43 found it necessary to return their charter. Grand Chapter now has 23 Chapters in BC & Yukon

Reviewing the membership for 2023 we stated the year with 716 members and ended with 707 a loss of 9 members a loss 0 1.2%. 28 Companions were Exalted 28, 1 restored to membership, 21 affiliations and 10 who passed to the Grand Chapter above.

Unfortunately we had 30 demits and 18 suspensions, which should give us all something to think about, what are we doing wrong or what are we not doing that will help keep our members interested. When we lose more members than we gain how are we going to keep those who join us.

As to this year's award only 3 Chapter increased their membership 2 Companions and 5 by 1 companion and because of the percentage increase in membership the Past Grand Principals Award goes to KELOWNA CHAPTER #17.

Many thanks to REC Peter Guichon Grand Scribe Ezra for providing the data so we could compile this report.

I MEC Les Robinson move the reception of this report

Seconded by MEC Ken Overy

Respectively submitted
MEC Les Robinson – Chairman
MEC Ken Overy
M.E.C. Ken Overy **REPORT RECEIVED**

39) New Business

MEC Dan McCoy then proceeded to deal with the two items of new business:

1) RESOLUTION OF PERMANENT RANK
   Per Section 11.5.5

Be it resolved that the permanent rank be conferred as follows upon:

Right Excellent Companion:
Bill Hilborn – Superintendent D 1
Wayne Phalen – Superintendent D 2

John Shandalla – Superintendent D 3
Rod Holmes – Superintendent D 10

Very Excellent Companion
John Ranking – Grand Sr. Sojourner
Nick Serna – Grand Jr. Sojourner
Chris Larsen – G Pursuivant
Hans Doge – Grand Steward
John Van Egmond – G Chaplain

As certified by MEC Dan McCoy that above named appointed officers have faithfully performed their duties during their term of appointment.

Moved by MEC Dan McCoy
Seconded by REC John Laing

MOTION PASSED

40) Unfinished Business

No unfinished business reported.

41) Good of the Order

MEC Dan McCoy then rose to make the following presentations:
Grand Superintendent Award to REC John Shandalla
Past Grand Z award to Kelowna Chapter No. 17.
Past Superintendent certificates to REC Bill Hilborn, Wayne Phelan, John Shandalla, Gordon Hamer and Rod Holmes.

Grand Chapter was then called from Labour to Refreshment, but all to stay within hail to come on again at the sound of the gavel in the East at 13:00 hrs, for the purpose of installing the Grand Chapter Officers for the year 2023-2024.

40) INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2024-2025

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Installing Grand Z	MEC Ken Overy
Installing Grand D of C	VEC George MacLagen
Installing Grand Chaplain	VEC John Van Egmond

Office	**Name**	**Installed By**
Grand Z	MEC Alphonse Quenneville	MEC Ken Overy
Grand H	MEC Phil Robinson	MEC Len Pickell
Grand J	REC Hani Nino	MEC Len Pickell
IPGZ	MEC Dan McCoy	MEC Ken Overy
Grand Treasurer	REC Kris Toijonen	MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi
Grand Scribe Ezra	REC Peter Guichon	MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi
Grand Principal Soj.	REC Scott Wisdahl	MEC Ken Overy
Grand Senior Soj	VEC Nirvan Rajkumar	MEC Ken Overy
Grand Junior Soj	VEC Mark O'Donohue	MEC Ken Overy
G.Sup. Dist. #1	REC Tim Findlay	MEC Les Robinson
G.Sup. Dist. #2	REC Robert Carroll	MEC Les Robinson
G.Sup. Dist. #3	REC Bert Fredin	MEC Les Robinson
G.Sup. Dist. #6	REC Steve Finnigan	MEC Les Robinson
G.Sup. Dist. #10	REC Rod Chris Larsen	MEC Les Robinson
Grand Scribe N.	MEC Ken Overy	REC Peter Guichon
Grand Historian	VEC Jim Bennie	At later date
Grand Sword B.	VEC As Required	
Grand Standard B	VEC As Required	
Grand D of C	VEC. Richard Trippel	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Marshall	REC Peter Edwards	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Pursuivant	VEC Paul Brais	REC Dean Box
Grand Steward #1	VEC Rick Dawson	REC Scott Wisdahl
Grand Steward #2	VEC Hans Doge	REC Scott Wisdahl
Grand Steward #3	VEC TBA	
Grand Chaplain	VEC Alan Akehurst	VEC John Van Egmond
Grand Organist	Comp. Vacant	
Grand Tyler	VEC Connor Massey	REC Rick Dawson

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

Grand Honors were properly accorded under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, VEC Richard Trippel. Proclamation, presentation of gavel and General Charge were all completed under direction of IGZ, MEC Ken Overy.

The Grand First Principal thanked all for attending the convocation and for supporting him during the previous years.
Pledged to carry out the work of his predecessors and would work diligently to ensure the continued success of The Holy Royal Arch in B.C. & Yukon.

41) VOTE OF THANKS TO THE TO THE HOST CHAPTER

It was **Moved** by MEC Len Pickell and **Seconded** by MEC Ken Overy, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the host Chapter, Keystone Chapter for the furniture and running a successful Convocation.

42) GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES FOR 2024-2025

Royal Arch - GC of BC & Yukon – Committees

26.1.1 Constitution and Jurisprudence

Executive Representative ~ Grand Second Principal
REC Scott Wisdahl
REC Ken Ward
MEC Leonard Pickell
MEC Philip Robinson

26.1.2 Finance

Executive Representative ~ Grand Principal Sojourner
EC Marco Schwab
REC Scott Wisdahl
Grand Treasurer-REC Kris Toijonen

26.1.3 Executive

Chairman: Grand Second Principal
All Elected Officers
Immediate Past Grand First Principal
Chairman of Finance Committee

26.1.4 Grand Superintendents 'Reports

Executive Representative ~ Grand Third Principal
REC Ian Thompson
REC Stephen Coffey
REC Paul Stephenson

26.1.5 Regalia

Executive Representative
MEC Ron Smith
Comp. Connor Massey

26.1.6 Information Technology and Fund Raising

Executive Representative ~ Grand Principal Sojourner
MEC Ron Smith
Comp. Steven Noble

26.1.7 Bursary Fund Trustees

Executive Representative ~ Grand Third Principal

EC Calvin Jonas
MEC Jimmy Catala
Comp. Cole Harvey

26.1.8 Keystone of Life Foundation

Executive Representative

REC Peter Blagaic

26.1.9 Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society

Executive Representative

MEC Phillip Robinson

26.1.11 Address of Grand First Principal Executive Representative

Members selected by the Grand Scribe Ezra

26.1.12 Merit Awards

Executive Representative

REC Colin Hart
REC Robert Hart

26.1.13 Past Grand First Principals 'Award

Executive Representatives

MEC Les Robinson
MEC Jimmy Catala

26.9 Ad Hoc Committee – Protocol Review

Executive Representatives

REC Ed LaMarche
MEC Jimmy Catala

26.9 Ad Hoc Committee – Grand Communications Committee

REC Hani Nino
REC Rod Holmes
REC Scott Wisdahl
EC Hans Doge
David MacLennan

The number shown in parentheses ( ) denotes the number of consecutive years of appointment to that committee.

If a Chairman is not shown above, the first named is to chair his committee, Executive Representatives excepted.

43) LOCATION OF FUTURE GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATIONS

A motion was called for the location of the Grand Convocations for the Royal Arch Grand Chapter to be held as follows. **Moved :** MEC Alphonse Quenneville. **Seconded**: Hani Nino. **Passed:**

Future Locations of Grand Convocations:

2024 Prince George
2025 North Vancouver
2026 North Vancouver

44) CLOSING

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

The 105th Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon was closed in ample form by MEC. Alphonse Quenneville at 3:30 pm September 21st, 2024.

45) Minutes of the Order of the High Priesthood

Held at Nanaimo September 20, 2024.

Called to order at 3:00 pm by Ex President MEC Phillip Robinson

Welcome to visitors MEC Jim Carswell IGFP, MEC Jamie Wong Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Members present - 18, Guests 2, candidates 10, as per Porch book

Confer Order. On EC. Bill Dawe, EC. Fernando King, EC. Stathi Tsangaris REC. Kevin Guest, VEC. Carsten Osterhold, EC. Mark O'Donohue, EC. Lorne Gatt, EC. Bert Friedin, EC Gerry Anderson, EC Errol Lipschiz.

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The representative Candidate was EC Bill Dawe .
Prologue given by MEC Ken Overy
Obligation given by MEC Phillip Robinson
Prayer of Consecration by MEC Ron Smith
Signs given by MEC Ron Smith

Minutes of 2023 meeting. **Moved** by REC Recorder Peter Guichon **Seconded** by MEC Ron Smith. **Carried:**

Correspondence None

Treasurers report No Report

Old Business. Bibles are now available, for those who did not receive theirs, for $50.00 each.

Election of Officers for 2024/25

President MEC Jimmy Catala
Vice President MEC Dan McCoy
Chaplain MEC Phillip Robinson
Recorder REC Peter Guichon
Treasurer REC Kris Toijonen

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

Ex. Installing President. MEC Phillip Robinson Ex. Chaplain. MEC Alphonse Quenneville
Ex. D. of C. MEC Ron Smith

The incoming President expressed his thanks to all those who attended and to all of the officers for helping out as well as those who will be assisting him next year.
Order of the High Priesthood closed in due form at 4:35 by Ex. President Jimmy Catala.

Ex. President Ex. Recorder

APPEND. 1

Living Past Grand First Principals

1989 Most Excellent Companion Thomas O. Mickey

P 1997 Most Excellent Companion Leonard G.B. Pickell

1998 Most Excellent Companion Joseph R. Marshall

P. 2006 Most Excellent Companion A. Leslie Robinson

2009 Most Excellent Companion David Grange

2010 Most Excellent Companion Joel Chiri

2011 Most Excellent Companion Norman McEvoy

P. 2013 Most Excellent Companion Kenneth Overy

P. 2014 Most Excellent Companion Jeremy Gomersall

P. 2016 Most Excellent Companion Godfrey Onyemaobi

P 2017 Most Excellent Companion Ronald Smith

P. 2018 Most Excellent Companion A. Leslie Robinson

P 2019 – 2021 Most Excellent Companion Phillip Robinson

P. 2022 Most Excellent Companion Jimmy Catala

P - Present

APPEND. 2

GRAND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS 2024/2025

Grand Superintendents of Districts

District No. 1 REC Tim Findlay

Columbia No. 1

Keystone No. 8

North Island No. 10

Tzouhalem No. 26

Majuba No. 33

Cathedral No. 35

Pacific Rim No. 44

District No. 2 REC Robert Carroll

Chilliwack No. 19

Composite No. 24

Joppa No. 31

Semiahmoo No. 34

Georgian No. 39

Simon Fraser No. 40

District No. 3 REC Bert Fredin

Kelowna No. 17

Kamloops No. 18

Penticton No. 22

District No. 4 Grand First Principal

Rocky Mountain

Yukon No. 38

District No. 6 REC Steven Finnigan

Kaien No. 13

Kalum No. 37

District No. 10 REC Chris Larsen

Fort George No. 36
Dawson Creek No. 41
Caribou No. 43

APPEND.3

CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

PLEASE GO TO WEBSITE: GRANDCHAPTER.CA FOR CURRENT INFORMATION

APPEND. 4

ELECTED PPINCIPAL OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER SINCE 1919

Year	Grand Zerubbabel	Grand Haggai	Grand Joshua
1919	*Harry H. Watson	*Daniel M Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1920	*Edward B Paul	*Daniel M. Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1921	*Daniel M. Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin	*Vernon W. Stewart
1922	*Charles F. Sherwin	*Vernon W. Stewart	*Frank C. Bird
1923	*Vernon W. Stewart	*Frank C. Bird	*John G. Gamon
1924	*Frank C. Bird	*John G. Gamon	*Thomas H. Carey
1925	*John G. Gamon	*Thomas H. Carey	*Henry Giegerich
1926	*Thomas H. Carey	*Henry Giegerich	*Donald Adams
1927	*Henry Giegerich	*Donald Adams	*William T. Phillips
1928	*Donald Adams	*William T. Phillips	*Ernest P. Allen

1929	*William T. Phillips	*Ernest P. Allen	*Donald A. Stewart
1930	*Ernest P. Allen	*Donald A. Stewart	*Samuel Drake
1931	*Donald A. Stewart	*Samuel Drake	*Daniel W. Sutherland
1932	*Samuel Drake	*Alexander McDuff	*Alex M. Manson
1933	*Alexander McDuff	*Alex M. Manson	*William R. Trench
1934	*Alex M. Manson	*William R. Trench	*William R. Yule
1935	*William R. Trench	*William R. Yule	*George H. McKay
1936	*William R. Yule	*George H. McKay	*K.K. Reid
1937	*George H. McKay	*K.K. Reid	*W.P. Marchant 1938
1938	* K.K. Reid	*W.P. Marchant	*Stanley Gordon
1939	*W.P. Marchant	*Stanley Gordon	*Thomas B. Goodall
1940	*Stanley Gordon	*Thomas B. Goodall	*George E. MacKinnon
1941	*G.E. McKinnon	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor
1942	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor	*.John. H. Morgan
1943	*W. Coates Taylor	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis
1944	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle
1945	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker
1946	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker	*John MacLeod
1947	*Edgar B. Baker	*John MacLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger
1948	*John MacLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson
1949	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell
1950	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts
1951	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker
1952	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness
1953	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard L. Williams
1954	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard L. Williams	*George M. Harmen
1955	*Richard L. Williams `	*George M. Harmen	*Arthur Hamilton
1956	*George M. Harmen	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W.H. Walker
1957	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W. H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen
1958	*T.W.H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell
1959	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell
1960	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss
1961	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss	*J. Stanley Dyke
1962	*James S.E. Meiss	*J. Stanley Dyke	*R. Thomas Litt
1963	*J. Stanley Dyke	*R. Thomas Litt	*Thomas A. Dobson
1964	*R. Thomas Litt	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Gamey
1965	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Gamey	*Ewan E. Andrews
1966	*L. R. Gamey	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Mark H. Hannah
1967	*Mark H. Hannah	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Thomas Isbister
1968	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham
1969	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles F. Armstrong
1970	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles F. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl
1971	*Charles F. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin
1972	*Evan H.Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Manzer
1973	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Manzer	*William H. Young
1974	*James A. Manzer	*William H. Young	*Cyrus D. Biddulph
1975	*Cyrus D. Bidulph	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton

1976	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton	*George H. Coupland
1977	*Henry M. Dayton	*George H. Coupland	*William Blake
1978	* George H. Coupland	*William Blake	*R. Cedric Telford
1979	*William Blake	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall
1980	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall	*Stephen G. Redgrave
1981	*James Randall	*Stephen G. Redgrave	*Alvin P. Alexander
1982	*Stephen G. Redgrave	*Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton
1983	*Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton	*R. Hilliard Clare
1984	* F. Melvin Fulton	*R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie S. Lamb
1985	*R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie S. Lamb	*Roderick A. Cutler
1986	*Huie S. Lamb	*Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack A. Laffling
1987	*Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack A Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey
1988	*Jack A. Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall
1989	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall	*Alexander S. Rollo
1990	*Robert J. Gornall	*Alexander S. Rollo	*H. James White
1991	*Alexander S. Rollo	*H. James White	*William R. Shippam
1992	*H. James White	* William R. Shippam	*Trevor O. Thomas
1993	*William R. Shippam	*Trevor O. Thomas	*Leslie J. Tutt
1994	*Trevor O. Thomas	*Leslie J. Tutt	*William D. Jasper
1995	*Leslie J. Tutt	*William D. Jasper	Leonard G. Pickell
1996	*William D. Jasper	Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall
1997	Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall	*Denis S. Carriere
1998	Joseph R. Marshall	*Denis S. Carriere	*David D.S.Anderson
1999	*Denis S. Carriere	*David D.S. Anderson	*David B. Turner
2000	*David D. S. Anderson	*David B. Turner	*Norman K. Monro
2001	*David B. Turner	*Norman K. Monro	*Basil R. Hobbs
2002	*Norman K. Monro	*Basil R. Hobbs	*George W. Eaton
2003	*Basil R. Hobbs	*George W. Eaton	*Brian Richman
2004	*George W. Eaton	*Brian Richman	*William Fooks
2005	*Brian Richman	*William Fooks	A.Leslie Robinson
2006	A. Leslie Robinson	*George Tillotson	*Alastair Ross
2007	*George Tillotson	*Alastair Ross	David Grange
2008	*Alastair M. Ross	David Grange	Joel Chiri
2009	David Grange	Joel Chiri	Norman McEvoy
2010	Joel Chiri	Norman McEvoy	*Antony Brown
2011	Norman McEvoy	*Antony Brown	Kenneth Overy
2012	*Antony Brown	Kenneth Overy	Jeremy Gomersall
2013	Kenneth Overy	Jeremy Gomersall	Antony D'Eramo
2014	Jeremy Gomersall	Antony D'Eramo	Godfrey Onyemaobi
2015	Antony D'Eramo	Godfrey Onyemaobi	Ronald Smith
2016	Godfrey Onyemaobi	Ronald Smith	Norman Bruce
2017	Ronald Smith	A. Leslie Robinson	Phillip Robinson
2018	A. Leslie Robinson	Phillip Robinson	John Merryweather Laing
2019	Phillip Robinson	John Merryweather Laing	Jimmy Catala
2020	Phillip Robinson	David Grange	Jimmy Catala
2021	Phillip Robinson	David Grange	Jimmy Catala
2022	Jimmy Catala	Daniel McCoy	Alphonse Quenneville

2023	Alphonse Quenneville	Eric Duchesne	Hani Nino

* Deceased

2024 AGENDA

Order of Business

Friday, September 20, 2024

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

Saturday, September 21, 2024

7) Grand Chapter Formal opening.
8) Reception of Visitors & Regrets.
9) Invocation by the Grand Chaplain
10) Resolution of Loyalty to King
11) Minutes of Grand Convocation of **2022**
12) Grand Z address
13) Grand H report
14) Grand J report
15) Report of Grand Chaplain
16) Report of Merit Award Committee
17) Reception of Past Gr. First Principals
18) Reception of First Principals
19) Grand Treasurer's report
20) Grand Scribe Ezra report
21) Report of Committee on Finance
22) Report of Committee on Constitution & Jurisprudence
23) Resolutions and Grand Chapter Recommendations
24) Forum for Candidates
25) Report of Regalia Committee
26) Report of Executive Committee
27) Report of the Grand Historian
28) Report of Credentials Committee
29) Presentation of Honorary Memberships
30) Election of Officers for 2024/25
31) Report of Bursary Committee
32) Report of Committee on Grand Z address
33) Report on Information and Technology Committee

34) Report of Royal Arch Masonic Home Society
35) Report of Keystone of Life Foundation
36) Report of Committee on Grand Superintendents
37) Report of Committee on Past Z's Award
38) New Business
39) Unfinished Business
40) Good of the Order
41) Installation of Officers for 2023/24
42) Vote of Thanks to Host Chapter
43) Scribe E. Reads Committees for 2023/24
44) Location of Grand Chapter for 2024, 2025, 2026.
45) Closing of Grand Chapter
46) AGM – Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC & Yukon
47) Report (Minutes) of Order of High Priesthood.

Append. 1) Living Past Grand First Principals
Append. 2) Grand District Superintendents
Append. 3) Constituent Chapters
Append. 4) Elected Grand Chapter Principals since 1919