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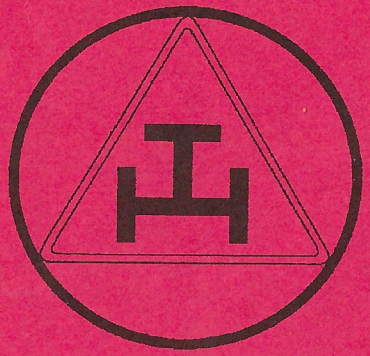
GRAND CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF

BRITISH COLUBIA AND YUKON



2001

Organized June 18th. 1919



MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION DAVID D.S. ANDERSON

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Grand First Principal 2000-2001

PERSONAL HISTORY

David Duncan Scott Anderson was born in Kirkclady, Scotland on August 8th, 1933. Immediately following high school he chose a career with the Royal Air Force where he completed his educational studies that earned him a Teaching Diploma. Aside from his military duties, which took him to many parts of the world, his favourite pastimes were sailing and mountaineering and he was a member of the 'Royal Air Force Mountaineering Association', an education that taught him many survival skills.

He resigned from the Royal Air Force inn 1973 and with his wife Monica, emigrated to Canada where he took up employment with McDonnell Douglas as a Senior Manager, directing their computer support staff in Western Canada. He retired from this position in 1991 at the age of fifty-seven which has allowed him to devote more time to his Masonic duties.

His Masonic career began in 1958 when his father and other family members initiated him into Wemyss Lodge #777, Scottish Constitution of which he is a life member. In 1959 he moved to Singapore and affiliated with St. Andrew Lodge #1437, Scottish Constitution.

In 1961 he was Exalted in St. Andrew Chapter #748, Scottish Constitution, Singapore, becoming an absentee life member upon his return to the United Kingdom.

In 1966 he became a member of the 'Preceptory of the Highlands' located in Inverness, Scotland of which he is a life member.

In 1980 he affiliated with Langley Lodge #184 and served as Worshipful Master in 1985-86 and in 1987 became a founder member of Dormer Lodge #191. In the year 1999-200 he was appointed Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon AF&AM.

In 1981 he affiliated with Semiahmoo Chapter #34 and served as First Principal in the year 1986-87. He received the Order of the High Priesthood in 1986 and in 1992 was appointed Grand Superintendent of

District #2. In 1993 he served as Grand Director of Ceremonies and was elected Grand Junior Sojourner in 1995.

He is a life member of the Society of Royal Arch Masons, the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society and the Keystone of Life Foundation.

In 1997 he became the Grand Representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland at or near the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon and received the honorary rank of Third Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. He is also an honorary member of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and the Grand Chapter of Washington.

In the year 2001 he became a life member of the Midlothian Royal Arch Chapter #365 located inn Edinburgh, Scotland.

Other Masonic Activities:

Cryptic Rite Masonry:
Zarthan Council #7 – 1987
Thrice Illustrious Master – 1995
Thrice Illustrious Master – Zaccai Council #12 – 1996
Knights Templar:
Affiliated Westminster Preceptory #56 – 1986
Presiding Preceptor – 1990-1991
Elected to Grand Council of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada – 1993
Served as Registrar – 1995-2000
Red Cross of Constantine:
Royal City Conclave #22 – 1988
Most Puissant Sovereign – 2000-2001-11-14
Holy Order of the High Priesthood:
Victoria Tabernacle #52 – 1991
Founder Member Fraser Tabernacle #163 – 1991
High Priest – 2000-2001
Knights of the York Cross of Honour:
British Columbia and Yukon Priory #67 - 1996

GRAND CHAPTER

ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AND YUKON

I, Joseph R. Marshall, Grand Scribe Ezra of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings of the Eighty-Third Grand Convocation held in Penticton, British Columbia on September 13th, 14th and 15th, 2001, authorized to be published.

In testimony whereof I have appended my official signature and have affixed the Seal of Grand Chapter at the office of the Grand Scribe Ezra, in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, this Thirty-First day of November, 2001

Joseph R. Marshall
Grand Scribe Ezra

THE EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

The Eighty-Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon was held on September 13th, 14, and 15th, 2001 at the Penticton Executive Inn, 335 Martin Street, Penticton, British Columbia. The Informal Opening occurred in the traditional manner at7:30 P.M. , Thursday, September 13th, 2001. The following Officers were present as per the Porch Sheets.

MEC David D.S, Anderson		Grand First Principal
REC David B. Turner		Grand Haggai
REC Norman K. Monro		Grand Joshua
MEC Denis S. Carriere		Immediate Past Grand Zerubbabel
REC Joe D. Quan		Grand Treasurer
MEC Joseph R. Marshall		Grand Scribe Ezra
MEC Alexander S. Rollo		Grand Scribe Ezra Emeritus
REC Basil R. Hobbs		Grand Principal Sojourner
REC George W. Eaton		Grand Senior Sojourner
REC Norman R. Butler		Grand Junior Sojourner
REC James Cleaver		Grand Superintendent District #1
REC Donald Nikkel		Grand Superintendent District #2
REC Richard C.B. Henderson		Grand Superintendent District #3
REC Albert H. Swityk		Grand Superintendent District #4
REC Ernest A. Frick		Grand Superintendent District #5
REC William McCauley	(Absent)	Grand Superintendent District #6
REC Phillip P. Robinson		Grand Superintendent District #7
REC William H. Ferguson		Grand Superintendent District #8
REC Edward H. Scott		Grand Superintendent District #9
REC Kenneth E. Browns		Grand Superintendent District #10
REC Donald E. Macvhan	(Absent)	Grand Superintendent District #11
REC Glen M. Spencer		Grand Scribe Nehemiah
VEC Brian A. Richman		Grand Sword Bearer
VEC Norman E. Bowman	(Absent)	Grand Master of the 4th Veil
VEC Carl Kickbush		Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
VEC Ian Thompson	(Absent)	Grand Master of the 2nd Veil

VEC Donald Cameron	(Absent)	Grand Master of the 1st Veil
VEC Willi Ahlbrand		Grand Standard Bearer
VEC Edward R. Wilson		Grand Director of Ceremonies
VEC Ted Perry		Grand Marshal
VEC Frank Merritt	(Absent)	Grand Pursuivant
VEC William Aaroe		Grand Steward
VEC Gary Gordon		Grand Steward
REC Roy Fraser		Grand Steward
Comp. The Rev. Neil Vant		Grand Chaplain
Comp. William O. Walls		Grand Organist
Comp. William H. Carter	(Absent)	Grand Tyler

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

His Worship Mayor M.L. (Mike) Pearce was presented by E.C. Len Wyllie

Ms. Marion Northam, Grand Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters accompanied by **Rob West,** Associate Grand Guardian, **Elyssa Collen,** Honoured Queen of Bethel #16, Penticton and **Sarah Martins,** from Surrey Bethel #37, Miss Job's Daughter of British Columbia were presented by M.EC. George Coupland.

Steve Chung, Deputy Member Canadian Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, Chairman of the Advisory Council Ogopogo Chapter, Cross of Honour Chevalier of Designate and Past Master Councillor of Beaver Chapter and a Brother of Prince Charles Lodge No. 153, **Jeff Devitt,** current Chapter Dad of Ogopogo Chapter and a Brother of Prince Charles Lodge No. 153 and **Dan Brown,** Past Master Councillor of Ogopogo Chapter were presented by E.C. Ken Hasanen.

Ms. Nelda Witt, Associate Grand Conductress Order of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon, Order of the Eastern Star, presented by E.C. Ken Hasanen.

Ms. Mary Major and Ms. Eileen Ward, President and Secretary respectively of Oasis Court No. 15 of the Daughters of the Nile, representing **Ms. Carol Ward**, Queen of Zarthan Temple, Vancouver, B.C., presented by M.E.C. Denis Carriere

Illustrious Brother Hilliard Clare 33, representing **Norman E. Byrne**, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, presented by V.E.C. Alexander Lawrence.

Very Worshipful Brother Ian Swan, Past Provincial Grand Deacon, representing **Rt.Wor.Brother J.P. Croft**, Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Mark Lodge of Durham, England, presented by V.E.C. Frank Kendrick.

Most Illustrious Brother Lorne Kingston, Grand Master of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal and Select Masters, presented by V.E.C. Matthew Glen.

Very Eminent Knight David Ford, Grand Standard Bearer, representing **Most Eminent Knight Lary Hostine,** Supreme Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar, presented by E.C. George Tillotson

Most Illustrious Knight Companion R. Allan Cutler, Grand Intendant General of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, Red Cross of Constantine, presented by M.E.C. Denis Carriere.

Right Distinguished Brother Brian Hemmingway, Grand Governor for British Columbia, representing **Most Distinguished Companion Turton** Grand Governor of the York Rite College of North America, presented by M.E.C. Trevor Thomas.

Right Illustrious Knight Companion Arthur Yates, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests, presented by R.E.C. Richard Schafer.

Right Eminent Companion Leonard Churchill, Eminent Prior of the British Columbia and Yukon Priory, representing **Right Illustrious Knight** Hargett, Junior Grand Master of the Knights York Cross of Honour, presented by R.E.C. Hector Findlay.

Most Excellent Companion R. Bruce McGinnis, Past Grand High Priest, representing **Most Excellent Companion Harold C. Nolde,** Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Montana, presented by R.E.C. Glen Spencer.

Most Excellent Companion Louis Bartrand, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Washington, accompanied by **M.E.C. Herbert Miller,** Immediate Past Grand High Priest, **M.E.C. Jerry Kunkle,** PGHP, **M.E.C. Harry Warnick,** PGHP, **R.E.C. Jim Stevens,** Deputy Grand High Priest, and **Companions Bob Dickinson, Homer Beath** and **Gibb Edlich,** presented by M.E.C. Trevor Thomas

Most Excellent Companion George Vernon, Grand Superintendent of Dumfries, Scotland, representing, **Most Excellent Companion Lord Elgin,** First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, presented by E.C. Clancy Wilson

Most Excellent Companion Donald Russell Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta presented by M.E.C. R. Allan Cutler.

Most Excellent Companion Lindsay Woodham, Past Grand High Priest representing the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scootia, presented by R.E.C. Jim Elton.

Right Excellent Companion Douglas Haroldson, Grand Haggai, representing the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan, presented by E.C. Don McMillan.

Right Worshipful Brother, William O. Walls, Senior Grand Warden, representing **Most Worshipful Brother James C. Gordon**, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon, presented by M.E.C. Thomas Mickey.

There was no Bursary recipient available. Regrets were received from the Order of the Amaranth, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine of North America, Gezeh Shrine Masons of British Columbia and Yukon and the Grand Chapters of California, Idaho and Oregon.

FLAG CERMONY

The Annual Flag Ceremony under the direction of R.E.C. Phillip Robinson of North Vancouver Chapter No. 16, with V.E.C. Robert Doige carrying the Canadian Flaf, R.E.C. Edward Michaluk carrying the British Columbia Flag and R.E.C. James Warren carrying the Flag of the United States of America. On completion, Most Excellent Companion Anderson called for the Anthems "O Canada" and "The Star Spangled Banner", accompanied by the Grand Organist, Companion William O. Walls.

IN MEMORIAM

The Annual Memorial Service followed with the Grand First Principal requesting the Grand Scribe Ezra to read the names of the Companions who had been called to the Grand Chapter Above during the previous year. As the names were called, the District Grand Superintendents placed a rose on the Altar to commemorate the passing of the Companions of their Districts. Roses were also placed on the Altar in commemoration of the passing of Companions of jurisdictions throughout the world and those who died in the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C. and

Pennsylvania on the 11th of September, 2001.
The Service commenced with the singing of the hymn "Lead Kindly Light". Companion The Reverend Neil Vant, the Grand Chaplain, continued the Service with a "Prayer of Remembrance" and a reading of "Psalm 90" and the Lesson from "The Wisdom of Solomon Chapter 3 Verses 1to 8". The Grand Chaplain then gave is inspirational address which was followed by the hymn "Abide With Me". The most impressive service was concluded with a blessing from the Grand Chaplain.

ROLL CALL OF THE FRATERNAL DEAD

DISTRICT NO. 1

Columbia Chapter No. 1
REC William Hibbert
Comp. Ernest Cornish
Comp. Stanley Sutherland
Comp. Jack Horne
Comp. Elmer Stevens
Comp. William Cloggie
Comp. Robert Armstrong

Camosun Chapter No. 14
REC Stanley Horner
EC Gerald Harrison
Comp. Wesley D. Black
Comp. Gordon J. Campbell
Comp. Robert Candowpbell
Comp. Thomas W. Connerton
Comp. George R. Ford
Comp. Alexander Ramsey

Tsouhlem Chapter No. 26
Comp. Walter W. Deans
Comp. Robert S. Vessey

Pacific Rim Chapter No.44
REC Edward Burrows
REC Stanley Horner

DISTRICT NO. 2

Westminster Chapter No. 6
Comp.William Hartley

Chilliwack Chapter No. 19
Comp. Donald M. Parker
EC Henry B. Shipley

Mission Chapter No. 28
No Deaths to Report

Semiahmoo Chpater No 34
VEC Bert Reaburn
VEC J. Edward Smith
Comp. Ernest Heichert
Comp. Robert W. Reed

DISTRICT NO. 3

Revelstoke Chapter No. 9
EC William J. Oziro
Comp. Wm. A. Cameron

Okanagan Chapter No. 11
REC R.E. Newcom
Comp.M. Lalonde

Kamloops Chapter No. 18
MEC Leslie J. Tutt
EC Jack Shaw
EC Ted Pierson
Comp. Heinz Lange

Granite Chapter No. 29
Comp. Thomas G. Lloyd

DISTRICT NO. 4

Kootenay Chapter No. 3
No Deaths to Report

Rossland Chapter No. 4
Comp. Gordon Smith
Comp. Robert McMaster
Comp. George A. Pearson

DISTRICT NO. 5

Rocky Mountain No. 7
Comp. Joe Raymond Reid

Mount Moriah No. 20
EC Frank Mitchell
Comp. Myles McLeod
Comp. Douglas Turner

DISTRICT NO. 6

Kaien Chapter No. 13
REC Horace V. Tattersall

Kalum Chapter No. 37
REC Horace V. Tattersall
EC Cameron K. Simon

DISTRICT NO. 7

North Vancouver Chapter No. 16
MEC Leslie J. Tutt
EC William Brown
EC Henry McFadden

Papyrus Chapter No. 27
Comp. Lewis G. Hawk

King Solomon Chapter No. 30
Comp. Donald Allan
Comp. Robert Candow
EC Harry Dial

Georgian Chapter No. 39
Comp. Steward K. Metcalfe

DISTRICT NO. 8

Kelowna Chapter No. 17
VEC George Sherlow
EC Rudolph Craft

Penticton Chapter No. 22
Comp. D.J. Ewart

Observatory No. 25
EC Gordon Pride
EC Peter Krofton
EC William Marshall

DISTRICT NO. 9

Triple Tau No. 21
Comp. William Titmus

Composite Chapter No. 24
EC Jack McIver
Comp. Noel Pearson
REC Leo Pelke

Joppa Chapter No. 31
Comp. Irving Bailey
Comp. Reginald Griffiths
Comp. William Jackson
Comp. Harold Lovegrove
Comp. Walter Rolston
Comp. John McGill

Simon Fraser Chapter No. 40
Comp. William Joseph Titmus

DISTRICT NO. 10

Fort George Chapter No. 26
REC M.A.H. Clark
EC L.L. Lang
Comp. J.H. Gardner
EC C.H. Mallery
Comp. B.C. Leckie
Comp. W. Gill

Yukon Chapter No. 38
Comp. Cecil E. Walters

Dawson Creek Chapter No. 41
Comp. Gerald D. Halverson
REC Stanley Ernest Kary
REC William George Monk

Cariboo Chapter No. 43
REC Alexander Clark

DISTRICT NO. 11

Keystone Chapter No. 8
Comp. Peter Jordt

Cyrus Chapter No. 10
Comp. John A. Calder
Comp. Paniel Hanuse
Comp. Ernest Ramborough
EC Ronald Turner
Comp. Paul Jacques
Comp. Lawrence McIvor

Majuba Chapter No. 33
Comp. Edwin P. Wilcox
Comp. Donald J. McLeod
Comp. Ronald D. Bowen

Cathedral Chapter No. 35
REC James Bremner

Discovery Chapter No. 45
REC James Bremner
Comp. Paul E. Jacques

The Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion David D.S. Anderson called upon His Worship the Mayor of Penticton to speak.

His Worship M.L. (Mike) Pearce, the Mayor of Pentiction, extended a hearty welcome to to all to his beautiful city of Penticton, commenting on the City rule that no ties are to be worn during the summer months and pointing out the many interesting places to visit. He expressed his

wishes for a most successful convocation and enjoyable stay in Penticton.

The Grand First Principal asked the Grand Scribe Ezra to read a letter received from a Royal Arch Bursary recipient.

To the Secretary Royal Arch Masons:

I would like to send my sincere appreciation for the Bursary, in the amount of $500.00, that I received from the Royal Arch Masons. The money has helped greatly with the expenses incurred this year at the University of Victoria. Your generosity has helped to further my education. Thank you again. (Signed) **Jennifer Trettenero.**

Grand Scribe Ezra: I might add, Most Excellent Sir, that the Bursary Committee has this year given out 12 bursaries at $500.00 apiece.

Elyssa Collen and Sarah Martins brought greetings from Bethel # 36, Penticton and the International Order of Job's Daughters of British Columbia.

E.C. Leonard Wyllie, speaking on behalf of the host Chapter: Most Excellent Grand First Principal and guests. Our First Principal couldn't make it tonight, he's the manager of the Penticton Airport and he's been on duty for many many hours over the last few days. On behalf of Penticton Chapter #22, I would like to welcome you all to this our 83rd Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons. It had been quite some time since we were last here in Penticton for Grand Chapter but we hope to convince you to come back soon. Through working with Bill Aaroe ... Bill Aaroe is responsible for most of the organization around here so if you have any complaints, please see him. Most of the people, on the other hand, in the Registration and Credentials areas are local people from around here and I am sure they would be delighted to assist you with any questions that you may have about this beautiful City of Penticton, particularly if you are lost and want to go somewhere. Here you will find friendly people who are genuinely glad that you are visiting us again. Again, welcome.

Steve Chung brought greetings from the British Columbia Chapters of the Order of DeMolay.

Nelda Witt brought greetings from Order of the Eastern Star.

Mary Major and Eileen Ward brought greetings from the Oasis Club #15 and Carol Ward, Queen of Zarah Temple #72,Vancouver, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine.

Most Excellent Companion George Vernon presented the Grand First Principal with a suitably engraved quaich from the Provincial Grand Chapter of Dumfries, Scotland for which the Grand First Principal was very appreciative.

The Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother William O. Walls addressed the Assembly: Most Excellent Companion, Companions, ladies, I love you, you look fantastic, gentlemen, distinguished guests. What a fabulous looking bunch. It's my job and I'll tell you that .... by the way, I do speak English. This is a result of hanging around with David Anderson for one year. One can only hope that David Turner does not have the same affect. You see, what your are doing, I just love to see, I love to see you laugh.

I bring you the warmest greetings of Most Worshipful Brother James Gordon who, under regular circumstances would not have missed this meeting. Unfortunately for him, he is the Grand Master of this jurisdiction and he has other duties to attend to. Now why I say it's unfortunate for him, it's one of these good new bad news things. The bad news is, he's out in some Masonic Hall shaking hands with a bunch of ugly men. I am here on his behalf just hugging the heck out of all these lovely ladies.

Brethren, it would be inappropriate if I didn't bring some sort of Masonic message. All of you know me to be a very very happy individual. I have a reason to be happy because the light of my life sitting in the front row. She's the greatest thing that every happened to me. Everywhere I go Jacqui goes with me. But everything that happens in our lives teaches us something Masonically. To all of the Masonic family sitting here on the dais this evening, if you have any question about which you are involved in the Masonic family, I'll give you a little example. Earlier this week all of us witnessed one of the most atrocious acts that could ever happen. We just didn't believe this could happen, we didn't believe that there was anyone in today's society could put forward such a cowardly act, but they did. My Masonic lesson, and it applies to our entire family sitting here, that right after witnessing that I had occasion to visit a client's office and I sitting in his office feeling very sombre and not feeling too much like conducting any kind of business, when a couple of doors away I heard one of the girls in the office laugh. Just her laughter, but I'll tell you it sounded obscene, it was a shock. I thought, how could someone laugh when something such as we just witnessed has happened.

Then I had this realization that I'm favoured by a fabulous God, he just loves the heck out of everyone. It happened, it made me realize there is a whole world out there, a whole world that needs our Masonic family. There are so many people trying to make the world a better place, they are trying and maybe they are succeeding in small ways. To my sisters and my

brothers, you are succeeding in a tremendous way, you will never be as necessary as you are today.

To all of my Brethren and my Companions here, have a great Communication. Just remember, you may poke fun at the organist today, but next year, God willing, I'll be your Grand Master. Remember a famous Canadian saying taught to me by a Chinese immigrant, what goes around comes around. Thank you.

There being no further business, Most Excellent Companion Anderson called upon the Grand Steward, V.E.C. Bill Aaroe for any remarks he may have and invited all in attendance to attend a reception immediately after the Informal Grand Chapter was closed.

FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Credentials Committee confirming that the required number of Chapters being present, the **Formal Grand Chapter was opened in ample form** at 9:05 a.m. on Friday the 14th of September, 2001.

The Grand First Principal requested the Grand Scribe Ezra to admit the distinguished visitors who, after introduction were seated in the east.

Right Worshipful Brother William O. Walls, the Deputy Grand Master, representing **Most Worshipful Brother James Chalmers Gordon,** Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon entered the Grand Chapter escorted by **Most Excellent Companion Thomas O. Mickey.**

The following Resolution of Loyalty was read by the Grand First Principal, M.E.C. David Anderson. The Resolution was duly moved by V.E.C. Walter Biener and seconded by R.E.C. Glen Spencer and passed unanimously following by **"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN".**

RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

BE IT RESOLVED that this Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon, assembled at their Eighty-Third Annual Convocation in the City of Penticton, British Columbia, Canada, this 13th, 14th, and 15th Days of September, 2001, re-affirm the loyalty of all its members to Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada; His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh; Charles the Prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry.

WE TRUST AND PRAY THAT Her Majesty will continue to enjoy good health and strength in fulfilling the duties of her high and important Office.

WE ESPECIALLY wish to convey our respects and best wishes to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and extend to her congratulations on having attained her 101st birthday. She has extended to the entire Commonwealth her graciousness, kindness, love and in return has received the respect of all who know her.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to Her Majesty through the Correspondence Unit, Government House, 1 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, under the Seal of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY of the Resolution passed at the Annual Convocationof Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon on Friday, the 14th of September, 2001.

" GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

DAVID D.S. ANDERSON
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

Annual Grand Convocation be adopted as printed in the year 2000 Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, Seconded by The Grand Scribe Nehemiah. The Motion carried.

The Grand First Principal passed the gavel to Right Excellent Companion David Turner, Grand Haggai and proceeded to give his report.

REPORT OF THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

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

Excellent Companions;

Thank you all and welcome to Penticton as we celebrate this 83rd Annual Convocation of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon. I cannot begin to tell you of the wonderful year that I have enjoyed travelling this Grand Jurisdiction, meeting with you and your partners and I thank each and every one of you for the warm welcome, friendship and hospitality that you have afforded, not only to me, but to those who accompanied me.

VISITATIONS

It is not my intention to comment on all of the visitations that I made during my term in office but merely to present, what I consider to be the highlights of the year. My itinerary for the year, which listed all of my visits was made available to all Companions last year and was included in the year 2000 Proceedings.

The International Night in Bellingham, Washington held in October 2000, was a great success and I thank all of the Canadian Companions who attended with their Ladies for their support. In November 2000, an International Night was held in Penticton and I thank all of you who attended and made it a most pleasurable evening. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, I was unable to attend the International Night planned for March, 2001 in Womak, Washington and I thank R.E.C. Norman

renew our Masonic vows. This memorial was held at the Peace Arch Memorial Site with our fellow Companions from the State of Washington, including our Ladies. I thank you Most Excellent companion Herb Miller for making those visits so enjoyable.

It was also my pleasure to attend The Order of DeMolay Annual Session held in Chilliwack and I was impressed, not only in their turn-out, but in the way that they conducted themselves when doing their ceremonial ritual work. As Freemasons, we really should lend more support and encouragement to those young Brothers who may – or rather, should that be – will be the future of Masonry in British Columbia.

I Also enjoyed my visit to the Grand Sessions of The Order of the Amaranth, where I was received with full honour and titles
The biggest highlight of my year was, without doubt, the visit in March of this year to Edinburgh, Scotland. The tour comprised of forty-three Royal Arch Companions and Ladies who hailed, not only from many parts of this Grand Jurisdiction, but also our neighbours to the south in the Grand State of Washington. We visited a total of three Chapters in Edinburgh and it was a great honour for me, when during our first visit, I affiliated and became a life member of Heart of Midlothian Chapter No. 365. In fairness to the Ladies, we also scheduled sight seeing tours to other parts of Scotland which included shopping visits to the many woolen mills where they could shop to their hearts content.

Our visit to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland also coincided with the Installation of their Grand Officers and it was a delight to see those Officers being installed in a ceremony that is completely different from that which we witness here. The Right Honourable The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine was installed as First Grand Principal for what must be a record in the history books, a total of thirty-five years. He is a delightful person to talk with and I enjoyed the times spent with him and his good wife, Lady Victoria. It was also my great pleasure later in he evening during the banquet, to propose the toast to The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, after which I presented a Talking Stick to Grand Chapter crafted by Native Craftsmen here in British Columbia. In the past, the banquet was purely a stag affair, but this is the third year where the Ladies have also been invited. The weather stayed exceptionally fine for the time of

year and it goes without saying that everyone on the tour enjoyed themselves tremendously.

The Spring Board of General Purposes inn Campbell River this year proved to be very successful and I thank all of the Companions who took part in planning the event. During the workshop held on Saturday morning, you partook in study sessions with Brethren from local Craft Lodges. This was a first time event and one that should be repeated again and again if we are to gain a better insight in how to restructure and build from the knowledge that was debated. I also enjoyed my singing duet later in the evening with a delightful young girl form the local Bethel of Job's Daughters.

I must thank my own Chapter for the wonderful entertainment evening they arranged for Monica and I. It was a most enjoyable night and your gift brought back many happy memories of my life in the Royal Air Force, so much so that it brought tears to my eyes, but we are only human.

My last scheduled visit was to the Royal Arch Bar-B-Q held this year in Aldergrove. Approximately sixty Companions and Ladies attended and enjoyed, not only the festive occasion, but also the location where it was held. May sincere thanks to our hosts that day, Ken and Donna, and we thank you for your kind offer to hold it at your home again next year.

OFFICIAL VISITS

My visits to the various Chapters throughout our Grand Jurisdiction proved to be very enjoyable and educational. My theme for the year has been to specify the need for and encourage the Companions to introduce more candidates into Craft Masonry in order that both Lodges and Concordant Bodies would reap the benefit of their actions. This topic proved to be very thoughtful and rewarding, judging by the number of Companions who afterwards praised and commented on the need for such actions.

NECROLOGY

Last evening we listened to a very fine tribute to our deceased Companions which was conducted by our Grand Chaplain, Companion, The

Reverend Neil Vant, ably assisted by the Grand Superintendents of the various Districts who laid red roses upon the Altar in memory of those who have departed from our ranks. It was an impressive ceremony and one where we can show our thanks and appreciation in a manner that portrays our deepest feelings .... That we remember them – they are no forgotten.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

The Companions of our Constituent Chapters continue to shine forth and portray the principles of Royal Arch Masonry. I need not tell you of the many duties that they fulfill in other Masonic bodies. It was pleasing to note that many of our Chapters were showing an increase in younger members, especially in the North. I also found that the ritual was being adhered to at all times with most of the work being conferred from memory. Companions, keep up the good work and continue to have fun in your Chapters.

APPRECIATION:

The International Nights with our Companions from across the border in the State of Washington have been a great success over the years. In the spirit of this world-wide and wonderful fraternity, they bring us closer together to share in brotherly love and fellowship. All of which provides, not only a good relationship but also stronger ties which can only aid the future development of Royal Arch Masonry. I pray that those International Nights may continue and be so rewarding.

My thanks also to V.E.C. Allan Henry Jesperson who, single-handed, took on the role of being the registration and printing committee for this Convocation. You did a great job. Thanks also to the Companions who assisted in making the various preparations that are essential before any Grand Convocation can be successful, most of whom came from my own Chapter. You know who you are.

To the Chairman of the Grand Education Committee, V.E.C. Steve McVittie, I thank you and your Committee for your continuing support in providing material that my be used, not only in our Chapter, but also in Craft Lodges. I wish you continued success in the future and strongly

encourage all Grand Superintendents and Chapters to make use of your services.

My thanks also to Excellent Companions Ron Smith and Jim Whyte, who between them, developed a Grand Chapter Web Page depicting the activities of what is happening in this large jurisdiction of ours, including links to other Masonic Web Sites. As we enter into this new century, we are now a part of cyberspace technology where we can communicate world-wide with, no only our own members but also other Grand Bodies and Masonic Brethren in a much easier and faster mode. Let us use this technology, not only to improve our own minds, but also to develop new ideas and techniques that we can use in our Chapters. To the sceptics let me just say – "Are we going to walk down the old road and end up a failure, or are we going to keep up with the rest of the world?"

To the Grand Superintendents who were appointed this year, I thank you for the support and assistance that you have provided me with. You have been my eyes and ears necessary in covering this large jurisdiction of ours which made my task that much easier. In recognition of your invaluable assistance, I have no hesitation in recommending that the rank of Right Excellent Companion be conferred upon you.

To the Grand Appointed Grand Officers, I thank all of you for the support that you have provided me with during my term in office and recommend that the rank of Very Excellent Companion be conferred on each of you.

I also have much pleasure in recommending that my Grand Steward, V.E.C. Bill Aaroe be assigned the rank of Very Excellent Companion and thank him for a job well done. Although still a working man, he made quite a few journeys to Penticton, spending some considerable time organizing and making sure that every effort had been made to ensure that we enjoy our stay in this beautiful city. Thank you Bill, I very much appreciate the way you handled the workload that was imposed upon you and the manner in which you took care of it, which eased the load on my shoulders.

As you are all aware, in the early part of this year our Grand Scribe Ezra, M.E.C. Alex Rollo suffered from an illness which seriously affected his capacity of continuing as Grand Scribe Ezra. Alex, we thank you for

your invaluable assistance in the past, I am certain that there are quite a few Companions in this jurisdiction, myself included, whom you have dug our a hole during your term as Grand Scribe Ezra. On behalf of all the Companions of this Grand Chapter, we wish you and your good lady Bev, good health and happiness in all of your future ventures. Now is the time to enjoy your second retirement! It is my wish that at this Grand Convocation the rank of Grand Scribe Ezra Emeritus be conferred upon Most Excellent Companion Alexander S. Rollo in commemoration of the invaluable service he devoted to his Office.

With our Grand Scribe Ezra off sick, it left us with a decision to make as to whom could find to replace him. I appointed M.E.C. Joe Marshall whom I knew had an administrative background from the Military. He has fulfilled all of the office duties in a most competent manner and I thank him for keeping me on track and up to day. Thank you also for representing me at the Grand Convocation of the Grand Council of Western Canada, Cryptic Rite Masons, Royal and Select Masters in Cranbrook this year.

A big thank you also to those who travelled with me during the many visits I made. To mention but a few, Grand Haggai David Turner and his wife Joan, Grand Joshua Norman Monro and Grand Scribe Nehemiah Glen Spencer and his wife Jeanne. There is however, one other person that I really much thank with love and affection and that is my darling wife, my good lady, Monica. She has been constantly y my side throughout the year; a faithful friend and companion. I thank her most sincerely for her loving support and understanding. Without you, my dear, it would have been a long arduous task.

To Right Excellent Companion David Turner, Grand First Principal Elect, I officer you my full support in all of your endeavours during your term of office. Enjoy your year as much as I did.

In closing, let me remind you of the following:

Yesterday is dead and forgotten
You cannot change it; you cannot do anything about it.
Tomorrow is a figment of your imagination
So all you have left is today.
My Companions – I pray that you put your best into it.

Companions, I thank you and your partners most graciously and sincerely for making this, my year – "A Year to Remember."

Fraternally and respectfully submitted:
Most Excellent Companion David Duncan Scott Anderson
Grand First Principal.

Right Excellent Companion David Turner: I appoint M.E.C. Hilliard Clare, M.E.C. George Coupland and M.E.C. Allan Cutler to review the Report of the Grand First Principal and report back to this Grand Chapter later in our deliberations.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HAGGAI

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

Excellent Companions;

First, I would like to thank all Companions for giving me the opportunity of serving our Grand Chapter as Grand Haggai during the past year. It has been a real privilege and learning experience for me while accompanying our Grand First Principal on his visitations throughout British Columbia, Washington and Scotland.

The year has passed quickly. This, I believe, is the result of many enjoyable meetings and the great hospitality of our Companions throughout British Columbia while accompanying the Grand Z. There have been a significant number of highlights during this past year, some which are:

The Church Service at the Lakeview Church where the Philippine Minister and his
Congregation gave us a very warm welcome, asked our Grand Z. to assist in the Service and provided an enjoyable Philippine lunch.

The International meetings at Bellingham and Penticton with our U.S. Companions were, as usual, very enjoyable.

The Royal Arch tour of Scotland and attendance at the installation of Lord Elgin as First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was a most memorable time for the Companions and their wives. Our thanks are due to Most Excellent Companion Anderson for arranging and heading up this trip which will be long remembered by all who participated.

I presided at the Spring Board of General Purposes at Campbell River, hosted by Discovery Chapter No. 45, who did an excellent job of all necessary arrangements, including the meals and entertainment on Saturday and Church Service on Sunday. Very Excellent Companion Steve McVittie, Chairman of the Education and Promotion Committee, once again carried out an informative educational program with everyone participating.

I also acted as Chairman of the Grand Executive Committee which is now in its fourth year. The major objective of this Committee is to develop a five year plan for Grand Chapter and to measure its progress as well as considering other important items for presentation to Grand Chapter Convocation.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation for the assistance and advice received from Most Excellent Companion Alex Rollo and Most Excellent Companion Joe Marshall in our Grand Chapter Office, both of whom have helped me greatly during the past year.

My wife Joan and I thank each and every one of you for the many courtesies extended to us during my year as your Grand Haggai.

Respectfully submitted,
David B. Turner, Grand Haggai

REPORT OF THE GRAND JOSHUA

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

Excellent Companions:

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Third Principal Joshua for the period 2000-2001.

I have accompanied our Grand First Principal on twenty-six of his official visits, including International Night in November at Pentiction Chapter. I also represented him at Gizeh Shrine installation inn January as the representative of the York Rite, and at the International Night in March at Okanagan Valley Chapter, Omak, Washington.

I have attended four Executive Council meetings during the year; also two meetings of the Finance Committee and one meeting of the Concordant Bodies; also the Spring Board of General Purposes in Campbell River and the Church Parade the following day. I also attended various Chapter installations, installing the Third Principal.

In May, along with the Grand First and Second Principals, I attended the Grand Chapter of Alberta Convocation in Camrose, Alberta and the Grand Chapter of Washington Convocation in Kennewick, Washington.

I wish to thank the Companions for their friendship and hospitality shown to me during my visits.

Respectfully submitted
Norman K. Monro, Grand Joshua

THE GRAND CHAPLAIN'S ADDRESS

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

Excellent Companions:

I was very honoured to be appointed Grand Chaplain for British Columbia and Yukon for this past year.

As the years go by we have all been on a journey. A worldly temporal journey which will end. However, being partakers of Masonry, of the Royal Arch, a progressive science, we are on another kind of journey. When referring to the Volume of the Sacred Law used in most, if not all, of the Chapters comprising this Grand Chapter; in the Book of Genesis we are made aware that God's first creative act was the creation of physical light. Also, the initial perception of light by a new born baby is a part of the creative act and of course, the new child emerging from the mother's womb is without possessions. Similarly, before you and I progressed in Masonic life, we too were restored to material light and being deprived of all money and metals we, in a very real sense, like a new born baby, were equally without possessions. From this humble beginning we learned we are equal and the possessions we later acquire by our labours are to better enable us to share, in a charitable manner, with those in need, both within and without the Masonic family.

This is a solid foundation, a very sound take off point on which to build with the tools of our figurative trade, a Temple not made with hands but a durable one of a spiritual nature regardless of one's regligion.

When I look around this Grand Chapter, I see that we cover a fair time span in our lives. As the old hymn says "Kingdoms Rise and Wane", in our times we have seen empires rise and wane. The Soviet empire is now gone, the Japanese empire is gone, the 1,000 Year Reich lasted little more than a decade. Indeed, the British Empire of our youth is gone, even though our esteemed Brother, The Right Honourable Winston Churchill said emphatically, not many decades ago: "I will not preside over the dissolution of the British Empire". It was however, an empire that evolved peacefully, enduring values and parliamentary democracy were

charitably handed on. We may, in the future, see the rise and fall of other "Empires".

It really makes us think when you see the tallest buildings inn New York, the two towers of the World Trade Organization crumble. Then the word of our ritual come to mind:- "We know of a certainty that all things earthly are transient and that in the progress of time, the decay of ages will crumble this magnificent edifice of stone into dust." How painfully aware we have to be in 2001 that forces of evil can even violently accelerate the end of things earthly and transient.

It is comforting to note, in the context of current events and history, that as complete Master Masons – Royal Arch Masons, that we have built a Temple within ourselves, a spiritual edifice, if you will, through the time honoured use of, and aided by, the enduring principles of the square, level

Companion, The Reverend Canon Neil Vant, Grand Chaplain

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and the plumb rule. It is safe to conclude that the foundation of our spiritual, inner built edifice, will be as solid as and Arch in a Gothic Cathedral with solid foundation stones, solid copestones and the stone that was rejected, the Keystone, biding together to principle Arch, capable of both great load bearing capacity and endurance.

Having full confidence in the spiritual edifice, we have gradually and progressively, built within ourselves, degree by degree, we possess foundations that will never fail us and the fabric that will never crumble. This enables us to be better men now. We can, with confidence, stand up for good and prevail against evil. We don't have to fear Amos' plumb line when things we do are put to the test where evil men would tremble in fear with their leaning shaky edifices.

We may not be great in numbers but if we hold fast to our principles we have done and can and will make this a better world in this life. Who knows, by our example we can attract good men into he Craft and encourage our Craft Brethren to join he Arch and complete their Master Mason Degree. Throughout this era's history, the quality of Masons in positions of influence and power, has had an impact for good far beyond our numbers.

Finally, I say to each and every one of you, my Companions, let your good solid enduring works so shine like a light before men that you might glorify your Father, the Great Grand Master in Heaven and receive the wages promised to all his faithful Craftsmen.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted

1978 Most Excellent Companion George H. Coupland
1982 Most Excellent Companion Stephen G. Redgrave (Regrets)
1985 Most Excellent CompanionR. Hilliard Clare
1987 Most Excellent Companion Roderick A. Cutler
1989 Most Excellent Companion Thomas O. Mickey
1991 Most Excellent Companion Alexander S. Rollo
1992 Most Excellent Companion H. James White (Regrets)
1993 Most Excellent Companion William R. Shippam
1994 Most Excellent Companion Trevor O. Thomas
1996 Most Excellent Companion William D. Jasper (Regrets)
1997 Most Excellent Companion Leonard G.B. Pickell (Regrets)
1998 Most Excellent Companion Joseph R. Marshall
1999 Most Excellent Companion Denis S. Carriere

Following this reception and Grand Honours, M.E.C. George Coupland spoke on behalf of the Past Grand First Principals.

Most Excellent Companion Coupland: Thank you Most Excellent Companion Grand First Principal for recognizing us. We are here, not only to show our support to you and your Officers, but for all the Companions here assembled. It is always nice to be present at a Grand Chapter meeting. Not only do we meet our old friends, but we make new friends and Royal Arch Masonic friends are good friends. I would like to ask all those who are present here this morning, that when you speak to a Craft Mason, don't hesitate to mention you are a Royal Arch Mason and suggest to him that he should become a member of this grand organization. If we do that all the time we talk to Craft Masons, I am sure that this organization, the Holy Royal Arch will prosper in the years to come. We wish you well Most Excellent Grand First Principal, I know you are going to have a good convention here this morning, this afternoon and tomorrow morning and if you are lucky, we will accept you into our midst. Thank you.

The Grand First Principal asked Most Excellent Companion George Vernon to speak.

Most Excellent Companion George Vernon, Grand Superintendent of Dumfries, Scotland extended the fraternal greetings an good wishes from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.

Most Excellent Companion Hilliard Clare: The Committee assigned to review your address begs leave to leave the conference at this moment so that we can reply, in a suitable form, to your address this morning.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER
(As at December 31, 2000 and July 31, 2001)

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

Excellent Companions:

You all have a copy of the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2000 and the period ending July 31, 2001.

Again, I reiterate the problems that exist in our Grand Chapter. As of November 30, 2000, we had a bank balance of minus $1,742.22. We needed almost $8,000.00 to cover the expenses for the period until we were able to collect the per capita dues. The per capita dues start coming in during January. We pulled from our investments, sufficient money to cover our expenses and to carry on.

Since our new fiscal year, we have had income of	$52,584.20
Expenses to July 31, 2001 total	28,571.76
Difference	24,012.44

We have placed in a Term Deposit with the bank $20,000.00 Paying 3.25%. We spent $3,100.00 printing our Proceedings. We are turning the Term Deposit over every thirty days with a $5,000.00 amount placed in the General Account for us to operate efficiently. At the rate we are spending money to run the office, we could possibly cover our costs this year.

The instructions to the Finance Committee has always been the same, "maintain bring down the cost of operation of the office". We are to try and the per capita figure as low as possible, yet the operation costs a little more each year. We were told to increase the travel allowance of the Grand First Principal by $200.00 per year. It is just the incongruity of the instructions that the Finance Committee received. We realize that this sum is not very much, but in the total of expenditures, we do have to account for 10 cents per member to cover this cost. We continue to lose members through old age so we, as the active members, must cover the cost of

operation. If our membership list is at 2786, our cost per active member is $1.23 just to remain even to cover the lost members.

I repeat my concerns of the past years wherein I suggest that the Grand Z. is in for 1 year, and desires to make changes during is reign. Your Executive Council has been in being for 6 years and had a 5 year plan in place. I cannot honestly say that there have been any positive results from it. There are many discussions, but the long range 5 year plan has not been implemented successfully.

With the motion to come up wherein we are to drop the line of offices from 5 years to 3 years, I feel that it will be tougher still. Will we be able to carry out this 5 year plan that was implemented?

This is my last report to you as Grand Bean Counter. I am stepping down due to health reasons. I cannot see as well as I once could. Hilda tells me that I don't hear as well as I once could either.

It has been an interesting 7 years. I trust that my successor will be able to keep the financial status of the Grand Chapter in a good position.

If there are no questions, I will move the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted
Joe D. Quan, Grand Treasurer

GRAND TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT
GENERAL ACCOUNT
December 31, 2000

Bank Balance April 30, 2000		$38,063.05
Receipts: May 1, 2000 – December 31, 2000		
Bank and Investment Interest	$4,968.38	
Received from Grand Scribe E.	4,929.46	
	9,897.84	
		9,987.84
Total		47,960.89
Disbursements: May 1, 2000 – 31 December, 2000		
Warrants Issued	26,024.12	
Investments	23,678.99	
Total		49,703.11
Bank Balance December 31, 2000		(1,742.33)
Investments – Nesbitt Burns		
Cash	$ 4,374.92	
Bonds	3,084,60	
Fixed Income	83,834.55	
Common Equity	22,420.00	
Total		$ 113,714.07

GRAND TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT
GENERAL ACCOUNT
July 31, 2001

Bank B		
Balance December 31, 2000		($1,742.22)
Receipts: January 1, 2001 – July 31,2001		
Bank and Investment Interest	$ 6,412.62	
Received from Grand Scribe E.	46,411.58	
Investments	4,400.00	
Total		57,224.20
Disbursements: January 1, 2001 – July 31, 2001		
Warrants Issued	29,266.00	
Investments	6,380.80	
Total		34,646.80
Bank Balance July 31, 2001		20,835.18
Bank Balance as per Statement		
Add outstanding cheque #1657		1,650.38
		(610.00)
Bank Balance July 31, 2001		$ 835.18
Term Deposit		$20,000.00
Investments Nesbitt Burns		
Cash	$ 6,355.72	
Bonds	38,921.88	
Fixed Income	46,222.56	
Common Equity	21,582.00	
Total		$ 113,082.00

GRAND TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT
BURSARY ACCOUNT
December 31, 2000

Bank Balance April 30, 2000		$ 9,193.92
Receipts: May 1, 2000 – December 31, 2000		
Bank and Investment Interest	$ 3,604.35	
Donations	798.90	
Total		20,780.17
Disbursments: May 1, 2000 – Dec. 31, 2000		
Bursary Awards	5,000.00	
Investments	12,596.27	
Bank Charges	11.90	
Total		17,608.17
Bank Balance December 31, 2000		$ 3,172.00

GRAND TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT
BURSARY ACCOUNT
July 31, 2001

Bank Balance December 31, 2000		$ 3,172.00
Receipts: January 1, 2001 – July 31, 2001		
Bank and Investment Interest	$ 4,368.28	
Donations	1,494.00	
Total	9,034.28	
Disbursements	Jan 1, 2001 – July 31, 2001	
Bursary Awards: These Bursaries to be issued August 3, 2001	(5,000.00)	
Investments	4,362.29	
Total		4,362.29
Bank Balance July 431, 2001		4,671.99

Moved my R.E.C. Quan and seconded that the report be received. There was some inaudible discussion, after which the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE EZRA

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

Excellent Companions;

Since taking the Office of Grand Scribe Ezra on the untimely illness of M.E.C. Alex Rollo, it has been a learning experience and I thank M.E.C. Rollo, The Grand Treasurer, R.E.C. Joe Quan and the Grand Scribe Nehemia, R.E.C. Glen Spencer for their invaluable assistance. There have been a few shortcomings on my part I must admit, but that evolves from being the "new kid (and I use the term very loosely) on the block". If I have inconvenienced anyone, please accept my sincere apologies.

So saying, it is now my pleasure to submit this Eight-Second Annual Report of the Grand Scribe Ezra, together with the statistical table for the period 1 January, 2000 to 31 December, 2000. The statistical table reflects the following:

Members on the roll as of 31 December, 1999	-	3,044
Exaltations	- 82	
Affiliations	- 19	
Restorations	- 17	
Total Increase		- 3,162
Deaths	- 98	
Demits	- 196	
Suspensions	- 82	
Members on the roll as of 31 December, 2000	-	2,786

You will note from the above that we had a decrease in membership of 376, 98 through deaths and 278 through demits and suspensions. It is obvious that death takes its toll on membership, however, sad to say, the fact that membership in the Shrine no longer requires membership in either the York or Scottish Rites has resulted in most, if not all of the demits and suspensions suffered over the past year. There is a bright side however, in that when a Master Mason makes application to join the Royal Arch, he

is doing so because he wants to join our Order, not to use it as a stepping stone to the Shrine.

It is with the utmost regret that I must report that Revelstoke Chapter #9 has turned in its Charter. At one time this was a thriving vibrant Chapter but time and circumstance has taken its toll. It is reported that the Companions of Revelstoke will be affiliating with Kelowna Chapter #17 and Granite Chapter #25. Visits to Revelstoke Chapter were always a pleasure and their warmth and hospitality will be sadly missed.

As many of you know, the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon have established a Web Page at http://www.GrandChapter-B-Yukon.ca. E.C. James Whyte will be the Web Master.

You will notice the Grand Chapter logo now reads "Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon" which should make M.E.C. Tom Mickey happy. There is still some "old" letterhead which will be used up before the new letterhead goes into full use.

To the Chairmen of the various committees. It would be very much appreciated if you would submit your report pursuant to Article 54 of the Regulations in order to assist the Grand Scribe E. in preparing the reports for Grand Convocation.

The membership data base is near completion for which we extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to R.E.C. Glen Spencer, the Grand Scribe Nehemia for his untiring efforts in bringing this program into fruition. I know he appreciates the close cooperation he has received from the Chapter Scribes Ezra.

In closing, I would again express my gratitude to M.E.C. Rollo, R.E.C. Quan and R.E.C. Spencer for their assistance as well as many of the Scribes Ezra and Committee Chairmen who have been most helpful and most patient with me over the past few months I have been in the Grand Chapter Office.

Respectfully submitted
Joseph R. Marshall, Grand Scribe Ezra

Chapter	No.	Members DEC 31/99	Exalted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Demits	Suspended	Expelled	Adj	Members Dec. 31/0(
Columbia	1	156	2	1	1	8	11	2	0	0	139
Kootenay	3	28	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Rossland	4	71	2	2	0	3	8	0	0	0	64
Westminster	6	65	0	0	2	1	7	0	0	0	59
Rocky Mountain	7	139	5	0	0	1	10	2	0	0	131
Keystone	8	91	0	0	0	1	6	3	0	0	81
Revelstoke	9	80	0	0	0	2	8	6	0	0	64
Cyrus	10	169	1	1	0	6	16	3	0	0	146
Okanagan	11	70	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	65
Kaien	13	61	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	63
Camosun	14	126	2	1	0	9	16	0	0	0	104
North Vancouver	16	58	6	0	1	3	2	6	0	0	54
Kelowna	17	52	2	3	0	3	5	0	0	0	49
Kamloops	18	98	3	1	1	4	5	3	0	0	91
Chilliwack	19	122	7	1	1	2	13	2	0	0	114
Mount Monah	20	36	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	32
Triple Tau	21	121	0	1	1	2	9	1	0	0	111
Penticton	22	52	3	0	1	1	7	2	0	0	46
Composite	24	59	3	0	1	3	3	7	0	0	50
Observatory	25	42	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	39
Tzouhalem	26	96	1	0	0	2	8	2	0	0	85
Papyrus	27	38	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	37
Mission	28	53	2	2	2	0	3	2	0	0	54
Granite	29	29	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	28
King Solomon	30	72	4	2	1	4	6	7	0	0	62
Joppa	31	201	4	0	1	6	10	12	0	0	178
Majuba	33	44	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	0	41
Semiahmoo	34	67	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	63
Cathedral	35	63	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	63
Fort George	36	128	5	0	1	6	4	0	0	0	124
Kalum	37	83	2	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	81
Yukon	38	68	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	64
Georgian	39	47	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	49
Simon Fraser	40	93	0	0	0	1	15	5	0	0	72
Dawson Creek	41	151	12	0	1	3	8	12	0	0	143
Canoe	43	45	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	42
Pacific Rim	44	27	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	25
Discovery	45	46	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	47
Total Members		3047	82	19	17	98	196	82	0	0	2789
										Proof Check	2789

RECEPTION OF FIRST PRINCIPALS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

(If the First Principal is absent the Proxy will answer for him)

Columbia Chapter No. 1	Jens Block
Kootenay Chapter No. 3	Ray Rjala
Rossland Chapter No. 4	Albert Swityk
Westminster Chapter No. 6	Donovan Tyers
Rocky Mount Chapter No. 7	Matthew Glen
Keystone Chapter No. 8	Les Admas
Cyrus Chaptrer No. 10	George Tillotson
Okanagan Chapter No. 11	Gene Clever
Kaien Chapter No. 13	Vaughan Tattersall
Camosun Chapter No. 14	Don Hamilton
North Vancouver Chapter No. 16	Phillip Robinson
Kelowna Chapter No. 17	Bill Milsom
Kamloops Chapter No. 18	Ken McKenzie
Chilliwack Chapter No. 19	Don McMillan
Mount Moriah Chapter No. 20	Ernest Frick
Triple Tau Chapter No. 21	Alex Rollo
Penticton Chapter No. 22	Ken Hasanen
Composite Chapter No. 24	Ernest Mayer
Observatory Chapter No. 25	Carl Kickbush
Tsouhalem Chapter No. 26	W.A. Somerville
Papyrus Chapter No. 27	Norman Monro
Mission Chapter No. 28	Rod Henderson
Granite Chapter No. 29	Bill Ferguson
King Solomon Chapter No. 30	Michael Duff
Joppa Chapter No. 31	Joseph Marshall
Majuba Chapter No. 33	Gary Gordon
Semiahmoo Chapter No. 34	Alex McGregor
Cathedral Chapter No. 35	Gerry Price
Fort George Chapter No. 36	Leonard Timmins
Kalum Chapter No. 37	Allan Dubeau
Yukon Chapter No. 38	Thomas O. Mickey
Georgian Chapter No. 39	Douglas Burke
Simon Fraser Chapter No. 40	John Ruschke
Dawson Creek Chapter No. 41	Ken Browns

Cariboo Chapter No. 43	Slim Pritchard
Pacific Rim Chapter No. 44	R. Foreman
Discovery Chapter No. 45	Alex Reid

After Grand Honours were given, the Grand First Principal proceeded to greet the First Principals and Proxies, thanking them for their attendance.

Most Excellent Companion Louis Bartrand, Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Washington extended warmest fraternal greetings on behalf of himself and the Royal Arch Masons of Washington.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE

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

Excellent Companions;

There have been seven notices of motion put forward for amendments to the Book of Constitutions submitted to this Committee by the Grand Scribe Ezra during the course of this Masonic Year, as well as a number of requests for approval of changes to Chapter By-Laws. The Committee reports on the notices of motion will be made as each is brought forward and comments on the By-Law amendments have been submitted to the Grand First Principal for his action.

The Grand First Principal has been requested by a Constituent Chapter to issue a dispensation to dispense with the requirements of subsection 38.10.9 in the case of a Brother Mark Master Mason who passed away suddenly before being received as a Most Excellent Master and to declare him posthumously to be a Royal Arch Mason, issuing a Certificate to that effect to the Brother's widow. Your Committee has recommended that this would indeed be an act of kindness and charity under the particular circumstances and that the Grand First Principal would be in order if he were to grant this request, subject to the approval of Grand Chapter at the Grand Convocation, setting no precedent for the future.

Your Committee has noted that since the Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.) has changed its admission requirements, removing the necessity to be a Knight Templar or to hold 32nd Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, there has been considerable pressure to ease the requirements for entry into Royal Arch Masonry. The Committee well understands the feeling behind this, but would caution the Companions not to move too quickly in the pursuit of quantity rather than quality of perspective members and to consider carefully whether there are, in fact, a great number of Master Masons who wish to proceed to the Royal Arch, or any other Masonic Concordant Body, before they have truly absorbed the lessons of the Craft Degrees and whether such Brethren are indeed ready to become members of this Royal Order, before the make changes to our Constitution which they might later have occasion to regret.

This concludes the report of the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence but Companions, there are a couple of other things. First of all, we very sadly during the year, lost the services through illness of our Grand Scribe Ezra, M.E.C. Rollo. M.E.C. Rollo was a great deal of assistance to this Committee and to this Grand Chapter and the Constitution Committee was very saddened by this happening and are pleased now to see he is in better health. He Was succeeded by M.E.C. Joe Marshall who has been working very hard with this Committee to see that we get back on track and actually, he's been on the telephone most days of the week and I think we've pretty well got things sorted out.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the Grand First Principal for the honour of being allowed to serve on this Committee, especially those two Brethren whose names I have mentioned for their great assistance in the work of the Committee.

Now Companions, I have in recent weeks, received some criticisms and so have other members of the Committee, to the effect that we perhaps have been insisting too strongly on the wording of the Book of Constitutions, but we have already seen this week what happens when the rule of law is ignored. Companions, this is your law, you wrote it, you voted on it and if the Constitution Committee did not interpret it for you we would be totally

wrong. If you don't like what is in there it is within your power to change it. But Brethren, I am sorry if we have offended anybody in that way but there it is. Thank you Most Excellent Grand First Principal.

Respectfully submitted,
V.E.C. Frank L. Kendrick, Chairman
V.E.C. Anthony G. Brown
Comp. Clark Gilmour

Grand First Principal: Companions, V.E.C. Frank Kendrick, during his report, did mention that we dispense with the requirements of Subsection 38.10.9 in the case of a Brother Mark Master Mason who passed away suddenly before receiving his Most Excellent Master and to declare him posthumously to be a Royal Arch Mason issuing a certificate to that effect. The motion was seconded and there being no discussion the motion carried.

Most Excellent Companion Donald Russell, Grand First Principal of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Albert, extended fraternal greetings on behalf of himself and the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Excellent Companions;

Your Finance Committee met on June 14, 2001 at the Masonic Temple (1495 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.) to prepare a budget for the year 2001. Present were R.E.C. J. Quan, M.E.C. J. Marshall, R.E.C. N. Monro, R.E.C. R. Schafer and V.E.C. B. Richman.

Due to the Constitutional Amendments made at the last Grand Convocation in Kamloops, B.C. (September 7-8-9, 2000), the financial year changed to the calendar year. Your Committee has only the data for the last complete year (ie. 1999-2000), which has already been reported.

To help streamline the Grand Scribe E's office in the preparation of the 2000 budget, your committee recommends the following:

1. A $500.00 float for the Grand Scribe E's office for which a record will will be kept, (to prevent the writing of a cheque each time a small purchase is made).

2. A $1,000.00 contingency fund for office equipment, (if not used will accumulate).

3. A $1,500.00 contingency fund for Grand Chapter Regalia. Worn out or lost regalia has to be replaced. (if not used will accumulate).

4. As the printing of Proceedings has cost $3,000.00 this past year, it has been recommended that:
   a. the Printing Committee Chairman be involved with obtaining quotes for all printing orders over $500.00;
   b. Proceedings be shipped only to those who request them. (would also save on postage);
   c. Proceedings be send ONLY to those who send theirs to us.

5. Chapter Scribes E. order the number of KEYSTONES required and bill accordingly.

6. Investment loan payment. Over the past number of years, our Grand Chapter Office has not had sufficient funds to see us through the end of the year. At year's end, the Grand Treasurer has to borrow funds from the Burtsary or Investment Accounts until Per-Capita funds from the following year become available. To cash in securities and buy them again costs money, not only in interest but also broker's fees. This year looks the same, so we have included a modest $5,000.00 for loan repayment to allow investments to mature.

From the records of the Grand Scribe E. the total number of Companions in the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon is estimated at 2,750 members at the end of the year 2002. Our budget income forecast for 2002 is $45,925.00, $6,050.00 of which is generated by the Grand Scribe E's office, leaving $39,875.00 to be divided by 2.750 members, for a Per-

Capita of $14.50. (down $1.23 from last year). But I caution here, just reading the latest statistics on the number of Companions that demitted and left us this past year, I am not so sure whether that's not a little on the low side. As the membership goes down, the costs go up, in the sense that the less members have to pay more to make the Grand Chapter Office operate, and I think that to keep our costs in line we have to implement a few recommendations to try to streamline the office and I think the implementation of the Finance Committee's recommendations will help to keep our operating costs down to a minimum.

I move the adoption of this report, seconded by R.E.C. Lowden.

Respectfully submitted
R.E.C. Richard Schafer (Chairman)
R.E.C. Larry Lowden
V.E.C. Brian Richman
E.C. Alex McGregor

Right Excellent Companion Schafer: The proposed Grand Chapter Budget for the year 2002. You all have a copy of this and I'll just go down them. Our income is $3,500.00 estimated, because in previous years we have been having 9 and 10% bonds and they have all been reduced to 4 and 5%.

PROPOSED GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2000
INCOME

	BUDGET 1999/2000	ACTUAL 1999/2000	BUDGET 2002
Grand Chapter Convocation	$ 100.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Investment Interest	4,300.00	6,073.00	3,500.00
Bank Interest	85.00	22.00	50.00
Certificates	200.00	1,718.00	600.00
Regalia Cases	0.00	3,860.00	0.00
Constitutions	200.00	1,169.00	200.00
Rituals	500.00	595.00	350.00
Ceremonies & Officer's Guides	350.00	407.00	350.00
Proceedings	500.00	906.00	500.00
Keystones	500.00	926.00	500.00
INCOME	$ 6,735.00	$15,675.00	$ 6,050.00
Per Capita 3070 @ $15.73	48,291.00	45,125.00	
Per Capita 2750 @ 14.50			$39.875.00
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	$55,060.00	$60,800.00	$45,925.00

TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF SECURITIES AS OF DECEMBER 31/00
With Nesbitt Burns

Cash Balance	$ 4,374.92
Canada Gov-Ser J2 Reg	3,084.60
AIM Canada Income Class LL	24,040.45
Province of B.C.	25,850.00
Gov. of Canada Series J25	10,584.10
Sask. Wheat Pool	4,000.00
Prov. of Ontario	19,360.00
Triax Diversified	17,000.00
Suncor Energy	5,420.00
TOTAL SECURITIES	$113,714,07

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2002
EXPENSES

	BUDGET 1999-2000	ACTUTAL 1999-2000	BUDGET 2002
Insurance	$ 300.00	$ 275.00	$ 300.00
Rent	2,800.00	2,580.00	4,000.00
Alarm	250.00	0.00	250.00
Bank Charges	0.00	201.00	50.00
Telephone	1,200.00	844.00	1,200.00
Postage	2,800.00	1,693.00	2,000.00
Office Computer	0.00	51.00	0.00
Office Equipment	2,500.00	302.00	1,000.00
Office Eqt. Repair & Maint.	1,000.00	0.00	750.00
Stationary/Misc. Printing	1,800.00	1,690.00	1,800.00
Grand Z. Travel	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,700.00
Grand Scribe E. Travel	1,000.00	1,190.00	1,000.00
District 10 Travel	400.00	400.00	600.00
Grand Treasurer Honorarium	500.00	500.00	500.00
Grand Scribe E. Honorarium	17,760.00	17,760.00	11,400.00
Grand Chapter Office Assist	4,500.00	634.00	1,500.00
Grand Chapter Office Float	0.00	0.00	500.00
Grand Chapter Misc. Expense	500.00	0.00	0.00
AGrand Chapter Regalia	2,000.00	1,009.00	2,000.00
SUB TOTL	46,310.00	33,629.00	33,550.00
Publication Rituals	360.00	0.00	0.00
Proceedings	1,500.00	1,993.00	2,000.00
Programs Grand Chapter	0.00	359.00	250.00
Keystone	750.00	343.00	1,000.00
Constitutions	700.00	722.00	750.00
50/60 Year Pins	260.00	370.00	250.00
Cases	0.00	3,550.00	0.00
Engraving	0.00	22.00	50.00
Investment Loan Repayment	5,570.00	8,368.00	5,000.00
TOTAL	$55,450.00	$49,356.00	$42,850.00

Grand First Principal: Your Grand Executive Council met some weeks ago and looked over your budget proposed for next and one of our recommendations was that, in lieu of the number of demits we were having and the number of our Companions passing to above, we keep our per capita as that we had stated in Kamloops, that the per capita doesn't change.

R.E.C. Schafer: When you same, what figure are to referring to?

Grand First Principal: The same one as we implied in Kamloops last year, $15.73. We didn't change it this year, we didn't put it up, we didn't put it down, we just kept it.

R.E.C. Bud Freeston (King Solomon Chapter No. 30): First off, on the investments, I know that you don't show any interest rates. I think we should have those interest rates. I'm concerned that I heard this morning of the Grand Treasurer investing money at 3%. I don't know where the hell he's investing money at 3%, I've never invested money at 3%, I'm getting 4.1 as of yesterday. I think the interest rate should be shown on our investments. I am also interested in a $20,000.00 term deposit which is not added to the figure of 133,000. Now this shows as of July the 1st, 2001. Obviously something happened to the 20,000. If it's there, what kind of interest are we getting. Now that's the investments.

When we look at the budget, if you look at the budget you've got rent $4,000.00. My first indication was, before I listened to the Chairman, was that we paid $2580.00 last year, that's a 60% increase. He says now we are paying 330. Is that still a 60% increase or what happened? We paid 2580 now we're paying 4000, it doesn't add up to me. Now if you look down the list, Office Assistance $1500.00 and you have another right after that, an Office Float of $500.00, that's $2000.00 just to be spent as the Grand Scribe E. decides he'd like to spend it. I think that's just a bit much in my opinion and I would change that.

You go down a little farther you will find the Regalia Fund $2000.00 you will find the Regalia Contingency Fund $1500.00 for $3500.00. Now last year and for several years prior, V.E.C. Galt was the Regalia Chairman and he informed me when he left his office, that all the regalia was in good shape, so I don't know why $3500.00. We certainly didn't deplete our regalia for $3500.00. I know that 1,000 of that 3000 is for a new Grand First Principal's regalia but he also informed me that he had two suits of Grand First Principal's regalia. I don't know why a Grand First Principal

can't wear hand-me-downs, there is nothing wrong with it because he had them all refurbished.

You go down the list. We lost 10% of our membership and I would consider that our budget goes down 10%. You don't need to send out 300 envelopes or 300 people to look after when they're gone. If you look at the expenditures you will find that the Proceedings $2000.00 but if you look over the sheet you'll find that the Proceedings we're going to receive 500. So we've lost $1500.00 on Proceedings, and it is my opinion, except for some guests who will receive them for nothing, that they are all paid for by the Chapters. If you look on Constitutions $750.00 in the budget, the Constitutions read $200.00 you are going to return. Where is the 550? We certainly are not keeping, I hope we're not keeping, several hundred copies of these books in Grand Chapter which I found some years ago when I was on a Special Committee. We got rid of thousands of them, they were stacked there. I don't know who bought them but whoever did .... I grant you the Grand Scribe E. probably bought them. If you look at Keystone $1000.00 and if you look over the next sheet, from the Keystone we're going to get $500.00. My understanding is that the Chapters pay for all the Keystones. I don't now why we need an extra $500.00.

So on the motion of approval of the budget, I would say, except for those items which the Committees are going to report on, number 30 is the Committee on Promotional Material and Printing and No. 32 is the Committee on the Regalia. I would suggest that we wait and listen to what they have to say. So I would make an amendment if there is going to be a motion, which there should have been before I spoke, it should have been moved and seconded, I would make an amendment to change those items that I just discussed.

Grand First Principal: Any other discussion? Companions, item No. 1. It has been your Executive Council's decision that we maintain our per capita as it was last year, we don't increase it, we don't decrease it. Can I have a motion to this effect, that .....

R.E.C. Schafer: You have an amendment to the motion on the floor Most Excellent Sir.

Grand First Principal; I'm going to come to that, this is Item 1, just that part. I'll cover that in the second item. As far as the per capita goes, it has been moved and seconded that our per capita remains as it was passed at Kamloops. The motion carried.

Item 2. It has been requested that there be an amendment to this budget concerning items, 30 Committee on Printing, item 32 Committee on

Regalia and one other, Promotion Material. He requested that the budget proposal be accepted subject to those items being discussed later this afternoon.

R.E.C. Schafer: Excuse me Most Excellent Sir, there is no seconder to the amendment as yet.

E.C. Clancy Wilson (Simon Fraser No. 40), I'll second the R.E.C. Freeston's motion.

Grand First Principal: The question was, that the proposed budget for the year 2002 be accepted subject to the amendments that will affect items 30, 32 and Promotional Material, that we accept this budget with an amendment that we pass it subject to the report on those committees this afternoon. The amendment to the motion passed subject to the reading of those reports this afternoon.

(Scribe Ezra's Note - There were several Companions who carried on a discussion without appearing at a microphone, therefore their input was inaudible.)

M.E.C. George Coupland (Kootenay Chapter No. 3): I think that motion was out of order, I think the motion should have been to table the report until after we receive these other reports. How can we pass a motion when we don't what the other reports are going to be. It's out of order, it should be tabled.

Grand First Principal: You are right. Companions, I think we have been too hasty here, we just passed a motion that the changes of which can affect our budget tremendously. So, if possible, I would like to cancel that motion and put forward a motion that it be tabled until we here the report on the various Committees this afternoon. R.E.C. Bud Freeston, would you and your seconder care to withdraw the motion and table it until we hear those committee reports this afternoon?

R.E.C. Freeston: Mine was just an amendment to the motion because the motion to accept the budget should have been made by the Chairman and seconded. I made an amendment to it to delete certain items. Now what you can do is just hold the whole thing in abeyance until this afternoon and in that case, I will withdraw my amendment to the motion.

E.C. Wilson: I withdraw the second providing it's table.

Grand First Principal: Let's table this decision that we accept the 2002 budget until we hear the report on the committees this afternoon.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

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

Excellent Companions:

The Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion David D.S. Anderson received his oath of office at the Eighty-Second Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon on the 9th of September, 2000 which was held in the City of Kamloops, British Columbia.

M.E.C. David Anderson addressed the Assembly with his theme centered on four words:

"FUTURE IS NOW"

In association with Growth and Development he stated: "We are uncertain what lies ahead for Royal Arch Masonry. If we procrastinate and do nothing, the Order may slowly erode and fade away." The Grand Masonic Body revealed that in Europe, a greater majority of these bodies were showing a decline in members with only a few reflecting a small increase. The study concluded by saying: "That the Order, as we know it today, will cease before the year 2025." Will our generation be responsible for cessation of Masonry? I think not! But Companions unless you and I do something soon we will have no future.

GROWTH

We rely on Craft Lodges for membership and success. Therefore Companions, as part of a "New Millennium Project" one which will cost our or I but a small part of our time and effort, I encourage each and every one of us to introduce a candidate into our Craft Lodges this coming year, to guide and support them in such a manner that Royal Arch Masonry will later reap the benefits. With this growth we can but hope that our Order would be sustained and flourish. At the same time he cautioned us "QUALITY and not QANITITY" is the watchword.

DEVELOPMENT

FACT: our Chapters lack the regular attendance and support, by even a majority of its members. There are numerous directions which in the view of many, take precedence over attending Masonic meetings. This leaves very little time for the father to attend, not only the Craft Lodge twice a month, but also his Chapter, as well as other Concordant Bodies to which father may belong. In view of this, perhaps we should be looking seriously to reducing the number of meetings to which we have and to which so many are committed. In other countries around the world, they do this successfully.

He requested, in he coming year, we all become involved and communicate with each other, either by your Lodge,Chapter your Grand Superintendents in Chapter or the Grand Education Committee (which is now represented by several regions of our jurisdiction). He requested we present our thoughts on any and all subjects.

On September 12th, M.E.C. David Anderson selected his mother Chapter, Semiahmoo No. 34 to host the District No. 2 meeting and to receive the congratulations from the Companions of the District as well as the visitging Companions from other Chapters. Semiahmoo No. 34 was immensely please and proud that one of theirs had scaled the heights of Royal Arch Masonry and made it to the top. The visitors joined in he celebrations. Chapter was closed at 8:30, with the Companions retiring to the lower hall for fellowship, refreshments and the Scottish songs by the musical talents of Johnny Forrest of Simon Fraser Chapter No. 40, causing a few to reach for a hankie. It was wonderful and memorable evening for the many who were in attendance.

The Grand First Principal attended the Regular meeting of Composite Chapter No. 24 in New Westminster on the 15th of September, followed by trips to Cariboo Chapter No. 43 in Quesnel, Dawson Creek Chapter No. 41, District and Installation at Fort George Chapter No. 36 and with Mission Chapter No. 28 having their installation on the 27th of May.

Church Service was held at the Lakeview Multicultural United Church of Canada at 2276 Semlin Drive in Vancouver. The Church , over the

past years has given Service to not only the Royal Arch Masons but has given Service to Westminster Preceptory No. 56. The Presider of the Church, Ruben Espiritu, is a Companion of Westminster Chapter No. 6 and also a Knights Templar in Westminster Preceptory No.56. The Grand First Principal read from the Old Testamen, Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 99, Voices United. Refreshments were served in the lower hall with interchanges of greetings and welcomes.

The Grand First Principal received a good turnout on the Annual International trip to Bellingham Chapter in Bellingham, Washington. These visitations, over the past years, have been beneficial for both sides. The interchange and fellowship is most enjoyable and pleasant for all who have attended and this especially includes the ladies.

On Sunday, October 22nd, 2000, the International Day of Prayer was held at the Peace Arch in Blaine, Washington, where a religious Affirmation Day was shared by Royal Arch Masons of Washington and British Columbia and Yukon. At this Affirmation Day Service, Canadian presence totalled forty-two. This event will be held, shared and repeated with Royal Arch Masons from both sides at the Peace Arch in the future. The Kulshan International Masonic Lodge No. 168 provided their facilities. The repast for the event was appreciated by all. Affirmation Day is covered in Grand Code of the Royal Arch Masons of Washington saying that: "The Sunday nearest to the 24th of October shall be designated Religious Affirmation Day and that all Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction shall attend Divine Services, clothed as Royal Arch Masons without distinction as to rank." In reality, last year was the first time in many years that we have done that at the Peace Arch. I don't know when that particular service was done last. What was usually done is that we have designated the day and had our people attend a Church near their home.

On Tuesday, October 24, 2000, The Grand First Principal attended the Regular meeting of Triple Tau Chapter No. 21 and on the 25th of October, Mission Chapter No. 28 "Chilli Night. On December 12th, 2000, Semiahmoo Chapter No.34 held their Annual Christmas Party which again was very successful. The Ladies of the Eastern Star catered the event and Peter Luongo and his Ukulele Band presented the entertainment.

On February16th, February 24th and 25th, Most Excellent Companion Alex Rollo suffered hear problems resulting in a touch and go situation. On March 6th he received a defibrillator and today is attending these proceedings with us.

On Saturday, January 13th, 2001, the Grand First Principal attended Majuba Chapter No. 33 in Ladysmith on their 50th Anniversary, combining the evening with a Burns Nigh. Congratulations were given to the Chapter by Most Excellent Companion David Anderson,.

On March 8th, 2001 to March 22nd, 2001, the Grand First Principal and his entourage of forty-two, flew to Scotland on his arranged Royal Arch Masonic Visit to Scotland. All who were on this trip reported it to be a wonderful experience.

On Saturday, March 31st, 2001, the Spring Board of General Purposes was held in Campbell River. The opening address was given by V.E.C. Steve McVittie, Education and Membership Promotion. There was good discussion throughout, excellent material had been made available for take home. Discovery Chapter No. 45 in Campbell River is to be congratulated in their making the Spring Board so successful.

On Saturday, April 7th, 2001, Semiahmoo Chapter No. 34 extended invitations to attend an evening with Most Excellent Companion Anderson and his Lady Monica at the Masonic Hall in Langley, B.C. in celebration of having attained the highest rank in Royal Arch, being their Grand First Principal. Semiahmoo Chapter has another Grand First Principal in Most Excellent Companion Leonard G. Pickell, 1997-1998. Semiahmoo is very fortunate. The celebration raised $485.00 clear and the amount was added to the $500.00 held in 524 Bank Bursary Account allowing the Chapter to make another donation of $1000.00 to the Bursary Fund. This is done at proceedings of Grand Chapter in September.

Westminster Chapter No. 6 held their "100th" Anniversary on Saturday, 16 June, 2001 in the Marpole Masonic Hall, 8486 Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C. Most Excellent Companion Anderson and his Lady Monica and 82 others were in attendance. It is of interest that the three Grand Principals, Grand Superintendents of Districts No. 2, 7

and 9, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, Grand Steward, Grand Organist, Acting Grand Scribe Ezra and a special visitor, Most Excellent Companion Louis Bartrand, Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Washington were in attendance. Fraternal greetings and congratulations on 100 years of Royal Arch Masonry were received from Semiahmoo Chapter No. 34, Triple Tau Chapter No. 21, Mission Chapter No. 28, Cathedral Chapter No. 35, Keystone Chapter No. 8, Composite Chapter No. 24, Joppa Chapter No. 31, Simon Fraser Chapter No. 40, North Vancouver Chapter No. 16, Georgian Chapter No. 39, Okanagan Chapter No. 11 and Papyrus Chapter No. 27.

Most Excellent Companion Anderson reminded the Companions of events still to come: Kootenay Chapter in Kaslo, B.C. on July, 14th, 2001, Grand Chapter B.B.Q. being held on August, 18th, 2001, as well as Grand Chapter Convocation in Pentiction, September 13th,14th and 15th. There being no further business before the Chapter, it was closed in prescribed form at 4:45 p.m. with Most Excellent Companion Anderson dispersing the word.

All Companions retired to the banquet room for a social hour with the ladies. A delicious roast beef dinner was served by Bethels 34 and 37, Grace being offered by V.E.C. Walter Biener. Musical interludes were graciously performed by Companion Bill Walls, Grand Organist, as well as music for the singing of the Anthems. Some twenty or more prizes were distributed to lucky ticket holders. The evening entertainment was provided by the Russian Balalaika Orchestra, the ladies, having been entertained during the afternoon Convocation by Companion David Hamil (Hambone Magician and Clown). V.E.C. Tony Brown very ably performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Respectfully submitted
V.E.C. Walter Biener, Grand Historian

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Right Excellent Companion Brian Hemmingway: Most Excellent Sir, I received a letter from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and Districts Overseas in June, 2001, stating: "Mutual recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Greece is no

longer possible re the mutual recognition issued on the 16th of October in 1993. They advance candidates authorized by the National Grand Lodge of Greece from which recognitions has been withdrawn by the United Grand Lodge of England. While this state of affairs continues, no visitations or recognition is possible regarding the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Greece."

Respectfully submitted
R.E.C. Brian Hemmingway, Chairman

Right Excellent Companion Douglas Haroldson, Grand Haggai of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan brought greetings and felicitations from Most Excellent Companion Stanley Stone, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan.

Grand First Principal: Companions, not only are we blessed with the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, we also have in our presence the Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, Bill Ferguson. Thank you for being with us today.

Going back to one of our reports this morning before lunch, we did have a report on foreign correspondence by R.E.C. Brian Hemmingway. Do I take it that, at present, the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon are amity with this Grand Body in Greece?

Right Excellent Companion Hemmingway: (Inaudible)

Grand First Principal: Two years ago we had a controversy where we were trying to work out are we in amity with Greece, are we not. I think a year ago or more the Grand Lodge of England recognized the Grand Lodge of Greece and, at that point, we declared amity with them as well. If the Grand Lodge of England no longer recognizes them, then I would entertain a motion that we no longer be in amity with this Grand Body.

Right Excellent Companion Hemmingway: Would you like me to read it again.

Grand First Principal: Can you come to the microphone and read it.

Right Excellent Companion Hemmingway: The letter I received from the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts Overseas in June, 2001 stated: "Mutual recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Greece is no longer possible since the mutual recognition that they issued on the 16th of October in 1993, now they advance candidates authorized by the National Grand Lodge of Greece from which recognition has been withdrawn by the United Grand Lodge of England. While this state of affairs continues, no visitations or recognition is possible regarding the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Greece." That's the content of the motion.

Grand First Principal: R.E.C. Hemmingway, are you making a motion that we withdraw our amity with the Grand Lodge of Greece.

The motion was made by R.E.C. Hemmingway and seconded.

Right Excellent Companion Freeston: Most Excellent Sir, if we don't recognize the Grand Mark Master Mason's of Greece, what about the Grand Chapter of Greece. You're dealing with the Mark Master Masons, you are not dealing with the Grand Chapter of Greece.

Very Excellent Companion Frank Kendrick: Most Excellent Sir, that is my point as well, this is the Mark Master Masons we are talking about, not the Supreme Grand Chapter of England or the United Grand Lodge of England. This comes about because over there the Mark Grand Lodge is a separate organization and not part of the Grand Chapter as it is here. Unfortunately, in this Grand Chapter, we do not have a fraternal relations committee, we have a fraternal correspondence but not fraternal relations. I would suggest that perhaps this should be held in abeyance for the incoming Grand First Principal to appoint a committee, such as an ad hoc committee, to deal with this matter and report back at a later stage. It is a little complex, you received yesterday, a representative of the Mark Grand Lodge of England. We could be in a little embarrassing situation, so I suggest we kind of steer clear of it if we can.

Right Excellent Companion Hemmingway: The United Grand Lodge of England states: "While the affairs continue, no visitations or recognition is possible re the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Greece."

That's the Mark Master Masons of Greece but it's recognition by the Grand Lodge of England, not the Grand Chapter of England. So if they're in amity in the Grand Lodge of England, I can't see how we can contradict the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England.

It was moved and seconded that we table this discussion until our incoming Grand First Principal can set up a committee and investigate it further. The motion carried.

ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

F.L. Moon	ALABAMA	D.B. Milne (A)
J. Houtchen	ALASKA	J. Boily
D. Bruce	ALBERTA	R.A. Cutler
H.R. Newmarkt	ARGENTINA	G.H. Horwood (A)
T.R. Lewis	ARIZONA	R.J. McCubbin (A)
D.O. White	ARKANSAS	M.P. Ryanor (A)
G. Ulich	AUSTRIA	P. Tupholme (A)
P. Noel	BELGIUM	F. Kendrick
R.D. Kelly	CALIFORNIA	A. Rollo
S. Boomhour	CANADA (In Ontario)	J.R. Marshall
J.E. Erickson	COLORADO	S. Fleetham
R.C. Raines	CONNECTICUTT	D. Cavanaugh (A)
R.N. Biggs	DELAWARE	W.D. Jasper (A)
E.W. LaCross	DISTRICT OF COLUMIA	M.A. Glen
J. Tuonien	FINLAND	D.B. Tutner
R.E. Burleson	FLORIDA	D.S. Carriere
B. Charpentier	FRANCE	W.C. Hoskins (A)
Ben L. Johnson	GEORGIA	G.H. Coupland
E. Aspiotis	GREECE	P. Raptis
R.W. Pate	HAWAII	J.D. Quan
J.I. Hagen	IDAHO	G. Galt (A)
M.U. Balding	ILLINOIS	J.C. Gordon (A)
H.P. Mathur	INDIA	K. Forouhar (A)
E.R. Graham	INDIANA	W.D. Quail
Gary W. Shaulis	IOWA	A. Burchill (A)
K.J.G. Patterson	IRELAND	S.G. Roberts (A)
G. Berkow	ISRAEL	W.J. Broderick (A)
F. Bonafe	ITALY	A. Ross (A)

T. Fraser	KENTUCKY	D. Leischner
J.P. Davis	LOUISIANA	B.J. Maslaniec (A)
R.E. Robinson	MAINE	J. McBain (A)
N.A. Pow	MANITOBA	D. Miskimin (A)
L.O. Eshenour	MARYLAND	W.G. Surgenor (A)
M.E. Host	MASSACHUSETTS	H.D. Freeston
M.E. Corozco	MEXICO	L.H. Stoneburg (A)
J.R. Sprague	MICHIGAN	H.J. White (A)
A.N. Dull	MINNESOTA	G.W. Reed
J.W. Hamil	MISSISSIPPI	H. Ferster
J.W. Stafford	MISSOURI	H.A. Bregenhaus (A)
J. Grotts	MONTANA	F.J. Perkins
H.C. Lofton	NEBRASKA	J.G. Young (A)
J.J. Hanrath	NETHERLANDS	N.K. Monro
D. Gauch	NEVADA	R. Fraser
C.W. Webber	NEW BRUNSWICK	P. Gauci
Oliver White	NEWFOUNDLAND	G.M. Spencer
H.M. Chase Jr.	NEW HAMPSHIRE	R. Sellwood (A)
R.S. Middleton	NEW JERSEY	G.B. Clever
Edward S. Richmond	NEW MEXICO	R. Tetlow (A)
E.G. Mehrtens	NEW SOUTH WALES	P.J. Bottaro (A)
P.M. Desautel	NEW YORK	B. Hobbs
H.R. Lightwood	NEW ZEALAND	D.O. Tyers
R.L. Parker	NORTH CAROLINA	B. Hoare
N. Knudson	NORTH DAKOTA	A.B. Wensler (A)
C.S. Dean	NOVA SCOTIA	J.R. Elton
A.D. Hart	OHIO	A. Gordon (A)
E.L. Berryman	OKLAHOMA	K. McKenzie
Richard Erath	OREGON	W.R. Shippam
E.G. Reese	PENNSYLVANIA	V. Halverson (A)
	QUEBEC	J. Calderwood (A)
F.S. Bell	QUEENSLAND	I. Campbell (A)
F.F. Dumlowa	PHILIPPINES	J. Caturay (A)
R.L. Manderville	RHODE ISLAND	G. Tillotson
H.E. Hill	SASKATCHEWAN	L.G.B. Pickell (A)
S.T. Geddes	SCOTLAND	D.D.S. Anderson
G.R. Schubert	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	G.W. Eaton
Lucius A. Todd	SOUTH CAROLINA	J. Robson (A)

M. Christensen	SOUTH DAKOTA	G.H. Gibbens (A)
F.C. Schumacher	SWITZERLAND	L. Lowden
R.J. Coates	TENNESSEE	T.O. Mickey
L.W.Ramos	TEXAS	D.L. Martin (A)
R.H. Simmons	UTAH	B. Hemmingway
L.G. Phelps	VERMONT	T. Kuiperi
K.L. Paroissien	VICTORIA (Australia)	R.H. Clare
D.E. Wettstone	VIRGINIA	L. Churchill
T.H. Dickason	WASHINGTON	T.O. Thomas
G.F. Walder	WEST AUSTRALIA	N. Butler
Dr. H. Thomas	WEST GERMANY	R.F.E. Schafer
W.E. Bird	WEST VIRGINIA	R. Macdonald (A)
G. Jolivette Jr.	WISCONSIN	P. Robinson
A.R. Corberg	WYOMING	G.A. Yates

The Grand First Principal presented Right Excellent Companion Norman Butler, with his Commission as the representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Western Australian at or near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND GRIEVANCES

Nil Report

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Nil Report

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

Excellent Companions.

Your Credentials Committee herby reports as follows:

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAPTERS IN THIS JURISDICTION.....37

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.....37

COMPANIONS – THIS JURISDICTION.....188

VISITORS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS..... 10

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES..... 20

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS..... 10

NUMBER REGISTERED..... 228

NUMBER OF PRINCIPALS (Z., H., J.)..... 29

NUMBER OF PAST FIRST PRINCIPALS..... 124

NUMBER OF PROXIES..... 47

TOTAL VOTES 200

Respectfully submitted;
R.E.C. H. Ferster
R.E.C. M.L. Berry
R.E.C. T. Clare
Moved by R.E.C.Ferster, seconded by R.E.C. Berry that this report be received. The motion carried.

MOTIONS AND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTIONS

Very Excellent Companion Frank Kendrick: Most Excellent Grand First Principal, I will, as in the usual way, read the proposal and ask the mover to do his thing after having heard the Committee's report on it.

MOTION NO. 1 –By M.E.C. Alexander S. Rollo, P.G.Z. 38.10.6 on Page R49 be rescinded and replaced as follows: "Upon the raising of a Master Mason, he may be invited by any Companion of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon to receive his Mark Master Mason Degree."

The Committee finds this Motion acceptable in form and not conflicting with Capitular Masonic usage but expresses no view as to the wisdom of the policy it advocates. Section 38.10.6, at present reads: "At least six months must elapse between the conferring of the Master Mason and the Mark Master Mason Degrees.

Most Excellent Companion Rollo: Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions. I, Most Excellent Companion Alexander S. Rollo, Past Grand Zerubbabel move that Section 38.10.6 on page R49 be rescinded and replaced as follow: "Section 38.10.6 on page R49 – Upon the raising of a Master Mason he may be invited by any Companion of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon to receive his Mark Master Masons Degree." The motion was seconded and carried.

MOTION NO. 2 – By Excellent Companion Malcolm D. Johnson, Chilliwack Chapter No. 19, to delete the present subsection 38.10.6 and replace it with the following 38.10.6. "There is no waiting period required between the conferring of the Master Mason Degree and making application for Exaltation in a Royal Arch Chapter."

The Committee finds this motion acceptable in form and not conflicting with Captitual Masonic usage but expresses no view as to the wisdom of the policy it advocates. However, the Committee feels that it might be wise for the proponent of this Motion to discuss the matter with M.E.C. Rollo in order to avoid any possible conflict arising from the two motions to amend the same section of the Constitutions.

Excellent Companion Johnson: I will premise the reading of this motion and respond to V.E.C. Frank Kendrick's request that I confer with M.E.C. Alex Rollo. I did have a short conversation with M.E.C. Rollo and he felt that his motion was in order. I will continue with my motion

because our existing article makes no mention regarding inviting a Master Master. The article which I wish to delete simply states, that a Companion will make application and that is how a Master Mason becomes a Royal Arch Mason, simply by making application. So consequently, I move that there is no waiting period between the receiving of the Master Mason Degree and making application for Exaltation in a Royal Arch Chapter and I contend that this is more in accord with our Constitutions than the previous read motion.

Grand First Principal: Jurisprudence Committee Chairman, do you agree with those remarks.

Very Excellent Companion Kendrick: Most Excellent Sir, it's not for me really, to agree or disagree, it's for the Companions. The affect of this motion if passed, would be to delete the acceptance of the previous motion because section 38.10.6 has now been amended by this Grand Body and reads, upon the raising of a Master Mason and so forth. So if this motion is passed, it automatically deletes the previous one. So I think really, it's up to the Companions as to what they want.

Right Excellent Companion Freeston; Most Excellent Sir, I think we come to the same thing with the Grand Chapter of Greece. We are dealing with the Mark Master Mason in the previous one, in this one we are dealing with Exaltation, which are two different things. The one just past is to a Mark Masters Degree, the one that's put forward now is for Exaltation, quite different.

Very Excellent Companion Kendrick: Unfortunately Most Excellent Sir, they are talking about the same section of the Constitutions, 38.10.6. If they were to put in a subsection 38.10.6(a) or something like that it would solve the problem, but they haven't done that, they are both talking about the same section.

Excellent Companion Johnson: Most Excellent Sir, I felt this was the most efficient manner to approach this matter, to delete the existing section which required a six months waiting period and to become a Royal Arch Mason, you apply for Exaltation which naturally we do. The first step is the Mark Master Mason Degree, we don't apply to become a Mark Master Mason, we apply to become Exalted as a Royal Arch Mason.

Right Excellent Companion Robinson (North Vancouver Chapter No. 16): Most Excellent Sir, the motion has not been seconded.

The motion was seconded.

Excellent Companion Les Adams (Keystone Chapter No. 8): Most Excellent Companion, Companions all. This first motion doesn't really go together with the second motion because in essence, we should have said receive the Mark Master Mason by initiation. Firstly, we don't invite them to receive their Degree. So therefore, we invite them for an application to have the Exaltation and reversing that, once the application is made for Exaltation, then you receive the applicant for his Mark Master Mason Degree by initiation.

There being no further discussion a vote was called and the motion carried.

MOTION NO 3 – By Excellent Companion Malcolm D. Johnson. Delete the present 38.10.7 and replace it with the follow: "38.10.7 – There is no interval required after a favourable ballot, before the conferral of the Mark Master Masons Degree and no interval required between the conferral of that Degree and his reception as a Most Excellent Master and similarly, no interval required between the conferral of that Degree and his Exaltation as a Royal Arch Mason." The present 38.10.7 says: " A candidate receives the Mark Master Mason Degree only after two weeks have elapsed since his being balloted on. A Most Excellent Master is received or a Royal Arch Mason exalted only after two weeks have elapsed since the conferral of the preceding Degree. This two-week period may be shortened by dispensation of the Grand First Principal."
The Committee finds this motion acceptable as to form and not conflicting with Capitular Masonic usage but expresses no view as to the wisdom of the policy it advocates. However, the Committee draws the attention of the Companions to the fact that if this motion is adopted, it will automatically permit the conferral of all the Capitular Degrees at one Convocation of a Chapter and recommends that the Companions consider this aspect carefully before voting on he proposal before them.
Excellent Companion Johnson: Most Excellent Companion Grand First Principal, I move that article No. 38.10.7 be removed in its entirety and be replaced with this. "There is no interval required after a candidate, receiving a favourable ballot, of his receiving the Mark Master Mason Degree and no interval required on receiving the Most Excellent Master Degree and subsequently, no interval required on receiving the Holy Royal Arch Degree." The motion was seconded.
I would like to talk to the motion if I may Most Excellent Sir. It is our experience in Chilliwack Chapter, and we have conferred this over the

last several years, that potential candidates, when questioned and talked to about entering the Holy Royal Arch, we are asked by them, how many degrees are there, how many nights to receive these degrees and how many meetings a year. Now this illustrates to us the time constraint on a lot of our younger potential members. Now young candidates are very busy and reluctant to devote time away from family or business and are quite receptive to the format of multiple degrees on a single day. Now it's been bandied about two terms, quality vs. quantity. Now these two terms must be melded together. We realize that there will always be those that lost interest along the way, but with the proper interest and conduct and observance of the Companions of the Chapter in regards to protocol and dedication to excellent ritual work, I am sure that quality will always overshadow any lack thereof. The purpose of this motion it an attempt to ensure that we have candidates to bring into our Chapter. If a Chapter desires and is capable of conferring multiple degrees in a compressed time frame, aka field day, there is no better proof of the value of this form as demonstrated by our Chilliwack Chapter in the past two years. The interest of younger Companions to take office increases with a more efficient path to accomplishing our goal, which is both quality and quantity. And I urge you Companions to give serious thought to how you ballot and ballot for the good of Royal Arch Masonry.
Right Excellent Companion Phil Robinson: I would speak against this motion. I think that Craft Masonry and Capitular Masonry require a lot of thought, a lot of effort and a lot of contemplation on each and every degree. If there are special circumstances as there are, one was mentioned to me, remote locations where time and travel limit a potential Companions ability to visit, the Grand First Principal has the ability and option to grant dispensation and that, I think should continue. But to allow wholesale the conferring of three degrees in one day, I think will lead to at least the appearance of us wanting quantity and not caring about quality because a man cannot absorb the information, the philosophy and the meanings of three degrees in one day, not even one degree, it takes time. And for that reason I would suggest Companions that you defeat this motion.
Excellent Companion Les Adams: Most Excellent Companion, Companions all. I speak against this motion because primarily, we are taught in the early stages of our Masonic careers that Freemasonry is a progressive science and I also head a comment on the floor previously, that we need to improve our educational aspects. We cannot teach our Masonic principles or Royal Arch principles if we were to bolt the

candidates through all the degrees in order to get quantity rather than quality. I do not believe that we have anything in our Constitution that says that we have a field day available to us.

Right Excellent Companion Freeston: Most Excellent Sir, I think if you look at the wording of the motion, it says, "may be deemed – may be deemed" not will be deemed . Also says "may be offered" not will be offered, so that those Chapters who wish to do it one way can do it one way, those Chapters who wish to do it another way, may do it another way, it's entirely up to the Chapter.

Excellent Companion Don McMillan (First Principal of Chilliwack Chapter No. 19): Most Excellent Sir. I agree with the previous speaker, this is not a requirement, this is simply putting into effect the lack of requiring a dispensation and nothing else. But one thing that has been brought up here several times that really I question, is quality. If you are a Master Mason you're qualified and I question the thoughts of anyone saying that a person that is in a Blue Lodge is not qualified. And as far as learning the degrees, if you want to become fully conversant with each degree, then you would have to have six or eight months waiting period with a complete program of education. I question that.

Excellent Companion Clancy Wilson: Most Excellent Companion. Chapters like Chilliwack Chapter No. 19 who are in favour of carrying on with their program and Chapters that do not wish to do that, I can't see any good reason why they should not be allowed to do this.

(Unidentified): Most Excellent Sir. As far as acquiring the value attitude system of a Royal Arch Mason, I learned from studying educational childhood psychology that children absorb the emotion and attitude and certainly, in my time as a Royal Arch Mason, I have absorbed that value attitude system. I would like also to point out, I've got the history of Royal Arch Masonry in British Columbia. There is an historical precedent. I believe it was in Cumberland when they opened their Lodge, people came, travelled by horse and buggy and whatever and they held all three degrees on the same night in order to get officers and members to open the Lodge. That was some time back, they broke up about 4 o'clock in the morning.

There being no further discussion a vote was called and the motion was defeated.

MOTION NO. 4 – By Right Excellent Companion Brian Hemmingway, Discovery Chapter No. 45 that present subsection 38.10.5 be

renumbered as 38.10.5[a] and a new subsection 38.10.5[b] be added reading as follows: "38.10.5[b]: If a Master Mason is well known to the Companions of a Chapter and of high moral standing in his community, the requirements of section 38.10, 38.10.2, 38.10.3 and 38.10.5[a] of this Constitution may be deemed to have been met and an invitation may be offered to the Master Mason to become a member of the Chapter by Exaltation."

The Committee finds this motion to be acceptable in form and not conflicting with Capitular Masonic usage but expresses no view as to the wisdom of the policy it advocates. Those are the sections regarding proof of Masonic Standing, residence, proposal committee and so forth.

Right Excellent Companion Hemmingway: Most Excellent Sir, for the benefit of Companions, could I get Very Excellent Companion Kendrick to read sections.

Very Excellent Companion Kendrick: 38.10.2-Proof- He presents an application giving his name, residence, date of birth, occupation and proof of Masonic standing. 38.10.3 – Residence – An applicant for Exaltation but not for affiliation must have resides for one year in the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter and for six months immediately before his application in the jurisdiction of the Chapter in which he seeks admission. Chapters in Districts 2,7 and 9 have concurrent jurisdiction. 38.10.5 – A committee of three members is appointed to inquire into his character and report to the Chapter. Those are the subsections I believe.

Right Excellent Companion Hemmingway: The reason for this motion, particularly in Discovery Lodge, we spend a year conferring the three degrees, Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason on a well known candidate that somebody sponsored. Then right after that, we ask him to join or if we wish him to join and be exalted into the Royal Arch, we have to go through the same process of examination and all the other that's already been done in the Craft Lodge. I think it's an insult to the people that propose these people to join and be exalted. My opinion and my understanding of exaltation is, that when we exalt somebody and we ask them to be exalted, we are asking them to take the three degrees in the Royal Arch, not just the Mark Master Mason.

The motion was duly seconded and there being no discussion a vote ws called and the motion carried.

MOTION NO. 5 – By Excellent Companion Clancy Wilson, Simon Fraser Chapter No. 40, that present subsection 31.6 by adding the following: "31.6[a] – Upon first issuing a summons showing notice of motion to dissolve the Chapter, the Scribe Ezra shall issue notice of suspension for non payment of dues to each member who has not paid his annual dues, including annual dues for the year in which dissolution will be voted upon with suspension to be automatic effective the date of dissolution unless payment in full is received or sufficient reasons are given and the dues are remitted accordingly. Upon payment in full to Grand Chapter of dues owed to a Chapter which has dissolved, the Royal Arch Mason who does not stand reprimanded or expelled or otherwise suspended and is in possession of a current dues card of a Craft Lodge, shall be issued a demit by the Grand First Principal."

The Committee points out that if the Scribe Ezra of the dissolving Chapter has fully complied with the requirements of subsection 53.3.1 of the Book of Constitutions, then the words "including the annual dues for year in which dissolution will be voted upon" are superfluous as the only outstanding dues would be those for the current year. The Committee feels that it should be accepted that all Scribes Ezra conform fully with the requirements of the Book of Constitutions and that therefore the proposer should be given the opportunity to deleting these words before submitting his motion at Grand Chapter. Otherwise, the Committee finds this motion to be acceptable in form and conflicting with Capitular Masonic usage but expresses no opinion as to the wisdom of the policy it advocates. I understand that the Scribe Ezra of Simon Fraser Chapter does disagree with the Committee on that point.

Excellent Companion Clancy Wilson: Most Excellent Sir, as a matter of fact I did disagree with Worshipful Brother (sic) Kendrick. I phoned him and told him that it would be possible that the notice of motion would given during one calendar year and dissolution becoming effective during the following year. Therefore, I like my motion the way that it is to be given. I move that the present section 31.6 be amended by adding the following: "31.6[a]: Upon the first issue of a summons showing the notice of motion to dissolve a Chapter, the Scribe Ezra shall issue notice of suspension for non payment of dues to each member who has not paid his annual dues, including annual dues for the year in which dissolution will be voted on, with suspension to be automatic effective the date of dissolution unless payment in full is received or sufficient reason given and the dues remitted accordingly."

Bud Freeston, (King Solomon Chapter): I second the Motion.

There being no discussion a vote was called and the motion carried.

MOTION NO. 6 – By Right Excellent Companion George Eaton and we haven't listed all these because we know everybody has got their Constitutions with them, is to amend sections 11.3, 11.5, 14.2, 14.4, 14.5 and 54.1.3, to make the offices of the Grand Senior and Junior Sojourners appointed rather than elective.

The Committee finds this motion to be acceptable in form and not conflicting with Capitular Masonic usage but expresses no opinion as to the wisdom of the policy it advocates. Most Excellent Companion George Eaton can explain the whole thing.

Right Excellent Companion Eaton: Thank you Most Excellent Sir and Companions. It is necessary that I enter into a little explanation, with great apologies. The Constitution and Jurisprudence Chairman has, for some reason, has not notices that my notice of motion was actually was actually four separate, independent and unmatched notices of motion, dealing with four separate issues which are disconnected with each other and therefore require, I would suggest the Chair permit the renumbering of motion number 6, so called, as numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 and the existing number 7 in the Conference papers be renumbered as number 10. For those of you who may have the correct version which was forwarded to Chapters and which was the subject of a notice of motion properly received by Grand Chapter before the deadline and forwarded to the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee, the numbering on that I propose to change so that number 4 on that document becomes number 6, number 3 on that document becomes number 7, number 1 on that document becomes number 8 and number 2 on that document becomes number 9.

Dealing with them in that order, and I would ask the Chairman of the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee if he might be more comfortable in a chair because I'm not quite finished my presentation. Number 4 on the old document which is now number 6, was a motion to change some of the dates of requiring notices of motion and officers nominations and things of that sort in the Grand Chapter Office and was dealing with some matters of forwarding that material, that kind of material to Chapters. That is complex enough and I think requires enough further study, that I beg the indulgence with the Chair in withdrawing number 6 in my numbering, dealing with the dates of those matters and I do not

propose to make any motion of that kind today. And that, Most Excellent Sir, is the item 4 on your particular paper which I handed to you this morning. That item is withdrawn, leaving the three others for disposition after you deal with my suggestion in that respect.

Very Excellent Companion Kendrick: For clarification Most Excellent Sir, 54.1.3. reads: "Nominations for Grand Office March 31st.

Right Excellent Companion Eaton: That is motion number 6 and has nothing to do with election procedures, order of precedence or matters of that kind.

Very Excellent Companion Kendrick: I had nothing presented to me regarding election procedures other than in 11.3, 11.5, 14.2, 14.4.

Right Excellent Companion Eaton: Most Excellent Sir, I do not intend to insert myself in any debate between the Chair of Jurisprudence and the Acting Grand Scribe Ezra but my remarks with respect to my submissions to Grand Chapter and with respect to the numbering of the four motions I submitted in April and presented at the Spring Board remain unchanged and I would ask the Chair to deal with motion number 6 in my current numbering by allowing it to be withdrawn and I will proceed with the other three motions as quickly as I can. Will the Chair grant permission to withdraw that motion number 6 in my numbering, dealing with the dates of submission of materials to the Grand Scribes Office and to the Chapters, number 4 at the bottom of you page Most Excellent Sir.

Grand First Principal: The withdrawal is granted.

Right Excellent Companion Eaton: Thank you. I will now proceed to, in my numbering, item number 7 which has to do with the method of election of officers. It is number 3 on you paper Most Excellent Sir, but number 7 in my current numbering. The existing situation existing Most Excellent Sir, is that we have several officers of Grand Chapter who are to be elected at Annual Convocation. Some of them in the existing procedure are nominated in writing with a certain deadline, well in advance of the meeting of Grand Chapter. Others are nominated without notice from the floor on Annual Convention and it is my motion that the elected officers be elected by a single procedure, namely by written ballot submitted in advance with two nominators and with notice given in advance and with the acceptance given by the person nominated in order to complete the nomination papers by a certain deadline. What is necessary under this scheme, would be to delete entirely that section of the Constitution which lays out the process for electing some of the officer from the floor of the Convention and some of those by written nomination in advance. The

sections which are referred to, referring to 14.2 by written nomination and 14.4 by open nomination. Just for background Companions, those who are currently elected by open nomination, with no written nomination or anything in advance, are those of Grand First Principal, Grand Senior Sojourner, Grand Junior Sojourner, Grand Scribe Ezra and the Grand Treasurer. Those who are elected by following a written nomination following a written nomination in advance and so on, are the offices of Grand Second Sojourner, Grand Third Sojourner and Grand Principal Sojourner. The other peculiarity of the existing Constitution is that those officers who are not nominated in writing, are required to signify their assent to nomination on their nomination papers which the other section says don't exist. So it's really quite and interest little curiosity and my motion would clear it all up by making them all nominated by the same process, namely that of by written nomination. Therefore, the motion that I think I have described in full, I could also read, but I think I've described it clearly from my point of view.

Very Excellent Companion Kendrick: Most Excellent Sir, if I may, I have the original submission from R.E.C. Eaton in my hand, first it talks about ---

Right Excellent Companion Eaton: Excuse me Most Excellent Sir, just for clarification, does the paper you are referring to have the date 01-04-14 printed in the upper right hand corner.

Very Excellent Companion Kendrick: No.

Right Excellent Companion Eaton: Then you do not have my submission to Grand Chapter. You have an earlier document which makes no provision for the phasing in of the elective vs. appointed officers. There's a minor change, the document you have I suspect is very very close to the actual document. Spring Board had some input into the correction of the document you have and that was before the 1st of April.

Very Excellent Companion Kendrick: The only document I have is dated "received March the 12th".

Right Excellent Companion Eaton: It is the earlier document, it is nearly the same but is significantly different in several particulars. I have a further copy of the 1, 4, 4, document if the Chair would want me to pass it up to you.

Most Excellent Companion Bill Shippam: On a point of order Most Excellent Sir, the item we are discussing now should be submitted in a form like this for the members to read now we are having a verbal presentation and I suggest this should be tabled to next year.

Right Excellent Companion Eaton: Most Excellent Sir, I object to that. The Scribe of every Chapter had an opportunity to read the materials in full and I know, from visitations in different Chapters, that many of them did unfortunately read a very long document but the Companions have had that opportunity.
Excellent Companion Les Adams: Point of order. Most Excellent Sir and Companions all, firstly we have a printed motion number 7 printed. This Right Excellent Companion is asking us to renumber and remove this number 7 motion and you're proposing make your subsequent motion number 6, which was withdrawn to number 7,8 and 9. I agree with Most Excellent Companion Bill Shippam that this should be tabled and brought to the Convocation 2002.
Most Excellent Companion Bill Shippam: I so move.

The motion was seconded, a vote was called and the motion carried and the discussion was tabled for one year.

MOTION NO. 7 – By Excellent Companion Clancy Wilson, Simon Fraser Chapter No. 40, Whereas article 34.1 of the Book of Constitutions is no longer being strictly adhered to and whereas Emergent Convocations may be held for specific purposes that article 34.1 shall be amended to read as follows: "34.1: Each Chapter shall hold a Regular Convocation at least once every six months."
The Committee finds this motion acceptable in form and not conflicting with Capitular Masonic usage but expresses no opinion as to the wisdom of the policy it advocates." 34.1 reads: " Each Chapter shall hold a Regular Convocation at least once every three months."
Excellent Companion Clancy Wilson: Most Excellent Sir, this motion, if passed, would not stop Chapters from meeting every two weeks if they wanted to. You could have Emergent Convocations at will. Therefore, I move article 34.1 shall be amended as follow: "34.1: Each Chapter shall hold a Regular Convocation at least once every six months."

The motion was seconded and there being no discussion a vote was called and the motion was defeated.

Very Excellent Companion Kendrick: Most Excellent Grand First Principal that concludes the report of the Constitutions Committee.

Grand First Principal: Companions, it has been duly moved and seconded that we accept the report of the Constitutions and Jurisprudence Committee.

A vote was taken and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

I, Joseph R. Marshall, in recognition of his long and faithful service to this Grand Chapter, move that the title of Grand Scribe Ezra Emeritus be granted to Most Excellent Companion Alexander S. Rollo.
Right Excellent Companion Glen Spencer: I second the motion Most Excellent Sir.

The motion carried unanimously with resounding applause,

Grand First Principal: Correct me if I'm wrong Grand Scribe Ezra, when a motion comes on the floor under new business, at least 80% of the Companions present must agree to it.
Very Excellent Companion Kendrick: We must refer to the Constitutions of Grand Lodge and there must be unanimous consent.

Right Excellent Companion Brian Hemmingway (Discovery Chapter No. 45): At the next Grand Chapter Convocation I will move or cause to be moved that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing in this jurisdiction become members of this Grand Chapter. In short, all Royal Arch Masons would be entitled to a vote at this Royal Arch Grand Chapter.

Very Excellent Companion David Varcoe (Mission Chapter No. 28): At the next Grand Chapter Convocation I will move or cause to be moved that the term of office for the Grand Scribe Ezra be for a period of three years, with a two year option but serving no longer than five years.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATON AND MEMBERSHIP

Nil Report

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

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

Excellent Companions;

As Chairman of the Printing Committee, I have much pleasure in reporting as follows: During the year 2000-2001, your Committee on Printing has not had any requests to obtain quotes on printing. Therefore, I have much pleasure in submitting a nil report.

Fraternally submitted,
M.E.C. W.R. Shippam,Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGALIA

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

Excellent Companions;

Since I was not contacted by any of the Grand Chapter Officers, I assume that the Regalia is in good order. I thank you all for looking after your regalia.

I was informed that the Grand Scribe Nehemiah's regalia was purchased this year since we were unable to locate V.E.C. Robert Armstrong's regalia.

It is my recommendation that a new and more suitable regalia case should be ordered for the Grand First Principal to replace the one which goes with his regalia.

Fraternally submitted
V.E.C. Kambiz Forouhar (Chairman)

Grand First Principal: Companions, you have heard the report of the Regalia Committee, one of the requests he has made is that the Grand First

Principal receives a carrying case. The regalia I am wearing today and which I will wear in the future is all second hand, as R.E.C. Freeston pointed out, hand me downs, so not one penny was spent this year on my regalia. When I asked them for a carrying case, what they presented me with is this second hand one, which has had the label ripped off. Let me tell you, I am also the Grand Representative for Scotland, so I will be travelling to Scotland by aircraft. This case is far too big to fit up in the aircraft bin above your head and it doesn't lock, so there is no way I can put by regalia down stairs in the hold with my luggage. So your Regalia Committee asked that a new case be purchased for the Grand First Principal, similar to the one presented to M.E.C. Joe Marshall during his year.

The motion was duly seconded and there being no discussion the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (Cont'd)

Grand First Principal: Companions, going back to this morning under Finance Committee, it was wrong of me the way that I handled that report. What I must do now is to have a motion to receive the report. We cannot discuss anything on the report unless we receive it first. R.E.C. Schafer, do you have a seconder for your report?
Right Excellent Companion Schafer: Right Excellent Companion Lowden seconds the report.

The Finance Committee Report was received unanimously.

Grand First Principal: This morning three items were brought up on the budget report. One of the items on the report was the cost of promotion material, I believe, $1500.00. Companions, your Budget Committee has recommended the sum of $1500.00 be put in the budget for next year. Are you in favour?
Grand Scribe Ezra: Most Excellent Sir, if could speak to that for just one moment. We have roughly, 9000 copies of our brochure, so we won't need any of those, so there won't be any expense for that in the foreseeable future. I don't see that there is going to be a great cost for promotional material that can't be handled possibly our of the Grand Scribe Ezra's petty

cash account. It will be very minimal. I can't foresee any major items that would cost $1500.00, I think that could be brought down to practically nil.
Right Excellent Companion Schafer: Most Excellent Sir, with all due respect, if you are going to have the per capita at $15.73, then it makes our budget obsolete, so the expenses is going to be more than what we have here, because your income from your per capita is going to be greater than what we have here as expenses.
Grand First Principal: The way I see it is, if you go strictly by the figures presented for the budget, you work it out –this is our membership last year, divide that into what you propose and then you come out with a per capital of $14.00 or whatever it was. But the members already passed a motion this morning, saying that they had no objection for their per capita to stay as it was from last year, no changes. Regardless of ..... we weren't sure whether we were going to have more demits, more deaths than what was coming forward. The Grand Scribe Ezra has said the $1500.00 is too large a figure.
Grand First Principal: Grand Chapter regalia.
Right Excellent Companion Schafer: By way of explanation if I may, Most Excellent Sir, the $2000.00 is for a suit of Grand First Principal's regalia for the year 2003. You are getting a recycled one and I understand there is one more recycle to go through to, well to be M.E.C. Turner. So this for Right Excellent Companion Monro. This is 2003.
Grand First Principal: Companions, are you in favour of the sum of Haggai's regalia $2000.00 staying in there for Grand Chapter Regalia to pay for our Grand
Right Excellent Companion Freeston: Most Excellent Sir, if you are going to keep the 2000 in and do two years, I have no problem with a $1000.00 because that's what a Grand First Principal's regalia costs. But I would delete the $1500.00 because the Chairman of the Regalia Committee has said, no regalia needs to be refurbished. So I would suggest that $1500.00 be dropped.
Right Excellent Companion Schafer: An explanation, Most Excellent Sir, I got this $1500.00 from our past Regalia Chairman, V.E.C. Gordon Galt, and this was his suggestion, that's why it's in there. It's a contingency fund meaning it will build up for the future.
Grand First Principal: Companions, I believe we can now accept the budget proposals for the year 2002 as presented by the Finance Committee with the exception of promotional material, the sum of $1500.00 being

withdrawn and the sum of $1500.00 being withdrawn from the regalia contingency fund.
Right Excellent Companion Freeston: Most Excellent Sir, you've got a couple of other items here, you've got – you are going to receive $500.00 for the Keystone which pays for itself and you've budgeted for a thousand. I think that should be reduced to $500.00.
Grand First Principal: Grand Scribe Ezra, you're more knowledgeable about this Keystone Bulletin.
Grand Scribe Ezra: I would suggest Most Excellent Sir, with the fluctuation in prices, we just can't – the way prices are bouncing around, I don't think that's untoward.
Right Excellent Companion Schafer: This was at the request of the Grand Scribe E. and the Committee that this be $1000.00.
Right Excellent Companion Hemmingway: Most Excellent Sir, am I thick between the ears? If they don't use the money it's going to be there next year.
Grand First Principal: Companions, the sum of $1000.00 has been applied to the budget for the Keystone Bulletin. All those in favour.
This item was accepted by the majority of Companions.

There being to further discussion, a vote was taken and the proposed Grand Chapter budget for the year 2002 was passed.

Right Excellent Companion Freeston: Most Excellent Sir, if I may make one statement, I think it's time that the Finance Committee decided first, how much money we want in the bank and get that amount and not go any higher and, secondly, to say what our investments pay, how much interest they pay, not just an amount we get from it. Thank you.
Right Excellent Companion Joe Quan (Grand Treasurer): Of the last comments that were made, yes, we do have approximately 8.3% return on our investments. If you want to know what the figures run, we have given you a ball park figure as to what came in, if you want to divide that by the investments, it will show 8.3%. There was a further comment earlier about the amount of money that we have, we have $20,000.00 in a term deposit which is not shown in investments, that's showing what we're running on at the current time. We had $21,000.00 or $22,000.00 in the current account and we were criticized for not having it invested somewhere giving us more than what the bank would give us. The bank on the term

deposit, the Hong Kong Bank, is giving us 3.25%. Excellent Companion Freeston feels that we should be getting 4.1%. I'm sorry, I can only do so much running around trying to determine who would give you better interest and at the bank, with the facilities that we have, the 3.25% was the best we get. We put that term deposit in, we have to run between the end of July and December 31st of this year. We turn the term deposit over every month at the same 3.25%, less $5000.00 for operating. From my calculations, I feel that we should be able to run until the end of the year without further digging into our investments as such.

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The Grand First Principal presented Honorary Membership cards to:

Excellent Companion George Vernon
Right Excellent Companion Douglas Haroldson
Right Excellent Companion James Hall
Companion Robert Dickinson
Companion Homer Beath
Companion Douglas Edlich

Most Excellent Companion Bruce McGinnis, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Montana brought fraternal greetings from the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Montana.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2001-2002

Grand First Principal. There being only one nomination, **Right Excellent Companion David Bridges Turner** was declared Grand First Principal elect by acclamation.

Grand Second Principal. There being only one nomination, **Right Excellent Companion Norman K. Monro** was declared Grand Second Principal elect by acclamation.

Grand Third Principal. There being only one nomination, **Right Excellent Companion Basil R. Hobbs** was declared Grand Third Principal elect by acclamation.

Grand Treasurer. Right Excellent Companion Basil Hobbs nominated **Excellent Companion Ronald Glover** and Right Excellent Companion Joe Quan nominated **Very Excellent Companion David Varcoe.**
The ballot was cast and upon the report of the Credentials Committee **Excellent Companion Ronald Glover** was declared elected to be Grand Treasurer.

Grand Scribe Ezra. There being only one nomination, **Most Excellent Companion Joseph R. Marshall** was declared to be Grand Scribe Ezra elect by acclamation.

Grand Principal Sojourner. There being only one nomination, **Right Excellent Companion George W. Eaton** was declared to be Grand Principal Sojourner elect by acclamation.

Grand Senior Sojourner. There being only one nomination, **Very Excellent Companion Brian A. Richman** was declared to be Grand Senior Sojourner elect by acclamation.

Grand Junior Sojourner. There being only one nomination, **Very Excellent Companion Robert E. Doige** was declared to be Grand Junior ojourner elect, by acclamation.

Very Eminent Knight and Excellent Companion David Ford extended fraternal greetings from **Most Eminent Lary Hostine,** the Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar.

Right Excellent Companion Leonard Churchill brought fraternal greetings from the Knights of the York Cross of Honour.

Most Illustrious Companion Lorne Kingston, Grand Master of, Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal and Select Masters extended his fraternal greetings and felicitations.

REPORT OF THE BURSARY FUND TRUSTEES

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

Excellent Companions;

The Committee members wish to thank all who have chosen to contribute to this fund. Your Trustees were pleased to serve on this Committee and all found it a very rewarding experience to participate in the functions of this worthwhile endeavour. One only needs to speak to a few recipients of a bursary to understand the struggles of students and their appreciation to receiving assistance.

Again, this year the number of qualified applicants were more than double the twelve bursaries we were able to provide. We must continue to maintain our objective to double the amount we have in our Capital Fund. This is slowly being achieved as eh donations and interest earned was slightly larger than what we paid out in bursaries. The support of this Grand Jurisdiction is making this possible.

Several Chapters make it their yearly project to raise money and contribute it to our Capital Fund. Many individuals choose to also contribute, and we therefore gave consideration to apply for a charity number. However, our information is that our fund is too small and we cannot afford to expand the numbers of eligible applicants.

With the interest earned and the funds donated, which were specifically directed for immediate disbursement, we decided to grant two more bursaries than last year. This number must be adjusted yearly to be in line with the funds received.

The bursary funds were distributed to the following educational institutions.

University of Victoria	(5)	Academy of Classical Music	(1)
Camosun College	(1)	Northern Lights College	(1)
Malispina University	(l)	Simon Fraser University	(1)
Langara College	(1)	University of British Columbia	(1)

Scribes Ezra are using the old forms that do not contain the material the Committee is requesting from the applicants. Please obtain forms next year from the Grand Chapter Office, which are current. Also, we

received many late applications which forced us to redo the selection process. We must have a cut off date which will be noted on the application form and will be **July 1st.** This program is obviously a well used program and the support it receives is very worthwhile.

Most Excellent Companion Anderson, we your Bursary Fund Trustees, are very appreciative of the support and freedom in which we have been allowed to work. We will continue to serve within the best interests of the role that Grand Chapter has laid out.

I move that this report be received seconded by R.E.C. N. McDonald.

Fraternally submitted,
V.E.C. R. Doige Chairman
V.E.C. W. Biener
R.E.C. N. McDonald
R.E.C. S. Fleetham
E.C. Kirk Morrow

There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Very Excellent Companion Doige: Just on more thing Most Excellent Sir if I may. I would just like to recognize that Semiahmoo Chapter No. 34 has provided me a cheque for $1,000.00 for the Bursary Fund. And also, Right Excellent Companion Stanley Fleetham has give me 25 cases of salmon which I will sell and all that money will go to the Bursary Fund.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND Z'S ADDRESS

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

Excellent Companions;

As you have heard his address this report will be very short. We would recommend that the Grand Z's report be made available to the Committee 30 days prior to Grand Chapter.

We concur with the Grand First Principal on his official visits within this jurisdiction as well as to our sister jurisdictions in the United States and Overseas.

We trust that the Education Committee will continue with its present form into the future.

We do not agree with your recommendation that the Rank of Right Excellent Companion be conferred on all District Superintendents during this past year. We request that you review your recommendations.

In conclusion, we extend Most Excellent Companion Anderson and his wife Monica, our sincere thanks for a memorable year. Good health and happiness in the year ahead.

Fraternally submitted,
M.E.C. R.Hilliard Clare, Chairman
M.E.C. George Coupland
M.E.C. Roderick A. Cutler

It was moved and seconded that the report be received and there being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

Nil Report

REPORT OF THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Nil Report

REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOMES SOCIETY

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

Excellent Companions;

I am pleased to inform you that the Royal Arch Masonic Home has been operating at full capacity of 151 residents over the past twelve months, all of whom are enjoying the home's new innovations. Very favourable

comments have been received from the residents and their families with thanks to the Board for the changes that have taken place over this period.

There is a pilot project in the Special Care Unit which is called "Free To Be Me". It caters for special care residents who need treatment for Alzheimer, with this difference, the residents are not locked in the unit and to ensure the safety of those residence who may have a tendency to wander, a Resident Warning System was installed which activates when the resident wanders too far.

The Care Department have also implemented programs on education, foot care and massage which is offered in their rooms. They also have music and crafts therapy and bakery instructions.

There is a special project at the moment which is to provide a new bus for the resident' transportation, as many are unable to visit outside the facility except by means of a bus. The bus presently in use is old and needs replacement. A new bus will have air conditioning, wheelchair accessibility and a larger seating capacity and better viewing for the passengers. The estimated cost for this bus will be approximately $98,000.00. To this worthy cause, Burnaby Lodge No. 150 will donate $50,000.00 and we at the Home, wish to thank the Brethren of Burnaby Lodge for this unexpected but much appreciated donation. Should any Companion wish to donate to this most worthy project, please make your cheques payable to **"Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society Bus Fund"**. Tax receipts will of course, be issued for donations of $10.00 or more.

For those who may not know, the Royal Arch Masonic Home and Apartments were opened on April 1, 1982 and since that time, many improvements have been implemented by the Members of the Board over those years. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to them for the many years of dedication to the Home. I would also like to thank the Staff at the home, now numbering 150 and again, a very special thanks to Mr. Greg Runzer who has been the Administrator since before the building was opened and has been the major force behind the undoubted fact that the Royal Arch Masonic Home is the best run, cleanest and most beautiful care facility in British Columbia if not in all of Canada.

It has been my privilege to have service six years as an elected Board member, serving one year as President and for the past two years as the Grand Chapter Representative on the Board of Directors. I thank Most Excellent Companion Carriere and Most Excellent Companion Anderson for affording me this privilege.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Right Excellent Companion Henry Furness for assisting in the preparation of this report.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph R. Marshall, P.G.Z.

Moved by M.E.C. Marshall and seconded by R.E.C. Spencer that the report be received. There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Right Excellent Companion Norman Butler (Okanagan Chapter No. 11): Before you move along, I have much pleasure in presenting a cheque to the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society. This is $150.00 donated by the Okanagan Lodge of Perfection.
Grand First Principal: Right Excellent Companion Butler, on behalf of the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society, we thank you for the generous donation of $150.00 to the Homes Socieity.

REPORT OF THE KEYSTONE OF LIFE FOUNDATION

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

Excellent Companions;

I wish to thank you Most Excellent Sir, for appointing me to this position in Grand Chapter.

Meetings of this Foundation were held at regular intervals of every second month beginning in March, 2000. President R.E.C. Joe Quan and his wife Hilda and Secretary/Treasurer R.E.C. Glen Spencer and his wife Jeanne were responsible for the meetings, correspondence, accounting and general business of this organization. Everyone works in one area or another.

The revised By Laws were presented and distributed. The new brochure was designed by R.E.C. Richard Schafer. I was delegated to contact all Grand Superintendents of the Districts but due to my illness at the time and the illness of the Grand Scribe Ezra, a list was never forthcoming; but you can be assured they will be contacted this coming year. They will be requested to

present our application forms; our brochure and be informed of the general activities of this Foundation.

Some information as to the donations made by the Committee are:

- A cheque of $8,474.00 presented to Queens Park/Fell Hospital to cover the costs of two beds.
- A cheque of $5,000.00 presented to Burnaby General Hospital for the purchase of one bed.
- Our Chinese Dinner raised $512.50.

Donations from various sources of revenue are the main contributions To our cause.

As of August 2000 our membership consisted of:

- 192 Life Members
- 16 Chapter Memberships
- 50 Annual Memberships

A total of 258 members. Imagine, only 258 out of total available membership. What a philanthropic Foundation we would have to assist in the health care of our area – what if only on half of the Royal Arch Masons and Chapters Joined..

Fraternally submitted,
A.E. "Bud" Porter

Moved by R.E.C. Porter and seconded by R.E.C. Spencer that the report be received. There being no discussion a vote was called and the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

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

Excellent Companions;

We are pleased to have been appointed to this Committee. The reports of the Grand Superintendent were read with the exception of Districts

No. 8 and 10 as well as the available notices from the Chapters in British Columbia and Yukon. The Committee is pleased to report as follows:

Records show that that the books of the Chapters were examined and, for the most part found to be in good order. Some notices carry very little information or none at all.

The Grand Superintendents again reported that he persisting problems are still with us: (1) Lack of attendance, (2) Lack of new members and declining membership, (3) Lack of following up on non-attendees, (4) a new dimension where some Chapters' income may not support a 30% or more increase in rent. It is also reported that some Chapters are not sharing the word correctly, particularly in the opening. We suggest that the Grand Superintendents monitor this closely in the future, in a gentle manner.

The majority of Grand Superintendents are using the official visit forms and supplement these with written detailed reports. We note that most use tick marks and comments where applicable. We suggest that all Grand Superintendents make comments in the appropriate space.

As to the condition of the Order: Some Chapters are maintaining and increasing their membership, while others are having much difficulty in securing fresh officers and recycling is the norm. It is not evident from the reports that the change in the Shrine requirement for membership has affected our present members. However, it may affect solicitation for new members. It is unfortunate that we report the relinquishing of the Charter of Revelstoke Chapter No. 9.

A field day was held at Chilliwack Chapter No. 19 in March 2001. The Convocation was well attended and six or seven candidates from three Chapters received all three Degrees. Installations throughout the Grand Jurisdiction were well executed, in one situation under adverse weather conditions, where cancellation communications were not received by all the degree team who had travelled from afar. It is fair to report that, due to the dedication of the Grand Superintendent, other officers, visitors and members of the Chapter, the installation was well performed. This dedication shows that Royal Arch Masonry in British Columbia and Yukon has a future. Westminster Chapter No. 6 held their Centennial in June, 2001. The Convocation was well attended by some 30 visitors. Many Grand Chapter Officers were present, including the three Principal Grand Council Officers.

The education program got off to a slow start but gained momentum. It is not clear as to how many Chapters have appointed an Education Officer as few notices show this category in their list of officers.

Membership drives have been instituted by several Chapters in the form of inviting Master Masons from their supporting Lodges to an informal informative meeting after the Chapter has closed. Also, some individuals have made presentations at Lodge meetings. There has been some success in these endeavours.

We find that the Grand Superintendents carried out their duties in a dignified and well meaning manner and were well representative of their office. Many are to be commended for their support of the Grand First Principal in other than their own Districts, some times under adverse conditions and long distances. We therefore advocate to the Grand First Principal to recommend the rank of Right Excellent Companion be conferred on all 2000/2001 Grand Superintendents.

Fraternally submitted,
REC Donovan O. Tyers, Chairman
REC Norman R. Butler
REC Alastair M. Ross

It was moved by R.E.C. Tyers and seconded by R.E.C. Butler that the report be received. There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion carried.

GRAND CHAPTER WAS CALLED OFF TO RECONVENE AT 8:30 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2001

GRAND CHAPTER WAS RECONVENED AT 8:30 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH,2001

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MERIT AWARD

Nil Report

REPORT ON GRAND Z'S AWARD

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

Excellent Companions;

This is my 8th submission for the Grand Z's Award. We continue to lose a number of Companions each year, a trend which I trust, will eventually reverse itself.

During the year 2000 five Chapters had an increase in membership.

Mission No. 28 an increase of 4 for	1.8%
Discovery No. 45 an increase of 1 for	2%
Kootenay No. 3 an increase of 1 for	3.57%
Georgian No. 39 an increase of 2 for	4.25 %
Kaein No. 13 an increase of 4 for	**6.55%**

Congratulations to the five Chapters for their increase and keep up the excellent work.

I extend my sincere thanks to M.E.C. Marshall and the Grand Chapter Office for their assistance in providing me with the necessary data to complete my report.

Respectfully submitted,
M.E.C. Hilliard Clare, P.G.Z.

Most Excellent Companion Clare: If a representative from Kaein Chaper would like to come forth at this time, M.E.C. Anderson will present you with your award.

Grand First Principal: Right Excellent Companion Ward, it is indeed an honour and a pleasure to present this to your Chapter. I also thank the other Chapters who have strived to increase their membership. Please take this back to your Chapter and hang it is a suitable place.

Very Illustrious Knight Arthur Yates, brought fraternal greetings on behalf of the Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests.

Very Worshipful Brother Ian Swan, extended the fraternal greetings and good wishes of the Grand Master, Grand Mark Master Masons Lodge of England, H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Right Excellent Companion Joe Quan: Most Excellent Companion Anderson, I, as one of my last queries before being a has been, I would like to know, is our Grand Chapter still in the regalia case business. It was referred to in the Finance Committee Chairman's report yesterday, very briefly and it was passed. In the past four years V.E.C. Gordon Galt has produced over $4,000.00 in profit for the operation. Are we still in the business or are we out of it?

Grand First Principal: I think at the last Grand Executive Council meeting. R.E.C. Basil Hobbs, what was the outcome of that meeting?
(Reply inaudible)

Grand First Principal: Yes, we are still in business.

Right Excellent Companion Quan: One thing that has been left with no comment made is, I believe, there should have been a vote of thanks to V.E.C. Gordon Galt for handling this for the past four years.
It was moved by R.E.C. Quan and seconded by M.E.C. Carriere that a vote of thanks be given to V.E.C. Gordon Galt. The motion was carried with a resounding round of applause by the Companions.

Most Excellent Companion Carriere: Most Excellent Sir, under the Good of the Order. I noticed in the last few years that we attempt to operate in a parliamentary situation in Grand Chapter. I would recommend, as some organizations do, that we have a parliamentarian with us, especially during our debates. I think it would save a lot of confusion and also create some form of order in matters of discussion and protocol on how we handle resolutions or whatever on the floor. With all due respect, it is something that is helpful and it certainly keeps people from stick handling all over the place and kind of keep the show on the road. That's one thought of mine.

The great metropolis of Ashcroft, of which I am Master of the Lodge there, we're having the pleasure of having Wor.Bro. Bob Cooper, the curator from Scotland visit us on September the 24th. Lodge will be open at 4 o'clock, after which we will retire to the hotel in Ashcroft for dinner with our ladies present to hear Wor.Bro. Cooper speak on the myths of the Roslyn Chapel. Dinner is $16.00 a head. Thank you.

Most Excellent Companion David Burgess, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Montana, gave an explanation of the Western Regional Conference of the Grand York Rite Bodies.

The Grand First Principal presented Very Excellent Companion Bill Aaroe with his Past Grand Steward's collar and jewel. V.E.C. Aaroe then thanked his Committee: E.C. Len Wyllie, R.E.C. Hugh Ferster of Penticton Chapter No. 22, R.E.C. Al Jesperson and E.C. Neil Marsh. He also thanked the many volunteers who assisted in the arrangements for this Grand Convocation.

The Grand First Principal presented Most Excellent Companion Alex Rollo, Grand Scribe Ezra Emeritus with a Past Grand Scribe Ezra's Jewel, recognizing his many years of faithful service as Grand Scribe Ezra.

The Grand First Principal presented Right Excellent Companion Joe D. Quan with a Past Grand Treasurer's Jewel in recognition of his 7 years of faithful service as Grand Treasurer.

Grand First Principal: It is time for my swan song. I think you've heard enough of me this past couple of days so this is going to be very brief. This has been a wonderful year, I have really enjoyed it, I have really enjoyed travelling around this great jurisdiction, meeting with you all. I now know places that before were just names on a map, Smithers, Burns Lake. This year we have really travelled around this great Province and both Monica and I, we really enjoyed it. I want to thank those Companions who helped me to put this Convocation together, I think you did a grand job and I think everyone of us here has enjoyed it. Companions, I am now going to sit back with my feet on the table and watch our Grand First Principal Elect here, to all the planning and all the organizing. So with that Companions, thank you very much and I'm not going away I will still be around and will serve David here as best I can. Thank you.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHAPTER

Most Excellent Companion Thomas O. Mickey: Thank you for this short notice but it gives me a great deal of pleasure to extend a vote of thanks to the host Chapter. We have all been looked after very wonderfully. I believe that a few minutes ago it was summed up very well by the Grand Steward and accolades went to him. I have not hear complaints and I am one of the biggest complainers, so if you haven't heard a complaint from me, you know it was good. With that I move a vote of thanks to the host Chapter.
The motion was seconded by M.E.C. Alex Rollo. The motion carried by the Companions with resounding applause.

Grand First Principal: Most Excellent Companion Hilliard Clare, Installing Grand Zerubbabel.

Right Worshipful Brother William Walls: Most Excellent Companion, may I be permitted the courtesy of just one minute before Most Excellent Companion Clare settles in.
Most Excellent Grand Companion, Companions distinguished guests. It is my pleasure to represent the Grand Master of British Columbia and Yukon at this Communication. It was a very real pleasure to be with you at the informal opening. But I am claiming this privilege within our tiled recesses to bring you the warmest, warmest fraternal greetings from your Grand Master and to congratulate you , Most Excellent Sir, and your Officers on and excellent Communication, excellent that it can be an example for all of us to follow. You had your differences, you had you disagreements, but you have them in the right place, you have them here on the floor. And we have this tremendous thing that Freemasonry teaches us, it's that we must learn to disagree and sometimes the only agreement we can reach is the agreement to disagree. But we do it as gentlemen and we do it as Masons and you exemplified that.

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As to the Master Masons who have not take the step, all I can tell you is, go get them because they do not know that their education is, as yet, incomplete without this Royal Arch Degree.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I thank you on behalf of the Grand Master and to our visiting Companion who felt that this was new experience for him, I would simply relate one story to you. The other evening in the informal affair, one lady came up and she said to me, "You don't look as if you are one of the group, they are treating you like a visitor, are you new here?" All I could think of to say is, "Yes, I am new here, I'm old everywhere else."

Companions, I hope you are proud of yourself, I hope you're happy with yourself because you have every reason to be so. Thank you for the privilege.

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INSTALLATON OF GRAND ZERUBBABEL	MEC David B. Turner By MEC D.DS. Anderson

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GRAND JOSHUA	REC Basil R. Hobbs By MEC Thomas Mickey
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GRAND HONOURS	By VEC Edward Wilson

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5. VEC Matthew Glen
6. EC Alan J. Dubeau
7. EC Paul Gauci
8. VEC Gordon Kickbush
9. VEC Anthony Brown
10. VEC Alexander Lawrence
11. VEC Jack Roche

GRAND HONOURS — By VEC Edward Wilson

INVESTITURE OF REMAINING APPOINTED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS WITH MEC DAVID TURNER AS INSTALLING OFFICER

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Grand Senior Sojourner: Constitution & Jurisprudence, Grand Superintendents' Reports and Condition of the Order
Grand Junior Sojourner: Education and Promotion

LOCATIONS OF FUTURE GRAND CONVOCATIONS

Very Excellent Companion Garry Gordon: I will move that the 84th Convocation be held in Nanaimo on 19th, 20th and 21st, 2002. The Motion

was seconded by MEC Trevor Thomas.

Most Excellent Companion Gary Gordon: I would just like to say Most Excellent Sir, that it will be held in Bevan Park on those days and we have chosen as our headquarters hotel, the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, which is quite possibly the finest hotel in Nanaimo. We ended up getting very good prices at that class of hotel. There will be other information forthcoming. There being no further discussion a vote was called and the motion carried.

Very Excellent Companion Edward Wilson: Most Excellent Sir, I will move that the 85th Grand Convocation be held in Chilliwack, British Columbia in the beautiful heart of the Fraser Valley and will be held in due form on September 18th to the 20th, 2003 and we welcome all Companions to the greatest place in British Columbia. Seconded by EC Don McMillan. There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Very Excellent Companion Alex Reid: Most Excellent Grand First Principal I will move that the 86th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon to be held in Campbell River in the year 2004, The dates to be announced. The motion was seconded and there being no discussion, the motion carried.

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION DAVID BE TURNER CLOSING ADDRESS

Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion David B. Turner: Before closing Companions, I would like to make a couple of comments. Companions all, what a privilege, a great privilege it is for me to be standing here today as your newly installed Grand First Principal. For this honour I thank each and every one of you for placing your trust in me five years ago when you elected me as your Grand Junior Sojourner and supporting me through the offices of Grand Chapter. I will surely need that same support, advice and assistance as I undertake the responsibilities of Grand Zerubbabel during the next 12 months.

As I begin my duties in this office of leading the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon, it is incumbent on me to, at this time, briefly outline my vision of Royal Arch Masonry and the actions I plan to emphasize during the forthcoming year.

My theme for this year is **"YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE"**. I have chosen that theme since I believe it follows on from Most

Excellent Companion Anderson's theme last year of, "The future is Now". With this theme in mind we, as Royal Arch Masons live in challenging times and it is essential that each one of us take a positive and active part in promoting our great organization. We know that the most effective form of advertising is by word of mouth. Each one of us becomes very interested when a friend tells us about an excellent restaurant or a terrific car mechanic or a hot tip on the stock market. Usually we are eager to try out the advice of a friend. So I plan to ask our members to use this type of word of mouth advertising to bring in quality candidates from our Craft Lodges.

We have so much to be proud of as Royal Arch Masons and can speak to potential candidates about the accomplishments of our predecessors. For example, look at the Royal Arch Masonic Home, built 20 years ago and recently upgraded and expanded. It is one of the finest facilities of its kind in British Columbia if not in Canada. It is well known and highly regarded in all parts of our country. The Keystone of Life started in 1975 has donated $86,000.00 for capital equipment over the past 9 years. The Royal Arch Bursary Fund started 47 years ago to assist children and grand children to further their education. The interest generated from the $85,000.00 capital fund, its allocated annually to these young people. I am sure there are accomplishments in your own Chapters that you are proud of and can be talked about with a Craft Mason who may be interested in advancing into the Royal Arch.

On the other hand, I want to discourage complacency and the negative outlook for the future of Masonry in general. If we, as members of the greatest fraternity in the world, bemoan the demise of Freemasonry, it will surely become a self fulfilling prophecy. I am not sticking my head in the sand and inferring we don't have any problems. Certainly we have problems. Since the beginning of time there hasn't been an organization, fraternal, political or otherwise where human being have been involved that problems haven't been prevalent. I want to interpret these problems as challenges that each one of us can actively assist in overcoming and thereby strengthening our organization for the future.

Companions of the great Royal Arch organization, I would like to conclude my remarks by asking each one of you to actively and positively make a difference in your Chapter during the forthcoming year and in the future. I look forward to meeting you and talking to you in your Chapters during my visits.

Thank you once again for electing me into this position and God bless all of you.

THE 83RD GRAND CONVOCATIN OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON WAS CLOSED IN AMPLE FORM BY MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION DAVID BRIDGES TURNER

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CHAPTERS

COLUMBIA CHAPTER NO. 1
INSTITUTED:1867 – CONSTITUTED: JUNE 1867
REGULAR CONVOCATION-1st Tues. of each month except July & August
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall 640 Fisgar Street, Victoria, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 1st Tuesday in November
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Allan Tuck
SRIBE EZRA: REC Jens Block 305-3420 Quadra Street,
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KOOTENAY CHAPTER NO. 3
INSTITUTED: 1898 - CONSTITUTED: June 17, 1919
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Friday of March, May, July & September
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall Kaslo, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 1st Saturday in November at 2:00 P.M.
FIRST PRINIPCAL: REC Ray Rajala
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Tom Lymbery 1797 Chain Saw Avenue
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ROSSLAND CHAPTER NO. 4
INSTITUTED: November 19, 1898 – CONSTITUTED: January 23, 1899
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 1st Tuesday except January & September
when Convocations are on the 3rd Tuesday. Recessed July & August
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 815 Victoria Street, Trail, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 1st Tuesday of December
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC David B. Dudley
SCRIBE EZRA: Comp. John W. Hamer, Box 230 Montrose, B.C. VOG 1P0
Phone: (250) 367-9758

WESTMINSTER CHAPTER NO. 6
INSTITUTED: January 24th, 1900 – CONSTITUTED: January 23rd, 1901
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Tuesday of each month except June, July,
August and December
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 508 Agnes Street, New Westminster, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Tuesday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Burc Tylor
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Donovan O. Tyers, 13023-100A Ave.
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER NO. 7
CONSTITUTED: October 9th, 1900
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 2nd Tuesday except January, July and August
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 401 – 3rd Avenue South, Cranbrook, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 2nd Saturday in January at 2:00 P.M.

FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC J.E. Chambers
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Richard L. Mercer, 3178-49th Street South
Kimberley, B.C. V1C 7A2 Phone: (250) 426-4982

KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 8
INSTITUTED: December 16th, 1891 – CONSTITUTED: June 17th, 1919
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Thursday except March, July and August
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 101 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Saturday in March
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Leslie Adams
SCRIBE EZRA: Comp. David Lupton 211 Cilaire Drive,
Nanaimo, B.C. V9S 3E5 Phone: (250) 729-7136

CYRUS CHAPTER NO. 10
INSTITUTED: July 30th, 1904 – CONSTITUTED: June 18th, 1919
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Wednesday except July and August
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 361 – 5th Street, Courtney, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Wednesday in April
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Ross Thompson
SCRIBE EZRA: REC William G. Surgenor, P.O. Box 1456
Comox, B.C. V9N 3Z0 Phone: (250)339-3155

OKANAGAN CHAPTER NO. 11
INSTITUTED: July 30th, 1904 – CONSNTITUTED: June 18th, 1919
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Tuesday except July and August
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 3005A-32nd Street, Vernon, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Thursday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: REC Gene B. Clever
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Norman F. MacDonald,

KAIEN CHAPTET NO. 13
INSTITUTED: August 2nd, 1910 – CONSTITUTED: February 28, 1912
REGULAR CONVOCTION: 3rd Wednesday except July, August, November
and December
TIME: 8:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 6th and Bowser Street, Prince Rupert, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Saturday in November at 2:00 P.M.
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC L.W. Butler
SCRIBE EZRA: Comp. Murray G. Webster, P.O. Box 832
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CAMOSUN CHAPTER NO. 14
INSTITUTED: December 15th, 1911 – CONSTITUTED: August 12th, 1912
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 2nd Monday except July August and October
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall Fisgar & Douglas Streets, Victoria, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 2nd Monday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Terrance Giffin
SCRIBE EZRA: Comp. Dennis Richards, 3335 Roberlack Road
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NORTH VANCOUVER CHAPTER NO. 16
INSTITUTED: 25th February, 1914 – CONSTITUTED June 17th, 1919
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 2nd Thursday except July and August
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 1142 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 2nd Thursday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Gordon E. Galt
SCRIBE EZRA: REC A.E. (Bud) Porter, 1502-160 West Keith Road
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KELOWNA CHAPTER NO. 17
INSTITUTED: 1916 - CONSTITUTED: June 17th, 1919
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 4th Tuesday except June, July Aug. and Dec.
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: St. Georges Masonic Hall, 1564 Pasdosy Ave., Kelowna, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 4th Tuesday in November
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC William R. Phillips
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Allan W. Bilsland,Unit 78-1850 Shannon Lake Rd.
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KAMLOOPS CHAPTER NO. 18
INSTITUTED: August 2nd, 1920
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3 Tuesday except July and August

TIME: 7:30 P.M.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Tuesday in May
LOCATION: Masonic Hall 351 Nicola Street, Kamloops, B.C.
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC D.R. Barclay
SCRIBE EZRA: Comp. Joe Finn, 3861 Navatanee Street
Kamloops, B.C. V2H 1S1 Phone: (250) 573-2960

CHILLIWACK CHAPTER NO. 19
INSTITUTED: May 12th, 1921 – CONSTITUTED: June 1st, 1922
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 2nd Thursday of March, May, September,
November and December
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall,45905 Hocking Avenue, Chilliwack, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 2nd Thursday in December.
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Donald H. McMillan
SCRIBE EZRA: EC Malcolm D. Johnson, 2221 Bevan Crescent
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MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER NO. 20
CONSTITUTED: June, 1922
REGULAR COMMUNICATION: 2nd Wednesday except June, July
August and December
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 392-4th Avenue, Fernie, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Saturday in January
FRIST PRINCIPAL: E.C. G. Lalonde
SCRIBE EZRA: Comp. Gerald S. Ordway, Box 812 Sparwood, B.C.
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TRIPLE TAU CHAPTER NO. 21
INSTITUTED: May 22nd, 1922 – CONSTITUTED: June 29th, 1922
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 4th Tuesday, except July, August & December
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 4474 Rupert Street, Vancouver, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 4th Tuesday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Edward H. Chernoff
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PENTICTON CHAPTER NO. 22
INSTITUTED: June 18th, 1922 – CONSTITUTED: September, 9th, 1924
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 2nd Tuesday except July and August
TIME: 8:00 p.m.
LOCATON: Masonic Hall, 157 Orchard Avenue, Penticton, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 2nd Tuesday in December
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. D.M. Laurent
SCRIBE EZRA: R.E.C. Larry Parker, R.R. #2, Site 61, C-17
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COMPOSITE CHAPTER NO. 24
INSTITUTED: May 29th, 1925 – CONSTITUTED: June 7th, 1926
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Friday except July and August
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 508 Agnes Street, New Westminster, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Friday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: R.E.C. Ernest Mayer
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OBSERVATORY CHAPTER NO. 25
INSTITUTED: June 18th, 1919 - CONSTITUTED: August 26th, 1927
REGULAR CONV OCATION: 2nd Monday except July, August & October
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Temple, Vermillion Avenue, Princeton, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 2nd Monday in June
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. George B. Stewart
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TZOUHALEM CHAPTER NO. 26
INSTITUTED: February 28th, 1928 - CONSTITUTED: June 20th, 1928
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Tuesday except July and August
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 163 Canada Avenue, Duncan, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Tuesday in October
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. J.P. Nesbitt
SCRIBE EZRA: R.E.C. Donald W. Walkey, 1437 Belcarra Road
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PAPYRUS CHAPTER NO. 27
INSTITUTED; March 30th, 1927 - CONSTITUTED: September17th, 1928
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Monday except July, August & December
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 6274 Walnut Street, Powell River, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 2nd Saturday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Stanley Smith
SCRIBE EZRA: E.C. Robert V. Ridgway, 8028 Centennial R.R. 1
Powell River, B.C. V8A 4Z2 Phone: (604) 485-7007

MISSION CHAPTER NO. 28
INSTITUTED: April 18th, 1930 - CONSTITUTED: August 14th, 1930
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 4th Wednesday except July, August & Dec.
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 2660 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 4th Wednesday in September
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Ronald Smith
SCRIBE EZRA: V.E.C. Bill Aaroe, 1279 Brand Street, Port Coquitlam, B.C.
V3C 5C4 Phone: Rufus Dr(604) 942-7746

GRANITE CHAPTER NO. 28
INSTITUTED: August 8th, 1946 - CONSTITUTED: October 19, 1947
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 1st Wednesday except January, July & August
TIME: 8:00 .M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall270 Alexander Street, Salmon Arm, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 1st Wednesday in December
FIRST PRINCIPAL: R.E.C. Ronald J. Bushby
SCRIBE EZRA: R.E.C. Percy Harkness, 33-3930 Brown Road
Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 4M1 Phone: (25) 932-6983

KING SOLOMON CHAPTER NO. 30
INSTITUTED: September 23rd, 1947 - CONSTITUTED: September, 1948
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 4th Thursday except July, August & Sept.
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 1763 Bellevue Avenue, West Vancouver, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 4th Saturday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Michael Duff
SCRIBE EZRA: V.E.C. Ian Thompson, 1735 Drive North Vancouver,
B.C. V6B 4A1 Phone: 683-3552

JOPPA CHAPTER NO. 31
INSTITUTED: January 3rd, 1949 - CONSITUTED: August 1st, 1949
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Monday except July, August & December
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 8486 Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Monday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Robert Gibb
SCRIBE EZRA: E.C. George H. Heggie, 4810 Cannery Crescent
Delta, B.C. V4K 3Y9 Phone (604) 946-0028

MAJUBA CHAPTER NO. 33
INSTITUTED: January 13th, 1951 - CONSTITUTED: July 14th, 1951
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 1st Tuesday except July August & January
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 26 Gatacre Street, Ladysmith, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 1st Tuesday in April
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Kenneth Overy
SCRIBE EZRA: Comp. Douglas M. Greer, 3401 Ross Road, Nanaimo, B.C.
V9T 2S3 Phone: (250)756-2451

SEMIAHMOO CHAPTER NO. 34
INSTITUTED: September 29th, 1952 - CONSTITUTED: July 4th, 1953
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 2nd Tuesday except July and August
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 20710 Fraser Highway, Langley, B.C .
INSTALLATION: 2nd Tuesday in May
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Neil C. Marsh
SCRIBE EZRA: E.C. Jack MacDonald, 4763-210 Street, Langley, B.C.
V3A 2L4 Phone: (604) 534-3755

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER NO. 35
INSTITUTED: June 21st, 1956 - CONSTITUTED: September, 1956
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 4th Tuesday except June, July, Aug. & Sept.
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 136 Memorial Avenue, Parksville, B.C.
INSTALLATION: Last Saturday in April
FIRST PRINCIPAL: V.E.C. Gary Gordon
SCRIBE EZRA: Comp. Stanley Freestone, 814 Stanhope Road, Parksville,
B.C. V9P 2T7 Phone: (250) 248-4674

PRINCE GEORGE CHAPTER NO. 36
CONSTITUTED: September 20th, 1957
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Wednesday except July and Aug. & Dec.
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION; Masonic Hall, 450 Vancouver, Street, Prince George, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 1st Wednesday in December
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Harold Woolgar
SCRIBE EZRA: M.E.C. R. Hilliard Clare, 215 Wainwright Street
Prince George B.C. V2M 2C2 Phone: 1-800-661-3885

KALUM CHAPTER NO. 37
INSTITUTED: May 26th, 1956 - CONSTITUTED: September19th, 1957
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Tuesday except July, August & October
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 4915 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Saturday in October
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. K.G. Randrup
SCRIBE EZRA: Comp. Cecil E. Bartlett, 75-3232 Apsley Street
Terrace, B.C. V8G 5L1 Phone: (250) 615-0275

YUKON CHAPTER NO. 38
INSTITUTED: January 30th, 1950 - CONSTITUTED: January30th, 1950
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 4th Monday except July, August & September
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 505 Lambert Street, Whitehorse, Y.T.
INSTALLATION: 4th Monday in November
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. R. J. Lenes
SCRIBE EZRA: R.E.C. Ian N. Campbell, 505 Lambert Street,
Whitehorse, Y.T. Y1A 1Z8 Phone (867) 667-7484

GEORGIAN CHAPTER NO. 39
INSTITUTED: May 25th 1960 - CONSTITUTED: September 30th, 1961
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Tues. June to Mar. 1st Tues. in Apr.
TIME: 8:00 P.M. 1st Sat. in May. Closed July, Aug. & Dec.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, Roberts Creek, B.C.
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Douglas Follett
SCRIBE EZRA: R.E.C. Cecil T. Gordon, P.O. Box 38 Sechelt, B.C.
VON 3A0 Phone: (604)885-2130

SIMON FRASER CHAPTER NO. 40
INSTITUTED: March 29th, 1961 - CONSTITUTED: July 29th, 1961
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 2nd Tuesday except July, August & February
TIME: 7:30 .M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 6730 No. 3 Road, Richmond, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 1st Saturday in February
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. John Ruschke
SCRIBE EZRA: V.E.C. Clancy Wilson, 6730 No. 3 Road, Richmond, B.C.
V6Y 2C2 Phone: (604) 263-0596

INSTITUTED: October 15th. 1960 - CONSTITUTED: September 1st, 1962
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Tuesday except July, August & September
TIME: 8:00 P.M.

DAWSON CREEK CHAPTER NO. 41
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 901-103rd Street, Dawson Creek, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Tuesday in September
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Bralley Craven
SCRIBE EZRA: R.E.C. Donald Stirling, P.O. 341 Charlie Lake, B.C.
VOC 1H0 Phone: (250)787-9659

CARIBOU CHAPTER NO. 43
INSTITUTED: May 23rd, 1975 - CONSTITUTED: September 4th, 1976
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Monday except July and August
TIME; 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 520 Front Street, Quesnel, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Saturday in September
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Marvin Brindner
SCRIBE EZRA: E.C. Joseph Bare, 381 Skyline, Quesnel, B.C. V2S 6H9
Phone: (250) 992-7937

PACIFIC RIM CHAPTER NO. 44
CONSTITUTED: May 3rd, 1990 - CONSTITUTED: April 11, 1992
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Thursday except June, July, Aug. & Dec.
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 6544 Troup Road, Sooke, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Thursday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Robert Foreman
SCRIBE EZRA: Comp. Douglas Lum, 6790 Pascoe Road, Sooke, B.C.
V0S 1N0 Phone: (250) 642-3200

DISCOVERY CHAPTER NO. 45
CONSTITUTED: Sept. 17th, 1998 - CONSTITUTED Sept. 25th, 1999
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 4th Monday except Jan., June, July, August
And December.
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Discovery Masonic Hall, Campbell River, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 4th Monday in September
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C. Alex Reid
SCRIBE EZRA: M.E.C. Malcolm Cowie, 9380 Marlin Park Drive,
Black Creek, B.C. V9J 1C4 Phone: (250) 337-2398

ELECTIVE GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE 1919

Year	Grand Zerubbabel	Grand Haggai	Grand Joshua
1919	*Harry H. Wilson	*Daniel M. Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1920	*Edward D. 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 E. Sutherland
1932	*Samuel Drake	*Daniel E. Sutherland	*Alex M. Mason
1933	*Alexander McDuff	*Alex M. Mason	*William R. Trench
1934	*Alex M. Mason	*William R. Trench	*William R. Yule
1935	*William R. Trench	*William R. Rule	*George H. McKay
1936	*William R. Rule	*George H. McKay	*K.K. Reid
1937	*George H. McKay	*K.K. Reid	*W.P. Marchant
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. McKinnon
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. Stearle
1945	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Stearle	*Edgar B. Baker
1946	*Edward T. Stearle	*Edgar B. Baker	*John McLeod
1947	*Edgar B. Baker	*John McLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger
1948	*John McLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson
1949	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Bymell
1941	*George E. McKinnon	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor
1950	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Bymell	*Andrew Coutts
1951	*A. Roy Bymell	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Ronecker
1952	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Ronecker	*Harvey P.Wyness
1953	*Charles E. Ronecker	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard J. Williams
1954	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard J. Williams	*George M. Harmon
1955	*Richard J. Williams	*George M. Harmon	*Arthur Hamilton
1956	*George M. Harmon	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W.H. Walker
1957	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W.H. Wlaker	*Olaf Nelsen
1958	*T.W.H. Walker	*Olf Nelsten	*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. Camey
1965	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Camey	*Ewan E. Andrews
1966	*L.R. Camey	*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 R. Armstrong
1970	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl
1971	*Charles R. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin
1972	*Evan H. Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Menzer
1973	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Menzer	*William H. Young
1974	*James A. Menzer	*William H. Young	*Cyrus D. Biddulph
1975	*Cyrus B. Biddulph	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton
1976	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton	George H. Coupland
1977	*Henry M. Dayon	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 F. Lamb
1985	R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie F. Lamb	Roderick A. Cutler
1986	*Huie F. 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.B. Pickell
1996	*William D. Jasper	Leonard G.B. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall
1997	Leonard G.B. 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. Andeson	David B. Turner
2000	David D.S. Anderson	David B. Turner	Basil R. Hobbs

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thurday

8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

PROPOSED ITINERARY OF M.E.C. DAVID B. TURNER 2001-2002

DAY	DATE	CHAPTER	LOCATION	MEETING
	Sept. 13-15/01	**GRAND CHAPTER OF B.C. & YUKON**		**Penticton**
Tues	Sept .18	Kalum #37	Terrace	District
Wed.	Sept. 19	Fort George #36	Prince George	District
Tues.	Sept. 25	Cathedral #35	Parksville	Regular
Sun.	Oct. 14	**CHURCH SERVICE**	Vancouver (Location TBA)	
Mon.	Oct .15	**BELLINGHAM BAY CHAPTER WASH.**		**G.H.P.**
Tues.	Oct. 16	Westminster #6	New Westminster	District
Wed.	Oct. 24	Mission #28	Port Coquitlam	International
Sun.	Oct. 28	**RAM REAFFIRMATIN DAY PEACE ARCH BLAINE, WA**		
Tues.	Nov. 6	Columbia #1	Victoria	Installation
Mon.	Nov. 12	Observatory #25	Princeton	District
Tues.	Nov. 13	Penticton #22	Penticton	Regular
		Kelowna #17	(At Penticton)	Emergent
Wed.	Nov. 21	Cyrus #10	Courtney	District
Mon.	Dec. 10	Camosun #14	Victoria	Regular
Tues.	Dec. 11	Semiahmoo #34	Langley	Christmas
Tues.	Jan. 15/02	Tzouhalem #26	Duncan	District
Fri.	Jan.18	Composite #24	New Westminster	District
Mon.	Jan.28	Discovery #45	Campbell River	Regular
Sat.	Feb.2	Simon Fraser #40	Richmond	Installation
Tues.	Feb.5	Majuba #33	Ladysmith	Regular
Thur.	Feb.21	Pacific Rim #44	Sooke	Regular
Sat.	Mar.2	Papyrus #27	Powell River	Installation
Sat.	Mar.16	Keystone	Nanaimo	Installation
Sat.	Apr.6	**JOPPA #31**	**VANCOUVER**	**SPRING BOARD**
Sun.	Apr.7	**CHURCH SERVICE**	Vancouver (Location TBA)	
Tues.	Apr.16	Kamloops #18	Kamloops	Regular
Wed.	Apr. 17	Granite	Salmon Army	District (Emerg)
Thur.	Apr. 18	Okanagan #11	Vernon	Regular
Sat.	May 4	Georgian #39	Roberts Creek	Dist/Install
Mon.	May 6	Rossland #4	Trail	Regular
Tues.	May 7	Rocky Mountain #7	Cranbrook	District
Wed.	May 8	Mt. Moriah	Fernie	Regular
	May 10-11	**GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA at Calgary, Alta.**		
	May 19/22	**GRAND CHAPTER OF WASHINGTON at Olympia, Wa.**		
Mon.	May 27	Yukon #38	White Horse	Regular
Wed.	May 29	Mission #28	Port Coquitlam	Strawberry
	Jun. 21/22	**GRAND LODGE OF B.C. AND YUKON at Victoria**		
Sat.	Jul. 13	Kootenay #3	Kaslo	District
Wed.	Aug. 14	**135th ANNUAL RAM BIRTHDAY at Victoria at 12 Noon**		
	Aug.16/19	**SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA a Kamloops**		
	Sept. 19/21	**GRAND CHAPTER OF B.C. & YUKON at Nanaimo**		

Subject to Change

ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD

The Excellent President, Joseph Marshall welcomed the members and visitors to the 25th Annual convention of the Order of the High Priesthood. As per the Porch Sheet there were 7 Officers, 47 Members, 4 Visitors and 9 Candidates present.

The Holy Order of the High Priesthood was conferred on Excellent Companions John MacIntosh, Neil Clayton Marsh, Donald Harvey McMillan, John Ruschke, Leonard Randall Timmins, Michael W.Duff, James Firbanks and William Spek. The Order was also conferred on Most Excellent Companion George Vernon, Grand Superintendent of Dumfries Shire, Scotland.

The Excellent Treasurer Joe Quan, in his Treasurer's Report stated that at April 30th, 2001 there was $1,166.68 in the General Account. Moved and Seconded by The Excellent Treasurer, Quan and the Excellent Recorder Alex Rollo that the report Appt be adopted. Carried.

A discussion ensured with regard to a new proposed ritual. After considerable discussion it was moved and seconded by R.E.C. Greorge Eaton and R.E.C. Norman Monro that the new proposed ritual be adopted. The motion was defeated.

The following members were elected to the Offices indicated:

Most Excellent President	-	Denis Carriere
Excellent Vice President	-	David Anderson
Excellent Chaplain	-	George Eaton
Excellent Master of Ceremonies	-	Norman Monro
Excellent Conductor	-	Basil Hobbs
Excellent Treasurer	-	Joe Quan
Excellent Recorder	-	Alex Rollo
Exellent Dir. Of Cermonies(by Appt)	-	Roy Macdonald
Excellent Herald	-	Brian Richman
Excellent Steward	-	Robert Doige
Excellent Sentinal (by.)	-	Wilf Hoskins

The Excellent Recorder, M.E.C. Alex Rollo, assumed the gavel and proceeded to obligate, install and invest the Offices for the year 2001-2002

Moved and seconded by the Excellent Treasurer Joe Quan and Excellent Recorder Alex Rollo, that the signatures at the bank be changed. Carried

Fraternally submitted
Alexander S. Rollo
Excellent Recorder

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