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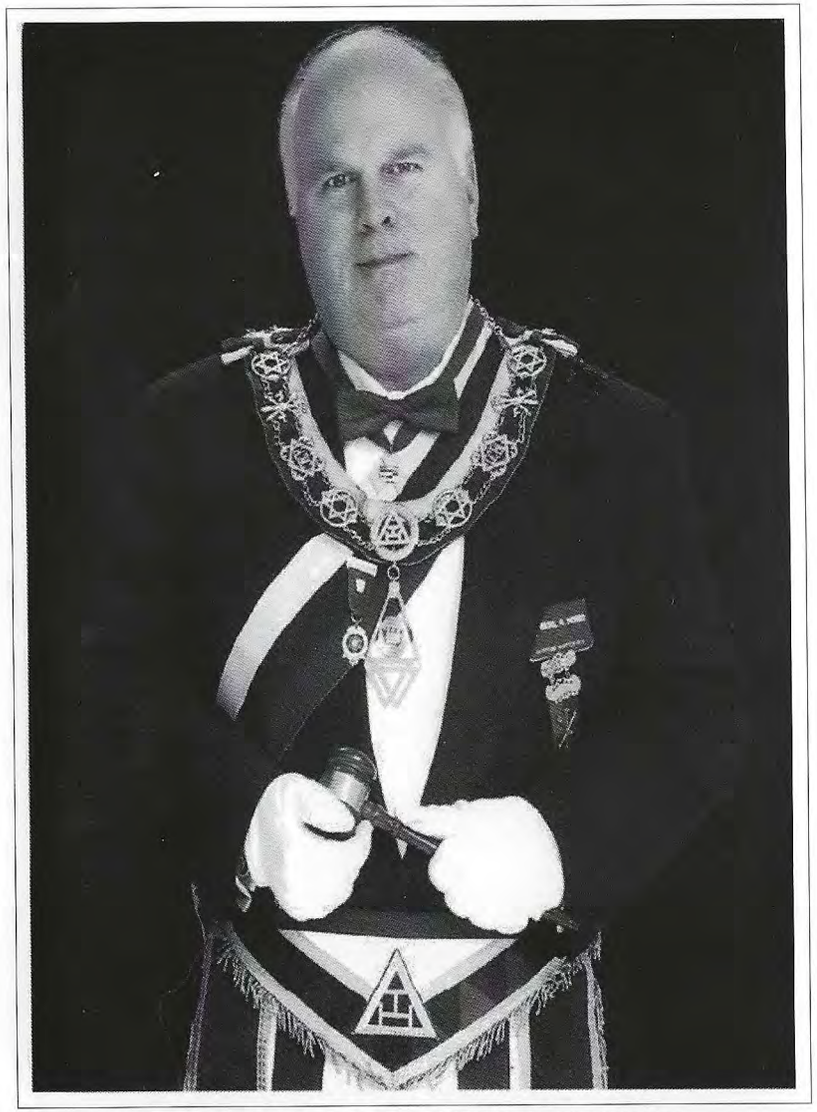
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Grand First Principal
Nanaimo, B.C.

JOSEPH R. MARSHALL
Grand Scribe Ezra
Vancouver, B.C.



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PERSONAL HISTORY

Basil Roland Hobbs was born in Montreal, Quebec on October 19th, 1946 to his parents Roger and Norma Hobbs. He is the oldest of 5 children. Both grandfathers, Basil Deacon Hobbs and Roland Wright were Masons. He moved from Montreal to Vancouver at age 5 with is parents and his younger sister Wendy.

Education: He finished elementary and secondary schooling (Prince of Wales Secondary School) in Vancouver, B.C. He received a BA at the University of British Columbia in English and Political Science. He was awarded the RCAF Memorial Scholarship. He received his LLB at Ludlow Hall at the University of New Brunswick at Fredericton. He was called to the New Brunswick Bar Association in July 1979; called to the Bar and became a member of the Law Society of British Columbia in January, 1981. He is a member of the Canadian Maritime Law Association; the Canadian Hydrographic Association; Director of the Lawyer's Benevolent Society of British Columbia and a member of the Canadian Bar Association.

Employment: Prior to becoming a Lawyer he was employed by CBC Television, Province of British Columbia International House, University of British Columbia. He is at present Senior Partner in the law firm of Hobbs & Hargrave at Nanaimo, British Columbia.

Community Interests: He is President and Chairman of the Board of Nanaimo Regional General Hospital; a member of the Medical Advisory Committee and a member of the Medical Ethics Committee. He is Past President of the Nanaimo Rescue Society; Past President of the Nanaimo Rotary Club; Past Director of the Nanaimo Construction Association; Director of the Nanaimo Yacht Club; Honorary member of the Nanaimo Rowing Club; Honorary and Founding Member of the Ladysmith Yacht Club; Past Chairman of the Graduate Nurses Appeal Board of British Columbia and Director of International Sea Shepard Society.

Personal Interests: At present is the owner, for the past 20 years, of a

destination is Princess Louisa Inlet. He is presently writing the history of his grandfather, Basil D. Hobbs, who was a pioneer in Canadian aviation. He enjoys sports car rallying and is presently the owner, for the past 15 years, of a 930 Turbo Porsche and is a member of the Porsche Car Club of North America. In his leisure moments he enjoys playing the piano and clarinet; photographing wild life and nature; hiking, bicycling and painting in oil and water color.

Masonic Interests: He was initiated passed and raised in Nanaimo Lodge No. 110 and is a Past Master of that Lodge. He is an affiliated member of Comox Lodge No. 188 and Manoah Lodge No. 141 at Tofino where he became Worshipful Master in 2004. He is a member of Keystone Chapter No. 8 and is a Past First Principal of that Chapter and is a member of numerous concordant Masonic bodies.

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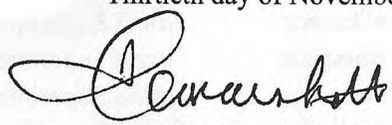
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ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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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-sixth Grand Convocation held in Chilliwack, British Columbia on September 16th, 17th and 18th, 2004, 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 Thirtieth day of November, 2004.



Joseph R. Marshall
Grand Scribe Ezra

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

The Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon was held on September 16th, 17th and 18th at the Ramada Hotel, Campbell River, B.C. The Informal Opening occurred in the traditional manner at 7:30 P.M. Thursday, September 16th, 2004. The following Officers were present as per the Porch Sheets. The Grand First Principal introduced his Council, the elected Grand Chapter Officers, the Past Grand First Principals and Grand Superintendents.

MEC Basil R. Hobbs	Grand First Principal
REC George W. Eaton	Grand Haggai
REC Brian A Richman	Grand Joshua
MEC Norman K Monro	Immediate Past Grand Zerubbabel
REC Ronald Glover	Grand Treasurer
MEC Joseph R. Marshall	Grand Scribe Ezra
MEC Alexander S. Rollo	Grand Scribe Ezra Emeritus
REC Robert E. Doige	Grand Principal Sojourner
REC James D. Whyte	Grand Senior Sojourner
REC William Fooks	Grand Junior Sojourner
REC Robert Acreman	Grand Superintendent District #1
REC Gerry Kion	Grand Superintendent District #2
REC Rae Humeston	Grand Superintendent District #3
REC Gerald Lalonde	Grand Superintendent Districts #4&#5
REC John VanDamme	Grand Superintendent District #6
REC Stanley Sorensen	Grand Superintendent District #7
REC Ted Kuiperi	Grand Superintendent District #8
REC Robert H. Clark	Grand Superintendent District #9
REC Donald Stirling	Grand Superintendent District #10
REC Earl R. Ebbert	Grand Superintendent District #11
VEC John McIntosh	Grand Scribe Nehemiah
VEC Vernon Jones	Grand Sword Bearer
VEC Richard Machin	Grand Master of the 4th Veil
VEC Norman McEvoy	Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
VEC Cy Saunders	Grand Master of the 2nd Veil
VEC Kenneth Gibson	Grand Master of the 1st Veil

VEC Gordon Hebden	Grand Standard Bearer
VEC Leslie Adams	Grand Director of Ceremonies
VEC Gordon Galt	Grand Marshal
VEC Edward M. Schiller	Grand Pursuivant
VEC Alexander Reid	Grand Steward
VEC Leonard Wyllie	Grand Steward
VEC William Poncia	Grand Steward
VEC Bernard "Bud" Tarling	Grand Chaplain
Comp. William O. Walls	Grand Organist
REC Walter Biener	Grand Historian
Comp. Wayne Huffman	Grand Tyler

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RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Mr. Aubrey Roberts, Campbell River Band Chief, Campbell River Indian Band Council, **Mr. Ralph Dick,** Band Chief accompanied by several members the Indian Band.
Mr. Robert Visser, MLA representing the Government of British Columbia.
Mrs. Joan Ryan, of the Life Line Project of British Columbia
The Honourable John Duncan, MP, representing the Government of Canada.
His Worship, Mayor Lynn D. Nash, Mayor of Campbell River.
Miss Karla Kelland, Royal Arch Masons Bursary recipient. Past Honoured Queen and Majority Member of Bethel 29, Job's Daughters International. Miss Kelland was not present due to her studies but she sent a letter of appreciation.
Mrs. Faye Soltzer, Queen of Miriam Temple #2, Daughters of the Nile.
Mrs. Peggy Dowling, Grand Guardian of British Columbia, Job's Daughters International, accompanied by **Mr. Bill Allen**, Associate Grand Guardian, **Miss Sarah McMurchie,** Miss B.C. Job's Daughter, **Miss Veronica Orel,** Honoured Queen Beth #29, **Mrs. Elinor Warner,** Bethel Guardian Bethel #29 and **Mr. Roger Jackson,** Associate Guardian Bethel #29,
Mrs. Louise Windbiel, Vice Supreme Grand Guardian of Job's Daughters International.
Mrs. Ann Fossbert, Past Worthy Grand Matron, representing **Mrs. Nelda Witt,** Worthy Grand Matron Order of the Eastern Star of British Columbia and Yukon.

Illustrious Brother Alex Reid 33°, Representing **Illustrious Brother Michael Ward 33°** Deputy for British Columbia Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasons.

Right Eminently Distinguished Brother Robert Cleaver, Past Grand Governor for B.C. of the York Rite Sovereign College representing **Right Eminently Distinguished Bro. Vernon Halverson,** Grand Governor.

Ill. Knight Lionel Brownsey, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, representing The Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests.

Right Illustrious Knight Companion Malcolm Cowie, Grand Intendant General Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada (Canadian Constitution) representing **Most Eminent Viceroy James C. Gordon.**

Most Illustrious Companion George Tillotson, Immediate Past Ill. Grand Master representing **Most Illustrious Companion George Ebel**, Ill. Grand Master Cryptic Right Masons of Western Canada Royal and Select Masters.

Most Eminent Knight F. Douglas Draker, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, accompanied by **Right Eminent Knight Joseph Marshall**, Deputy Grand Master.

Most Excellent Companion Donald Beck, Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington, accompanied by **MEC Jim Stephens,** IPGHP, **MEC Louis Bartrand,** PGHP and Grand Secretary, **REC Charley Chapman,** Grand Scribe and **Companion Robert Dickinson.**

Very Excellent Companion Zeke Eaton, representing the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia.

Most Excellent Companion Jack Hooper, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba.

Most Excellent Companion Donald Gillies, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta accompanied by **REC Gerry Hawley** and **VEC Herbert Weaver.**

Most Worshipful Brother William Unrau, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon.

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FLAG CEREMONY

The Annual Flag Ceremony under the direction of **REC Robert Doige**, with **REC Rae Humeston** carrying the Canadian Flag, **REC James Dalgliesh** carrying the British Columbia Flag, **VEC Wayne Huffman** carrying the Yukon flag and **REC Gerry Lalonde** carrying the Flag of the United States of America. On completion, Most Excellent Companion Hobbs called for the Anthems "O Canada" and "The Star Spangled Banner".

IN MEMORIAM

The Service commenced with open prayers by the Grand Chaplain and the singing of the "23rd Psalm". VEC "Bud" Tarling, the Grand Chaplain, continued the Service with a "Prayer of Remembrance" and a reading of "Psalm 90" and the Lesson from "Ecclesiastes Chapter 44 Verses 1 to 9. 15." The Grand Chaplain then gave an inspirational address which was followed by Prayers and the singing of the hymn "Abide With Me".

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GRAND CHAPLAIN'S REMEMBRANCE MESSAGE
VEC Bernard K. Tarling, Grand Chaplain

Companions, Ladies and Friends;

I've titled my message **Remember, Reflect and Resolve.** My First point then is **Remember**. I don't know how long this Remembrance Service has been part of our Royal Arch Grand Convocation, but I must commend those who understood the importance of having an annual outward expression of our inward appreciation of the dedication and service given by our departed brethren, our loved ones and friends. Hopefully, at the appropriate time when the local undertaker has finished with us, the Great Overtaker will allow us the privilege of rejoining them in what we fraternally and lovingly call the Grand Chapter Above. As individuals though, I'm not sure we take enough time in our busy lives to think of those we have loved and lost, be they kin or friends – Masonic or otherwise,. It's interesting to note though, that remembrance is not necessarily a time of sadness; though of course it is a natural human emotion to mourn and grieve a loss. But their memory can recall much happiness as well and there are so many who are remembered,

particularly in old English churchyards, with considerable humour. Please don't think me irreverent but one need only read some of the epitaphs on the old tombstones in those churchyards to know what I am talking about. Perhaps you who travel have seen some of them yourself as I have. There's one in particular in a small town which reads:

Here lies my wife, Samantha Proctor; She ketched a cold and wouldn't doctor. She couldn't stay, she had to go – Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

In Canada when we speak of a Remembrance service, it's usually associated with November 11th when we honour those who paid the supreme sacrifice serving our country and of course that's as it should be. In the US they call it Veteran's Day. But in the States they also have a Memorial Day in May. It's a particular holiday set aside to give their citizens a time to remember, not only their servicemen but relatives, friends and in our case, Freemasons who have gone home to be with our Lord. It also affords time to visit the Mausoleum or Cemetery where their brethren, loved ones and friends are interred and many take advantage of that opportunity It's unfortunate I think, that we done have the same here in Canada.

As a child growing up in Seattle, Washington, I remember quite clearly that holiday. My mom and step-dad, with myself in tow, would head out annually on Memorial Day in our old 1925 Essex for Washelli Cemetery just north of Seattle proper. It's a beautiful place with tall stately poplars on its perimeter, augmented by the beauty of rolling, well manicured green lawns dotted with shrubs and many trees. Even for a child like myself, it gave a sense of peace and quiet tranquility. Many families were there placing flowers in the receptacles provided by the gravesites. I've long forgotten the name on the gravestone we visited but when my mom had placed the blooms and my step-dad had cleared all the accumulated leaves and other debris off the stone, it was time for my parents to stop and reflect on the life of the one who lie beneath us. Several minutes would go by and not a word was spoken while they sat there deep in thought and reminiscence. I don't know what my thoughts were but I know what would have happened, particularly later, had I broken that silence with some childish chatter. It was an unwritten law that quiet must prevail.

Certainly, the lack of a special day or even a special service such as this

evening should not deter us from taking some quiet time alone wherever we are able to remember our departed brethren and then to reflect on our former association with them. **Reflect**, and that's my second point. Hopefully those reflections will result in happy thoughts. I can think of many who are not here with us this evening - of their friendliness, their compassion, their humour, the dedication to our fraternity and many other human traits that make their memory a joy. But it is possible though, that happy thoughts such as those crowded out or clouded by some personal unpleasantness, quarrel or indiscretion, which transpired prior to their death which went unresolved, and about which sadly, nothing can now be done to correct.

If such be the case, surely this is the appropriate time to firmly **Resolve**, which is my third point, to settle any petty quarrels, disagreements or conflict which may exist between ourselves and other brethren in our fraternity, be it in our Lodge or Chapter or for that matter, anyone else. Maybe this will entail forgiveness or even asking for it, but what better way to honour our departed brethren than by settling any differences with those who are still living and while there is yet time. Once they are gone and peace is not made, you are assured of those unpleasant memories forever. Fortunately for the departed one, the Lord will not allow anything unpleasant in Heaven, but you will be stuck with it. So won't you take this final step I call **Resolve** if it is necessary the next time you **Remember and Reflect**. In conclusion, I'd like to read a little poem which I think adds a final fact and **Remembrance** in its proper perspective: It is titled:

JUST TELL ME NOW

If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing,
If you like him or you love him, tell him now.
Don't withhold your approbation till the parson makes oration,
And he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow.

For no matter how you shout it, he won't really care about it
He won't know how many teardrops you have shed.
If you think some praise is due him, now's the time to slip it to him,
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

More than fame and more than money, is the comment, kind and sunny,
And the hearty, warm approval of a friend.

For it it gives to live a savour, makes **YOU** richer, stronger, braver –
Gives you heart and hope and courage to the end.

If he earns your praise, bestow it; if you like him let him know it;
Let the word of true encouragement be said.
Do not wait till life is over and he's underneath the clover,
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

Thank you all very much.

ROLL CALL OF THE FRATERNAL DEAD

DISTRICT NO. 1

Columbia Chapter No. 1
Comp. Alexander E. McLelland
Comp. Thomas S. Harper
EC Sydney A. McKeown
EC Harold Hinchcliff
Comp. Glen A. Barnes
EC Roy Carter Stevens
Comp. Edwin C. Webster

Tzouhalem Chapter No. 26
Comp. Robert Brown
Comp. William L. Ogg
Comp. James C. Napper

Pacific Rim No. 44
Comp. George Patterson

DISTRICT NO. 2

Westminster Chapter No. 6
Comp. Thomas H. Butts
Comp. George G. Holmes
Comp. Jack M. Streight

Chilliwack Chapter No. 19
EC Donald M. Kickbush
REC Wallace R. McKinnon
Comp. Kenneth A. Munn
Comp. Clifford Thomson

Mission Chapter No. 28
REC Benet A. Wickstrom
Comp. Robert S. Banford

Semiahmoo Chapter No. 34
Comp. W. Harvey Fulton

DISTRICT NO. 3

Okanagan Chapter No. 11
No deaths to report

Kamloops Chapter No. 18
EC Garnet Brown

Granite Chapter No. 29
EC George Todd
Comp. Norman C. Lund

DISTRICT NO 4 & 5

Kootenay Chapter No. 3
Comp. Robert W. Jones
REC Leslie Hart

Rossland Chapter No.4
REC George Wm. Kalmakoff

Rocky Mountain Chapter No. 7
Comp. Thomas C. Bardell
Comp. William C. Binnie
Comp. Dusan Tadey
Comp. Godfrey Vigne
Comp. Charles C. Wilson

Mount Moriah No. 20
No Deaths to report

DISTRICT NO. 6

Kaien Chapter No. 13
Comp. David Main
Comp. Howard Melo
Comp. Michael Postak

Kalum Chapter No. 37
Comp. William H. Fortner

DISTRICT NO. 7

North Vancouver Chapter No. 16
No deaths to report

Papyrus Chapter No. 27
Comp. Colin F. Cook

King Solomon Chapter No. 30
Comp. Robert Flintoft
EC Victor Long

Georgian Chapter No. 39
Comp. Leslie Beharrel
REC Cecil T. Gordon
Comp. George Scodras

DISTRICT NO. 8

Kelowna Chapter No. 17
MEC William G. Milsom

Penticton Chapter No. 22
Comp. E. Fox
REC Larry E. Parker

Observatory Chapter No. 25
VEC Peter Bottaro

DISTRICT NO. 9

Triple Tau Chapter No. 21
Comp. Roy R. Lisogar
Comp. Dennis C. Watt
Comp. Kenneth M. Wright
Comp. Robert B. Stewart

Composite Chapter No. 24
EC Timothy Hinchey

Joppa Chapter No. 31
Comp. William Wilkinson
Comp. Hugh Downie

Simon Fraser Chapter No. 40
No deaths to report

DISTRICT NO. 10

Fort George Chapter No. 36
Comp. Charles W. Beatty
Comp. Vernon M. Fraser
Comp. William D. Mann
REC Maurice J. Parfitt

Yukon Chapter No. 38
Comp. Ronald C. Watson
Comp. Walter J.A. Ward

Dawson Creek Chapter No. 41
Comp. Francis E. Flack

Caribou Chapter No. 43
No deaths to report

DISTRICT NO. 11

Keystone Chapter No. 8
Comp. Norman Westman
Comp. James Mitchell

Cyrus Chapter No. 10
Comp. Albert E. Bayston
Comp. Garnet Patten
Comp. Courtney Collins
EC Archibald Welsh
REC George Hobson
Comp. Gordon V. Canning
Comp. Neil Dunfield

Majuba Chapter No, 33
REC William W. Isbister
Comp. Barclay R. Wilkinson

Cathedral Chapter No. 35
No deaths to report

Discovery Chapter No. 45
No deaths to report

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ADDRESSES BY INVITED GUESTS

His Worship Mayor Lynn Nash, welcomed the Companions and their ladies to Campbell River and enjoined them to view the many historical and beautiful sites. He also informed the assembly that the little slip that was put in their package was a free parking ticket, a small way to show the hospitality of his City.

Karla Kelland's letter of appreciation for her Royal Arch Bursary award was read as follows: "Most Excellent Sir and Gentlemen, First may I thank Mr. Stan Fleetham for the invitation to attend your Grand Convocation and I deeply regret that am not able to do so. I am taking five courses this semester

and unfortunately, the last class runs until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and I have an 8:30 a.m. class on Friday morning, both of which it is imperative that I attend.

Now to the important part. I wish to thank you most sincerely for the bursary I received. Thank you are two very small words but mean so very much. Without this bursary, I would have been very hard pressed to continue with my studies and, due to the heavy course load I am carrying this semester, it makes it very difficult to work. Please continue the wonderful work you do in supporting students like myself and again, my deepest thanks.

May I also say thank you to my Grandpa, Dr. Malcolm Cowie, who gave me the Masonic relationship to become a member of the Masonic family. May I wish you, Most Excellent Sir, a successful and harmonious Convocation. Sincerely and gratefully, Karla Kelland."

Grand First Principal: By virtue of the power invested in me as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. and Yukon, I now declare this Informal Opening closed. I thank each and every one of you for attending.

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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 9:00 a.m. on Friday the 17th of September, 2004.

The Grand First Principal requested the Grand Scribe Ezra to admit the distinguished visitors from other Grand Royal Arch jurisdictions and Concordant Masonic bodies who, after introduction by VEC Leslie Adams, took seats in the East.

Regrets were received from The Grand High Priests of Newfoundland & Labrador; Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island; Grand First Principals of Saskatchewan; New Brunswick; Canada in Ontario; Quebec and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. Regrets were also received from Most Excellent Companions George Coupland, David D.S. Anderson, REC Hugh

Ferster and EC Jeremy Gomersall.
The following Resolution of Loyalty was read by the Grand First Principal, MEC Basil Hobbs. The Resolution was duly moved by REC Brian Richman and seconded by REC James Whyte and passed unanimously followed 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-Sixth Annual Convocation in the City of Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada, this 16th, 17th and 18th of September, 2004, re-affirm the loyalty of all its members to Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada; and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

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.

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 Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon on Friday, the 17th day of September, 2004.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

BASIL R. HOBBS
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

Grand Scribe Ezra: I move that the Minutes of the Eighty-fifth Annual Grand Convocation be adopted as printed in the year 2003 Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, Seconded by The Grand Scribe Nehemiah. The Motion carried.

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REPORT OF THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this our 86th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon in Campbell River.

Welcome too, to our Grand Master William Unrau and to all of the distinguished visits from other Royal Arch jurisdictions and from the concordant Masonic organizations and family.

Convocations are special occasions. They are time to renew acquaintances, to make new friends, a time to enjoy our Masonic fraternity and it is my wish that when this Convocation is concluded, you come away energized with hope for the future of Freemasonry in general and our Royal Arch in particular.

It is with pleasure that I stand before you and present this report of the past year's activities, comments and observations as your Grand First Principal for 2003-2004.

My Companions, a year ago I stood before you surrounded by my team of officers of Grand Chapter. We promised to reduce the per capita, transparency in the accounting and finances of your Grand Chapter, to concentrate on "growing the organization" and we did just that. We challenged all Companions to rededicate themselves, to concentrate on "Facing the Challenge" of making Royal Arch Masonry more relevant in their communities and in their Chapters. I could not have wished for a finer group of officers. I have therefore absolutely no hesitation in recommending that the permanent rank of Right Excellent Companion be confirmed on:

REC Robert Acreman – District 1
REC Gerry Kion – District 2
REC Rae Humeston – District 3
REC Gerry Lalonde – Districts 4 & 5
REC John Vandamme – District 6
REC Stanley Sorensen – District 7
REC Ted Kuiperi – District 8
REC Robert Clark – District 9
REC Donald Stirling – District 10
REC Richard Ebbert – District 11

In the same manner, I recommend the permanent rank of Very Excellent Companion be confirmed on:

VEC John McIntosh, Grand Scribe Nehemiah
VEC Vernon Jones, Grand Sword Bearer
VEC Richard Machin, Grand Master of the 4th Veil
VEC Norman McEvoy, Grand Master of the 3rd Veil
VEC Cy Saunders, Grand Master of the 1st Veil
VEC Gordon Hebden, Grand Standard Bearer
VEC Leslie Adams, Grand Director of Ceremonies
VEC Dave Lupton, Grand Pursuivant
VEC Alex Reid, Grand Steward
VEC Wayne Huffman, Grand Tyler

The appointed officers not mentioned have already attained the rank of Right Excellent Companion and I thank them for their service to Grand Chapter. A special thanks to Companion William O. Walls, Grand Organist.

I wish to thank my mentors, the late MEC Hunter James White, MEC Trevor Thomas and MEC Les Tutt as well as MEC Len Pickell, MEC Denis Carriere, MEC Tom Mickey, MEC Hilliard Clare, MEC Alex Rollo, MEC Norman Monro and Grand Scribe Ezra, MEC Joe Marshall for their unwavering support throughout my journey in Royal Arch Masonry.

I wish to recognize and thank VEC Alex Reid and MEC Malcolm Cowie and the entire 2004 Convocation Committee in Campbell River and Discovery Chapter, the host Chapter, for the time, dedication and effort spent towards making this "Facing the Challenge" Convocation a successful and memorable occasion.

There are many Companions who rose to Face the Challenge this past year and for your outstanding commitment I thank you. I especially would like to recognize VEC Les Adams who has faithfully served as Grand Director of Ceremonies and has accompanied me in my travels throughout this

Grand Jurisdiction

I wish also to recognize the contributions made by our Grand Treasurer, REC Ron Glover, to the financial direction of Grand Chapter. At the same

time I must recognize MEC Joe Marshall, our Grand Scribe Ezra for his yeoman's service to Grand Chapter. I would be remiss if I did not recognize the hard working editor of the Keystone, VEC John McIntosh and REC Jim Whyte, our Webmaster of the very successful Web Site, both of which are widely supported by the Companions. Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Executive Committee who have conscientiously pursued the business and developed the goals and objectives of Grand Chapter. Indeed, this past year has been a culmination of many past executive committees who continually examine the workings of Grand Chapter which are brought forward at each Convocation for the Companions to deliberate upon.

Focus is everything and we have looked at the committees of Grand Chapter and are this year recommending the establishment of five new Standing Committees: Benevolence, Internet Technology, Project Building, Fund Raising and Executive and we are starting to see our work bear fruit. Winston Churchill once said: ***"This is not the end. This is not the beginning of the end. But it may be the end of the beginning."***

Making Good on our Commitments

We have made a lot of progress over the course of a challenging year and there is a lot more progress to me made. Last year we outlined a vigorous action plan designed to address the Companions concerned, regain the confidence of our communities, both within and without the Masonic family and to elevate Royal Arch Masonry to its prominence as a leader in the Masonic Community. And during the past 12 months we have demonstrated both the capacity and resolve required to execute that plan. In short, we have done what we said we would do, we've made good on our commitments.

Let's examine the record

The financial affairs of Grand Chapter have been reviewed by the Finance Committee under the leadership of REC Dick Schafer and once again the per capita has been reduced. The Fund Raising Committee under the leadership of VEC Norm McEvoy has developed its terms of reference and begun fund raising ad has recommended the development of a Planned Giving program to enhance our Royal Arch Charities. Our Benevolence Committee under the leadership of VEC "Bud" Tarling has been actively assisting Companions in need. Our Project Building Committee under the

leadership of REC Bob Doige has had many meetings with all levels of government to promote the initiative of building further Senior's Assisted Homes similar to our very successful Royal Arch Masonic Home in Vancouver. Our Internet Technology or IT Committee under the leadership of Grand Senior Sojourner. REC Jim Whyte, has developed a very popular and active Web Site supporting the worthwhile activities of Grand Chapter and its members. Our Executive Committee under the leadership of our Grand Second Principal, REC George Eaton, has met throughout the past year reviewing all aspects of the ongoing development and planning for the future of Grand Chapter. The Education Committee under the leadership of VEC John McIntosh has introduced the four part talk given in Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction which has directly resulted in many new Brethren joining the Royal Arch and, together with the Keystone, has promoted Masonic education throughout Grand Chapter. All of the other committees have been working diligently as well.

The Grand Chapter charities have been hard at work with the result that their benevolence has touched the lives of many people, both young and old. I thank all of the members of the committees of Grand Chapter for their dedication and initiative in their continual pursuit of the goals of grand Chapter.

There were high expectations placed upon the Grand Superintendents for leadership in their districts. The task sent to them was to promote a project chosen by the Companions of their district in which the Companions could become involved in their community, in whatever field of endeavour they wished. This had to be a "grass roots" initiative. And you, my Companions, rose to the challenge. Let me give you some examples of the creative leadership throughout this Grand Jurisdiction; working with youth-mentorship programs; supporting our Royal Arch charities; the Life Line Project; Prostate Cancer awareness; Adopt a Highway Project, to name a few.

These programs and others were, and more importantly, continue to be supported throughout B.C. and Yukon by Royal Arch Masons. And they were recognized in the media through radio, television, the internet and newspapers, as they had never been before – and in a very positive manner. It is also interesting to note that this activity has also been recognized and copies by other Masonic and fraternal organizations in other jurisdictions outside of B.C. and Yukon.

We have been laying foundations. We have met this past year with members of all levels of government about Royal Arch Masonry and the desire by Chapters to see Seniors' Assisted Housing built in their communities, similar to the very successful Royal Arch Masonic Home in Vancouver.

We are now in a position to concentrate our efforts and resources on maintaining and enhancing Royal Arch leadership in our Chapters, our communities and the Masonic family.

Highlights

This year commenced with my visit to Discovery Chapter where I received a donation from the Job's Daughters to the victims of the devastating fires which took place in our province last year. A wonderful example to the leadership of our youth and all the more reason for Royal Arch Masons to support these young people. My next visit was to Whitehorse, Yukon, which coincided with the visit of the Grand Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star. I was and remain impressed by the majesty of the Yukon and the strength of character and hospitality of its citizens. Thank you so much for your hospitality.

The international visits this past year were another highlight. The Bellingham Bay visit resulted in my receiving the Virtual Past Master Degree, whilst the Blaine Peace Arch Dedication Ceremony was a further opportunity to renew the mystic tie which exists between Royal Arch Masons across the border of Canada and the United States. Likewise, the "Strawberry Night" at Mission Chapter was another opportunity to enjoy the common bond of our fraternity. Masonry has no boundaries.

There were two railway events this past year, one in Nanaimo and again in Kamloops. MEC Len Pickell and his Railway Degree Team provided a memorable experience to the many Brethren and Companions who attended. Along with VEC Dave Lupton, I had the pleasure of being the representative candidate in Nanaimo, whilst Most Worshipful Brother William Ferguson and REC Rae Humeston were given that honour in Kamloops. Masonic fellowship at its best.

There were two special celebrations this past year. Firstly, the 75th Anniversary of Tzouhalem Chapter in Duncan and secondly, the 100th Anniversary of Cyrus Chapter in Courtenay. Both Chapters commemorated

their respective anniversaries with enthusiasm and paid tribute to the contributions of the many past Companions who founded and continued the work of the Royal Arch to this very day.

The Royal Arch Cruise through the Hawaiian Islands in June, organized by our Grand Junior Warden Elect, EC Les Robinson, was very enjoyable and all of the Companions and their ladies who joined had a memorable experience. VEC John McIntosh organized a meeting of all Masons on board the ship, hosted by the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of B.C. and Yukon which was well attended with representatives from Chapters and Lodges all over the world.

Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon

I cannot say enough about the support received the year from the Grand Lodge of B.C. and Yukon, it was and continues to be outstanding. It was a pleasure to be invited to speak at the Recognition Ceremony for Most Worshipful Brother William Walls at Grand Lodge in Vancouver and to give tribute for his outstanding contribution to Freemasonry on behalf of the Companions of Royal Arch. It was a singular privilege to be accompanied by the Grand Master, William Ferguson into Simon Fraser Chapter and receive Grand Honours at the same time. The occasion was our Grand Master (then Deputy Grand Master) receiving his Mark Master Mason Degree. I wish to thank the Companions of Simon Fraser Chapter for bestowing upon me the honour of giving the obligation and I thank Grand Master William Ferguson for assisting me in raising Deputy Grand Master William Unrau on that auspicious occasion. This was to be repeated for each of the degrees for both DGM William Unrau and Senior Grand Warden Isaac Brower-Berkhoven (then Junior Grand Warden) in Westminster Chapter. I wish to give special commendation to the Officers and Companions of both Chapters for conferring the degrees in a most impressive and exemplary manner. It was a very memorable occasion to be supported by Most Worshipful Brothers Alex Reid, Waldie Manion, Doug Hargrove, William Walls and William Unrau, all Royal Arch Masons, and most of my Grand Chapter Officers at my installation as Worshipful Master of Manoah Lodge in Tofino earlier this summer. It was an honour to be invited to take part in Grand Lodge this year as Grand First Principal of Royal Arch Masons by Grand Master William Ferguson. Finally, it was an honour to be appointed Grand Senior Deacon this June by our Grand Master William Unrau.

Other Visitations

I had the opportunity to visit every District and many of the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction and the warmth and the friendship shown by the Companions and their ladies and families will remain with me always.

Spring Board of General Purposes

For those of you who didn't attend or weren't able to attend the Spring Board of General Purposes. I have before me my speech that I gave at that particular day. I am not going to read the whole thing but there are excerpts that I would like to repeat.

At that time, April 3rd, 2004 in Victoria, the Spring Board was hosted by Columbia Chapter, I said to them: "Companions I am passionate about our Royal Arch that we love and cherish and I have said this before, the difference between a successful organization and its members is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge but rather, a lack of will and there is certainly no lack of will in Royal Arch Masonry. The spirit, the will to win and the will to succeed, these are the things that endure and these are the qualities that are so much more important than any of the events that occasion them.

Individual commitments in a group effort, that is what makes teamwork and that is what is making a difference in Royal Arch Masonry today. I believe in teamwork through participation and I would like to particularly thank our host, Columbia Chapter No.1 and its Companions for organizing and hosting the activities of that Spring Board and I would like to recognize and thank our Grand Second Principal, REC George Eaton for so ably chairing that meeting and our Grand Third Principal, REC Brian Richman for acting as Master of Ceremonies later on in the evening.

I also say that our Grand Officers have, to a man, been stressing that we must face the challenge of making Royal Arch Masonry more relevant in our Chapters and our communities. I am very proud of their efforts. They are a wonderful and very dedicated team of gentlemen.

Initially I have observed a quiet determination on the part of Companions throughout this Grand Jurisdiction not to be complacent, but to adapt and grow the organization. I have seen a groundswell of enthusiasm to confer

degrees on candidates, to reach out to our communities, to become involved and to have fun doing it. The spark has become a flame which is becoming noticed, not only by concordant bodies, but also by citizens of this Province and Territory. And who has made this happen, I ask you? It is you my Companions! You and your families! You are promoting positive change and therefore growth in your Grand Chapter, not just in numbers, but growth in the commitment and dedication of leaders with the Masonic community and I am very proud to be with you here today."

Grand Representatives

This year I have made the following appointments as Grand Representatives from this Grand Jurisdiction:

Commissions Received

Alabama – VEC David F. Lewis
District of Columbia – Companion William O. Walls
Montana – MEC Basil Hobbs
Nebraska – The late VEC David Lupton and REC Rae Humeston
New South Wales – VEC John McIntosh
South Dakota – VEC Douglas Paugh
Western Australia – REC Jack Roche
Wyoming – VEC James Warren

Commissions Granted

Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario – REC Gerald Wilson
Grand Chapter of Ireland – REC Maynard S. Beatty
Grand Chapter of Maine – REC Donald Coates
Grand Chapter of Nebraska – REC James O. Pence

Necrology

This year we have lost many friends. Companions, who, each in their own way, have contributed to the fabric of Royal Arch Masonry. Our hearts go out to their families in their time of grief. The ceremony of tribute and remembrance conducted by our Grand Chaplain, wherein each District Superintendent placed a flower upon the Altar as a symbol of our respect and sorrow at the passing of our departed Companions. We also grieve for

our Companions who have lost members of their families through illness or accident. Your sorrow is ours. I wish to thank and express my appreciation to our Grand Chaplain, VEC "Bud" Tarling for his kind words of wisdom and comfort to those of our Companions and their families, who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all.

Appreciation

I have previously thanked my elected and appointed officers and those whose support I relied on. But I would like to thank all of the Companions for their trust and for their willingness to rededicate themselves to our Royal Craft. Everywhere I have traveled throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, I experienced the commitment and dedication of the Companions and their families to our fraternity. The warm welcome of fraternal friendship into their homes and communities is something that will remain with me forever.

Finally my Companions, I would like to express my deep appreciation to the Grand Second and Third Principals, REC George Eaton and REC Brian Richman for their contribution to Grand Chapter this year. It was a pleasure to serve with you on the Council. I offer you my full support in all of your future endeavours in Grand Chapter. I know that you will dedicate yourselves to the betterment of Royal Arch Masonry and I hope that you will enjoy your terms of office as I have.

My Companions, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Grand First Principal and thank you for your support this past year. We've made a lot of progress, but there's still a lot of progress to be made.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,
MEC Basil R. Hobbs
Grand First Principal

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REPORT OF THE GRAND HAGGAI

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

Excellent Companions,

This has been an interesting and productive year in this Grand Chapter.

We are experiencing a refreshing period of renewal and vigour in our Grand Chapter and in many of our chapters. In my talks to lodges I have found great interest in our order. I was honoured to be invited to take part in the degrees and installations of Chapters. The preparation and presentation of our rituals and ceremonies is what makes this a distinctive organization and one worth preserving. Will you help?

Many chapters have exalted Royal Arch Companions this year. Everywhere, I observed the candidates to be interested and attentive. They are joining our Chapters for the right reasons. Again, we heartily welcome and congratulate all our new Companions. In October, we again enjoyed an International Night and Affirmation Sunday with the ME Grand High Priest of Washington. These are very special occasions. Many Companions have plural membership in Canadian and American Chapters. January was very busy with numerous Chapter installations. It was a pleasure to Chair the Board of General Purposes in Victoria in April, 2004. The Board recommends upon matters to be brought before the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. It is important to meet this way and to share ideas amongst our Companions. Regrettably, I could not attend the Grand Chapters of Alberta or Washington in May, 2004. Next year the Grand High Priest of Washington and our Grand First Principal will be members of the same chapter. In June, I attended the celebration of Cyrus' Centennial and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, both in Courtenay, as well as the Annual Convocation of our Grand Lodge in Salmon Arm. In August, I attended the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada and the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor. Both Grand Convocations were held in Peterborough, Ontario in August. All Grand Chapter officers are dedicated to serve you – the Companions of this Jurisdiction. The Board of General Purposes will be in Roberts Creek, April 9, 2005. The next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter will be in Penticton. I am pleased to thank the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Scribe

Ezra and all the other officers for their support of Grand Chapter. I treasure the time I spend in Royal Arch Chapters and as a Grand Chapter Officer. I thank every Companion for the privilege of serving you, most recently as your Grand Second Principal, George II. I am always willing to assist you in your Chapters. I look forward to seeing you frequently in the coming year. Will you help?

Respectfully submitted,
George W. Eaton,
Grand Joshua.

I move this report be received.

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REPORT OF THE GRAND JOSHUA

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

Excellent Companions:

Respectfully submitted
REC Brian Richman
Grand Joshua

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GRAND CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE
VEC Bernard K. Tarling

A majestic cathedral in Northern Europe was widely renowned for its magnificent organ. Unlike the instruments of today, those organs depended upon the labours of a man who would pump, by hand, the great bellows which supplied the air needed for the organ to produce its sound.

A guest organist was scheduled to play for an afternoon recital featuring the works of Mozart and Mendelssohn. This brilliant guest organist bowed to the audience and announced, "For my first selection, I will play a piece by Mozart." He then sat at the organ and began to press the keys but absolutely no sound came out. He attempted a second time but again, to no avail. The third time, rather aggravated, he said loudly, "For my first selection I will play a piece by Mozart." He returned to the keyboard but still there was no sound. Suddenly, he heard a voice from behind the organ, "If you don't say 'WE', I ain't gonna pump." The organist smiled and announced, "For OUR first selection, WE will perform a piece by Mozart." Then beautiful music was heard by all.

The communities in which we live, and the groups of which we are a part, always play their best music when we realize that it is "we" and not just "I". One of the greatest threats facing us as we begin our journey through this century is a fierce individualism that prevents unity of purpose. We are so busy with our own agendas, so preoccupied with out own needs, so anxious about our own future, that we can, all too easily, become isolated from one another. Our ancestors in the faith – and perhaps even in gatherings such as this, knew better. For them, life was difficult and so they seized every opportunity to be together, to work together, to tell stories together, to celebrate the turning of the seasons together and perhaps, most important of all, to eat together. Perhaps this is one reason the communal table lies close to the heart of our respective faith traditions – the Passover Seder of our Jewish Brethren and the Lord's Table at the centre of Christian life, The Great Architect of our lives knew that gathering at table teaches us that we are a community, that we have a common hunger for each other. He knew also, that the greatest hunger beyond all other hungers and desires, is the hunger for God: There is a hunger in our soul that only relationship with God can satisfy.

Every Spring, two religious festivals are celebrated – the Jewish Passover and Christian Easter. When our Jewish friends gather to share the Passover meal, they are celebrating deliverance from oppression and the new opportunities for life that have been given to them. When Christians meet on Easter morning, it is to celebrate the victory of light and life over darkness and despair. And so all of us are reminded of the freedom and new life God has gives us. We are reminded that we belong to one another and that we belong to God. We are reminded that, despite the fact that we come as different people from different backgrounds, young and old, rich and poor, we are a community. This may well be one of the most significant and lasting contributions Freemasonry can make and, in particular, Royal Arch Masonry, to the fractured and fragmented world in which we live, demonstrating that it is possible for brothers and sisters, to dwell together in unity of heart and mind.

Some of you will have had the opportunity to visit Sequoia National Park in northern California as I have had. From these magnificent trees we derive a very valuable insight. You will never find a sequoia in isolation. Why? Because they only survive by remaining close to each other. Despite the immense size to which they grow, sequoias have very shallow roots. They survive because the root system of each tree is interwoven with those of its neighbours. This is where their strength derives. When the fierce winds come, the trees literally depend on one another to stand. There is no room for rugged individualism here. Community is the answer.

And so, with thankfulness and joy, for the unity we share at this gathering and the unity to which we aspire, may our hearts go out in love to meet the love of God.

In closing, I must add that this message was an adaptation from an article by a former Masonic Grand Chaplain of another jurisdiction. In my opinion, its message could not be more appropriate for this Royal Arch Convocation. Thank you very much.

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ROLL CALL OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

1978 Most Excellent Companion George H. Coupland (Regrets)
1982 Most Excellent Companion Stephen G. Redgrave
1985 Most Excellent Companion R. Hilliard Clare
1987 Most Excellent Companion Roderick A. Cutler
1989 Most Excellent Companion Thomas O. Mickey
1991 Most Excellent Companion Alexander S. Rollo
1994 Most Excellent Companion William R. Shippam
1998 Most Excellent Companion Leonard G.B. Pickell
1999 Most Excellent Companion Joseph R. Marshall
2000 Most Excellent Companion Denis S. Carriere
2001 Most Excellent Companion David D.S. Anderson
2002 Most Excellent Companion David B. Turner
2003 Most Excellent Companion Norman K. Monro

Grand First Principal: I am now going to call MEC Stephen Redgrave the senior Past Grand First Principal present to reply.
Most Excellent Companion Clare: MEC Redgrave is at a loss for words and has asked me to reply on his behalf. We thank you Most Excellent Sir for your recognition and Grand Honours and all things being equal you will soon be joining us. We congratulate you on a very successful year and wish you an equally successful Grand Convocation.

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RECEPTION OF FIRST PRINCIPALS OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

Columbia Chapter No. 1	EC Michael Ross - Proxy
Kootenay Chapter No. 3	EC James Embry - Absent
Rossland Chapter No. 4	EC D.R. Dudley - Absent
Westminster Chapter No 6.	REC Alastair Ross
Rocky Mountain Chapter No. 7	EC Picton - Proxy
Keystone Chapter No. 8	EC Dave Lupton - Proxy
Cyrus Chapter No. 10	EC Tom Feely
Okanagan Chapter No. 11	EC G. Latter
Kaien Chapter No. 13	EC Murray Webster
North Vancouver Chapter No. 16	REC Alex Hart - Proxy

Kelowna Chapter No. 17	EC Shawn DeNevers - Proxy
Kamloops Chapter No. 18	EC Dave Ogilvy
Chilliwack Chapter No. 19	EC Robert J. Brady - Proxy
Mount Moriah Chapter No. 20	REC B. Flewelling - Absent
Triple Tau Chapter No. 21	EC John Barnes
Penticton Chapter No. 22	EC Ian Swann
Composite Chapter No. 24	EC Ian McLean
Observatory Chapter No. 25	REC Ray Huey - Proxy
Tzouhalem Chapter No. 26	REC Arnie Krenz
Papyrus Chapter No. 27	EC Verendra Varma
Mission Chapter No. 28	EC Norman Atha - Proxy
Granite Chapter No. 29	EC Neil G. Griffiths - Proxy
King Solomon Chapter No. 30	EC Garry Hodge
Joppa Chapter No. 31	EC Keith Godfrey
Majuba Chapter No. 33	EC Mike Brisley
Semiahmoo Chapter No. 34	VEC Neil Marsh
Cathedral Chapter No. 35	VEC David McEachern
Fort George Chapter No. 36	EC Karl Ellingsen
Kalum Chapter No. 37	J.J.L. Chapman - Absent
Yukon Chapter No. 38	EC D.D. Hawkley – Proxy
Georgian Chapter No. 39	EC Norman Blair - Proxy
Simon Fraser No. 40	EC Gordon Hannay - Proxy
Dawson Creek Chapter No. 41	EC Larry Holthe - Proxy
Cariboo Chapter No. 43	EC Norman Purmal -
ProxyPacific Rim Chapter No. 44	EC Daniel St. Laurent
Discovery Chapter No 45	EC David Storrie - Proxy

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

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REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER
For the Year-ended 31st of December, 2003

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

Excellent Companions:

I now present to you the Financial Statements for the year ended the 31st of December, 2003. The Accounts of your Grand Chapter have been audited by either VEC D. Lewis, REC H. Freeston or EC J. Firbank to which they have signed the Auditors' Report and accepted the Financial Statements for that financial reporting period. These statements comprise the following reports:

1 **General Accounts**
- Statement of financial Position
- Income and Expenditure Statement
- Notes to Financial Statement
- Statement of Cash Flows

2 **Bursary Account**
- Statement of Financial Position –
  - Capital Fund
- Income and Expenditure Statement –
  - Capital & Annual Fund
- Statement of Cash Flows –
  - Capital Fund

Appended to this Report are the various statements listed above showing the actual 2003 results compared to the 2003 planned estimates and, for your information, show the actual data for the year 2002.

Every effort has been and still continuing to be made to explore areas of increasing revenues and reducing or controlling expenditures in your Grand Chapter. It goes without saying that close cooperation with the Finance Committee your Grand Scribe Ezra and myself, has been the keyword in achieving the results over the past three years and this spirit of working in close harmony continues.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Your Grand Chapter's General Account produced the following results. We received an income of $43,127 and incurred expenditures of $36,733, ending up with a net income of $6,394 for the year.

Actual income received as compared to planned was favourable by $3,132, mainly resulting from higher than planned investment interest of $3,288. Our actual investment interest earned in the year at $8,288 or an average return of 6.05% on our investment cost compares to a return of 7.5% in 2002.

On the expenditure side of the statement, our actual expenses at $36,733 were less then planned by $392. This favourable variance can be attributed to the following factors:

Major Favourable Variances

Grand Z. Itineraries – produced in the Grand Chapter Office	$ 305
Grand Scribe E. Travel Costs	$ 452
Rent – Nil increase levied	$ 290
District 10 Travel – No expenses incurred in 2002	$ 600
Jewels/Pins/Regalia – mainly inventory evaluation count	$1,296
Print Keystone – quantity reduction	$ 314
Postage – greater use of Email versus Canada Post	$ 639
Telephone – Email usage and using Primus in lieu of TELUS	$ 351
Computer repairs – nil expenses for the year	$ 250
Total Major Favourable Variances	**$4,497**

Major Unfavourable Variances

Grand Z. Travel – Yukon, timing of visit	($700)
Printing General –	
Write-off a portion of outdated publications	($2,078)
Stationery/Office – Replacement copier cartridges	($310)
Computer Supplies –	
In house printing/cartridge refills, Annual return forms	($231)
Amortization – Write-off old Dell Computer	($683)
Total Major Favourable Variances	**($4,002)**

INVESTMENTS

Companions, you may remember that in 2002 we made provision for a loss

on our investment in Saskatchewan Wheat Pool of $3,500. At that point in time it was uncertain if Saskatchewan Wheat would become bankrupt or agree to a re-organization; the latter was decided upon in early Spring of 2003. I'm pleased to report that since this restructuring, we have seen a gain of some $2,487 which brought the market value to $4,487 at December 31st, 2003. This investment is being monitored closely to see how it performs this year and if it holds its value or not.

In December 2003, I was advised that our investment in Suncor Energy was to be redeemed by the company. Incidentally, we held preferred shares in the company. For your information, since that announcement, the preferred shares have been redeemed on March 15th, 2004. The average rate of investment return for these shares was 8.41% last year, which will no doubt have an adverse impact on our average Return on Investment for 2004.

The total of all our long-term investments at year end amounted to $136,954, which is $9,537 less and in 2002. Our investment in CMHC – $10,008, matured December 2003. I endeavoured to place the funds into Provincial Bonds but the rate offered was equal to that of a cashable bond (plus broker's fee), so I place $8,000 into our ING Direct Savings account earning, at the time, 2.5% compounded monthly, as an interim measure until investment rates rise. At year end we had $26,000 in our ING Direct Savings account which earned 3% interest initially, and at year's end paid 2.5%.

Companions, that just about sums up the activity of our General Account for last year – 2003, does anyone have any questions they would like to ask at this time before I proceed to review the results of our Bursary Account?
(No questions were forthcoming).

BURSARY ACCOUNT

Capital Fund

Last year the total of the Bursaries awarded to students amount to $10,800 and we had an increase in our Capital account of $1,920. Our Capital fund had investment income for the year at $6,861 and together with Capital donations of $2,062, amounted to a Capital income of $8,924, of this we transferred to the Annual fund $7,004.

Annual Fund

In addition to the amount of investment income transferred from the Capital Fund, we received specific donations of $3,796 to the Annual Fund which provided the funds necessary for the awarding of $10,800 in total, as bursaries to deserving students.

Companions, don't forget that when you remit any donations to your Grand Chapter office, please specify which fund you wish to apply the funds to, i.e. either the Capital or the Annual Fund.

Last year our total Bursary investments remained the same as reported at the end of 2002 - $104,071. The average return on investments in 2003 amounted to 6.9% compared to a reported figure of 7.9% in 2002. The same comments that I have mentioned with regard to Saskatchewan Wheat also apply to the Bursary investment loss of $3,500.

Does any Companion have any questions on the Bursary Account before I give a brief overview of out financial position so far in 2004?
(No questions were forthcoming).

2004 OUTLOOK

How are we doing in 2004? So far this year things are going along on an even keel with regard to income and expenditures of your Grand Chapter. However, on the investment side of the ledger, changes have taken place as follows:- With the approval of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, all our investments with Nesbitt Burns were transferred to another investment company – Odlum Brown, a private investment brokerage house and a complete review undertaken of all your Grand Chapter holdings. The outcome being that our investments in Clarington, Triax and Aim (Mutual & Trust Funds) were drastically amended.

General Account

Aim – 100% of this investment was sold. Acquired prior to 2001 at a cost of $25,000.00, we received $18,599.82, generating a loss of $6,400.18 (25.76%). Interest received since 2001 totalled $5,867.13, which provided a net loss of $573.05 over the last 3½ years.

Triax – 50% of this investment was sold, which cost $12,441.23 prior to 2001; we received $10,294.90, which produced a loss of $2,146.33 (17.25%). Interest received since 2001 totalled $3,489.65, which provided a net profit of $1,343.32 over the last 3½ years. Hardly an earth shattering return for the period held.

Overall, with sale of the above two investments, a loss on sale of investments of $8,586.51 will be charged to Grand Chapter General Account this year, but this will be reduced by the provision for loss on investments carried on the Balance Sheet of $3,500.00, resulting in a net loss in 2004 of $5,086.51 being charged against revenues for this year.

Bursary Account
Similarly, the Bursary Account was reviewed and the following action taken.

Clarington – Purchased prior to 2001 at a cost of $11,495.99, 100% of this investment was sold and realized a value of $9,157.17, giving a loss of $2,337.83. In the same time frame, 2001 to mid 2004 as above, we received $2,735.83, realizing a net gain of $398.00 over the same period.

Aim – Half of the acquired investment valued at $7,500.00, realized $5,500.00 when sold, resulting in a loss of $2,000.00 in the same time frame as above. Interest received totalled $1,808.85 which produced a net loss of $191.15.

Triax – Half of the acquired investment valued at $10,169.32, only realized $7,487.20 when sold, or generating a loss on sale of $2,682.12, using the same time frame mentioned above. Interest received amounted to $2,720.00 resulting in a net gain of $37.88.

Therefore, your Bursary Account suffered a loss on sale of $7,019.95, once again it is planned to reduce this amount of loss by the provision for loss on investments carried on the Balance Sheet of $3,500.00, which will result in a net loss for 2004 of $3,519.95 being charged against revenues received in this year.

The proceeds from the sale of the above investments, plus savings held at ING Direct, have now been re-invested in the General Fund, whereas the

proceeds from Bursary sale have been re-invested as shown below:

		GENERAL	BURSARY
GMAC	5.7%	$ 16,000.00	$6,037.28
GE	5.15%	$16,000.00	$5,983.69
RBC	5.0%	$16,000.00	$5,010.37
FORD	6.0%	$16,000.00	$5,000.00
	Total	**$64,000.00**	**$22,031.34**

Fraternally submitted
REC Ron Glover, Grand Treasurer

I move the adoption of this report seconded by VEC Norman McEvoy There being no discussion a vote was called and the motion passed.

GRAND CHAPTER *of* ROYAL ARCH MASONS

British Columbia & Yukon

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - "GENERAL FUND"

For the Year Ended December 31st 2003

			ACTUAL 2002	ACTUAL 2003	PLAN 2003	VARIANCE to Plan 2003
INCOME						
	Capita Dues		39,386	31,589	32,400	(811)
	Bank Interest		118	287	100	187
	Investment Interest		11,092	8,288	5,000	3,288
	Keystone		509	18	150	(132)
	Proceedings		1,968	96	900	(804)
	Certificates		1,000	860	600	260
	Regalia Cases		840	0	0	0
	Misc.Income (note 4)		2,088	1,989	845	1,144
	TOTAL INCOME		**57,001**	**43,127**	**39,995**	**3,132**
EXPENDITURE						
	Bank Charges		125	0	0	0
	Grand "Z" .	- Travel-B.C	4,700	4,700	4,700	0
		- Travel Yukon	0	700	0	(700)
		Itineraries	260	45	350	305
	Grand "E"	Travel	487	298	750	452
		Honorarium	11,400	12,000	12,000	0
	Grand Trea.	Honorarium	500	500	500	0
		Travel	0	500	500	0
	Insurance		425	489	425	(64)
	Rent		3,960	3,960	4,250	290
	District 10 Travel		0	0	600	600
	Jewels/Pins/Regalia		1,031	54	1,350	1,296
	Regalia Replacement Fund		0	2,000	2,000	0
	Printing	- Proceedings	1,937	849	1,000	151
		-Keystone	1,204,	686	1,000	314
		- General (note 5)	2,161	3,328	1,250	(2,078)
	Postage		2,202	1,361	2,000	639
	Telephone		1,036	849	1,200	351
	Stationery/Office Supplies		297	910	600	(310)
	Cases - Regalia		600	0	0	0
	Miscellaneous		133	61	50	(11)
	Computer Supplies		349	531	300	(231)
	Repairs	- Computers	109	0	250	250
		- Office Equip.	0	0	0	0
	Amortization		2,317	2,912	2,050	(862)
	Investment Loss (note 6)		3,500	0	0	0
	TOTAL EXPENSES		**38,733**	**36,733**	**37,125**	**392**
	NET INCOME/(LOSS)		**$ 18,268**	**$ 6,394**	**$ 2,870**	**$ 3,524**
	Purchase Office Equipt		*1,089*	*0*	*1,000*	*1,000*
	Purchase Computer Equipt.		*0*	*685*	*1,000*	*315*
	Convocatian Advance		*0*	*0*	*500*	*500*
	Imprest Account		*150*	*0*	*0*	*0*
GCFinancials.xls	*Purchase Regalia*		*494*	*0*	*0*	*0*
P&LofPlan.xls	***CASH OUTLAY***		***$ 40,466***	***$ 37418***	***$ 39,625***	***$ 2,207***

GRAND CHAPTER *of* ROYAL ARCH MASONS

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS. - "GENERAL ACCOUNT"

For tbe Year Ended DECEMBER 31st. 2003

			$
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURES)		**$**	**6,393.97**
SOURCE of FUNDS ..			
Amortization			2,912.00
Regalia Reserve Fund			2,000.00
Investments Matured			20,134.57
Inventories			2,540.35
HSBC Casbable Bond			5,000.00
Accounts Receivable			1,323.06
	Source	**$**	**33,909.98**
	sub total	$	40,303.95
APPLICATION of FUNDS			
Fixed Assets . Regalia			685.12
Accounts Payable			1,168.28
Investment Interest Receivables			41.43
Net Investmeut Made			10,597.31
ING Savings Account			26,000.00
	Application	**$**	**38,492.14**
	Net Cash Flow	$	1,811.81
BANK BALANCE at January 1st 2003		**$**	2,891.27
BANK BALANCE at December 31st 2003		**$**	4,703.08

INVESTMENT HOLDINGS - Nesbitt Burns

		Cost	%	Market Value
Long Term...		**$**	**Return**	**$**
Prov of Quebec		10,597.31	5.19%	10,565.90
Prov of Nova Scotia		10,816.88	4.85%	10,423.00
Prov of Ontario		19,649.20	5.09%	20,670.00
Prov New Bruns.		10,722.55	5.92%	10,991.50
Prov of Sask.		12,390.36	5.33%	12,704.28
Bank ofMontreal		12,421.80	7.01%	12,358.50
Sask Wheat		5,043.25	5.82%	4,487.32
Suncor Energy		5,380.00	8.41%	5,060.00
Triax Diversified		24,882.47	7.43%	21,670.00
AIM Canada		25,000.00	6.22%	18,667.88
	Total...	**$ 136,953.82**	**6.05%**	**$ 127,598.38**
Savings...				
ING Direct	**Total...**	**$ 26,000.00**		**$ 26,000.00**

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PROPOSED GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2005

INCOME STATEMENT

	Actual 2002 $	Actual 2003 $	Budget 2003 $	Budget 2004 $	Budget 2005 $
Sundry Income:					
Bank & Savings Interest	118	287	100	0	300
Investment Income	11,092	8,288	5,000	7,750	7,300
Keystones	509	18	150	600	450
Proceedings	1,968	96	900	800	800
Certificates	1,000	860	600	750	500
Regalia Cases	840	0	0	0	0
Dispensations	250	150	150	0	130
Jewels/Pins 50/60 yr	85	120	50	0	200
Royal Art	0	75	45	0	45
Constitutions	215	603	200	0	200
Rituals	498	386	100	0	100
Ceremonies/Guides	140	272	100	0	100
Manuals/Porch Sheets	39	71	50	0	0
25 yr Pins	801	301	150	500	50
Misc	60	11	0	0	0
Total Sundry Income	**17,615**	**11,538**	**7,595**	**10,400**	**10,175**
PER CAPITA	**39,386**	**31,589**	**32,400**	**27,500**	**25,500**
TOTAL INCOME	**57,001**	**43,127**	**39,995**	**37,900**	**35,675**

FCBudget
FCIncBudget.xls

Grand Chapter Royal Arch - Bursary Account
Grand Treasurer's Statement of Cash Flows.
For the Year Ended December 31st, 2003

"CAPITAL FUND"

		$
Net Capital Income		1,919.92
Source of Funds:		
	Investment Receivables	0.00
	Source Total	**0.00**
Application of Funds:		
	Application Total	0.00
	Net Cash Flow	**0.00**
Opening Bank Balance Jan. 1st 2003		$ 5,557.83
Closing Bank Balance Dec 31st 2003		**$ 7,477.75**

Investments Held @ Dec 31st 2003	**Cost**	**Interest %**	**Market Value**
Nesbitt Burns -	$	Return	$
Prov. Ontario	14.736.90	5.09	15,502.50
Aim Canada	15.000.00	6.22	11,200.73
Sask. Wheat	5,043.45	5.82	4.487.32
Triax Diversified	20,338.65	6.61	15,760.00
Westshore Terminals	6,050.00	11.59	7,250.00
Clarington	11,495.00	7.21	9,537.26
Prov. New Bruns. 5.7%	10,270.56	5.74	10,652.40
Prov. Sask.	10,363.72	7.72	10,259.84
Prov. of New Bruns. 6.375%	10.772.55	5.74	10,991.50
Totals	**$ 104.070.83**	**6.59%**	**$ 95.641.55**

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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:

As you have learned from the Grand Treasurer's report which will be confirmed, I am sure, by the Report of the Finance Committee, the costs of operating the Grand Chapter Office have been further reduced and therefore, keeping well within the budget.

One of the reductions in expenditures over the past year was attained by switching from TELUS to Primus which has reduced our long distance charges by $25.00 to $30.00 per month. The use of the internet service to a greater degree has reduced out expenditures for postage considerably. Of course, this year, as was the case last year, the Grand Convocation Programs and Memorial Service Programs were done in house at considerable savings.

It was not possible to produce advance proceedings due to the lateness of Committee reports being submitted to Grand Chapter and there was not enough time to reproduce them. Some reports will only be received after presentation at the Grand Convocation. Last year a partial advance proceedings was prepared. However, when thought was given to the production costs of printing a complete advance proceedings, it was decided that the cost would be prohibitive. It is estimated that costs would be upwards of $400.00 and it would be up to the Finance Committee and Grand Treasurer to give approval to such expenditure. I have however produced (in office) for your general information, the financial statements prepared by the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee Report which includes the proposed budget for the year 2005.

As the Scribes Ezra are aware, the Keystone Newsletter has been available on our Web Site only. The reason being it has been produced on four separate pages and the cost to have 1800 of these four 8½" by 11" pages, printed would be prohibitive. However, if the Keystone was printed on one sheet of 11" by 17" paper as it was in the past, costs would be more reasonable. All Scribes Ezra are not in possession of a computer and thus, have no access to

the Web Site and likewise, not all Companions have access to the Web Site so it is necessary, if all Companions are to receive the Keystone Newsletter, they must be printed in a manner that sufficient numbers can be printed to be sent out to the Chapters so every Companions receives a copy.

The year 2003 shows another decrease in membership. With some adjustments being made to the report at last year's Grand Convocation, the membership roll as at the 31st of December, 2002 was 1,369. The statistics as at the 31st of December, 2003 are as follows:

Exaltations	61	
Affiliations	29	
Restored	2	Total 92
Deaths	(72)	
Demits	(93)	
Suspensions	(116)	Total (281)

Members on the Roll as at 31 December, 2003 **2,180**

What these figures do not show is the tremendous presentation of the four part program which has been presented at Lodges throughout this jurisdiction and the dedication of the Companions to go to Lodges to make this presentation. I am hopeful that our 2004 statistics will show that we are in a much stronger position.

Again, I would request that when you are sending attachments via Email to the Grand Office that you please state your name. With all the viruses and scams going on, I will be deleting the message if it does not state who it is from. Also, Chapter notices are received with half a page of address. There is a simple way to eliminate this and if you see me after the close today's session I would be most happy to give you the formula.

I would like to thank the Scribes Ezra for the cooperation and assistance throughout the year. Several new Scribes have come on board this year and their performance has been admirable.

After many years of good and faithful service as Scribe Ezra of Rocky Mountain Chapter No. 7, REC Richard "Dick" Mercer has resigned, having

for your many years of service to this Grand Chapter.

It is with deepest sympathy that we not the passing to the Grand Chapter Above of VEC Dave Lupton, First Principal of Keystone Chapter No. 8 and for many years the Scribe Ezra; REC Larry Parker for many years the Scribe Ezra of Penticton Chapter No. 22 who passed away most suddenly. Our deepest sympathy also goes out to REC Bill Ferguson (the younger) Scribe Ezra of Kelowna Chapter No. 17, whose wife was fatally injured when road racers crashed into REC Ferguson's car and to REC Phil Robinson of North Vancouver Chapter No. 16 whose wife, Denise died of injuries sustained in a bicycle accident.

Fraternally submitted,
MEC Joseph R. Marshall
Grand Scribe Ezra

I would move the adoption of this report seconded by VEC John McIntosh, Grand Scribe Nehemiah.

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

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GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE HOURS

9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

		Members	Restored		Deceased		Demitted		c/f 2004
Chapter	No.		Exalted	Affiliated		Suspended		Expelled	
		1/112003							
Columbia	1	164	2	0	3	7	0	0	0	162
Kootenay	3	25	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	23
Rossland	4	52	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	48
Westminster	6	50	4	0	0	3	0	3	0	48
Rocky Mountain	7	111	4	1	2	5	4	6	0	103
Keystone	8	70	1	1	0	2	5	5	0	60
Cyrus	10	123	0	0	0	7	0	10	0	106
Okanagan	11	56	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	52
Kaien	13	54	2	0	0	3	1	1	0	51
Camosun	14	83	0	0	0	0	83	0	0	0
North Vancouver	16	42	2	0	0	0	1	4	0	39
Kelowna	17	44	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	43
Kamloops	18	79	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	77
Chilliwack	19	105	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	97
Mount Moriah	20	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	26
Triple Tau	21	92	1	0	0	4	4	1	0	84
Penticlon	22	39	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	39
Composite	24	38	1	0	1	1	.0	5	0	34
Observatory	25	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
T zouhalern	26	68	4	0	4	3	3	5	0	65
Papyrus	27	33	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	29
Mission	28	40	4	0	1	2	2	2	0	39
Granite	29	32	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	29
King Solomon	30	56	4	0	1	2	0	1	0	58
Joppa	31	156	4	0	0	2	0	5	0	153
Majuba	33	34	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	31
Semiahmoo	34	58	2	0	2	1	0	4	0	57
Cathedral	35	61	3	0	1	0	4	3	0	58
Fort George	36	104	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	101
Kalum	37	67	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	65
Yukon	38	53	1	0	0	2	2	2	0	48
Georgian	39	47	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	45
Simon Fraser	40	62	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	63
Dawson Creek	41	114	3	0	0	1	4	.4	0	108
Caribou	43	39	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	40
Padlic Rim	44	23	4	0	8	1	0	5	0	29
Discovery	45	38	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	40
TOTALS		2369	61	2	29	72	116	93	0	2180

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS AND JURISPRUDENCE

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

Companions:

The members of this Committee are REC Marvin Lundeen and REC Ron Bushby and I thank them for their involvement and support.

The Committee has met and discussed a number of proposed amendments, along with other items referred to this Committee. I trust that our decisions have proven constructive and helpful to all concerned. All Constitutional matters will be discussed under item No. 27 on the agenda.

Respectfully submitted
MEC Denis S. Carriere, Chairman

I move that this report be adopted seconded by REC Lundeen
There being no discussion a vote was called and the motion passed

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REC James Whyte: Most Excellent Grand First Principal, I speak to the Motions I made at the Grand Convocation in Chilliwack last year which were tabled. I withdraw the proposed amendments under Article 17 except my motion for a new Section 17.7. I move, seconded by REC Brian Richman the following amendment:
17.7 – Grand First Principal Empowered – If the Grand First Principal (Elect) rejects any nominee, he may appoint another Past First Principal from the same Chapter or order a selection to be made from the next Chapter in Rotation.

After some discussion, a vote was taken and the motion carried

REC Brian Richman: At the Convocation held in Chilliwack in 2003, I put forward a motion regarding the redistribution of Districts which was tabled. I now bring this forward again for consideration. After considerable discussion it was moved and seconded that this be again tabled and sent to a committee for further discussion.

A vote was taken and the motion to table was carried

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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the 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 three times this past year. The first was to examine last year's figures; and we found that they were close to those projected in the 2003 budget.

Our second meeting was to prepare a budget for the year 2005 and this was presented at the Spring Board in Victoria on April 3rd, 2004. At that time we asked for comments, suggestions, criticism or proposals to improve upon it: none were forthcoming at that meeting and to date, this Committee has not received any. The exception is that our rent has been raised.

Our third meeting was set to finalize the budget for 2005. It was examined item by item and all members of the Committee accepted and agreed that the Per Capita, based on the number of members projected for 2005, would be $12.00; a reduction of $0.50 from last year's budget. The details follow in this report.

The books for the year 2003 have been audited, found correct and in order with a surplus of $6,394.00 from the year 2003, due in part to proper accounting principles, some office furniture not purchased and a small increase in profits from investments.

The Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer reported on the status of this

year's budget (2004), which is staying close to projections. The Grand Scribe E. reported that he had ordered 10 only 50 year jewels, the details of which are contained in this report.

The Grand Treasurer reported on our investments. The Committee agreed that the services of Nesbitt-Burns be discontinued and that we use Odlum-Brown Investments instead. The Committee also agreed that we change some of our securities to ones earning a higher rate of interest, which he was in the process of doing.

To bring the cost of printing down, we urge members who are able, to obtain their copy of the "Keystone Edition" from the internet. For those Scribes E. who do not have the facilities, to order the required number needed from the Grand Scribe E's office.

We urge that some consideration be given when appointing a Grand Scribe N., that he be an understudy to the Grand Scribe E., in order to be able to take control in an emergency.

Our sincere thanks to the Grand Scribe "E" and the Grand Treasurer, who together, make all of us on the Committee look good.

Respectfully submitted
REC Richard Schafer, Chairman

I move the adoption of this report seconded by REC H.D. Freeston
There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion carried.

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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 Basil Roland Hobbs received his oath of office at the Eighty Fifth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon on the 20th day of September 2003, which was held at the City of Chilliwack, British Columbia.

MEC Basil Hobbs addressed the Assembly with his theme:
"FACING THE CHALLENGE"

"My Companions, I stand before you humbled and gratified by the kindness and generosity you have shown in electing me to the position of Grand First Principal of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon. My theme for the upcoming year and note, it is not my year, but your year, is *Facing the Challenge* to make Royal Arch Masonry more relevant both in our Chapters and in our communities. Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organizational objectives; it is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon goals. The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.

We have a tremendous team of Companions in Royal Arch Masonry in British Columbia and Yukon, and I know from speaking with many of you that there exists a determined commitment to Royal Arch Masonry. There is certainly no lack of will. The spirit, the will to excel, these are the things that endure and these are the qualities of a Royal Arch Mason, qualities that are so much more important than any of the events that occasion them. Individual commitment to a group effort-that is what makes a team work, a society work, a civilization work and that is what will make Royal Arch Masonry succeed.

I have asked each of the District Superintendents to initiate and implement

at least one project in which the Companions of their District can become involved in their community. Whether that involvement is one of charitable goals, sport, cultural, educational, or any of the Royal Arch Charities is up to you my Companions. The key is to be involved in your communities.

I would ask that each one of you do all you can to support your District Superintendents with this task.

If you ask any Companion in this Grand Jurisdiction what it is that he and he family do when he is not attending Chapter, you are likely to be amazed and impressed at the positive and compassionate extent of his and his families involvement within his community.

Royal Arch Masons are leaders, both in Freemasonry generally and in their Chapters and their Communities specifically. It is this leadership that I would like to see emphasized and I am counting upon your support to ensure it happens.

We have but twelve months ahead of us in the Royal Arch Masonic year-brief enough time in the context of a lifetime, but an age when you consider the 365 days within it upon any and everyone of which we can act to further the work of Royal Arch Masonry to the benefit of our Companions, our families, and the society in which we prosper. I ask you please to take advantage of each one of those precious days as I promise that I will in the upcoming year.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve you, the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon. I look forward with much anticipation to meeting with you during the upcoming year."

On September 22, 2003, MEC Hobbs selected Discovery Chapter, the host Chapter for the 2004 Convocation, to make his first Official Visit to District 11 and to receive the congratulations from the Companions of the District as well as the visiting Companions from all of the Chapters on Vancouver Island and many from the mainland. The Grand First Principal presented an engraved "quaigh" recognizing the unique bond of fellowship in Royal Arch Masonry to the District Superintendent who accepted on behalf of Discovery Chapter. MEC Hobbs was to make similar presentations at each of his Official Visits to the Districts in the Grand Jurisdiction. His gesture

was appreciated by all.

On September 26, 2003, the Grand First Principal flew to Whitehorse, Yukon, to attend his Official Visit to District 10 held at Yukon Chapter. On the same flight were the Grand Officers from the Order of the Eastern Star who were also attending Whitehorse for their Official Visit. The weekend was spent with members of Royal Arch and Eastern Star touring the majesty of Yukon and meeting with their counterparts in the State of Alaska which epitomized the close ties of the Masonic family and left a lasting impression on everyone who participated. The Grand First Principal was presented with a hand painted "gold pan" and a promise from MEC Tom Mickey that when he next returned to visit Yukon he would be given proper instruction in its use! MEC Hobbs thanked the Companions and their wives from Yukon Chapter for their tremendous hospitality.

On October 8, 2003, the Grand First Principal attended Mount Moriah Chapter for his Official Visit to District 4/5. He was accompanied by MEC Norman Munro and was welcomed by the Companions and their wives at a banquet held to mark the occasion.

On October 16, 2003, the Grand First Principal attended Okanagan Chapter for his Official Visit to District 3. The District Superintendent, Rae Humeston, presented MEC Hobbs with a large birthday cake and a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday rounded off the occasion amid much mirth and merriment!

On October 17, 2003 MEC Hobbs attended the Demolay Grand Session in Nanaimo and congratulated Provincial Counselor Matt Ross and all of the members and their families present for their contributions to the Masonic family.

On October 20, 2003, the Grand First Principal attended International Night at Bellingham Chapter in the State of Washington and was honoured to receive from the Grand High Priest of the State of Washington, the Virtual Past Masters Degree. He expressed his thanks for the warm fraternal friendship which continues to exist with the Companions in Washington State.

On October 25, 2003, the Grand First Principal attended the 75th Anniversary of Tzouhalem Chapter. The Companions of the Chapter held a dinner

dance to mark the occasion and spoke of the history and contributions of the members of Tzouhalem Chapter over the past 75 years. It was an outstanding evening with festivities lasting well into the evening. b The Grand First Principal retired around midnight to attend Reaffirmation Day at Blaine Washington the next morning, leaving a "congo line" of dancers, laughter and music in the background!

On October 26, 2003 the Grand First Principal attended Reaffirmation Day at Blaine Washington at the Peace Arch. This occasion marked an annual event covered in the Grand Code of the Royal Arch Masons in Washington which sets out that "the Sunday nearest to October 24th shall be designated Religious Affirmation Day and all Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction shall attend Divine Services clothed as Royal Arch Masons without distinction as to rank". The Service included Prayers for Divine Leadership, for Global Peace, for Continued Loyalty Within Our Fraternity, and For the Love Of Mankind. Our Grand First Principal was joined, as he has been on all of his visits, by many of the Companions from British Columbia, and took a part in the Service and brought a message emphasizing the close ties which exist between the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon and the Grand Chapter of Washington.

On October 29, 2003 the Grand First Principal attended Mission Chapter 28.

On November 4, 2003 MEC Hobbs attended the Installation of Columbia Chapter 1 and together with the Grand Chapter Officers installed the officers of the Chapter. He also presented an engraved gavel to the First Principal of Columbia Chapter to mark the occasion.

On November 8, 2003 the Grand First Principal attended Grand Lodge in Vancouver at a Recognition Ceremony for Most Worshipful Brother William Walls and spoke at the proceeding and on behalf of all Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, presented an engraved quaigh attesting to the outstanding contributions to Freemasonry made by the Grand Master.

On November 20, 2003, MEC Hobbs attended Keystone Chapter No. 8, his mother Chapter and was warmly received by the Companions.

On November 24, 2003 the Grand First Principal took part in the Installation

of Officers of Discovery Chapter, and afterwards thanked the Companions for taking on the task of being the host Chapter for the 2004 Convocation.

On November 25, 2003 the Grand First Principal attended Cathedral Chapter in Parksville and was warmly received by the Companions.

On November 26, 2003 MEC Hobbs made his Official Visit to District 2 at Mission Chapter. The visit was well attended and the Grand First Principal commended the Companions on their enthusiasm and dedication to Royal Arch Masonry.

The Grand First Principal's Christmas Message was printed in the Keystone stating that "...at every Chapter I visit, I am constantly embraced by the feeling of goodwill towards men from all of the Companions and their families. And is this not the true Spirit of Christmas."

On February 7, 2004 the Grand First Principal attended the Installation of Officers at Simon Fraser Chapter who proudly advised that they would be conferring the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry on the Deputy Grand Master, William Unra for which MEC Hobbs advised he and as many Grand Chapter Officers would be in attendance.

On February 13, 2004 the Grand First Principal attended a meeting of Masonic Concordant Bodies called by the Grand Master William Ferguson. MEC Hobbs advised the gathering of significant events in the Royal Arch calendar as well as complimenting the Grand Master for his leadership in bringing the Masonic Family closer together in this Grand Jurisdiction.

On February 19, 2004 MEC Hobbs attended Pacific Rim Chapter for his Official Visit to District 1. The meeting included a banquet which was attended by the mayor and a representative from the R.C.M.P. before which the Grand First Principal and the District Superintendent gave a tour of the Chapter to the visitors. The evening was highlighted by humorous anecdotes from the Grand Z and the District Superintendent on the virtues of sailing versus power boats! This bantering was to continue during the entire term whenever MEC Hobbs (a sailor) and REC Acerman (a sea Captain) were together in Chapter. The Chapter proudly advised that it had undertaken the first "adopt a highway" community project with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways and expected 200,000 cars per year to see

the highway signs attesting to that point.
On February 24, 2004 MEC Hobbs made his Official Visit to District 9 at Triple Tau Chapter which was well attended. He continued to speak of his theme for the year, "Facing the Challenge of making Royal Arch Masonry more relevant in our communities and in our Chapters."

On March 6, 2004 MEC Hobbs was joined by a contingent of Grand Chapter Officers and visiting Companions and attended the Installation of Officers of Papyrus Chapter. The event was made more memorable when the Grand Z asked REC Dick Machin to install his son VEC Dick Machin as a Grand Master of the 4th Veil.

On March 9, 2004 MEC Hobbs attended Simon Fraser Chapter to taking part in the MMM Degree being conferred on Companion Bill Unrau. The Grand Master, William Ferguson attended and at the invitation of the Grand Z received Grand Honours with him, an historic event in Royal Arch Masonry. The Grand Z gave the obligation assisted by the Grand Master who raised Companion Unrau, with all of the Grand Chapter Officers forming a semi-circle about the alter. Again, a very historic moment for Simon Fraser Chapter in particular and Grand Chapter in general.

On March 16, 2004, MEC Hobbs attended at Westminster Chapter participating in the MMM Degree being conferred upon Companion Issac Brower-Berkhoven. The Degree work by Westminster Chapter was outstanding.

On March 20, 2004, the Grand First Principal took part in the Installation of Officers of Keystone Chapter presenting an engraved gavel to EC Dave Lupton. It was also the occasion of the Railway Degree Team headed by MEC Len Pickell and railway Companions. All of the officers of the degree team appeared in Railway Uniform with Railway props and a large attendance of Masons throughout Vancouver Island turned out to witness the Railway Degree being conferred upon MEC Hobbs and EC Lupton. The degree work was superb!

On April 3, 2004, the Grand First Principal attended the Spring Board of General Purposes hosted by Columbia Chapter and chaired by REC George Eaton, the Grand Second Principal. All who attended participated in the "Town Hall" forum of discussion on the future of Royal Arch Masonry,

and learned of the myriad of community projects undertaken by Chapters throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. VEC McEvoy and the Companions of Columbia Chapter organized the banquet that evening which was enjoyed by all.

On April 6, 2004, MEC Hobbs took part in the Installation of Officers at Majuba Chapter in Ladysmith followed by an evening of excellent fellowship in the banquet room.

On April 13, 2004, the Grand First Principal attended Simon Fraser Chapter and participated in conferring the MEM degree on Companion William Unrau. REC Bob Doige assisted MEC Hobbs in raising Companion Unrau at the conclusion of the Obligation.

On April 20, 2004, MEC Hobbs attended Westminster Chapter and participated in the MEM degree.

On April 21, 2004, MEC Hobbs attended the Installation of Officers of Cyrus Chapter at Courtenay, followed by an evening of fellowship and learned of the Chapter's community project, "Prostate Cancer Awareness" from REC Jim Whyte.

On April 27, 2004, MEC Hobbs and MEC Turner attended the Installation of Officers of Cathedral Chapter at Parksville.

On May 8, 2004, MEC Hobbs was installed as Master of Manoah Lodge in Tofino, and was supported by Most Worshipful Brothers Alex Reid, Waldie Manion, Doug Hargrove, William Walls, and RWB William Unrau, DGM, as well as most of the Grand Chapter Officers. This was an historic occasion in this Grand Jurisdiction to have as many Past Grand Masters participating in an Installation as there were that day at Manoah Lodge. In his speech, MEC Hobbs thanked all and said that he was simply overwhelmed at the support given to Manoah Lodge by the very large turn out of Royal Arch Masons from throughout the Jurisdiction.

On May 11, 2004, MEC Hobbs took part in the RAM Degree conferred upon Companion William Unrau and complimented the Companions of Simon Fraser Chapter for their very fine degree work. The Chapter presented gifts to Companion Unrau and MEC Hobbs which were graciously received.

On May 18, 2004 MEC Hobbs, supported by MEC Munro attended his Official Visit to District 6 at Kalum Chapter at Terrace.

On May 19, 2004 MEC Hobbs attended his Official Visit to Kaien Chapter at Prince Rupert. EC Webster organized a luncheon with the Mayor, MP and MLA, allowing the Grand First Principal to share the work of Royal Arch Masonry with these leaders of the community. The hospitality of the Companions of Terrace and Prince Rupert was outstanding and MEC Hobbs stated that the contributions of the Companions of the northern area of the interior of the province were most appreciated by Grand Chapter.

On May 21, 2004 MEC Hobbs attended his Official Visit to District 8 at Kelowna Chapter and was again met with the enthusiasm of the Companions from District 8 and thanked them for their leadership in Royal Arch Masonry.

On May 22, 2004 MEC Hobbs attended the second of the Railway Degree Team's meetings, this time at Kamloops. The Chapter also welcomed the Grand Master, William Ferguson and the Degree Team led by MEC Pickell conferred the Railway Degree on the Grand Master and the Grand Superintendent, Rae Humeston, together with a very large turn out of Masons wanting to take part in the Degree. Both men enjoyed themselves and the special "railway fellowship" was shared by all. MEC Hobbs praised MEC Pickell and the members of the Railway Degree Team and thanked them for their support during his term. MEC Pickell reminded him that the idea sprang from their journey with MEC Munro on the Whitehorse and Yukon narrow gauge railway in Alaska the previous year.

On May 26, 2004, the Grand First Principal joined with the Companions in the lower mainland at the annual Strawberry Night at Mission Chapter. He chose this occasion with so many ladies present to give a review of his travels throughout the Grand Jurisdiction which was appreciated by all.

On May 29-June 8, 2004 MEC Hobbs and many Companions and their ladies traveled to the Hawaiian Islands on the Royal Arch Masonic Cruise. The Cruise was organized by EC Les Robinson of Keystone Chapter. VEC John McIntosh organized a meeting of all Masons aboard the ship hosted by MEC Hobbs, which was very well attended and much Masonic fellowship ensued. It was a very memorable trip for everyone.

On June 10, 2004, MEC Hobbs attended the 100th Anniversary of Cyrus Chapter. The occasion was marked by speeches from the Companions of Cyrus Chapter paying homage to the contributions of the Companions of the last one hundred years and spoke about the Prostrate Cancer Awareness program which the Chapter was spearheading in their community.

On June 11, 2004, MEC Hobbs attended the Grand Assembly of Cryptic Rite Masons at Courtenay and brought congratulations from Royal Arch Masonry.

On June 17-20, 2004 MEC Hobbs attended the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon at the Convocation at Salmon Arm. He was recognized and thanked by the Grand Master, William Ferguson, for his contributions to Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

On July 24, 2004, the Grand First Principal attended the Executive Committee meeting held at the Royal Arch Masonic Home in Vancouver.

On August 13, 2004 MEC Hobbs attended the annual Birthday Celebration at Columbia Chapter in Victoria and thanked the Companions and their wives and widows for their contributions to Royal Arch Masonry. He spoke of the warmth of fellowship which always marked this special occasion. He said that as his term was coming to a close, it seemed that the past year had gone by all too quickly, but that the support and friendship he received wherever he traveled had left a marked impression upon him for which he was and would always be thankful.

Respectfully submitted
REC Walter Biener, Grand Historian

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COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS & GRIEVANCES

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 is the tradition for the past 22 years, there were no grievances or petitions

received this year. This fact is the basis of my notice of motion to change the committee from a Standing Committee to an ad hoc committee at the pleasure of the Grand First Principal.

Fraternally submitted
REC Brian Richman, Chairman

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PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE (ad hoc)

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:

In that this Committee is a new initiative, let me begin by attempting to relate what, in our opinion, **Planned Giving** is and state its objectives and parameters as we see them. It is obvious that, should these objectives and parameters be incorrect or objectionable to Grand Chapter, the Committee must be informed immediately and given appropriate direction. Should no such comment be received, following this report, it will be assumed that all is well and the Committee will press forward.

PLANNED GIVING: A rough explanation of the title "Planned Giving" is used to encompass structured donations made by individuals to registers charities during their lifetime and beyond. This can also be expanded to include companies and corporations. However, for our immediate purposes we are looking to individuals only.

It is also important to note that such donations, bequests, etc., can be tax deductible if made to a charity that holds a Canadian Charitable Registration number. Having made this statement, I am reasonably certain that the majority of our Royal Arch Charities currently hold that status. However, those that do not would, for obvious reasons, be well advised to seek same.

OBJECTIVES AND PARAMETERS: The objective of this Committee is to establish a process whereby Companions would be solicited and encouraged to donate to any or all of the Charities endorsed and supported

by this Grand Chapter, or for the benefit of Grand Chapter operations as they may see fit. (Federal tax receipts provided as applicable.) The Companions would be encouraged to make such donations, either during their lifetime or by utilizing any of the various methods or making a bequest, including their last will and testament.

The book of Constitutions for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon, has been perused and, as there appears no rule or regulation prohibiting the exercise of the above noted objective, it is considered that the Committee has open parameters.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That this Committee and that of "Fund Raising" be amalgamated into a Standing Committee so name

2. That the Chairman of the newly formed Committee be authorized to seek, from the Companions of this Grand Chapter, those Companions who have been identified to possess the skills and attributes beneficial be assigned to the Committee and solicit their participation on the Committee. Such appointments would require prior endorsement from the current Grand First Principal.

3. That the Committee would report directly to the Grand First Principal with the Grand Scribe Ezra receiving copies of all correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,
VEC Norman McEvoy, Chairman

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FUND RAISING COMMITTEE (ad hoc)

In that this Committee was established in "ad hoc" form by MEC Basil Hobbs in 2003, let me begin by attempting to state it's objectives and parameters. It is obvious that, should these stated objectives and parameters not have the support of Grand Chapter, then the Committee must be informed immediately and given appropriate direction. Should no such

concerns be expressed, it will be assumed that all are in agreement and the Committee will press forward as outlined.

OBJECTIVES AND PARAMETERS: The current understanding of the Committee is to being forward thoughts, ideas and proposals for the raising of funds, outside of the annual per capita assessment. Such funds would be used for the exclusive benefit of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon and its various Charities.

With reference to parameters, the only reference the writer can locate in our Constitutions, which makes reference to promotion (assumed to mean the raising of funds) is in Section 26.3.11.3, which reads:

> **"To promote interest throughout the Jurisdiction in the Bursary Funds and devised methods of increasing their support."**

In that this is the only apparent reference in the Constitutions to the raising of monies, outside of the annual per capita, we can only assume that we are free to consider thoughts and proposals.

THOUGHTS AND PROPOSALS:

Advertising: The solicitation and tasteful advertising for attachment to the Grand Chapter web-site and the Grand Chapter Bulletin. The potential for such revenue is very real and, in fact, the Committee has already arranged for and put in place, internet advertising, linking a highly reputable Hotel Group tour Grand Chapter website. This has been done for a fee and we have reasonable assurance that both parties are very pleased with the arrangement and are planning to renew.

We are very aware that other Masonic bodies and many other Masonic jurisdictions obtain revenue from permitting advertising in their bulletins and there by offset, in whole or in part, the cost of printing and distributing same. Such advertising could include Companions offering professional services and/or businesses offering such items and Masonic regalia and accessories. All proposed advertising would undergo rigid examination as to it appropriateness and benefit to Grand Chapter.

As to the claim that Grand Chapter could be seen to be endorsing the quality

of such service and/or products, the bulletin could and should contain a disclaimer to that effect.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **Web-Site Advertising:** It is the Committee's recommendation that Grand Chapter pursue the opportunity for the raising of funds from web-site advertising and utilize the proceeds from same for the purpose of offsetting the cost of maintaining and upgrading the Grand Chapter web-site, with the balance being credited to Grand Chapter General Funds.

2. **Bulletin Advertising:** It is our recommendation that Grand Chapter pursue the opportunity for the raising of funds from advertising in the Grand Chapter Bulletin, with such funds utilized to offset the costs of the publishing and distribution of same.

3. That this Committee and that of "Planned Giving" be amalgamated into a Standing Committee entitled **"Fund Raising".**

Respectfully submitted,
VEC Norman McEvoy, Chairman

I move the adoption of these two reports, seconded by REC Brian Richman. There being no discussion the motion carried.

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BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE REPORT (ad hoc)

Immediately after I was installed as Grand Chaplain at the Grand Convocation in Chilliwack, our Grand Z appointed me as a one-man ad hoc Benevolent Committee. He indicated that this was a new Committee but, at the time, I didn't give it much thought. Soon after arriving home, I looked for some terms of reference but discovered that there were none and that if a list of duties and responsibilities was required, as I believe it was, then I, myself would have to draw them up. I'm sure we all have a fair idea of what benevolence means – the dictionary defines it as a disposition to do good; the love of mankind, accompanied with a desire to promote happiness, good

will, charitableness or an act of kindness. In any event, you can see that extending benevolence to some 2300 Royal Arch Masons by a one-man Committee, could be a very daunting task if it is to be done properly.

So I contacted our Grand Z by phone to determine his vision for this new committee. For starters, he suggested I contacted the 10 District Superintendents by phone and enquired if any had knowledge of Companions who might be sick or financially distressed or possibly families in bereavement. He also suggested that I check to determine if any Chapter needed some kind of help that might come under the "benevolent" heading. Despite a determined effort to contact all Superintendents by long distance phone and leaving messages on answering machines, in the end success was achieved in only 5 cases. Of those, only 3 cases of illness were known; one reported by REC Rae Humeston, one by VEC Darrell Thomas from Salmon Arm and one from REC Gerry Kion in the Lower Fraser Valley. In addition, REC Ted Kuiperi from the Okanagan, reported on the accidental death of a Companion. I immediately designed a Royal Arch Card on my computer containing and appropriate message, in each card, on behalf of Grand Chapter, and mailed same to the Companions or next of kin. I have continued to do this throughout the year to the best of my ability but without proper organization, I have been dependent primarily on REC Whyte's newsletter for all news of sickness or death. The District Superintendents reported no financial difficulties, even though anonymity was assured. That is not surprising as, in most cases, unless one is in dire circumstances, brethren are reluctant to cry for financial assistance. I was informed by REC John Van Damme, that some Chapter difficulty was believed to have been resolved by EC Murray Webster up in Prince Rupert, so it would appear that EC Webster was performing his own act of benevolence in that area.

Concerning Terms of Reference for a Benevolence Committee: Since an act of kindness is the name of the game, three important headings immediately come to mind.

First, **Financial support:** So far as Masonic financial help is concerned, only three sources come to mind; Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and/or the individual members of the same Chapter to which the one in difficulty belongs. To the best of my knowledge, Grand Chapter has no Benevolent Fund per se and presumably no intention of establishing one. Therefore, were the Committee approached for help, its resources are obviously

limited but there is no reason that they could not be used as a conduit to those resources which to exist and even non-Masonic ones.

Secondly, **Illness support:** At present a Chapter member who is ill at home or in hospital, must rely solely on a card or a visit from members of his Lodge or Chapter. A working Benevolent Committee could do little about actual visiting themselves but could certainly do their utmost to encourage visitation from friends and fellow Brethren. A Grand Chapter get well card which, as mentioned, I have already designed and printed, If feel would be an encouragement to any Companion who happened to be ill or in other distressed circumstances whether at home or in hospital.

Thirdly, **Bereavement support:** The Benevolent Committee, besides sending cards of sympathy from Grand Chapter to next of kin (similar idea to cards sent to those ill), could also ensure proper publicity of deaths and funerals of deceased Chapter members through the Jim Whyte newsletter.

Fourthly, **Spiritual support:** Where help from a Higher Power is a necessity and the Committee is either unqualified or not comfortable in meeting that requirement, they should be in a position to supply or recommend a pastor to fill the need of the Companion in distress.

The key to a Benevolent Committee being successful and giving the support just listed, is proper fast communication. Fortunately, we now have an instant means of communication between Chapters, their members and yes, it could be to a Benevolent Committee. Obviously, confidentiality precludes a public request for financial help in a newsletter, but it could certainly be used to advantage to inform a Benevolent Committee and all Companions of a death or illness. The appropriate support could then be given on receipt of such news. In fact, the newsletter is being used to good advantage now, informing Companions of death and illness, although to a much lesser degree than I would visualize. Any time privacy was required, a phone call to the Committee would assure this.

My final recommendation to the body assembled here today, relates to the composition of a Benevolent Committee. If my support recommendations were adopted and used, a one-man committee, in my opinion, could not efficiently perform and complete his responsibilities. I would recommend that, for a Benevolent Committee to be effective, it be a standing one,

composed of three Companions with the Grand Chaplain as Chairman. One member should cover Vancouver Island and the North Coast, including Terrace and one member appointed to cover the Lower Mainland east to Hope and one member to cover the Interior of B.C.

In closing this report, I regret that I was not able to accomplish what could be the full potential of a well organized Benevolent Committee. I can assure you that this did not result from a lack of enthusiasm on my part, but from the necessity of starting at square one. However, if the members of Grand Chapter are really serious about benevolence, I would hope they will consider this report and act accordingly.

Respectfully submitted
VEC "Bud" Tarling, Grand Chaplainv

ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

F.L. Moon	ALABAMA	D.F. Lewis
J. Houtchen	ALASKA	J. Boily (A)
D. Bruce	ALBERTA	R.A. Cutler
H.R. Newmarkt	ARGENTINA	R.J. McCubbin (A)
J.J. Rolle	ARIZONA	G.H. Horwood (A)
D.O. White	ARKANSAS	M.P. Raynor (A)
G. Ulich	AUSTRIA	P. Tupholme (A)
P. Noel	BELGIUM	F. Kendrick (A)
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	J.M. Gomersall (A)
E.W. LaCross	DISTRICT of COLUMBIA	W.O. Walls
J. Tuonien	FINLAND	D.B. Turner
R.E. Burleson	FLORIDA	D.S. Carriere
B. Charpentier	FRANCE	W.C. Hoskins (A)
Ben L. Johnson	GEORGIA	G.H. Coupland (A)
Albert McGhee	GERMANY	R.F.E. Schafer
E. Aspiotis	GREECE	P. Raptis (A)
R.W. Pate	HAWAII	J.D. Quan (A)
J.I. Hagen	IDAHO	G. Galt

M.U. Balding	ILLINOIS	J.C. Gordon (A)
H.P. Mathur	INDIA	K. Forouhar
E.R. Graham	INDIANA	W.D. Quail (A)
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	R.S. Gela (A)
D.B. Hanson	KANSAS	A. Ross
T. Fraser	KENTUCKY	D. Leischner
J.P. Davis	LOUISIANA	B.J. Maslaniec
R.E. Robinson	MAINE	J. McBain (A)
N.A. Pow	MANITOBA	D. Miskimin (A)
L.O. Eshenour	MARYLAND	
M.E. Host	MASSACHUSETTS	H.D. Freeston
M.E. Corozco	MEXICO	L.H. Stoneburg (A)
J.R. Sprague	MICHIGAN	G. Gordon
A.N. Dull	MINNESOTA	G.W. Reed (A)
J.W. Hamil	MISSISSIPPI	H. Ferster
J.W. Stafford	MISSOURI	R.L. Mercer
J. Grotts	MONTANA	B.R. Hobbs
H.C. Lofton	NEBRASKA	R. Humeston
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 (A)
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	J. McIntosh
P.M. Desautel	NEW YORK	R. Glover
H.R. Lightwood	NEW ZEALAND	D.O. Tyers
R.L. Parker	NORTH CAROLINA	B. Hoare (A)
N. Knudson	NORTH DAKOTA	A.B. Wensler (A)
C.S. Dean	NOVA SCOTIA	J.R. Elton (A)
A.D. Hart	OHIO	S. McVittie (A)
E.L. Berryman	OKLAHOMA	K. McKenzie (A)
Richard Erath	OREGON	W.R. Shippam

E.G. Reese	PENNSYLVANIA	V. Halverson (A)
F.F. Dumlowa	PHILIPPINES	R. Esprito (A)
T. Johnson	QUEBEC	J. Calderwood (A)
F.S. Bell	QUEENSLAND	I. Campbell (A)
R.L. Manderville	RHODE ISLAND	G. Tillotson
H.E. Hill	SASKATCHEWAN	L.G.B. Pickell
S.T. Geddes	SCOTLAND	D.D.S.Anderson (A)
R.J. Stewart	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	G.W. Eaton
Lucius A. Todd	SOUTH CAROLINA	J. Robson (A)
M. Christensen	SOUTH DAKOTA	D. Paugh
F.C. Schumacher	SWITZERLAND	L. Lowden
R.J. Coates	TENNESSEE	T.O. Mickey
L.W.Ramos	TEXAS	J.S. Drever (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 (A)
T.H. Dickason	WASHINGTON	N. MacDonald
G.F. Walder	WEST AUSTRALIA	J. Roche
W.E. Bird	WEST VIRGINIA	R. Macdonald (A)
G. Jolivette Jr.	WISCONSIN	P. Robinson (A)
A.R. Corberg	WYOMING	J. Warren (A)

MEC Hobbs, thanked all for continuing communications between the respective jurisdictions and this Grand Jurisdiction.

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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 36
CHAPTERS REPRESENTED 31

COMPANIONS – THIS JURISDICTION 2180
VISITORS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS 11
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES 22
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS 11
NUMBER REGISTERED 180
NUMBER OF PRINCIPALS (Z., H., J.) 26
NUMBER OF PAST FIRST PRINCIPALS 110
NUMBER OF PROXIES 53
TOTAL VOTES 189

Respectfully submitted
REC Brian Hemingway

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Grand First Principal: Most Excellent Companion Carriere, would you please conduct the next order of business.

MOTIONS AND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTIONS

MEC Carriere: My pleasure Most Excellent Sir. The Committee finds the following resolutions acceptable in form but expresses no opinion as to the wisdom or otherwise of the policy that the proposed notices of

MOTION NO. 1 - VEC Joe Carver, Chilliwack Chapter No. 19 moved and the motion was duly seconded, that **Section 15.1 – Past First Principals** be amended to read:
Only Past First Principals, who are members of Grand Chapter, my hold Grand Office. Any member of a Chapter may fill the office of Grand Organist, Grand Chaplain or Grand Tyler. For the position of Grand First Principal, he must have served as a Grand Sojourner and as Grand Second Principal Haggai or Grand Third Principal Joshua.
After some discussion a vote was called and the motion passed.

MOTION NO. 2 - VEC Joe Carver, Chilliwack Chapter No. 19 WITHDREW his motion with regard to **Sections 14.1 and 14.2.**

MOTION NO. 3 – VEC Joe Carver, Chilliwack Chapter No. 19 moved and the motion was duly seconded that **Article 20 – Powers and duties of**

Officers be amended by including a new section 20.6.22.

Section 20.6.22 – Term of Office
No Companion shall be nominated or elected to serve the Officer of Grand Scribe Ezra for more than 5 consecutive years.

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

MOTION NO. 4 – VEC John McIntosh, Keystone Chapter No. 8 moved and his motion was duly seconded that **Section 23.2.3 – Grand Officer** be amended to read:
The sash for both past and present Most Excellent, Right Excellent and Very Excellent Companions is a tri-color ribbon of purple and pale blue, four inches wide with gold fringe or bullion at the ends.
After a lengthy discussion both pro and con, a vote was called and the motion was defeated.

MOTION NO. 5 - REC Brian Richman, Mission Chapter No. 28 moved and the motion was duly seconded that **Article 26 – Standing Committees** be amended as follows:
Section 26.13 – Petitions and Grievances be deleted and replaced with **Executive Committee**
Section 26.1.4 – Ritual be deleted and replaced with **Fund Raising.**
Section 26.10 – Labour Relations be deleted and replaced with **Information Technology.**
Section 26.1-20 – Other Committees be deleted and replaced with **Benevolence.**
Section 26.3 Duties
Subsection 26.3.3 – Petitions and Grievances be deleted and the following substituted therefore:
26.3.3 – Executive Committee
To be comprised of the Grand First Principal, Immediate Past Grand First Principal, Grand Second Principal, who will act as Chairman, Grand Third Principal, Treasurer, Grand Scribe Ezra, the Grand Sojourners and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. It is formulated to discuss items for the general management of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.
Subsection 26.3.10 – Labour Relations be deleted and the following substituted therefore:

26.3.10 – Fund Raising Committee
Its responsibilities are to explore methods of fund raising for Grand Chapter and its Chapters as well as administering planned giving.

Sections 26.3.8 – Grand Convocation; Subsection 26.3.8.1 – Standing Committee and 26.3.8.2 – Local Committee be renumbered as **26.8.3; 26.8.3.1** and **26.8.3.2** respectively.
This section to be replaced by the following:
26.3.8 – Benevolence
To be Chaired by the Grand Chaplain and will be responsible for the overall management of any benevolent applications as well as directing the requests to the appropriate committee.
There being no discussion a vote was called and the motion passed.

MOTION NO. 6 VEC Derek Turner, Pacific Rim Chapter No. 44 moved and the motion was duly seconded that **Section 11.1 – Members** be deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefore.
Article 11.1 – Members
All Companions in this Grand Jurisdiction are members of Grand Chapter.
After considerable discussion REC Bill McSeveney proposed the following amendment which was duly seconded.
Section 11.1 – Members
That all elected and appointed Chapter Officers be granted voting privileges at Grand Communications for the term of their election or appointment where said Officers are not otherwise covered by the Constitution.
There being no further discussion a vote was called and the motion as amended passed.
MOTION NO. 7 REC Ron Glover, Grand Treasurer, Keystone Chapter No. 8 moved, duly seconded by the Grand Scribe E. that
Article 27 – Bursary Funds, Section 27.1 – Capital Fund be deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefore
27.1 – Capital Fund
The Capital fund is intended to operate in perpetuity and is to be augmented by reinvestment of at least twenty percent (20%) of the interest earned on investment and also, by donations specifically directed to the Capital Fund. Each year, a portion of the investment interest earned in that year, may be transferred to the Annual Fund, but the amount to be transferred may not exceed eighty percent (80%).
There being no discussion a vote was called the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

REC William McSeveney, Cyrus Chapter #10. At the next Grand Convocation I will move or cause to be moved that, under **Article 12 – GRAND CONVOCATIONS** a new **Subsection 12.5 – Motions** be inserted as follows:

12.5 – Motions:

All motions passed at Grand Convocations will come into effect at the conclusion of Grand Convocation, with the exception of those resolutions which contain a date for commencement.

MEC Joseph Marshall, Joppa Chapter #31. At the next Grand Convocation I will move or cause to be moved that a new **Subsection 49.2.3** be added to **Article 49– DISPENSATIONS** to read:

49.2.3 - Holidays

A dispensation will not be required when a convocation falls on the same night as a statutory holiday, including November 11th, Remembrance Day.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND MEMBERSHIP

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

Three issues of the Keystone were published this year with the able assistance of the Grand Senior Sojourner and Web Master, REC Jim Whyte. What feedback we have had to the Keystone has been positive. The more feedback the Companions can provide, the better we can design it to serve your wants and needs. Contributions to the Keystone are always welcome. It is published electronically in December, March and September.

Through the work of the Grand Scribe Ezra, MEC Joseph R. Marshall, a four-part program, outlining the importance and benefit of membership in the Royal Arch, was distributed for presentation in our Craft Lodges. That program, which was started in Nova Scotia, has been successfully used in various districts throughout the province to encourage our Brother Masons

to take the next step in Freemasonry beyond the Master Mason Degree by becoming a Royal Arch Mason. Previously available only in printed form, it will shortly be available electronically.

A Town Hall type of forum at our Spring Board of General Purposes, encouraged all members of our Royal Craft to express their views and ideas about education. At that point, I encouraged those of the Companions with an interest in education, to join the Education Committee. I was pleased to have VEC Norm McEvoy volunteer in that capacity as he has shown such leadership in Masonic Education over the years.

Royal Arch educational talks are now encouraged throughout our jurisdiction. At least two Chapters, Columbia No. 1 and Keystone No. 8 have created a new position for Education Officers. I have a small number of prepared talks that I will gladly share with others for use in Chapter and I encourage Grand District Superintendents and Chapter Education Officers as well as any Companions with an interest in Masonic education within Capitular Masonry, to send in their own educational material to share with their Companions throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

I have been invited to work with the new Chair of the Grand Lodge Committee on Education, VEC Norm McEvoy, on an extended program of Masonic Education which would see a Brother continue his studies I Freemasonry, beyond the Master Mason Degree, through a set program of study in which the *"graduate work"* would occur within Royal Arch Masonry. This is a notion that has been proven highly successful else-where in the world (notably Australia and California), but one that requires a good deal of groundwork and coordination.
I am grateful to the Grand First Principal for the trust reposed in me as Chair of the Committee and I will endeavour to serve Grand Chapter well in that capacity in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted
VEC John McIntosh Chairman

I move for the acceptance of this report seconded by VEC Norm McEvoy
There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

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

Excellent Companions:

Your Committee has received two requests from the Grand Scribe Ezra's Office for printing we were asked to obtain estimates for printing the Grand Chapter Constitutions, to include the amendments of 2003 and for the printing of Grand Chapter Proceedings for the year 2003. This was done, with the assignment going to the lowest bidder, Zip Graphics

Fraternally submitted
MEC William R. Shippam, Chairman

I move the acceptance of this report, seconded by Grand Scribe Ezra
There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS & DISPENSATIONS

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 Most Excellent Grand First Principal, in consultation with the Grand Scribe Ezra and the Constitutions and Jurisprudence Committee, approved amendments to the bylaws of three Chapters and approved three dispensations to hold regular convocations on a night other than their regular meeting night.

There were no Warrants issued.

Respectfully submitted
Joseph R. Marshall, Grand Scribe Ezra

I move the acceptance of this report seconded by Grand Scribe Nehemiah.
There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion carried.

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REPORT OF THE REGALIA COMMITTEE

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 thank the Grand First Principal for appointing me as Chairman of the Regalia Committee. I find that all Grand Chapter regalia is still in good condition. In stock there are two Grand First Principal's aprons and one Past Grand First Principal's apron and there are 3 Past Grand First Principal's collars.

Respectfully submitted
E. Gordon Galt, Chairman
Moved by Grand Scribe Ezra, seconded by Grand Scribe Nehemiah that this report be received.
There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

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:

This Committee was saddened to learn of the passing, late in 2003, of MEC Gordon Schubert, our Grand Representative at or near the grand Chapter of Southern Australia and Northern Territory.We have communicated our condolences.

We have met several time throughout the year 2003-2004 and profitably studies and discussed our system of Grand Representatives, but have not finished that task. The Committee sees an urgent need for a written definition of the duties and responsibilities of a Grand Representative, thus clarifying their expectations as well as those of Grand Chapter.

There is no Grand Chapter of Hong Kong, although Chapters chartered by England, Scotland and Ireland, are active there.

As no request for recognition has been referred to this Committee, we have no recommendations to bring forward at this convocation.

Respectfully submitted,

REC George W. Eaton, Chairman

I move the adoption of this report seconded by EC Keith Godfrey
There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

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PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The Grand First Principal presented honorary membership cards to:
MEC Jack Hooper, Grand Z. Manitoba
MEC Don BEC k, GHP of Washington
REC Douglas Draker –
Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada
REC Gerry Hawley, Grand Chapter of Alberta
VEC Herbert Weaver, Grand Chapter of Alberta

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005

Grand First Principal: Grand Scribe Ezra, would you please read the names of the nominees

Grand Scribe Ezra: For the Office of Grand First Principal; REC George

W. Eaton and REC Norman MacDonald.
The ballots were cast and REC George W. Eaton was declared Grand First Principal (Elect)

Grand Scribe Ezra: Most Excellent Sir, there was only one written nomination received for the remaining elective offices:
Grand Second Principal – **REC Brian A. Richman**
Grand Third Principal – **REC Robert E. Doige**
Grand Treasurer – **REC Ron Glover**
Grand Scribe Ezra – **MEC Joseph R. Marshall**
Grand Principal Sojourner – **REC James C. Whyte**
Grand Senior Sojourner – **REC William Fooks**
Grand Junior Sojourner – **EC Leslie Robinson**

Grand First Principal: There being only one nominee for each Office, I declare the officers named are elected by acclamation.

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REPORT OF THE BURSARY FUND TRUSTEES

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 year we were again successful in being able to make distribution of the funds available to the applicants. As per the under listed schedule, it will be noted that we have had a steady demand for our Bursary Funds from Royal Arch Mason's dependents from all over the province.

Year	Number of Bursaries	Exaltations	Chapters	Total
2002	11	9	8	$6,600.00
2003	18	13	13	10,800.00
2004	17	12	13	10,200.00

Your generous support of our program has enabled the Committee to grant the bursaries to embattled applicants. Indeed, your generosity during the

past year has enabled the Committee to return a portion of the Annual Fund monies to the Capital Fund. The build up of the Capital Fund augers well for bursary monies for future applicants.

Respectfully submitted
REC Stanley Fleetham, Chairman

I move the adoption of this report seconded by VEC Neil Marsh
There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

VEC Neil Marsh – Most Excellent Sir, If I may, at this time I would like to present this cheque, in the amount of $1,000.00 to REC Fleetham for the Bursary Capital Fund from the Companions of Semiahmoo Chapter #34.

REC Fleetham - I thank the Companions of Semiahmoo Chapter. This is an annual occurrence and it is very very much appreciated.

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

MEC Hobbs, Grand First Principal, MWB Unrau, Grand Master, Distinguished East and Companions all.
Each of you received a copy of the Grand First Principal's address in your registration package and you were all present when the Grand Z. gave that address to this assembly, so there is little purpose in recapping the address. However, we join with MEC Hobbs in his warm welcome to our visitors and to the Companions of this jurisdiction. The enthusiasm of our MEC was evident in his delivery of his report on his activities this year. We commend MEC Hobbs in his support and encouragement of the members and Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction and in particular, his encouragement for the Districts and Chapters to become more involved in the life of their respective communities. We also commend MEC Hobbs for the initiatives he has brought forth and in his creation of the Planned Giving Committee and the Fund Raising Committee. MEC Hobbs, congratulations on a job well done. Much has been achieved and you have left a challenge for your successors.

Respectfully submitted
MEC Leonard G. Pickell

I move the adoption of this report seconded by MEC William Shippam.
The motion passed with resounding applause.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

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

Excellent Companions:

Background: Your ritual Committee of 2003, 2004 includes REC Malcolm Johnson, VEC David Grange and myself.

In Chilliwack, the Grand Z informed us of two things- (1) that he wanted some action out of the Committee because nothing had been done for a few years. (2) That our Ritual required review, correcting and updating. For everyone's information, our present ritual was supposedly compiled & presented by REC Hector Findlay and REC Jim Elton. They, in turn, had forwarded their submission for printing and review purposes.
Our First Step: To obtain a copy of the original submission from REC Findlay and Elton. Next we received an unbound copy of our ritual from Grand Scribe E. which turned out to be another copy of the Findlay/Elton submission. A close review indicated that the material tabled and supplied by REC Findlay and Elton, plus the unbound ritual copy received from Grand Scribe E., had undergone some manipulations and changed between the time of submission and what our Grand Jurisdiction eventually received. What is in use throughout our Grand Jurisdiction is not what was submitted by REC Findlay and Elton. We then obtained photocopies of our present ritual from a Companion who had meticulously read through the ritual and identified all the errors and punctuation inconsistencies.
Our Second Step: For comparison purposes, your Committee acquired copies of the Royal Arch rituals of the Grand Chapters of Ontario and Alberta for two reasons: Firstly, to see their physical layout and; secondly, to review their applicability to our Chapter proceedings. Our thinking was,

If there is a satisfactory ritual elsewhere in machine readable format, why reinvent the wheel. Both of the rituals are nicely printed, legible with hard covers. Diagrams are clear and reproductive. In our opinion however, the bindings and hard cover format are not substantial enough to withstand the normal pressures of ritual usage and mistreatment. Our spiral lock or coil hinge is the best because it lies open flatly and may be folded back onto itself without damage.

Our Third Step: For ease of editing and manipulation, your Committee endeavoured to find if our ritual was held somewhere in a machine-readable format. Grand Scribe E's office supplied the information that the "editor/ printer" was no longer in business and his office did not have our ritual on disc. Both the Grand Scribe E. and REC Elton informed me that the person who had been responsible for the printing might still hold a copy of our ritual on disc. Communication was attempted but without success.

Our Fourth Step: All the preceding had occurred within 60 days of the Grand Chapter Convocation in Chilliwack. We then felt that a report of our actions, progress and perhaps guidance, was in order. Because we had had no success in the search for our ritual on disc, I went to a cottage industry word processing/secretarial service to enquire about costs to have the ritual converted to disc. When you guidance and efforts were reported, we were informed that no funds were available or budgeted for any Ritual Committee related expenses. Further, there was no intent of scrapping the inventory then on hand. We had come to realize that there was no Grand Chapter Officer assigned for liaison, communication and guidance; a problem double compounded because we had very rapidly arrived at the conclusion that our present ritual requires a complete reprinting and can not be fixed using suggested band-aid methods.

Our Conclusions: The above constraints and protocol restrictions should explain or provide an overview of why there has been no great progress by either this Committee or preceding Ritual Committees. No lines of communication: No funds assigned for professional editing purposes: Economic rationalizations to avoid preparing for the inevitable. However, all is not completely lost. If this Grand Chapter wants a more legible, correct ritual they need only review and print the submission originally submitted by REC Findlay and Elton. A quick perusal of that original submission indicates that: The punctuation is correct: The spacing is such that the material is legible and clear: The changes of font size and contrast between bold and normal print assists and enhances the legibility: Diagrams are comprehensive and music scores are clear. Minimum editing will be required.

Our Recommendations:

1. A Grand Chapter line officer be assigned to the Ritual Committee for liaison, communication and advisory purposes.
2. The Ritual Committee Chairman provide progress reports to the assigned
   Grand Chapter Officer seeking advice, guidance and direction.
3. That the present ritual inventory held in the in the Grand Chapter Office destroyed.
4. That the Findlay/Elton submission be rendered into a machine-readable format.
5. That funds be budgeted for editing expenses leading to the complete re-issue of a new ritual.
6. That future quantities be controlled to avoid excessive inventories.

Respectfully submitted
VEC Joseph E. Carver, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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 this Society has been unable to hold meetings, there is nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted
VEC David F. Lewis, President

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REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOMES SOCIETY

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

Excellent Companions:

The Royal Arch Home opened in 1982 with 130 intermediate care beds, cost of construction approximately 6 million dollars, with funding from the Provincial Government; assistance from Federal Government by way of CMHC mortgage and commitment from Royal Arch Masons that they would be responsible for the furnishings required.

In 1999 the residence capacity was increased to 151 beds by way of renovations and an addition to the existing structure. Funding was by way of Provincial Government with Royal Arch Masons again fulfilling their commitment to cover the cost of furnishings, approximately $350,000; the addition cost 8.5 million. With the renovations, 36 rooms are for special needs residents i.e. Alzheimer and those suffering from dementia. Meals are prepared in a common kitchen and distributed to five dining rooms, one on the main floor and 2 each on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

Friendly staff members totalling 150, nurses, care givers and volunteers, make every effort to help residents achieve and maintain a heightened state of social, physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Department Managers include; Director of Resident Care; Diet and Housekeeping; Director of Nutritional Services; Administrative Secretary; Business Manager; Therapeutic/Recreation and Social Services, all well qualified in their field of expertise. By the same token, the warm, cheerful atmosphere of the Royal Arch Masonic Home, is conducive to personal growth and learning by both residents and staff. The residents are encouraged to share the planning and development of activities and programs. A wide range of activities are available within the facility; exercise, musical programs, crafts, discussion groups, carpet bowling, bingo and happy hour, to name a few.

The residents are taken weekly on bus tours on a new bus costing $100,000.00 with $50,000.00 provided by Grandview Masonic Lodge #96, and the remaining costs by donations. Many donations have been received, including paintings that hang throughout the home, new patio furniture and some residents' room furnishings which include electric beds. Your continued support will enable the Royal Masonic Home to maintain a high standard of excellence by providing those extras not provided under government funding. There are guided tours through the facility every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. For reservations call 604-437-3747.

Royal Arch Masonic Apartments: There are 70 bedroom suites in the apartment complex. The Royal Arch Masonic Homes and Apartment complex are governed by a Board of Directors elected at the Annual General Meeting held in June. One director is appointed by Grand Chapter. Board members serve on the following committees; Executive; Finance; Building; Nomination; Labour Relations; Apartments; Residents Consultation; Membership and Fund Raising. All directors are expected to attend monthly meeting and take an active part. Business is conducted in proper form and in accordance with the bylaws of the Society. A prepared agenda by the Administrator is presented to all directors. Minutes of meetings are promptly prepared and sent out to the directors.

Board of Directors as of June 15th,2004 include the President, Brian Fraser; 1st Vice President, Richard Schafer; 2nd Vice President Henry Furness; Treasurer, Don Thomson; Secretary, William Youde; Directors, Stanley Sorensen; Clark Gilmour; Leonard Pickell; Andrew Law and the Grand Chapter Representative, Gordon Askin.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 15th of June, 2004. The President's Report notes a proposal to construct a 100 bed extended care annex in East Fraser Lands area was not accepted by the Vancouver Coast Health Authority. Consideration is being given to adapting the present facility to include 45 assisted living units and supply full meal services for 25 out of the 75 apartment tenants. Some development may take place in the near future.

Some of the materials used in the construction of the recently completed extension of the Home, were found non compliant to building codes. Action is being taken against the company responsible. Approval has been received to proceed with complete envelope repair of the apartment complex, slated to begin 2004-2005, at an estimated cost of two (2) million dollars. Extensive modification to the bathing areas are now taking place and is close to completion. V.C.H.A. provided $22.500.00 for the purchase of 45 pressure reduction mattresses. Telephone system – lease expires in October 2004. The Administrator, Greg Runzer, explained the system to be considered on receipt of more information.

The recreation program was able to increase the community volunteer hours to over 4000 this past year, with active liaison with area secondary

institutions, recreation centres and family/friends of residents. Volunteer program support provides residents with such programs as 1 on 1 visiting, assisting in walking programs and outings, as well as a majority of the recreational week, resulting in increased access for all residents.

Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society membership is open to all Royal Arch Masons in good standing and to all Royal Arch Chapters. Life membership total 259; Chapter membership 31. Annual membership is $20.00; Life membership is $100.00 and Annual Chapter membership $25.00.

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 15th of June, 2004, it was noted the attendance was low. All Chapters should encourage their members to attend the Annual General Meetings.

During the past year, by attending the Board meetings, I have been enlightened more on the operation of the R.A.M.H. and Apartments. The dedicated, hard working staff and the Administrator, Greg Runzer, have carried out the operation of the Home and Apartment complex in a very efficient manner. Both the Administration and Staff are dedicated to serving each and every resident with dignity and respect in their on-going efforts to help the residents live their life to the fullest. The Royal Arch Masonic Home is considered one of the finest care facilities in B.C.

As a relatively new Board member, and having attended the meetings over the past year, I have been able to obtain a fuller picture of the operation of the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society and I trust the foregoing is informative on the operation of the Royal Arch Masonic Home and Apartment complex.

Respectfully submitted
REC Gordon Askin
Grand Chapter Representative

I move the adoption of this report seconded by Grand Scribe Nehemiah.
There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

REC Stanley Sorensen: Most Excellent Sir, the wine draw realized $140.00 to be donated to the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society.

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:

The Foundation formed in 1975 by a group of Royal Arch Masons of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon and their relatives with the object of assisting any hospital currently accredited by the Government of Canada in the Province of British Columbia and Yukon. (Nursing and long care facilities are exempt).

Contributions since its beginning have exceeded $200,000.00. This money is presented in yearly increments of between $2,000.00 and $8,000.00 to assist those hospitals with necessities that are needed which their budgets can't handle. These funds are presented to their Cancer Center, to their operating theatre, to maternity care centers as well as other needy areas.

These funds come about from Royal Arch Masons, such as you and I, as well as donations by concerned individuals in the community. We hold as many as two Chinese dinners a year, which are held in a local Chinese restaurant which nets between $200.00 and $400.00 each time. Many thanks to REC Joe Quan and his wife Hilda, who spend considerable time and effort arranging these dinners. We sell entertainment books, we have draws on articles donated by one or more of the members and the sale of our identification pins at $5.00 each. The interest derived from our investments contribute approximately $1,500.00 per year which helps immensely. We supported a baseball game initiated by Mission Chapter which netted approximately $200.00. Our donations and pledges between 2001 and 2004 amounted to $21,689.37.

In 20001, two special beds were purchased for the Royal Arch Masonic Home for $3,562.37; in 2002 a Low Level Laser Therapy Machine was purchased for the Salmon Army Health Unit for $5,750.00; in 2003 a Laparoscope was purchased for Mills Hospital in Terrace, B.C. for $4,326.01. This presentation to Mills Hospital was made by the Grand First Principal, MEC Norman Monro on his official visit to the area. We appreciate this event by him as it bring knowledge and information of our

the purchase of two special wheelchairs for $2,166.20, for which a cheque has been presented. A pledge has been given to the Nanaimo Hospital for a portable Spirometer at a cost of $5,5584.36. This type of request has been answered in a similar manner for many years. It has been an honour and privilege to belong to and serve this Royal Arch charity.

This Vancouver and district group meet in and excellent restaurant in the City of Burnaby. There are generally a minimum of 25 in attendance. It one of the most cohesive and cordial groups I have ever had the honour and privilege of belonging to and I thank the Grand First Principals who have appointed me as the Grand Chapter Representative. We have had many excellent speakers and presentations with the view of keeping our meetings knowledgeable and interesting. There is also a special group made up of our ladies who meet regularly without the presence of men. The luncheons sometimes result in a small donation from them.

The Foundation has been operating with a Secretary/Treasurer. It was pointed out by your representative that this was contrary to the bylaws of the organization and that both and a Secretary and Treasurer must be elected. This resulted in the election of MEC Alex Rollo as Secretary and REC Richard Schafer as Treasurer. This resulted in REC Spencer being relieved of the tremendous duty of handling both offices. He and his wife Jeanne deserve a great vote of thanks for their many years in the administration of this charity.

The elected officers of this Foundation are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four Directors and one Representative appointed by the Grand First Principal.

The Grand Superintendent and other officers of this Grand Chapter, who have been and are promoting our charities, should be commended for their efforts. These points of information assists and aids the Companions in continuing their efforts in the Keystone of Life Foundation. The member Chapters who contribute dues and donations are to be commended for their efforts. As reported, a good portion of our money is derived from our small investments.

Respectfully submitted,
REC A.E. "Bud" Porter

I move the adoption of this report seconded by the Grand Scribe Ezra **There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed**

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:

This has been a banner year for Royal Arch Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia and Yukon. Constituent Chapters have undertaken a variety of projects that have not only benefited their communities and improved the lives of their fellow citizens, but have discovered a new enthusiasm and energy within their Chapters. These Chapters have not only "Faced the Challenge" but have exceeded our Grand First Principal's expectations.

The District Grand Superintendent is a very important officer of Grand Chapter. As the direct representative of the Grand First Principal, he is responsible for the supervision of the Chapters in his District and ensures there are no deviations from the Constitutions or the Rites and Ceremonies of Grand Chapter. That is a large responsibility, integral to the good order of Grand Chapter. It should be obvious that it is an active, hard working station, requiring a great amount of energy as well as a working knowledge of Masonic protocol, ritual and Constitutions. It is not a ceremonial position without expectations of performance.

At the beginning of the Masonic term, each Grand Superintendent took an obligation they would fulfill the duties of their office and assist this Grand Chapter to the best of their ability. All Grand Superintendents have visited their constituent Chapters in accordance with that obligation, but there is ample room for improvement in their reports and assessments of the health of the Chapters in their District. They all have achieved varying degree of success in meeting the expectations of the Grand First Principal. The Superintendents who provided encouragement, enthusiasm and guidance presenting the Grand First Principal's theme "***Facing the Challenge***" are to be commended and our Chapters and Districts are better for your efforts. These successes are proportional to your leadership and the strength of the Chapters in your Districts.

It is noted in some reports on the Official Visit of the Grand Superintendents to Chapters, barely had the constitutional number for a quorum and visitors

filled the vacant chairs. In some of the more detailed reports, it was noted that there are Chapters who are *"struggling or having difficulty filling the chairs"* and, at least in one Chapter there are members performing the duties of two offices. Shortage of officers has been an ongoing problem for several years but there is a core of enthusiastic, hard working Companions, who are able to keep the Chapters operational. The average age of membership in many Chapters is very senior and this, combined with small numbers, exerts extreme pressure on the general well being of a Chapter. Chapters within reasonable travelling distance and experiencing difficulty, should be encouraged to consider consolidation.

It is reported that Chapter record keeping, including financial ledgers, are in good order, although some Chapter's expenses are high due to building association costs. District No. 3 is exploring the possibility of holding a District wide installation of officers as past installation of two Chapters have been source of much enjoyment by the Companions. District No. 3 has also benefited from the re-affiliation of demitted members to active membership.

Royal Arch Masons have been actively supporting the International Order of Job's daughters, both as Associate Guardians and through visitation. There has been great cooperation and visitation between Districts 3 and 8 and the Companions are to be congratulated. The four part presentation on Royal Arch Masonry was well received around the province and many Master Masons have had the opportunity to have direct access to valid information about the Royal Craft. Many Chapters have exalted Companions this year and from the latest reports, there are several petitions and potential members for the coming Masonic year.

The Superintendent report form now in use, provides little space for more than statistical information about the Official Visit and seldom do the Grand Superintendents expand on observations or matters of potential concern. It is recommended that a new Report form be designed that would assist the Grand Executive to identify potential problems and just as importantly, successful programs that innovative Chapters might have implemented.

Congratulations to the Chapters and District Grand Superintendents who have succeeded in "*Facing the Challenge*". Your achievements have made, and will continue to have an enduring positive influence on the future of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.

Fraternally submitted,
REC James C. Whyte, Chairman
I move the adoption of this report seconded by MEC David Turner.
There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MERIT AWARD

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

Excellent Companions:

This Committee recommends the presentation award to:

Companion Kenneth Hill, Pacific Rim Chapter No. 44
Companion Alistair Drysdale, Rocky Mountain Chapter No. 7
Companion Neil Marshall, Tzouhalem Chapter No. 26

In reviewing the applications we were disappointed that only four names were presented representing 3 of the 11 Districts and a small number of Chapters.

It is our suggestion that the letter identifying the qualifications for the Merit Award be sent to each Scribe Ezra along with the suggestion of possibly establishing a committee to submit the names of qualified Companions for recognition.

It is a privilege to serve on this Committee and we feel there is a great opportunity to recognize deserving Royal Arch Masons if promoted.

Fraternally submitted,
VEC Lionel Brownsey, Chairman

I move the adoption of this report seconded by the Grand Scribe Nehemiah
There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

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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:
During the year 2003, only four Chapters showed an increase in membership:

North Vancouver # 15 increased by 1
King Solomon #30 increased by 1
Caribou #43 increased by 1
Pacific Rim #44 increased by 6

My congratulations to the Chapters showing an increase.

The Grand Z Award this year will again go to Pacific Rim #44.

My sincere thanks to Most Excellent Companion Marshall for providing me with the necessary data to complete this report.

Respectfully submitted
MEC Hilliard Clare, PGZ

I move the adoption of this report seconded by the Grand Scribe Ezra
There being no discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Grand First Principal: Could I ask the Grand Director of Ceremonies to conduct VEC Alex Reid to the East.

The Grand First Principal presented Very Excellent Companion Alex Reid with a Grand Stewards collarette and jewel.

VEC Reid: Thank you very much Most Excellent Companion Hobbs. I would like to thank all the members of the Convocation Committee, in particular MEC Malcolm Cowie who kept everything on an even keel. There were, of course, a few bumps in the road but with the able assistance of all members of the Committee we were able to overcome the difficulties. Thank you again.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHAPTER

Most Excellent Companion Tom Mickey: Most Excellent Companion Hobbs, once again it is my pleasure to move a vote of thanks to the host Chapter and to Very Excellent Companion Alex Reid and his Committee. As was stated, there were a few bumps in the road but all has ended well.

So my Companions, I would move a vote of thanks to the host Chapter, Discovery Chapter No. 45.

Grand Scribe Ezra: I will second that motion Most Excellent Sir.
The motion was carried by resounding applause.
Grand Scribe Ezra: I move that the signatures at the bank be changed. This motion is seconded by REC Ron Glover.

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

INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS FOR 2004-2005 ON SEPTEMBER 18th, 2004

INSTALLING GRAND ZERUBBABEL	MEC R. Hilliard Clare
INSTALLATION OF GRAND ZERUBBABEL	REC George W. Eaton by MEC Hilliard Clare
GRAND HONOURS	by VEC Les Adams
INSTALLATION OF GRAND HAGGAI and GRAND JOSHUA	REC Brian A. Richman REC Robert E. Doige by MEC Tom Mickey
GRAND HONOURS	by VEC Les Adams
INSTALLATION OF I.PG.Z.	MEC Basil R. Hobbs by MEC David Turner
INSTALLATION OF GRAND TREASURER	REC Ron Glover by MEC Alex Rollo
INSTALLATION OF GRAND SCRIBE EZRA	MEC Joseph Marshall by MEC Leonard Pickell

INSTALLATION OF GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER	REC James C. Whyte by MEC William Shippam
INSTALLATION OF GRAND SENIOR & JUNIOR SOJOURNERS	REC William Fooks REC Les Robinson-Absent by MEC Basil Hobbs
GRAND HONOURS	By VEC Les Adams
INVESTITURE OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS	by MEC Denis Carriere

1. VEC Richard Nesbitt	7. VEC Gordon Galt
2. VEC David Grange	8. VEC Carl E. Kickbush
3 VEC John Swierstra	9. EC Gordon Askin
4 & 5 EC Tom Puves	10. VEC Harold Woolgar
6. EC Lionel Buller	11. VEC Kenneth Gibson

GRAND HONOURS	by VEC Les Adams

INVESTITURE OF APPOINTED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

NAMES OF OFFICERS READ BY MEC GEORGE W. EATON

OBLIGATION	by MEC Hilliard Clare
INVESTITURE OF GRAND SCRIBE NEHEMIAH	VEC Edward Wilson by MEC David Turner
INVESTITURE OF GRAND HISTORIAN	EC James Bennie by MEC Rod Cutler
INVESTITURE OF GRAND SWORD BEARER	EC Vernon Jones by REC David Grange
INVESTITURE OF THE GRAND MASTERS OF THE VEILS	by REC Stan Fleetham
4th Veil EC William Clarke 3rd Veil EC Neil Marsh	2nd EC Robert Foreman 1st Veil EC Brian Fraser
INVESTITURE OF THE GRAND STANDARD BEARER	EC David Ogilvie by MEC Malcolm Cowie

INVESTITURE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES AND GRAND MARSHAL	REC Alastair Ross EC William Phillips By VEC Les Adams
INVESTITURE OF GRAND PURSUIVANT	EC Lionel Brownsey by REC Ron Glover
INVESTITURE OF GRAND STEWARDS	by REC Brian Hemingway

1.VEC Leonard Wylie; 2. VEC William Poncia: 3. REC Brian Fraser

INVESTITURE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN	EC Rev. Dr. Joel J. Chiri By VEC "Bud" Tarling
INVESTITURE OF GRAND ORGANIST	William Walls by REC Don Nikkel
INVESTITURE OF GRAND TYLER	VEC Joe Carver by MEC Alex Rollo
GRAND HONOURS	by REC Alastair Ross
GENERAL ADDRESS	by MEC Hilliard Clare

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LOCATIONS OF FUTURE GRAND CONVOCATIONS

Grand First Principal: The 87th Grand Convocation will be held in Penticton the 15th, 16th and 17th of September, 2005.

The 88th Grand Convocation will be held in Prince George on the 19th, 20th and 21st of September, 2006

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CLOSING ADDRESS BY MEC GEORGE W. EATON

My Companions, I thank you for your confidence in selecting me to serve you as your Grand First Principal for the coming year. You have again placed you trust in me and I again pledge my loyalty to you. We especially thank MEC Clare and his team for installing and investing the officers today. It was great to have the Past Grand First Principals here, whom we have served and respected over the years.

This is an opening, not a closing, address. It is an opening of a new year for your Grand Chapter and an opening of a new year for every Officer, Committee Member and Companion. Today is New Year's Day–the new year starts now. The officers have been installed and invested. The committees have been appointed. To all officers and committee members –past and present–thank you for your commitment to Grand Chapter. To every Royal Arch Mason–thank you for your dedication to this great fraternity. Thank you for your friendship, brotherhood and companionship. I share your enthusiasm and your interest. I look forward, with pleasure, to working with all of you in this new year. My message is simple, WILL YOU?

1. Will you make your Chapter relevant?
2. Will you promote Royal Arch Masonry?
3. Will you learn and present a new piece of ritual
4. Will you be faithful and true to your obligations?
5. Will you be zealous in the performance of you duties?
6. Will you be a true and faithful brother to your Companions?
7. Will you copy what you admire in others?
8. Will you have fun? Do something? Feel good about yourself?
9. Will you ....?

Finally, I wish to close with a prayer attributed to St. Francis – "*Lord, make us instruments of you peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen*"

I will if you will. I will, I hope you will too.

THE 86th GRAND CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON WAS CLOSED IN AMPLE FORM BY MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION GEORGE W. EATON

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CONSTITUENT 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 Michael Ross
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Jens Block, 305-3420 Quadra Street, Victoria V8X 1G7 Phone: (250) 386-9273

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 PRINCIPAL: EC Jim Embery
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Tom Lymbery, 1797 Chain Saw Avenue, Gray Creek, B.C. V0B 1S0 Phone: (250) 227-9449

ROSSLAND CHAPTER NO. 4
INSTITUTED: November 19, 1898
CONSTITUTED: January 23, 1899
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 1st Tuesday except January & September when Convocations are held 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 DEC ember
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC David B. Dudley
SCRIBE EZRA: Comp. John W. Hamer, Box 230 Montrose, B.C. V0G 1P0 Phone 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: REC Alastair Ross
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Donovan O. Tyers, 13023-100A Ave. Surrey, B.C. V3T 1J8 Phone: (604) 581-6423

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 R. Picton
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Richard L. Mercer, 3178-49th Street South Cranbrook 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: VEC Gordon Hebden
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Ron Glover – Mail to 211 Cilaire Drive,
Nanaimo, B.C. V9S 3E5 Phone: (250) 729-7136

CYRUS CHAPTER NO. 10
INSTITUTED: July 30th, 1904 – CONSTITUTED: October 6th, 1906
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Thursday except June, July, August and Sept.
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 361 – 5th Street, Courtenay, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Thursday in April
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Tom Feely
SCRIBE EZRA: REC James C. Whyte, 5254 Langlois Road
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OKANAGAN CHAPTER NO. 11
INSTITUTED: July 30th, 1904 – CONSTITUTED: June 18th, 1919
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Tuesday except July and August
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 3005A-32nd Street, Vernon, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Thursday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC F.C.G. Latter
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KAIEN CHAPTER NO. 13
INSTITUTED: August 2nd, 1910 – CONSTITUTED: February 28, 1912
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 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 .G. Murrray Webster
SCRIBE EZRA: REC L.W. Buller, Mail: PO Box 832
Prince Rupert, B.C. V8J 3Y1 Phone: (250)624-0325

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: REC Alex Hart
SCRIBE EZRA: EC Colin Hart, 4224 Hoskins Road, North Vancouver
B.C. V7K 2P6 Phone (604) 986-9460

KELOWNA CHAPTER NO. 17
INSTITUTED: 1916 - CONSTITUTED: June 17th, 1919
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 4th Tues 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 S.C. deNevers
SCRIBE EZRA: REC William H. Ferguson, 031 Keller Place, Kelowna
B.C. V1Y 2G7 Phone (250) 762-0505

KAMLOOPS CHAPTER NO. 18
INSTITUTED: August 2nd, 1920
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd 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. Ogilvie
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Ron Bushby, 755 Fleming Drive, Kelowna, BC
V0E 2S0 Phone (250) 374-2204

CHILLIWACK CHAPTER NO. 19
INSTITUTED: May 12th, 1921 – CONSTITUTED: June 1st, 1922
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 2nd Thur. of Mar., May, Sep., Nov., Dec.
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 45905 Hocking Avenue, Chilliwack, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 2nd Thursday in DEC ember.
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Robert J. Brady
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Malcolm D. Johnson, 2221 Bevan Crescent
Abbotsford, B.C. V2T 3Z4 Phone (604) 859-3893

CONSTITUTED: June, 1922
REGULAR COMMUNICATION: 2nd Wed. except Jun, July, Aug. and Dec.
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 392-4th Avenue, Fernie, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Saturday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: REC B. Flewelling
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: EC John E. Barnes
SCRIBE EZRA: MEC William R. Shippam, 5911 Kerr Street
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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.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 157 Orchard Avenue, Penticton, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 2nd Tuesday in December
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Iain Swann
SCRIBE EZRA: REC William Spek, 398 Upper Bench Road South
Penticton, B.C. V2A 8S9 Phone (250) 487-4333

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: VEC Ian McLean
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Tom Bligh, 931 Shavington Street
North Vancouver, B.C. V7L 1K6 Phone (604) 987-0628

OBSERVATORY CHAPTER NO. 25
INSTITUTED: June 18th, 1919 - CONSTITUTED: August 26th, 1927
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 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: EC Brian Stewart
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Raymond A. Huey, Box 174 Princeton, B.C.
VOX 1W0 Phone:(250)295-3751

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: REC Arnie Krenz
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Donald W. Walkey, 1437 Belcarra Road
Duncan, B.C. V9L 5P2 Phone: (250) 748-5063

PAPYRUS CHAPTER NO. 27
INSTITUTED; March 30th, 1927
CONSTITUTED: September 17th, 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: EC Virendra Varma
SCRIBE EZRA: MEC Norman K. Monro, RR 1 Black Point
Powell River, B.C. V8A 4Z2 Phone.(604)487-9358)

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: EC Edward Laird
SCRIBE EZRA: VEC Bill Aaroe, 1279 Brand Street,Port Coquitlam
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GRANITE CHAPTER NO. 29
INSTITUTED: August 8th, 1946 - CONSTITUTED: October 19, 1947
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 1st Wednesday except January, July & August
TIME: 8:00 .M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 270 Alexander Street, Salmon Arm, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 1st Wednesday in DEC ember
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Neil G. Griffiths
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Percy J. Harkness, l to Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 4M1
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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: EC Garry Hodge
SCRIBE EZRA: EC Michael Duff, 26-41449 Government Road
Squamish, B.C. V0N 3G0 Phone: (604)898-3846

JOPPA CHAPTER NO. 31
INSTITUTED: January 3rd, 1949 - CONSTITUTED: 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: EC Keith Godfrey
SCRIBE EZRA: VEC Michael P. Raynor 808 West 19th Street, North
Vancouver, B.C. V7P 1Z6 Phone (604)987-4556

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: EC Michael Brisley
SCRIBE EZRA: EC Ken Gibson, 134-1736 Timberlands, Road
Ladysmith, B.C. V9G 1K3 Phone (250) 245-8999

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: VEC Neil Marsh
SCRIBE EZRA: EC 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: VEC David McEachern
SCRIBE EZRA: VEC Philip Burman-Martin
582 Panorama Place, Parksville, B.C. V9P 1A4

FORT 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 DEC ember
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E.C.Karl Ellington
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KALUM CHAPTER NO. 37
INSTITUTED: May 26th, 1956
CONSTITUTED: September 19th, 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: EC J.J. L. Chapman
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YUKON CHAPTER NO. 38
INSTITUTED: January 30th, 1950
CONSTITUTED: January 30th, 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: EC D.D. Hockley
SCRIBE EZRA: REC 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 except July, Aug. & Dec.
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, Roberts Creek, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 1st Saturday in May
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Norman Blair
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Stanley Fleetham, PO Box 1722 Sechelt, B.C.
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SIMON FRASER CHAPTER NO. 40
INSTITUTED: March 29th, 1961 - CONSTITUTED: July 29th, 1961
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 2nd Tuesday except July, August & Feb.
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 6730 No. 3 Road, Richmond, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 1st Saturday in February
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Gordon Hannay
SCRIBE EZRA: VEC Clancy Wilson, 6730 No. 3 Road, Richmond,
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DAWSON CREEK CHAPTER NO. 41
INSTITUTED: October 15th. 1960
CONSTITUTED: September 1st, 1962
REGULAR CONVOCATION: 3rd Tuesday except July, August & September
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 901-103rd Street, Dawson Creek, B.C.

INSTALLATION: 3rd Tuesday in September
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Larry Holthe
SCRIBE EZRA: REC 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: EC Norman Purmal
SCRIBE EZRA: EC 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 Jun, Jul, Aug. & Dec.
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 6544 Troup Road, Sooke, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 3rd Thursday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: Dan St. Laurent
SCRIBE EZRA: Comp. Douglas Lumb, 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 Mon., Mar., Apr., May, Sept., Oct., and Nov.
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Discovery Masonic Hall, Campbell River, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 4th Monday in November
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC David Storrie
SCRIBE EZRA: MEC 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. Watson	*Daniel M. Morrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1920	*Edward D. Paul	*Daniel M. Morrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1921	*Daniel M. Morrison	*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	*Ernest P. Allen
1932	*Samuel Drake	*Alexander McDuff	*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	*W.P. Marchant	*George E. McKinnon
1941	*George E. McKinnon	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor
1942	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor	*John H. Morgan
1943	*W. Coates Taylor	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis
1944	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle
1945	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker
1946	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker	*John 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 Byrnell
1950	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts
1951	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker
1952	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness
1953	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard 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. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen

1958	*T.W.H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell
1959	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell
1960	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss
1961	*Ear. 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. Carey
1965	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Carey	*Ewan E. Andrews
1966	*L.R. Carey	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Mark H. Hannah
1967	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Mark H. Hannah	*Thomas Isbister
1968	*Mark H. Hannah	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham
1969	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles R. Armtrong
1970	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles R. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl
1971	*Charles R. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl	*W. Currie McCaplin
1972	*Evan H. Carl	*W. Currie McCaplin	*James H. Menzer
1973	*W. Currie McCaplin	*James H. Menzer	*William H. Young
1974	*James H. Menzer	*William H. Young	*Cyrus D. Biddulph
1975	*Cyrus D. Biddulph	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton
1976	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton	George H. Coupland
1977	*Henry M. Dayton	George H. Coupland	*William Blake
1978	George H. Coupland	*William Blake	*R. Cedric Telford
1979	*William Blake	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall
1980	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall	Stephen G. Redgrave
1981	*James Randall	Stephen G. Redgrave	*Alvin P. Alexander
1982	Stephen G. Redgrave	*Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton
1983	*Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton	R. Hilliard Clare
1984	*F. Melvin Fulton	R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie F. Lamb
1985	R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie F. Lamb	Roderick A. Cutler
1986	*Huie F. Lamb	Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack Laffling
1987	Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey
1988	*Jack Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall
1989	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall	Alexander S. Rollo
1990	*Robert J. Gornall	Alexander S. Rollo	*Hunter James White
1991	Alexander S. Rollo	*Hunter James White	William R. Shippam
1992	*Hunter 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. Anderson	David B. Turner
2000	David D.S. Anderson	David B. Turner	Norman K. Monro
2001	David B. Turner	Norman K. Monro	Basil R. Hobbs
2002	Norman K. Monro	Basil R. Hobbs	George W. Eaton
2003	Basil R. Hobbs	George W. Eaton	Brian A. Richman
2004	George W. Eaton	Brian A. Richman	Robert E. Doige

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

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ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD

The President, MEC David Turner, called the Order of the High Priesthood to order at 2:10 p.m. on Thursday the 16th of September, 2004 at the Masonic Hall in Campbell River.

The President welcomed all the Excellent Companions and, at this time called for two minutes of silence in memory of those Excellent Companions who had passed to the Grand Chapter Above, especially VEC David Lupton of Keystone Chapter No. 8, who was scheduled to receive the Order of the High Priesthood but sadly passed to the Grand Chapter Above just prior to this Grand Convocation. The President informed the assembly that he and MEC Basil Hobbs, prior to VEC Lupton's demise, conferred both the title of Very Excellent Companion and the Order of the High Priesthood on VEC Lupton, for which he was very thankful. VEC Lupton's funeral was held on Wednesday the 15th of September, 2004.

The following first time visitors were acknowledged: MEC Donald Beck; Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Washington; REC Herb Weaver from the Grand Chapter of Washington; MEC Jack Hooper, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba and REC Zeke Eaton, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and P.E.I. the brother of MEC George Eaton.

The President thanked VEC Ed Wilson for occupying REC William Fooks' office as REC Fooks was still in hospital in Kamloops recovering from a stroke. He also thanked MEC Rollo for filling in for REC Roy Macdonald, the Director of Ceremonies, who as also in hospital recovering from a heart aneurism.

The President then opened the Order with the regular officers occupying their respective offices. The Order of the High Priesthood was conferred on:

Karl Jan ELLINGTON
Michael John BRISLEY
Ian SWAN
Daniel Charles ST. LAURENT
Keith Victor GODFREY
Ambrose (John) Edward BARNES
John R.C. MACDONALD

Following the conferral of the Order, the normal Order of Business commenced with the President, MEC Turner, presiding.

ACCOUNTS:
The Treasurer, REC Joe Quan presented accounts for payment:
Hall Rental - $75.00;
50 Bibles - $1404.49 reduced by $750.00 from sale of jewels and cases, leaving a balance to be paid of $654.49.
TOTAL of accounts to be paid - $729.40.
Moved and seconded by REC Richman and REC Doige that the accounts be paid. CARRIED

ILL AND DISTRESSED: REC Bushby reported that REC Bill Fooks was still in Kamloops awaiting transfer home. He also reported that VEC Les Henderson's health and that of Shirley Carriere, the wife of MEC Denis Carriere's, was improving.

The Registrar read the names of the nominees for offices for 2004-2005. There being no objection to the nominees, the President declared the Excellent Companions listed hereunder to be the Officers for 2004-2005.

MEC Turner thanked all the officers for their assistance during his term in office. He then requested the Registrar, MEC Rollo to proceed with the installation of the officers as shown below:

President	Norman K. MONRO
Vice President	Basil R. HOBBS
Excellent Chaplain	Brian A. RICHMAN
Excellent Master of Ceremonies	Robert E. DOIGE
Excellent Conductor	James C. WHYTE
Excellent Treasurer	Joe D. QUAN

Excellent Registrar	Alex S. ROLLO
Excellent Director of Ceremonies	Roy MACDONALD
Excellent Herald	William FOOKS
Excellent Steward	Les ROBINSON
Excellent Sentinel	John MCINTOSH

The Most Excellent President, MEC Norman Monro, thanked the Recorder, MEC Alex Rollo for installing the officers for 2004-2005 and then proceed to close in ample form.

Fraternally submitted,
Alexander Rollo
Excellent Registrar

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