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MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION
LESLIE ROBINSON
Grand First Principal **2006/2007**

PERSONAL HISTORY

M. Ex. Comp A. Leslie Robinson was born in Liverpool England and immigrated to Canada with his wife Brenda in 1967.

They have 3 children, a daughter Anne-Louise and two boys Mark, Edward and one granddaughter Kasumi.

He spent his career in the telecommunications industry and worked for British Telecom, Alberta Government Telecom and BC Tel, and retired in 1995.

He was initiated passed and raised in Adoniram Lodge #118 Vancouver in 1978 and he is a past Master of Nanaimo Lodge #110, and a member of Manoah Lodge #1
Tofino and was appointed Grand Steward in 2004.

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He is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason and has served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of Colville Lodge of Perfection in Nanaimo.

He is a past 1st Principle of Keystone #8 in Nanaimo and a member of Majuba #33 Ladysmith. He is a Preceptor of Bethlehem Preceptory #69 in Parksville, and now serves as their Registrar.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

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I, Edward R. Wilson, 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-ninth*** Grand Convocation held in Nanaimo, B.C. on ***September 20th, 21st and 22nd*** and authorized to be published.

In testimony whereof I have appended my official signature and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter at the office of the Grand Scribe Ezra in the City of Abbotsford, B.C. this 18th day of October, AD 2007

(Edward R. Wilson – Grand Scribe Ezra

SEAL

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

The eighty-ninth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon was held on ***September 20th, 21st and 22nd, 2007*** at the Coast Bastion Inn, Nanaimo, B.C.

The following are the officers elected and/or appointed for the year **2006/2007**:

MEC	**Leslie A. Robinson**	**Grand First Principal**
REC	George Tillotson	Grand Haggai
REC	Alastair Ross	Grand Joshua
MEC	Brian Richman	IPGZ
REC	Ron Glover	Grand Treasurer
REC	Ed Wilson	Grand Scribe Ezra
REC	David Grange	Grand Principal Sojourner
REC	Stanley Sorensen	Grand Senior Sojourner
REC	Joel Chiri	Grand Junior Sojourner
REC	Derek Turner	Grand Superintendent Dist. 1
REC	Allen Jesperson	Grand Superintendent Dist. 2
REC	Ken McKenzie	Grand Superintendent Dist. 3
REC	Rick McKay	Grand Superintendent Dist. 4
REC	Murray Webster	Grand Superintendent Dist. 6
REC	Ian Thompson	Grand Superintendent Dist. 7
REC	David Ford	Grand Superintendent Dist. 8
REC	Michael Raynor	Grand Superintendent Dist. 9
REC	Larry Holthe	Grand Superintendent Dist.10
REC	Richard Armitage	Grand Superintendent Dist.11
REC	James Whyte	Grand Scribe Nehemiah
VEC	James Bennie	Grand Historian
VEC	Fred Lefley	Grand Sword Bearer
VEC	Sam Wylie	Grand Master 4th Veil
VEC	Khodabakhsh Marzbani	Grand Master 3rd Veil
VEC	Stanley Grenda	Grand Master 2nd Veil
VEC	Ian Swann	Grand Master 1st Veil
VEC	Chris McLean	Grand Standard Bearer
VEC	Michael Brisley	Grand Dir. Of Ceremonies
VEC	Francis Latter	Grand Marshal
VEC	Harold Hayes	Grand Pursuivant
VEC	Angus Nicol	Grand Steward No. 1
VEC	Thomas Feely	Grand Steward No. 2
VEC	John Rushke	Grand Steward No. 3
VEC	Roy Friis	Grand Chaplain
EC	Robert Barr	Grand Organist
VEC	Donald McMillan	Grand Tyler

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1. INFORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

The informal opening was held in the usual manner on ***Thursday, September 20th, 2007 at 7:45 pm.*** Banner: VEC Chris McLean, Constitution: REC Donovan Tyers, Sword: VEC David Lewis. Grand Council entered and occupied their stations.

2. RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were introduced:

(1) Councilor Lloyd Sherry representing the City of Nanaimo.
(2) Mr. Leonard Krog, MLA representing the Province of British Columbia.
(3) Most Illustrious Companion Leonard G. Pickell, representing the Royal and Select Masters of Cryptic Rite of Western Canada.
(4) Supreme Grand Master, Most Eminent Knight Joseph Marshall, GCT representing the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
(5) Right Illustrious Knight Priest Lionel Brownsey representing the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.
(6) Right Illustrious Knight Companion, Alexander Reid, Grand Intendent General representing the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, Scottish Jurisdiction.
(7) Worthy Brother Jim Smith, Worthy Grand Patron representing the Order of the Eastern Star of British Columbia and Yukon.

(8) Ms. Maureen Adams, Grand Guardian, Mr. John McMurchy, Assistant Grand Guardian, Miss Stacy McMurchy, Miss B.C. and Miss Kathy Galtois, Honour Queen representing the International Order of Job's Daughters (IOJD)
(9) Queen Sue Paugh, representing Miriam Temple, Daughters of the Nile (DON)
(10) Most Worthy Brother James Shaw, Supreme Grand Ruler representing the Grand Conclave Order of the Secret Monitor of Canada.
(11) Right Eminent Distinguished Brother Vern Halverson, Grand Governor, representing the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.
(12) Right Worthy Frater Michael Raynor, IX°, Chief Adept representing the Societas Rosicruciana in Canada.
(13) Most Excellent Companion Eric Weigelt Grand First Principal, representing the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
(14) Most Excellent Companion Robert Turner, Grand First Principal, representing the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan.
(15) MEC Lawrence McInnes, Grand First Principal, and MEC Al Christoferson representing the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba.
(16) MEC Raymond Sorenson, Grand High Priest representing the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Montana.
(17) MEC James Stevens, REC Lynn Bailey, REC Herb Weaver and REC Karl Forch representing the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington.
(18) Most Worshipful Brother Steven Godfrey, Grand Master, representing the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon.

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3. FLAG CEREMONY:

The flag ceremony was conducted by REC Richard Armitage. VEC Ken Overy carried the Canadian flag, EC George Porter carried the Yukon flag, EC David Paugh carried the British Columbia flag and EC Dick Sangster carried the flag of the United States of America. The ceremony concluded with the singing of *"O Canada"* and *"The Star Spangled Banner."*

4. IN MEMORIAM:

The ceremony was held under the direction of REC Rev. Dr. Joel C. Chiri, Grand Junior Sojourner in the absence of the Grand Chaplain, VEC Roy Friis. A reading from John 11: 25-26 was followed by the saying of the Lord's Prayer in unison. The hymn "*Nearer My God to Thee*" was sung followed by a reading from Philippians 4: 1-8

4. ROLL CALL OF FRATERNAL DEAD

District No. 1:

COLUMBIA 1	C. Bruce A. Auchinvole C. William A. Bruce C. Ronald Day C. William C. Vant-Haaff VEC Robin Tetlow REC Victor G. Lane
TZOUHALEM 26	C. Arthur Abbott C. Donald E. Hammond C. Robert Morgan

PACIFIC RIM 44	C. Hubert Tate

District No. 2:

WESTMINSTER 6	C. John E. Brendon
CHILLIWACK 19	C. Malcolm G. Person VEC Willi K Ahlbrand
MISSION 28	None reported
SEMIAHMOO 34	C. Ernest R. Thomas EC Allan D. Thompson

District No. 3:

OKANAGAN 11	None reported
KAMLOOPS 18	C. J. Chacko EC C. Rutherford EC G. Newton
GRANITE 29	REC Gerald E. Newton

District No. 4:

KOOTENAY 3	C. J. Ernie Woods C. James F. Smith C. Edwin Berrington
ROSSLAND 4	C. Alexander Brokenshire REC Hugh McLachlan
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	C. Willi Cziborr

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7	C. Edward Rawson EC Bernard Lundberg REC Edward Berrington REC Albert C. Laine REC Thomas A. Purves

District No. 6:

KAIEN 13	None reported
KALUM 37	C. Bruce N. Anderson C. Eugene Connolly C. George Goymer EC Michael Vanichuk

District No. 7:

N. VANCOUVER 16	C. William Fraser C. Bev Giles
KING SOLOMON 30	C. James H. Fielder
GEORGIAN 39	C. Wilfred Christianson

District No. 8:

KELOWNA 17	EC Walter Thesen
PENTICTON 22	C. John H. Hostler EC John L. McCadden
OBSERVATORY 25	REC Edward Cook

District No. 9:

TRIPLE TAU 21	C. Lyle R. Anderson C. Lionel S. Greenwood EC Carleton S. Ogawa
COMPOSITE 24	None reported
JOPPA 31	C. Walter Bavis C. Kenneth Spiers REC Murdock Matheson REC Walter Perkins
SIMON FRASER 40	C. Ernest P. Belogus C. Richard G. Lang C. Richard V. Martinolich

District No. 10:

FORT GEORGE 36	C. Albert J. Beach C. Frank G. Hewlett C. Raymond G. Williston
YUKON 38	C. John M. Acheson
DAWSON CREEK 41	C. Lorne Dalke REC Ken Browns
CARIBOU 43	C. Harold L. Edes

District No. 11:

KEYSTONE 8	None reported
CYRUS 10	C. Francis H. L. Sullivan

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	VEC Neil Campbell
MAJUBA 33	C. Leslie Beardsley
CATHEDRAL 35	C. Robert G. Barr
DISCOVERY 45	C. Frank Belcher C. William Newman VEC Neil Campbell VEC Gerry Sylvester

A red rose was placed on the altar by each District Grand Superintendent or alternate with one for all companions, spouses, friends and the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces and Canadian Police Agencies who gave their lives in defense of this nation.
*****NOTE P.14 IS MISSING*****

REC Rec. Dr. Joel C. Chiri, Grand Junior Sojourner, provided a brief address with:

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last.

Let faith exact her joyful voice,
And now in triumph sing,
O Grave, where is thy victory?
And, where, O Death they sting?

The stars shall shine for a thousand years,
A thousand years and a day;
But God and I will live and live
When the stars are passed away."

The Acting Grand Chaplain cited: *"They shall not grow old as we are left to grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning – **We shall remember them**!"*

The benediction was from Numbers 6: 24-26.

5. ADDRESSES BY INVITED GUESTS:

The Grand First Principal, MEC Leslie Robinson invited several of the guests to speak:

Councilor Lloyd Sherry, City of Nanaimo. Brought the greetings of the Mayor and Council of the City of Nanaimo. Thanked the Royal Arch for holding the convocation in Nanaimo and hoped all enjoying the City. Also thanked the organization for the work done on behalf of the people of Nanaimo and British Columbia.

Mr. Leonard Krog, MLA, Nanaimo. Greetings to all and noted if this event was "informal" he would really like to see a complex formal opening. Thanks on behalf of the people of British Columbia and hope we return again soon.

Ms. Stacy McMurchie, International Order of Job's Daughters. Greetings from the Jobies and noted they are struggling for membership,

Queen Sue Paugh, Miriam Temple No. 2, Daughters of the Nile, brought the greetings of her Temple and of Zarath Temple in Vancouver. Wished us a successful convocation. Looking for members to sustain their work in support of the Shriner's Hospitals.

Brother Jim Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star of British Columbia and Yukon. Greetings from the Grand Worthy Matron, Judy Stanley-Long. O.E.S. is the largest fraternal organization in the world with men and women. The main aims are to provide cancer dressings for cancer patients provide musical and religious bursaries and support the Elizabeth Bentley Fund for second year university students.

Most Eminent Knight Joseph Marshall, GCT, Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada expressed his pleasure of attending. Brought the greetings of the sovereign Great Priory. Hoped this convocation goes as well as the recent Priory Convocation in St. Johns, Newfoundland a few weeks ago.

Most Illustrious Companion, Leonard Pickell, Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada expressed the greetings of their members. Advised their Grand Convocation would be in Chilliwack, B.C. in May 2008. Congratulated MEC Robinson on a successful year. All the best to the new slate of officers in 2008.

Right Illustrious Companion Knight, Alex Reid, Grand Intendent General, Illustrious Order of the Red Cross of Constantine (Scottish Jurisdiction) advised their group is also informally known as the "Conclave". One must be a Royal Arch Mason to be invited to become a member. Toast to the companions from Nanaimo on their work in organizing this convocation.

Most Worthy Brother James Shaw, Grand Supreme Ruler, Grand Conclave, Order of the Secret Monitor of Canada informed he has only been in his current position for one

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month. Nova Scotia has the largest number of members at current time. Hopes to see the organization continue to grow. Thanked all for the hospitality and friendship during his trip.

Right Eminent Distinguished Brother Vern Halverson, Grand Governor of British Columbia and Yukon, York Rite Sovereign College of North America brought the greetings of that organization. Explained their purpose is to help Masonic bodies in performing the work. One must be a member of the four York Rite bodies to be a member. Pleased to attend this convocation.

Right Worthy Frater Michael Raynor, Chief Adept, Societas of Rosicruciana in Canada offerered the greetings of Most Worthy Frater Niall Good and the High Council. Wished us a fruitful and pleasant convocation.

Most Worshipful Brother, Stephen Godfrey, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon brought the greeting of their membership. Thrilled to attend this convocation and appreciated the reception he received. The Grand Lodge is the foundation of all Masonic bodies. Toleration is an important facet but communication is the key. Offered congratulations to MEC Les Robinson on the work done during the past year. Wished all the best at the convocation and congratulations to REC George Tillotson and officers for the next year.

6. INFORMAL CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Grand First Principal closed the informal opening at **9:15 pm** advising that the formal opening would occur at **9:00 am** the following morning.

7. FORMAL OPENING OF 89th CONVOCATION OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Credentials Committee reported that **29** of **33** Chapters were represented and so forming a quorum. Therefore the Grand First Principal, MEC Leslie Robinson formally opened the proceedings in ample form at **9:15 am, Friday, September 21, 2007** in Nanaimo, B.C.

8. RECEPTION OF GUESTS

MEC Leslie Robinson was pleased to welcome the following:

MEC Eric W. Weigelt, Grand Z – Alberta
MEC Robert Turner, Grand Z – Saskatchewan
MEC Lawrence McGinnes – Grand Z – Manitoba
MEC Raymond Sorenson, Grand HP – Montana
MEC Ed Opstad, Grand High Priest - Washington
REC Len Bailey, Deputy HP – Washington
REC Herb Weaver, Grand King – Washington
REC Karl Forch,, Grand Scribe – Washington
MEC James Stevens, Past Grand HP – Washington
MWBro. Steven Godfrey, Grand Master –B.C. & Yukon
REGRETS: MEC David Anderson, Bro. Harry Keith, Monarch, VanZor Grotto, REC Larry Atkinson, VEC Frank Kendrick, MEC George H. Gifford, Grand Z of Canada (Ontario) and REC Marvyn Rogers, Grand Scribe Ezra of Alberta.

9. INVOCATION

In the absence of the Grand Chaplain the invocation was presented by REC James Whyte, Grand Scribe Nehemiah.

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10. RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

Grand Scribe Ezra, REC Ed Wilson, **MOVED** that the following Resolution of Loyalty be forwarded. **SECONDED** by REC James Whyte, Grand Scribe Nehemiah. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

BE IT RESOLVED that this, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon, assembled at their Eighty Ninth Annual Convocation in the City of Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada, this 20th, 21st and 22nd Day of September 2007, reaffirm the loyalty of all its members to Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada; His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, Charles the Prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry.

WE TRUST AND PRAY Her Majesty will continue to enjoy good health and strength 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 Honorable Secretary of State for Canada under the signature and seal of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY of the Resolution passed at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter

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of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon on Friday, September 21st, 2007.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

Leslie Robinson — GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

Ed Wilson — Grand Scribe E

11. MINUTES OF THE 88th CONVOCATION OF 2006

I, REC Ed Wilson **MOVE** the minutes of the 88th Grand Convocation as printed in the **2006** Proceedings of this Grand Chapter be adopted. **SECONDED** by REC James Whyte, Grand Scribe Nehemiah. **CARRIED**

12. GRAND ZERUBBABEL'S ADDRESS

PREAMBLE: My companions at the conclusion of my year as your Grand First Principal I would like to thank you for the privilege for serving you. My year has been very rewarding and I have had the opportunity of visiting every chapter, with the exception of one, that could not count on a quorum. I have attended many installations and had the privilege of installing their First Principal. I also attended many special occasions throughout the jurisdiction where our ladies were in attendance, which made the evening magic.

The spring board this year was held in Victoria and hosted by Columbia #1. It was conducted as an open forum and a lot of very useful discussion took place and some of the ideas have been discussed by the executive committee and maybe some action will ensue in the future. The weekend was a social success and many of our ladies attended the evening banquet and the weekend ended with a Church Parade on the Sunday morning. I would like to express the thanks of the Executive to Columbia Chapter for a very successful weekend.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS: This year all the elected officers have submitted their name for the next step in the grand line and we have two excellent companions this year who have submitted their names for Junior Grand Sojourner and I wish them every success in their endeavours. Our Grand Treasurer has decided to step down this year and I would like to offer R.E.C. Ron Glover the thanks and gratitude of all companions for the work he has done over the last five years for our Grand Chapter. Also your Grand Scribe Ezra will be with us for another year and I thank him for his help to me over the last year.

STATE OF CHAPTERS: As I visited all the Chapters this year I found that every chapter I visited had at least 2 new companions and some have 4 or 5 and more, and I feel very positive that our fraternity has turned the corner and will be on the rise in numbers and quality of officers and work. I know that

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many chapters are having problems finding officers, but it will take time for our new members to take an office and rebuild these chapters. The companionship and courtesy shown in all chapters I visited was outstanding and if we can let the master know what we have to offer for their development as masons I am sure our Chapters will enjoy many new companions. Please attend your craft lodges for without their being strong we cannot be strong.

I had the honour of attending Okanagan Chapter' 100th anniversary and I wish them well for the next 100 years and like many chapters they have problems getting new members but I am sure that if all the companions work together they will restore their chapter to its original glory.

At a special meeting of Columbia #1 I had the privilege of presenting 23 long service awards including one 60 year and two 50 year awards, and at the same time there were over 12 Royal Arch certificates to present. These were presented at a special dinner following a short meeting where all our ladies were invited, a truly great occasion for Columbia #1.

I am pleased to recommend the permanent rank of Right Excellent Companion on the following companions, and thank them for the support they have shown me this year:

REC Ronald Glover, Grand Treasurer
REC Stanley Sorensen, Grand Senior Sojourner

REC Joel Chiri, Grand Junior Sojourner
Derek Turner Supt D#1 Allen Jesperson Supt D#2
Ken McKenzie Supt D#2 Rick McKay Supt D#4
Murray Webster Supt D#6 Ian Thompson Supt D#7
David Ford Supt D#8 Michael Raynor Supt D 9
Larry Holthe Supt D#10 Richard Armitage Supt D#11

Also the rank of V.E.C. on the following E.Cs and thank them for their support:

Fred Lefley	Ian Swann
Sam Wylie	Chris McLean
Khodabakhsh Marsbani	Michael Brisley
Stanley Grenda	Francis Latter
Harold Hayes	Angus Nicol
Thomas Feely	John Ruschke
Robert Barr	Don McMillan

To all companions who served so faithfully on the various committees's I thank you all for your dedication and your contribution to Grand Chapter, and I discharge you with our thanks and gratitude.

This year I had the honour of attending the International Night in Bellingham where once again our Grand Chapter was very well represented. I also attended Affirmation Day at the Peace Arch and this year we were able to circle the Arch once again and I hope that these occasions will continue for many years to come, it confirms the cementing of relations with the Grand Chapter of Washington. On my visit to the Grand Chapter of Alberta this year I was accompanied by 13 companions from B.C. and Yukon a great showing from our jurisdiction. At this time I would

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like to thank all those companions who consented to represent me in other sister jurisdictions, that I could not attend because of my travels in the north.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all my officers for their support and companionship and all the Chapters I have had the pleasure of visiting for their kind reception and support. Of course my love and many thanks to my traveling companion, who has been with me on most occasions, my wife Brenda who has been a constant supported on my travel through the various offices. To my sponsors I sincerely hope I have not disappointed your confidence in me over the years, and to the incoming officers I will support you to the best of my ability in the coming year and wish all success in your endeavours.

Once again my companions I thank you for the honour you bestowed on me in allowing me to serve as your Grand First principal.

I hereby **MOVE** this report be received and referred to the committee on Grand Z's address. **SECONDED** by REC Alastair Ross. **CARRIED**

13. ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND HAGGAI

I thank you for the privilege of serving this Grand Chapter as your Grand 2nd Principal
I accompanied the Grand 1st Principal on most of his visits. And attended and chaired all Executive meetings, attended the Finance meetings.
Organized and chaired the Spring Board, culminated in a

well attended Church Parade, for which I thank Columbia # 1 in Victoria for Hosting.
My wife Prue traveled with me through out my visits, for which I thank her very much.
My visits are listed below.

Visits
25 September 2006; Attended Discovery Chapter #45 with the Grand Superintendent REC Richard Armitage, Scribe Nehemiah
REC James Whyte with a candidate for the MMM degree from Cyrus Chapter in Courtenay Brother William Kennedy He along with four candidates from Campbell River received a well done Degree. I introduced my position from Grand Chapter,
And mentioned what is proposed for the Spring Board in Victoria

16 October 2006 International night Bellingham Bay attended with my wife a good supper served by jobs daughters
Received the past master degree

17 October 2006 Tzouhalem Chapter #26 Installation attended supper and installation Duncan

18 October 2006 MEM degree Cyrus Chapter #10 Courtenay 5 candidates

22 October 2006 Affirmation day Blain, Washington Breakfast at Big Als service and hands around the peace arch,
Attended with wife

23 October 2006 Holy Royal Arch Degree Discovery chapter #45 Campbell River 5 Candidates 2 from Cyrus

24 October 2006 Cathedral Chapter #35, Grand Supt. off Visit Parksville

25 October 2006 Bethel 8 Fraternal night with salmon supper attended with wife Courtenay

7 November 2006 Installation of Columbia #1 installed 2nd Principal Victoria

9 November 2006 Installation Chilliwack #19 installed 2nd Principal Chilliwack

5 December 2006 attended an official visit Majuba #33 Ladysmith

12 December 2006 attended Semiahmoo Christmas Dinner enjoyed the ukulele Band Langley

2007
11 January 2007 Installation North Vancouver #16 Installed 2nd Principal

15 January 2007 Installation Joppa #31 Vancouver

16 January 2007 Installation Westminster #6 Installed 2nd Principal

17 January 2007 attended Cyrus Chapter #10 The Grand Supt. Richard Armitage presented the Stewardship Program
It was well received with good discussion

18 January 2007 Pacific Rim #44 official visit Sooke

31 January 2007 Executive meeting North Vancouver

14 February 2007 Valentines Dinner Mission Chapter #28 Port Coquitlam

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26 February 2007 Discovery Chapter #45 Installation Campbell River installed 2nd Principal

27 February 2007 Triple Tau Chapter #21 Installation Vancouver installed 2nd Principal

10 March 2007 Salmon Arm Granit Chapter # 29 and Okanogan Chapter # 11 installed 2nd Principal both Chapters.

15 March 2007 North Vancouver Executive meeting.

15 March 2007 Pacific Rim Chapter # 44, Sooke Installed 2nd Principal

17 March 2007 Nanaimo Keystone Chapter # 8 Majuba Chapter # 33 installed 2nd Principal both Chapters

23 -24 March 2007 Victoria Spring Board hosted by Columbia # 1

25 March 2007 Victoria Church Parade St Michaels and All Angels Church read Lesson.

18 April 2007 Courtenay Cyrus Chapter #19 Installation Installed 2nd Principal

24 April 2007 Parksville Cathedral Chapter # 35 Installed 2nd Principal

28 April 2007 Burnaby Attended Royal Arch Home 25 anniversary

11-12 May Camrose Alberta attended Grand Chapter Alberta annual Convocation

!4 May Dawson Creek, Dawson Creek Chapter # 41 official Visit Grand 1st Principal

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16 May Prince George Fort George Chapter # 36 Official visit Grand 1st Principal

27 - 30 May Victoria Represented Grand Chapter at Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star

21-23 June Burnaby Attended Grand Lodge BCY

28 June Finance and Executive meeting

MOVED by REC George Tillotson, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson this report be received. **CARRIED**

14. REPORT OF GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL JOSHUA

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

Excellent Companions,

It has been a great privilege and honour to have served as your Grand Third Principal this past year. I have worked very hard in carrying out my duties and I trust my efforts have met with your approval. I have had a very busy year, and one that has been most enjoyable and rewarding. In that time I will have attended at fifty-six Chapter functions, seventeen of which were in accompaniment with our Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Les Robinson, all of which were of great pleasure to do so. I have had the honour to

install fifteen Third Principals of various Chapters and assisted with many degrees in several chapters. I attended all Executive meetings of the Grand Council. I also was pleased to support the Grand Superintendent in my own District # 2 at all but one of his official visits and at some of the official visits of Grand Superintendents in other districts.

It is my intention in my year as your Grand Second Principal to try and visit as many Chapters that I was not able to go to this past year as far as I am able to do. I regret that, due to home commitments, I was not able to attend Grand Chapters of Alberta or Washington. Whilst all my visits were special in their own individual ways, I would highlight those ones which had some special meanings.

(1) International Night at Bellingham Bay Chapter # 12 in Bellingham, Washington, on October 16, 2006. This annual meeting is always well supported by our Grand Chapter Officers and Companions.

(2) The 100 year anniversary of Okanagan Chapter # 11 in Vernon, B.C. on October 19, 2006, a great night of history, friendship and hospitality. Many Grand Chapter Officers attended.

(3) The Grand Chapter of Washington's Affirmation Day on October 22, 2006, at Blaine and the Peace Arch, again well supported by our own Grand Council, Grand Officers and companions

(4) The annual installation of Officers of Columbia Chapter # 1 in Victoria on November 7, 2006. It was a great honour for me to have been asked to act as Installing Director of Ceremonies in our largest

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Chapter with having so many experienced and capable companions themselves.

(5) The 25th anniversary of our Royal Arch Masonic Home in Vancouver which was well attended by Grand Chapter officers and honoured by the presence of the Hon. Wally Oppal Q.C. our Provincial Attorney-General on behalf of the Provincial Government.

In conclusion I wish to thank our Grand First Principal for being such a gentleman to support, his lovely wife Brenda for her open house hospitality which I know I will enjoy a few times in the next two years. My own dear wife Edna for her unstinting love and support; and last but not least many and sincere thanks to all the Officers and Companions of those chapters I visited for their warm welcomes, hospitality and respect on every occasion.

Respectfully submitted by R.E.C. Alastair Ross, Grand Third Principal, and I **MOVE** its adoption, this will be **SECONDED** by REC Edward Wilson, Grand Scribe Ezra. **CARRIED**

15. REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Asking me to take the watch over the spiritual well being of the Companions of the Holy Royal Arch Masons of BC & Y., is a little like asking the fox to guard the chicken coop.

Companions, at the risk of stating the obvious, we have an aging membership and many are suffering from various medical conditions are really buoyed up when they receive a visit, a call or simply a card.

Please let your Grand Chaplain know about anyone that would be cheered up by such a visit, call or get well card. Our jurisdiction is very large, but we can make an effort to contact people with a little TLC.

The Benevolence Committee's work is under the purview of the Grand Chaplain and should not left to wither on the vine. Perhaps a few words of advice and guidance to the incoming Grand Chaplain would stimulate a little attention to this important function. He would need more than a couple of hundred dollars to be effective.

The Grand Chaplain's web site is a good resource, initiated by our own VEC Dr. Joel Chiri, with links to various government agencies, within our own Grand Chapter, other Masonic downloads and other useful information. I would encourage our Web Master to keep a watchful eye on it, keep it up to date and active. In closing, I would like to quote liberally from out Closing Charge, one of my favorite pieces from the many passages we learn:

"Let me instill upon your minds, and let it be instilled into your hearts, that every human being has an undoubted claim to your kind offices. We therefore

strictly enjoin you to ***do good to all,*** while we more particularly recommend to your care the household of the faithful; that by diligence and fidelity in the discharge of the duties of your respective vocations, by liberal benevolence and diffusive charity, by constancy and sincerity in your friendships and ***by being kind, just, amiable and virtuous in your intercourse with your fellow creatures,*** you will demonstrate to the world the happy and beneficent effect of our ancient and honourable institution. And may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with you and bless you for evermore."

Respectfully submitted: VEC Roy Friis, Grand Chaplain. **MOVED** by REC Ed Wilson, **SECONDED** by REC Alastair Ross the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

At this time, MEC Robinson asked Right Illustrious Knight Priest Lionel Brownsey representing the Holy Order of Knight Templar Priests or Holy Royal Order to address the assembly. Right Illustrious Knight Priest Brownsey brought the fraternal greetings of all Knights of the Order. He explained one must be a past presiding officer of a Craft Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Cryptic Council and Preceptory to be eligible for admission. There are currently two Tabernacles in B.C., Victoria No. 52 and Fraser No. 163 (Abbotsford). Enjoyed working with the Grand Chapter Officers this year and wished all the officers the very best for next year.

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16. REPORT OF THE MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

To: The Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.

Companions:

Your committee is pleased to announce their recommendation that the Grand Chapter Merit Award be awarded to:

Companion ***John Juul-Anderson*** of Okanagan Chapter No. 11.

Once again your Committee recommends that every Chapter consider putting forth the name of those Companions they feel worthy of receiving this award.

Respectfully submitted.
REC Al Jesperson
MEC Len Pickell, Chair.
MOVED by MEC Len Pickell, **SECONDED** by REC Al Jesperson this report be received. **CARRIED**
(The recipient, John Juul-Anderson was not present)

17. RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

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He following Past Grand First Principals were in attendance and welcomed by the Grand Council:

1985: Most Excellent Companion R. Hilliard Clare
1989: Most Excellent Companion Thomas O. Mickey
1990: Most Excellent Companion Malcolm Cowie (*)
1991: Most Excellent Companion Alexander S. Rollo
1993: Most Excellent Companion William R. Shippam
1997: Most Excellent Companion Leonard G. Pickell
1998: Most Excellent Companion Joseph R. Marshall
1990: Most Excellent Companion Denis S. Carriere
2001: Most Excellent Companion David B. Turner
2002: Most Excellent Companion Norman K Monro
2003: Most Excellent Companion Basil R. Hobbs
2004: Most Excellent Companion George W. Eaton
2005: Most Excellent Companion Brian A. Richman
(*) Province of Manitoba

Grand honours were accorded under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies. MEC Clare declaring himself both the youngest and the oldest spoke on behalf of the past Grand First Principals and wished for and excellent Grand Convocation.

The Grand First Principal asked MEC Eric Weigelt of Alberta to address the convocation. MEC Weigelt brought the greetings of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and thanked all for the hospitality and courtesy shown to him and his wife during this convocation. Congratulated the Grand First Principal for his work during the year and wished his successor all the best.

18. RECEPTION OF FIRST PRINCIPALS

Columbia No. 1	EC Anthony D'Eramo
Rossland No. 4	REC Albert Swityk
Westminster No. 6	Proxy
Rocky Mountain No. 7	EC Greg Sawchuk
Keystone No. 8	EC Ron Smith
Cyrus No. 10	EC John Bradley
Okanagan No. 11	Proxy
Kaien No. 13	ED J.E. Ferguson
North Vancouver No. 16	Proxy
Kelowna No. 17	EC Otto Boye
Kamloops No. 18	Proxy
Chilliwack No. 19	EC Douglas Sprague
Triple Tau No. 21	EC George Porter
Penticton No. 22	Proxy
Composite No. 24	EC Stewart Drever
Observatory No. 25	No representative
Tzouhalem No. 26	EC Peter Hallett
Mission No. 28	Proxy
Granite No. 29	EC Fred Maides
King Solomon No. 30	Proxy
Joppa No. 31	EC Norman Bruce
Majuba No. 33	EC Alan Stickley
Semiahmoo No. 34	REC Anthony Brown
Cathedral No. 35	EC B. Ball
Fort George No. 36	Proxy
Kalum No. 37	No representative
Yukon No. 38	Proxy
Georgian No. 39	Proxy
Simon Fraser No. 40	Proxy
Dawson Creek No. 41	No representative
Caribou No. 43	No representative
Pacific Rim No. 44	EC Jack Bragg
Discovery No. 45	Proxy

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Grand honours were accorded under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

19. REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

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 the Financial Statements for the year ended ***31st December 2006***. The Accounts of your Grand Chapter have been audited by VEC D. Lewis and EC Peter Guichon to which they have signed the Auditors Report and accepted the Financial Statements for the year 2006.

The Statements comprise the following reports:-

General Account.

1. Statement of Financial Position
2. Income & Expenditure Statement
3. Notes to Financial Statements
4. Statement of Cash Flows

Bursary Account.

1. Statement of Financial Position - Capital Fund
2. Income & Expenditure Statement – Capital & Annual Fund
3. Statement of Cash Flows – Capital Fund

As in prior years, your Grand Chapter Officers continue to explore avenues of improving the bottom line of your Grand Chapter, and with the cooperation of the Finance Committee we strive for further improvements and efficiencies – however with each year that comes along we increased costs of services – which seem to escalate faster than anticipated revenues.

GENERAL ACCOUNT:-

1) How did we do last year – to summarize – in the General Account we had Income of $43,600 and Expenses of $37, 252 ending up with a Net Income of $6,348.

2) Compared to the 2006 Planned results our Actual Income was $7,515 higher than Plan, the major variance being greater than planned Investment Interest of $1,718. Our actual Investment Interest of $10,068 c.f. to $8,808 earned in 2005.

3) In reviewing the Expenditures for last year c.f. to Plan they were unfavourably by $1,277 in total. Individually the variances were as follows:-

Unfavourable	$
Printing – Ritual revisions, etc.	(4,974)
Printing – General, dispose old rituals ($385)	(412)
Postage	(631)
Stationery Office	(496)
Misc Exp. (Engraving $134);Porch Book ($55)	(212)
Favourable	
Grand E Travel	340

Grand Treasurer Travel	223
District 10 Travel	500
Regalia Repairs	400
Print – Annual Proceedings	457
Inventory – Written off	354
Telephone – E-mail, use of Primus c.f. BC Tel	180
Computer Supplies	400
Amortization	229
Investment Losses	2,350

INVESTMENTS:-

In 2006 we had budgeted for an investment loss for Triax (Mutual Fund) of $2,00, however the decision to sell this investment was deferred until 2007, when it was subsequently sold at a small profit. Hence the favourable Investment variance outlined above.

Our Total Investments at year end 2006 stood at $171, 910 up from the 2005 year end total of $169, 982.

At year end we had $10,227 in ING Savings acct. earning 3.5% compounded monthly.

My Companions, what I have just outlined to you, sums up the financial position of the General Account for last year – 2006. If you have any questions or need any additional explanations to my presentation of the General Account fund, I will gladly accept them now, before I move to the presentation of the Bursary Fund.

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BURSARY ACCOUNT:-

Regarding the Bursary Account we awarded $6,600 in Bursaries last year, and had a $2,577 net increase in our Capital Account, and out Total Investment Holdings at year end 2006 increased by $1,675 to $109,171.

With regard to Donations received for last year, I would like to thank all those Companions and Chapters who generously made donation, one item to note is that the amount received in the Capital Fund for 2006 of $1,030 was a reduced amount from year 2005 by 29%, whilst the Donations made to the Annual Fund showed a small increase of 7.6%.

Our Capital Investment Income for 2006 at $6,201 shows a modest increase of 10.0% over the reported 2005 amount. (Companions don't forget that if and when you send in a Donation to the Bursary Fund please specify whether it is applicable to the Capital or Annual Fund.)

If there are any questions I would gladly answer them, no matter how trivial they may seem, or if you don't follow any of my explanations completely to your satisfaction, don't hesitate to raise a question or two. Companions, you are no doubt aware that this will be may last report to you on the Finances of our Grand Chapter, having been engaged in accounting for 50 years it's time to hang up my shingle and take a rest – I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the opportunity to assist this Grand Chapter over the past six years or so, and extend my congratulations to my successor Peter Guichon also a member of the CGA family, whom I'm sure will provide the financial guidance in the years to come.

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2007 OUTLOOK:-

General Account

How are we doing so far in 2007? So far in 2007, we appear to be on track, with the exception of a couple of items of expenditure that were not in our plan for 2007, namely a Grand First Principals Apron and Collar - $1,500 and the Legal Costs involved in the formation of the Royal Arch Foundation - $600.

Bursary Account

Donations to the Annual Fund so far in 2007 at $265.00 shows a shortfall of $435.00, hopefully this is due to timing and not a fall off in donations.

I REC Ron Glover, Grand Treasurer, **MOVE** the adoption of this Report and Statements, which will be **SECONDED** by REC Richard Schafer. **CARRIED**

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON.

To: ALL COMPANIONS

AUDITORS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2006

We the undersigned have made examination of the records of "The Grand chapter of British Columbia and Yukon – General Account" for the year ending 31st December 2006 and in our opinion, the financial Statements present a true and correct view of the affairs of the Grand Chapter – General Account as at that date, and conform to standard accounting procedures.

However, we did not perform a Statutory Audit as defined by Law.

Fraternally,

VEC D.F. Lewis EC P. Guichon

Dated July 15, 2007

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GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION "GENERAL ACCOUNT"
DECEMBER 31st, 2006

ASSETS	**2006**		**2005**	
CURRENT	$		$	
Bank Account-Chequing	2,680.69		1,704.26	
Imprest Account	0.00		150.00	
Cashable Bonds	10,227.73		9,761.81	
Advances	0.00		0.00	
Investment Receivable	5,324.16		987.34	
Accounts Receivable	1,449.49		617.96	
Inventories (Note 1)	3,130.29		3,034.48	
Prepaid Expenses	919.28		222.00	
		$23,731.64		$16,477.85
INVESTMENTS (at Cost)				
Odlum Brown Holdings		$171,909.69		$169,982.45
FIXED				
Regalia, etc.	12,098.46		12,098.46	
Accumulated Depreciation)	(7,245.00)		(5,818.00)	
Computer Equipment	1,403.86		1,403,86	
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,403.86)		(1,315.00)	
Office Equipment	1,380.88		1,380.88	
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,227.00)		(972.00)	
		$5,007.34		$6,778.20
TOTAL ASSETS	**$200,648.67**		**$193,238.50**	
LIABILITIES (Current)				
Accounts Payable	125.00		1,590.00	
Convocation Loan Acct.	526.68		0.00	
Pension Invest. Loss	0.00		0.00	
Provision Regalia Replacement	8,000.00		7,590.00	
CAPITAL & EQUITY				
Prior years Surplus	185.648.50		$183,513.16	
Prior years Adjustment	0.00		0.00	
Current years Surplus(Loss)	6,348.49		2,135.34	
		$191,996.99		$185,648.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**$200,996.67**		**$193,238.50**

Approved..... Grand 1st Principal
Approved..... Grand 2nd Principal

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT "GENERAL FUND"
For the Year Ended December 31st, 2006

INCOME	**ACTUAL 2005**	**ACTUAL 2006**	**PLAN 2006**	**VARIANCE to Plan 2006**
Capita Dues	26,341.00	23,034.50	23,500.00	(466)
Bank Interest	444.24	468.35	500.00	(31.86)
Investment Interest	8,808.40	10,068.24	8,350.00	1,718.24
Keystone	209.30	0.00	0.00	-
Proceedings	1,025.86	850.59	800.00	50.59
Certificates	700.00	1,189.70	500.00	690.70
Misc. Inc. (Note 4)	2,042.00	7,989.11	2,435.00	5,554.11
TOTAL INCOME	39,570.80	43,600.49	36,085.00	7,515.49
EXPENDITURE				
Bank Charges	0.00	10.00	0.00	(10.00)
Grand Z Travel BC	4,300.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00
Travel YK	700.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
Itineraries	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Grand E Travel	438.15	410.00	750.00	339,60
Honorarium	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
Grand Treas Hon.	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
Travel	424.25	276.92	500.00	223.08
Insurance	313.00	591.00	550.00	(41.00)
Rent	1,870.00	2,040.00	2,100.00	60.00
Dist. 10 Travel	600.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Jewels/Pins/Regalia	353.30	409.68	400.00	(9.68)
Regalia Repairs	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Regalia Repl. Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Printg Adv. Procdgs	2,029.66	543.25	1,000.00	456.75
Keystone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adv Prcdgs	403.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ritual Rev'sn	718.50	4,974.16	0.00	(4,976.16)
Inventory W/off	3,782.50	345.60	700.00	354,40
General Note 3	1,118.62	1,256.53	845.00	(411.53)
Postage	1,471.01	1,830.96	1,200.00	(630.96)
Telephone	1,860.41	1,620.19	1,800.00	179.81
Stationary/Off Supp.	332.95	746.39	250.00	(496.39)
Cases Regalia	0.00	130.00	130.00	-
Misc.	323.95	261.82	50.00	(211.82)
Comp. supplies	635.80	200.29	600.00	399.71
Repairs – Comp.	0.00	101.70	100.00	(1.70)
- Off. Equipt	42.00	83.05	100.00	16.95
Amortization	2,073.00	1,770.86	2,000.00	(229.14)

EXPENDITURE (Cont)	***ACTUAL*** 2005	***ACTUAL*** 2006	***PLAN*** 2006	***VARIANCE*** TO Plan 2006

Investment Loss/Profit	(855.63)	(350.80)	2,000.00	2,450.80
TOTAL EXPENSES	***37,435.46***	***37,252.00***	***36,025.00***	***(1,227.00)***
Purch Off. Equipt	*0.00*	*0.00*	*500.00*	*500.00*
Purchase Comp. Equipt	*0.00*	*0.00*	*750.00*	*750.00*
Convocation Adv.	*0.00*	*500.00*	*0.00*	*(500.00)*
Purchase Regalia	*489.01*	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*
CASH OUTLAY	**$37,924.47**	**$37,752.00**	**$37,275.00**	**(477.00)**

At DECEMBER 31st, 2006

Capital Assets are recorded at Cost. Amortization is calculated using the Straight-line basis at the following Annual Rates:-
Computer Equipment – 33% Office Equipment - 20%

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Note 1	Inventories	$
	Printed Materials	1,786.39
	Pins & Jewels	1.343.90
	Total	**3,130.29**
Note 2	Investments (Long Term at Cost)	
	Prov of Sask.	12.390.36
	Bank of N.S.	8,178.00
	Coast Capital	2,626.00
	Triax	12,441.24
	Bank of Mont.	12,421.80
	Prov of N.B.	10,772.55
	Prov of N.S.	10,816.88
	Prov. Quebec	10,597.31
	GMAC	16,099.42
	Ford Credit	22,000.00
	GE Capital	15,956.51
	RBC	16,053.18
	Bell Cdn	21,576.44
	Total	**171,909.69**
Note 4	Analysis of Misc Income	
	Dispensations	200.00
	Jewels 50/60 yrs	495.91
	Royal Art	90.00
	Constitutions	455.00
	Rituals	5,065.00
	Ceremonies/Guides	212.00
	Manuals/Porch sheets	348.20
	25 yr Pins	118,00
	Misc.	1,005.00
	Total	**7,989.11**
Note 5	Analysis of Printing – General	
	Const. covers	495.90
	Const. inserts	225.70
	Porch Book inserts	294.13
	Life Member Certificates	204.00
	Misc.	36.80
	Total	**1,256.53**

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – "GENERAL ACCOUNT"
For the year Ended DECEMBER 31st, 2006

NET INCOME		**6,348.49**
SOURCE of FUNDS		
	Amortization Net	1,770.86
	Regalia Reserve Fund	2,000.00
	Convocation Loan Acct.	526.68
	Imprest Account	150.00

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	Source	**4,447.54**
APPLICATION OF FUNDS	**Sub-Total**	**10,796.03**
Accounts Receivable		831.53
Prepaid Expenses		697.28
Cashable Bonds (ING)		465.92
Net Investment Made	1,927.24	
Inventories		95.81
Investment Int. Receivable		4,336.82
Accounts Payable		1,465.00
	Application	**9,819.60**
	Net Cash Flow	**976.43**
BANK BALANCE at January 1st, 2006		**1,704.26**
BANK BALANCE at December 31st, 2006		**2,680.69**

INVESTMENT HOLDINGS-Odlum Brown

	Cost	**%**	**Market Value**
Long Term	$	Return	$
Prov. of Quebec	10,597.312	5.19	10,307.60
Prov. of N.S.	10,816.88	4.85	10,070.95
Bell Cdn	21,576.44	6.81	20,928.79
Prov. of N.B.	10,772.55	5.92	10,712.16
Prov. of Sask	12,390.30	5.33	12,216.58
Bank of Montreal	12,421.80	7.01	11,225.07
Coast Captl GIC 4.1%	2,626.00	4.10	2,626.00
Triax	12,441.24	8.43	12,815.00
GMAC	16,099.42	5.66	16,172.00
Ford Credit	22,000.00	6.77	21,615.63
GE Capital	15,956.51	5.16	16,657.04
RBC	16,033.18	4.99	16,518.99
Bank of N.S. GIC 4.05%	8,178.00	4.05	8,178.00
Total	**$171,909.69**	**5.86**	**$170,043.81**

Savings

ING Direct	**Total**	**$10,227.73**

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
Grand Treasurer's Statement of Cash Flows
Ending December 31, 2006

CAPITAL FUND

Net Capital Income	2,576.62
Source of Funds	
Investments Receivable	0.00
Source Total	2,576.62
Application of Funds	
Investments Purchased	1,137.60
Investments Receivable	2,573.92
Application Total	3,711.52
NET CASH FLOW	(1,134.90)
Opening Bank Balance January 1, 2006	3,789.47
Closing Bank Balance December 31, 2006	2,654.57

INVESTMENTS HELD @December 31, 2006

ODLUM BROWN	Cost	Int.	Market Value
Triax 5.7%	10,169.33	6.91	9,320.00
Prov. NB 5.7%	10,270.56	5.74	10,207.57
Prov. SK 5.463%	10,363.72	9.50	9,323.61
Prov. NB 6.37%	10,772.55	5.74	10,712.16
GMAC 5.7%	6,037.28	5.66	6,064.50
Ford Cr. 6.0%	5,000.00	6.08	4,917.05
GE Cap.	5,983.69	5.16	6,246.39
RBC 5.0%	5,010.37	4.99	5,162.19
Ford Cr. 6.4%	7,000.00	6.08	6,861.27
Sun Life Common S	5,970.06	2.91	7,398.00
RBC Common S	5,984.46	4.19	8,800.00
Coast Cap. 4.1%	7,777.00	4.10	7,777.00
Bell 5.0%	10,274.50	6.47	9,966.09
Van City	5,600.00	3.61	5,600.00
Total	**$106,209.50**	**5.84**	**$108,435.83**

MEC Robert Turner, Grand First Principal of Saskatchewan was invited to speak. He brought the fraternal greetings of the companions of Saskatchewan and thanked all for the warm hospitality shown during this Convocation. Congratulated the Grand Z for his hard work during the year and wished

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his successor all the best. Reminded their Grand Convocation to be in Regina on May 30/31, 2008.

20. GRAND SCRIBE EZRA REPORT

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

This is my second report as Grand Scribe Ezra and believe me I am still on a learning curve. Again I wish to thank my predecessors, ***MEC Joseph Marshall*** and ***MEC Alexander Rollo*** who have both aided me immeasurably in supplying information and data from bygone days that helps with today's work.

I also wish to thank ***MEC Leslie Robinson***, Grand First Principal, ***REC Ronald Glover***, Grand Treasurer as well as the other Grand officers for their assistance and patience in ensuring I did my work accurately and to their satisfaction. The Director of Finance, ***MEC Brian Richman*** has also been most helpful. I am most thankful for the support and encouragement provided by the Scribes Ezra of this jurisdiction who have been patient and most helpful in enabling me to carry out my duties. Finally, but by no means least, I wish to thank the companions of B.C. and Yukon who in various ways have offered suggestions and provided guidance that has helped me perform and to fulfill my role.

I would also be remiss if I did not thank my wife, Agnes, for her patience as I spend hours in the basement surrounded by computers and working on various aspects of Royal Arch business. I also thank her for being so understanding of the many nights and days that I am away on Royal Arch meetings and other related get-togethers.

The Royal Arch office continues to function smoothly with no glitches or problems of any magnitude.

As of ***December 31, 2005*** our membership was ***1892*** and on ***December 31, 2006*** it had reduced to ***1832*** a loss of ***60*** companions. The statistics form the ***2006 Annual Returns*** are:

Deceased:	67
Suspended:	29
Demitted:	65
TOTAL:	**161**
Exalted:	67
Restored:	01
Affiliated:	33
TOTAL:	**101**

This is a slight improvement over recent years but we are still losing members. Naturally we can not do anything about the deaths but I think a review of the inordinate number of demits and suspensions bears a review to see if something can be done to lessen these numbers. To me, it seems a shame to be losing members in this manner. I would ask all companions

to think about this problem and if you know of a fellow companion who is in the process of demitting or is in danger of being suspended consider his plight and attempt to determine what is wrong and what can be done to encourage him to remain a companion.

I am constantly working with the Grand Treasurer to examine our procedures and material to determine where, if anywhere, we can reduce our expenditures. In some areas we can cut costs and, unfortunately, in others we see an increase. For example, postage rates increased this year while at the same time we introduced a new ritual which had to be mailed out to those chapters requesting copies. This mail out alone was a costly venture.

This office is available to all companions to provide assistance and material when and where needed. I am open to suggestions as to how and where matters can be improved and I strive to provide the best possible service to you, the companions, that I can. Again I look forward to the forthcoming year and working with the new officers to ensure the governance of this grand jurisdiction is carried out professionally and properly.

MOVE this report be received. **SECONDED** by REC James Whyte, Grand Scribe Nehemiah.

CARRIED

ROYAL ARCH STATISTICS 2006

Chapter	c/f2006	Ex	Rest	Aff	Dec	Susp.	Demit	c/f 2007
Columbia 1	147	9		2	6	2	6	144
Kootenay319			3				16	
Rossland 4	36	1		6	2	1	1	39

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Westminster6	44			1	1		1	43
Rocky Mountain7	79	2		2	6	3	5	69
Keystone 8	48	2				3		47
Cyrus 10	76	3		1	2		2	76
Okanagan11	47	1		4			7	45
Kaien 13	47	4				1	2	48
North Vancouver16	31				2	4	2	23
Kelowna 17	40			2	1		3	38
Kamloops18	71			1	3	2		67
Chilliwack19	86	1			2	1		84
Triple Tau21	82	1		1	3	1	2	78
Penticton 22	44	1			2	2	6	35
Composite24	31	3		1				35
Observatory25	23				1		2	20
Tzouhalem26	63	4	1	1	3	1	1	64
Mission 28	39	1		1			1	40
Granite 29	27			1	1			27
King Solomon30	44	2		1	1			46
Joppa 31	130	3		2	4	6		125
Majuba 33	35	1			1			35
Semihamoo34	55	3			2			56
Cathedral 35	53	1			1		4	49
Fort George36	95	8		1	3		6	95
Kalum 37	66	2			4		3	61
Yukon 38	44	1			1		2	42
Georgian 39	35			1	1	1		34
Simon Fraser40	58	3			3	1	5	52
Dawson Creek41	92				2			90
Caribou 43	35	2		2	1		2	36
Pacific Rim44	29	1			1		1	28
Discovery45	41	7		2	4		1	45
TOTALS	**1892**	**67**	**1**	**33**	**67**	**29**	**65**	**1832**

21. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE

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

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The Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee has met on occasion to review the Notices presented, finding them acceptable in form and expressing no opinion as to the wisdom of the proposed change.

We concur on the effort of our Grand Scribe Ezra, R.E.C. Ed. Wilson for his composition of a format for the presentation of the Notice proposals. This format keeps the Notice and comments on one page with presenters Notice as an attachment, thereby assists the Committee in the review process.

On behalf of the Committee members, R.E.C. Ronald J. Bushby, R.E.C. Marvin Lundeen and myself would thank the Grand First Principal for the honour and privilege on serving on this Committee.

To R.E.C. Bushby and R.E.C. Lundeen a "*thank you*" for your assistance and input into this Committee.

MEC Carriere **MOVED** acceptance of the report, **SECONDED** by MEC Pickell. **CARRIED**

22. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to be brought before the Convocation.

23. FINANCE 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:

Your finance Committee and the Executive Committee me, formally, three times this past year. The first meeting was on November 16, 2006 to review last years budget, to ascertain how close we were to the figures projected and therefore better equipping us to prepare a budget for 2007. We found that through the continued hard work the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer had kept the figures close to projected. We had a profit at the end of the year of approximately $1722.00. We projected the number of members to be 2,125 with an actual of 1,892. An overestimate of 233 members.

Our 2nd meeting was held on January 31, 2007 to prepare a budget for the 2007 year, which was presented to the membership at the Spring Board of General purposes on March 24, 2007 in Victoria. At that time the membership was advised of forecasted additional expenses of $600 to establish the Royal Arch Charitable Foundation as well as $500 to print Grand Chapter constitutions, and finally purchasing of a Grand First Principals apron and color for approximately $1300 for a total of $2400.

Our 3rd meeting was held on the 28th of June 2007 to prepare a final budget for 2008 which is being presented today. The committee examined the proposed budget item by item, both income and expenses. We have made some minor adjustments to the figures presented at the board of general purposes and feel it fairly represents the needs of the year.

Some of the points of interest in the proposed budget are the following with explanation.
1) Jewels and pins - $380 increase – ordering new pins and jewels.
2) Printing Proceedings – reduction of $650 – by putting the proceedings on disc a huge savings.
3) Convocation costs – this is a new item for the 2008 year will be the first formal occasion where Grand Chapter will enter into a cost sharing/profit sharing arrangement with the hosting Chapter. The estimate to cover the costs are $700. This does not mean that amount will be spent for as noted above we may sell be in a profit sharing situation.
Now for the news everyone is waiting for. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the ***Per Capita*** charges be levied at **$12.00** which is an increased of **25 cents** per member.

The present auditors are: Ex.Comp. Peter Guichon and V.Ex. Comp. David Lewis has found the books to be in order and correct. As Peter will become the new Grand Treasurer he will need to be replaced as auditor. David Lewis agreed to stay on for another year. Gordon Galt has stepped down from the finance committee because of ill health.

To our Grand Treasurer Rt. Ex. Comp. Ron Glover, many thanks to your untiring work in keeping the Grand Chapters finances on track. Grand Chapter will benefit from your dedication and skill for many years. The finance committee is looking forward to continue working with you. Good luck.

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To Rt. Ex. Comp. Ed Wilson, the committee looks forward to your humour as well as your dedication in running Grand Chapters office with the high degree of efficiency as you have done these past years.

To the Finance committee I thank – you for your dedication and look forward to working with you again this new year.

Finally, the combined meetings of the Finance Committee and Executive Committee has worked very well this past year so it has been decided that they shall continue for the next year.

Fraternally submitted,

Ex. Comp. Peter Guichon
V.Ex. Comp. David Lewis
Rt. Ex. Comp. Ian Thompson
Rt. Ex. Comp. Gordon Galt
Most Ex. Comp. Brian A. Richman (Chairman)

The Chairman **MOVED** the report be accepted, **SECONDED** by REC David Lewis. **CARRIED**

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PROPOSED GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2008

		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget
EXPENSES		2004	2005	2006	2006	2007	2008
Bank Charges		112	0	10	0	125	150
Grand Z. Travel (BC)	4300	4300	4800	4800	4800	4800	
Travel (YK)		0	700	700	700	700	700
Itineraries		0	0	0	50	50	50
Grand E. Travel		622	438	410	750	750	750
Allowance		12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000
Grand Treasurer Allowance		500	500	500	500	500	500
Travel		332	424	277	500	500	500
Insurance		535	313	591	550	550	740
Rent incl Security		4229	1870	2040	2100	2100	2040
District 10 Travel		0	600	0	500	600	600
Jewels/Pins, etc		840	353	410	400	320	700
Regalia Repairs		354	0	0	400	500	500
Regalia Replacement Funds		2000	2000	2000	2000	2020	2000
Printing Proceedings		997	2030	543	1000	1000	350
Adv. Proceedings		0	404	0	0	425	400
Business Cards		0	406	0	25	0	0
GC Programs		78	0	0	80	80	80
Memoriam Programs		31	0	0	40	40	40
Ritual Revision/Printing		0	719	4934	0	350	200
Inventory Write/Off		4844	3783	346	700	0	0
Misc		641	712	1256	200	300	300
Postage		1422	1471	1831	1200	1300	1500
Telephone/Internet		1123	1860	1620	1800	1650	1700
Stationary & Office		147	353	746	250	400	400
Misc		638	324	262	50	100	300
Computer Supplies		711	636	200	600	600	600
Repairs – Computer		40	0	102	100	50	120
- Office Equipment		0	42	83	100	100	100
Amortization of Assets		2094	2023	1771	2000	1700	1420
Regalia Cases		130	0	130	130	150	180
Convocation Costs Net		0	0	0	0	0	700
Investment Loss		5466	(856)	(350)	2000	0	0
Grand Chapter Expenses		**44186**	**37435**	**37252**	**36025**	**33740**	**34420**
Less Sundry Income		14487	17230	20565	12585	12790	12810
GC Exps Calc'x/Capita		**29699**	**24205**	**16687**	**23440**	**20950**	**31610**
Balance Sheet Items							
Purchase Office Equipment		*0*	*0*	*0*	*500*	*0*	*0*
Computer Equipment		*685*	*0*	*0*	*750*	*750*	*800*
Convocation Advance		*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Total Expenditures		**44871**	**37435**	**37252**	**37275**	**34490**	**35220**
Members		**2039**	**1936**	**1892**	**2000**	**1810**	**1800**
Per Capita		**14.57**	**12.50**	**8.82**	**11.72**	**11.57**	**12.01**
Per Capita Levied/Planned		**13.50**	**12.50**	**12.00**	**11.75**	**11.75**	**12.00**

(Your Finance Committee recommends a per Capita of $12.00 for year 2008)

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GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT

First, I'd like to thank MEC Les Robinson for seeing fit to re-appoint me as Grand Historian, an office I thoroughly enjoy. Unfortunately, due to work and commitments in four Craft Lodges, I have been unable to accompany him on his visits.

The Last Veil

This, my third report, starts on a sad note, with a mention of the passing of REC Walter Bieter, my immediate predecessor, at Surrey Memorial Hospital on April 5, 2007. Wally was a member of Cloverdale No. 168 and exalted in Semiahmoo No. 34, served as Grand Historian from 1998 to 2004 and invested as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2 in 2001. A quiet and gentle soul, he had been ill for quite some time, and needed assistance in compiling his final report as Grand Historian. Even sadder for his family was his wife Doreen passed away not too many weeks later.

100th Anniversary

No doubt the highlight of the Capitular year was the 100th anniversary of Okanagan No. 12 at the Vernon Masonic Hall on October 19, 2007. Prior to the meeting, 40 Companions and their ladies sat down to a catered banquet. The convocation commenced at 7:30 p.m. with 10 officers, seven members and 20 visitors present, including our Grand Z. Included in his suite was the mayor of Vernon, Comp. Wayne Lippert. Routine business was conducted, then the Chapter was called off briefly to drink a toast to the Chapter. MEC Comp. Denis Carriere then presented the Chapter with the mounted jewel of the late MEC Mel Felton. The Grand Z. met the Companions on the level then gave a few words before the Chapter closed.

Okanagan began life under the Grand Chapter of Canada, and a short history of the founding and early members is attached as an addendum to this report. My thanks to REC Percy Harkness for his ready help.

Past Master's Degree

As many Companions know, this Degree was permitted in our Chapters at the formation of our Grand Chapter but finally abolished, except for Columbia No. 1. We have no official record of exactly what was contained in this Degree as approved by our Grand Chapter. Fortunately, a plea for assistance on this matter brought forth fruit. I enclose a short paper on this as a second appendix.

One Man Degree Team

Few items of historical interest were brought to this officer's attention this term, other than an interesting report from North Vancouver No. 16, where an exaltation took place in April. The First Principal wasn't present, so a visitor was asked (or volunteered) to take his station. He not only conferred the degree, but gave the Symbolical, Historical and Mystical Lectures from memory. When quizzed about this, the Comp. in question wrote to your Grand Historian "Let us say no more about this." Well, for history's sake, let this likely unique event be recorded in this report. And now we'll say no more about this.

Yours Fraternally,
Jim Bennie, PZ No. 31
Grand Historian.

APPENDIX I
THE FOUNDING OF OKANAGAN No. 12

15 Royal Arch Masons living in the north Okanagan applied to the Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario in fall of 1906 for a dispensation to form a Chapter. It was signed on October 30, 1906 by the Grand Z., William Roaf. The institution ceremony was to take place in November, but the Grand Superintendent, C.H. Cranston, found it difficult finding enough available Zs. or PZs. to conduct the ceremony due to geographical and transportation difficulties, so it was delayed until January 10, 1907.

The Chapter opened at 7 p.m., the Charter as No. 137 was presented by the Grand Superintendent, who then installed the officers with the assistance from members of Revelstoke No. 128. The first Z. was Sam Bartholomew, the first H. was George Estabrooks, the first J. was Frank DeHart and the first Scribe E. was Elvin Dixon. A regular convocation followed the ceremony, and 27 applications to join were received, accepted and balloted (all favourably). By a strange coincidence, 15 of the 27 were present and received the three degrees. The Chapter closed at 2:30 a.m.

Here are short biographies on the 15 Royal Arch Masons who signed the application for a dispensation:

ELVIN DIXON, St. John's No. 6, Hamilton.
Dept. Manager, Hudson Bay Co., later a farmer, born in Ontario on Feb. 20, 1868 to William and Charlotte (Elwin) Dixon. He was W.M. of Hiram No. 319, Hagerstown, Ont., and first visited Miriam Lodge in 1899, becoming W.M. in 1903 and later the Secretary. He died in Vernon on Feb. 15, 1943.

JOHN PURVIS BURNYEAT, Revelstoke No. 128.
Civil engineer. He was born in Truro, Nova Scotia on Aug. 25, 1855. His parents died young, so most of his childhood was spent with his aunt and uncle, Sir Adams and Lady Archibald of Halifax. In 1870, he began working with the Intercontinental Railway Survey as a chainman and 10 years later was transferred to the C.P.R. as an assistant on surveys from Port Moody east. He was married in Yale in 1883, transferred to Kamloops then to Chase the following year. When the railway was completed, he went into private business and moved to Vernon in 1890. He was the founding S.W. of Miriam Lodge and served as W.M. in 1894 and 1901. He died in Vernon on Sept. 2, 1923.

GEORGE LUDLOW ESTABROOKS. Revelstoke No. 128.
Mariner. He was born in New Brunswick on Jan. 20, 1847. In 1898, we find him as a steamboat master in New Denver, and later piloted sternwheelers on Okanagan Lake until 1916. He was at the helm of the C.P.R.'s S.S. Sicamous which got stuck in the mud on her maiden voyage in 1914. He was living in Vernon by 1901, W.M. of Miriam Lodge in 1905 and '06, Grand Sword Bearer in 1905-06 and the founding W.M. of Orion No. 51. He died in Penticton on Aug. 12, 1926.

DANIEL WILBUR SUTHERLAND. Revelstoke No. 128.
Schoolmaster turned furniture dealer. He was born June 25, 1865 in Carlton, N.S. He went to Pictou Academy, taught in Nova Scotia for a year, then came across the country to teach at Mt. Lehman for two years before settling in Kelowna. He taught for eight years then started the Kelowna Furniture Company in 1901. He received his Craft Lodge degrees in St George's No. 41 in 1905 and was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of B.C. in 1926. He served on Kelowna Council from incorporation in 1905 to 1929 (the last 12 years as mayor). The only lack of success that greeted him at the polls was in the federal election of 1921 (and byelection three years later) and the provincial election of 1928. He died in Kelowna on Oct. 4, 1931.

SAMUEL CHAPMAN SMITH, Revelstoke No. 128.
Co-owner, Vernon Sawmill Company. He was born in Ontario on March 20, 1850 and joined the Miriam No. 20 in 1902. He served as an alderman for the City of Vernon. He died Nov. 22, 1949 in Burnaby.

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FREDERICK HERBERT BARNES, Revelstoke No. 128.
Farmer. He was born in New Brunswick on June 17, 1858. He was a carpenter when he married in the Vernon District in 1891, then moved to Enderby and worked in a sawmill for a time. He was W.M. of Enderby No. 40, then DDGM for District 9 in 1907-08. He died in 1957.

ELISHA REZEAU BAILEY, Vancouver No. 98.
He was Kelowna's postmaster from 1896 until his death, though the Provincial Voters List of 1898 lists him as a butcher. He was born in Ontario in Jan. 1, 1851, and was there as late as 1892. He died in Kelowna on April 17, 1931.

BENJAMIN DeFURLONG BOYCE, Vancouver No. 98.
A doctor, the Kelowna City Health Officer and an alderman. He was born in Ontario in Mar. 30, 1866 and arrived in Kelowna in 1894. He served as a Captain in WWI. He died in Kelowna on Sept. 25, 1945, a P.M. of St. George's No. 41.

FRANK RICHARD E. DeHART, Keystone No. 35, Whitby, Ont.
Realtor. DeHart was born in Ontario in May 1874. He arrived in Kelowna in 1903 and spent time as mayor. By 1912, his Okanagan Fruit and Land Company owned 135 acres of the town. He built a house on Ethel Street (some say is haunted) that he sold in 1936 to Ex. Comp. W.A.C. Bennett (both belonged to St. George's No. 41). He died in Kelowna on July 22, 1935.

SAMUEL BARTHOLOMEW, Alberta No. 106, Calgary.
Painter. Born to Samuel Golding and Mary Ann (Hibbendale) Bartholomew in England on Sept. 28, 1862. He arrived in Canada in 1887 and was a widower when he resided in Calgary near the turn of the century. He settled in West Summerland not long after. He was the first S.W. of Summerland No. 56. He died in Summerland on Dec. 31, 1933.

FRANCIS PYMAN, Alberta No. 106.
Watchmaker. He was born in Ontario in Oct. 8, 1852 and was plying his trade by age 18. By 1898, he was in New Denver. He was a member of Enderby No. 40. He died May 25, 1940 in Coquitlam. His wife died less than four months later.

ASHMAN BRIDGMAN, Palestine No. 54, St. Thomas, Ont.
Lawyer, born Nov. 10, 1861 in Lincoln County, Ont. He was in Sturgeon Falls, Ont. in the early 1890s, and died in Vancouver on Jan. 3, 1938.

JAMES GREEN EDWARDS, Macpherson No. 86, Meaford, Ont.
Real Estate agent. Died Sept. 17, 1942. age 67.

ALEXANDER STANSFIELD, No. 30, Illinois.
City librarian and poundkeeper. He was born in England on Aug. 19, 1840. He arrived in Canada in 1852. He spent the 1880s in the Northwest Territories (encompassing Alberta and Saskatchewan and part of Manitoba back then) and was in B.C. by 1892. The 1898 Provincial Voters List has him as a farmhand in the Coldstream Valley. He died in Vernon on Aug. 23, 1913 and was buried with Masonic honours by his Lodge, Miriam No. 20.

CHARLES JAY BECKER, Illinois.
Miller. He was born in the U.S. on Nov. 23, 1849 and came to Canada in 1888. He affiliated with Spallumcheen No. 13 and was DDGM for 1905-06 for District 3. He died Jan. 11, 1914.

APPENDIX II

THE PAST MASTER'S DEGREE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Many new Companions and indeed Brothers interested in the Royal Arch will have seen that famous drawing from *Life* Magazine, with the steps of The York Rite including the Past Master's Degree. Perhaps they've read about the Degree on the web. They're puzzled to hear it is not used (with one exception) in our jurisdiction because, after all, a Grand Lodge would never drop one of its degrees. Why did a Grand Chapter?

Our story begins in 1798 in Connecticut, where Thomas Webb shepherded the creation of the General Grand Chapter of the Northern States of America, which decided that its Chapters could confer not only the Royal Arch Degree, as Chapters were doing in England, but the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees, tidily bringing them under one body. But this isn't the way things evolved north of the border.

In April, 1857, the Grand Chapter of Canada was formed in Ontario by various Chapters, and it adopted the English system. This caused an instant problem. Ontario is closer geographically to the U.S. than England, and American Companions refused to allow Canadians to visit unless they had the degrees of their system. So, as a matter of expediency, in 1859, the English ritual for the Royal Arch Degree was decided upon, and the American degrees of Mark, Past Master and M.E.M. were added.

Eventually, some American jurisdictions relaxed their policy – not so in the western U.S. – and decided to allow Chapters to communicate degrees to foreign visitors who didn't have them, allowing them to attend meetings. This emboldened Royal Arch Masons in Ontario who didn't like the Degree for a variety of reasons, mainly because *"it was looked upon as a frivolous degree, and then there was so much extraneous movement introduced into it when it was being conferred, that many of the Companions strongly objected to it,"* as a Grand Scribe E. in Ontario later put it. In 1894, the Grand Chapter of Canada removed the Past Master Degree from the work, and an attempt to restore it in 1906 was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

Meanwhile, Way Out West

Royal Arch Masonry came to our part of the world when British Columbia and Canada were separate colonies, with the formation of Columbia Chapter No. 120 under Scotland in 1867. Scotland allowed Chapters to work the Past Master Degree, and Columbia first conferred it on September 12th that year. In 1872, that Grand Chapter directed that all Chapters cease working the Degree. The following year, the Grand Scribe E. sent a new directive – that "Foreign Chapters continue working it as formerly." So, Columbia did. And while Columbia carried on, confederation and the C.P.R. brought Royal Arch Masonry west from Ontario, and the Grand Chapter of Canada chartered Chapters in our province. They and Columbia united on June 18, 1919 to form the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, with Columbia exacting a promise that it could maintain its Scottish ritual, including its version of the Past Master Degree.

A Conundrum

Our First Grand Z., M.E.C. Harry Watson, brought the debate over the Degree back to life at the 1920 Grand Chapter Convocation. He talked of the "hardship" that only one of two Chapters in Victoria conferred the Degree, and of the "embarrassment" of our Companions who wanted to visit in Washington, Oregon and California but didn't have the Degree, as they would be denied entry. M.E.C. Watson's concerns were sent by the incoming Grand Z. to a committee (of which he was a member with E.Cs. George Kirkendale and Vernon Stewart) to decide what to do. It was recommended that each Chapter be allowed to communicate the Degree, and Grand Chapter decided the committee should write a version for use by Chapters other than Columbia. It was communicated to Grand Superintendents thence to the Chapters.

And so it was more or less settled for the time being. Chapters generally had the Degree conferred on the same night as the M.E.M.

Storm Clouds

Eventually, the same controversy that dogged the Degree in Ontario happened here. The Grand Z. in 1942, G.E.L. MacKinnon, saw a P.M. conferral in Columbia Chapter and called it "an

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innovation in Royal Arch Masonry in our portion of the province"; he was from the east Kootenays. Tuxedaleen Chapter had a heated debate in 1948 about which version to use – Columbia's, or Papyrus's – neither of which was the version the Ritual Committee wrote in 1922 that Tuxedaleen should have been following (Chapters, much like Lodges in British Columbia, don't seem to like Grand bodies to tell them how to do ceremonies).

The Ritual Committee took up the controversy again in 1948, and spent two years deciding it couldn't decide anything – the degree was in the Constitution, and someone would have to change the Constitution if they wanted satisfaction. In 1951, a motion to have "obnoxious" lines in the Charge in the Degree removed faced "a prolonged discussion" with several amendments, including abolition of the Degree altogether, echoing similar debates occurring in Mt. Horeb Chapter meetings. The Constitution Committee ruled that amendment was out of order and put the whole thing back in the hands of the Ritual Committee which, somehow, managed to avoid reporting to Grand Chapter that year.

Finally, the following year, the Committee of MECs. J.H.N. Morgan and D.A. Stewart pointed out that B.C. Comps. were no longer being banned from meetings in the U.S. if they didn't have the degree and because *"it adds nothing to the lessons and solemnity of the other Degrees and serves no useful purpose ... we recommend it be abolished."* And so it was – except in Columbia No. 1, as it had been promised in 1919 it could keep its ritual and with Masons, as it should be, a promise as a promise.

The Degree

So, just what was in this controversial Degree? The National Masonic Research Society, quoted in Meek's *The Royal Art*, sums it up – *"obligating the candidate, seating him in the Oriental Chair, and giving him a few ministerial instructions."* However, he also receives some secrets (as do those who receive the P.M. Degree in Washington State Chapters) which may be objectionable to those who have been installed as Master of a Craft Lodge – at least, in B.C and Yukon. However, the Charge states *"you must not confound this degree with that conferred upon an actual Master of lodge, when installed as such, as there is no ritualistic connection, so that you, the recipient of this degree, cannot be present at a Lodge of Installed Masters."*

If you're wondering about the two lines that were "obnoxious," the Charge explained the Royal Arch was originally only for those who had been Master of a Lodge. The Charge explains *"The law was subsequently violated, and a fictitious degree of..."* MEC. John MacLeod objected to the words "violated" and "fictitious."

The Papyrus version has an addition which could have been inspired by rituals in the U.S., though it's not as rowdy as what you find in *Duncan's*. After being receiving the secrets and being placed in the chair, the new P.M. is asked to raise the lodge but the brethren pay no notice. The Master then asks the S.W. why this is, and he explains *"It is one of our ancient right and privileges that we obey orders from one who has been duly elected as Master of our Lodge and even then, only after he has been duly installed as such and he has therefore not been installed as a 'Master.' The degree of Past Master conferred on him this evening is only a "courtesy title"."* The Master responds *"Your point is well taken and I trust Bro. — will remember that fact for his future guidance"* and then tells the new P.M. this is not meant to hurt his feelings. All in all, the addition is superfluous, as the Charge covers the same territory. But it has been said the whole degree is superfluous and that is why it has been, perhaps permanently, consigned to the history of our Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe Ezra pointed out that the Grand Historian's Report was a most interesting and informative document and recommended reading for all Royal Arch Masons. Well done historian!

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The Grand First Principal requested that MEC McInnis of Manitoba address the assembly. MEC McInnis thanked all for the hospitality and courtesies shown to him and found the convocation most interesting. The Grand Convocation of Manitoba will be held in April 2008 with details to be forthcoming. He also noted that British Columbia is "Manitoba's retirement village!"

25. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 2007

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

Under the capable chairmanship of REC George Tillotson, Grand Second Principal (H) the Executive Committee met four times during the year.

The first meeting was held at the Masonic Lodge Hall, North Vancouver, B.C. on **November 16, 2006**. Discussion was held to determine the feasibility of reducing the Grand Convocation to two (2) days on a Friday and Saturday. The general consensus was that this could be done and that the matter is to be researched further. It was agreed that Grand Honours can be given in any degree.

The next meeting was held on **January 31, 2007** at the same place. It was reported that nomination papers have now been filed for all positions with two (2) for Grand Junior Sojourner. The study group to hold Grand Convocation for two days (MEC Pickell and Richman) continuing with no definitive decision. Discussion held as to feasibility of hosting Grand Convocation at fixed locations is to be further explored. This would make it easier for the "host" Chapter as more or less regular arrangements would be made at fixed hotels. REC Ross to submit a Notice of Motion to grant the rank of "Right" on the Director of

Ceremonies. The profit/loss of Grand Convocations discussed and it was agreed that Grand Chapter would cover any losses, provided a complete budget was sent to the Finance Committee for approval. Profits to be split 50-50 between Grand Chapter and the host Chapter.

Our third meeting was held on **March 15, 2007** in North Vancouver, B.C. Future Convocations to be held at Nanaimo: Sept. 20 – 22, 2007, Courtenay: Sept. 11 – 13, 2008, Penticton: Sept 17 – 19, 2009 and Chilliwack: Sept. 16 – 18, 2010. The latter to be approved at Grand Convocation 2007. In respect to Grand Convocation it was agreed that (a) Both the incoming and outgoing Grand Z would receive two (2) nights lodging and two (2) banquet tickets each.(b) Reciprocal agreements with other jurisdictions to be honoured with up to two (2) banquet tickets to the Grand First Principal/Grand High Priest only and not his representative. (c) There would be no other complementary arrangements and none for anyone at Spring Board.

International Night with our Washington counterparts was considered but, for this year, no suitable date could be arranged.

The last meeting was held on **June 28, 2007**. Discussion as to Spring Board in New Westminster for 2008 with concern over parking at the Lodge Hall and this will be reviewed by REC Ross and his committee. Grand First Principal, MEC Robinson thanked the Executive Committee, the Officers and Companions of this jurisdiction for their overwhelming support and consideration during the year.

Respectfully submitted and **MOVED** adoption by REC Ed Wilson, Grand Scribe Ezra and **SECONDED** by REC George Tillotson. **CARRIED**

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26. ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

TO	GR. CHAPTER	FROM
F. Goyogava	Argentina	A. D'Eramo - P
EG Mehrtens	Australia, NSW	J. McIntosh – P
FS Bell	Australia, Q'Land	I. Campbell – A
RJ Stewart	Australia, SA & NT	E. Wilson – P
KL Paroissien	Australia, Vict.	J. Gomersall – A
GF Walder	Australia, West A.	JP Roche – A
G. Ulrich	Austria	
P. Noel	Belgium	F. Kendrick – A
	Brazil	
D. Bruce	Canada – AB	R. Cutler – A
GM Wilson	Canada – Canada – ON	JR Marshall – P
G. Stewart	Canada – MB	D.B. Turner – P
CW Webber	Canada – NB	C. Hart – P
OJ White	Canada – NL	GM Spencer – P
CS Dean	Canada – NS/PEI	JR Elton – P
T Johnson	Canada - QC	GW Eaton – P
HE Hill	Canada – SK	LGB Pickell – P
J Tuonien	Finland	
B. Charpentier	France	
A. McGhee	Germany	RFE Schafer – P
E. Aspiotis	Greece	
HP. Mathur	India	
MS. Beatty	Ireland	SG Roberts – A
G. Berkow	Israel	I Brower-Birkhoven – A
F. Bonafe	Italy	
J. Flores y Flores	Mexico	KW Gibson - P
JJ. Hanrath	Netherlands	NK Monro – P
HR. Lightwood	New Zealand	DO Tyers – P
HS. Gonzalez	Phillipines	WF Fooks – P
ST. Geddes	Scotland	DDS Anderson – A
FC. Schumacher	Switzerland	LL Lowden – A
HO Williams	US - AL	DF Lewis – P
J. Houtchen	US - AK	RH Clare – P
JJ. Rolle	US - AZ	G. Kickbush – A
DO. White	US – AR	MP Raynor – P
RD. Kelly	US – CA	AS Rollo – P
JE. Erickson	US – CO	A. McGregor – A
RC Raines	US – CT	
RN. Biggs	US – DE	S. Sorensen – P
KD. Fuller	US – DC	WO Walls – A
RE. Burleson	US – FL	D. Carriere – P
BL. Johnson	US – GA	J. Chiri – A
RW. Pate	US – HI	JD Quan – P
JI Hagen	US - ID	
MU. Balding	US – IL	JC Gordon – A

TO	GR. CHAPTER	FROM
ER. Graham	US – IN	
RE. Crouch	US – IA	A. Burchill – A
DB. Hanson	US – KS	AM Ross – P
T. Fraser	US – KY	D. Leischner – A
JP Davis	US – LA	BJ. Maslaneic – A
DP. Coats	US – ME	J. McBain – A
JA. Rafine	US – MD	L. Adams – A
ME Host	US – MA	HD Freeston – P
P .Silverston	US – MI	G. Gordon – P
AN. Dull	US – MN	M. Cowie – P
JW Hamill	US – MS	H. Ferster – P
JW. Stafford	US – MO	
J. Grotts	US – MY	BR Hobbs – P
Mulholland	US – NE	R. Humeston – P
D. Gauch	US – NV	R. Fraser – A
HM. Chase, Jr.	US – NH	
RS. Middleton	US – NJ	N. Marsh – P
ES. Richmond	US – NM	L. Robinson – P
PM. Desautel	US – NY	R. Glover – P
RL. Parker	US – NC	D. Burke – A
N. Knudson	US – ND	AR Wenslar – A
AD Hart	US – OH	S McVittie – A
EL. Berryman	US – OK	WF Aaroe – A
J. Muceus	US – OR	WR Shippam – P
EG. Reese	US – PA	VM Halverson – P
RL Manderville	US – RI	GRE Tillotson – P
JT Dickson	US – SC	BA Richman – P
M. Christensen	US – SD	D. Paugh – P
RJ. Coates	US – TN	TO Mickey – P
HD. Moore	US – TX	JS Drever – P
RH. Simmons	US – UT	B Hemmingway – A
LG. Phelps	US – VT	D. Grange – P
DE. Wettstone	US – VA	RE Doige – A
JT Stephens	US – WA	NF MacDonald – P
J. Dallas	US – WA (PHRA)	N. McEvoy – P
WE Bird	US – WV	D. McMillan – P
G. Jolivette, Jr	US – WI	L. Brownsey – P
AR. Coberg	US – WY	FJ Warren – P

KEY

PHRA = Prince Hall Royal Arch
A = Absent
P = Present

The Grand First Principal next invited MEC Edwin A. Opstad, Grand High Priest of Washington to speak. He noted he and his traveling companions were glad to be here and that he brought the

fraternal greetings of the companions of Washington.. He particularly enjoyed the report of the Grand Historian and found it most informative. Looking forward to being together in Bellingham on October 15, 2007 and then on October 28 at Affirmation Sunday.

27. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MEC W. Shippam noted that registration continued until 12:00 noon and therefore the report of the Credentials Committee should not be called for at this time. The Grand First Principal agreed.

VEC Tom Feely was called upon to make an announcement in relation to Grand Convocation 2008. Cyrus Chapter No. 10, host Chapter for 2008 ***to City of Courtenay, September 11 – 13, 2008.*** Headquarters at Best Western Westerly Hotel. Information envelopes are available at the door. Hope all will attend.

30. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FUND RAISING AND PLANNED GIVING

Formal name of the Committee is the "***Fund Raising Committee***" VEC N. McEvoy advised they were able to involve another advertiser at $25.00 per month which is on top of the $900.00 per annum from the Travellers Inn, Victoria. Still seeking further advertisers such as regalia sales, etc. Have had some technical problems with the ads for the Keystone but are working to rectify the problem. Now accepting memberships for the Royal Arch Charitable Foundation both "Voting and "Non-Voting: members. Introduced the Directors of the Foundation: MEC Hobbs, MEC Robinson, REC Glover, REC Whyte and himself.

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REPORT:

The following represents the Annual Report of the Committee to Grand Chapter and covers the activities of the Committee to this date.

In that this committee was established in "AD HOC" form by MEC Basil Hobbs in 2003, and re-structured, to include Planned Giving , into a Standing Committee at the 2004 Grand Chapter Convocation in Campbell River, let us begin by once again stating & confirming its objectives and parameters.

It is obvious that, should these stated objectives and parameters not have the ongoing support of Grand Chapter then the committee must be informed immediately and given appropriate direction. Should no concerns be expressed, it will be assumed that all continue to be in agreement and the committee will press forward as outlined.

OBJECTIVES

The understanding of the committee is that it is their Objective to bring forward thoughts, ideas and proposals for the raising of funds, outside of the annual per capita assessment. All funds raised through such initiatives would be used for the exclusive benefit of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia & Yukon and its various charities.

THOUGHTS AND PROPOSALS

Advertising

1. The solicitation of appropriate and tasteful advertisement for attachment to the Grand Chapter Web-Site,
2. The solicitation of appropriate and tasteful advertising for inclusion in the Grand Chapter Keystone.

As to the suggestion that Grand Chapter could be seen to be endorsing the quality of such services &/or products, the Website & Keystone could and should contain a disclaimer to that effect.

Progress to date

1. Web-Site Advertising

As at this date we have been successful in securing an agreement with The Traveller's Inn Hotel Group in Greater Victoria. Whereby we will permit the Internet Linkage of their Web Site to that of our Grand Chapter for the sum of $75.00 per month ($900.00 per annum, paid in advance.)

This is the fourth year of this agreement and it has proven to be a win-win arrangement for both parties.
This year, we have been successful in adding "Barn & Stable Regimental Trunks" to our advertising list. This company, owned by one of our companions, has agreed to a six month trial advertising period at a cost of $150.00. We welcome his support.

The committee is of the opinion that other such enterprises would benefit from email linkage and we would welcome any suggestions and possible leads that Companions may have in this regard.
We refer specifically to those providers of personal services such as, Investment Advisors, Legal Services & the like.
We are prepared to provide this linkage at a very nominal cost and trial periods are available.

2. Keystone Advertising

We note that a number of advertisers have each paid $25.00 to have a business card size advertising inserted in the Keystone.
To this date this has not been made possible, however, we are still hopeful that the Editor of the Keystone will be able to bring this to fruition.
These advertising opportunities should be attractive to members of our Fraternity who provide retail &/or professional services, of

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one nature or another, which could be accessed locally or by email.
This is a very inexpensive way of reaching over 2000 potential clients for $20.00 per year.

As always, your Grand Council, will retain the ***"right of quality"*** control.

Planned Giving

This initiative, which was first created as an Ad Hoc Committee in 2003, has now been consolidated into the ***"Fund Raising"*** Standing Committee as per Resolution at Grand Chapter 2004.

Objective

The objective of this initiative has been to create a vehicle whereby Companions, and other interested donors, could make significant donations to the Foundation either during their lifetime or by way of Bequest.
Donations through this initiative, would be received and receipted by the Foundation, and channeled to the authorized charities of Grand Chapter, in accordance with the specific wishes of the donor(s).
The Foundation will also have the ability to accept funds in the form of an Endowment and the ability to manage same.

Progress to date

We are extremely pleased to advise that the Registration of the Foundation under the Societies Act has now been completed and we owe a large debt of gratitude to the legal firm of Hobbs, Hargrave, Barristers & Solicitors of Nanaimo, BC. for donating their services in making this happen.

On the advice of our solicitors the Foundation has been registered under the name ***"Royal Arch Charitable Foundation."***

Now that this registration has been completed we will be applying for Tax Exemption Status from the Federal Government.

We record that ***"Gift Acceptance & Disclosure Guidelines."*** for the Foundation were approved by Grand Chapter in 2006 and we are now in the process of formalizing our By-Laws and Regulations.

The Committee was accorded the sum of $600.00 in the year 2006, and those funds will be utilized to cover *"Legal Disbursement Costs"* and the preparation and delivery of advertising material, etc.

The committee will require no further monetary assistance form Grand Chapter as it is the Foundation's intention to offer Charter Life Membership (Voting) for Royal Arch Masons at $100.00 each and Charter Life Memberships (Non Voting) for non Royal Arch Masons at $50.00 each, with funds derived from same utilized to fund our organizational and marketing expenses.

Summary

As I trust can be observed from the above report, excellent progress has and is being made by the ***"Fund Raising"*** committee.

We note that this committee membership consists of five members who are committed to serving this committee and Grand Chapter to the utmost of their abilities.

We are truly excited about this initiative and encourage and appreciate your support.

Respectfully submitted: REC Ronald Glover, MEC Basil Hobbs, VEC Norman McEvoy (Chairman), MEC Leslie Robinson & REC James C. white.

The Chairman **MOVED** the report be received, **SECONDED** by MEC Basil Hobbs. **CARRIED.**

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38. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND Z'S ADDRESS

MEC Les Robinson, distinguished East, Companions all:

Each of you received a copy of the GZ address in your registration package and you were all present when our distinguished Companion gave that address to this assembly so there is little purpose in recapping that address.

We join with MEC Robinson in his welcome to our visitors and the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction.

We commend out Grand First Principal on his dedication to our Royal Craft and for his enthusiasm when visiting Chapters. His comments regarding the state of the Chapters are well received and are most encouraging.

It is the opinion of this Committee that our GZ displayed considerable leadership during his term in office. MEC Robinson was forced to proceed quickly through the Grand line due to the unfortunate resignation of some line officers. MEC Robinson as unfazed by this turn of events and accepted the challenge in a most exemplary manner. A fine example of rising to the occasion.

MEC Robinson you have earned the respect of every member of this Grand jurisdiction.

This committee consisted of MEC Pickell (Chairman), MEC Shippam and MEC Turner.

MOVED by MEC Pickell, **SECONDED** by MEC'S Shippam and Turner the report be accepted. **CARRIED**
(REC Tilottson conducted the business under this order.)

39. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOL

The Chairman, MEC Leonard Pickell reported this is a *Nil* report.

MOVED by MEC Pickell, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

MEC George Eaton, **MOVED** that permanent rank be confirmed on those officers named in the report of the Grand First Principal, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson. **CARRIED**
(Note: excepts those who already have been confirmed in their rank)

31. REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

Grand Scribe Ezra, REC Ed Wilson, reported this is a *Nil* report.

32. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Companions:

The web site continues to provide easy access to information about the Grand Chapter of B.C. & Yukon. The primary purpose of the site is for use and benefit of the Companions of this jurisdiction but there are many visits from across Canada, U.S.A. as well as Europe.

An additional sponsor advertiser has been added due to the work of VEC Norman McEvoy of Victoria.

The following statistics show the activity of the Grand Chapter website:

Visits (as of July 11, 2007)

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Total	5,556
Average per day	12
Average Visit Length	3:45
This week	84

Page Views

Total	29,483
Average per day	65
Average per visit	5.4
This week	457

During the past 12 months there have been 36 e-mails giving news updates of general interest from around the jurisdiction. The subject matter covered all types of events such as birthdays, funerals, Official Visits and Chapter events.

VEC John McIntosh produced editions of the "***Keystone***" in December 2006 and March 2007. As usual, his editing and writing skill resulted in not only a publication of quality but was also very informative.

The I.T. Committee will strive to accommodate all requests and make information available to the Companions of this jurisdiction.

Jim Whyte, Chairman, Norman Ryder and John McIntosh.

REC Whyte **MOVED** the report be accepted, **SECONDED** by VEC John Mcintosh. **CARRIED**

11:40 am: ***Lunch*** VEC Nicol, Grand Steward explained that if you could smell the food that's where you are going for lunch.

1:10 pm ***Grand Convocation resumed.***

27. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Total Number of Chapters in this jurisdiction.....	33
Chapters represented today.....	29
Chapters NOT represented today.....	4
Companions registered from this jurisdiction.....	121
Companions registered from other jurisdictions (Visitors)..	11
Grand Representatives present.....	24
Past Grand First Principals present.....	13
Total Companions registered.....	**132**
Number of Principals attending (Z, H. & J.).....	32
Number of Past First Principals attending.....	36
Number of proxies.....	21
TOTAL VOTES.....	**178**

Certified Correct EC Norm Carreck, Chairman, VEC Ken Overy and C Gord Reid.

28 MOTIONS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Motion No. 1: That Section 20.6.22 be deleted in its entirety. Reads: "***No Companion shall be nominated or elected to serve the Office of Grand Scribe Ezra for more than 5 consecutive years.***" Proposed by MEC Len Pickell
Action: **WITHDRAWN**

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Motion No. 2: "***That the rank of Right Excellent be conferred on an Excellent Companion upon completion of his year as Grand Director of Ceremonies, subject to the recommendation of the Grand First Principal; past Right Excellent Companions excepted, and not retroactive to past years. To become effective w.e.f. Grand Chapter Convocation of 2008.***" Proposed by REC Alastair Ross
Action: **WITHDRAWN**

Motion No. 3: ***That sub-section 11.3.2.5, 20.14 & 23.4.14 be deleted in their entirety***. Reason the Grand Veils serve no function in Grand Chapter or during Grand Convocation. Proposed by MEC Brian Richman.
Action: **WITHDRAWN**

Motion No. 4: That Section 53.3.1 be deleted and replaced by: "***Each member whose annual dues have not been paid by the due date shall be notified in writing to his last known address that he shall be automatically Suspended for Non Payment of Dues, effective June first of that year, unless the Chapter learns that his failure is due to sickness or other misfortune.***" Proposed by VEC Clancy Wilson.
Action: **TABLED**

Motion No. 5: That the last sentence of Section 35.2 be deleted and replaced as follows: ***"The only exception being that of the installation and investiture of a First Principal, Second Principal, Third Principal or Immediate Past First Principal, which must occur only in a Council of Installed Principals."*** Proposed by VEC Clancy Wilson
Action: **TABLED**

MOVED by VEC Clancy Wilson , **SECONDED** by REC Ed Scott that Motions 4 and 5 be tabled to Grand Convocation 2008. **CARRIED**

Motion No. 6: Regulation 35.2 be deleted and replaced by: ***"All of the Regular Business, including the election of officers, may be conducted in either a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters or in a Chapter of the Holy Royal Arch. The only exception being that of Investiture and Installation of the three Principal Officers which must occur only in the Holy Royal Arch. All other officers may be, Invested and Installed in either a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters or in a Chapter open in the Holy Royal Arch."*** Proposed by REC Donovan Tyers, **SECONDED** by REC Alastair Ross. Chairman of Jurisprudence noted this proposed amendment appears to be in conflict with Section 35.2.

MEC George Eaton proposed an amendment and **MOVED** the motion read " ***The three Principal Officers and the Immediate Past First Principal be installed only in the Holy Royal Arch and all other officers invested in either a Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Most Excellent Masters.*** **SECONDED** by MEC Brian Richman. Amendment: **CARRIED**

Motion 6 (As amended): For: **46** Against: **41**
Action: **DEFEATED**

29. NEW BUSINESS

REC H.D. Freeston **MOVED** "***that the Past Grand Second Principal Haggai, REC Bob Doige and the Past Grand Principal Sojourner REC Jim Whyte be given their apron and a sash if necessary***. **SECONDED** by VEC Clancy Wilson . Grand First Principal explained this had been agreed to by the Executive at a meeting. REC James Whyte, Grand Scribe Nehemiah declines to accept a Past Grand Sojourner's apron. **CARRIED**

MEC George Eaton **MOVED** "***A resolution of gratitude to the Ritual Committee for their excellent work on the latest edition of the Ritual and in particularly that VEC Joseph Carter be granted the permanent rank of "Right Excellent Companion"***

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and entitled to wear the apron and sash of a Grand Superintendent but at no cost to this Grand Chapter."
SECONDED by REC Malcolm Johnston. **CARRIED**

REC Allen Jesperson offered to provide the apron at no charge to Grand Chapter.

REC Joseph Carver expressed his appreciation for such action.

NOTICE OF MOTION: VEC Fred Maides, Granite Chapter 29, ***"That the motion to amalgamate Districts 3 and 8 be rescinded.***

Grand First Principal advised that for some time now it has become evident that is becoming more difficult and expensive each year to host a Grand Convocation. We all know that certain hotels in some cities or towns are most receptive to our needs and others are harder to work with and do not provide ideal facilities.

In view of the situation, I have formed a Committee to examine the problem and determine the feasibility and desirability of hosting our Grand Convocation at one or two communities only. This committee will be tasked with examining the pros and cons and providing a full report to the next Spring Board at Coquitlam, BC on April 12, 2008.

They will also examine reducing the time frame for Grand Convocation to two days.

The committee will be chaired by MEC Brian Richman with MEC Len Pickell, MEC Les Robinson and REC Ed Wilson as members.

35. PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Following visitors presented with honorary membership:

MEC Raymond Sorensen – Montana

MEC Eric Weigelt – Alberta
REC Karl M. Forch – Washington
MEC Lawrence McInnis – Manitoba (Mailed)
(Remaining distinguished visitors had previously been issued Honorary Memberships.)

MECs Robinson and Richman presented REC Joe D. Quan with the jewel of a Grand Treasurer – Emeritus.

MEC Robinson presented REC William Fooks with the apron of a Past Grand Haggai (Past Grand Second Principal).

REC Fooks thanked the companions for their support during the years and thanked the Grand Chapter for the apron.

33. REPORT OF REGALIA COMMITTEE

Excellent Companions:

I thank the Grand First Principal, MEC Leslie Robinson, for my appointment as Chairman of the Regalia Committee. It is now a sub-committee of the Finance Committee.

I find the Grand Chapter in good condition.

I had one Grand First Principal jewel engraved and one Grand Steward's jewel engraved.

I will have to order a Past Grand First Principal apron and collar. Our supplier has located a new source in Pakistan and therefore the revised cost is not available to me at this time.

There will, no doubt, be other items such as sashes, jewels, etc. that will have to be ordered but no price is known at this time as there may be a new supplier.

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The families and companions are to be thanked for returning their regalia.

REC Gordon Galt (Report read by MEC Brian Richman in lieu of REC Galt who is unfortunately deceased.)

MOVED by MEC Brian Richman, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

MEC Brian Richman advises that he is undertaking the role of Chairman of the Regalia. Reminded all to return their regalia at the expiration of their term of office.

34. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

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

Companions:

Representatives

Approximately 80 annual report forms were sent to Representatives by the Grand Scribe Ezra. These were mailed at the beginning of March, 2006, and he requested that completed reports be submitted before July 1, 2006. As of that date, 35 reports had been returned, among which 9 Companions requested they be replaced as Representatives. All the reports were presented to the Grand First Principal, the Immediate Past Z and the Grand Scribe Ezra at a meeting in July, together with names of three Companions who had contacted this Committee with a request to be considered for nomination as Representatives of other jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter.

The Committee believes that the Representatives' program should be continued, as there are many advantages to this Grand Chapter in the possible gleaning of ideas from other jurisdictions. The responses that Representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter (in other words, our members) receive in their correspondence with their 'opposite numbers' can contain information which is not published in the Proceedings of those foreign jurisdictions. Some of this information may be of interest, or even use, to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.

It is recognized that few Representatives are in regular communication with their 'opposite numbers'. Therefore, it is recommended that all member of this jurisdiction who are Representatives should be encouraged to make every effort to establish contact with our Representatives in other Grand Chapters. The onus is on us to make the program work to our benefit.

Recognition

No request for recognition by foreign Grand Chapters have been passed to the Committee so far this year. This may be because few new jurisdiction are aware of the existence of Capitular Freemasonry in British Columbia and Yukon. If such be the case, then we ought to decide whether or not to approach other, as yet unrecognized jurisdictions and ask if they wish to be recognized. It should be noted that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon, in accordance with established Craft protocol, does not contact new jurisdictions, but rather waits for them, as younger Masonic bodies, to make the first move.

There are a number of new Grand Lodges in Europe that may have Grand Chapters within their territorial limits, and this Grand Chapter should decide on a procedure of who should make first contact. If it is to be us. Then the supplementary question arises of 'Who do we contact?' In this respect, it has been suggested that every Grand Chapter that is recognized by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England will have passed the necessary

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investigations, and should be viewed as a potential for recognition by this Grand Chapter.

The Committee makes no recommendations on this matter, but suggests only that this Grand Chapter should decide on a policy of which jurisdiction is expected to make the first contact.

Fraternally submitted: EC Jeremy Gomersall, Chairman
VEC Steve McVittee, Member

MOVED by MEC Leslie Robinson, **SECONDED** by REC Alastair Ross the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

MEC Raymond Sorenson, Grand High Priest of Montana was invited to speak. Invited all to visit Montana the first week of June 2008 to their Grand convocation. Their session is three days with other York Rite bodies the Royal Arch, Cryptic Council and Commandery involved.

36. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Grand first Principal read out the provisions of Section 16. 1-3 in respect to elections.

Grand First Principal: One nomination received therefore –
REC George Tillotson elected by **acclamation**.

Grand Second Principal: One nomination received therefore-
REC Alastair Ross elected by **acclamation.**

Grand Third Principal: One nomination receiver therefore-
REC David Grange elected by **acclamation**.

Grand Treasurer: One nomination received therefore –
VEC Peter Guichon elected by **acclamation.**

Grand Scribe Ezra: One nomination received therefore –
REC Ed Wilson elected by **acclamation.**

Grand Principal Sojourner: One nomination received therefore- **REC Stanley Sorensen** elected by **acclamation**.

Grand Senior Sojourner: One nomination received therefore – **REC Joel Chiri** elected by **acclamation.**

Grand Junior Sojourner: **Two** nominations received: One to be elected:

1) VEC Norman McEvoy
2) VEC Kenneth Overy

RESULTS OF ELECTION

Total of *178* eligible to vote, *136* votes cast, *5* spoiled. **McEvoy 75 votes**. **Overy 56 votes**. Therefore VEC Norm McEvoy declared elected as Grand Junior Sojournor.
MOVED by VEC Norm Carreck **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson the ballots be destroyed. **CARRIED**

VEC Norm McEvoy stated he was honored to be elected to serve this Grand Chapter.

40. REPORT OF ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOME SOCIETY

Report submitted by REC William R. Youde appointed Grand Chapter representative on the Board of Directors for the year ending June 30/2007.

This certainly will be a year to remember, the Royal Arch Masonic Home reached its 25th anniversary. A celebration was held on April 28th at which time a plaque was unveiled commemorating this special occasion. Hon. Wally Oppal, QC, AG of British Columbia, Minister for Multiculturism,

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MEC A.Les Robinson Grand first Principal of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon, and James C. Gordon Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon jointly assisted in the ceremony. Royal Arch Companions, Brethren from Craft lodges, Officers and Brethren of True Resolution-Prince Hall Masons and other visitors made a total attendance of approx. 100. Residents were very impressed with the colorful regalia worn.

Since the opening of the Royal Arch Masonic Home in 1982 the operation has progressed from its original purpose, a Care Home for seniors to what is now a multi level facility with an annual operating budget in excess of $8. million which is provided by the Provincial government. Under the terms of the original agreement the Society would be responsible for supplying the interior furnishings in perpetuity. ***To comply with this agreement there must be continuing support from the Royal Arch Masons. Unfortunately this support is lacking, approximately only 10% of Royal Masons in British Columbia & Yukon are members of the Royal Arch Masonic Home Society.*** We have been fortunate that over the years the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society has received donations from a limited number of Royal Arch Chapters, Craft Lodges and Concordant bodies, other Masonic charities, families and friends. This has enabled the Society to meet its obligations.

Royal Arch Masonic Home – Community involvement.

Royal Arch, through the efforts of the Recreation Dept. has established strong links with the community by the creation of a intergenerational programs.

Champlain Heights Elementary School. Grade 1. Pupils visit with the residents on a regular basis as part of the school program. (Tuesdays) Residents are invited and attend school concerts and other events.

Burnaby School System. Grades 11 & 12. Students are part of a Work Experience program. They spend a week at Royal Arch

working on a wide variety of jobs. Recreation & Music Therapy, Computers, Many students volunteer over school holidays. These are the doctors and health care professionals of the future.

Youth Group Centre. Teenagers, approx. 15 in number, members of the local **Community Centre** visit regularly for table games. Co-ordinated by two University students.

Music Therapy students from **Capilano College** doing practicums,

Nursing Students. Royal Arch Masonic Home has many students throughout the year participated in clinical vocations. Nursing students from the **University of British Columbia** have a clinical placement for six weeks.

Care Aid Students from **Vancouver Community College** undergo four weeks as a clinical vocation. They participate in Resident care conferences, Specialized meetings and Recreation activities in their clinical vocation.

Volunteers. More than 70 volunteers were active this year ranging in age from 14 to 85 years (Not including Directors) for approx. 5000 hours.

Residents Contributions.
The Residents of Royal Arch are making gifts for **30 children with cancer** who attend "**Camp Good Times**" They are also decorating "**Memory Boxes**" to be used at the **Neo-Natal unit at the Children's Hospital.** The Residents and Recreational staff feel very positive to be able contribute to other less fortunate people in this way.

All these activities encourage residents to keep in touch with the outside world which does much for their own outlook on life.

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Administration

The overall progress of the Royal Arch Masonic Home has been masterminded by Gregory S. Runzer who has been the Administrator for the past 25 years. His guidance and co-operation with the Board of Directors has contributed much to the success of the Royal Arch Masonic Home.

Board of Directors 2006-2007

Henry Furness	Leonard Pickell	Andrew Law
Don Thompson	David Grange	Gordon Askin
Clark Gilmour	Tom Amputch	Edward Scott
Bill Youde		

I would respectfully suggest that Grand Chapter take action to lend a strong support to this very worthwhile project for which the Royal Arch Masons have assumed responsibility.

Recommend that all Companions read the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society Annual Report 2007 for further details.

Respectfully submitted" REC William R. Youde, June, 2007

MOVED by REC Ed Scott, **SECONDED** by MEC Denis Carriere the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

40. REPORT OF THE KEYSTONE OF LIFE

TO THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL AND GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF B.C. & YUKON Sept., 2007

Since this foundation was formed in 1975, it has contributed approximately $250,000.00 to various hospitals in amounts of between $2,000 and $5,000. This helps to supply needed items of equipment which their budgets don't provide for.

Funds are accumulated through membership dues, interests on investments, Chinese dinners, 50/50 draws and, to a great extent, by donations from both Royal Arch Masons and concerned friends.

Our total assets at this time are approximately $80,000.00, indicative of our rather tight budget.

Officers for the current year:

President:	EC William Aspinall
Vice-President:	MEC Brian Richman
Past-President:	REC Ed Wilson
Treasurer:	REC Richard Schafer
Secretary:	MEC Alex Rollo
Directors:	Donovan Tyers, Frank Busst Robert Clark, Norman Monro
Telephone: Comm:	"Auntie" Grace Dawkins, Bev Rollo, Hilda Quan.
Members at Large:	Joyce Tyers, Susan Taylor
Auditors:	Vern Halverson, Joe Quan

I commend all of the above for their dedication, hard work and commitment to this most worthy charity.

Due to recent illness and the shuffle of people and computer data, out membership records are somewhat unreliable. A committee has been struck to bring this information up to date.

It is disturbing to note that not all Chapters presently subscribe to the Foundation. The annual dues are a bargain, $25.00 per Chapter.

A letter will be sent to each Chapter, soliciting Chapter and individual memberships.

This year we have donated $5,000.00 to the Royal Arch Home on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary, for the purchase of needed equipment. We also committed $5,000.00 to the Trail Rossland Hospital.

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We were saddened by the loss of REC "Bud" Porter, who had worked tirelessly for several years as Grand Chapter Representative to the Foundation.

On a brighter note, our Secretary, MEC Alex Rollo, seems to be back with us after several illnesses and hospital stays.

Submitted by Grand Chapter Representative. REC EH (Ed) Scott.

MOVED acceptance of this report by REC Ed Scott,
SECONDED by MEC Brian Richman **CARRIED**
Note: REC Scott stated that in addition to the disappointment of not having more Chapters as members, they need more members to attend their meetings and partake in the executive. MEC Denis Carriere commended the Home Society for the high level of communications to the Chapters and companions.

41. REPORT OF BENEVOLENCE

Nil report – included in the Report of the Grand Chaplain.

42. REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS 2006/2007

Companions:

As the direct representative of the Grand First Principal, the District Grand Superintendent is responsible for the supervision of the Chapters in his District. He is to ensure there are no deviations from the Constitution, Rites, or Ceremonies of Grand Chapter.

At the beginning of his Royal Arch Masonic term each District Grand Superintendent took an Obligation that he would fulfill the duties of his office and assist this Grand Chapter to the best of his abilities. We are pleased to report that most Grand Superintendents have visited their constituent Chapters in accordance with that obligation.

Grand Scribe Ezra had requested final summaries from District Grand Superintendents be forwarded by

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June 30. Most, but unfortunately not all, Grand Superintendents have now forwarded reports.

Most Grand Superintendents have achieved varying degrees of success in meeting the expectations of the Grand First Principal. Those who provided encouragement and guidance presenting the Grand First Principal's theme "Growing our Fraternity" are to be commended and our Chapters and Districts are the better for your efforts.

Some Constituent Chapters have continued with projects initiated in past years. There have been no new projects initiated this year.

Various Chapters have considered the four-part Royal Arch presentation for Craft Lodges. It does not appear any Chapters have made these presentations to Lodges in their jurisdictions.

The Stewardship Program was created last year with all Grand Superintendents as members and REC Larry Lee Atkinson as the Chairman. The Stewardship Program covers the concerns of retention and/or lack of attendance of existing members, recruiting of new members, and mentoring of those new members. It also covers officer vacancies, community activities, leadership, and activities. Some Grand Superintendents report that they have explained the Stewardship Program and presented the program disk to Chapters in their District.

Hopefully these programs will continue in future and provide growth to all our Chapters, as many Masons may not be aware of what Royal Arch has to offer.

Most Grand Superintendents report that Chapter record keeping, including financial ledgers, are in good order.

As reported by several Grand Superintendents, Chapter attendance continues to be a very serious problem. Some Chapters barely had the constitutional number to form a quorum while some proceeded with meetings using visitors. Shortage of officers continues to be an ongoing problem. As our Companions age more Chapters may have problems.

Six Chapters on Vancouver Island held a joint meeting at Majuba Chapter in Ladysmith to exalt 9 candidates to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The Chapter room was crowded as it was reported that 49 Companions attended.

As another highlight two Chapters, Keystone No 8 and Majuba No 33, held a joint installation in Nanaimo.

Not all Chapters are having membership and attendance problems. Where distance is involved these problems are occurring. Where population size is greater these problems are generally not apparent. Some Chapters are increasing their membership with

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Exaltations and petitions being reported. Visitations are occurring at most Chapters.

Congratulations to the Chapters and District Grand Superintendents who have succeeded in meeting MEC Les Robinson's theme "Growing our Fraternity". Any achievements you have made will continue to have a positive influence on the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.

Fraternally submitted:

REC Rae F. Humeston (Chairman) REC C. William Ferguson REC Percy J. Harkness
Vernon, B.C. Aug 8/07

District # 1 Derek Turner

. Excellent reports - final report and interim report received – official visit reports received
. All Chapters showing growth, especially Columbia #1 which has 8 new Companions
. The highlight of the year was Spring Board. Over 40 Companions received the Virtual Past Master's Degree

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District # 2 Allen Jesperson

. Excellent reports – final report and interim report received
. All Chapters showing growth

. Mission #28 and Semiahmoo #34 have established annual social events
. Attendance at all Chapters a problem with the exception of Semiahmoo #34
. Semiahmoo #34 consistently raised a minimum $1000 over the past 14+ years for contribution to the RAM Bursary Fund as reported at Spring Board
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District #3 Kenneth J. McKenzie

. Excellent reports - final report received – official visit reports received
. Okanagan #11 and Kamloops #18 Chapters showing a net membership loss. Granite #29 membership is unchanged
. Granite #29 has pre-convocation dining which aids in holding the Chapter together
. Okanagan #11 held a Centennial celebration and later in the year defeated a motion to surrender their Charter.
. All Chapters are financially sound and operating on a stable basis
. The joint installation of all 3 Chapters is continuing
. Amalgamation of Districts 3 and 8 will take effect next year and will be a beneficial and practical move

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District #4 Rick McKay

. Excellent reports - final report and interim report received – official visit reports received

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. Rossland #4 moved from Trail to Castlegar placing this Chapter in a strategic location to draw membership from Trail, Nelson, Castlegar and the now defunct Chapter in Kaslo
. Rocky Mountain #7 has 5 new members

District #6 G. Murray Webster

. Final report received – official visit reports received
. Kalum #37 – None of the Council were present on the Official Visit of the Grand Superintendent. All Council members reside in Kitimat, 40 miles from Terrace where Chapter meetings are held.
. Kaien #13 has 2 new members. Masonic education is discussed at all meetings. Lack of quorum caused 2 meetings to be cancelled, one of which was the Official Visit of the Grand Superintendent.
. The Grand Superintendent is expecting to continue for a second term.

. Kalum #37 is contemplating giving the four- part Royal Arch presentation to the two Craft Lodges in the area.
. The Grand Superintendent is planning to help the Chapters improve meetings and encourage the Chapters to solicit new members.

. District #7 Ian Thompson

No reports

. King Solomon #30 –
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District #8 David Ford

No reports

. Observatory #25 -
. Penticton #22 -
. Kelowna #17 –

. Districts 8 and 3 amalgamation will take effect next year.
District #9 Michael Raynor

No reports

. Simon Fraser #40 -
. Composite #24 -
. Triple Tau #21 -
. Joppa #31 -

District #10 Larry M. Holthe

. Final report received – interim report received – official visit reports received.

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. Experiencing problems in Dawson Creek #41, and Yukon #38 primarily with attendance. Winter vacations common, resulting in decreased attendance.
. Fort George #36 - attendance very good, with new members this year.
. Mentorship Improvement disks have been given to all four Chapters.
. Yukon #38, Dawson Creek #41, Cariboo #43, all have prospective new members.

District # 11 Richard D. Armitage

. Outstanding reports –final report – many interim reports received combining official and unofficial visits – official visit reports received.
. Highlight of the year was seeing six Chapters working together to Exalt nine candidates to the Holy Royal Arch Degree.
. All Chapters with the exception of Discovery #45 have officer shortage problems.
. Discovery #45 – Chapter is healthy with younger officers.
Majuba #33, Keystone #8, and Cathedral #35 have joined together to confer degrees.
. Cyrus #10 and Discovery #45 are sharing reciprocal degrees.
. All Chapters have candidates. Great optimism amongst the five Chapters in the District. They are determined to work together to confer all three degrees.

.Gave an excellent presentation at Spring Board on the old style Members Jewel.
.Mentorship Improvement disks have been given to all five Chapters. Made power-point presentations on the Stewardship Program

MOVED this report be accepted by REC Rae Humeston, **SECONDED** by REC Bill Ferguson. **CARRIED**

The Grand First Principal, MEC Leslie Robinson and REC Rae Humeston presented the "***Facing the Challenge***" award to REC Richard Armitage of Grand Superintendent of District 11 for outstanding effort during the year. REC Armitage stated the greatest advantage of Freemasonry for him has been the friendship of the companions. He thanked Grand Chapter for the privilege of serving as Grand Superintendent.

37 REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

For the 2007-08 Academic Year your Bursary committee were pleased to grant a total of 13 Bursaries – each @$600.00 per-to deserving students.

Listed hereunder are the comparative figures for the past 5 years.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	TOTALS
Bursaries	18	17	25	13	13	98
Chapters Represented	12	13	17	11	10	

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Monies
Dispersed $10800 $10200 $12500 $7800 $7800 **$56300**

The Bursary committee recommends that our Bursaries cover the first four years of undergraduate study at an accredited University, College or educational facility such as the British Columbia Institute of Technology. That we will not fund any postgraduate study.

Once again it is you committee's sincere hope that Chapters, particularly those who have students receiving Bursaries, could be more supportive of the Bursary committees efforts.

Chapters who had students receive bursaries in 2007 are Georgian #39, Discovery #45, Chilliwack #19, Triple Tau #21, Cathedral #35, Simon Fraser #40, North Vancouver #16, Mount Moriah #20, Majuba #33 and Rocky Mountain #7.

Did your Chapter support the Bursary Fund???????

We would urge each and every Chapter to become more involved and helpful in the support of your committee's goals of providing needed dollars to the sons, daughters and grandchildren of our companions.

Respectfully submitted for the Bursary Committee
VEC Neil Marsh, Chairman.

VEC Marsh **MOVED** the report be accepted, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson. **CARRIED**

REC Anthony Brown, Semiahmoo Chapter No. 34 presented a cheque for ***$1000.00*** for the Bursary Fund. The Grand First Principal thanked the members of Semiahmoo Chapter for their efforts in this most generous donation.

SPRING BOARD - 2008

At this time, MEC Leslie Robinson invited the Grand Haggai, REC Alastair Ross to say a few words in respect to the Spring Board for 2008. Westminster Chapter No. 6 has agreed to serve as the host chapter. The committee has arranged to host the Spring Board on ***April 12, 2008*** at the Coquitlam Motor Inn on North Road. There will be lunch and a dinner and registration

forms will be forthcoming soon with a deadline of registering by February 28, 2008.

43. REPORT OF EDITING COMMITTEE

The Editing Committee 2007 appointed to review the Book of Ceremonies and Officers Guide. The revision of the Book of Ceremonies and Officers Guide has not been completed this term. Input was solicited and received from the general membership. It was quickly realized the revision process would have to be comprehensive to attain the degree of uniformity desired.

A suitable modification to the installation ceremony is required for those Chapters who are holding joint Installations. This would not only offer instruction but create a uniform practice throughout the jurisdiction

It was also suggested the Officers Guide be more comprehensive to aid new Royal Arch members and particularly new officers. This could include a list of duties for each of the officers.

It is hoped a good "*easy to use*" reference will be produced for the benefit of this Grand Chapter in particular and Royal Arch Masonry in general.

Fraternally submitted, Jim Whyte (Chairman), Gordon Hebden and Sam Wylie.

MOVED by REC Jim Whyte, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson the report be received. **CARRIED**

44. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAST GRAND Z's AWARD

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions – Royal Arch Masons of BC & Yukon

Excellent Companions:-

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During the year 2006: **9** Chapters showed an increase in membership

Rossland	increase of	3
Kaien	increase of	1
Composite	increase of	4
Tzouhalem	increase of	1
Mission	increase of	1
King Solomon	increase of	2
Semiahmoo	increase of	1
Caribou	increase of	1
Discovery	increase of	4

Both Composite and Discovery had an increase of 4 – but Discovery exalted 7, while Composite exalted 3.

My congratulations to the Chapters showing an increase. The Past Grand Z award this year will go to ***Discovery #45***. My sincere thanks to REC Wilson for providing me with the necessary data to complete this report.

Respectfully submitted MEC Hilliard Clare, PGZ

MOVED by MEC Hilliard Clare, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

The Grand First Principal and MEC Hilliard Clare presented the award to the representatives of Discovery Chapter No. 45 with the admonition to double their efforts for 2007.

At this time the Grand First Principal requested ***Most Worshipful Brother (and Companion) Stephen Godfrey Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon*** to address the companions. He advised he was delighted to attend and happy to note that our agenda and business coincided. He was exalted into Royal Arch in Mount Moriah No. 20. Related the tribulations of his recent trip to the Queen Charlotte Islands and subsequent plane ride back to Prince Rupert.

Brought the greetings of all the ***10,500*** Master Masons of British Columbia and Yukon and pleased to be here in Nanaimo. He theme this year is "***Look beyond the trees***" It is a challenge to all of us to look for something different and something new and look to the future. Our ancient brethren were treading on unknown paths which lead to our modern organization and so we must continue to do likewise.

We must constantly seek new masons to take on our work because they are our future. Time wasted is gone forever never to come again. We must consider the 24 inch gauge similar to the one that his grandfather left to him and which he displayed to the companions. We received the gauge when initiated so that one should organize their time to be productive particularly in Freemasonry. He recanted that a meeting over nearly 150 years ago, seven men attended in Victoria which ended up being our Grand Lodge of today.

Work together to use our time wisely to build a better life not only for ourselves but also for society. Congratulations to the current officers for the work well done and best of luck to the new officers so that their work in the quarries will be beneficial to all. Ended with a quote from Israel Wood Powell ***"Careful supervision, loyal obedience, unremitted zeal and the most steadfast devotion will alone enable us to crown our honorable labours with the copestone of success***" He continued that in his opinion if Israel walked in today he would say "***you have done it***" and that we must continue to do it.

He then introduced some Grand Lodge Officers and Companions, namely, MWBro. Alex Reid, PGM, MWBro. Bill Ferguson, PGM, RWBro. Jim Jenson, DDGM District 4, RWBro. Mel Olsen, DDGM District 5, and RWBro. Ken Kirpan, DDGM District 24, VWbro. Howard Hayes, Grand superintendent of Works and VWBro. Don McMillan, Grand Sword Bearer. Plessed to see the close connection between the two organizations.

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3:15 pm: Grand First Principal called the Grand Chapter to recess until **8:30 am** tomorrow, **Saturday September 22, 2007**.

8:30 am, Saturday September 22, 2007 Grand Chapter resumed.

45. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Grand First Principal presented VEC Angus Nicol, Grand Steward with his Grand Steward's collarette and jewel. The jewel was formerly worn by REC "Slim" Pritchard.

MEC Leslie Robinson advised for all to have good meetings but remember to have fun. Go to your craft lodges and let them know that in addition to the lessons we can teach – have fun! Thanked for the honour of serving as Grand First Principal.

46. VOTE OF THANKS TO HOST CHAPTER

MEC Thomas O. Mickey **MOVED** a vote of thanks to the host Chapter for an excellent convocation. **SECONDED** by REC James Whyte. **CARRIED**

47. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2007 – 2008

MEC Hilliard Clare assumed the chair of Installing Zerubbabel and the following officers were invested and installed:

OFFICER	**BY**
Grand Z, REC George Tillotson	**MEC Hilliard Clare**
Grand H. REC Alastair Ross	MEC Thomas Mickey
Grand J. REC David Grange	MEC Thomas Mickey
IPZ MEC Les Robinson	MEC Basil Hobbs
Gr. Treas VEC Peter Guichon	*Not installed
Gr. Scribe E. REC Ed Wilson	MEC Alex Rollo
Gr. PS REC Stan Sorensen	MEC Bill Shippam
Gr. SS REC Joel Chiri	MEC Basil Hobbs

GR JS VEC Norm McEvoy	MEC Basil Hobbs
GSD#1 VEC Stan Grenda	MEC Denis Carriere
GSD#2 EC Ronald Smith	MEC Denis Carriere
GSD#3 VEC Nelson Fraser	MEC Denis Carriere
GSD#4 EC Arthur Draper	MEC Denis Carriere
GSD#6 REC Murray Webster	MEC Denis Carriere
GSD#7 VEC Colin Hart	MEC Denis Carriere
GSD#9 VEC David Lewis	MEC Denis Carriere
GSD#10 EC Bruce Minchin	MEC Denis Carriere
GSD#11 EC Andrew Elrick	MEC Denis Carriere
Gr. Scribe N REC James Whyte	MEC Norman Monro
Grand Hist. VEC Jim Bennie	*Not installed
Gr. Sw. Bear. EC Bruce McLean	MEC Norm Monro
Gr. St. Bear EC Jack Bragg	MEC Norm Monro
GM4V EC James Jensen	REC Stan Fleetham
GM 3V EC Yussaf Adatia	*Not installed
GM 2V EC William Fullerton	REC Stan Fleetham
GM 1V EC Ross Thompson	*Not installed
Gr DoC EC Daniel Dyke	MEC Alex Rollo
Gr. Marsh. VEC Francis Latter	MEC Alex Rollo
Gr. Purs. EC Greg Sawchuk	MEC Brian Richman
GSt #1 VEC Thomas Feely	MEC David Turner
GSt #2 VEC John Ruschke	*Not installed
GSt#3 EC Paul Sheppard	*Not installed
Gr. Chap. EC Alex Reid	MEC George Eaton
Gr. Org. VEC Eric Van Der Holt	VEC. Robert Barr
Gr. Tyl. EC. Ron Holcroft	MEC Les Robinson

(*) To be installed at the first opportunity.

Grand Honours were accorded as required during the installation and investiture ceremony. Proclamation and General Charge given by MEC Hilliard Clare. MEC Clare presented the gavel to the Grand First Principal.

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48. COMMITTEES FOR 2007/08

All prior committees were declared discharged.

NEW COMMITTEES

FINANCE (Executive Representative Grand H.)
M.E.C. Brian Richman– Chairman
R.E.C. Ron Glover
V.E.C. David Lewis
V.EC. Ian Thomson
M.E.C. Leslie Robinson

CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE (Executive Representative Gr. Pr.. Soj.)
M.E.C. George Eaton - Chairman
M.E.C. Norman Monro
M.E.C. Leonard Pickell
R.E.C. James Whyte

GRAND SUPERINTENT'S REPORTS (Executive Representative Grand Sr. Soj.)
R.E.C. Rae Humeston – Chairman
R.E.C. Percy Harkness
V.E.C. Francis Latter

BURSARY FUND TRUSTEES (Executive Representative Grand H.)
V.E.C. Neil Marsh – Chairman
R.E.C. Stan Fleetham
R.E.C. Gordon Kickbush
E.C. Kirk Morrow
R.E.C Ken Gibson

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S AWARD
M.E.C. Dennis Carriere – Chairman
M.E.C. Tom Mickey

MERIT AWARD

M.E.C. R. Hilliard Clare – Chairman
M.E.C. Basil Hobbs
R.E.C. Al Jesperson

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE (Executive Representative Grand . Pr. Soj.)
E.C. Jeremy Gomersall – Chairman
R.E.C. Ed Wilson, GSE

ADDRESS OF GRAND Z.
M.E.C. Leonard Pickell – Chairman
M.E.C. William Shippam
M.E.C. David Turner

PRINTING
R.E.C. Kambiz Forouhar – Chairman

FUND RAISING (Executive Representative Grand Sr. Soj.)
V.E.C. Norman McEvoy – Chairman
M.E.C. Basil Hobbs
M.E.C. Leslie Robinson
R.E.C. Ronald Glover
R.E.C. James Whyte

PROCEDURE AND PROTOCOL (Executive Representative Grand J.)
M.E.C. George Eaton – Chairman
M.E.C. Dennis Carriere

BENEVOLENCE (Executive Representative Grand Jr. Soj)
V.E.C. Alex Reid - Chairman

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Executive Representative Grand Jr. Soj.)
R.E.C. James Whyte – Chairman
V.E.C. John McIntosh

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EDITING COMMITTEE
R.E.C. Jim Whyte
R.E.C. Lionel Brownsey
V.E.C. John McIntosh

KEYSTONE OF LIFE
VEC Ed Scott

ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOME SOCIETY
V.E.C. Henry Furness

49. LOCATION OF FUTURE GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATIONS

2008:	Courtenay, B.C.	Sept. 11 – 13, 2008
2009:	Penticton, B.C.	Sept. 17 – 19, 2009

MOVED by REC David Grange, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson that the ***2010*** Grand Convocation be held in ***Chilliwack, B.C.*** **CARRIED**

The Grand first Principal thanked the Grand Chapter for their confidence in installing him into his chair. Thanked the officers for assuming their new positions. Reminded there are no shortcuts and that dedication is a key word in our procedures and Chapters. We must improve and expand the Stewardship Program so that new members are invited and older members are encouraged to participate. It is also most important to continue with a social life in each Chapter. To this end his wife, Prudence, will be traveling with him on each visit throughout the jurisdiction. Wished all to have a good year.

50. CLOSING

The 89th Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon was closed in ample form by Most Excellent Companion George Tillotson at 10:45 am. The word was dispersed by MEC Leslie Robinson.

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

1982: MEC Stephen G. Redgrave,
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1985: MEC R. Hilliard Clare,
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1987: MEC Roderick A. Cutler,
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1989: MEC Thomas O. Mickey,
1413 Holly Street,
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 4V2

1991: MEC Alexander S. Rollo,
355 Laurentian Crescent,
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1993: MEC William R. Shippam,
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Vancouver, BC V5R 4B9

1997: MEC Leonard G.B. Pickell,
89 - 9128 – 48th Avenue,
Langley, BC V3A 8H1

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1998: MEC Joseph R. Marshall,
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2000: MEC David D.S. Anderson,
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2001: MEC David B. Turner,
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2002: MEC Norman K. Monro,
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2003: MEC Basil R. Hobbs,
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2004: MEC George W. Eaton,
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2005: MEC Brian A. Richman,
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2006: MEC Leslie A. Robinson,
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CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

COLUMBIA CHAPTER NO 1

INSTITUTED: FEBRUARY, 1867 CONSTITUTED: JUNE 1867
REGULAR MEETING First Tuesday of each month, except July & August
TIME: 7:30 pm
LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE, 650 Fisgard Street, Victoria, B.C.
INSTALLATION: 4th Saturday of November.
FIRST PRINCIPAL: E. C. Anthony D'Eramo,
3211 Shelbourne St.,
Victoria, BC V8P 5G9
250-995-2524
SCRIBE EZRA: VEC Norm McEvoy,

650 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC V8W 1R6
250-658-4036

ROSSLAND CHAPTER NO. 4

INSTITUTED: November 19, 1898 CONSTITUTED: June. 17, 1919
REGULAR MEETING: 1st Tue. except January & September whenConvocations are on the 3rd Tuesday. Recessed July & August
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE, 815 Victoria St., Trail. BC
INSTALLATION: 1st Tuesday of December.
FIRST PRINCIPAL REC Albert Swityk
SCRIBE EZRA: EC David D. Dudley, 25 Wilson Road, Christina Lake, BC V0H 1E2
TEL: 250-227-6622

WESTMINSTER CHAPTER NO. 6

INSTITUTED: January 24, 1901 CONSTITUTED: January 23, 1919
REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Tuesday of each month except June, July, Aug. Dec
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 508 Agnes Street,
New Westminster BC
INSTALLATION: 3rd Tuesday of January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC William Aspinall,
604-426-4010
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Donovan O Tyers 13023 – 100A Avenue
Surrey. BC, V3T 1J8 Phone: (604) 581-6423

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER NO 7

INSTITUTED: October 1900 CONSTITUTED: June 17 1919
REGULAR MEETING: 2nd Tuesday of January
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE, 401-3rd Avenue S.,
Cranbrook, BC
INSTALLATION: 2nd Saturday January

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No Convocations in July & August

FIRST PRINCIPAL EC E.T. McKay,
127 – 12th Avenue
Cranbrook, B.C. V1C 2S2

SCRIBE EZRA: REC Oliver Westrup,
423 – 14th Avenue,
Cranbrook, BC V1C 2X7
250-426-3543

KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 8

INSTITUTED: December 16, 1891 CONSTITUTED: June 17, 1919

REGULAR MEETING: 1st Wednesday of each month except March July & August

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE,
620 Morpeth Avenue,
Nanaimo, BC

INSTALLATION: 3rd Saturday of March

FIRST PRINCIPAL EC Ron Smith,

SCRIBE EZRA: C. Ron Gibson,
6518 Portsmouth Rd.,
Nanaimo, BC V9V 1A3
250-390-4157

CYRUS CHAPTER NO. 10

INSTITUTED: July 30, 1904 CONSTITUTED:
June 18, 1919

REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Wed. of each month except July & August

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE, 361-5th St. Courtenay, BC

INSTALLATION: 3rd Wednesday of April

FIRST PRINCIPAL VEC John Bradley,
9276 Martin Park Drive,
Black Creek, BC V9J 1C4

SCRIBE EZRA: REC James Whyte,
5254 Langlois Road,
Courtenay, BC V9J 1S8

250-338-5566

OKANAGAN CHAPTER NO. 11

INSTITUTED: July 30 1907 CONSTITUTED: June 18, 1919

REGULAR MEETING 3rd Thursday of each month except July & August

TIME: 8:00 PM

LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE, 3005-32nd Street, Vernon, BC

INSTALLATION: 2nd Saturday in March

FIRST PRINCIPAL EC E.B. Kew

SCRIBE EZRA: REC Norman F. MacDonald,
14 – 2180 Fletcher Avenue,
Armstrong, BC V0E 1B1
250- 546-9497

KAIEN CHAPTER NO 13

INSTITUTED: August 2, 1910 CONSTITUTED: Feb.28, 1912

REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Wednesday of each month except July, August, November & December

TIME: 8:00 PM

LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE 6th & Bowser Street
Prince Rupert, BC

INSTALLATION: 3rd Saturday of November at 2:00 PM

FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC J.E. Ferguson

SCRIBE EZRA: G. Murray Webster, 600 PO Box 832,
Prince Rupert, BC V8J 3Y1
250- 624-0325

NORTH VANCOUVER CHAPTER NO. 16

INSTITUTED: February 25, 1914 CONSTITUTED: June 17, 1919

REGULAR MEETING: 2nd Thursday of each month except July & August

TIME: 7:30 pm

LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE, 1142 Lonsdale Ave.
North Vancouver, BC

INSTALLATION: 2nd Thursday of January

FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC. Frank Young

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SCRIBE EZRA: REC Colin Hart,
4224 Hoskins Road,
North Vancouver, BC V7K 2P6
604-251-8860

KELOWNA CHAPTER NO. 17
INSTITUTED: 1916 CONSTITUTED: June 17 1919
REGULAR MEETING 4th Tuesday of each month except June which is on the 2nd Tuesday no July August or December meetings.
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: ST. GEORGE'S MASONIC HALL, 1564 Pandosy St. Kelowna, BC
INSTALLATION: 4th Tuesday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL EC N. Otto Boye
308 – 1963 Durnin Road,
Kelowna, BC V1X 7Y4
SCRIBE EZRA REC W.H. Ferguson,
146 – 1201 Cameron Ave.,
Kelowna, BC V1W 3S1
250-860-7627

KAMLOOPS CHAPTER NO18
INSTITUTED: August 2, 1920 CONSTITUTED: July 26, 1921
REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Tuesday of each month, except for July and August
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE, 351 Nicola Street, Kamloops, BC
INSTALLATION: 2nd Saturday in March
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC D. Bontron
SCRIBE EZRA: EC Buck Harley,
1984 Manning Court,
Kamloops, BC V2E 2R8
250-828-1867

CHILLIWACK CHAPTER NO. 19
INSTITUTED: May 12, 1921 CONSTITUTED: June 21, 1922
REGULAR MEETING: 2nd Thursday of each month, except July and August

TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE, 45905 Hocking Ave. Chilliwack
INSTALLATION: 2nd Thursday of November
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Douglas Sprague
73 – 6338 Vedder Road,
Chilliwack, BC V2R 3R3
604-858-8789
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Malcolm D. Johnson,
2221 Bevan Cr.
Abbotsford, BC, V2T3Z4,
604- 859-3893

TRIPLE TAU CHAPTER NO 21
INSTITUTED: May 22, 1922 CONSTITUTED: June 29, 1922
REGULAR MEETING: 4th Tuesday each month except July August December
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 4474 Rupert St. Vancouver, BC
INSTALLATION: 4th Tuesday February
FIRST PRINCIPAL EC George Porter
SCRIBE EZRA MEC William Shippam,
5911 Kerr Street,
Vancouver, B.C. V5R4B9
604- 435-7487

PENTICTON CHAPTER NO. 22
INSTITUTED: June 18, 1923 CONSTITUTED: September 9, 1924
REGULAR MEETING: 1st Thursday of each month, except July and August
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Eagles Hall, 1197 Main St., Penticton,
INSTALLATION: 1st Thursday October
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC John Ruschke,
11711 Olympic View Dr.,
Osoyoos, BC V0H 1V4
250-495-7291
SCRIBE EZRA: EC Ian Swann
198 Andrew Place,
Penticton, BC V2A 8S8
250-490-0447

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COMPOSITE CHAPTER NO. 24
INSTITUTED May 29, 1925 CONSTITUTED: June 7, 1926
REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Friday of each month, except July and Aug.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Park Lodge Hall ,
4474 Rupert Street,
Vancouver, BC
INSTALLATION: 3rd Friday of January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Stewart Drever
604-814-0830
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Thomas Bligh,
931 Shavington Street
North Vancouver, BC, V7L 1K6
604- 987-0628

OBSERVATORY CHAPTER NO. 25
INSTITUTED: June 18, 1919 CONSTITUTED: August 26, 1927
REGULAR MEETING: 2nd Monday of each month, except July, Aug. & Oct.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE,
Vermillian Ave. Princeton, BC
INSTALLATION: 2nd Monday December
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Gordon Inglis
PO Box 1581,
Princeton, BC V0X 1W0

SCRIBE EZRA: REC Raymond A. Huey,
PO Box 692,
Summerland, BC V0H 1Z0
250-404-0595

TZOUHALEM CHAPTER NO. 26
INSTITUTED: February 28, 1928 CONSTITUTED: June 20, 1928
REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Tuesday of each month, except July and August
TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall,
163 Canada Ave.,

Duncan, B C
INSTALLATION: 3rd Tuesday of, October
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Peter Hallet
250-745-3232
SCRIBE EZRA: REC. Donald W. Walkey,
1437 Belcarra Rd.
Duncan, BC, V9L 5P2:
250- 748-5063

MISSION CHAPTER NO. 28
INSTITUTED: April 18, 1930 CONSTITUTED: August 14, 1930
REGULAR MEETING 4th Wednesday of each month except July August and December
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC HALL,
2660 Shaughnessy St.,
Port. Coquitlam
INSTALLATION: 4th Wednesday June
FIRST PRINCIPAL: ECRod Marquet
SCRIBE EZRA: C. Al Adams,
23 – 12276 – 189A St.,
Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2G2
604-465-0981

GRANITE CHAPTER NO 29
INSTITUTED: August 8, 1946 CONSTITUTED: October 10, 1947
REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Monday each month, except July and August & December
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE, 270 Alexander Ave.,
Salmon Arm, BC,
INSTALLATION: 2nd Saturday in March
FIRST PRINCIPAL:REC Fred E. Maides

SCRIBE EZRA: REC. Percy J. Harkness,
33 – 2930 Brown Road
Salmon Arm, BC. V1E 4M1
250-832-6983

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KING SOLOMON CHAPTER NO 30

INSTITUTED: September 23, 1947 CONSTITUTED: September, 1948
REGULAR MEETING: 1st Thursday of each month except July, Aug., & Sept.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 1763 Bellevue Ave., West Vancouver, BC.
INSTALLATION: 4th Saturday of January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC. Douglas Eaton 604-542-9123
SCRIBE EZRA: EC. Ian Thompson, 942 Belvedere Dr., North Vancouver, BC V7R 2C1 4A1 604- 988-8514

JOPPA CHAPTER NO 31

INSTITUTED: January 3, 1949 CONSTITUTED: August 1, 1949
REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Monday of each month except July, Aug., & Dec.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 8486 Granville St., Vancouver, BC
INSTALLATION: 3rd Monday in January
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC. Norman Bruce, 604-731-8705
SCRIBE EZRA: REC Michael Raynor, 808 W. 19th Street, North Vancouver, BC V7P1Z6 604-987-4556

MAJUBA CHAPTERNO. 33

INSTITUTED: January 13.1951 CONSTITUTED: July 14, 1951
REGULAR MEETING: 1st Tuesday of each month except July, Aug. & Jan.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 26 Gatacre St. Ladysmith, BC
INSTALLATION: 3rd Saturday March
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC. Alan Stickley, 321 Fawn Place, Nanaimo, BC V9T 5M2 250-756-6150
SCRIBE EZRA: VEC Chris McLean, 7707 Mays Road,' Duncan, BC V9L 6A8 250-746-1673

SEMIAHMOO CHAPTER NO 34

INSTITUTED: September 29, 1952 CONSTITUTED: July 4, 1953
REGULAR MEETING: 2nd Tuesday of each month except July, and August
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 20710 Fraser Highway Langley, BC
INSTALLATION: 2nd Tuesday in May
FIRST PRINCIPAL: REC Tony Brown, 1706 – 1045 Quayside Dr., New Westminster, BC V3M 6C9 604-525-6863
SCRIBE EZRA: C. Dan Ipsen, 305 – 20897 – 57th Ave., Langley, BC V3A 8L5 604-532-2078

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER NO 35

INSTITUTED: June 21 1956 CONSTITUTED: September, 1956
REGULAR MEETING: 4th Tuesday, except June, July, August, & September
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 136 Memorial Ave., Parksville, BC
INSTALLATION: 4th Tues April
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC. B. Ball, 767 Woodland Road, Parksville, BC V9P 1Z2 250-248-8082
SCRIBE EZRA: VEC Phillip B. Martin, 526 Panorama Place, Parksville, BC V9P 1A4 250-954-1054

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FORT GEORGE CHAPTER NO 36

INSTITUTED: CONSTITUTED: September 20, 1957

REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Wednesday of each month except July & August
1st Wednesday in December

TIME: 8:00 PM

LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 450 Vancouver. Prince George, BC

INSTALLATION: 3rd Wednesday December

FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC. Bob Lees
7866 Queens Crescent,
Prince George, BC V2N 3H6
250-964-9716

SCRIBE EZRA: MEC. R. Hilliard Clare,
215 Wainwright
Prince George, BC V2M 2C2
Phone: (800) 661-3885

KALUM CHAPTER NO 37

INSTITUTED: May 26 1956 CONSTITUTED: September 19, 1957

REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Tuesday of each month July, August & October

TIME: 8:00 PM

LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 4915 Lazelle, avenue Terrace BC

INSTALLATION: 3rd Saturday in October

FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC. RJ Walker,
16 Pintail Street,
Kitimat, BC V8C 1L7

SCRIBE EZRA: EC JLJ Chapman,
2817 Hall Street,
Terrace, BC V8G 2R6
250-635-5470

YUKON CHAPTER NO 38

INSTITUTED: January 30, 1950 CONSTITUTED: January 30, 1951

REGULAR MEETING: 4th Monday of each month except July, August & Sept.

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 505 Lambert St., Whitehorse, YT

INSTALLATION: 4th Monday of November

FIRST PRINCIPAL: VEC WL Huffman,
1307 Holly Street,
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 4E6
867-633-2500

SCRIBE EZRA: REC. Ian N. Campbell,
28 Klondike Road,
Whitehorse, YT. Y1A 3L9
867-667-7484

GEORGIAN CHAPTER NO 39:

INSTITUTED: May 25 1960 CONSTITUTED: September 30 1961

REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Tuesday of each month June to March, 1st Tuesday in April and the 1st Saturday in May. Closed July, August & December

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: MASONIC HALL Roberts Creek, BC

INSTALLATION: 1st Saturday in May

FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC. David Orr,
7791 Lohn Road,
Halfmoon Bay, BC V0N1Y1
604-885-5748

SCRIBE EZRA: REC. Stanley Fleetham,
PO Box 1722,
Sechelt, BC V0N 3A0
604-885-5922

SIMON FRASER CHAPTER NO 40

INSTITUTED: March 29, 1961 CONSTITUTED: July 29, 1961

REGULAR MEETING: 2nd Tuesday of each month Sept to June
Except February

TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 6730 No. 3rd, Richmond, BC

INSTALLATION: 1st Saturday of February

FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC. WT Rae,

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604-273-9447
SCRIBE EZRA EC. C. Wilson,
6730 No. 3 Road,
Richmond, B.C. V6Y 2C2
Phone: (604) 263-0596

DAWSON CREEK CHAPTER NO 41
INSTITUTED: October 15, 1960 CONSTITUTED: September 1, 1962
REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Tuesday of each month except July, August & Sept.
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC TEMPLE, 901-103rd Street, Dawson Creek,
INSTALLATION: 3rd Tuesday of September
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Jim Forbes,
SCRIBE EZRA: EC Don Stirling,
10012 – 94th Avenue,
Fort St. John, BC V1J 5J6
250-787-9659

CARIBOU CHAPTER NO 43
INSTITUTED: MAY 23, 1975 CONSTITUTED: September 4, 1976
REGULAR MEETING: 2nd Wed. of each month except July & August
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 520 Front St., Quesnel, BC
INSTALLATION 3rd Wed. December
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC Norman Purmal,
R.R. #8 Airport,
Quesnel, BC, V2J 4E5
SCRIBE EZRA: EC. Joseph Bare,
PO Box 4551
Quesnel, BC, J 3J8
250- 992-7937

PACIFIC RIM CHAPTER NO 44
INSTITUTED: May 3, 1990 CONSTITUTED: April 11, 1992
REGULAR MEETING: 3rd Thursday of each month except June, July, Aug. Dec
TIME: 7.30 PM
LOCATION: MASONIC HALL, 6544 Troup Road, Sooke, BC
INSTALLATION: 3rd Thursday of January

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FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC. Jack Bragg,
706 – 636 Montreal St.,
Victoria, BC V8V 4Y1
250-381-5260
SCRIBE EZRA: C. Dieter Endruschat,
3054 Leroy Place,
Victoria, BC V9C 1N7
250-474-0786

DISCOVERY CHAPTER NO 45
INSTITUTED: September 17, 1998 CONSTITUTED: September 25, 1999
REGULAR MEETING: 4th Monday of each month except Jan., June, July August & December
TIME: 7:30
LOCATION: MASONIC HALL,
Campbell River, BC
INSTALLATION: 4th Monday of November
FIRST PRINCIPAL: EC. George MacLagan,
1935 Treelane Road,
Campbell River, BC V9W4G1
250-287-8134
SCRIBE EZRA: MEC. Malcolm S. Cowie,
9380 Martin Park Drive
Black Creek, BC V9J 1C4
250- 337-2398

ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1919

Year	Grand Zerubbabel	Grand Haggai	Grand Joshua
1919	*Harry H. Watson	*Daniel M Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1920	*Edward B Paul	*Daniel M. Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1921	*Daniel M. Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin	*Vernon W. Stewart
1922	*Charles F. Sherwin	*Vernon W. Stewart	*Frank C. Bird
1923	*Vernon W. Stewart	*Frank C. Bird	*John G. Gamon
1924	*Frank C. Bird	*John G. Gamon	*Thomas H. Carey
1925	*John G. Gamon	*Thomas H. Carey	*Henry Giegerich
1926	*Thomas H. Carey	*Henry Giegerich	*Donald Adams
1927	*Henry Giegerich	*Donald Adams	*William T. Phillips
1928	*Donald Adams	*William T. Phillips	*Ernest P. Allen
1929	*William T. Phillips	*Ernest P. Allen	*Donald A. Stewart
1930	*Ernest P. Allen	*Donald A. Stewart	*Samuel Drake
1931	*Donald A. Stewart	*Samuel Drake	*Daniel W. Sutherland
1932	*Samuel Drake	*Alexander McDuff	*Alex M. Manson
1933	*Alexander McDuff	*Alex M. Manson	*William R. Trench
1934	*Alex M. Manson	*William R. Trench	*William R. Yule
1935	*William R. Trench	*William R. Yule	*George H. McKay
1936	*William R. Yule	*George H. McKay	*K.K. Reid
1937	*George H. McKay	*K.K. Reid	*W.P. Marchant
1938	* K.K. Reid	*W.P. Marchant	*Stanley Gordon
1939	*W.P. Marchant	*Stanley Gordon	*Thomas B. Goodall
1940	*Stanley Gordon	*Thomas B. Goodall	*George E. MacKinnon
1941	*G.E. McKinnon	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor
1942	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor	*.John. H. Morgan
1943	*W. Coates Taylor	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis
1944	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle
1945	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker
1946	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker	*John MacLeod
1947	*Edgar B. Baker	*John MacLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger
1948	*John MacLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson
1949	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell
1950	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts
1951	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker
1952	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness
1953	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard L. Williams
1954	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard L. Williams	*George M. Harmen
1955	*Richard L. Williams	*George M. Harmen	*Arthur Hamilton
1956	*George M. Harmen	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W.H. Walker
1957	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W. H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen
1958	*T.W.H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell
1959	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell
1960	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss
1961	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss	*J. Stanley Dyke
1962	*James S.E. Meiss	*J. Stanley Dyke	*R. Thomas Litt
1963	*J. Stanley Dyke	*R. Thomas Litt	*Thomas A. Dobson
1964	*R. Thomas Litt	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Gamey
19(	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Gamey	*Ewan E. Andrews
19(	*L. R. Gamey	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Mark H. Hannah
19(	*Mark H. Hannah	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Thomas Isbister
	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham
	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles F. Armstrong
19(	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles F. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl
19(	*Charles F. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin
	*Evan H.Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Manzer
	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Manzer	*William H. Young
97(	*James A. Manzer	*William H. Young	*Cyrus D. Biddulph
97(	*Cyrus D. Bidulph	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton
	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton	*George H. Coupland
	*Henry M. Dayton	George H. Coupland	*William Blake
)78	George H. Coupland	*William Blake	* R. Cedric Telford
)79	*William Blake	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall
)80	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall	Stephen G. Redgrave
	*James Randall	Stephen G. Redgrave	Alvin P. Alexander
	Stephen G. Redgrave	Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton
)83	Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton	R. Hilliard Clare
)84	* F. Melvin Fulton	R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie S. Lamb
)85	R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie S. Lamb	Roderick A. Cutler
	*Huie S. Lamb	Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack A. Laffling
	Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack A Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey
)88	*Jack A. Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall
)89	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall	Alexander S. Rollo
	*Robert J. Gornall	Alexander S. Rollo	H. James White
	Alexander S. Rollo	H. James White	William R. Shippam
)92	H. James White	William R. Shippam	Trevor O. Thomas
)93	William R. Shippam	Trevor O. Thomas	Leslie J. Tutt
)94	Trevor O. Thomas	Leslie J. Tutt	William D. Jasper
	Leslie J. Tutt	William D. Jasper	Leonard G. Pickell
	William D. Jasper	Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall
)97	Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall	Denis S. Carriere
)98	Joseph R. Marshall	Denis S. Carriere	David D.S.Anderson
)99	Denis S. Carriere	David D.S. Anderson	David B. Turner
	David D. S. Anderson	David B. Turner	Norman K. Monro
	David B. Turner	Norman K. Monro	Basil R. Hobbs
)02	Norman K. Monro	Basil R. Hobbs	George W. Eaton
)03	Basil R. Hobbs	George W. Eaton	Brian Richman
)04	George W. Eaton	Brian Richman	William Fooks
	Brian Richman	William Fooks	Leslie Robinson
	Leslie Robinson	George Tillotson	Alastair Ross
)07	George Tillotson	Alastair Ross	David Grange

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REPORT OF THE HOLY ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF B.C. AND YUKON

The 31st Annual Convention of the Holy Order of High Priesthood of British Columbia and Yukon was held in the Masonic Temple, Nanaimo, B.C. on ***Thursday, September 20th, 2007.***

The Convention was opened in ample form at 2:15 pm with MEC President George W. Eaton Presiding. All Officers were present with the exception of the Ex. Sentinel John McIntosh.

The MEC President George Eaton extended a sincere and warm welcome to all especially the visitors from other jurisdictions; the Convention was well attended by a number of High Priests from other jurisdictions, along with 7 visitors from other Jurisdictions.

Accordingly MEC President then advised all that the Order of Business would be changed and the Holy Order conferred on the twelve of fourteen applicants in attendance to receive this Holy Order, they were N. Otto Boye, Norman Bruce, Anthony D'Eramo, Stanley A. Grenda, Frederick Maides, Peter William Hallett, George Porter, William Ronald Smith, Ronald Smith, Douglas Reid Sprague, Alan D. Stickley and Francis Young.

The two applicants that were unable to attend were William Aspinall and Douglas Eaton who will receive the Holy Order of High Priesthood in 2008 if able to attend Grand Chapter and are added to the list of those who have not received this Holy Order.

For your information we have received a number of Bible's several year's old where Excellent Companions have never received this Holy Order. They are Richard Henderson, Vernon Allan Jones, John J. Murphy, Kenneth A. Poznikoff, G.W. Smith, Ted Szwaba, John William White and Richard A. Williams. If any Royal Arch Masons knows the status on any of these Excellent Companions shown above could you please advise our

Grand Scribe Ezra Ed Wilson at 1-604-864-0443, or myself Alex Rollo at 1-604-936-2296.

The various Officers conferred the Holy Order on the twelve candidates above with Excellent Companion Ron Smith being selected as the active candidate. The prologue was provided by MEC Basil Hobbs, the traditional bread and wine ceremony was completed with REC Master of Ceremonies Alastair Ross and Treasurer REC Joe D. Quan on the North Side. REC Chaplain George Tillotson then presented the Bibles to each candidate; and the anointing ceremony by the MEC President George Eaton assisted by the REC Conductor David Grange, and MEC Recorder Alex Rollo on the South Side, and MEC Vice President Brian A. Richman assisted by the REC Master of Ceremonies Alastair Ross and REC Treasurer Joe D. Quan on the North Side.

The Jewels were presented to the candidates in the similar manner as the anointing, finally the Secrets were presented to all Candidates by the REC Conductor David Grange and the REC Master of Ceremonies Alastair Ross, this then completed the conferral of the degree at 3:10pm.

MEC President then asked the normal business of the convention be carried out. MEC President then asked the MEC Recorder for the Agenda of Business which was proved as follows.
IN MEMORIAM: None Advised.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the 30th Annual Convention were handled on a motion by MEC Recorder Alex Rollo that they be adopted as printed in last years Proceedings. Seconded by REC Treasurer Joe D. Quan.

CORRESPONDENCE: All members were advised that we had received a letter from the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood if Ontario asking if B.C. & Yukon would be interested in setting up a program whereby they travel their jurisdiction and setting up a Grand Council for B.C. & Yukon. A full discussion then occurred with many High Priests taking part after which the following motion was made by MEC High Priest William

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Shippam seconded by REC Master of Ceremonies Alastair Ross that a letter be sent to Ontario that due to the large territory of British Columbia and Yukon it is our opinion we should continue to confer the Holy Order of High Priesthood at the Annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon however we thank them for their interest in creating a Grand Council for B.C. & Yukon. At this point a second motion was made by MEC Recorder Alex Rollo that we table this action for one year, which was seconded by VEC High Priest Norman McEvoy, this second motion was defeated by the High Priests in attendance therefore the original motion will be handled with a letter being sent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nil

NEW BUSINESS: Nil

ACCOUNTS: The following report was given by REC Treasurer Joe D. Quan.

Bank Balance April 20, 2006		$1,476.03
Income		
Fees	$270.00	
Bank Interest	$ .70	$ 270.70
Total:		$ 1,746.73
Expenses		
Bibles Young & Naughty		$ 610.56
Balance as of April 30, 2007		$ 1,136.17

Bills September 20th 2007-09-26

Rent Masonic Hall	$75.00
Supplies	$21.90
Total	$96.90

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It was duly moved by MEC Recorder Alex Rollo seconded by REC Treasurer Joe D.Quan that the report from April 2007 be accepted and the September 20th bills be paid. Carried

SICK AND DISTRESS: Nil

GOOD OF THE ORDER: At this point Honorary Membership Cards were Presented by MEC President George Eaton to Rob Turner, Jim Stevens, Ray Sorenson, Karl Forch, Herb Weaver, and Jim Shaw. Next item of business was that MEC President George Eaton asked the MEC Recorder whom he had appointed to make up a Nomination List. The result was as follows: MEC President Brian Richman, MEC Vice-President Leslie Robinson, REC Chaplain Alastair Ross, REC Treasurer Joe D. Quan, MEC Recorder Alex Rollo, REC Master of Ceremonies David Grange, REC Conductor Stan Sorensen, REC Herald Joel Chiri, MEC Steward Norman Monro, MEC Sentinel Basil Hobbs, MEC and Director of Ceremonies George W. Eaton. Upon the foregoing list of Officers being presented as Nominated it was moved by REC Ed Wilson seconded by REC Treasurer Joe D. Quan that the Nomination List be received and confirmed this motion carried.

Following this a full discussion took place whether we should revert to the previous method of determining the officers and should not a degree team by High Priests over the last few years it has been a custom to use Grand Chapter Officers and Past Grand First Principals, after a full discussion it was determined that the Grand Chapter Officers could be the Officers for the Business portion only however a degree team should be created for the conferring of the Order on Candidates MEC Vice President Brian Richman then lifted the tabled motion from 2006 that we create a degree team of all High Priests and this brought further discussion REC Bill Phillips remembered when the High Priests were used to confer the Order and did it by memory it was determined that the solution be as follows.

We create a Degree Team in October 2008 and they would confer the Order in 2009 a vote was taken with the following result The

new MEC Vice President Leslie Robinson as his term commences September 2008 it will be his duty to set up the degree team for the Holy Order of the High Priest for B.C. & Yukon to take place one month after he is installed. Finally there being no further business MEC President thanked all for attending and thanked all for his year as MEC President. He then asked MEC Recorder Alex Rollo to assume the chair in the East as the Installing Officer.

As Installing Officer he had the Director of Ceremonies place the MEC President Brian Richman, MEC Vice President Leslie Robinson and REC Chaplain Alastair Ross west of the Altar, the Installing Officer then offered up Prayer to give guidance to the newly elected Senior Officers, he then followed this with an obligation to each officer, the Installing Officer then placed the three Senior Officers in their respective chairs. Following this the newly Installed MEC President Brian Richman read the list of Officers as follows: REC Treasurer Joe D. Quan, MEC Recorder Alex Rollo, REC Master of Ceremonies David Grange, REC Conductor Stan Sorensen, REC Herald Joel Chiri, MEC Steward Norman Monro, MEC Sentinel Basil Hobbs and MEC Director of Ceremonies George W. Eaton – who asked the question did they accept the office they were to assume? Upon agreement the Installing Officer Alex Rollo declared all officers Installed for the year 2007 – 2008 and he then advised the MEC President that the Holy Order of High Priesthood was now in his hands and he was in charge.

CLOSING: the Newly Installed Officers then proceeded to close in ample form to open again in 2008 for the 32nd Annual Convention with MEC Vice-President Les Robinson obliging all present as per the Ritual.

MEC President Brian Richman then thanked all for coming, and thanked MEC Recorder Alex Rollo for being Installing Officer, there being no further business to come before this convention it was duly closed in ample form peace and harmony prevailing at 4:05 pm all returned to the Coast Bastion Inn for the Informal Opening. MEC Alex S. Rollo – Recorder.

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3) Flag Ceremony
4) Memorial Service
5) Responses by Distinguished Guests
6) Informal Closing of Grand Chapter
7) Formal Opening of Grand Chapter 2007
8) Reception of visitors & regrets
9) Invocation
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11) Minutes of Grand Chapter 2006
12) Grand Zerubbabel's address
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29) New Business
30) Report of Committee on Fund Raising & Planned Giving
31) Report of Printing Committee
32) Report of Information & Technology Committee
33) Report of Committee on Regalia
34) Report of Foreign Correspondence Committee

35) Presentation of Honorary Membership Cards
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38) Report of Committee on Grand Z's address
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40) Report of RAMHS & Keystone of Life
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