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MEC George R.E. Tillotson
Grand First Principal

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MEC George Tillotson, CD
Grand First Principal
Comox, B.C.

REC Ed Wilson
Grand Scribe Ezra
Abbotsford, B.C.



MEC George R.E. Tillotson, CD

Grand First Principal

2007 – 2008

MEC George R.E. Tillotson, CD, Biographical Information

George was born in Port Arthur, ON, July 28, 1924. Married Prudence Tinsdeall in 1947. One son, now retired, 32 years in the R.C.A.F. One daughter married to a retired member of the R.C.M.P. 3 grandsons, 2 grand daughters and 1 great grandson.

Attended Lynn Valley Public School, North Vancouver, B.C. and North Vancouver High School.

Worked at Great West Fisher Cannery, West Vancouver Ship Yards on steel and riveting gang. Member of R.C.A.F, 1943 to 1973 as an aircraft electrician and retired as a Master Warrant Officer, Camp Borden, ON. Superintending instrument, electrical, integral systems and flight simulator school.

Served as Alderman on Comox Town Council. 4 years as Chair of the Public Works Committee. Also Chair of the Comox Days Committee. Director of Strathcona Regional District for 2 years. On Finance Committee and Wharf Committee. District 71 Committee (water, sewer and recreational facilities). Vice President of Vancouver Island Publicity Board. Director B.C. Chamber of Commerce for the City of Courtenay.

Masonic History

Initiated February 13, 1956 Seven Star Lodge, Alliston, ON. Affiliated Hiram Lodge, Courtenay, B.C. in 1975. Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge 1989 and 1998.

Cyrus Chapter Royal Arch 1975. First Principal 1995. Grand Steward. Grand Director of Ceremonies. Grand Representative to Alberta near the Grand Chapter of B.C. and Yukon.

Alpha Council, Cryptic Rite Masons 1986. Thrice Illustrious Master 1994. Commander Noah 1995. Grand Captain of the Guard. Grand Inspector General. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. Grand Deputy Master, Grand Master 2003. Grand Representative of Wisconsin.

Bethlehem Preceptory, Knights Templar 1975. Presiding Preceptor 1990. Grand Marshal Sovereign Great Priory 1993.

Knight Cross of Honour 1996.

Pre-eminent Governor Vancouver Island York Rite College 2001. Associate Regent Sovereign College of York Rite Masons of North America.

Junior Warden of Victoria Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

32° Scottish Rite.

Member Van Isle Rose Croix.

Past Commander in Chief of Vancouver Island Consistory 2001.

Most Puissant Sovereign of Western Canada Conclave No. 25, Scottish Jurisdiction.

Seventh Pillar Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests Victoria Tabernacle No. 52.

Noble Gizeh Shrine 1975. President Upper Island Shrine Club 1982. Honorary Greeter. Nile Legion of Honor.

32° Scottish Rite 1991. Thrice Puissant Grand Master Strathcona Lodge of Perfection 1997.

Worthy Patron Florence Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star 1989 and 1991. Member of Rob Morris Society.

I, REC Ed 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 **ninetieth** Grand Convocation held in Courtenay, B.C. on **September 11th, 12th and 13th, 2008** 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 _____ day of October, 2008.

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(REC Ed Wilson – Grand Scribe Ezra)

SEAL

The ninetieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon was held on **September 11th, 12th and 13th, 2008** at the Best Western Westerly Hotel, Courtenay, B.C.

Officers elected or appointed for 2007/2008

MEC George R.E. Tillotson	**Grand First Principal**
REC Alastair M. Ross	Grand Second Principal
REC David H. Grange	Grand Third Principal
MEC Leslie Robinson	IPGZ
REC Peter Guichon	Grand Treasurer
REC Ed Wilson	Grand Scribe Ezra
REC Stan Sorenson	Grand Pr. Sojourner
REC Joel Chiri	Grand Sr. Sojourner
REC Norman McEvoy	Grand Jr. Sojourner
REC Stanley Grenda	Grand Supt. Dist. 1
REC Ronald Smith	Grand Supt. Dist. 2
REC Nelson Fraser	Grand Supt. Dist. 3
*REC Arthur Draper	Grand Supt. Dist. 4
REC Rick McKay	Grand Supt. Dist. 4
REC Murray Webster	Grand Supt. Dist. 6
REC Colin Hart	Grand Supt. Dist. 7
REC David Lewis	Grand Supt. Dist. 9
REC Bruce Minchin	Grand Supt. Dist. 10
REC Andrew Elrick	Grand Supt. Dist. 11
REC James Whyte	Grand Scribe Nehemiah
VEC James Bennie	Grand Historian
VEC Bruce McLean	Grand Sword Bearer
VEC James Jensen	GM 4th Veil
VEC Yussaf Adatia	GM 3rd Veil
VEC William Fullerton	GM 2nd Veil
VEC Ross Thompson	GM 1st Veil
VEC Jack Bragg	Grand Standard Bearer
REC Daniel Dyke	Grand Dir. Of Ceremonies
VEC Francis Latter	Grand Marshal
VEC J.G. Sawchuk	Grand Pursuivant
VEC Thomas Feely	Grand Steward – 1
VEC John Ruschke	Grand Steward – 2
VEC Paul Sheppard	Grand Steward – 3
**VEC Alex Reid	Grand Chaplain
VEC Eric Van Der Holt	Grand Organist
VEC Ronald Holcroft	Grand Tyler

* REC Draper passed away and replaced by REC McKay.
** VEC Reid passed away.

1. INFORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The informal opening of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon was held in the normal manner on **Thursday, September 11th, 2008**. The Grand Council was piped in by REC Rick McKay and assumed their respective stations. The Grand First Principal declared the Informal Grand Chapter open at **7:35 pm**.

2. RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS/VISITORS

Following guests and visitors were introduced and welcomed by the Grand Council:

- Ms Starr Winchester, Mayor of Courtenay. B.C.
- MIC Leonard Pickell, Immediate Past Grand Master – Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada – Cryptic Rite.
- Rt. Em Kt. Basil Hobbs, Provincial Grand Prior for B.C., Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
- V. Ill Kt. Don Hamilton, Deputy Grand Intendent General, Red Cross of Constantine – Canadian Jurisdiction.
- Rt. Ill Kt. Priest, Lionel Brownsey, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.
- Ms M. Pettigrew, Associate Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star of B.C. & Yukon.
- Ms Isabel Parker and Mr. John Ingram, Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters.
- Sir Kt. Pat O'Keefe, Grand Associate Patron, Order of Amaranth for B.C. & Yukon.
- V Worthy Frater Michael Hammel, VIII°, Celebrant Lumen Pacifica College, Societas Rosicruciana in Canada.
- Noble Bob Emerson, Club Coordinator Dist. 15, Gizeh Shrine Centre of B.C. & Yukon.
- Rt. Ven. Bro. Brian Richman, District Deputy Grand Master, Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.
- Rt. W. Bro. David Turner, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Order of Scotland.
- V. Worthy Bro. George Eaton, Grand Chaplain, Order of the Secret Monitor of Canada.

- Rt. Em. Kt. Allen Jesperson, Grand Governor, York Rite Sovereign College.
- MEC James Lore, Grand 1st Principal, MEC Donald Gillies, Past Grand 1st Principal, REC Richard Glasgow, Grand 2nd Principal and REC Peter Proudlock of Royal Arch Grand Chapter of Alberta.
- REC John Leyshon, Grand 2nd Principal of Royal Arch Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.
- MEC Jack Hooper, Past Grand 1st Principal of Royal Arch Grand Chapter of Manitoba.
- MEC Lynn Bailey, Grand High Priest, REC Herb Weaver, Deputy Grand High Priest and REC Karl Forch, Grand King of the Royal Arch Grand Chapter of Washington.
- Rt. W. Bro. Martin Bridges, District Deputy Grand Master District 22 Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon.

Each guest and visitor was piped in by REC Rick McKay and received and welcomed by the Grand Council.

3. FLAG CEREMONY

The flag ceremony was conducted by EC Vic Packman. The flags were carried by members of IOJD, Bethel 8. Anna Wilson, Past Honour Queen carried the Canadian flag, Aleisha Parsons, Senior Princess carried the Yukon flag, Meghan Wilson, Past Honour Queen carried the British Columbia flag and Nicole Peterson, Junior Princess carried the flag of the U.S.A. The ceremony concluded with the singing of *"O' Canada"* and *"The Star Spangled Banner."*
Music was provided by VEC Eric Van Der Holt.

4. MEMORIAL SERVICE

The ceremony was composed by VEC Alex Reid, Grand Chaplain, who sadly passed away during his term of office. The ceremony was presented by REC Rev. Dr. Joel Chiri Grand Senior Sojourner. The ceremony began with a prayer from John, 11: 25 – 26. This was followed by the singing of *"Amazing Grace."*

Thus my Brother, we close our lecture on the emblems with the solemn thought of death. We are all born to die. We follow our friends to the brink

of the grave; we stand on the shore of a vast ocean and gaze with exquisite anxiety until the last struggle is over. Then we sink into a bottomless abyss. Is this the end of man and the aspiring hope of faithful masons?
No! Blessed be to God No! *We pause not with our feet upon the first nor yet the second step, but true to our principles look forward to greater light. As the emblems of mortality are faintly glimmering in the sockets of existence, the Holy Bible draws aside the sable curtain of the tomb. It bids us turn our eyes with faith and confidence upon the opening scenes of eternity.*
And at last, when your trembling soul shall stand naked and alone, before the throne of God, there to be judged for the deed done in the body then, Oh my Brother may it be your lot to hear these words which shall be the summary and seal of a well spent life, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord.

ROLL CALL OF FRATERNAL DEAD

District No. 1

Columbia No. 1	REC William C. Hutchings
	VEC Samuel Lake Wylie
	EC Herbert Tate
	EC G. William Joy
Tzouhalem No. 26	EC John S. Harnan
	C William M. Down
Pacific Rim No. 44	C Herb Tate

Rose laid by REC Stan Grenda

District No. 2

Westminster No. 6	MEC Roderick Cutler
Chilliwack No. 19	REC Jack M. Embree
	C Donald J. Lawrance
Mission No. 28	None reported
Semiahmoo No. 34	REC Walter R. Biener
	C Bert Saundry

Rose laid by REC Ronald Smith

District No. 3

Okanagan No. 11	REC Richard CB Henderson
	C Nigel S. Hughes
	C Fred G. Mann
Kamloops No. 18	REC Eric Bowers
	REC Ray Hodge
	REC John S. Tupholme
	EC Albert Meyers
Kelowna No. 17	None reported
Penticton No. 22	C Nelson Menzies
Observatory No. 25	MEC Roderick Cutler
Granite No. 29	VEC Roy D. Thomas

Rose laid by REC Alan Akehurst

District No. 4

Rossland No. 4	MEC George Coupland
	C David John
	C Alexander Brokenshire
	C. James Grant
Rocky Mountain No. 7	REC Thomas E. Wood
	C Kenneth M. Pollon

Rose laid by MEC Rick McKay.

District No. 6

Kaien No. 13	REC Thomas V. Tattersall
	C Harold F. Giles
Kalum No. 37	REC J.A. Buick
	C R.M. Mathews

Rose laid by REC Murray Webster

District No. 7

North Vancouver No. 16	REC Gordon Galt
	REC A.E. "Bud" Porter
	C Charles R. Lynch

King Solomon No. 30	C William Johnson
	C Alexander Starr
Georgian No. 39	C Ernest Widman

Rose laid by REC Colin Hart

District No. 9

Triple Tau No. 21	C Gerald H. Churley
Composite No. 24	None Reported
Joppa No. 31	C Joseph Bueschkins
	C John Holloway
	C Norman Hill
	C Richard Barr
	C William Dinsmore
	C Lino Gagno
	C Douglas Giffin
	C John Gillis
	C George Karakitosos
Simon Fraser No. 40	C Kenneth E. Horwood

Rose laid by REC David Lewis.

District No. 10

Fort George No. 36	VEC Darcy Cavanaugh
	EC Thomas B. Goodson
	C Howard D. Hockey
Yukon No. 38	C Frederick M. Hackney
Dawson Creek No. 41	C David W.J. McLeod
Caribou No. 43	None reported

Rose laid by MEC Thomas Mickey

District No. 11

Keystone No. 8	EC Robert Morgan
	C Victor H. Hanna
	C Stanley G. Hunter
Cyrus No. 10	C James R. Dick

Majuba No. 33	REC John Branson EC William G. White C William O. Wilson
Cathedral No. 35	None reported
Discovery No. 45	C Lawrence W. Harvie C Victor N. Smith

Rose laid by EC Tim Yates

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

Rose laid by REC Rae Humeston

The A/Chaplain: *"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 A/Chaplain provided a eulogy and cited 2 Tim. 4: 7 – 8. This was followed by the convocation repeating "The Lord's Prayer" in unison. The closing Benediction was from Numbers 6: 24 – 26.

5. ADDRESSES BY INVITED GUESTS/VISITORS

The Grand First Principal, MEC George Tillotson, invited several guests to address the convocation.

- Ms Starr Winchester, Mayor of Courtenay provided words of welcome and thanked the Royal Arch Masons for their work in the various communities. Stated it was an honour to address the convocation and that it was the first time she has ever spoken to a Masonic group.
- Ms M. Pettigrew, Associate Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star brought the greetings of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron and members of the order. Be nice to have more members so come and join and partake in the fun.
- Ms Isabel Parker, Grand Guardian International Order of Job's Daughters thanked the Royal Arch for the invitation and for past support. She was most pleased with the work of the girls during the flag ceremony.
- Sir Knight Pat O'Keefe Grand Associate Patron of the Order of Amaranth brought greetings and wished the assembly all the best. The Amaranth has four courts in B.C. with Victoria being the oldest in Canada. Pleased to be in attendance and they too are seeking members.
- Noble Bob Emerson Club Coordinator District 15 of Gizeh Shriners of B.C. & Yukon extended the greetings of Illustrious Potentate, Lorne Donaldson and was honored to attend on behalf of the shriners.
- Rt. Worthy Bro. Martin Bridges, DDGM District 22 thanked for his invitation and brought fraternal greetings from MWBro. Glenn Allen who was unable to attend. Appreciates the charity work of the Royal Arch in particular the Home. Grand Master's theme is "FOCUS" **F**riendship, **O**rder, **C**ommitment, **U**nity, **S**incerity . Wishes all the best for a successful convocation.

6. INFORMAL CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Grand first Principal closed the Informal Opening at **9:10 pm** advising the formal opening would take place tomorrow, Friday **September 12, 2008 at 9:00 am**.

7. FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

REC Rick McKay piped in the Grand Council who assumed their respective stations. The Credentials Committee attested there were **29** Chapters out of **33** attending thus forming a quorum. The Grand First Principal, MEC George Tillotson formally opened the Ninetieth Session in ample form on **Friday, September 12, 2008 at 9:10 am**.

8. RECEPTION OF GUESTS/VISITORS

The Grand First Principal and Council were pleased to welcome:

- MEC Lynn Bailey, Grand High Priest, REC Herb Weaver, Deputy Grand High Priest and REC Karl Forch, Grand King of the Royal Arch of Washington.
- MEC James Lore, Grand 1st Principal, REC Don Gillies Past Grand 1st Principal, REC Richard Glasgow, Grand 2nd Principal and REC Peter Proudlock, Grand Historian of the Royal Arch of Alberta
- REC John Leyshon, Grand 2nd Principal of the Royal Arch of Saskatchewan
- MEC Jack Hooper, Past Grand 1st Principal of the Royal Arch of Manitoba

Grand Honours were accorded under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies. The visitors were piped in by REC Rick McKay.

REGRETS:
MEC Joseph Marshall, MEC William Shippam, MEC Stephen Redgrave, MEC Hilliard Clare, MEC Roland Paddle (Canada – ON), MIC Lawrence McInnis (Cryptic Rite), REC Joe Quan, REC Stan Sorenson, VEC Brian Beech, MWBro. Bob McSween (Grotto), REC Walter Rae, Bro. Ernie McDonald (Demolay), REC Jay Chapman,

VEC Cyril Davison, REC Roy Fraser, VEC Robert Barr, VEC James Bennie, REC James Whyte, VEC Paul Sheppard, REC Alfred Dorman, REC Kingsley Crick, and REC William Fookes.

9. INVOCATION

A/Chaplain REC Rev. Dr. Joel Chiri provided the invocation for the assembly.

10. 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 Ninetieth Annual Convocation in the City of Courtenay, British Columbia, Canada, this 11th, 12th and 13th days of September, 2008, 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 of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon on Friday, September 12th, 2008.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"
Signed: MEC George R.E. Tillotson, Grand 1st Principal
REC Ed Wilson, Grand Scribe Ezra

MOVED by Grand Scribe Ezra, **SECONDED** by VEC Neil Marsh that the foregoing Resolution of Loyalty be forwarded. **CARRIED**

11. MINUTES OF THE 89TH GRAND CONVOCATION OF 2007

MOVED by the Grand Scribe Ezra, **SECONDED** by VEC Neil Marsh the minutes of the **89th** Annual Grand Convocation as printed in the **2007** Proceedings be adopted. **CARRIED**

12. GRAND ZERUBBABEL'S ADDRESS

REC Alastair Ross, Grand 2nd Principal assumed the chair of the Convocation.

As our term of office is near the end, I wish to thank the Companions for the trust they put in me to perform the duties of your Grand 1st Principal, and thank all the Chapters for the courtesies extended to my wife and myself.

My wife Prue, who accompanied me on all my visits and added to the occasions I heartily thank as it made my travel so much more enjoyable.

We mourn the loss of so many distinguished Companions; the sad part is we are not inducting new members to replace those that have passed away. The loss of our Grand Chaplain VEC Alex Reid and our Grand Superintendent REC Arthur Draper was commemorated last night at the Memorial service, which was put together by our Grand Chaplain before his death and presented by REC Reverend Joel Chiri.

As REC Stan Sorenson is unable to continue due to severe health problems, I thank him for his dedication to the Grand Chapter and confirm him in the rank of Past Grand Principal Sojourner,

The 90th Convocation this year will be on the second weekend, this will give our new Grand 1st Principal an opportunity to make official visits in September in good weather, it seems most chapters especially the north have chosen the third week for their meeting nights.

I thank Cyrus Chapter for hosting this convocation it takes a lot of manpower to carry out all the details required.

I wish to acknowledge the large donation to the Royal Arch Home by VEC John Stanley Harnan in his will.

I thank all the committees for their work and discharge them with thanks.

I thank all my officers for their work and dedication throughout the year; I am particularly well pleased with the performance of all my Grand Superintendents and thank REC Rick McKay for taking over after the death of REC Arthur Draper. And do recommend permanent rank unto all Grand Chapter Officers as listed Grand Chapter Officers **2007 – 2008 BCY**.

I wish all the incoming officers well and will give my assistance as asked for.

My visits are in the advanced proceedings and form part of my report.

MEC George R. E. Tillotson, Grand Z.

MOVED by MEC George Tillotson, **SECONDED** by REC David Grange the report be received and referred to the Committee of the Grand Z's Address. **CARRIED**

13. REPORT OF THE GRAND HAGGAI

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

It has been my pleasure and honour to have served Grand Chapter as your Grand Second Principal Haggai over this past year. Again it has been a very busy year, but rewarding and enjoyable. In the interests of brevity, I have attached a full list of my Royal Arch activities over the past year to this report, and shall confine myself to the highlights. I have attended all the Grand Chapter Finance and Executive Council meetings over the year, and presided over the latter as part of my duties. I attended a total of 58 Royal Arch functions in the year, which included accompanying our Grand First Principal at 23 official visits. I attended many Chapter installations of Officers, investing one First Principal and fourteen Second Principals.

I was privileged to have the opportunity of presenting 50 year and 25 year pins and certificates to two worthy companions. Highlights of the year were: The International Night at Bellingham Bay, and the Affirmation Day at the Peace Arch – both in October, 2007. Representing our Grand First Principal at the Grand Sessions of the Amaranth in February of this year.

Organizing and running the Grand Chapter Spring Board of General Purposes in April. This entailed a lot of work with just a few assistants, but from all accounts it was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. We even made some money for the host Chapter, my own Chapter. I was also pleased to present MEC George Tillotson, Grand Z, with his Warrant from the Grand Chapter of Alberta as their representative to our Jurisdiction.

Attending and accompanying our Grand Z at the sessions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta in May, and being made an Honorary member of that Grand Chapter.

My most "memorable" trip was in late November when I crawled along behind some semis for hours in a snow storm getting to Discovery Chapter in Campbell River for their Installation of Officers. I am still surprised I made it, but their kind hospitality made it worthwhile; and I installed both the First and Second Principals and presented a 50 year jewel and certificate to a very worthy companion.

In conclusion I thank my sponsors for their continued support, the hospitality and courtesies I have received at Chapter visitations; and last but certainly no least the love and encouragement of my best friend, my wife Edna. I look forward to continuing my service to you as your Grand First Principal in this upcoming Masonic year and will appreciate all your support.

Respectfully submitted: REC Alastair Ross

MOVED by REC Ross the report be received, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson, Grand Scribe Ezra.
CARRIED

14. REPORT OF GRAND JOSHUA

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:

It has been a wonderful experience and privilege to have served as Grand 3rd Principal in this Grand Chapter,

I have been able to attend with the Grand 1st Principal to Alberta Grand Chapter, Bellingham Bay International Night, Affirmation Day at Peace Arch crossing and Spring Board. These events were well attended.

Other visits with the Grand 1st Principal included 13 installations during which I installed 17 – 3rd Principals and 2 Tylers. 2 were joint installations.

I was able to support the Superintendent of District 2 at all his official visits including some from District 9. I have attended all the Executive and Financial meetings except in July as I was away on vacation. As a member of the RAMH board of directors attended all scheduled meetings.

During my year as Grand 2nd Principal I hope to be able to visit more chapters with the Grand 1st Principal and am looking forward to meeting more companions during my travels.

This year while visiting I was well received by all companions and enjoyed the hospitality and friendship which I hope to renew this year. Thank you to all the Officers and Companions who have helped me during this year with advice when asked.

Again I thank you for the privilege of having served as Grand 3rd Principal and I hope I have served you well.

Respectfully submitted: REC David Grange.

MOVED by REC Grange this report be accepted, **SECONDED** by Grand Scribe Ezra, REC Ed Wilson.
CARRIED

V. Ill. Knight Don Hamilton, Deputy Grand Intendent General of the Red Cross of Constantine, Canadian Jurisdiction was invited to speak by the Grand First Principal. He brought the greetings of the Grand Sovereign of Canada and stated how pleased he was to attend. Pleased to see so many t the RCC breakfast. Wished the assembly all the best for a successful convocation.

15. REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

With the unfortunate and sad passing of the Grand Chaplain, VEC Alex Reid there is no report this year for the Grand Chaplain. VEC Reid will be sorely missed by all.

Respectfully submitted by Grand Scribe Ezra, REC Ed Wilson

16. REPORT OF MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent First Principal, officers and companions of British Columbia and Yukon.

It is most disappointing to learn that not one Chapter put forth a recommendation for this award. Surely, there must be deserving companions in this jurisdiction and we encourage all chapters to review their companions for a recommendation for next year.

Respectfully submitted: MEC Hilliard Clare, Chairman
MEC Basil Hobbs and REC Allen Jesperson.
At this point EC Norm Bruce advised that their Chapter, Joppa 31, had submitted the name of Companion Andrew Law to be considered for the award of this year. MEC George Eaton wondered if the current Convocation could consider the recommendation of EC Bruce to receive the award. MEC Basil Hobbs requested an adjournment of the committee report until later in the day when the matter could be reviewed and presented to Grand Chapter. The Grand First Principal granted such an adjournment. (*See later page for amended report.*)

17. RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

YEAR			NAME	PRESENT
1982	Most Excellent	Companion	Steven G. Redgrave	
1985	"	"	R. Hilliard Clare	
1989	"	"	Thomas O. Mickey	x
1991	"	"	Alexander S. Rollo	x
1993	"	"	William S. Shippam	
1997	"	"	Leonard G.B. Pickell	x
1998	"	"	Joseph R. Marshall	
1999	"	"	Denis S. Carriere	
2000	"	"	David DS Anderson	x
2001	"	"	David B. Turner	x
2002	"	"	Norman K. Monro	x
2003	"	"	Basil R. Hobbs	x
2004	"	"	George W. Eaton	x
2005	"	"	Brian A. Richman	x
2006	"	"	Leslie Robinson	x

The Grand First Principal welcomed and thanked each for coming. Grand Honours were accorded under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies. MEC Thomas Mickey spoke on behalf of the group. Pleased to be in attendance and serve this Grand Chapter. Promise to continue to serve.

The Grand First Principal requested V. Worthy Frater Michael Hammel to speak on behalf of the Societas Rosicruciana in Canada. He thanked the Grand Chapter for the opportunity to speak and brought the greetings of the Supreme Magus. Noted that the Junior Substitute Magus, RW Frater Alastair Ross was also in attendance. The organization is dedicated to the mystical aspects of life and world – papers are submitted by fraters for consideration/discussion during meetings.

18. RECEPTION OF FIRST PRINCIPALS

(Pr = Present, Px = Proxy)

Columbia No. 1	EC Michael McLaughlin	Px
Rossland No. 4	EC Glenn Akelson	Px
Westminster No. 6	EC Robert Hart	
Rocky Mountain No. 7	EC Francis Pepper	Pr
Keystone No. 8	VEC Ken Overy	Pr
Cyrus No. 10	EC James B. Monro	Pr
Okanagan No. 11	VEC Francis Latter	Pr
Kaien No. 13	EC J.E. Ferguson	Px
North Vancouver No. 16	EC Jack Cain	Px
Kelowna No. 17	EC N.O. "Otto" Boye	Px
Kamloops No. 18	REC Ken McKenzie	Pr
Chilliwack No. 19	EC George Blane	Px
Triple Tau No. 21	EC George Porter	Px
Penticton No. 22	EC Dean Box	Pr
Composite No. 24	REC William Aaroe	Pr
Observatory No 25	EC Gordon Inglis	
Tzouhalem No. 26	EC James Mathews	Pr
Mission No. 28	EC Don FitzPatrick	Pr
Granite No. 29	EC Fred Maides	Pr
King Solomon No. 30	VEC Robert Barr	Px
Joppa No. 31	EC Stephen Coffey	Px
Majuba No. 33	EC Tim Yates	Pr
Semiahmoo No. 34	EC Mark Evans	Px
Cathedral No. 35	EC T. Knight	Px
Fort George No. 36	VEC Leonard Timmins	Px
Kalum No. 37	EC R.J. Walker	Px
Yukon No. 38	EC A.C. Hubley	
Georgian No. 39	EC Sandy Jacques	Px
Simon Fraser No. 40	EC David Serry	Px
Dawson Creek No. 41	EC Erin McKee	Px
Caribou No. 43	EC Art Leer	
Pacific Rim No. 44	VEC Cy Saunders	Px
Discovery No. 45	EC Dale Stewart	Px

All were welcomed and thanked for their support during the year by the Grand First Principal and accorded Grand Honours under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Rt. Ill. Knight Lionel Brownsey representing the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests was asked to speak by the Grand First Principal. RI Knight Brownsey noted he was sorry he did not wear his regalia but he was tired of having people asking him to bless them (!). Pleased to attend. There are two Tabernacles in B.C. One must be a Past Master, Past First Principal, Past Thrice Illustrious Master and Past Preceptor to be eligible and then it is an invitational order. Trusts the convocation will prove successful and wishes the new slate of officers all the best for the forthcoming year and trusts it will be rewarding,

19. GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

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

I now present the Financial Statements for the year ending **31st December 2007**. The accounts of your Grand Chapter have been audited by REC D. Lewis and REC Ian Thompson, to which they have signed the Auditor's Report and accepted the Financial Statements for the year 2007.

These Statements comprise the following reports:

General Account.

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

Bursary Account.

1. Statement of Financial Position – Capital Fund
2. Income & Expenditure Statement – Capital and 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 close cooperation of the Finance Committee we strive for further improvements and efficiencies – however with each year that comes along we see 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 $36,708 and Expenses of $38,083 up with a Net Loss of $1,375.
2. Compared to the 2007 Planned results our Actual Income was $2,650 higher than Plan, the major variance being greater than planned Miscellaneous Income of $2,449 and slightly higher Capita Dues by $829. Our actual Investment Interest at $7,876 was lower this year than anticipated by $524, and sales of proceedings were lower by $562.
3. In reviewing the Expenditures for last year c.f. to Plan they were unfavourable by $4,343 in Total. Individually, the major variances (Items over $250) were as follows:-

Unfavourable	**$**
Jewels/pins/regalia	(473)
Regalia repairs	(340)
Stationary/Office	(380)
Misc Expenses (RAM Lodging costs)	(557)
Convocation Costs	(1,215)
Investment Losses	(2,175)

Favourable

Grand Treasurer Travel	370
Grand "E" Travel	271
Ritual Revision	296

INVESTMENTS:-

In 2007 we had not budgeted for any investment losses, however during the year, two bonds matured and the redemption was less than original cost. The losses were with the Bank of Montreal Bond, for $1,421, and a Province of Nova Scotia Bond for $817. There was a small profit on the Triax security of $54.

Our Total Investment at year end 2007 stood at $172,624 up from the 2006 year end total of $171,909.

At year end we had $15,318 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 – 2007. If you have any questions or need 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.
(Note: there were no questions.)

BURSARY ACCOUNT :-

Regarding the Bursary Account we awarded $6,865 in Bursaries last year, and had a $1,058 net decrease in our Capital Account, and our total Investment Holdings at year end decreased by $1,885 to $107,208.

With regard to Donations received for last year, I would like to thank all those Companions and Chapters who generously made donations, one item to note is that the amount received in the Capital Fund for 2007 of $1,050 was a small increase from 2006 by $20, whilst the Donations made to the Annual Fund showed a material decrease of $640, or 38.1%.

Our Capital Investment Income for 2007 at $4,814 shows a decrease of 22.4& over the reported 2006 amount.

Companions don't forget that if and when you send 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 be glad to answer them, no matter how trivial they may seem, or if you don't follow my explanations completely to your satisfaction, don't hesitate to raise a question or two.

(Note: There were no questions.)

Companions, I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to join me in recognizing the work of our Past Grand Treasurer REC Ron Glover. The financial reporting structure that he has brought to Grand Chapter is second to none, I can assure you that Grand Chapter was well served while he was Grand Treasurer, and I hope I can serve you as well. I would also like to express my appreciation for his help and guidance that he has provided to me while I have "eased" into the position.

Fraternally Submitted: REC Peter Guichon, Grand Treasurer.

MOVED by REC Peter Guichon, **SECONDED** by REC Ron Glover this report be received. **CARRIED**

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
of
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

To: All Companions

AUDITORS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2007

We the undersigned, have made examination of the records of "The Grand Chapter British Columbia and Yukon – *General Account*" for the year ended **31st December 2007**, 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,

"Signed"
REC D. Lewis

"Signed"
REC I Thompson

Dated: June 3, 2008

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

Statement of Financial Position
General Account: **Dec. 31st, 2007**

		2007	2006
Assets			
CURRENT			
Bank Account - Chequing		1,071.51	2,680.69
ING - Savings		15,318.16	10,227.73
Investment Receivable		1,310.59	5,324.16
Accounts Receivable		1,718.00	1,449.49
Inventories	Note 1	4,363.00	3,130.29
Prepaid Expenses		1,647.31	919.28
		$25,428.57	$23,731.64
INVESTMENTS (at Cost)			
Odlum Brown - Holdings	Note 2	172,623.78	171,909.69
FIXED			
Regalia etc		12,098.46	12,098.46

Accumulated Depreciation	(8,511.00)	(7,245.00)
Computer Equipment	1,731.26	1,403.86
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,449.34)	(1,403.86)
Office Equipment	1,380.88	1,380.88
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,381.00)	(1,227.00)
	$3,869.26	$5,007.34
TOTAL ASSETS	**$210,921.61**	**$200,648.67**
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts Payable	1,023.00	125.00
Convocation Loan Acct	276.68	526.68
Provision Investment Loss	0.00	0.00
Provision Regalia Replacement	10,000.00	8,000.00
	$11,299.68	$8,651.68
CAPITAL & EQUITY		
Prior years Surplus	191,996.99	185,648.50
Prior years Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Current years Surplus/(Loss)	(1,375.06)	6,348.49
	$190,621.93	$191,996.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**$201,921.61**	**200,648.67**

Approved: Grand Z

Approved: Grand H

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
British Columbia & Yukon

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT "GENERAL FUND"
For the year Ended December 31st, 2007

INCOME	**ACTUAL 2006**	**ACTUAL 2007**	**PLAN 2007**	**VARIANCE to Plan 2007**
Capita Dues	23,034.50	22,097.25	21,268.00	829.25
Bank Interest	468.35	593.43	400.00	193.43
Investment Interest	10,068.24	7,875.64	8,400.00	(524.36)
Keystone	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Proceedings	850.59	237.47	800.00	(562.53)
Certificates	1,189.70	765.00	500.00	

Misc Income (note 3)	7,989.11	5,139.27	2,690.00	265.00
				2,449.27
TOTAL INCOME	**43,600.49**	**36,708.06**	**34,058.00**	**2,650.06**
EXPEND				
Bank Charges	10.00	108.37	125.00	16.63
Grand "Z" - Travel-B.C.	4,800.00	5,000.00	4,800.00	(200.00)
- Travel Yukon	700.00	700.00	700.00	-
- Itineraries	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Grand "E" Travel	410.40	479.39	750.00	270.61
Honorarium	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
Grand Treas Honorarium	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
Travel	276.92	129.74	500.00	370.26
Insurance	591.00	640.58	550.00	(90.58)
Rent	2,040.00	2,040.00	2,100.00	60.00
District 10 Travel	0.00	600.00	600.00	-
Jewels/Pins/Regalia	409.68	792.69	320.00	(472.69)
Regalia Repairs	0.00	840.00	500.00	(340.00)
Regalia Replacement Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Printing - Ann. Proceedings	543.25	830.70	1,000.00	169.30
- Keystone	0.00	0.00	0.00	-

- Adv Proceedings	0.00	338.16	425.00	86.84
- Ritual Revision	4,974.16	54.49	350.00	295.51
- Inventory W/off	345.60	0.00	0.00	-
- General (note 4)	1,256.53	536.30	420.00	(116.30)
Postage	1,830.96	1,410.45	1,300.00	(110.45)
Telephone	1,620.19	1,650.31	1,650.00	(0.31)
Stationery/Office Supplies	746.39	779.56	400.00	(379.56)
Cases - Regalia	130.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	261.82	657.23	100.00	(557.23)
Computer Supplies	200.29	694.67	600.00	(94.67)
Repairs - Computers	101.70	286.96	50.00	(236.96)
- Office Equip.	83.05	0.00	100.00	100.00
Amortization	1,770.86	1,465.48	1,700.00	234.52
RA Charitable Foundation		157.92	0.00	(157.92)
Convocation Costs Net		1,215.00	0.00	(1,215.00)
Investment Loss(Profit)			0.00	
	(350.80)	2,175.12		(2,175.12)
TOTAL EXPENSES	**37,252.00**	**38,083.12**	**33,740.00**	**(4,343.12)**
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	**$ 6,348.49**	**$ (1,375.06)**	**$ 318.00**	**$ (1,693.06)**

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS – BC & YUKON

Statement of CASH FLOWS - GENERAL ACCOUNT

For the year ended December 31st, 2007

NET INCOME (EXPENDITURES)		**$ (1,375.06)**
SOURCE of FUNDS		
Amortization Net		1,465.48
Regalia Reserve Fund		2,000.00
Investment Interest		4,013.57
Receivables		
Accounts		898.00
Payable		
	Source	**$ 8,377.05**
	sub total	**$ 7,001.99**
APPLICATION of FUNDS		
Accounts Receivable		268.51
Prepaid Expenses		728.03
Cashable Bonds (ING)		5,090.43
Net Investment Made		714.09
Inventories		1,232.71
Purchase - Computer Printer		327.40
Convocation Loan Account		250.00
	Application	**$ 8,611.17**
	Net Cash Flow	**$ (1,609.18)**
BANK BALANCE at January 1st 2007		**$ 2,680.69**
BANK BALANCE at December 31st 2007		**$ 1,071.51**

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS

At December 31st, 2007

NOTES to FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Capital assets are recorded at Cost.

Amortization is calculated using the straight-line basis t the following annual rates.

Computer Equipment - 33% Office Equipment – 20%

Note 1

	$
Printed Materials	3,199.00
Pins & Jewels	1,164.00
Total	**4,363.00**

Note 2

	Cost $	% Return	Market Value $
Prov of Quebec	10,597.31	5.19%	10,188.33
Bell Cdn	21,070.14	6.81%	17,305.89
Prov New Bruns.	10,772.55	5.92%	10,509.20
Prov of Sask.	12,390.36	5.33%	12,067.02
Coast Capital GIC 4.1%	2,626.00	4.10%	2,626.00
GMAC	16,099.42	5.66%	14,626.08
Ford Credit	22,000.00	6.77%	21,258.72
GE Capital	15,956.51	5.16%	16,080.14
RBC	16,033.18	4.99%	15,923.57
Bank of N. Scotia GIC 4.05%		4.05%	8,178.00
Coast Capital GIC 5%	13,107.00	5.00%	13,107.00
Coast Capital GIC 5%	11,604.00	5.00%	11,604.00
Manulife Common	5,199.25		5,633.00
BMO Common	6,990.06		5,274.10
Total:	**$ 172,623.78**	**5.86%**	**$ 164,381.05**

Note 3

Dispensations	190.00
Jewels 50/60 yrs	770.00
Royal Art	15.00
Constitutions	500.00
Rituals	1,708.00
Ceremonies/Guides	384.00
Manuals/Porch Sheets	101.25
25 year Pins	35.00
Miscellaneous	1,436.02
Total	**5,139.27**

Note 4

Constitution Covers	0.00
Constitution Inserts	536.30
Porch Book Inserts	0.00
Life Member Certificates	
Miscellaneous	0.00
Total	**536.30**

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
"BURSARY ACCOUNT"

TO: All companions

AUDITORS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 2007

We the undersigned have examined the records of "The Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon – *Bursary Account*" for the year ended **December 31st, 2007**, and in our opinion, the Financial Statements present a true and correct view of the affairs of the Grand Chapter Bursary Account as at that date, and conform to Standard Accounting procedures.

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

Fraternally,

"Signed" "Signed"

REC D. Lewis REC I. Thompson

Dated: June 3, 2008

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH - BURSARY FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at December 31st, 2007

CAPTITAL FUND

	2007	2006
ASSETS:		
Current		
Bank Account HSBC	3,481.38	$ 2,654.57
Investments Receivables		2,883.32
	6,111.23	5,537.89
Investments		
Odlum Brown - Holdings at Cost		$ 106,209.52
FUND ASSETS		**$ 111,747.41**
LIABILITIES:		
Current		
Accounts Payable	$ -	$ -
Investment Loss Provision		0.00
Equity		
Prior Years Surplus	111,747.41	109,170.79
Current Years Surplus	(1,057.67)	2,576.62
Total Equity	110,689.74	111,747.41
FUND LIABILITIES		**$ 111,747.41**

Approved: Grand Z
Approved: Grand H

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GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BC & YUKON

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS

For the YEAR ENDED - DECEMBER 31st 2007

CAPTITAL FUND

	2007	2006
	$	$
Income		
Donations	1,050.00	1,030.00
Investment Interest	4,813.97	6,201.51
Bank Interest	1.81	2.10
Total	**$ 5,865.78**	**$ 7,233.61**
Expenses		
Transfer to Annual Fund	5,825.00	4,920.00
Investment Loss(Profit)	1,098.45	(263.10)
Total	**$ 6,923.45**	**$ 4,656.90**
Net Capital Income	**$(1,057.67)**	**$ 2,576.71**

ANNUAL FUND

	2007	2006
Income		
Donations	1,040.00	1,680.00
Investment Transfer	5,825.00	4,920.00
Total Income	**$ 6,865.00**	**$ 6,600.00**
Expenditures		
Bursary Awards	6,865.00	6,600.00
Total Expenses	**$ 6,865.00**	**$ 6,600.00**

Net Income(Loss)	**$ -**	**$ -**

Grand Chapter of B.C. & Yukon

Grand Treasurer's Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31st, 2007

CAPTIAL FUND	**$**
Net Income Capital	(1,057.67)
Source of Funds	

Investment Receivables	1,631.01
Investment Purchased	253.47
Source total	**826.81**
Application of Funds	
Investments Purchased	0.00
Investment Receivables	0.00
Application total	
Net Cash Flow	**826.81**

Opening bank balance Jan 1st, 2007

Closing bank balance Dec. 31st, 2007

Investments held @Dec. 31st, 2006	$	Interest Return	Market Value $
Odlum Brown			
Prov New Bruns. 5.7%	10,270.56	**5.74%**	10,063.47
Prov Sask 5.463%	10,363.72	**9.50%**	8,906.93
Prov New Bruns. 6.375%	10,772.55	**5.74%**	10,509.20
GMAC 5.7%	6,037.28	**5.66%**	5,484.78
Ford Cr. 6.0%	5,000.00	**6.08%**	4,840.48
GE Cap	5,983.69	**5.16%**	6,030.05
RBC 5.0%	5,010.37	**4.99%**	4,976.12
Ford Cr .6.4%	7,000.00	**6.08%**	6,730.71
Sun Life Common S	9,616.05	**2.91%**	12,534.75
RBC Common S	5,980.46	**4.19%**	8,118.40
Coast Cap 4.1%	7,777.00	**4.10%**	7,777.00
Bell 5.0%	10,274.50	**6.47%**	8,240.90
Vancr. City	5,600.00	**3.61%**	5,600.00
BMO Common Shares	4,892.33		3,943.10
Total	**$ 104,578.51**	**5.84%**	**$ 99,812.79**

Rt. Venerable Brother Brain Richman, DDGM Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada was asked to speak at this time by the Grand First Principal. Thanked the assembly for the invitation and for the chance to speak. Extended the greetings of the Supreme Grand Master and wished the convocation a successful session. There are 2 Councils in B.C. and they practice some of the "old" degrees and present papers,

20. REPORT OF GRAND SCRIBE EZRA

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

I believe I now have reached a relative level of competency in this position but I must confess I still learn new things every day. I still wish to thank my predecessors, MEC Joseph Marshall and MEC Alexander Rollo for their valued assistance recalling items from former days.

I also wish to thank MEC George Tillotson, Grand First Principal and the Officers of this jurisdiction for their invaluable support and encouragement that lets me keep up with the work of this position. I also wish to thank MEC Brian Richman, Director of Finance, who has managed to maintain our funds in compliance with our budgetary goals. Even more importantly, however I wish to thank the Scribes Ezra of the Chapters and all Companions for their suggestions and guidance toward enhancing this Grand Chapter.

The Royal Arch Grand Chapter office is still functioning without any major problems. Every effort is made to maintain our costs at

the lowest possible level but certain costs such as ink cartridges, office machines and computer equipment seem to steadily increase each year. The Grand Treasurer and I are constantly reviewing our situation to determine if there are any areas for improvement. The books were duly audited last year and found in order with no serious areas of note.

December 31, 2006 our membership is listed at 1892 and on December 31, 2007 at 1702 a decrease of 190. However there have been some adjustments made to prior figures and these are now reflected in the 2007 total. As a result the true decrease in membership is not as dramatic as indicated. For example both Triple Tau No. 21 and Joppa No. 31 indicated adjusted figures. The statistics for 2007:

Deceased:	64	
Suspended:	53	
Demitted:	68	
TOTAL:		185
Exalted:	64	
Restored:	4	
Affiliated:	22	
TOTAL:		90

Some concern might be shown over the number of restored each year. This is one area that might be explored to determine if we are following the right approach in striving to have some of our past Companions reconsider and become members again. I would therefore ask all Scribes E to examine their rolls to determine if any such Companion might be approachable and amenable to becoming active Companions again.

This office continues to operate three (3) days a week although most weeks I am here for five (5) days. Once again, I seek your advice on any area that Companions might feel could be improved or made easier to work or understand. I look forward to the ensuing year to

continue working with the Grand Council and all Companions to ensure this Grand Chapter remains one of the finest in all Royal Arch Masonry.

Respectfully and sincerely submitted: REC Ed Wilson, Grand Scribe Ezra.

MOVED by REC Ed Wilson, Grand Scribe Ezra, **SECONDED** by VEC Neil Marsh the report be received. **CARRIED**

2007 Statistics

Chapter	No.	c/f2007	Exalt	Restored	Affiliated	Deceased	Susp	Demit	Expelled	c/f 2008
Columbia	1	144	9	2		4	1	3		**147**
Rossland	4	39	1			4	1			**35**
Westminster	6	43	4			1		4		**42**
Rocky Mountain	7	69	1			2	5	4		**59**
Keystone	8	47	1		1	3		2		**44**
Cyrus	10	76	2		1	1	1	2		**75**
Okanagan	11	45			1	3	2	2		**39**
Kaien	13	48	2			2	2			**46**
North Vancouver	16	23	2			3	1	1		**20**
Kelowna	17	38	1							**39**
Kamloops	18	67	3		2	5		3		**64**
Chilliwack	19	84	5			2		6	2	**79**
Triple Tau	21	67*	2		1	1	1	3		**65**
Penticton	22	35		1	1	1		3		**33**
Composite	24	35	5				1			**39**
Observatory	25	20			1	1				**20**
Tzouhalem	26	64				2	3	2		**57**
Mission	28	40			1					**41**

Granite	29	27	2			1		1	**27**
King Solomon	30	46	2			2	3	6	**37**
Joppa	31	125*	4			8	26	2	**85**
Majuba	33	35	2		1	3		3	**32**
Semihamoo	34	56	1			2		3	**52**
Cathedral	35	49	1		1		2	2	**47**
Fort George	36	95	7			3	1	2	**96**
Kalum	37	61	1	1		2		2	**59**
Yukon	38	42				1			**41**
Georgian	39	34			3	1	1	1	**34**
Simon Fraser	40	52	3			1	1	3	**50**
Dawson Creek	41	90			4	1	1	4	**88**
Caribou	43	36							**36**
Pacific Rim	44	28	2		3	2		3	**30**
Discovery	45	45	1		1	2		1	**44**
TOTALS		**1892***	**64**	**4**	**22**	**64**	**53**	**68**	**1702***

* Adjusted totals from incorrect prior submissions.

The Grand Principal next requested MWBro. David Turner, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland to address the convocation. MWB Turner brought the fraternal greetings of the Grand Master who is absent because of other commitments. The Order was consecrated in 1924. He wished the assembly all the best for the current meetings.

21. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE

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

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter during the year 2007-2008. We have considered the eleven notices of motion which will be presented to this convocation for consideration. Two of these are carried over from last year, eight are newer proposals to amend the Constitution and one is an ordinary resolution. On some we will have no comment, on others we will suggest amendments and on still other we may express some reservations. We are pleased that the companions were given an opportunity to consider these at the Board of General Purposes meeting in April and trust that consideration also was given to the various issues at home Chapters.

As this Grand Chapter has no Standing Committee or Special Committee on "Ritual" or "Fraternal Relations", we have been asked for and have given advice on some related issues. The following is a summary of some of the advice we have offered. We do not recognize or exchange Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Togo as they have no jurisdiction over the Royal Arch Masons. The tri-colour sash may be worn by affiliated Very Excellent Companions from whom it was proper in their former jurisdictions unless they hold office in one of our chapters. The tri-colour ribbon suspending the honorary jewel of a Royal Arch Mason is similarly allowed or if it was given in this jurisdiction when it was permissible under our own jurisdiction. There is no allowable short form of the Chapter closing or of the installation ceremony. A Chapter can not be "lowered" to a lodge of Mark or Most Excellent Masters; the proper procedure is for the chapter to open a lodge of Mark or Most Excellent Masters. A lodge of Mark or Most Excellent Masters cannot install or invest any Chapter officers. The principle of secrecy of the ballot and Masonic law do not allow voting on membership proposals by any other means than the traditional ballot box.

All officers take a solemn obligation to uphold the Constitution of this Grand Chapter as well as our established rites and ceremonies. There are defined amendment procedures if change is desired. Please use the form on the web site.

Respectfully submitted MEC George W. Eaton, Chairman. MEC Norman Monro, MEC Leonard Pickell, REC James C. Whyte and

REC Stanley P Sorenson, Grand Principal Sojourner (Ex-Officio Observer)

MOVED by MEC George Eaton, **SECONDED** by MEC Alex Rollo the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

28. MOTIONS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

At this point MEC Eaton requested permission to continue with the Constitutional amendments to which the Grand First Principal agreed. The chairmanship was temporarily assumed by MEC Eaton for this order of business.

1. Tabled as Motion 4 in 2007. **MOVED** by VEC Clancy Wilson, **SECONDED** by REC Donovan Tyers the motion be lifted from the table. **CARRIED.** That Section 53.3.1 be deleted in its entirety and replaced by: (Recommended by Committee) ***"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 may be suspended for non payment of Dues effective July 1st of that year."*** **CARRIED**

2. Tabled as Motion 5 in 2007. **MOVED** by VEC Clancy Wilson, **SECONDED** by MEC Thomas Mickey the motion be lifted from the table. **CARRIED**
That the last sentence of Section 35.2 be deleted and replaced by: ***"The only exception being that of the installation of a First Principal, Second Principal, Third Principal or Immediate Past First Principal, which must occur only in a Council of Installed Principals."*** (Committee suggests the motion be defeated as it is similar to one defeated in 2007 and there is no need for any installation or investiture of lodges of MMM or MEM.) **DEFEATED**

3. **MOVED** by MEC Brian Richman, **SECONDED** by MEC Alex Rollo that a new Section 20.2.17 be added to the Constitution: ***"The budget proposed for the conduct of Grand Chapter***

Convocation shall be submitted by the Planning Committee of the Host Chapter to the Grand Chapter Finance Committee for approval four months prior to the Annual Convention." (Committee offered no comment) Discussion ensued. REC Richard Armitage asked if a format had been developed and was advised there had been. REC Joseph Carver suggested using the average cost over the past ten years. EC Douglas Eaton thought a contingency account could be utilized. REC Richard Schaffer felt a history of past Grand Convocations may give an indication. MEC George Tillotson noted that Cyrus Chapter has assumed full responsibility for this year's convocation. **CARRIED**

4. **MOVED** by REC Ed Wilson, **SECONDED** by MEC Norm Monro that a new section be added to the Constitution. ***14.3.1. A first time nominee for elected office shall submit a biographical resume of no more than one hundred (100) words to be included in the Advance Proceedings and he shall be given three minutes to address the Grand Convocation prior to the ballot being opened."*** (Committee suggested basically the foregoing wording with the exception of reference to Advanced Proceedings.) **CARRIED**

5. **MOVED** by MEC Les Robinson, **SECONDED** by MEC Brian Richman that a new Section be added to the Constitution. ***"12.1.1 Informal Opening: Grand Chapter shall hold its annual Informal opening on the Friday evening immediately preceding the third Saturday in September commencing in 2010."*** (Committee requested change of wording from third Friday to that indicated above for clarification and to avoid future confusion) MEC Robinson explained because of steady decline in attendees to Grand Chapter he felt it was necessary to reduce the time. The business and banquet to be conducted on Saturday with the installation. REC Colin Hart speaking on behalf of companions in the work force favours the motion. **CARRIED**

6. **MOVED** by MEC Les Robinson, **SECONDED** by REC David Grange a new Section be added to the Constitution. ***"12.1.2 Business and Installation: Grand Chapter shall conduct its annual business and installation of officers on the third Saturday in September commencing in 2010."***

(Committee offered no comment.) **CARRIED**

7. **MOVED** by MEC Les Robinson, **SECONDED** by MEC Basil Hobbs that a new Section be added to the Constitution.
"11.1 All companions who have valid membership cards of a constituent Chapter of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon are voting members of Grand Chapter."
(Committee had no comment) **CARRIED**

8. **MOVED** by MEC George Eaton, **SECONDED** by REC Joe Carver that Section 11.5.5 be deleted and replaced by:
"Permanent Rank (Appointed) The rank of Grand Superintendent (Right Excellent) and other appointed Grand Officers (Very Excellent) may be made permanent only by Resolution of Grand Chapter, and only if the Grand First Principal certifies to Grand Chapter that the officer has done his duties faithfully and satisfactorily, with effect when his successor has been invested. Permanent rank is only granted to a Past First Principal of a Chapter, or upon his subsequent completion of a term as a First Principal of a Chapter."
(Committee resolution to remove current contradiction between two sections and to dissuade Grand Chapter from making permanent the rank of a Companion not entitled thereto.)
CARRIED

9. **MOVED** by MEC George Eaton, **SECONDED** by MEC Len Pickell that Sections 38.11.4.1, 2 and 3 be renumbered as follows:
"38.11.5: Notice. Notification of his application is sent to members of the Chapter in the notice for the next regular convocation."
"38.11.6: Favourable. If the report of the Committee is favourable, his application is balloted on. If approved, he is admitted and given a copy of the current bylaws of the chapter."
"38.11.7: Unfavourable. If the report is unfavourable, the candidate is rejected. The Scribe Ezra forthwith gives written notice of the rejection to the Grand Scribe Ezra."
(Committee resolution to correct a numbering error.)
CARRIED

10. **MOVED** by MEC George Eaton, **SECONDED** by MEC Len Pickell that "***Section 46.1 be deleted in its entirety***."
(Committee notes this removes a contradiction between articles 35.1 and 46.1.) **CARRIED**

11. **MOVED** by REC Fred Maides, SECONDED by REC John Swierstra
"That the motion to amalgamate Districts 3 and 8 be rescinded and that the two Districts be restored with the same Chapters as before."
(Committee noted this is not an amendment to the Constitution but an ordinary resolution.) REC William Aaroe felt without stronger indication from the Districts it is difficult to judge and/or support. VEC Francis Latter asked if the resolution is acceptable. MEC George Eaton assured him it was proper. REC Nelson Fraser advised of the difficulty in travel particularly in the winter and so supports motion. REC Alastair Ross expressed concern over the size of the District but wants issue settled here and now with peace and harmony prevailing. MEC Brian Richman hoped the members of the District have considered the matter. **DEFEATED**

22. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business. The Grand First Principal therefore ordered a recess for lunch at **11:45 am**.

Chapter resumed business at **1:05 pm** continuing with Agenda.

16. REPORT OF MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE (Continued from am)

The Committee wished to amend their original report and submitted the following:

We are pleased to advise that we have received one recommendation from the companions of Joppa Chapter No. 31. We have carefully considered the recommendation and are further pleased to move the recommendation of a Merit Award to ***Companion Andrew Law*** for his outstanding commitment and dedication to his chapter and its members and to our Grand jurisdiction.
MOVED by MEC Basil Hobbs, **SECONDED** by REC Allen Jesperson that *Companion Andrew Law* be awarded the Merit Award. **CARRIED**

21. REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE (Continued)

At this point MEC George Eaton **MOVED** that the report of the Report of the Committee of Constitution and Jurisprudence be adopted. **SECONDED** by MEC Alex Rollo. **CARRIED**

The Grand First Principal invited Rt. Em Knight Basil Hobbs, Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada to address the convocation. The 90th Annual Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon is special occasion, the culmination of the past year's work. It is my pleasure and honour, on behalf of the Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Most Em. Knight Job Parson, to bring fraternal greetings and best wishes of all of the Knights Templar for a successful convocation here in Courtenay.

George, you and your lady, Prue, have traversed British Columbia and Yukon providing the good word of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the Grand jurisdiction. We congratulate you on a wonderful year and extend our best wishes to REC Alastair Ross for the upcoming year.

And finally Companions, to those of you who are not members of the Sovereign Great Priory, I would heartily urge you to consider this. We confer military Orders rather than degrees. It is a wonderful organization. Thank you! Best Wishes.

23. REPORT OF THE 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.

Your Finance committee met formally four times this past year which were Nov. 11, 200, Jan. 31, 2008, March 20, 2008 and July 10, 2008. The first meeting was to review the variances in the budget vs. the actual expenses, the middle two meetings were to see that things were on track & if not why not & the final meeting is to forecast the budget needs for the new year. It should be noted that this is the second year that the Finance committee and the Executive committee meet together to ensure the Executive are fully aware of the finances of Grand Chapter. Both committees find this very beneficial.

The first meeting found that there was a net loss for the year ending in December of 2007 of $1,375 resulting from the unexpected loss in 2007 Convocation totaling $1,215.00 and a loss on investments taken when three bonds redeemed in the year totaling $2,175.00. If these items had not been incurred the year would have ended in a net income of $2,025. This loss demonstrates in part, the effect of passing motions on the floor without assessing the financial impact of the motion.

The Second meeting was to track expenditures to date and to discuss the condition of Grand chapters regalia (the Regalia committee came

under the umbrella of the finance committee in 2006) We are pleased to report that with the assistance of REC Jesperson we have been able to cut off the cost of new regalia to less than half of what we were paying before. Each Officer of Grand Chapter was asked to report on their office regalia and with only a few exceptions the regalia were reported as being on good shape. The committee also agreed to the standardization of the regalia as there were up to three different styles being worn.

The third meeting was to review the budget for the first half of the year and prepare for the final meeting in July. Some of the concern is the decline in membership hence a decline in per capita revenue. The budget for 2008 was formed on a membership of 1800 members when as of April 30 it is reported that the membership stands at 1,702 which means a decline of $1200.00 in the per capita revenue. The review indicated that we must increase our revenue. The only means at this time in an increase of per capita. Therefore the committee recommends that the Per Capita be increased by $1. to **$13.**

The final meeting in July was to set the recommendations for the New Year as well as review the financial condition of the chapters of the jurisdiction. Of the 33 chapters in the jurisdiction only 17 reported to date with four chapters reporting a deficit for the year.

There was much discussion on the subject of Grand Chapter convocations. The following items were recommended:

1. The future use of larger Lodge buildings should be seriously considered as rental rates are only a fraction of public rented halls.
2. It was also recommended that three locations be considered to give some consistency to Grand Chapter, the locations are Kamloops, Victoria and the Lower Mainland.

3. It was also recommended that Grand Chapter assume responsibility for appointing a committee to organize Grand Chapter. An example might be the three Grand Stewards, a local chapter representative and the Grand Superintendent for the area.

The Finance committee felt that the above recommendation would eliminate any future losses and give some consistency. ***NOTE***- the host Convention committee was to draft up a proposed budget and have it approved by the Grand Chapter finance committee – this was not done.

A request for $400 to make a disk for Grand Chapter music was not in the budget so therefore was turned down. A bill for excess travel in the north was submitted and the committee felt that the $600 was all in the budget and the district Superintendent should reconsider the visit to Whitehorse if it does not fall within the budgeted amount.

As 2010 is the last year of REC Wilson as Grand Scribe Ezra the following was recommended for **2010** onward:

1. The allowance be reduced from $1000 a month to **$600.**

And effective **2009**:

2. The travel allowance be reduced from $750 to **$500** per year.

These measures are because of falling membership over the last 5 years.

The amount transferred to the regalia account be reduced to $500 a year, as the replacements we are now ordering are about one quarter of the past costs. The regalia account now stands at approximately $10,000.

A question was asked about mailing costs, and it was recommended that Grand Chapter include mailing costs when mailing to Chapters.

Amortization for 2009 will be set at $750.

It was noticed that even thought the Ritual committee was discharged in 2006, it is still submitting bills. The questions arise who authorized the payment, as there is no money in the budget for this, and did anybody authorize any further work to be done on the ritual?

The present Financial Review committee (auditors) are REC Ian Thompson and VEC David Lewis and they found the Grand Chapter books to be in order and correct.

To the Grand Treasurer, Grand Scribe E and all the Finance committee members' thank you all for dedication and commitment.

Fraternally submitted: MEC Brian Richman, Chairman, MEC Les Robinson, REC Ron Glover, REC Ian Thompson and VEC David Lewis.

MOVED by MEC Brian Richman, **SECONDED** by MEC Alex Rollo the report be received. **CARRIED**

REC Joe Carver noted that no bills had been submitted by the past Ritual Committee and that there had been no request for $400.00 for a music disk for the committee. He explained that the bills for the ritual are most likely a reprint of the rituals from the printer. (Confirmed by Grand Scribe Ezra). He owns a ritual music disk and that he did not formally request funds to produce.

PROPOSED GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2008/2009

	Actual 2004	Actual 2005	Actual 2006	Budget 2006	Budget 2007	Budget 2008
EXPENSES						
Bank charges	112	0	10	0	125	150
Grand Z Travel (BC	4300	4300	4800	4800	4800	4800
" (Yukon)	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 Treas Travel	322	424	277	500	500	500
Allowance	500	500	500	500	500	500
Insurance	535	313	591	550	550	740
Rent + Security	4229	1870	2040	2100	2100	2040
Dist 10 travel	0	600	0	500	600	600
Jewels/Pins	840	353	410	400	320	700
Regalia repairs	354	0	0	400	500	500
Regalia Fund	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	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 Program	78	0	0	80	80	80
- Memoriam Prog	31	0	0	40	40	40
- Ritual/Rev Print	0	719	4974	0	350	200
- Invent write off	4844	3783	346	700	0	0
- Misc	641	712	1256	700	300	300
Postage	1422	1471	1831	1200	1300	1500
Telephone/Internet	1123	1860	1620	1800	1650	1700
Stationery/Office	147	333	746	250	400	400
Misc.	638	324	262	50	100	300
Computer supplies	711	636	200	600	600	600
(Continued)						
Repair - computers	40	0	102	100	50	120
- office equip.	0	42	83	100	100	100
Amort of Assets	2094	2073	1771	2000	1700	1420
Regalia cases	130	0	130	130	150	180
Convocn costs (Net)	0	0	0	0	0	700
Investment loss	5466	(856)	(350)	2000	0	0

Gr. Ch. expenses	44,186	37,4355	37,252	36,025	33,740	34,420
Less sundry inc	14,487	13,230	20,565	12,585	12,790	12,810
GC Exps Calc's/Capita	29,699	24,205	16,687	23,440	20,950	21,610
Balance sheet items						
Purch off. Equip't	0	0	0	500	0	0
- comp "	685	0	0	750	750	800
Convocation advance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchase regalia	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	**44,871**	**37,435**	**37,252**	**37,275**	**34,490**	**35,220**
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	**13.00**

Finance Committee recommends a per Capita of $13.00 for Year 2008/2009

The Grand First Principal asked MIC Len Pickell, Immediate Past Grand Master, to speak on behalf of the Cryptic Rite Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada. Pleased to bring the greetings of the Grand Master. Wishes this convocation to be productive. Happy to congratulate MIC Tillotson for a job well done and all the very best to the new slate of officers.

24. REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

In presenting my fourth report as your Grand Historian, I begin by thanking MEC George Tillotson for re-appointing me to an office held by many distinguished Royal Arch Masons over the years. Unfortunately, the Supreme Architect saw fit to take away two of my predecessors from our midst.

The Last Veil

REC Robert John McCubbin served as Grand Historian in 1994-95 while VEC Frank Leslie Kendrick was appointed for 1997-98. If one wished to find two Masons with completely opposite personalities, one needs to look no further than the two just named.

Bob was born in the city of South Vancouver on May 23, 1923. He was a very quiet and unassuming individual, no doubt beloved by his many students over the years. He was not in good health the last number of months and died in Surrey February 15, 2008. Bob was a member of Semiahmoo No. 34.

As for Frank, one Grand Master once told me, over a Germanic beverage: "Grand Lodge needs more Frank Kendricks." Some might think it was the beverage talking. Frank was well-known for standing up at Grand Lodge and finding legitimate faults with proposals coming onto the floor – and faults just about everywhere. Frank didn't hesitate in forcefully letting people know his opinion, including your Grand Historian on more that one occasion. He didn't want our fraternity to slip – constitutionally, ritually or socially. But his cantankerousness at times overshadowed the fact he truly loved the fraternity and its principles and would help if able. Frank was born in Deptford, England on November 21, 1924 and came to Canada in 1956. At the age of 19, he landed on the shores of Normandy on D-Day. He died July 17, 2008 after months of poor health. Frank was a member of King Solomon No. 30.

Perhaps it's not the thing to be mentioned, but in four years I have been in this office, we have lost five of our seven past Grand Historians. I am continuing for another year so the law of averages doesn't bode well for the remaining two, VEC James C. Gordon (1990-91) and Malcolm Robertson (1996-97) However, I trust these stalwart Masons will defy mathematics and be with us for years to come.

Events of Note.

The Reports of the Grand Principals and Grand Scribe Ezra will, no doubt, contain many of the events which have occurred over the past year. However, I'll point out some that came to my attention, thanks in part to Grand Scribe Nehemiah, who attended the first one in this report.

Discovery Chapter No. 45: This chapter, or rather Mark Lodge, held what is likely a unique event – a Table Lodge, on September 24th. Each place setting had a "*ritual book*" for the benefit of the Brethren assembled that gave instruction and procedure for the evening. It was easy to see this was not going to be an ordinary Masonic banquet by the meticulous preparation for the meal and the full setting of silverware. The W.M. EC George MacLagan, and the Brethren of Discovery had done their research, and even practiced the evening before (whether the toasting was included in the rehearsal was not revealed.)

The Brethren assembled were instructed and had a practice run on "*taking wine*" which took about two pages in the "*ritual book*". After the usual opening of the Lodge a Brother was called on for Grace which was followed by the first toast (to the Queen) and the singing of "*God Save the Queen*". The Master then called on the Stewards to serve the first course. The second toast was proposed and the second course and so on through to dessert!

After the third toast the visitors were beginning to learn the sequence of "*good fire*" and much laughter was heard. After the fourth toast and dessert VEC Alex Reid and MEC Malcolm Cowie each presented a paper, *Temples and Tabernacles* **and** *The Degree of Labour* respectively. The fifth toast was proposed by the Wardens to the Worshipful Master, sixth toast to the visiting Brethren. This was responded to by Brother Dave Turner, PGZ. The seventh toast was the Tyler's toast dedicated to our Absent Brethren. A very brief business session was conducted and the evening concluded with *"Auld Lang Syne"*.

Your Historian is sad to seen names of Companions who have passed through the last Veil. He also points out the seemingly-forgotten custom in our jurisdiction of singing "The Queen" in response to the Toast to the Queen and the Royal Craft, and expresses the hope Chapters will see fit to revive it.

Kaien No. 13: This Chapter was once again co-organizer of the PSA Clinic and Health Fair in Prince Rupert last October. Over 185 men attended. There were two displays, one on Freemasonry and the other on health, giving blood sugar and blood pressure tests, and explaining proper eating and the benefits of not smoking. REC G. Murray Webster reveals it was raining that day, but considering the location, the news isn't shocking.

Columbia No. 1: Our oldest Chapter marked the 141st Anniversary of Royal Arch Freemasonry in British Columbia and Yukon with entertainment and a lunch on August 16th in Victoria.

International Night: REC Colin Hart reports this annual event in Bellingham, held on October 15, 2007, was attended by MEC Tillotson, supported by MEC Alexander S. Rollo, Leonard G.B. Pickell, George W. Eaton and Brian A. Richman. The Superintendents from Districts 2, 7 and 9 were also there, along with two First Principals (EC's George Porter of Triple Tau No. 21 and Rod Marquet of Mission No. 28) and EC Don Fitzpatrick of Mission Chapter, who volunteered to be the candidate for the Virtual Past Master Degree. Apparently the B.C. Companions were shocked as the American Royal Arch Masons outnumbered the Canadians for the first time in a number of years!

My thanks to those Scribes E who e-mail me their summons. Please continue to do so. If only all Chapters would.

Amalgamation

As Grand Chapter members know, the two North Shore Chapters in the Lower Mainland have decided to consolidate. Your Grand Historian will do a short history of the founding of North Vancouver No. 16 (Originally No. 191, GRC) and hopes to hear from its Scribe E. with a list of the first officers so it can be included with other research in next year's report.

Archives
Your Grand Historian again points to the sorry shape of our archives. Some annual returns and the original Grand Chapter minutes are at the Masonic Centre in Vancouver in Vancouver No. 2's old closet. Camosun No. 14's records are there, but in another closet. Unsorted boxes of other material are in yet another closet. We are fortunate none of this has been thrown out as no Chapter has met in that building for close to 20 years and no one has attempted to charge us a storage fee. Still other records are at Grand Scribe E's home. The exact fate of the archives of Vancouver No. 2 is unknown; I understand some of it may be in a garage somewhere. Our history shouldn't be treated this shabbily. There really should be a safeguarding of records, minutes, porch books, etc. from Grand Chapter and our defunct Chapters.

I apologize to Grand Chapter for my non-attendance at the Annual Convocation. Since being moved to September, they fall during the fall radio ratings period and I am not permitted time off during the whole month.

Fraternally submitted, VEC Jim Bennie, Grand Historian.

MOVED by REC Ed Wilson, Grand Scribe Ezra, **SECONDED** by REC Alastair Ross, Grand H. the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

The Grand First Principal invited V. Worthy Bro. George Eaton, Grand Chaplain, Order of the Secret Monitor of Canada, to speak. VWBro. Eaton brought the greetings of the Supreme Ruler of the Order. Explained there is no Royal Arch prerequisite but is open to

all Master Masons. He provided a brief history of the Order explaining there are 10 Conclaves in Canada with 2 in B.C. It is a good order for maintaining contact with its members. Current charity of B.C. & Yukon Conclave No. 7 is the RA Keystone of Life.

25. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and companions of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon:

The first meeting of the year, under the Chairmanship of REC Alastair Ross, Grand Haggai, was held on November 14, 2007 at Lonsdale Masonic Hall, North Vancouver, B.C. Discussion continued on feasibility of reducing Grand Chapter to two days and that all companions be members of Grand Chapter. These issues were not resolved and will be dealt with at a later time. Grand Z. assured that everything was proceeding smoothly to host the Grand Chapter in Courtenay.
On January 31, 2008 the second meeting was held with REC Alastair Ross in the chair. A memoriam was held for MEC Malcolm Cowie (Discovery 45). Also noted that the Grand Chaplain, VEC Alexander Reid is seriously ill. (It is with great sadness that VEC Reid passed away shortly thereafter.) The chairman reported that everything was in order for Spring Board. Discussion ensued as to the agenda and what can and should be done to make the agenda more meaningful and interesting for the companions. To be given further consideration. Some concern expressed over the seeming deterioration of ritual work in certain chapters and that line officers and Grand Superintendents should take steps to assist in improving the situation where applicable.

March 20, 2008 was the next meeting. The Grand Z noted that it would appear many chapters and companions are not utilizing the services of our excellent web site. He also pointed out the problem with banking in that the "host" chapters can no longer open a

specific account for Grand Chapter. All officers will be elected by acclamation except for the Grand Junior sojourner with REC Anthony George Brown and REC Kenneth Overy having submitted their names in the proper manner for election. The Committee rewriting the Forms and Ceremonies booklet are requested to finalize their work as early as possible as Grand Chapter as no more of the books on hand.

Respectfully submitted: REC Ed Wilson, Grand Scribe Ezra.

MOVED by REC Ed Wilson, **SECONDED** by REC David Grange the report be adopted. CARRIED

MEC James Lore, Grand First Principal of Alberta was invited to speak. He brought the fraternal greeting of the officers and companions of Alberta and was glad to be in attendance. Advised he had learned a lot from MEC George Eaton.

26. ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Prior to the Roll Call of Grand Representatives, the Grand First Principal presented the following new appointments.

REC William Aaroe - Oklahoma
EC Harold Hayes - Rhode Island

TO	GR. CHAPTER	FROM
F.Goyogava	Argentina	Anthony E'Eramo-A
EG Mehrtens	Australia NSW	John McIntosh –P
FS Bell	" Q"nslnd	Ian Campbell –A
RJ Stewart	" S & NT	Ed Wilson –P
KL Paroissien	" Victoria	J. Gomersall –P
GF Walder	" West Aust.	Jack Roche –A
G Ulich	Austria	
P Noel	Belgium	
D Bruce	Brazil	
DW Overy	Canada AB	G. Tillotson –P
G Stewart	Canada ON (Canada)	JR Marshall –A
CW Webber	Canada MB	DB Turner –P
OJ White	Canada NB	C. Hart –P
JE Taylor	Canada NL	GM Spencer –A
T Johnson	Canada NS/PE	JR Elton –A
HE Hill	Canada QC	GW Eaton –P
J Tuonien	Canada SK	LGB Pickell –A
B Charpentier	Finland	
A McGhee	France	
E Aspiotis	Germany	RFE Schaffer –P
HP Mathur	Greece	
MS Beatty	India	
G Berkow	Ireland	SG Roberts –A
F Bonafe	Israel	I Brown-Birkhoven –A
OJ Salinas E	Italy	
JJ Hanrath	Mexico	KW Gibson –P
HR Lightwood	Netherlands	NK Monro –P
HS Gonzalez	New Zealand	DO Tyers –P
ST Geddes	Phillipines	WF Fookes –A
FC Schumacher	Scotland	DDS Anderson –P
HO Williams, Jr.	Switzerland	LL Lowden –A
J Houtchen	US – AL	DF Lewis –P
JJ Rolle	US – AK	RH Clare –A
DO White	US – AZ	G. Kickbush –A
RD Kelly	US – AR	MP Raynor – A
JE Erickson	US – CA	AS Rollo -P
CB Fowler, Jr.	US – CO	A. McGregor –A
RN Biggs	US – CT	
KD Fuller	US – DE	S Sorenson –A
RE Burleson	US – DC	WO Walls –A
	US – FL	DS Carriere –A

BL Johnson	US – GA	J Chiri –P
RW Pate	US – HI	JD Quan –A
JI Hagen	US – ID	
MU Balding	US – IL	JC Gordon –A
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
DB Coates	US – ME	J McBain –A
JA Rafine	US – MD	L Adams –A
ME Host	US – MA	HD Freeston –P
GP Sivertson	US – MI	G. Gordon –A
AN Dull	US – MN	
JW Hamil	US – MS	H Ferster –A
JW Stafford	US – MO	
J Grotts	US – MT	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 –P
N Knudson	US – ND	AR Wenslar –A
AD Hart	US – OH	S McVittie –A
EL Berryman	US – OK	WF Aaroe –P
J Muceus	US – OR	WR Shippam –A
EG Reese	US – PA	VM Halverson –A
RL Manderville	US – RI	H Hayes –P
TO	**GR. CHAPTER**	**FROM**
JT Dickson	US – SC	BA Richman –P
M Christiansen	US – SD	D Paugh –A
RJ Coates	US – TN	TO Mickey –P
HD Moore	US – TX	JS Drever –A
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 –A
J Dallas	US – WA (PHRA)	N McEvoy-P
WE Bird	US – WV	DH McMillan –A
G Jolivette, Jr.	US – WI	L Brownsey –P
AR Corberg	US – WY	FJ Warren –A

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

27. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The chairman of the Credentials Committee, EC Tim Yates reported the following:

Total Chapter in this jurisdiction	33
Chapters represented today	29
Chapters **NOT** represented today	4
Companions registered from this jurisdiction	61
Companions registered from other jurisdictions	6
Grand Representatives present	13*
Grand first Principals present	6*
TOTAL Companions registered	**78**

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Number of Principals attending (Z – 3; H – 4; J – 4)	11*
Number of Past First Principals attending	24*
Number of Proxies	30*
TOTAL VOTES	**91**

*Note: Not all attending signed the respective sign-in pages.

28. MOTIONS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This item was dealt with earlier and is contained on page 49 et al.

29. NEW BUSINESS

Notice of Motion: I, MEC Basil Hobbs, will move or cause to be moved that Clause 26.3.14 be added to the Constitution:

"***Royal Arch Charitable Foundation: This committee comprises one director named by the Grand First principal to serve on the Board of the Royal Arch Charitable Foundation.***"

30. REPORT OF ROYAL ARCH FOUNDATION

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

OBJECTIVES
The understanding of the committee is that 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 advertising 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 and/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, located in Greater Victoria, whereby we will permit an 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 Fifth year of this agreement and it has proven to be a win-win agreement for both parties.

In 2007, we were successful in adding "Barn & Stable Regimental Trunks" to our advertising list. This company, which was owned by one of our Companions, has since changed hands and we are now negotiating to have the advertising continue at a yet to be determined price.

The committee continues to be 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 & Professional 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**
Our objective to incorporate advertising in the Keystone continues and a number of advertisers have each paid $20.00 to have business card size advertising inserted in that publication. To this date, for many reasons, this has not been made possible however we are still hopeful that this can be accomplished at some date in the future.

These advertising opportunities should be very attractive to members of our Fraternity who provide retail &/or professional services, of 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 in the "***Fund Raising***" Standing Committee as per Resolution at Grand Chapter 2004.

We are pleased to report that at the 2007 Annual Convocation the Companions approved the creation of the "Royal Arch Charitable Foundation" which Society now incorporates all the Committees activities in "Planned Giving." The activities of the "Royal Arch Charitable Foundation" are recorded in a separate report to this Convocation.

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.

Respectfully submitted: REC Ronald Glover, MEC Basil Hobbs, REC Leslie Robinson, REC James C. Whyte and REC Norman McEvoy, Chairman.

MOVED by REC Norman McEvoy, **SECONDED** by MEC Basil Hobbs the report be adopted. CARRIED

ROYAL ARCH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION REPORT
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon

To all Foundation Members & Companions,

As we approach the 2008 Grand Chapter Convocation and the First annual Meeting of the Foundation, we your Directors are taking this opportunity to report the activities of the Foundation since its formal inception at Grand Chapter in 2007.

Membership
We are very pleased to inform you that we now have 40 Voting Members and 8 Non Voting Members, and all are classified as CHARTER members.

As you will recall, it was proposed by the Directors that the first 100 Members would be appropriately identified as CHARTER members, and we are now pleased to report this will take the form of personalized Certificate, suitable for framing, and a laminated, business card size, Membership Card.

We are continuing to seek new Members for the Foundation and the Directors have now agreed to the extending of the CHARTER membership opportunity through to the end of the Grand Chapter Convocation of 2008.

Finance
Our Treasurer, REC Ron Glover informs us that we currently have $1288.34 in our Chequing Account plus $3113.00 in a GIC paying 4.50% and maturing on 31st Oct. 2008 which represents the membership Fees paid to date less the legal, out of pocket expenses, charged to us by our solicitors & some photocopying costs. We have no outstanding debts.

Federal Income Tax Status
We are informed by our Secretary & Treasurer that formal application for Federal Income Tax Exempt Status has been made and we are now awaiting a response, however based on past experience we feel this could take some time. What we do know is that this process is in very capable hands and will be dealt with as

quickly as at all possible. Patience is all we ask for in this matter as it is totally out of our control.

Donations & Activity
Over the past year we have received a number of queries and requests for information and have been asked to act as conduit in the disbursement of funds to our Registered Charities.

We have welcomed this opportunity and are in a position to accept Donations & Bequests from any and all sources. It must be remembered that, although it is our ultimate objective to be able to provide "*Federal Income Tax Receipts*" we are not yet in a position to do so.

MOVED by REC Norman McEvoy, **SECONDED** by MEC Basil Hobbs the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

REC John Leyshon, Grand Second Principal of Saskatchewan was invited to speak by the Grand First Principal. He brought the greetings of the Grand First Principal and companions of Saskatchewan. Visitation is the life blood of Freemasonry and he noted to his credit MEC Tillotson appeared to be everywhere. Also extended the fraternal greetings of St. Thomas of Acon. Wished the incoming officers a productive and rewarding year.

31. PRINTING COMMITTEE

A "Nil" report was submitted.

32. REPORT OF INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Companions:

This small committee continues to work for the benefit of all members of this Grand Jurisdiction by providing easy access to forms, information and a photographic record of events in addition to the "Keystone."

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

Visits (for the week of June 28, 2008)

Total	6775
Average per Day	15
Average Visit Length	2.51
This week	106

Page Views

Total	35157
Average per Day	98
Average per Visit	6.5
This week	685

The page views and visits are increases from last year's statistics.

During the past 12 months there have been 37 emails giving news updates of general interest from around the Grand Jurisdiction. The subject matter covered all types of events such as birthdays, funerals, Official Visits and Chapter events.

Keystone publication
VEC John McIntosh produced another quality edition of the "*Keystone*" in December 2007. Unfortunately due to his work schedule the finishing touches were never completed on the spring

edition and then he was incapacitated with surgery. He will do his utmost to produce another edition as soon as he is physically able.

Submitted: REC Jim Whyte, Chairman.

MOVED by REC Ed Wilson, **SECONDED** by REC Daniel Dyke the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

33. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

"Nil" report submitted.

The Grand First Principal invited MEC Jack Hooper, Grand First Principal of Manitoba to address the assembly. He brought the congratulations to the incoming officers for a successful year and recognizes that B.C. and Yukon is in good hands. Appreciated the quality of the discussions on the motions and business conducted. Their Grand Convocation is Friday evening and Saturday.

34. PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

The following visitors were presented with Honorary Membership cards by the Grand First Principal:

MEC James Lore	Alberta
MEC Jack Hooper	Manitoba
MEC Lynn Bailey	Washington
REC John Leyshon	Saskatchewan
REC Richard Glasgow	Alberta
REC Peter Proudlock	Alberta

MEC Lynn Bailey, Grand High Priest of Washington was asked to speak to the Convocation. He stated he doe not feel like a visitor because he attends so often and associates with the companions of this jurisdiction frequently. Washington and B.C. & Yukon work

together in harmony although he would like to see more participation from both groups. International Night at Bellingham Bay on 20 October 2008 and Affirmation Sunday at the Peace Arch Park on 26 October 2008.

35. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Grand First Principal read out Section 14.7 of the Constitution in relation to an officer unable to stand for office. He advised that he intended to follow the election process that has been used in the past whenever an officer has been unable to unwilling to stand for re-election.

There being only one nomination for the office of ***Grand First Principal*** he declared ***REC Alastair Ross*** elected by acclamation.

There being only one nomination for the office of ***Grand Second Principal*** he declared ***REC David Grange*** elected by acclamation.

Because of the inability of REC Stanley Sorenson not to seek the office of Grand Third Principal he declared the position vacant and asked the next officer in line ***REC Joel Chiri*** to withdraw his nomination as Grand Principal Sojourner and accept the office of Grand Third Principal. REC Chiri agreed and it was accepted and the Grand First Principal declared him elected as ***Grand Third Principal*** by acclamation.

There being only one nomination for ***Grand Treasurer, REC Peter Guichon*** was declared elected by acclamation.

There being only one nomination for ***Grand Scribe Ezra, REC Ed Wilson*** was declared elected by acclamation.
Since there was now a vacancy in the position of Grand Principal Sojourner the Grand First Principal asked ***REC Norman McEvoy*** to withdraw his nomination for Grand Senior Sojourner and accept the

office of Grand Principal Sojourner. REC McEvoy agreed and was declared elected as ***Grand Principal Sojourner*** by acclamation.

There were two nominations for the office of Grand Junior Sojourner. The Grand First Principal asked ***REC Anthony Brown*** to withdraw his name for Grand Junior Sojourner and accept the office of Grand Senior Sojourner. REC Brown agreed and the Grand First Principal declared him elected as ***Grand Senior Sojourner*** by acclamation.

There being only one name for the office of ***Grand Junior Sojourner***, ***REC Kenneth Overy*** was declared elected by acclamation.

The Grand First Principal thanked the officers for accepting office and assured them of his continued support during the year.

REC Alastair Ross, Grand First Principal – elect expressed his view that it was a good slate of officers. He has worked hard for election and thankful for the support shown to him by the companions. Noted that honesty and dedication was trait and he will continue on this path.

36. BURSARY FUND COMMITTEE

For the 2008 – 2009 Academic Year your Bursary Committee was pleased to grant a total of 8 bursaries – each @$500.00 per-to deserving students.

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

	2004	2005	2006	2007	**2008**	Totals
Bursaries	17	25	13	13	**8**	76
Chapter rep'sd	13	17	11	10	**6**	
$ dispersed	10200	12500	7800	7800	**4000**	42300

The Bursary committee recommends that our Bursaries cover

1. The first four years of undergraduate study at an accredited University, College or educational facility such as the British Columbia Institute of Technology.
2. That we will not fund any postgraduate study.
3. Applicants must have a B.C. connection and are sons, daughters or grandchildren of companions resident in British Columbia.

We will be changing the application form to reflect the above changes. Chapters who had students receive bursaries in 2008 are Georgian #39, Discovery #45, Okanagan #11, Granite #29, Simon Fraser #40 and Rocky Mountain #7

Companions as you can see from the comparative figures above, our dispersal monies have been declining over the years. If we had not received $2550.00 from ***1 Chapter, 1 bequeath*** and donations from ***2 companions*** we would have had only $1450.00 to be distributed among ***8 applicants giving $181.25 per applicant***. Only ***5 Chapters donated $320.00*** to the Bursary Fund last year. We have been giving out Bursaries over the years to applicants from Chapters who have not donated one cent to the fund.

It has been suggested that there are approximately ***2000 Chapter members***, if all Chapters would make an objective of raising through ***a raffle*** and/or ***special event*** the sum of $10.00 per member, the Bursary Fund would be in great shape. ***2000*** members @$10.00 would give us ***$20,000.00***. It would be preferred if the $10.00 contribution ***be an effort*** on the part ***of the Chapter as opposed to an assessment on the individual member.***

Remember Companions it's your grandchildren who are relying on these monies.

Respectfully submitted: VEC Neil Marsh, Chairman.

MOVED by VEC Neil Marsh, **SECONDED** by REC Stan Fleetham the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

MEC Len Pickell presented a cheque for **$1000.00** to the Bursary Fund on behalf of the companions of Semiahmoo Chapter No. 34 and noted it was the 16th year this Chapter has donated $1000.00 or more to the fund. Would like to see more support from the Chapters and companions to all our charities.

37. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND Z's ADDRESS

MEC George Tillotson, Distinguished East, Companions all.

As you were all present when our Distinguished Companion delivered his address there is little purpose in recapping it.

Suffice it to say that we congratulate him on his dedication to the performance of his duties and to his many visits to Chapters and to other jurisdictions; and in his many thanks to his wife Prue for accompanying him on all visits.

We join him in mourning the loss of many distinguished companions and agree that we are not receiving new companions to replace those we are losing.

We join with him in thanking our host Chapter for a job well done.

We acknowledge his thanks to all his committees. We concur with recommendation for permanent Rank for all his Grand Officers provided they have fulfilled their respective duties. We especially

concur with his thanks to REC Stan Sorenson and concur with his confirmation for his rank of Past Grand Principal Sojourner.

In conclusion we extend to MEC our sincere good wished for good health for years ahead.

Submitted: MEC Norm Monro, Chairman, MEC David Turner and MEC Basil Hobbs.

MOVED by MEC Norm Monro, **SECONDED** by MEC David Turner the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

4:15 pm The Grand First Principal declared the Grand Chapter recessed until **8:30** am tomorrow, **Saturday September 13th**, for the continuation of business.

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Saturday, September 13th, 2008 at **8:35am** the Grand First Principal declared Grand Chapter reopened for the continuation of business.

38. PROCEDURE AND PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter during the year 2007 – 2008.

This committee has accepted the task of revising the Officers' Guide, formerly included with our Book of Ceremonies. This is proving to be a major task and frankly we are not moving on it with unseemly haste. We have heard by the grape vine that our Grand Lodge is facing a similar task and a Grand Lodge Committee was reviewing a fifty-seven page manuscript of their new manual in May 2008. It may be wise to not move too quickly with our project until we see the results of the Grand Lodge work.

Questions of protocol and procedure continually arise. MEC Brian Richman and one of us (GWE) conducted a session at the Board of General Purposes meeting in April. The discussion demonstrated that our companions assign proper importance to these issues.

The Standing Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence has already reported to this Convocation. There is some overlap between the functions of that committee and this one, facilitated by the fact they share a common Chairman. The companions are referred to that report for comments on regalia, jewels, ceremonies and balloting.

Respectfully submitted, MEC George W. Eaton, Chairman, MEC Denis Carriere and REC David Grange, Grand Joshua (Ex-Officio Observer)

MOVED by MEC George Eaton, **SECONDED** by MEC Alex Rollo the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

MOVED by MEC George Eaton, **SECONDED** by MEC Thomas Mickey that the conferral of permanent rank on all officers for **2007 – 2008** as recommended by the Grand First Principal be confirmed. **CARRIED**

29. REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOME SOCIETY AND THE KEYSTONE OF LIFE FOUNDATION

Royal Arch Masonic Home Report

The Royal Arch Masonic Home opened 26 years ago on April 1, 1982. At the front of the building, there are plaques which show the names of Companions and the Administrator commemorating various milestones in the Home's history. Please have a look at these plaques on your next visit.

Over the past year the Board of Directors have continued to hold regular Board meetings as well as serving on numerous sub-committees to ensure a smooth operation of the facility. Through the sub-committees, the Board has approved the following upgrades to the facility this past year:

- **Fire Alarm System** – A total replacement.
- **Resident Wander Alert system** – A state of the art replacement of the system which alerts staff should a resident who wears a special electronic bracelet wander out of the building.
- **The Nurse Call System** – A total replacement.

A new initiative the Royal Arch Masonic Home is committed to is the implementation of a Smoke Free Policy. Effective June 1, 2008 all areas of the Royal Arch Masonic Home will be considered smoke free for residents, staff, contractors, families, volunteers and visitors. Residents who were smokers prior to June 1, 2008 will be grand-fathered in.

Also we have about 90 people who volunteer to spend many hours' per day helping the residents in many ways by providing community involvement. The Recreation Department provides a variety of programs which includes bus trips, music groups, baking groups, monthly birthday parties' and one to one visitations at the Home.

Two individuals I would like to recognize are William Youde – Secretary/Board member, and Greg Runzer – the Administrator who have given their full support for the Home over the past twenty-six years. (What a record!)

We thank all Companions who have kindly donated to the Royal Arch Masonic Home society this is greatly appreciated and helps improve the Residents stay at the Home.

Board of Directors (2007 – 2008) Andrew Law, Don Thomson, Edward Scott, David Grange, Tom Amputch, Robert Barr, Henry Furness, William Youde, Peter White & William Jackson

Fraternally submitted: REC Henry Furness, Grand Chapter representative to the Home.

MOVED by REC Ed Scott, **SECONDED** by MEC Brian Richman the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

Keystone of Life Foundation Report

To the Grand First Principal and Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon.

Since this foundation was formed in 1975, it has contributed approximately $250,000.00 to various hospitals in amounts between $2000 and $5000. This helps to supply needed items of equipment which their budgets don't provide for.

Funds are accumulated through membership dues, interest 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 $86,000 indicative of our rather tight budget. This year we were able to assist with donations to three hospitals:

- Holy Family Hospital	$3800.00
- Eagle Ridge Hospital	4040.00
- Prince Rupert Hospital	4550.00

These donations were presented by the officers of the organization and were gratefully received.

We are still attempting to attract new members, especially those chapters who are not currently onboard.

We lost a very dedicated Director, Gordon Galt, who is sorely missed.

The present committee is as follows:

President	Bill Aspinall
Vice-President	Alastair Ross
Treasurer	Dick Schafer
Secretary	Alex Rollo
Directors	Donovan Tyers, Frank Busst, Robert Clark, Brian Richman and George Eaton
Telephone Committee	"Auntie" Grace Dawkins, Bev Rollo and Hilda Quan
Members at Large	Susan Taylor and Joyce Tyers
Auditors	Joe Quan and Vern Halverson

All the above are to be commended for their continued dedication. On behalf of our Grand First Principal, I thank them for their excellent service.

Submitted by REC Ed Scott, Grand Chapter Representative. REC Scott reported the Foundation is seeking authorization to issue income tax receipts. Provincial Government provides $8 million per year towards the operation of the Home. Only 16 Chapters are members of the Foundation this year – encourage all to join.

MOVED by REC Ed Scott, **SECONDED** by MEC Brian Richman the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

40. REPORT OF BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

Because of the sad and untimely passing of our Grand Chaplain, Alex Reid, there is **no** Benevolence Report.

41. REPORT OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

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 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 June 15. Most, unfortunately not all, Grand Superintendents have now forwarded reports.

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 "Dedication, No short Cuts" 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, notably the prostate awareness or PSA testing and the Stewardship Program. There have been no new projects initiated this year. In past, 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, as we have no reports.

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 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 have problems.

It appears some Chapters will amalgamate notably North Vancouver #16 and King Solomon #30. Concerns have been expressed that the remaining Chapters would have to name a Grand Superintendent candidate every other year. As a means of solving these concerns it is suggested that 2 Chapters currently in District 9 be transferred to District 7. However this would transfer the problem to District 9. This has to be addressed at a later date.

Joint installations continue to be held. Okanagan #11, Kamloops #18 and Granite #29 installation was held in Kamloops on March 8, 2008. Another is planned in October at Sooke with Pacific Rim #44 and Tzouhalem #26.

Chapters in District 11 on the Island are very active in increasing interest among the Companions. Keystone #8 and Majuba #33 Chapters held joint installations. Discussions are ongoing to hold a District installation of 4 or 5 Chapters in the future. Tentative planning has a Ladies Program, a banquet, and the Press being invited to the banquet. The Public would gain more knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry and what we are doing.
Majuba #33, Keystone #8 and Cathedral #35 organized a Tri Chapter barbeque.

Not all Chapters are having membership and attendance problems. Where distance is involved these problems are occurring. Chapters are holding daytime meetings to avoid driving at night. Some Chapters are also cutting the number of meetings to the minimum (4) to remain alive. Where population size is greater these problems are generally not apparent. Some Chapters are increasing their membership with Exaltations and petitions being reported. Visitations are occurring at most Chapters.

Grand Superintendents have been experiencing increased costs due to travel. Ferry fares have increased and fuel costs are going much higher. Consideration may have to be given to providing some relief for those Grand Superintendents who have great distances to travel or who must use ferries to make official visits.

Congratulations to the Chapters and Grand Superintendents who have succeeded in meeting MEC George Tillotson's theme "Dedication, No Short Cuts." 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 Percy Harkness and VEC Francis Latter.

Summary of District Reports

District #1: Stan A. Grenda

Outstanding reports – final report and interim report received – official visit reports received.
Columbia #1 – 11 new Companions. A highlight of the year was where 11 Companions received the Virtual Past Master Degree.
Tzouhalem #26 – Chapter has been registered as a non-profit organization. Formed a committee to visit various Lodges to attract new members. Joint installation planned with Pacific Rim #44. Holding a meal prior to each monthly meeting. VEC Stan Harnan (Deceased) left a legacy donation to the Royal Arch Masonic Home.
Pacific Rim #44 – Some growth. Joint installation planned with Tzouhalem #26 in October.

District #2: Ron Smith

Excellent reports – final report received – official visit reports received.
Westminster #6 – showing growth
Attendance at all Chapters not a problem.

District #3: Nelson J. Fraser

Excellent reports – interim report received – official visit reports received. This Grand Superintendent was also DDGM.
Okanagan #11 – Attendance and visiting a problem. No growth.
Kamloops #18 – Attendance and visiting a problem. Some growth.
Granite #29 – Has pre-convention dining which aids in holding Chapters together – Some growth.
Kelowna #17 – Showing growth. Attending and visiting a problem.
Penticton #22 – Attendance and visiting a problem.

Observatory #25 – Decides to cut number of meetings to 4 per year until growth and attendance improves.
All Chapters are financially sound and operating on a stable basis.

District #4: Rick McKay

The Grand Superintendent has continued for a second year due to the passing of REC Draper. Final report received – no official visit reports received.
Rossland #4 – Some growth.

District #6: Murray Webster

Excellent reports – Final report received – official visit reports received. The Grand Superintendent has continued for a second term.
Kalum #37 – Having difficulty with attendance. Officers are holding positions in Lodge or are very junior and this distracts from Chapter ritual. No growth.
Kaien #13 – Reasonable attendance. Some growth. Hosted a PSA clinic and Health Fair.

District #7: Colin Hart

This Grand Superintendent is also Scribe E of North Vancouver #16.
Outstanding reports – final report received – official visit reports received.
North Vancouver #16 – Chapter has agreed to amalgamate with King Solomon #30. Some growth. Memory work a problem.
King Solomon #30 – Chapter has agreed to amalgamate with North Vancouver #16. Scribe E having difficulty sending out notices.
Georgian #39 – Having difficulty with attendance. Will hold afternoon meetings throughout the winter months to avoid traveling in the dark.

District #9: David Lewis
Excellent reports. Official visit reports received.
Simon Fraser #40 – Some growth. Having difficulty with degree work and problems with Principals. One away at work, one demitting, one not familiar with work.
Composite #24 – Showing growth. Chapter doing excellent degree work. Chapter was advised that Triple Tau #21 might wish to amalgamate.
Triple Tau #21 – Some growth. Experiencing problems with attendance. A suggestion has been made that they should amalgamate with Composite #24.
The Grand Superintendent of District 7 has made a suggestion that both Triple Tau #21 and Composite #24 should be moved to District 7. These 2 Districts should explore where they are going.
Joppa #31 – Experiencing problems with membership numbers. Membership is showing growth.

District #10: Bruce Minchin
No final report. 2 official visit reports received. Grand Superintendent spent some time traveling with MEC Tillotson.
Caribou #43 – is experiencing attendance problems. No growth.
Fort George #36 – Some growth. No official visit report.
Yukon #38 – application for exaltation received.

District #11: Andrew Elrick
Final report received. No official visit reports received. The District has insufficient candidates for officer positions. This is causing recycling of officers.
Keystone #8 and Majuba #33 – Held joint installation.
Ongoing discussions being held to have District installation of 4 or 5 Chapters and a District Association set up to foster education, officer training, ritual work and multi Chapter Degree teams. VEC Ken Overy has been working toward the success of these endeavors.
Tri Chapter barbeque organized by Keystone #8, Majuba #33 and Cathedral #35 Chapters.

REC Humeston reiterated that the cost of travel for Grand Superintendents needs reviewing by the Finance Committee. **MOVED** by REC Rae Humeston, **SECONDED** by VEC Francis Latter the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

The winner of the "***Facing the Challenge***" trophy this year is to be awarded to REC Stan Grenda for his outstanding contribution to Royal Arch Masonry while serving as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1. Unfortunately REC Grenda had to leave because of other commitments and will be presented with the award by the Grand First Principal at the earliest opportunity.

42. REPORT OF EDITING COMMITTEE

The revision of the Book of Ceremonies and Officers Guide has not been completed this term.

Suggestions received for the installation of Grand Chapter officers have been applied and several changes to the layout format have been made. Abbreviations for the installing officers have been standardized and abbreviations in the spoken parts have been expanded. This will hopefully make the text of the ceremonies easier to learn and understand.
The installation ritual of the Chapter Principals will be standardized to assist in memorizing the ceremony. I have appointed VEC Ken Overy to assist in this task as he has installed all three principals on numerous occasions and familiar with the difficulties of the old ceremony.

Events that occurred in the course of this term made it evident that the Officers Guide must be more comprehensive and thorough in explanation to the officers. It is likely this work will continue to evolve over future years so an interim Officers Guide with the additions and revisions to date will be forth coming as soon as possible.

Fraternally submitted: REC Jim Whyte, Chairman, REC Lionel Brownsey, VEC John McIntosh, VEC Ken Overy and MEC George Eaton.

MOVED by REC Ed Wilson, **SECONDED** by MEC George Eaton the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

Discussion evolved around the fact that Grand Chapter has no copies of the Forms and Ceremonies booklet left. To order 100 copies is relatively expensive. Suggestion that a copy of the disk be obtained from REC Whyte and issued in the interim.

43. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAST GRAND Z's AWARD

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

During the year of 2007, 5 Chapters showed an increase in membership:

Columbia Chapter #1:	Increase of	3
Composite Chapter #24	Increase of	4
Mission Chapter No. 28	Increase of	1
Fort George Chapter No. 36	Increase of	1
Pacific Rim Chapter No. 44	Increase of	2

Columbia chapter exalted 9 Companions with an overall increase of 3. Composite Chapter exalted 5 with an overall increase of 4. Fort George exalted 7 with an overall increase of 1. Pacific Rim exalted 2 with an overall increase of 2.

The time, involvement of Companions and the numbers exalted is taken into consideration for this award.

My congratulations to the Chapters showing an increase. The Past Grand Z's will go to **Columbia No. 1**.

My thanks to GSE – REC Ed Wilson for providing the necessary data to complete this report.

Respectfully submitted: MEC Denis S. Carriere

MOVED by REC Ed Wilson, **SECONDED** by MEC Basil Hobbs the report be received. **CARRIED**

44. GOOD OF THE ORDER

MEC Leslie Robinson presented REC Ron Glover with the apron of a Past Grand Treasurer for his years of service and remarked it was nice for Keystone to get the "*old*" apron back.

The past Grand Jewel and Collaret of a Past Grand Steward for VEC Tom Feely has not been received to date. It will be presented to him at the earliest opportunity.

45. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHAPTER

MEC Tom Mickey noted that in spite of construction and parking problems, the convocation went off well. **MOVED** by MEC Tom Mickey, **SECONDED** by MEC Alex Rollo that a vote of thanks be extended to the committee and to Cyrus Chapter for the operation of a well run convocation for 2008. **CARRIED**

VEC Tom Feely advised it was a team effort and he wished to thank the Companions who so readily assisted. In particular he mentioned REC Richard Armitage, MEC George Tillotson, EC Vic Packman, EC Del Purvy, EC Robbie McClelland, EC Dick Machin, REC Jim

Whyte, EC John Kelly, EC Tim Yates and VEC Eric Van Der Holt. He also thanked any other companions or people who provided help.

46. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

MEC Thomas Mickey occupied the chair of Grand Installing Zerubbabel and the following officers were installed and/or invested:

OFFICER	BY
Grand Z, REC Alastair Ross	**MEC Thomas Mickey**
Grand H, REC David Grange	MEC Thomas Mickey
Grand J, REC Joel Chiri	MEC Thomas Mickey
IPGZ, MEC George Tillotson	MEC Basil Hobbs
Gr. Treasurer, REC Peter Guichon	MEC Les Robinson
Gr. Scribe Ezra, REC Ed Wilson	MEC Alex Rollo
Gr. PS, REC Norman McEvoy	MEC Brian Richman
Gr. SS, REC Anthony Brown	MEC Basil Hobbs
Gr. JS, REC Kenneth Overy	MEC Basil Hobbs
GSD1, REC Brian Beech	*Not Installed
GSD2, REC Neil Marsh	MEC Les Robinson
GSD3, REC Alan Akehurst	" "
GSD4, REC David Dudley	" "
GSD6, REC Jay L. Chapman	*Not Installed
GSD7, REC Douglas Eaton	MEC Les Robinson
GSD9, REC Walter T. Rae	*Not Installed
GSD10, REC John Murphy	MEC Les Robinson
GSD11, REC Michael Hammel	" "
Gr. Scr. Nehemiah, REC James Whyte	*Not Installed
Gr. Historian, VEC Jim Bennie	*Not Installed
Gr. Sword Bear., VEC Stuart Drever	MEC Norman Monro
Gr. Stand. Bear., VEC Norm Carrick	" "
GM 4 Veil, VEC Cyril Davison	*Not Installed
GM 3 Veil, VEC Alfred Dorman	*Not Installed
GM 2 Veil, VEC Jeremy Gomersall	REC Stan Fleetham
GM 1 Veil, VEC A. Balfour	" "

OFFICER	BY
Gr. DoC, REC Ed Scott	MEC Alex Rollo
Gr. Marshal, VEC M. Ross	*Not Installed
Gr. Pursuivant, VEC Harry von Czarnowski	MEC Brian Richman
Gr. Steward 1, VEC John Ruschke	*Not Installed
Gr. Steward 2, VEC Paul Sheppard	*Not Installed
Gr. Steward 3, VEC Anthony D'Eramo	*Not Installed
Gr. Chaplain, VEC Bill Jackson	MEC George Eaton
Gr. Organist, VEC Robert Barr	*Not Installed
Gr. Tyler, REC Fred Maides	MEC Les Robinson

(*) To be installed at first opportunity and report to Grand Scribe Ezra.

Grand Honours were properly accorded as required during the ceremony. Proclamation, General Charge and gavel presentation were completed. The Grand First Principal thanked the Grand Chapter and companions for the confidence they had placed in him and assured he would perform his duties to the best of his abilities.

47. 2008 – 09 COMMITTEES

(All previous committees were discharged with thanks)

Constitution & Jurisprudence (26.1.1)
Exec. Rep: Gr. Principal Sojourner
MEC George Eaton, Chairman
MEC Norman Monro
REC James Whyte

Finance (26.1.2)
Exec. Rep: Grand H.
MEC Brian Richman, Chairman,
MEC Les Robinson,
REC Peter Guichon
REC David Lewis
REC Ian Thompson

Executive (26.1.3)
All elected officers
All Past Grand Z's
Chairman of Finance

Fund Raising (26.1.4)
Exec. Rep: Gr. Sr. Sojourner
REC Norman McEvoy, Chairman
MEC Basil Hobbs
REC James Whyte

Foreign Correspondence (26.1.5)
Exec. Rep: Gr. Pr. Sojourner
REC Ed Wilson, GSE

Printing (26.1.6)
REC Kambiz Forouhar

Grand Superintendents' Reports (26.1.7)
Exec. Rep: Gr. Sr. Sojourner
REC Rae Humeston, Chairman
REC Percy Harkness
VEC Francis Latter

Grand Convocation (26.1.8)
Grand Convocation (26.3.9.1)
Grand Scribe Ezra, Chairman
Grand Council (Z, H & J.)

Grand Convocation (Local) (26.3.9.2)
VEC John Ruschke (+ 5/6 companions)

Regalia (26.1.9)
MEC Brian Richman

Information Technology (26.1.10)
Exec. Rep: Grand H.
REC James Whyte, Chairman
REC Ken Gibson
VEC Ian McLean
EC Robert Carroll
EC George Porter

Keystone of Life Foundation (26.1.12)
REC Edward Scott

Royal Arch Masonic Home Society (26.1.13)
Comp. Andrew Law

Royal Arch Charitable Foundation (26.1.14)(New)
REC Norman McEvoy, Chairman
MEC Basil Hobbs
REC Ron Glover

(**Note:** It is the wish of the Grand First Principal that this committee be incorporated into the Constitution and thus brought into line in the same way the previous two are at present, and that will come in due course as a Motion for next year's Convocation. The Grand Chapter Ex.. Rep. to be appointed at that time.)
Credentials (26.1.15)

Address of Grand Z. (26.1.16)
Selected by Grand Scribe Ezra
MEC Norman Monro, Chairman
MEC Basil Hobbs
MEC David Turner

Merit Awards (26.1.17)
MEC Hilliard Clare, Chairman
MEC Basil Hobbs
REC Allen Jesperson

Past Grand Z's Award (26.1.18)
MEC Denis Carriere, Chairman
MEC Thomas Mickey

Benevolence (26.1.19)
Ex. Rep: Gr. Jr. Sojourner
VEC Bill Jackson, Gr. Chaplain, Chairman
REC Stan Grenda

Editing (Special)
REC James Whyte, Chairman
REC Lionel Brownsey
VEC John McIntosh

Procedures & Protocol (Special)
Ex. Rep: Grand J.
MEC George Eaton, Chairman
MEC Denis Carriere

Stewardship (Special)
REC Larry Atkinson

Gr. Chapter Locations (Special) (New)
MEC Les Robinson, Chairman
MEC Brian Richman,
REC Ed Wilson, Gr. Scribe Ezra
REC Joel Chiri
Ritual (Proposed – under consideration)
(Note: It is the opinion of the Grand First Principal that of the many experienced companions who have addressed this subject with him, that we need to look at re-establishing a small committee to address any necessary changes, etc. that may be required in the future. It does not need to be a full time job as it was vital to have in the past, but to take care of anything that may arise. It will come before our future Executive Committee meetings for discussion and consideration.)

48. LOCATION OF FUTURE GRAND CHAPTER CONCOCATIONS

2009: Penticton, B.C. September 17 – 19, 2009

***2010**: Chilliwack, B.C. September 17 – 18, 2010

***Note**: This will first Convocation to be held on Friday evening and Saturday as per new amendment to Constitution.

MOVED by REC Joel Chiri, **SECONDED** by MEC George Tillotson that the Grand Chapter Convocation in **2011** be held on September 16 – 17, 2011 in Victoria, B.C. **CARRIED**

49. CLOSING

The 90th Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon was closed in ample form by Most Excellent Companion Alastair Ross, Grand First Principal at 11:05 am. *(The word was dispersed by MEC George Tillotson.)*

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

1982: MEC Stephen G. Redgrave
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1985: MEC R. Hilliard Clare
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1991: MEC Alexander S. Rollo
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1993: MEC William R. Shippam
5911 Kerr Street
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1997: MEC Leonard G.B. Pickell
89 – 9128 – 48th Avenue
Langley, B.C. V3A 8H1

1998: MEC Joseph R. Marshall
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1999: MEC Denis S. Carriere
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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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2007: MEC George R.E. Tillotson
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CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

COLUMBIA CHAPTER NO 1
INST: Feb 1867 CONST: Jun 1867
REG MTG: 1st Tue ex Jul Aug
TIME: 7:30 pm
LOCATION Masonic Temple, 650 Fisgard Street, Victoria, B.C.
INST: 4th Sat of Nov.
Z: EC Anthony D'Eramo
SCRIBE E: REC Norman McEvoy, 650 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC V8W 1R6 (250) 658-4036

ROSSLAND CHAPTER NO. 4
INST: Nov 19, 1898 CONST: Jun 17, 1919
REG MTG: 3rd Thur. Emerg 4th Thur. ex Jul Aug
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Temple, Castlegar, BC
INST: 3rd Thur. of Dec.
Z: EC Glenn Akselon
SCRIBE E: EC David B. Dudley, 25 Wilson Rd., Christina Lake, BC V0H1E0 (250) 447-6622

WESTMINSTER CHAPTER NO. 6
INST: Jan 24, 1901 CONST: Jan 23, 1919
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jun, Jul, Aug, Dec
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 508 Agnes Street, New Westminster BC
INST: 3rd Tue of Jan
Z: EC Robert Hart
SCRIBE E: REC Donovan O Tyers 13023 – 100A Ave Surrey. BC, V3T 1J8 Phone: (604) 581-6423

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER NO 7
INST: Oct 1900 CONST: Jun 17 1919
REG MTG: 2nd Tue ex July, Aug.
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 401-3rd Avenue S., Cranbrook, BC
INSTALLATION: 2nd Sat In Jan

Z: EC R.T. McKay.
SCRIBE E: REC Oliver Westrup, 423 – 14th Avenue, Cranbrook, BC V1C2X7 (250) 426-3543

KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 8
INST: Dec 16, 1891 CONST: Jun 17, 1919
REG MTG: 1st Wed ex Mar, Jul, Aug
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Freemasons's Hall, 620 Morpeth, St.,, Nanaimo. B.C.
INST: 3rd Sat Mar (With 33)
Z: VEC Kenneth Overy
SCRIBE E: VEC Phillip Martin, 526 Panorama Place, Parksville, BC V9P1A4 (250) 954-1054

CYRUS CHAPTER NO. 10
INST: Jul 30, 1904 CONST: Jun 18, 1919
REG MTG: 3rd Wed. ex Jul Aug
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 361-5th St. Courtenay, BC
INST: 3rd Wed of Apr.
Z: VEC John Bradley
SCRIBE E: REC James Whyte, 5254 Langlois Rd., Courtenay, BC V9J1S8 (250)338-5566

OKANAGAN CHAPTER NO. 11
INST: Jul 30 1907 CONST: Jun 18, 1919
REG MTG 3rd Thur ex Jul Aug
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Temple , 3005A-32nd Street, Vernon, BC
INST: 2nd Sat Mar (With 18 & 29)
Z: VEC F.C.G. Latter
SCRIBE E: REC Percy Harkness, 33 – 2930 Brown Rd., Salmon Arm, BC V1E4M1 (250) 832-6983

KAIEN CHAPTER NO 13
INST: Aug 2, 1910 CONST: Feb.28, 1912
REG MTG: 3rd Wed ex Jul Aug Dec
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Temple 6th

& Bowser Street Prince Rupert, BC
INST: 3rd Sat Nov
Z: EC JE Ferguson
SCRIBE E: REC. Murray Webster, PO Box 832,
Prince Rupert, V8J 3YI, Phone: (250) 622-6232

NORTH VANCOUVER CHAPTER NO. 16
INST: Feb 25, 1914 CONST: Jun 17, 1919
REG MTG: 2nd Thur ex Jul Aug
TIME: 7:30 pm
LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 1142 Lonsdale Ave.
North Vancouver, BC
INST: 2nd Thur Jan
Z: EC Jack Cain
SCRIBE E: REC Colin Hart, 4224 Hoskins Rd.,
North Vancouver, BC (604)251-8860

KELOWNA CHAPTER NO. 17
INST: 1916 CONST: Jun 17 1919
REG MTG 4th Tue ex Jul Aug Dec (Jun 2nd Tue)
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: St. George's Hall, 1564 Pandosy St.
Kelowna, BC
INST: 4th Tue Nov
Z: EC NO Otto Boye
SCRIBE E REC Bill Ferguson, 146 – 1202 Cameron Rd.,
Kelowna, BC V1W3S1 (250) 860-7627

KAMLOOPS CHAPTER NO. 18
INST: Aug 2, 1920 CONST: Jul 26, 1921
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jul Aug
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 351 Nicola Street,
Kamloops, BC
INST: 2nd Sat Mar (With 11 & 29)
Z: REC Ken McKenzie
SCRIBE E: REC Ron Bushby, 755 Fleming Dr.
Kamloops, BC V1S1A2 (250) 374-2204

CHILLIWACK CHAPTER NO. 19
INST: May 12, 1921 CONST: Jun 21, 1922
REG MTG: 2nd Thur. Feb, Mar, Apr, Oct Nov
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 45905 Hocking Ave.
Chilliwack, BC
INST: 2nd Thur Nov
Z: EC George Blane
SCRIBE E: REC Malcolm Johnson, 2221 Bevan Cr.
Abbotsford, BC, V2T 3Z4, Phone: (604) 859-3893

TRIPLE TAU CHAPTER NO. 21
INST: May 22, 1922 CONST: Jun 29, 1922
REG MTG: 4th Tue ex Jul Aug Dec
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 4474 Rupert St. Vancouver, BC
INST: 4th Tue Jan
Z: EC George Porter
SCRIBE E: MEC William Shippam, 5911 Kerr Street,
Vancouver, B.C. V5R 4B9 Phone: (604) 435-7487

PENTICTON CHAPTER NO. 22
INST: Jun 18, 1923 CONST: Sept 9, 1924
REG MTG: 1st Thur ex Jul Aug
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Temple, 1197 Main St.,
Penticton, BC
INST: 1st Thur of Oct
Z: EC Dean Box
SCRIBE E: EC Ian Swann, 198 Andrew Pl.,
Penticton, BC V2A8S8 (250) 490-0447

COMPOSITE CHAPTER NO. 24
INST: May 29, 1925 CONST: Jun 7, 1926
REG MTG: 3rd Fri ex Jul Aug.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Park Lodge Hall,
4474 Rupert Street,. Vancouver, BC
INST: 3rd Fri Jan
Z: EC Stewart Drever

SCRIBE E: REC Thomas Bligh, 931 Shavington Street
North Vancouver, BC, V7L 1K6 Phone: (604) 987-0628

OBSERVATORY CHAPTER NO. 25
INST: Jun 18, 1919 CONST: Aug 26, 1927
REG MTG: 2nd Mon ex Jul Aug Oct.
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall. Princeton, BC
INST: 2nd Mon Dec
Z: EC Gordon Inglis
SCRIBE E: REC Raymond A. Huey, Box 692
Summerland, BC V0H1Z0 Phone: (250) 404-0595

TZOUHALEM CHAPTER NO. 26
INST: Feb 28, 1928 CONST: Jun 20, 1928
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jul Aug
TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 163 Canada Ave., Duncan, B C
INST: 3rd Tue Oct
Z: EC James Mathews
SCRIBE E: REC. Donald Walkey, 1437 Belcarra Rd.
Duncan, BC, V9L 5P2 Phone: (250) 748-5063

MISSION CHAPTER NO. 28
INST: Apr 18, 1930 CONST: Aug 14, 1930
REG MTG: 4th Wed ex Jul Aug Dec
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 2660 Shaughnessy St.,
Port. Coquitlam, BC
INST: 4th Wed Jun
Z: EC Don Fitzpatrick
SCRIBE E: C. Al Adams, 23 – 12276 – 189A St.,
Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y2G2 (604) 465-0981

GRANITE CHAPTER NO 29
INST: Aug 8, 1946 CONST: Oct 10, 1947
REG MTG: 3rd Mon ex Jul Aug Dec
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Lodge Hall , 270 Alexander Ave.,
Salmon Arm, BC,

INST: 2nd Sat Mar (With 11 & 18)
Z: REC Fred E, Maides
SCRIBE E: REC. Percy J. Harkness, 33 – 2930 Brown Road
Salmon Arm, BC. V1E 4M1 Phone: (250) 832-6983

KING SOLOMON CHAPTER NO 30
INST: Sept 23, 1947 CONST: Sept, 1948
REG MTG: 4th Thur ex Jul Aug Sept.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 1142 Lonsdale Ave.,
North Vancouver, BC
INST: 4th Sat Jan
Z: VEC Robert Barr
SCRIBE E: EC. Ian Thompson, 942 Belvedere Dr.,
North Vancouver, BC V7R2C1 Phone: (604) 988-8514

JOPPA CHAPTER NO 31
INST: Jan 3, 1949 CONST: Aug 1, 1949
REG MTG: 3rd Mon ex Jul Aug Dec.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Marpole Masonic Hall, 8486 Granville St.,
Vancouver, BC
INST: 3rd Mon Jan
Z: EC Stephen Coffey
SCRIBE E: REC Michael Raynor, 808 W 19th St.,
North Vancouver, BC V7P1Z6 (604) 987-4556

MAJUBA CHAPTER NO. 33
INST: Jan 13.1951 CONST: Jul 14, 1951
REG MTG: 1st Tue ex Jul Aug Jan.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: St. John's Masonic Temple,
26 Gatacre St. Ladysmith, BC
INST: 3rd Sat (With 8)
Z: EC Tim Yates
SCRIBE E: C. Jeff Payton, 9960 Panorama Ridge Rd.,
Chemanius, BC V0R1K4 (250) 246-3555

SEMIAHMOO CHAPTER NO 34
INST: Sept 29, 1952 CONST: Jul 4, 1953
REG MTG: 2nd Tue ex Jul Aug
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 20710 Fraser Highway Langley, BC
INST: 2nd Tue May
Z: EC Mark Evans
SCRIBE E: MEC David Anderson, 44961 Bedford Pl.,
Sardis, BC V2R4Z2 (604) 858-0098

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER NO 35
INST: Jun 21 1956 CONST: Sept, 1956
REG MTG: 4th Tue ex Jun Jul Aug Sept
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 136 Memorial Ave.,
Parksville, BC
INST: 4th Tue Apr
Z: EC T. Knight
SCRIBE E: VEC Phillip Martin, 526 Panorama Pl.,
Parksville, BC V9P1A4 (250) 954-1054

FORT GEORGE CHAPTER NO 36
INST: CONST: Sept 20, 1957
REG MTG: 3rd Wed ex Jul Aug
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Freemason's Hall, 450 Vancouver.
Prince George, BC
INST: 1st Wed Dec (With 43)
Z: VEC Leonard Timmins
SCRIBE E: MEC. R. Hilliard Clare, 215 Wainwright
Prince George, BC V2M 2C2 Phone: (800) 661-3885

KALUM CHAPTER NO 37
INST: May 26 1956 CONST: Sept 19, 1957
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jul Aug Oct
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Freemasons Hall, 4915 Lazelle Avenue
Terrace BC
INST: 3rd Sat Oct Z: EC R.J. Walker

SCRIBE E: EC Jay L. Chapman, 2817 Hall St.,
Terrace, BC V8G2R6 (250) 635-5470

YUKON CHAPTER NO 38
INST: Jan 30, 1950 CONST: Jan 30, 1951
REG MTG: 4th Mon ex Jul Aug Sept.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 143 Industrial Rd.,
Whitehorse, YT
INST: 4th Mon Nov
Z: EC A.C. Hubley
SCRIBE E: REC. Ian Campbell, 28 Klondike Rd.,
Whitehorse, YT. Y1A 3L9 Phone: (867) 667-7484

GEORGIAN CHAPTER NO 39
INST: May 25 1960 CONST: Sept 30 1961
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jul Aug Dec
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Roberts Creek Masonic Hall, BC
INST: 1st Sat May
Z: EC David Orr
SCRIBE E: REC Douglas Burke,
2 – 4496 Sunshine Coast Hwy.,
Sechelt, BC V0N3A1 (604) 885-7525

SIMON FRASER CHAPTER NO 40
INST: Mar 29, 1961 CONST: Jul 29, 1961
REG MTG: 2nd Tue ex July Aug Feb
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Richmond Masonic Temple,
6730 No. 3rd Richmond, BC
INST: 1st Sat Feb
Z: EC A. David Serry
SCRIBE E: EC. C. Wilson, 6730 No. 3 Road
Richmond, B.C. V6Y 2C2 Phone: (604) 263-0596

DAWSON CREEK CHAPTER NO 41
INST: Oct 15, 1960 CONST: Sept 1, 1962
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jul Aug
TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 901-103rd Ave,
Dawson Creek, BC
INST: 3rd Tue Sept
Z: EC Jim Forbes
SCRIBE E: EC Don Stirling, 10012 – 94th Ave.,
Fort St. John, BC V1J5J6 (250)787-9659

CARIBOU CHAPTER NO 43
INST: May 23, 1975 CONST: Sept 4, 1976
REG MTG: 2nd Wed ex Jul Aug
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 520 Front St., Quesnel, BC
INST 1st Wed Sep (With 36)
Z: EC Art Leer
SCRIBE E: EC. Joseph Bare, PO Box 4551
Quesnel, BC, V2J3J8 Phone: (250) 992-7937

PACIFIC RIM CHAPTER NO 44
INST: May 3, 1990 CONST: Apr 11, 1992
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jun Jul, Aug Dec
TIME: 7.30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 6544 Throup Road,
Sooke, BC
INST: 3rd Tue Jan
Z: VEC Cy Saunders
SCRIBE E: C. D. Endrucshat, 3054 Leroy Pl.,
Victoria, BC V9C1N7 (250) 474-07867

DISCOVERY CHAPTER NO 45
INST: Sept 17, 1998 CONST: Sept 25, 1999
REG MTG: 4th Mon Mar Apr May Sept Oct Nov
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 2905 N. Isld Hwy.,
Campbell River, BC
INST: 4th Mon of Nov
Z: EC Dale Stewart
SCRIBE E: VEC John Bradley, 9276 Martin Park Dr.
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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. Sutherlanc
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. MacKinno
1941	*G.E. McKinnon	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor
1942	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor	*.John. H. Morgan
1943	*W. Coates Taylor	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis
1944	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle
1945	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker
1946	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker	*John MacLeod
1947	*Edgar B. Baker	*John MacLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger
1948	*John MacLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson
1949	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell
1950	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts
1951	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker
1952	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness

1953	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard L. Williams
1954	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard L. Williams	*George M. Harmen
1955	*Richard L. Williams	`*George M. Harmen	*Arthur Hamilton
1956	*George M. Harmen	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W.H. Walker
1957	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W. H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen
1958	*T.W.H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell
1959	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell
1960	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss
1961	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss	*J. Stanley Dyke
1962	*James S.E. Meiss	*J. Stanley Dyke	*R. Thomas Litt
1963	*J. Stanley Dyke	*R. Thomas Litt	*Thomas A. Dobson
1964	*R. Thomas Litt	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Gamey
1965	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Gamey	*Ewan E. Andrews
1966	*L. R. Gamey	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Mark H. Hannah
1967	*Mark H. Hannah	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Thomas Isbister
1968	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham
1969	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles F. Armstrong
1970	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles F. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl
1971	*Charles F. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin
Year	**Grand Zerubbabel**	**Grand Haggai**	**Grand Joshua**
1972	*Evan H.Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Manzer
1973	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Manzer	*William H. Young
1974	*James A. Manzer	*William H. Young	*Cyrus D. Biddulph
1975	*Cyrus D. Bidulph	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton
1976	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton	*George H. Coupland
1977	*Henry M. Dayton	George H. Coupland	*William Blake
1978	George H. Coupland	*William Blake	* R. Cedric Telford
1979	*William Blake	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall
1980	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall	Stephen G. Redgrave
1981	*James Randall	Stephen G. Redgrave	Alvin P. Alexander
1982	Stephen G. Redgrave	Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton
1983	Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton	R. Hilliard Clare
1984	* F. Melvin Fulton	R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie S. Lamb
1985	R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie S. Lamb	Roderick A. Cutler
1986	*Huie S. Lamb	Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack A. Laffling
1987	Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack A Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey
1988	*Jack A. Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall
1989	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall	Alexander S. Rollo
1990	*Robert J. Gornall	Alexander S. Rollo	H. James White
1991	Alexander S. Rollo	H. James White	William R. Shippam

1992	H. James White	William R. Shippam	Trevor O. Thomas
1993	William R. Shippam	Trevor O. Thomas	Leslie J. Tutt
1994	Trevor O. Thomas	Leslie J. Tutt	William D. Jasper
1995	Leslie J. Tutt	William D. Jasper	Leonard G. Pickell
1996	William D. Jasper	Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall
1997	Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall	Denis S. Carriere
1998	Joseph R. Marshall	Denis S. Carriere	David D.S.Anderson
1999	Denis S. Carriere	David D.S. Anderson	David B. Turner
2000	David D. S. Anderson	David B. Turner	Norman K. Monro
2001	David B. Turner	Norman K. Monro	Basil R. Hobbs
2002	Norman K. Monro	Basil R. Hobbs	George W. Eaton
2003	Basil R. Hobbs	George W. Eaton	Brian Richman
2004	George W. Eaton	Brian Richman	William Fooks
2005	Brian Richman	William Fooks	Leslie Robinson
2006	Leslie Robinson	George Tillotson	Alastair Ross
2007	George Tillotson	Alastair Ross	David Grange
2008	Alastair M. Ross	David Grange	Joel Chiri
	Grand Z.	**Grand H**	**Grand J**

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

The 32nd Annual Convention of the Holy Order of High Priesthood of British Columbia and Yukon was held at the Best Western "The Westerly" Hotel in Courtenay, B.C. on **Thursday September 11th, 2008.**

The Convention was opened in ample form at **2:15 pm** with MEC President Brian Richman presiding.

The Officers occupying chairs were:

President:	MEC Brian Richman
Vice President:	MEC Les Robinson
Chaplain:	REC Alastair Ross
Treasurer:	VEC Clancy Wilson (Acting)
	REC JD Quan – Absent
Recorder:	MEC Alex Rollo
Master of Ceremonies:	REC David Grange
Conductor:	REC Norm McEvoy
Herald:	REC Anthony Brown
Steward:	MEC Norm Monro
Sentinel:	REC John McIntosh
Director of Ceremonies:	MEC George Eaton

MEC President Brian Richman extended a sincere and warm welcome to all especially the visitors from other jurisdictions, the convention was sell attended by a number of High Priests from our jurisdiction, as well there were two visitors who attended for the first time and received honorary membership at a later point in the ceremony of conferring the High Priesthood on candidates.

Accordingly upon MEC President Brian Richman welcoming all members and visitors, he advised all that the Order of Business would be changed and that the Holy Order would be conferred on the eight of the nine Applicants they being in attendance to receive this Holy Order, the Candidates present were John Murphy, Tim Yates, Douglas Eaton, Thomas Balfour, Peter Blagaic, Bill Jackson, Bill Aspinall and David Dudley.

Candidate Nelson John Fraser not being present, will receive this Holy Order on Thursday afternoon prior to Grand Chapter 2009, and is added to the list of those who have not received this Holy Order.

For your information during the years we have and continue to hold a number of Bibles for Excellent Companions who, for one reason or another, have not 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 Mason knows the status of any of these Excellent Companions shown in this paragraph would 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 this Holy Order on the eight candidates with Excellent Companion Douglas Eaton being selected as the active candidate. The prologue was given by MEC George Eaton Director of Ceremonies. The traditional bread and wine ceremony was carried out with Master of Ceremonies and acting Treasurer on the North side and the Conductor and Registrar on the South side giving first on the point of the sword to the members and thence to the Candidates, REC Alastair Ross then presented the Bibles to the candidates, the anointing ceremony then took place with the President Brian Richman, assisted by the Conductor, Norman McEvoy and the Recorder Alex Rollo on the South side and the Vice President Les Robinson the acting Treasurer Clancy Wilson and Master of Ceremonies David Grange on the North side.

The Order of the High Priesthood Jewels were then presented to all eight candidates in the similar manner as the anointing, finally the Secrets were acted out for the candidates by REC David Grange Master of Ceremonies, and REC Norman McEvoy Conductor while the Recorder Alex Rollo explained the various signs and words. The Order ritual was completed at approximately **3:20 pm**.

The President then stated that the normal business of the convention would now be resumed. MEC President then asked MEC Recorder for the Agenda of Business which is as follows.

IN MEMORIAM: MEC Roderick Allan Cutler, MEC George Coupland and REC Frank Kendrick, none others were advised.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVOCATION: MEC Alex Rollo moved that the minutes of the previous convocation be adopted as printed in the **2007** Proceedings this was seconded by MEC George Eaton the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The members were advised by the President that two years ago a motion was tabled concerning the creation of a degree team be considered instead of using the Grand Chapter Officers and Past Grand First Principals. He then called for a motion to lift this motion from the table which was done by MEC George Eaton, seconded by the president MEC Brian Richman, upon taking a vote it was declared the motion was lifted correctly from the table.

Upon this motion being lifted a full discussion was taken as to what the members desired. Several companions in attendance then spoke in favour of creating a degree team for the degree some others stating this should remain as is using the Grand Chapter Officers and Past Grand First Principals. After all had spoken that wished to be heard the President then called for a vote to be taken. The following

result is that with the following votes taken, a majority moved that we continue in the manner we have created and that the Grand Chapter Officers and Past Grand First Principals continue to confer this Order.

NEW BUSINESS: At this time a discussion regarding the Ritual currently in use, some stated why change for change sake, upon a full discussion it was decided that someone contact the current printer of the Ritual for the Order of High Priesthood which is MEC William Shippam, and MEC George Eaton is to check with MEC William Shippam and together come up with a change so that all Rituals would be compatible with each other. This was then given as a motion by MEC Alex Rollo, and MEC George Tillotson.

ACCOUNTS:

Bank Balance April 30, 2007		$1136.17
Income		
Fees	$585.00	
Bank Interest	.78	585.78
		1721.95
Expenses		
Rent for Hall	$75.00	
Supplies	21.90	96.90
Bank Balance April 30, 2008		$1625.05

It was duly **moved** by MEC Recorder Alex Rollo **seconded** by Acting Treasurer VEC Clancy Wilson that the report of April, 2008 be accepted and any bills outstanding be paid. **Carried.**

SICK AND DISTRESS: MEC Norman Monro then reported on REC Stan Sorenson stating that his health was not very good and that he was still in Hospital in Sechelt under Extended Care and possibly unable to continue.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: At this point Honorary Membership Cards were presented by MEC President Brian Richman to REC J. Leyshon from Saskatchewan and REC Richard Glasgow from Alberta. At this point the President of the Holy Order of High Priesthood MEC Brain Richman recognized our Grand First Principal MEC George Tillotson and thanked him for attending.

The next Order of Business was the President MEC Brian Richman asked the Recorder MEC Alex Rollo if he had a list of Nominations for the various offices since the vote under a previous order of business had determined that the Grand Chapter Officers and the Past Grand First Principals were and are to fill the various offices. Recorder Alex Rollo then gave the following whom he had checked personally and determined they were ready and able to serve this Convocation of High Priesthood of British Columbia and Yukon.

The names provided were as follows:

President:	MEC Les Robinson
Vice President:	MEC George Tillotson
Chaplain:	REC David Grange

(REC Alistair Ross steps out for one year as he will be Grand First Principal then becomes Vice President)

Treasurer:	REC Joe D. Quan
Recorder:	MEC Alex Rollo
Master of Ceremonies:	REC Joel Chiri
Conductor:	REC Norman McEvoy
Herald:	REC Anthony Brown
Steward:	REC Ken Overy
Sentinel:	MEC George Eaton
Director of Ceremonies:	MEC Brian Richman.

There being no further nominations from the floor the list of Nominees for Office it was duly **moved** by Recorder Alex Rollo and **seconded** by MEC George Eaton this motion was approved. **Carried**

From the item at the last of the Good of the Order under Unfinished Business you will find the result of the tabled motion properly removed from the table and fully discussed and voted on thus the current Grand Chapter Officers and Past Grand First Principals will continue to serve the Holy Order of High Priests. Thus it will not be necessary for MEC Les Robinson to set up a degree team.

Finally there being no further business MEC President Brian Richman thanked all for attending and thanked all for his year as MEC President including his officers. He then asked MEC Recorder Alex Rollo to approach the East and assume the chair as Installing Officer.

As Installing Officer MEC Recorder Alex Rollo assumed the chair and asked the following to assist in the Installation. VEC Clancy Wilson as Installing Director of Ceremonies, and REC Ian McLean to be the Installing Chaplain seeing that both had a copy of the Installation ritual. He then asked the Installing Director of Ceremonies to present the following at the Altar, President MEC Les Robinson, Vice President MEC George Tillotson and Chaplain REC David Grange, the Installing Chaplain REC Ian McLean then offered up prayer to the Most High God, and to give guidance to these the senior Officers of the Order of High Priesthood, the Installing Officer then obligated each officer in turn and upon completion of each obligation placed the President, Vice President and Chaplain in their respective chairs.

At this point the Installing Officer declared that all Officers who were staying in the same office it was not necessary for them to take an obligation to perform their duties faithfully and zealously. Upon this point the acting Director of Ceremonies was asked to present the rest of the Officers as follows: REC Joel Chiri (Absent) Master of Ceremonies, REC Norman McEvoy, Conductor, REC Tony Brown Herald, REC Ken Overy Steward, MEC George Eaton Sentinel MEC Brian Richman Director of Ceremonies. When asked if they

accepted the duties of their respective offices and upon answering to the affirmative were placed in their respective chairs by the Installing Director of Ceremonies. Upon declaration by the Installing Officer MEC Alex Rollo to the newly installed President MEC Les Robinson, he was informed that the Holy Order of the High Priesthood was now in his hands and he was in charge, then he thanked MEC Brian Richman and MEC Les Robinson for allowing the MEC Recorder Alex Rollo to act as Installing Officer and thanked VEC Clancy Wilson and REC Ian McLean for assisting him.

CLOSING: The newly installed Officers then proceeded to close in ample form to open again in **2009** for the 33rd Annual Convention with MEC George Tillotson obligating all present as per the Ritual.

MEC President Les Robinson then thanked all for coming and thanked MEC Alex Rollo for being the Installing Officer there being no further business to come before this convention it was duly closed in ample form peace and harmony prevailing at **4:30 pm**. All returned to their respective rooms to prepare for the Informal Opening of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon.

Respectfully submitted: MEC Alex Rollo Recorder.

2008 AGENDA:

1. Grand Chapter Informal Opening – 7:30 pm
2. Admission & reception of Distinguished guests, Sister jurisdictions, Civic & Concordant bodies, etc.
3. Flag Ceremony
4. Memorial Service
5. Responses by Civic & Concordant Body reps.
6. Informal Closing of Grand Chapter
7. Grand Chapter Formal opening – 9:00 am
8. Reception of Visitors & regrets
9. Invocation – Grand Chaplain
10. Resolution of Loyalty to the Queen
11. Minutes of Grand Chapter Convocation of 2007
12. Grand Zerubbabel's address
13. Grand Haggai report
14. Grand Joshua report
15. Grand Chaplain's address
16. Report of Merit Award committee
17. Reception of Past Grand First Principals
18. Reception of First Principals
19. Report of Grand Treasurer
20. Report of Grand Scribe Ezra
21. Report of Constitution & Jurisprudence committee
22. Unfinished Business
23. Report of Finance committee
24. Report of Grand Historian
25. Report of Executive committee
26. Roll call of Grand representatives
27. Report of Credentials committee
28. Motions on amendments to the Constitution
29. New Business
30. Report of Royal Arch Foundation committee
31. Report of Printing committee
32. Report of Information & Technology committee
33. Report of Foreign Correspondence committee
34. Presentation of Honorary Membership cards
35. Election of officers
36. Report of Bursary Fund Trustees

37. Report of Grand Z's Address committee
38. Report of Protocol & Procedures committee
39. Report of Royal Arch Home society & Keystone of Life Foundation
40. Report of Benevolence committee
41. Report of Grand Superintendents committee
42. Report of Editing committee
43. Report of Past Grand Z's Award committee
44. Good of the Order
45. Vote of thanks to Host Chapter
46. Installation of Officers
47. 2008/2009 Committees named
48. Location of Grand Chapter for 2009, 2010 & 2011
49. Closing of Grand Chapter

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