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Grand First Principal

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MEC Alastair M. Ross
Grand First Principal

REC Ed Wilson
Grand Scribe Ezra

Surrey, B.C. Abbotsford, B.C.



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2008-2009

MEC Alastair M. Ross, Biographical Information

Alastair was born in the North-East of Scotland on August 17, 1933 where he grew up and was educated at Forres Academy. After his apprenticeship as a plumber & gas fitter he was called up to the Armed Forces and served in the Royal Air Force for three years, where he met his wife of 52 years, Edna Holbert, and they married in August of 1957.

They have a grown up married daughter, and a married son with two grand-daughters. He then served as a Police Officer in the U.K. for nearly eighteen years and in his spare time was a Queens' Commissioned Officer in the Royal Air Force Reserve (Training Branch) with the rank of Flight Lieutenant, involved with the Air Training Corps in England, ultimately as Commanding Officer of his own Squadron.

He emigrated to Canada with his family in 1975, becoming a Canadian citizens in 1979, and worked at the coal mines in East Kootenays for seventeen years as a Loss Prevention Officer initially and then as a coordinator for Loss Prevention in the Employees Department.

In 1986 he was awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the then Governor-General of Canada, the Honourable Madam Jean Sauve for service to the community.

On the closure of the mines in late 1992 due to bankruptcy, he and his wife moved to Surrey in 1993 and were employed as Resident Manager of a large residential complex, retiring in 2001.

He and his wife are parishioners of Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church in Surrey, and Alastair is one of the regular lay lesson readers.

Masonic History.

Initiated Elk River Lodge # 35, Fernie, B.C. in 1981.
Worshipful Master 1985/86.
Worshipful Master, Union Lodge # 9 1996,
Worshipful Master, Union-Solomon Lodge # 9 2002
Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of B.C. & Yukon 1991/92.

First Principal, Mount Moriah Chapter # 20, Fernie, B.C. 1987.
First Principal, Westminster Chapter # 6, 1995 and 2004, Grand Tyler 1989/90,
Grand Superintendent, District # 5, 1992/93,
Grand Director of Ceremonies 2004/05.
Grand Representative to the Supreme Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Scotland near the Grand Chapter of B.C. & Yukon.
Honorary member, Grand Chapter of Washington,
Honorary member of the Grand Chapter of Alberta with the title of a Past Grand First Principal.
Grand First Principal Royal Arch Masons of BC & Yukon 2008/09

Vice President, Order of the High Priesthood.

Thrice Illustrious Master, Zarthan Council # 7, Cryptic Rite Masons, 1996,
Commander Noah 1997,
Grand Steward 2004/05,
Grand Inspector-General 2005/06.
Order of the Silver Trowel.

Presiding Preceptor, Selkirk Preceptory # 45, Cranbrook, B.C. 1992.
Grand 2nd Standard Bearer, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, 2002/03
Elected Grand Council, S.G.P. 2006/07.

Very Eminent High Priest, Fraser Tabernacle # 163, Knight Templar Priests.

Celebrant, Lumen Pacificae College, S.R.I.A. (Ladysmith) 2002 - 2003 - 2005.
Celebrant, Lumen Terrestris College, S.R.I.A. (Vancouver) 2003 - 2004.
Sr. Substitute Magus, IX°, Societas Rosicruciana of Canada.

Member of Arbutus Conclave # 40,m Red Cross of Constantine, Canada, (Parksville).

York Rite Cross of Honor 1997

President of Keystone of Life Foundation (current)

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 **ninety-first** Grand Convocation held in Penticton, B.C. on **September 17th, 18th and 19th, 2009** and authorized to be published.

In testimony whereof I have appended my official signature and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon at the office of the Grand Scribe Ezra in the City of Abbotsford, B.C. this _____ day of October, 2009

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(REC Ed Wilson – Grand Scribe Ezra)

SEAL

The ninety-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon was held on **September 17th – 19th, 2009** at the Penticton Trade & Convention Centre, Penticton, B.C.

OFFICERS ELECTED/APPOINTED 2008/2009

MEC Alastair M. Ross	**Grand First Principal**
REC David H. Grange	Grand Second Principal
REC Joel Chiri	Grand Third Principal
MEC George Tillotson	IPGZ
REC Peter Guichon	Grand Treasurer
REC Ed Wilson	Grand Scribe Ezra
REC Norman McEvoy	Grand Pr. Sojourner
REC Tony Brown	Grand Sr. Sojourner
REC Ken Overy	Grand Jr. Sojourner
REC Brian Beech	Grand Supt. Dist. 1
REC Neil Marsh	Grand Supt. Dist. 2
REC Alan Akehust	Grand Supt. Dist. 3
REC David Dudley	Grand Supt. Dist, 4
REC Jay Chapman	Grand Supt. Dist. 6
REC Douglas Eaton	Grand Supt. Dist. 7
REC Walter Rae	Grand Supt. Dist. 9
REC John Murphy	Grand Supt. Dist. 10
REC Michael Hammel	Grand Supt. Dist. 11
REC James Whyte	Grand Nehemiah
VEC James Bennie	Grand Historian
VEC Stewart Drever	Grand Sword Bearer
VEC Cyril Davison	Grand Master 4th Veil
VEC Alfred Dorman	Grand Master 3rd Veil
VEC Jeremy Gomersall	Grand Master 2nd Veil
VEC Arthur Balfour	Grand Master 1st Veil
VEC Norman Carreck	Grand Standard Bearer
REC Edward Scott	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
VEC Michael Ross	Grand Marshal
VEC H. von Czarnowski	Grand Pursuivant

VEC Ian Swann	Grand Steward #1
REC Joe Carver	Grand Steward #2
VEC Tony D'Eramo	Grand Steward #3
VEC William Jackson	Grand Chaplain
VEC Robert Barr	Grand Organist
VEC Fred Maides	Grand Tyler

17 September 2009

1. INFORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The informal opening of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon was held in the normal manner on **Thursday, September 17, 2009**. The companions and guests were welcomed to the session by the Grand Steward, VEC Ian Swann. The Grand Council and IPGZ were piped in and assumed their respective chairs in the East. The Grand first Principal then declared the Informal Grand Chapter open at **7:30 pm**. He welcomed all to the Grand Convocation.

2. RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests and visitors were introduced and welcomed by the Grand Council:

- His Honour Dan Ashton, Mayor of the City of Penticton, B.C.
- RIC Greg Sawchuk, Gr. Inspector General, Cryptic Rite, R. & S.M. of Western Canada.
- Rt. Em. Kt. Brian Richman, Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. **AND** Rt. Ven. Bro. DDGM of Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

- Rt. Em. Bro. Leonard Pickell, Past Prior Knight, Knights of York, Cross of Honour.
- Rt. Em. Kt. Priest Lionel Brownsey, Grand Superintendent, Holy Royal Arch, Knight Templar Priests.
- Ms. Stacy Jordan-Knox, Associate Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star of B.C. & Yukon.
- Ms. Donna Lee McMurchie, Grand Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters of B.C. & Yukon. Bro. James Farrell, Vice Associate Grand Guardian of IOJD and Miss Sarah Taylor , Miss B.C. for IOJD
- Ill. Sir James Druchet, Potentate Gizeh Shrine Centre for B.C. & Yukon.
- Rt. W. Bro. David Turner, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Royal Order of Scotland
- MEC Richard Glasgow, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta accompanied by REC David Boone, Grand Second Principal, MEC Don Russell, PGZ, MEC Jerry Tetzloff, PGZ, and MEC Don Gillies, PGZ
- MEC John Leishman, Grand First Principal of Grand Chapter of Manitoba
- MEC Herb Weaver, Grand High Priest of Washington, USA accompanied by MEC James Stephens, PGHP, REC Fred Noyes, Grand Scribe Ezra and REC Len Wyllie, Grand Captain.
- Most Worshipful Brian Tuckey, Grand Master of of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of B.C. & Yukon.

Each guest was introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, REC Ed Scott and then received and welcomed by the Grand Council and seated.

3. FLAG CEREMONY

The flag ceremony was conducted by REC Larry Atkinson. The flags were carried in by members of the local Bethel of IOJD. Honour Queen Ciara Fitzpatrick carried the Canadian flag, Junior Princess Amy Deannessa carried the American flag, Chaplain Lyric Cragen carried the Yukon flag and Guide Miranda Brisson carried the British Columbia flag. The ceremony ended with the singing of "*O Canada*" and "*The Star Spangled Banner*"

4. MEMORIAL SERVICE

The ceremony was conducted by REC Rev. Dr. Joel Chiri in the absence of the Grand Chaplain, VEC Bill Jackson. The ceremony began with the "*Lord's Prayer*" being recited in unison which was followed by the reciting of the hymn *"Little is Much When God is in It"* by REC Chiri.

Scripture Reading: *"Let not your heart by troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.*
In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you so. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know,
Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have you seen him?" John 14:1-7

ROLL CALL OF FRATERNAL DEAD

District No. 1.

Columbia No. 1	EC: James Aitken EC: Hough Attrill Lyttleton EC: John William White C: Arthur RH Scott C: Arthur W. Chappton C: William T. Patterson C: Klaus J. Schut C: John W. Carson
Tzouhalem No. 26	None Reported
Pacific Rim No. 44	None Reported

District No. 2.

Westminster No. 6	None Reported
Chilliwack No. 19	REC: James T. Dalgleish C: M. Wallace Patience C: Harry F. Kay
Mission No. 28	REC: Bernard Hoare
Semiahmoo No. 34	MEC: David DS Anderson REC: Robert J. McCubbin

District No. 3.

Okanagan No. 11	VEC: Francis DS MacKay
Kelowna No. 17	C: Alfred G. Larson C: Walter E. Ronaghan
Kamloops No. 18	None Reported
Penticton No. 22	EC: B. Foreman C: W. Collen C: C. Valentine (2005)
Observatory No. 25	None Reported
Granite No. 29	None Reported

District No. 4.

Rossland No. 4	C: George MacNeill C: Ian McLeod
Rocky Mountain No. 7	REC: Arthur C. Draper C: William D. Miller C: Jack Woodall

District No. 6.

Kaien No. 13	C: Edward S. Wampler
Kalum No. 37	C: OM Bobsein

District No. 7.

North Vancouver No. 16	None Reported
King Solomon No. 30	VEC: Frank Kendrick
Georgian No. 39	None Reported

District No. 9.

Triple Tau No. 21	C: Frank Mikeli C: John Taylor Stewart
Composite No. 24	C: William McCallum
Joppa No. 31	C: Richard Barr C: Bernard Isman
Simon Fraser No. 40	VEC: Sid Kase (PDGHP-WA) C: Bryan Alan Mosley

District No. 10.

Fort George No. 36	C: Alfred Claude Nelson
Yukon No. 38	None Reported
Dawson Creek No 41	REC: Peter Antonenko C: Gary D. McCullough C: Delbert Measshaw
Caribou No. 43	None Reported

District No. 11.

Keystone No. 8	C: Earl A. Rowan
Cyrus No. 10	C: Carl John Ellison C: Robert A. Dunn
Majuba No. 33	None Reported
Cathedral No. 35	None Reported
Discovery No. 45	MEC: Malcolm S. Cowie VEC: Alexander Reid

AND for all Companions who may have been inadvertently omitted as well as all the men and women serving overseas to protect this great nation.

One red rose was placed on the altar by the Grand Superintendent of the District or in his absence by another Companion for each District and for all those serving overseas.

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."* RESPONSE: ***"We shall remember them!"***

The sermon began with a reading from John 14: 1-7 and Ecclesiastes 3:11 (Heaven). It ended with a quote from Bob Benson, the song writer who said: *"I used to think that, loving life so greatly, that to die was like leaving the party before the end. But, now I know that*

the party is really going on somewhere else and the light and music escapes in snatches; making the plus faster and the tempo quicken, comes from another place. And, I know when I get there the music and the love and the praise will all belong to Him and it will never end."
The closing Benediction came from Numbers 6: 24-26

5. ADDRESSES BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Grand First Principal invited the following guests to address the assembly:

a) Mayor Dan Ashton, City of Penticton. Pleased to be the representative of the citizens of Penticton. Wish the convocation all the best and that the City is always open to us. Thanked the Royal Arch for the work in the community and in other communities in making it a better and wonderful place to live. Come back soon.

b) RIC Greg Sawchuk, Grand Inspector General, Grand Cryptic Rite of Western Canada, R. & S.M. Brought the greetings of the Grand Master and advised how pleased he was to be in attendance. Wishes the Royal Arch an excellent Grand Session and great year.

c) Right Em. Knight Brian Richman, Provincial Grand Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada extended the fraternal greetings of the Grand Master Most Em. Knight Job Parsons. Also brought the greetings of Most Venerable Brother Arthur Payne, Grand Master of Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada. Wished the Royal Arch well in its deliberations this session and all the best to the Grand First Principal – elect for the forthcoming year.

d) Right Ill. Knight Leonard Pickell, Past Prior Knight, Knights of York, Cross of Honour brought the greetings of the Grand Master, Stanley McCurlen. Wished the convocation all the very best for a productive and happy session. Best wishes to the new slate of officers.

e) Right Em. Knight Priest Lionel Brownsey, Grand Superintendent for Western Canada, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Explained the Order is very old but the exact date of formation is not clearly defined. 149 Tabernacles worldwide with 2 in British Columbia. It is an invitational order and also known as the Order of Holy Wisdom. Wished the new Grand First Principal and all the officers all the best for the ensuing year.

f) Sister Stacy Jordan-Knox, Associate Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star of British Columbia and Yukon. Stated it was nice to be here and first time she has ever done so. It is such an experience meeting the representatives of other orders. Brought the greetings of Sister Marjorie Pettigrew, Grand Worthy Matron who sent her best wishes.

g) Ms. Donna Lee McMurchie, Grand Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters of British Columbia and Yukon. Extended the greetings of all IOJD officers and Bethels of B.C. & Yukon. Most important aspect of IOJD is being related to a mason. We all must work on membership in all orders. Thanked us for the invitation to attend and speak.

h) Illustrious Sir James Druchet, Potentate, Gizeh Shrine Centre of B.C. & Yukon. Brought greetings from all the shriners of B.C. and Yukon. Honoured to be here and have opportunity to speak. First time he ever

attended a Royal Arch Grand Convocation. Explained the Shriners are now a business and that they provide health care free of charge. 1) Transportation system escorting more than 2500 children to and from hospitals. They have held discussions aimed at establishing a clinic at the Children's Hospital in Vancouver Ambulatory Care Clinic. This would reduce the travel miles for transporting patients. 2) Have made strides in uniting with concordant bodies as masons/brothers/sisters working toward an improved end. Wished the Royal Arch all the best for a productive session and for the future.

i) Most Worshipful Brother Brian Tuckey, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon addressed the assembly. There are 9,220 masons; 10,077 if dual members are included. There are 149 Lodges in which four Rituals are practiced in one Lodge or another. We all come from diverse backgrounds but have a common bond and purpose. That is brotherhood and unity. Volume of the Sacred Law is our strength and lets us gather in harmony in Lodge. Freemasonry and concordant bodies have much to offer mankind.

6) INFORMAL CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER

This Informal Opening was closed by the Grand First Principal at 9:20 pm with a reminder that the Convocation would commence tomorrow at **9:00 am**

September 18, 2009

7) FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Grand Convocation was formally opened by the Grand First Principal in ample form at **9:10 am**. The Grand Scribe Ezra confirmed that **27** Chapters were represented and so constituting a quorum.

8) RECEPTION OF GUESTS/VISITORS

All the guests who did not have occasion to speak at the Informal Opening were welcomed back and advised they would be provided the occasion to address the session at some time during the day. Regrets were received from: MLA Bill Barislof, VEC Norm Bruce, VEC Bill Jackson, VEC Fred Dorman, Comp. Fred Mutch, VEC Bob Barr, REC Malcolm Johnson, VEC Herb Chow and Job Parsons, Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

The Grand First Principal noted the absence of VEC Herb Chow a candidate for election as Grand Junior Sojourner. It was explained the ballot will proceed with the name of both candidates being included. A revised system of balloting is being implemented so that instead of collecting the ballots, the companions are to deposit their ballots in the Ballot boxes provided at the registration desk.

9) INVOCATION

The invocation was provided by REC Alan Akehurst.

10) RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

The following Resolution of Loyalty, duly **MOVED** by Right Excellent Companion Ed Wilson and duly **SECONDED** by Right Excellent Companion Norman McEvoy was unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that this, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon assembled at their ninety-first Annual Convocation in the City of Penticton, British Columbia, Canada this 18th day of September, 2009, 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 18th, 2009.***

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

MEC Alastair M. Ross	REC Ed Wilson
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL	GRAND SCRIBE EZRA

11. MINUTES OF GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION 2008.

MOVED by Grand Scribe Ezra, REC Ed Wilson the Minutes of the **2008 Grand Convocation** as printed in the **2008 Proceedings** be adopted. **SECONDED** by MEC Joseph Marshall. **CARRIED**

12) ADDRESS OF GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL (Z) MEC Alastair M. Ross

Grand Second Principal, REC David Grange, assumed the chair.

It is my distinct pleasure and privilege to welcome you all to the 91st Convocation of our Grand Chapter. I trust that it will be a harmonious and productive Sessions. It was my pleasure last night to welcome, not only the distinguished companions from other jurisdictions, the representatives of concordant bodies, but also those invited from the public sector at our Informal Opening. I feel it is important to continue to do so that they get an insight as to who we are and what we are all about.
We trust our visiting Companions and brethren will convey our fraternal greetings to their own respective bodies on their return.

PREAMBLE
Once again I have had a busy year with attendance at nearly 50 Royal Arch Chapter and other related meetings. In the interests of brevity I have attached a more detailed account of them to this report, copies have been supplied to G.S.E. and the Committee of Past G.Z.'s on this report. It has been the highest honour of my Masonic

career to have served your as your Grand First Principal this past year. I thank you all and my sponsors for the continued support given me and trust I have lived up to your faith in me. Sincere thanks go to all my Grand Officers, Grand Superintendents and Committee members in being a part of my "Team 2008 - 2009" concept, and for the support and advice always at hand from our Past Grand First Principals whenever I needed it. I specially wish to thank REC Ed. Wilson, our G.S.E. for his ever ready help and assistance, particularly after my medical set-back at the end of January. Nothing was too big or too small for him to handle on my behalf. My sincere thanks also to the Companions of Penticton Chapter # 22 and their Convocation Committee; they did a marvellous job on our behalf in setting up and organizing this Convocation.

NECROLOGY
Once again we mourn the loss of so many of our companions and friends, including MEC David Anderson, one of our Past Grand First Principals, who passed to the Grand Chapter Above last year. Our sympathies go out to their loved ones in their losses. We thank our Grand Chaplain, VEC Bill Jackson, and other companions who took part in our annual Service of Remembrance last evening, and for making this, we trust a fitting memorial to their memory.

VISITATIONS
As in previous years I attended as many Chapters as I was able to do so. It has been a busy year, I attended many chapter installations and installed 14 First Principals, and was pleased to present two Companions with their 50 year membership certificates, jewels and lapel pins, as well as other Certificates when requested

to do so by First Principals. It was my great regret that, on medical advice, I had to curtail some of my intended visitations during the latter few months of my year, my apologies were received with good grace and understanding by those chapters, etc, I thank those Past Grand First Principals and Grand Superintendents who deputized for me in my absence as far as was possible. It is important to note Companions, that at NO time did I pass on my responsibilities to another Grand Officer, I had good support and always remained in charge. On my Official and unscheduled visits I was well supported by Grand Line and other Grand Officers and others. My average sized suite for the year was 14 officers which I think speaks for itself. I was always warmly received, given Grand Honours, and great hospitality.

SPRING BOARD

This was held in Langley this year; it was well organized by REC David Grange, Grand Haggai, and his committee. We had a good agenda, good discussions and excellent meals. They are to be congratulated on their efforts, but attendance was down on last year and with very few Chapter Principals and I believe only one companion present. These are the people who should be coming to Spring Boards to gain the knowledge, education and information they need for their positions. Attendances and participation, particularly by officers, in general are of great concern to your Grand Chapter Executive Officers.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

There are some vacancies available for Grand Representatives at this time. This has been circulated to

Chapters by G.S.E. and I have been publicizing this also at my meetings. I was pleased to present REC Ed. Scott, Simon Fraser Chapter; and REC Tony Brown, Mission Chapter, with their Commissions from the States of Idaho and Indiana, respectively this spring.
I encourage any well experienced and interested Companion to make application through the Office of G.S.E. for such an appointment.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS.

On April 9, 2009, I was privileged to present Companion James C. Stevenson of Chilliwack Chapter # 19 with his 50 year membership Certificate, Jewel and lapel Pin; and on May 19, 2009, it was an honour to present these same 50 year awards to REC Murray Chalmers at Westminster Chapter # 6.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Once again I attended the International Night at Bellingham Bay Chapter # 12 and the Grand Chapter of Washington Affirmation Ceremony at Peace Arch, both in October of 2008, and both were most enjoyable.
One of the highlights of my years was in January for the Consolidation of North Vancouver Chapter # 16 and King Solomon Chapter #30. I presided over the ceremony, my thanks to G.S.E. for providing the ritual for that occasion and presented the new Charter to their incoming new First Principal.. It was a great and historic day with a packed hall of 55 companions, included were a large attendance of Grand Chapter Officers; I had a wonderful suite of 23 distinguished companions. Another special occasion was attending the Grand Chapter of Alberta's Convocation in Camrose,

Alberta, in early May. My wife Edna accompanied me on the trip, we were most warmly received and accorded every courtesy, including complimentary banquet tickets. By request I assisted two other visiting Grand First Principals as scrutineers and counting their election ballot. Later on, we were presented with lovely Certificates of Honorary Membership in their Grand Chapter with the rank of Past Grand First Principals.
B.C was well represented by 3 Grand Line Officers, 3 Past Grand First Principals and 2 Past Superintendents.

PERMANENT RANK - RECOMMENDATIONS

It is my pleasure to recommend that the permanent rank of "**Right Excellent**" be confirmed on all my Grand Superintendents, they performed their duties with great credit to Grand Chapter and themselves.

1. REC Brian BEECH,	District # 1.
2. REC Neil MARSH,	District # 2.
3. REC Alan AKEHURST,	District # 3.
4. REC David DUDLEY,	District # 4.
5. REC Jay CHAPMAN,	District # 6.
6. REC Douglas EATON,	District # 7.
7. REC Walter RAE,	District # 9.
8. REC John MURPHY,	District # 10.
9. REC Michael HAMMELL,	District # 11.

I am also pleased to recommend that the permanent rank of "**Very Excellent**" be confirmed on the following appointed officers:-
VEC Stewart DREVER (24), VEC Cyril Noel DAVISON (34), VEC Alfred DORMAN (19), VEC Jeremy GOMERSALL, (31), VEC Arthur BALFOUR (37), VEC Norman A. CARRECK (33), VEC Michael ROSS (1),

VEC Harry Von CZARNOWSKI (6), VEC Anthony D'ERAMO, (1), VEC William JACKSON (31),VEC Fred MAIDES, (11). All other appointed officers not so named already hold the permanent ranks of "Right Excellent" and Very Excellent" from previous appointments. I hope I did not miss anyone that I can easily correct right now.

COMMITTEES

I thank all my Committees for their support and dedication in helping to run our Grand Chapter, I valued your advice at any time I needed it, we are indebted for your services and I now discharge all Committees with thanks.

OBSERVATIONS

While many Chapters are doing well in both memberships, attendances, participation and ritual work, I regret to report that quite a few of our chapters are struggling and being held together by a handful of long serving and dedicated members. Apathy is a big concern to our Grand Executive as well as me, with companions, particularly officers, who do not attend for practices, absentee themselves on degree nights, or learn their lines. Rituals books are used too often. I have done my best to stress the importance of every office, to be active in attending to their duties and improving their knowledge,, and to be prepared for advancement.
I congratulate those First Principals and experienced officers who are doing their best to correct this problem.

CONCLUSION

I believe my theme of *'ENCOURAGEMENT - EDUCATION* and *ENJOYMENT*" was well received. I think it was important for chapters and their companions to

embrace this concept and move forward in improvements in all aspects of our Order. Grand Superintendents did a fine job in promoting this also for me, as well our *"STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM*, and for our various charities. I thank all companions for their support and friendship, and last but not least my love and thanks to my wife Edna for always being there for me, especially in the times of my illness.
Your First Principal-Elect and I have worked very closely over our years together in the Grand Line, he will be a fine leader and I promise him and his officers my full support whenever he needs it, and any advice I can give when he asks for it. God bless you all for a wonderful year.

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

13) REPORT OF THE GRAND SECOND PRINCIPAL
(H) REC David H. Grange

I would like to thank the Officers and Companions for the privilege of having served this Grand jurisdiction as the Grand 2nd Principal, Haggai, during 2008 – 2009.

I have enjoyed my visits with the Grand 1st Principal to all the installations in the Lower Mainland, including

some District installations on Vancouver Island. I was also able to attend with the Grand 1st Principal to some of the official visits and installations in the interior.

Also included were visits to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, International Night in Bellingham Bay Chapter and Affirmation Day at Peace Arch Park. Along with the companions from B.C. I was able to visit the Grand Chapter of RAM in Manitoba and the Grand Chapter of RAM in Washington State.

I was able to support the Superintendent of District #2 in all his official visits and to attend with the Superintendent of District #9 on most of his visits. My other duties have involved being the Chairman of Spring Board held in Langley and Chairman of the Executive Council. Have finished serving as a Director on the Board of the RAMHS.

I have enjoyed this year and would like to thank all the companions who have offered advice and guidance when asked. To my sponsors, I hope I have been able to meet with some of your expectations during this year and will work harder next year.

Thanks also go to my wife Libby for all her love and support during the year.

MOVED by MEC A.M. Ross, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

14) REPORT OF THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL (J) REC Joel Chiri

It has been a wonderful experience and great privilege to have served as Grand Third Principal in this Grand Chapter. I have worked very hard carrying out my duties and I hope the members of Grand Chapter have been satisfied. It has been a very busy and rewarding year; that I have greatly enjoyed.

I have attended numerous Chapter functions and have been honoured to install many 3rd Principals and assist in several degrees. Among these many notable experiences were: Affirmation Sunday at the Peace Arch, the amalgamation and installation of North Vancouver – King Solomon Chapter #16, the installation of Columbia #1, the tri-chapter installation of Keystone #8, Majuba #33 and Cathedral #35. I also had the honour of representing our Grand First Principal at the Grand Council of Job's Daughters of British Columbia and Yukon, and the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon Order of the Eastern Star.

During my year as Grand Second Principal I hope to be able to visit more Chapters and look forward to meeting more companions and their families.

I would like to thank our Grand First and Second Principals for all the assistance they have been to me and the Chapters for their hospitality and friendship.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as Grand Third Principal.

MOVED by REC Joel Chiri, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

15. REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

TO Grand Chapter 2009

I thank MEC Alastair M. Ross for appointing me to this office. During his term as MEC Grand First Principal I saw the workings of Grand Chapter from a different perspective. From years 2000 to 2006 I was responsible for setting up and running the sound system each year. This past year I supported the Grand First Principal whenever I could on his visitations and installations. He was always well received and very popular with the companions.

On behalf of our Grand First Principal, MEC Alastair M. Ross and all officers of Grand Chapter of B.C. & Yukon I sent a fraternal and Happy Holiday message for publication to the Keystone in November, 2008.

I would ask the chapters to give more consideration in using the services of the Grand Chaplain at their installations and other special occasions. It would be nice to be informed by someone from the District of ill and distressed companions and their families.

As I conclude this report, I ask you to unite with me in humbly acknowledging our dependence upon the Great

Jehovah, may He continue to protect, guide and bless us all. Amen

Submitted by VEC William Jackson, Grand Chaplain, 2009. **MOVED** by REC Joel Chiri, **SECONDED** by MEC Brian Richman the report be accepted. **CARRIED**

16. REPORT OF THE MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

Each year the Merit Award Committee, carefully considers applications from Chapters throughout this Grand Jurisdiction for the Award of Merit to be presented to a deserving Companion who has exhibited, during his lifetime, all of the positive attributes which exemplify a true Royal Arch Mason, both within and without his chapter. This year your committee, comprised of MEC Hilliard Clare, MEC Basil Hobbs and MEC Les Robinson, is pleased to recommend this Award of Merit be presented to Companion **Brian Robb Murray** of Columbia Chapter No. 1.

MOVED by MEC Hobbs the report be adopted, **SECONDED** by MEC Les Robinson. **CARRIED**

Note: Award presented to REC Brian Beech for subsequent presentation to Companion Murray who was not at Grand Chapter.
At this point in the Convocation, the Grand First principal announced there were two (2) candidates for the position of Grand Junior Sojourner. They were REC Herb Chow and VEC Jeremy Gomersall. Both names would be on the ballot. The Grand First Principal called on VEC Gomersall to address the assembly which he did. The Grand First Principal then called on REC

Chow to address the convocation, however he was not present.

MEC Hobbs noted that ballot **09/01** would be utilized for the ballot and that the candidates surname should be written on the ballot to make it legal. Voters may also enter first name. The Grand First Principal announced the ballot would now be open (**10:10 am**) and the companions had until **2:00 pm** to submit their ballot in the ballot boxes situated on the Registration Table.

17. RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

ROLL CALL OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS (2009)

1982:	Most Ex.	Companion	**Steven G. Redgrave**
1985:	"	"	**R. Hilliard Clare**
1989:	"	"	**Thomas O. Mickey**
1991:	"	"	**Alexander S. Rollo**
1993:	"	"	**William R. Shippam**
1997:	"	"	**Leonard G.B. Pickell**
1998:	"	"	**Joseph R. Marshall**
1999:	"	"	**Denis S. Carriere**
2001:	"	"	**David B. Turner**
2002:	"	"	**Norman K. Monro**
2003:	"	"	**Basil R. Hobbs**
2004:	"	"	**George W. Eaton**
2005	"	"	**Brian A. Richman**
2006	"	"	**Leslie A. Robinson**
2007	"	"	**George R.E. Tillotson**

Grand Honours under the direction of REC Ed Scott, Grand Director of Ceremonies were accorded. Each Past Grand First Principal was welcomed by the Grand First Principal. Past Grand First Principal certificates and pins were presented by the Grand First Principal to MEC's Richman, Robinson and Tillotson.

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

18. RECEPTION OF FIRST PRINCIPALS

(P = Present; Px = Proxy)

Columbia No. 1	EC Alex Muir	Px
Rossland No. 4	EC Tom Scales	
Westminster No. 6	EC Robert Hart	P
Rocky Mountain No. 7	EC F. Verge	
Keystone No. 8	EC Doug Paugh	Px
Cyrus No. 10	EC James Monro	
Okanagan No. 11	VEC Francis Latter	P
Kaien No. 13	EC Andrew Cook	
NV – KS No. 16	EC Godfrey Onyemaobi	P
Kelowna No. 17	EC George Davis	P
Kamloops No. 18	REC Ken McKenzie	P
Chilliwack No. 19	EC Ryan Schultz	Px
Triple Tau No. 21	EC Tom Balabanov	P
Penticton No. 22	EC Warwick Parker	P
Composite No., 24	REC William Aaroe	P
Observatory No. 25	EC G Ireland	
Tzouhalem No. 26	EC John Fenmore-Collins	
Mission No. 28	EC Don Fitzpatrick	Px

Granite No. 29	EC Dick Mercer	Px
Joppa No. 31	EC Giles Goulding	
Majuba No. 33	EC Tim Yates	P
(P = Present, Px = Proxy)		
Semiahmoo No. 34	EC Michael Landsfried	P
Cathedral No. 35	EC T. Knight	Px
Fort George No. 36	EC David Fleck	Px
Kalum No. 37	EC K.B. Guest	
Yukon No. 38	EC A.C. Hubley	Px
Georgian No. 39	EC Richard Sangster	P
Simon Fraser No 40	EC Graeme Wallace	Px
Dawson Creek No 41	EC	PX
Caribou No. 43	EC Art Leer	
Pacific Rim No. 44	EC John Paterson	P
Discovery No. 45	EC Harry Hemphill	

The attending First Principals and proxies were received and welcomed by MEC Ross, Grand First Principal who then presented EC Tim Yates of Majuba Chapter No. 33 with his Past First Principal's jewel. Grand Honours under the direction of REC Ed Scott, Grand Director of Ceremonies, were accorded.

19. GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year-ended 31st December 2008.

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 ended **31st December 2008.** The Accounts of your Grand Chapter have been audited by REC D. Lewis and REC Ian Thompson, to which they have signed the Auditors Report and accepted the Financial Statements for the year **2008**.

These Statements comprise the following reports:-

General Account.

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

Bursary Account:-

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

As in prior years, your Grand Chapter Officers continue to explore avenues of improving the bottom line of your Grand Chapter, and with the close cooperation of the Finance Committee we strive for further improvements and efficiencies - however with each year that comes

along we see increased cost 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 $34,454 and Expenses of $37,008 ending up with a Net Loss of $2,554.

2. Compared to the 2008 planned results our Actual Net Income was $2,564 lower than Plan, the major variance being greater than planned ritual expenses of $ 2,930. Our actual Investment Income at $8,538 was lower this year than anticipated by $292.

3 In reviewing the Expenditures for last year c.f. to Plan they were unfavorable by $ 2,588 in Total. Individually, the major variances (items over $250) were as follows:-

Unfavourable

Ritual revisions	(2,930)
Postage	
Regalia cases	
Miscellaneous	
Computer supplies	
Investment Losses	

Favourable

Jewels/Pins/Regalia	541
Regalia Repairs	

INVESTMENTS:-
In 2008 we had not budgeted for any investment losses, however during the year, two bonds matured and the redemption value was less that original cost.

Our Total Investments at year end 2008 stood at $ 175,174 up from the 2007 year end total of $ 172,624.

At year end we had $8,702 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 – 2008, 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.

BURSARY ACCOUNT:-

Regarding the Bursary Account we awarded $ 4,000 in Bursaries last year, and had a $ 3,292 net increase in our Capital Account, and our total Investment Holdings at year end 2008 increased by $ 5,260 to $ 112,469.

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 2008 of $ 2,403 was an increase from 2007 by $1,353, whilst the

Donations made to the Annual Fund showed a material decrease of $1,040, or 100%.

Companions don't forget that if and when you send in a Donation to the Bursary Fund please specify whether it is applicable to the Capital or Annual Fund.

If there are any questions I would be glad to answer them, now or please feel free to talk to me anytime during the day.

2009 OUTLOOK:-

General Account

How are we doing so far in 2009? So far this year 2009, our expenditures have been truly reduced as low as possible. The issue is that our membership is falling and consequently as discussed by the finance committee, our per capita will have to be increased. At this time any variation in our expenses or reduction in income has an immediate and material effect on the net income of Grand Chapter, consequently the increase in the per capita needs to be considered and approved by the membership.

Bursary Account

Donation's to the Annual Fund so far in 2009 as a result of the solicitations by the Bursary committee has

proved successful, however Companions, unless the Chapters and members continue to support the Bursary Fund, it will become harder to support the worthy students asking for support that they are asking for.

Fraternally Submitted

REC. Peter Guichon – Grand Treasurer
September 2009.

MOVED by REC Peter Guichon, **SECONDED** by REC Richard Schafer that the report be received. **CARRIED**

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
STATEMENT of Financial Position "General Account"
DECEMBER 31st, 2008

ASSETS	**2008**	**2007**
Current		
Bank Acct (Chequing)	6766.98	1071.51
ING Savings	8702.02	15318.16
Invest. Receivable	747.64	1310.59
Accounts "	712.00	1718.00
Inventories (Note 1)	3893.58	4363.00
Prepaid Expenses	770.41	1647.31
	$21592.63	$25428.57
INVESTMENTS (at Cost)		
Odlum Brown (Holdings) (See Note 2)	175174.42	172623.78

FIXED		
Regalia, etc.	13676.64	12098.46
Accum. Depreciation	(9887.00)	(8511.00)
Comp. Equipment	2019.08	1731.26
Accum. Depreciation	(1606.34)	(1449.34)
Office Equipment	1380.88	1380.88
Accum. Depreciation	(1380.88)	(1380.88)
	$4202.38	$3869.26
TOTAL ASSETS	**$200969.43**	**$201969.61**
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accts. Payable	1125.00	1023.00
Convocation Loan Acct.	-223.32	276.68
Provision Invest. Loss	0.00	0.00
Provision Regalia Loss	12000.00	10000.00
	$12901.68	$11299.68
CAPITAL & EQUITY		
Prior Years Surplus	190621.93	191.996.99
Prior Years Adjustment	0.00	0.00
Current Years Surplus/Loss	(2554.18)	(1375.06)
	188067.75	190621.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**$200969.43**	**$201921.61**

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - GENERAL "GENERAL FUND"
For the Year Ended December 31st 2008 **FUND**

	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	PLAN	VARIANCE
INCOME	**2007**	**2008**	**2008**	**To Plan 2008**
Capita Dues	22,097.25	21,114.00	21,600.00	(486.00)
Bank Interest	593.43	388.24	500.00	(111.76)
Investment Interest	7,875.64	8,538.31	8,830.00	(291.69)
Keystone	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Proceedings	234.47	26.00	500.00	(474.00)
Certificates	765.00	965.00	500.00	465.00

Misc Income (note 4)	5,139.27	3,422.00	2,480.00	942.00
TOTAL INCOME	**36,705.06**	**34,453.55**	**34,410.00**	**43.55**
EXPENDITURES				
Bank Charges	108.37	1.00	150.00	149.00
Grand "Z" - Travel-B.C.	5,000.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	-
- Travel Yukon	700.00	700.00	700.00	-
- Itineraries	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Grand "E" Travel	479.39	552.18	750.00	197.82
Honorarium	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
Grand Trea Honorarium	500.00	500.00	500.00	-
Travel	129.74	389.20	500.00	110.80
Insurance	640.58	737.01	740.00	2.99
Rent	2,040.00	1,870.00	2,040.00	170.00
District 10 Travel	600.00	600.00	600.00	-
Jewels/Pins/Regalia	792.69	159.22	700.00	540.78
Regalia Repairs	840.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Regalia Replacement Fund	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Printing - Ann.Proceedings	830.70	626.72	350.00	(276.72)
- Keystone	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
- Adv Proceedings	338.16	0.00	400.00	400.00
- Ritual Revision	54.49	3,129.60	200.00	(2,929.60)
- Inventory W/off	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
- General (note 5)	536.30	387.69	420.00	32.31
Postage	1,410.45	1,824.75	1,500.00	(324.75)
Telephone	1,650.31	1,750.20	1,700.00	(50.20)
Stationery/Office Supplies	779.56	213.19	400.00	186.81
Cases - Regalia	0.00	435.00	180.00	(255.00)
Miscellaneous	657.23	620.75	300.00	(320.75)
Computer Supplies	694.67	542.15	600.00	57.85

Repairs - Computers	286.96	354.52	120.00	(234.52)
- Office Equip.	0.00	235.91	100.00	(135.91)
Amortization	1,465.48	1,532.88	1,420.00	(112.88)
RA Charitable Foundation	157.92	0.00	0.00	-
Convocation Costs Net	1,215.00	655.40	700.00	44.60
Investment Loss(Profit)	2,175.12	390.36	0.00	(390.36)
TOTAL EXPENSES	**38,083.12**	**37,007.73**	**34,420.00**	**(2,587.73)**
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	**$(1,378.06)**	**$ (2,554.18)**	**$ (10.00)**	**$ (2,544.18)**

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS

NOTES to FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

at DECEMBER 31st 2008

Capital Assets are recorded at Cost. Amortization is calculated using the Straight-line basis at the following annual rates:-

Computer Equipment - 33% **Office Equipment - 20%**

Note 1 Inventories	**$**
Printed Materials	2,410.00
Pins & Jewels	1,483.58
Total	**3,893.58**

Note 2 Inventories Long cost

	Cost	%	Market Value
	$	Return	$
Prov of Quebec	10,597.31	5.50%	10,178.75
Bell Cdn	21,070.14	5.00%	17,739.69
Prov New Bruns.	10,772.55	6.38%	10,675.98
Maple Leaf Trust GIC - 4.35%	14,941.00	4.35%	14,941.00
Coast Capital GIC 4.1%	2,626.00	4.10%	2,626.00
GMAC	16,099.42	5.70%	15,200.00
Ford Credit	22,000.00	6.00%	15,400.00
GE Capital	15,956.51	5.15%	15,358.77
RBC	16,033.18	5.00%	16,612.19
Bank of N. Scotia GIC 4.05%	8,178.00	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		2,704.00
BMO Common	6,990.06		3,125.00
	$ 175,174.42		$ 157,450.38
Total...			

Analysis of Misc Income

Dispensations	250.00
Jewels 50/60 yrs	635.00
Royal Art	60.00
Constitutions	390.00
Rituals	677.00
Ceremonies/Guides	323.00
Manuals/Porch Sheets	0.00
25 year Pins	107.00
Miscellaneous	980.00
Total	**3,422.00**

Analysis of Printing - General

G.C. Programmes	326.14
Memorium Programmes	0.00
Porch Book Inserts	0.00
Life Member Certificates	0.00
Miscellaneous	61.55
Total	**387.69**

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - "GENERAL ACCOUNT"
For the Year Ended DECEMBER 31st, 2008

NET INCOME (EXPENDITURES)		**$ (2,554.18)**
SOURCE of FUNDS		
Amortization Net		1,532.88
Investment Account - ING		6,616.14
Regalia Reserve Fund		2,000.00
Prepaid Expenses		876.90
Accounts Receivable		1,006.00
Inventories		469.42
Investment Interest Receivables		562.95
Accounts Payable		102.00
	Source	**$ 13,166.29**

	sub total	**$**	**10,612.11**
APPLICATION of FUNDS			
Purchase - Computer Printer			287.82
Purchase - Regalia			1,578.18
Net Investment Made			2,550.64
Convocation Loan Account			500.00
	Application	**$**	**4,916.64**
	Net Cash Flow	**$**	**5,695.47**
BANK BALANCE at January 1st 2008		**$**	**1,071.51**
BANK BALANCE at December 31st 2008		**$**	**6,766.98**

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

AUDITORS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2008

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 2008, 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,

REC D Lewis REC I Thompson

Dated_____, 2009

Grand Chapter Royal Arch - Bursary Account

Grand Treasurer's Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31st,20

" CAPITAL FUND "	$
Net Captal Income	3,292.16
Source of Funds	
Investment - Cash Account	0.00
Investment Purchased	0.00
Source Total	**3,292.16**
Application of Funds	
Investments Purchased	4,118.08
Investment- Cash Account	1,142.61
Application Total	**5,260.69**
Net Cash Flow	**(1,968.53)**
Opening Bank Balance Jan.1, 2008	**$ 3,481.38**
Closing Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2008	**$ 1,512.85**

Investments - Odlum Brown

	Cost	Interest % Return	Market Value
	$		$
Odlum Brown -			
Telus Corp - 4.5%	10,941.04	**4.50%**	10,610.07
Prov Sask 5.463%	10,363.72	**9.50%**	8,714.70
Prov New Bruns. 6.375%	10,772.55	**5.74%**	10,675.98
GMAC 5.7%	6,037.28	**5.66%**	5,700.00
Ford Cr. 6.0%	5,000.00	**6.08%**	3,500.00
GE Cap	5,983.69	**5.16%**	5,759.54
RBC 5.0%	5,010.37	**4.99%**	5,191.31
Ford Cr .6.4%	7,000.00	**6.08%**	4,900.00
Sun Life Common S	9,616.05	**2.91%**	6,399.00
RBC Common S	5,980.46	**4.19%**	5,776.00
Coast Cap 4.1%	7,777.00	**4.1%**	7,777.00
Bell 5.0%	10,274.50	**6.47%**	8,447.47
Vancr. City	5,600.00	**3.61%**	5,600.00
CIBC Common Shares	3,447.60		2,554.50
BMO Common Shares	4,892.33		2,187.50
Total	**$ 108,696.59**		**93,793.07**

GRANC CHAPTER BURSARY ACCOUNT

STATEMENT of FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 2008

" CAPITAL FUND "

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Current		
Bank Account HSBC	$ 1,512.85	$ 3,481.38
Investment - Cash Account	3,772.46	2,629.85
	5,285.31	6,111.23
Investments - At Cost		
Odlum Brown - Holdings at Cost	108,696.59	104,578.51
FUND ASSETS	**$ 113,981.90**	**$ 110,689.74**

Current		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	$ -	$ -
Investment Loss Provision	0.00	0.00
Equity		
Prior Years Surplus	110,689.74	111,747.41
Current Years Surplus	3,292.16	(1,057.67)
Total Equity	113,981.90	110,689.74
FUND LIABILITIES	**$ 113,981.90**	**$ 110,689.74**

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS - "BURSARY ACCOUNT"

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS

For the YEAR ENDED - DECEMBER 31st 2008

	2008	2007
CAPTAL FUND	$	$
Income		
Donations	2,403.12	1,050.00
Investment Interest	5,158.13	4,813.97
Bank Interest	1.47	1.81
Total	**$ 7,562.72**	**$5865.78**
Expenses		
Transfer to Annual Fund	4,000.00	5,825.00
Investment Loss(Profit)	270.56	1,098.45
Total	**$ 4,270.56**	**$ 6,923.45**
Net Capital Income	**$ 3,292.16**	**$ (1,057.67)**

ANNUAL FUND	2008	2007
Income		
Donations		
Investment Transfer	4,000.00	5,825.00
Total Income	**$ 4,000.00**	**$ 6,865.00**
Expenditures		
Bursary Awards	4,000.00	6,865.00
Total Expenses	**$ 4,000.00**	**$ 6,865.00**
Net Income(Loss)	**$ -**	**$ -**

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS

BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

" BURSARY ACCOUNT "

AUDITORS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st 2008

We the undersigned, have examination of the records of " The Grand Chapter of British Columbia & Yukon - Bursary Account " for the year ended December 31st 2008, 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

REC D. Lewis REC I. Thompson

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.

The work of a Grand Scribe seems to be endless however I manage to cope with it all thanks to the great support and encouragement of the Grand First Principal and Officers who have gone out of their way to assist me in the performance of my duties. Then there is the Scribes Ezra of the Chapters who have provided such valuable assistance that it would have been impossible to successfully perform without their aid and support. And finally, the Companions who to a member have been helpful and provided much needed input on various matters that enabled me to satisfactorily conclude many items of concern.

The Royal Arch office continues to function on a three (3) day service but again, in fact, I am in the office most weeks for five (5) days. In concert with the Grand Treasurer we continually monitor our financial expenditure to strive to keep them minimized but with ever increasing costs this is a herculean effort. An audit of the books of Grand Chapter was performed and no major discrepancies or problems detected.

At the end of ***December 2007*** our membership was ***1701*** (Adjusted) and as of the end of ***December 2008*** it was ***1630*** a *decrease* of ***71***. As in past years there have been some minor adjustments because some Chapters have altered their final 2007 figures.

The data for **2008:**

Exalted:	54	
Restored:	8	
Affiliated:	14	
TOTAL:		**76**
Deceased:	44	
Suspended:	32	
Demitted:	70	
Expelled:	1	
TOTAL:		**147**

The future of our organization is at stake because of the continuing loss of Companions. We should all be most concerned over the data in respect to Suspending, Demitting and Expelling of members. Let's put on our thinking caps and come up with some solution to having these drastic number reduced significantly. I, personally, don't know how but would encourage companions to come up with a reasonable and acceptable idea as to how to reduce these deletions to our roll.

For myself I continue to function in conjunction with other officers to maintain this Grand Chapter as one of the best in all of Royal Arch Masonry. To do so I need your continuing support which I am positive I can count on. The Royal Arch Membership Statistics for **2008** is included.

Respectfully and sincerely submitted:

REC Ed Wilson,

Grand Scribe Ezra

* Adjusted totals from prior submissions.

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

Chapter	No.	c/f2008	Exalt	Rest	Aff	Dec	Sus	Dem	Exp	c/f 2008
Columbia	1	147	7			8	4	2		140
Rossland	4	35		1		2		1		33
Westminster	6	*42	4				1	6		39
Rocky Mountain	7	*59	2			3	2	3		53
Keystone	8	*43		1	1	1	2	2		40
Cyrus	10	*75	2		1	2		4		72
Okanagan	11	39				1		2		36
Kaien	13	46		1		1		1		45
North Vancouver	16	*23	3				1	1		24
Kelowna	17	*38	2			2		2		36
Kamloops	18	*63	3				1	5		60
Chilliwack	19	79	2		1	3		1		78
Triple Tau	21	65			1	2	1	2	1	60
Penticton	22	33			2	1		3		31
Composite	24	39	1		2	1	1	3		37

Observatory	25		20						2		18
Tzouhalem	26	*54		1							55
Mission	28		41	3			1	3	2		38
Granite	29		27					1	4		22
King Solomon	30		37	4	2		1	3	4		35
Joppa	31	*88		1	1		2	6	5		77
Majuba	33	*30				1		2	2		27
Semihamoo	34		52		1		2				51
Cathedral	35		47			1		1	2		45
Fort George	36	*103		4			1		3		103
Kalum	37		59				1		3		55
Yukon	38		41						2		39
Georgian	39		34			1		1	1		33
Simon Fraser	40		50	2	1	1	2	1	1		50
Dawson Creek	41		84				3		1		80
Caribou	43	38*		6		1					45
Pacific Rim	44	*29		2							31
Discovery	45		44	1			2	1			42
TOTALS			**1704**	**50**	**8**	**13**	**42**	**32**	**70**	**1**	**1630**

21. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & JURISPRUDENCE.

Most Excellent Companion Grand First Principal and Companions,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter during the year 2008 – 2009. We have considered seven notices of motion presented to this convocation for consideration. Two of these are withdrawn by consent of the movers. We are pleased that the companions were given an opportunity to consider these at the Board of General Purposes

meeting in April. We hope that the motions were also considered by in the Chapters. Some of the motions required revisions which have now been approved by the movers.

We are distressed to observe an increased disregard for certain provisions of the Constitution. Grave penalties are provided for this and we all should know what they are. Dispensation is required for any change to a regular meeting time or place of a Chapter, and the dispensation should be read at that meeting. Conferral of a courtesy degree must be published in the notice of the two chapters.

If a companion is not aware of a constitutional provision, we do not think the best solution is to revise the Constitution. The form on the web site for several years now should now become an official requirement and Grand Scribe Ezra or the committee authorized to reject proposals that are not in proper form. We ask that this policy be adopted with the approval of this report.

Committee: MEC George Eaton, Chairman, MEC Norm Monro, REC James C. Whyte and REC Norman McEvoy (Ex-Officio Observer)

MOVED by MEC George Eaton, **SECONDED** by MEC Brain Richman the report be adopted. **CARRIED**

NOTE: Change of policy in submission of notices of motion, must be on approved format obtainable from the Web Site.

22. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REC Ray Huey surrendered the Charter of Observatory Chapter No. 25 for cancellation. The Charter was received with regret by the Grand First Principal. NOTE: The charter was returned to REC Huey for retention in the Masonic Hall in Princeton, B.C.

23. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

As in past years the committee meets at the end of each quarter of the financial year to ensure that the budget was indeed on track as forecasted. It should be noted that this is the third year that the Finance committee has met with the Executive thereby ensuring that they are aware of the financial state of Grand Chapter immediately.

Issues brought forward:

1) As a result of a continued decline in membership and the continued increase of rental facilities to conduct the Grand Chapter business the Finance committee recommends that the per Capita be increased by $2 to **$15**.
2) Based on the results of the response from the companions at the Board of General Purposes the Finance committee withdraws their recommendation's to find three permanent sites. It is clear that the membership prefers to select different sites each year, therefore the practice of

appointing a Grand Steward from the Host chapter(s) to form a Convocation committee shall continue. That committee will submit a budget to the Finance committee for approval.

New topics Identified:

1) Upon review of the last three years of reports of the chapters we found that of the 33 chapters in this jurisdiction, 23 submitted a financial report and 10 did not which means that 70% of the Chapters reported. Saying that however, did not aid the Grand Chapter in determining the health (financial) of any chapter as there was no standardization used in the reporting.

Recommendation: The finance committee develop a standardized annual report form so that Grand Chapter can determine the health of the Chapters.

2) The Finance committee was also made aware that in the past when a chapter surrendered their charter there was no report of the distribution of assets. (Furniture and financial assets).

Recommendation: The Finance committee recommends that a closure document be developed to have a record of asset distribution from the closing Chapter.

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 for all your dedication and commitment.

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

MOVED by MEC Brian Richman, **SECONDED** by MEC Les Robinson the Finance Committee be accepted.

CARRIED

PROPOSED GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2009

	Actual 2004	Actual 2005	Actual 2006	Budget 2006	Actual 2007	Budget 2007	Actual 2008	Budget 2008	Budget 2009
EXPENSES									
Bank Charges	112	0	10	0	108	125	1	150	150
Grand "Z" Travel	4,300	4,300	4,800	4,800	5,000	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800
B.C. Travel Yukon	0	700	700	700	1,400	700	700	700	700
	0	0	0	50	0	50		50	50
Intineraries									
Grand "E" Travel	622	438	410	750	479	750	552	750	500
Allowance*	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	11,200
Grand Treas. Allow	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Travel	332	424	277	500	130	500	389	500	250
Insurance	535	313	591	550	997	550	737	740	740
Rent incl Security	4,229	1,870	2,040	2,100	2,040	2,100	1,870	2,040	2,040
District 10 Travel	0	600	0	500	600	600	600	600	1,000
Jewels/Pins etc	840	353	410	400	613	320	159	700	700
Regalia Repairs	354	0	0	400	840	500		500	250
Regalia Repl Fund	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	500
Printing - Proceed's	997	2,030	543	1,000	437	1,000	627	350	350
- Adv Proceedings	0	404	0	0	338	425		400	400
- Business Cards	0	406	0	25		0		0	0
- G.C. Programmes	78	0	0	80		80	326	80	80
- Memorium Prog.	31	0	0	40		40		40	40
- Ritual Rev/Print	0	719	4,974	0	1,861	350	3,130	200	500
- Forms & Cerem									700
- Invent Write/Off	4,844	3,783	346	700		0		0	0
- Misc	641	712	1,256	700	536	300	62	300	300
Postage	1,422	1,471	1,831	1,200	2,001	1,300	1,825	1,500	1,500
Telephone/Internet	1,123	1,860	1,620	1,800	1,650	1,650	1,750	1,700	1,700
Stationery & Office	147	333	746	250	780	400	213	400	400
Miscellaneous	638	324	262	50	657	100	621	300	300
Computer Supplies	711	636	200	600	695	600	542	600	600
Repairs - Computers	40	0	102	100		50	355	120	120
- Office Equipment	0	42	83	100	287	100	236	100	100
Amort of Assets	2,094	2,073	1,771	2,000	1,465	1,700	1,533	1,420	750
Regalia Cases	130	0	130	130		150	435	180	180
RA Charit Found					158	0			0
Gr Z /Reciprical Juris	0	0	0	0	1,215	0	655	700	700
Investment Loss	5,466			2,000	2,175	0	390	0	2,000
		(856)	(350)						
G C Expenses	**44,186**	**37,435**	**37,252**	**36,025**	**40,963**	**33,740**	**37,008**	**34,420**	**34,100**
Less Sundry Inc	14,487	13,230	20,565	12,585	12,893	12,790		**12,810**	**11,880**
G.C. Exp's	**29,699**	**24,205**	**16,687**	**23,440**	**28,070**	**20,950**	**37,008**	**21,610**	**22,220**
Balance Sheet Items									

Purchase Off Equip't	*0*	*0*	*0*	*500*		*0*		*0*	*0*
- Comp Equip't	*685*	*0*	*0*	*750*	*327*	*750*		*800*	*0*
Convoc Adv	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*		*0*		*0*	*0*
Purchase Regalia	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*		*0*		*0*	*0*
Total Expenditure	**44,871**	**37,435**	**37,252**	**37,275**	**41,291**	**34,490**	**37,008**	**35,220**	**34,100**
Members	**2,039**	**1,936**	**1,892**	**2,000**		**1,810**		**1,800**	**1,650**
P/ Capita	**14.57**	**12.50**	**8.82**	**11.72**		**11.57**		**12.01**	**13.47**
P/ Capita Lev/Plan'd	***13.50***	***12.50***	***12.00***	***11.75***		***11.75***		**12.00**	**15.00**

***Reduced to $800 p/mo**

Your Finance Committee recommends a per Capita of $ 15.00 for Year 2009

24 REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

Once again, I have had the pleasure of being your Grand Historian for another Masonic year and wish to thank M. Ex. Comp. Alastair Ross for the appointment. Unfortunately, there is a bit of sad news to begin my fifth report.

Passing the Last Veil

Yet another Past Grand Historian has been taken from our midst. V. Ex Comp. James Chalmers Gordon was a friend to many of us since arriving in Canada from England. He joined Signet Chapter No. 23, accepted his first office (Master of the Fourth Veil) in 1977, and was installed as Z. on November 15, 1982. He affiliated with Mt. Horeb No. 32 in 1987, though not through any dissatisfaction with Signet (which had moved from

Vancouver to Burnaby; he remained a member.) Mt. Horeb met the same night as, and next door to the Oddfellows Hall where his wife Sheila was attending meetings of the Daughters of the Nile. So since he was going to Mr. Horeb to "kill time waiting for Sheila" as he once put it to your Historian, he figured he might as well become a member. V. Ex. Comp. Gordon was Grand Historian from 1990-91. He, of course, was known to all Masons as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon and then as Grand Secretary. He had a sly and dry sense of humour and, on occasion, after a libation or two, his Geordie accent would start to poke through the rather cultured English tones he had developed along the way during his years as an engineer in London. He was born August 23, 1928 and died March 20, 2009.

His death leaves only V. Ex. Comp. Malcolm Robertson (1996-97) as the only living Past Grand Historian.

No doubt the death of M. Ex. Comp. David Duncan Scott Anderson, Grand Z. in 2000, on December 5, 2008 will be covered elsewhere in these Proceedings. Your Historian's lasting memory of him will be how he presided flawlessly in one of the degrees conferred on him in the Cryptic rite, and how he made sure every little detail was taken care of in a variety of bodies he belonged to.

Two hefty milestones of interest were erected along the road of life for this Grand Chapter over the last Masonic year.

North Vancouver-King Solomon Amalgamation

The expected merger of the two North Shore chapters was effected on January 24, 2009 at the Masonic Temple in North Vancouver. The Grand Z. was in attendance and the meeting was to the point. The charters of the old Chapters were surrendered and then the Grand Z. installed the officers of the combined Chapter. From your Grand Historian's point of view, it's a shame a brief history of the Chapters wasn't given prior to the ceremony.

North Vancouver Chapter began life when 15 Royal Arch Masons requested dispensation from the Grand Chapter of Canada (Ontario) in 1913. Many esteemed local brethren were among its founders – Franklin Wheeler (the first Z.), William John Irwin, John Bertram Bennett, Edward Harry Bridgeman and John Bemmister Paine (the first Scribe E.) among them. The Chapter overcame a bit of a handicap as two of the founders, Comps. John Wylie Donaldson and John Archibald Scott died while the Chapter was under dispensation, but it added 39 members that first year and was granted No. 191 when it was warranted. It became No. 16 when our Grand Chapter was founded in 1919.

King Solomon No. 30 was the first chapter to form in the Lower Mainland after World War Two, being instituted in 1947 in West Vancouver with (future) M. Ex. Comp. Jimmy Mitchell as the first Z. It became the North Shore's second Chapter.

The two Chapters had been using the same Masonic premises for the last year. The members of both know each other through various Lodge visitations and membership in the same concordant bodies, so harmony in the quarry should be unquestioned. The

afternoon of the consolidation was a pleasant affair, with the Chapter room being nearly full and the ceremony going flawlessly, despite a few of those present hearing the time-worn Masonic question "So-and-so was supposed to invest such-and-such but he's not here. Can you do it?

Joppa 60th Anniversary

Joppa No. 31 held an afternoon social on May 30, 2009 to mark its birth. There was no Chapter meeting. Instead the Z., Ex. Comp. Giles Goulding, planned a reception and an historical skit.

Joppa was born during the period of post-war growth in the Marpole District. Mt. Lebanon No. 72 had nurtured a new daughter, Emerald No. 134 and members of the two Lodges who were Royal Arch Masons petitioned for a dispensation. The Chapter was instituted January 3, 1949 with Ex. Comp. Gordon Hogg as the first Z. Ex. Comp. Don Peters, H., and Ex Comp. John Rowland, J. 18 candidates were exalted in the first eight months and there were four degrees in those days; R. Ex. Comp. Frank Morgan was the only member of Joppa to confer the Past Master Degree on its members until it was eliminated in 1952.

Joppa was strong for many years but, finally, the downturn in Masonry in the 1980s took its toll and a few stalwarts – Glen Spencer, Murdo Matheson, Monty Bell, Jack Meek, Don McKinnon and Ashton Brunt-Thompsett among them – gamely carried on. Finally the Chapter joined with Pacific No. 15 and Mt. Horeb No. 32 in 1990 in a very happy and seamless union. The newly merged Chapter had pride and M. Ex. Comp. Jack

Laffling as Director of Ceremonies pushing things along (with opinions about the ceremonial work that may have been a little too honest). Joppa has carried on with a few bumps, mainly due to lack of available officers. The serious problem does not seem to be uncommon in our jurisdiction today.

Events

A number of the Chapters are sending copies of their notices to the Grand Historian, who appreciates the gesture. Such was mandatory at one time in this jurisdiction so to assist him in compiling a proper history. In this day of e-mail, it is not a difficult or time consuming task to add the Grand Historian to a Chapter notice list.

The bulk of the Chapters appear to be doing nothing out of the ordinary, perhaps feeling a comfortable routine of minutes, correspondence and passing bills, followed by degree work late into the evening is attractive to many young men who are now becoming Craft Masons and looking for "*further light*".

However, we note that Mission No. 28 held its' long-established Strawberry Tea and Keystone No. 8 organized another Ladies Night (No meeting to force them to sit and wait and wait) and a family camping weekend at the end of August. The mid-island Chapters in Nanaimo, Port Alberni and Ladies have a wonderful sense of brotherhood, as they met for joint installation on March 28 and then enjoyed each other's company at a barbecue on July 19.

Web Site

While there may be some dinosaurs in Chapters who feel the internet is to be dismissed and ignored, similar to those extinct Masonic creatures who felt phones, cars and radio were passing fads, your Grand Historian notes the Grand Chapter office is not among them. The Grand Chapter web site is extremely functional, containing copies of forms and manuals, plus information about our charities and even copies of the Keystone.

Archives

Your Historian doesn't wish to sound like a broken record, but important documents of Grand Chapter, such as returns, early minutes, the only set of Proceedings we own, surrendered warrants and so on, are sitting in a closet at the Masonic Centre in Vancouver. It is now doubling as a storage room and, at last check, used and unwanted ceiling tiles were stacked up against our records. Some effort should be made to find a proper, safe storage spot.

No Installation

Perhaps unique to this jurisdiction was an event on October 2, 2008, when a joint installation of Penticton No. 22 and Observatory No. 25 was to be held. It turned into a solo installation as the Z.-elect and many of the other Observatory officers were absent. One can hope this is simply a matter of unusual circumstance and not apathy on the part of the Comps. Royal Arch

Masonry has much to offer the inquisitive Mason – more than one can study in a lifetime – but it can only be done in happy, healthy, active and well-run Chapters. Even the smallest Chapter so described has shown, through history, to be more benefit to the Royal Craft than a large Chapter rife with disinterest, disorganization and disharmony.

Fraternally submitted, V. Ex. Comp. Jim Bennie, Grand Historian.

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

25 REPORT OF THER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To: The Most Excellent Grand First Principal, officers and companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon.

Our premier meeting of the year was held in Richmond, B.C. on ***February 7, 2009*** under the chairmanship of REC David Grange, Grand Second Principal. The forthcoming Notices of Motion were reviewed and discussed. The concern over attendance of some companions was reviewed. The Place of Grand Chapter Meetings was reviewed and will be presented at Board of General Purposes (Spring Board). Also International Night to be reviewed further at Spring Board. The manner of ritual work and installation presentations is of concern and word to be disseminated to chapters during visits by Grand Chapter Officers.

May 19, 2009 was the sitting for the second meeting at the Lonsdale Lodge Hall, North Vancouver, B.C. again under the chair of REC David Grange. Grand Scribe to write to Chapters that handed in their charters to determine the final disposition of funds, etc. Grand Scribe also to write to all chapters expressing concern over the lack of contributions to the Bursary Fund. (Both actions done with satisfactory results) Some concern over ability to suggest suitable companion for Grand Superintendent due to lack of appropriate candidates available. Discussion as to best time to hold Order of High Priest – Grand Chapter or Spring Board – to be considered in the future. No need for Keystone of Life and Royal Arch Masonic Home to have sessions at Grand Chapter. They can report to Grand Chapter in the normal manner. Some concern over the provisions of Article 25.4 of the Constitution as to reporting at Spring Board. No companions from outside of B.C. and Yukon will be required to pay the $20.00 registration fee at Grand Chapter convocations. General Grand Chapter requested time to address the 2009 convocation – majority **NOT** in favour of any discussion. Grand Scribe Ezra to so advise General Grand Chapter of this decision. (Done)

Final meeting with REC David Grange in the chair was held in North Vancouver, B.C. on ***July 23, 2009***. The process and planning of forthcoming Grand convocation was discussed by the Grand First Principal. Ballot would be in the registration packages with balloting taking place from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Some concern over the Order of the High Priest ceremony and as to what (if any) arrangements had been made. Concern expressed over regalia and control of same during

Grand Chapter – may require one or two companions to assist so as to maintain control over items issued.

Matter of a Grand Chapter officer also taking a chair in a chapter was considered and decision is that Grand Chapter officer priority is to Grand Chapter and so decline any invitations to hold office in a chapter while so serving. Lengthy discussion as to relationship and communication with Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society. Ongoing meetings are being held with an effort being made to resolve any outstanding issues amicably and to restore a good communication stream between Grand Chapter and the Society.

Respectfully **MOVED** by REC Ed Wilson, Grand Scribe Ezra, **SECONDED** by REC Joel Chiri, Grand Third Principal the report be adopted.

26 ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

GRAND REPS REV 2009.XLS

THERE	SURNAME	GRAND CHAPTER	HERE	SURNAME	CH	Prsnt 09
F	GOYOGAVA	**ARGENTINA**	**Anthony**	**D'ERAMO**	1	X
E G	MEHRTENS	**AUSTRALIA - NEW SOUTH WALES**	**John**	**MCINTOSH**	8	X
F S	BELL	**AUSTRALIA - QUEENSLAND**	**Ian**	**CAMPBELL**	38	X
RJ	STEWART	**AUSTRALIA - S AUSTRALIA & N T**	**Ed**	**WILSON**	19	X
K L	PAROISSIEN	**AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA**	**Jeremy**	**GOMERSALL**	31	X
G F	WALDER	**AUSTRALIA - W AUSTRALIA**				
G	ULICH	**AUSTRIA**				
P	NOEL	**BELGIUM**				
		BRAZIL				
D	BRUCE	**CANADA - ALBERTA**	**George**	**TILLOTSON**	6	X
D.W.	OVERY	**CANADA - CANADA - ONTARIO**	**Joseph R**	**MARSHALL**	31	X
G	STEWART	**CANADA - MANITOBA**	**David B.**	**TURNER**	8	X
C W	WEBBER	**CANADA - NEW BRUNSWICK**	**Colin**	**HART**	16	X
O J	WHITE	**CANADA - NEWFOUNDLAND**	**Glenn M**	**SPENCER**	28.3	
J.E.	TAYLOR	**CANADA - NOVA SCOTIA / PEI**	**James R**	**ELTON**	30	
T	JOHNSON	**CANADA - QUEBEC**	**George W**	**EATON**	21.3	X
H E	HILL	**CANADA - SASKATCHEWAN**	**LGB (Len)**	**PICKELL**	34	X
J	TUONIEN	**FINLAND**				
B	CHARPENTIER	**FRANCE**				
A	MCGHEE	**GERMANY**	**R F E (Dick)**	**SCHAFER**	16	X
E	ASPIOTIS	**GREECE**				
H P	MATHUR	**INDIA**			1	
M S	BEATTY	**IRELAND**	**Sidney G**	**ROBERTS**	31	
G	BERKOW	**ISRAEL**	**Isaac**	**BROWER-BIRKHOVEN**	6	
F	BONAFE	**ITALY**				
O J	SALINAS E	**MEXICO**	**Kenneth W**	**GIBSON**	33	
J J	HANRATH	**NETHERLANDS**	**Norman K**	**MONRO**	27	X
H R	LIGHTWOOD	**NEW ZEALAND**	**Donovan O**	**TYERS**	6	X
H S	GONZALEZ	**PHILLIPINES**	**William F**	**FOOKS**	19	
S T	GEDDES	**SCOTLAND**	**Alastair M**	**ROSS**	6	X
F C	SCHUMACHER	**SWITZERLAND**	**Larry L**	**LOWDEN**	30	X
HO	WILLIAMS, Jr.	**USA - ALABAMA**	**David F**	**LEWIS**	21	
J	HOUTCHEN	**USA - ALASKA**	**R. Hilliard**	**CLARE**	36	
J J	ROLLE	**USA - ARIZONA**	**Gordon**	**KICKBUSH**	22	
D O	WHITE	**USA - ARKANSAS**	**Michael P**	**RAYNOR**	31	
R D	KELLY	**USA - CALIFORNIA**	**Alexander S**	**ROLLO**	21	
JE	ERICKSON	**USA - COLORADO**	**Alexander**	**McGREGOR**	34	
CB	FOWLER, JR	**USA - CONNECTICUT**				
R N	BIGGS	**USA - DELAWARE**	**Stanley**	**SORENSON**	16	
KD	FULLER	**USA - DIST OF COLUMBIA**	**Wm O**	**WALLS**	31	

R E	BURLESON	**USA - FLORIDA**	**Denis S**	**CARRIERE**	18	X
BL	JOHNSON	**USA - GEORGIA**	**Joel**	**CHIRI**	33	X
RW	PATE	**USA - HAWAII**	**Joe D**	**QUAN**	21	X
AG	SUCH	**USA - IDAHO**	**Edward**	**SCOTT**	40	X
M U	BALDING	**USA - ILLINOIS**				
E R	GRAHAM	**USA - INDIANA**	**Anthony**	**BROWN**	24	X
RE	CROUCH	**USA - IOWA**	**Arnold**	**BURCHILL**	21	
D B	HANSON	**USA - KANSAS**				
T	FRASER	**USA - KENTUCKY**	**Donald**	**LEISCHNER**	10	
J P	DAVIS	**USA - LOUISIANA**	**B J**	**MASLANEIC**	20	
D P	COATES	**USA - MAINE**	**John**	**MCBAIN**	34	
JA	RAFINE	**USA - MARYLAND**	**Les**	**ADAMS**	8	
M E	HOST	**USA - MASSACHUSETTS**	**Harold D (Bud)**	**FREESTON**	16	X
GP	SIVERTSON	**USA - MICHIGAN**	**Gary**	**GORDON**	8	X
JE	MELANDER	**USA - MINNESOTA**			45	
J W	HAMIL	**USA - MISSISSIPPI**	**Hugh**	**FERSTER**	17	
J W	STAFFORD	**USA - MISSOURI**				
J	GROTTS	**USA - MONTANA**	**Basil R**	**HOBBS**	8	X
	MULHOLLAND	**USA - NEBRASKA**	**Rae**	**HUMESTON**	11	X
D	GAUCH	**USA - NEVADA**	**Roy**	**FRASER**	19	
H M	CHASE JR	**USA - NEW HAMPSHIRE**				
R S	MIDDLETON	**USA - NEW JERSEY**	**Neil**	**MARSH**	34	X
ES	RICHMOND	**USA - NEW MEXICO**	**Les**	**ROBINSON**	8	X
P M	DESAUTEL	**USA - NEW YORK**	**Ron**	**GLOVER**	8	X
R L	PARKER	**USA - NORTH CAROLINA**	**Douglas**	**BURKE**	39	
N	KNUDSON	**USA - NORTH DAKOTA**	**A R (Kurt)**	**WENSLER**	19	
A D	HART	**USA - OHIO**	**Steve**	**MCVITTIE**	31	
E L	BERRYMAN	**USA - OKLAHOMA**	**William F**	**AAROE**	28	X
J	MUCEUS	**USA - OREGON**	**WR (Bill)**	**SHIPPAM**	21	X
E G	REESE	**USA - PENNSYLVANIA**	**Vernon M**	**HALVERSON**	31	
R L	MANDERVILLE	**USA - RHODE ISLAND**	**Harold**	**HAYES**	45	
JT	DICKSON	**USA - SOUTH CAROLINA**	**Brian A**	**RICHMAN**	28	X
M	CHRISTENSEN	**USA - SOUTH DAKOTA**	**Doug**	**PAUGH**	8	

R J	COATES	**USA - TENNESSEE**	**Thomas O**	**MICKEY**	38	X
HD	MOORE	**USA - TEXAS**	**JS (Stewart)**	**DREVER**	24	X
R H	SIMMONS	**USA - UTAH**	**Brian**	**HEMINGWAY**	33.5	
L G	PHELPS	**USA - VERMONT**	**David**	**GRANGE**	34	X
D E	WETTSTONE	**USA - VIRGINIA**	**Robert E**	**DOIGE**	40	
JT	STEPHENS	**USA - WASHINGTON**	**Norman F**	**MACDONALD**	11	X
J	DALLAS	**USA - WASHINGTON (PHA)**	**Norman F.**	**McEVOY**	1	X
W E	BIRD	**USA - WEST VIRGINIA**	**Donald H.**	**McMILLAN**	19	
G	JOLIVETTE JR	**USA - WISCONSIN**	**Lionel**	**BROWNSEY**	1	X
A R	CORBERG	**USA - WYOMING**	**Frank James**	**WARREN**	13	

MEC Tom Mickey presented MEC Alastair Ross with his Warrant (Certificate) of appointment from Scotland.

At this point in the convocation the Grand First Principal invited Right W. Brother David Turner, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland to speak. The Order is 85 years old in this jurisdiction. Offered the very best wishes for a successful session.

Right W. Brother George Eaton, Grand Councilor of the Order of the Secret Monitor of Canada was invited to say a few words. He extended the greetings of the Grand Master. Noted there are 11 conclaves in Canada. Last year one was opened in New Brunswick and one in Newfoundland this year. Have a formalized procedure to contact and care for every brother each month which is then reported at the opening of every meeting. The Grand Master for BC & Yukon Grand Lodge has recommended that all lodges follow the same procedure. OSM is the fastest growing concordant body in Canada.

MEC Richard Glasgow, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta spoke next. He introduced REC Marvin Rogers, Grand Scribe Ezra of Alberta. He extended the fraternal greetings of all Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. Pleased to be here and thanked all for the courtesies extended and for the past support shown to his jurisdiction. Will come back again.

The Grand first Principal of Saskatchewan, MEC Fred Leyshon was then invited to address the assembly. He brought the greetings of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan and extended congratulations on this ninety-first convocation. Enjoyed this, his second, visit to B.C. Thanked all for the courtesies and hospitality. Congratulated MEC Alastair Ross on a successful year and wished the new officers well. Their Grand Chapter will be the last weekend in May 2010 and an invitation was offered. Thanked for the opportunity to address the convocation.

The next speaker was MEC Herb Weaver, Grand High Priest of Washington, U.S.A. He introduced those companions attended this session with him and noted that he is also a member of Penticton No. 22 in this jurisdiction. Stated it was a real privilege to be here at this assembly and to recognize so many companions (friends). He was exalted in Ohio in 1966. He has always been warmly and fraternally received in Canada, particularly B.C. Noted there are so many differences in Chapter layouts and ritual between Washington and B.C. & Yukon He has attended all Grand convocations since Campbell River. Wonderful to be here.

11:45 am: Recessed for Lunch.

1:25 pm: Resumed business.

27. FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The final report of the Credentials Committed on this Grand Session was presented as follows:

Total Number of Chapters this jurisdiction	31
Chapter represented today	27
Chapters **NOT** represented (3,4,13,26 & 45)	5
Comp's registered this jurisdiction	113
Comp's registered other jurisdictions	11
Grand representatives present	37
Past Grand First Principals present	7
TOTAL comp's registered	124

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Number of Principals attending (Z = 14, H = 4 J = 5)	23
Number of Past Principals attending	80
Number of Proxies	29
TOTAL VOTES	**142**

Submitted by VEC Ian Swann Committee Chairman.

28 MOTIONS ON AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

1) Motion: *"To reinstate the Ritual Committee."*
   Action: **WITHDRAWN** (Refer to No. 6 below)

2) Motion: *"To delete all reference to proxy voting".*
   Action: **MOVED** by MEC George Eaton, **SECONDED** by REC James Whyte **CARRIED**

3) Motion: *"To delete all reference to Surety Bond (14.4, 15.5 & 15.6)"*
   Action: **MOVED** by MEC Brian Richman, **SECONDED** by MEC Basil Hobbs. **CARRIED**

4) Motion: *"To change all instances of 'Audit or 'Auditor' to 'Financial Review' or 'Financial Reviewer' respectively"*
   Action: **MOVED** by REC Peter Guichon, **SECONDED** by MEC Brian Richman **CARRIED**

5) Motion: *"Grand Officer The sash for past and present Most Excellent, Right Excellent and Very Excellent Companion of Grand Chapter is a tricolour ribbon of purple, crimson and pale blue, four inches wide with gold fringe or bullion at the ends."*
   Action: **MOVED** by VEC Gary Butler, **SECONDED** by REC Cy Saunders.
   Discussion: MEC Brian Richman opposed the motion because a VEC is currently entitled to wear a collaret. VEC Gary Butler noted there is currently no way to distinguish between a REC and a VEC. MEC George Tillotson questioned as to who would pay for the sashes. VEC Butler responded it would be the responsibility of the companion. MEC George Eaton pointed out that VEC can wear a collaret that is very unique to a VEC.
   Result: Motion **DEFEATED**

6) Motion: *"26.1.20 Ritual: that existing parts 26.3.19 to 26.3.24 be renumbered as 26.3.20 to 26.3.25 and that a new part 26.3.19 be inserted as follows: 26.3.19 Ritual."*
   Action: **MOVED** by REC Tony Brown, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Scott. **CARRIED**

7) Motion: *"Delete part of the Constitution that had recently been amended."*
   Action: **WITHDRAWN.**

29. NEW BUSINESS

REC Alex Hart noted that the meeting of North Vancouver – King Solomon 16 is to be held on ***February 11, 2010*** in North Vancouver. Since this date coincides with the opening of the Winter Olympics a special night is planned. More information will be forthcoming.

30. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROYAL ARCH FOUNDATION AND FUND RAISING

Charitable Foundation

On the occasion of the 2009 Convocation of Grand Chapter, we your Directors are taking this opportunity to report the activities of the Foundation since our formal inception at Grand Chapter in September 2007.

Membership

We are pleased to inform that we now have 49 voting Members and 10 Non Voting Members, and all are classified as CHARTER members.

All these individuals should have by now received Certificates and Membership Cards identifying them as CHARTER MEMBERS, should there be anyone who has not yet received this recognition please advise myself or any member of the Board and it will be followed up on immediately. We continued to solicit New Members.

Should you be interested in membership we have Membership Packages with us today and available on request.

Finance

Our Treasurer, REC Ron Glover, informs us that we now have $5400 in Membership Fees. This represents 49 Voting Members & 10 Non Voting Members. We have no debts outstanding. Our current financial picture includes $21021.34 in our Chequing Account & $3136 in a GIC. Total $5257.40. Some small printing expenses were incurred.

Federal Income Tax Status

We were informed by our Secretary that telephone and hard copy communication has now been entered into with the Federal Income Tax Department and all appears quite positive with regard to our application.

We are hopeful that our Charitable Tax designation will be in place prior to Grand Chapter in September 2009. (**NOTE**: This did not happen)

Donations & Activity

Since inception 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 no in a position to accept Donations & Bequests from any and all sources.

It must be remembered that, although our ultimate objective to be able to provide "Federal Income Tax Receipts", we are not yet in a position to do so.

Summary

This is your Foundation and its success is totally predicated by your support. We sincerely suggest that each and every Companion consider making a Life Donation &/or a Bequest to the Foundation and thereby leave a lasting benefit to Royal Arch Masonry in BC & Yukon and the Charities that fall under our umbrella.

We thank you all for your support and encouragement along the road.

Committee: REC Norm McEvoy, Chairman, MEC Basil Hobbs, MEC Les Robinson, REC Ron Glover and REC James Whyte.

REC Norm McEvoy explained the AGM was held yesterday. Negotiations still underway with Federal Income Tax Department and hope to resolve the issue shortly.

MOVED by REC Norman McEvoy, **SECONDED** by MEC Les Robinson the report be received. **CARRIED**

Fund Raising Committee

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

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 &/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 Traveler's Inn Hotel Group located on Vancouver Island, whereby we will permit the internet linkage of their website to that of our Grand Chapter for the sum of $75.00 per month. ($900.00 per annum, paid in advance) This is the fourth year of this agreement and it has proven to be a win-win arrangement for both parties.

(**NOTE**: Recent events have forced the Traveler's Group into bankruptcy and as a result of the financial difficulties resulting from the downturn of the economy and a drop in Tourist Trade, our account for 2009 remains outstanding as at July 2009 and could be in jeopardy of being paid. The Chairman will monitor the situation closely and will report in due course.)

We are pleased to report a further advertiser has now been secured in the name of Capital City Tuxedos and located in Victoria, B.C. This advertiser has agreed to a fee of $25.00 per month and has now paid six months in advance.

(**NOTE**: At the end of six months this advertiser found such advertising was not to his benefit and has cancelled the agreement.)

The committee is of the opinion that other such enterprises would welcome the opportunity of email linkage and we would welcome any suggestions and possible leads that Companions my have in this

regards. To this date no suggestions &/or leads have been received, however we continue to be optimistic that this revenue stream will grow.

2) Keystone Advertising

We continue to solicit advertisers who would be willing to pay $20.00 per year to have business card size advertising inserted in the Keystone. We note that 20 such opportunities are available at a cost of $20.00 each per annum.
These opportunities should be very attractive to members of our Fraternity who provide retail &/or professional services, of one nature or another, which can be accessed locally or by email. This is a very inexpensive way of reaching over 2000 potential clients for $20..0 per year.

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

Summary

As I trust can be observed from the above report, progress has and is being made by the "Fund Raising" Committee. It should be noted that these initiatives would not be possible without the skill and ability of our Webmaster, VEC James Whyte and our Keystone publisher, REC John McIntosh.

MOVED by REC Norman McEvoy, **SECONDED** by VEC Dick Sangster the report be received. **CARRIED**

31) REPORT OF PRINTING COMMITTEE

Nil report.

32) REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

The main purpose of this committee is to produce and publish to the Grand Chapter website "the Keystone" and maintain an informative website with the latest information pertaining to the officers and activities of Grand Chapter and constituent Chapters. The primary focus is for the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction.

This year a new sponsor advertising (Capital City Tuxedo) has been added due to the work of REC Norman McEvoy of Victoria.

This past year has seen only two issues of "The Keystone" due to injuries suffered by the editor (VEC John McIntosh) over the Christmas holiday season. both of these issues have in them business card advertising for the first time. If this feature proves popular, the electronic publication may expand from its traditional 4 pages.

Since December 2003, under the current editorship, each issue, with the exception of those in the 2004-5 year, has contained an address by the Grand First Principal. Some Grand Chaplains have also contributed messages. There have been 16 articles on aspects or symbols of Freemasonry, 14 articles on famous Masons, and a series of 8 articles on other bodies which are often mistaken for Masonic bodies or which bear strong resemblance to Masonic bodies..

Each issue contains new events in our Grand Jurisdiction, and some contain biographical information

about those Companions in the Grand Line. With the exception of the addresses by the Grand First Principal and the Grand Chaplains, all but 2 articles have been written by the Editor, though contributions are welcome and always have been. Feedback has been minimal to nonexistent each year. The greatest compliment to date was that the Grand Lodge of India requesting a few years ago to be able to re-publish our Keystone on their web site.

The possibility of publishing a paper copy of the Keystone has been examined on more than one occasion in past years. It was determined to be prohibitively expensive both to print a colour publication and to distribute it to all Companions of our Grand Jurisdiction. We would particularly like to thank Grand First Principal for his timely and heartfelt messages to the Companions.

During the 12 months several e-mails have been distributed to a list of Companions from many Grand Jurisdictions. They contained news updates of general interest including birthdays, funerals, Official Visits and Chapter events primarily from this Grand Jurisdiction.

The web site had a major overhaul and face lift that was not only more pleasing in format (at least to the web master) but also making maintenance less time consuming. Items for "The Keystone" and website are always welcome! Send them to:
webmaster@grandchapter-bc-yukon.ca

Submitted by REC James Whyte

33. REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Nil report.

MOVED by REC Ed Wilson, **SECONDED** by REC David Grange that reports **31**, **32** and **33** be received.

CARRIED

34. PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The Grand First Principal presented Honorary Membership cards to:

MEC John Leyshon	- Alberta
REC Fred Noyes	- Washington
REC David Boone	- Alberta
MEC Floyd Morse	- Washington
REC Marvin Rogers	- Alberta

35. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Grand First Principal declared that since only one nomination had been received in accordance with the Constitution for the following offices, each would be declared elected by acclamation:

	(All REC**'s)**
Grand First Principal (Z)	**David H. Grange**
Grand Second Principal (H)	Joel Chiri
Grand Third Principal (J)	Norman McEvoy
Grand Treasurer	Peter Guichon
Grand Scribe Ezra	Ed Wilson
Gr. Principal Sojourner	Tony Brown
Gr. Senior Sojourner	Ken Overy

Two nominations were received for the position of Grand Junior Sojourner, namely:

REC Herbert Chow, and
VEC Jeremy Gomersall

At **2:05 pm** the ballot was declared closed. A count of the votes cast revealed that ***VEC Jeremy Gomersall*** was elected to be the Grand Junior Sojourner.

36. REPORT OF BURSARY FUND TRUSTEES

We are pleased to report that we were able to grant 10 bursaries of $600.00 each to students of Royal Arch Masonic affiliation (mostly grandparents). This total of $6000.00 was in a large part due to the generosity and participation of the following Chapters: Cyrus (a most welcome surprise), Semiahmoo (always faithful to our needs), Composite (glad to have you aboard), Georgian (a small Chapter but with a yearly commitment.)

The Bursary Committee and the Bursary recipients thank the Royal Arch Masons for their ongoing commitment to higher education.

Chapters that donated **more** than **$250.00:**

39 Georgian	$300.00
10 Cyrus	1500.00
24 Composite	600.00
22 Penticton	300.00
34 Semiahmoo	1000.00
REC Stan Fleetham	350.00

Report submitted by REC Stan Fleetham who was unable to attend Grand Chapter because of illness.

MOVED by REC Ed Wilson, **SECONDED** by EC Michael Landsfried the report be received **CARRIED**

MEC Len Pickell explained the history of the annual $1000.00 donation by Semiahmoo No. 34. A number of years ago three companions (Now deceased – REC's King Crick, Bob McCubbin and Bert Rayburne) got together and decided that more should be done by Semiahmoo to help students. They contributed $544.00 to the cause. The Chapter made up the difference and a total of $2800.00 was donated that first year. Each Chapter needs a goal to be successful – all Chapters should take heed!

37. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS OF GRAND Z.

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At this point the Grand Second Principal (H) accepted the gavel and took charge of the meeting.

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As you were present when our Grand First principal delivered his address, there is little purpose in recapping it. We join with MEC Ross in his welcome to our visitors and the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction.

We congratulate him on the performance of his duties and his visits to Chapters and to other jurisdictions; and his thanks to all those Grand Officers and others who supported him. He has lived up to all our

expectations. We note that due to his illness he had to forgo certain visits but he soon bounced back and while taking good care of his health carried on much as before; also thanks to his wife Edna who was always there for him.

We join with him in mourning the loss of many distinguished companions; and in his thanks to REC Joel Chiri who deputized for our Grand Chaplain and to the others who assisted in our annual Service of Remembrance last evening.

We also join with him in thanking Penticton Chapter #22 for a job well done in organizing this Convocation.

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

In conclusion, we extend to MEC our sincere good wishes for good health for the years ahead.

MEC Norman Monro, Chairman, MEC'S Basil Hobbs and David Turner.

MOVED by MEC Norman Monro, **SECONDED** by MEC David Turner the report be received. **CARRIED**

38 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE & PROTOCOL

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter during the year 2008-2009. This committee has undertaken a revision of the Ceremonies portion of the

former 'Book of Ceremonies and Officers Guide' and have made all the necessary corrections of which we are aware. This whole project should be taken as a work in progress. In May 2009 the Grand Z. gave permission to post the draft entitled *'Ceremonies Guide'* on the web site for your comment. There are several important issued here to be considered by Grand Chapter and they should not be dealt with in haste. We have drafted proposals for shortened installations or investitures of officers continuing in office, late ceremonies, ceremonies for Grand Chapter officers away from Grand Convocation and an optional presentation of a companions' certificate. We have not attempted to formalize a ceremony for joint installations, although this might become necessary. Please study draft and its implications carefully and give us your input.

This committee has completed a revision of the Officers' Guide, now called the *'Protocol Guide'*. It was approved at the Executive Meeting at Richmond in February 2009 and posted to the web site almost immediately. Suggestions from the companions have been received and acted upon. At the Board of General Purposes at Langley in April it was agreed that the *'Protocol Guide'* (temporarily titled the 'Companions Companion' and formerly part of old 'Book of Ceremonies and Officers Guide') be offered for approval a this Grand Convocation.

We do not think it necessary for Grand Chapter to print this Guide as it is rather long (about 30 pages on 8.5 X 11 inch paper). It is available on the web for consultation and in a format that can be printed by anyone who wishes to have it.

Accordingly I **MOVE** adoption of the present report and with it official approval by this Grand Chapter of the new *'Ceremonies Guide' and Protocol Guide'*.
SECONDED by MEC Denis Carriere **CARRIED**

39. REPORT OF ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOME SOCIETY & KEYSTONE OF LIFE

Royal Arch Masonic Home Society

Your Board of Directors under the Chairmanship of VEC Don Thomson continued to meet its responsibilities throughout the year, overseeing the funding for equipment and furnishings essential for the efficient running of the Care Home and the happiness and comfort our Residents. However, we need more support from Royal Arch Masons. At present, no more than 10% of our fraternity support this Royal Arch Flagship through membership. ***A Life Membership of $100 is Tax deductible*** and is a very worthwhile cause. We have been fortunate over the years to receive donations from some Royal Arch Chapters, Craft Lodges and Concordant bodies. This has allowed the Society to meet its obligations, but in these uncertain times we need a solid membership foundation.

An excellent website has been developed, www.royalarchmasonichome.bc.ca. Giving a virtual tour of the facility and much information. We encourage everyone to view how your donations are used. The Care Home encourages the involvement of Community and the Burnaby School system in volunteering, with over 70 volunteers being active. Students give concerts and assist in recreation and other therapies.

The smooth and efficient operation of our Care Home under our Administrator, Gregory Runzer, is achieved through close team work and a competent staff. The Board is most grateful for the cooperation and guidance of Mr. Runzer.

Royal Arch Apartments

The Royal Arch Masonic Home Society has control of a 75 suite Low Income Apartment Complex situated adjacent to the Care Home. The 1982 mortgage of $2,800,000 from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation on this facility will be paid out in 2017. ***In eight years we will become responsible for all maintenance, repairs and running costs.*** There are restrictions in the ground lease with the City of Vancouver regarding other uses for the property; this lease expires in 2044 when the City will take ownership. The Homes Society is already in consultation with our Legal Council as the time is fast approaching for a decision as to the future of the Apartment Complex.

Board of Directors, 2008 – 2009

Don Thomson - President
Tom Ampuch, Peter White, William Youde,
Robert Barr, Ian Thompson, David Grange,
Ed Scott and William Jackson.
Andrew Law - Grand Chapter representative.

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Report of the Keystone of Life Foundation

Since this foundation was formed in 1975, it has contributed approximately $500,000.00 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 $82,700 down from $86,000 last year. This year we were able to approve donations to two hospitals:

St. Vincents – Langara	$4800 (Patient lift)
Ridge Meadows	3545 (Isotech mattress)

We are still attempting to attract new members, especially those Chapters who are not currently on board.

The present Committee is as follows:

President	Alastair Ross
V/President	Brian Richman
Treasurer	Dick Schafer
Secretary	Alex Rollo
Directors	Donovan Tyers, Joyce Tyers, Robert Clark, George Eaton, Ed Scott Susan Taylor
Tel. Committee	Grace Dawkins, Bev Rollo Hilda Quan
Member at Large	Julianne Scott

Auditors	Joe Quan, Vern Halverson

All of the above are to be commended for this continued dedication and commitment. On behalf of Grand Chapter, I thank them for their excellent service.

Submitted by REC Ed Scott – Grand Chapter Representative.

MOVED by REC Ed Scott, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson that the report of the Royal Arch Masonic Home Society and the Report of the Keystone of Life be received. **CARRIED**

40 REPORT OF BENEVOLENCE

Nil report

41 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

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.

We are pleased to report that most Grand Superintendents have visited their constituent chapters in accordance with those duties.

Grand Scribe Ezra had requested final summaries from District Grand Superintendents be forwarded by June 15.

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

Some Constituent Chapters may have continued with projects initiated in past years. It appears there have been no new projects initiated this year.

Various Chapters may have considered the four-part Royal Arch presentation for Craft Lodges. At the request of Prince Charles Lodge #153 in Kelowna this presentation was given by Kelowna Chapter 17. This resulted in one new Companion for Kelowna Chapter.

The Stewardship Program was created with all Grand Superintendents as members and REC Larry Lee Atkinson as Chairman. The Stewardship Program covers the concerns of retention and/or lack of attendance of existing members. It also covers officer vacancies, community activities, leadership and activities. No mention of this program appeared in any of the Grand Superintendent's reports.

Hopefully these programs will continue in the 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. Even official visits or degrees will not bring our large attendance by members.

Shortage of officers continues to be an ongoing problem with some Chapters.

Not all Chapters are having membership and attendance problems. Where distance is involved these problems are apparent. Where distances are less these problems are generally not so apparent. Some Chapters are increasing their membership with exaltations and petitions being reported. Visitations are occurring at most Chapters.

Congratulations to the Chapters and District Grand Superintendents who have succeeded in meeting MEC Alastair Ross's theme "*Encouragement, Education, Enjoyment*". Any achievements you have made will continue to have a positive influence on the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.

District No. 1 (REC Brian J. Beech)

Columbia #1 has 4 new Companions
Columbia #1 demitted 4 Companions for NPD instead of suspension.
Pacific Rim #44 has a highway clean-up program in June and July.

District No. 2 (REC Neil C. Marsh)

Mission #28 has 1 new Companion
Westminster #6 has 1 new Companion

Mission #28 has 1 new Companion
Attendance at all Chapters a problem

District No. 3 (REC Alan Akehurst)
Okanagan #11 has 1 new Companion
Granite #29 has 3 new Companions
Kelowna #17 has 1 new Companion
Observatory #25 (Princeton) surrendered Charter
Joint installation of 3 Chapters in North cancelled this year
Grand Superintendent has suggested Chapters consider amalgamation
Grand Superintendent has suggested Chapters form shared degree teams
Chapter attendance continues to be a problem

District No. 4 (REC David Dudley)
Rossland has 1 new Companion
Rocky Mountain #7 considering holding meetings on the same day as Preceptory to cut down travel time and improve attendance
Concern expressed over distance (600 km) required to attend constituent Chapters in District

District No. 6 (REC Jay Chapman)
Kalum #37 has 3 new Companions
Kaien #13 has 1 new Companion
Grand Superintendent is expecting to continue for a second term

District No. 7 (REC Douglas Eaton)
North Vancouver – King Solomon #16

amalgamation has produced a healthy and strong new Chapter
NV/KS #16 has 47 new Companions
Grand Superintendent suggesting consideration be given to amalgamating District 7 with another District
Some difficulty providing a new Grand Superintendent for next year

District No. 9 (REC Walter T. Rae)
Simon Fraser #40 has 1 new Companion
Joppa #31 has 1 new Companion

District No. 10 (REC John Murphy)
Dawson Creek #41 has a possibility of 14 new Companions
Yukon #38 No report
Travel distances of up to 985 Km reported

District No. 11 (REC Michael Hammell)
Majuba #33 – Keystone #8 held joint installation
Discovery #45 has 1 new Companion
Majuba #33 has 1 new Companion (Also held a fun degree – The Virtual Widow's)
Cyrus #10 experiencing difficulty.

MOVED by REC Rae Humeston, **SECONDED** by VEC Bill Ferguson the report be received. **CARRIED**

Facing the Challenge Award

The selection of a recipient for this award this year was difficult because of the outstanding work by most of the Grand Superintendents. The Committee, however selected ***REC Alan Akehurst of District 3*** as the

Grand Superintendent of the year. The Award was then presented by MEC Alastair Ross, Grand First principal, assisted by REC Rae Humeston Chairman of the committee. (*The Committee Report is on Page* **129.**)

42. REPORT OF EDITING COMMITTEE

Nil report. Details are contained within the reports of Procedures and Protocol Committee and Information and Technology Committee.

43. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAST GRAND Z AWARD

During the year of **2008**, 4 Chapters showed an increase in membership and 1 remained at current number.

Pacific Rim No. 44	Increase of	2
Caribou No. 43	Increase of	7
Tzouhalem No. 26	Increase of	1
North Vancouver 16	Increase of	1
Fort George No. 36	Remained at current number	

Reviewing the Statistics of membership for 2008 (1701), it was found that 3% had passed on to the Grand Chapter above, 2% had been suspended and 4% demitted. It was noted that 10 Chapters did not have

the pleasure of performing Exaltations. Columbia Chapter No. 1 although exalted 7 but lost 14. Caribou Chapter No. 43 exalted 6 and with 1 affiliation gained a total of 7.

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

Our congratulations to the Chapters showing an increase in membership. The Past Grand Z's Award will go to **Caribou Chapter No. 43**.

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

MOVED by MEC Dennis Carriere, **SECONDED** by MEC Tom Mickey the report be received. **CARRIED**

44. GOOD OF THE ORDER

MEC George Eaton stated that he was aware his actions had hurt some people and that he now apologized to all concerned. VEC Clancy Wilson advised that to make your wife happy – make a presentation to Grand Z and wife.

REC Joe Carver reiterated that all Royal Arch archival material is now stored at Grand Lodge in less than desirable surroundings. All such items should be relocated to a safer/better location and that Grand Council should review and consider a safer location. Companion John Lang advised that the facilities of the Air Tanker Base in Penticton would be available following the Grand Convocation to anyone wanting to tour them.

REC David Grange advises there was an amendment in his 2009/10 itinerary in that the Majuba No. 33 meeting has now changed to March 20, 1010. Also wished to meet with the new officers in Room 136 at 7:45 am tomorrow.

MEC John Leyshon (Saskatchewan) advised that we should ensure our archives are stored in a safe (fire-proof) location as they are irreplaceable.

MEC Alastair Ross presented VEC Ian Swann with his Grand Steward jewel and thanked him for the outstanding service performed for this Grand Convocation. VEC Swann explained that much of the credit goes to the Committee as a whole and that he was only a part of that committee.

MOVED by MEC George Eaton, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson that this Convocation confirm permanent rank on all officers named in the Grand Z's report. **CARRIED**

45. VOTE OF THANKS TO HOST CHAPTER

MEC Tom Mickey thanked VEC Ian Swann and all committee members for a job well done. **MOVED** by MEC Tom Mickey, **SECONDED** by REC David Grange to acknowledge the splendid work of the committee in arranging the 2009 Grand Convocation. **CARRIED** VEC Swann stated it was a pleasure to carry out the Convocation work, thanked the committee for their assistance and thanked all companions in attendance for their support.

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400 Convocation recessed at **3:30 pm,** Friday **September 18, 2009**

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Convocation resumed at **8:45 am**, Saturday **September 19, 2009**

46. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installing Grand Z:	MEC Tom Mickey
Installing Grand DoC:	REC Ed Scott
Installing Gr. Chaplain:	REC Alan Akehurst

Office	Name	Installed by
Grand Z	**David Grange**	MEC Tom Mickey/ MEC Len Pickell
Grand H	Joel Chiri	MEC Tom Mickey
Grand J	Norman McEvoy	MEC Tom Mickey
Gr. Treas.	Peter Guichon	MEC Les Robinson
Gr. Scribe E.	Ed Wilson	MEC Joe Marshall
Grand P. Soj.	Tony Brown	MEC Brian Richman
Grand S. Soj.	Ken Overy	MEC Basil Hobbs

Grand J. Soj.	Jeremy Gomersall	MEC Basil Hobbs
GS Dist 1	Cy Saunders	MEC Les Robinson
GS Dist 2	George Blane	" "
GS Dist 3	Richard Strutz	" "
GS Dist 4	Douglas Pepper	" "
GS Dist 6	Jay Chapman	NOT INSTALLED
GS Dist 7	David Orr	NOT INSTALLED
GS dist 9	Stewart Drever	MEC Les Robinson
GS Dist 10	Wayne Huffman	" "
GS Dist 11	Arthur Bossons	" "
Gr. Scribe N.	James Whyte	MEC George Eaton
Gr. Historian	James Bennie	NOT INSTALLED
Gr. Sword Br.	Norman Bruce	NOT INSTALLED
Gr. Stand Br.	Neil Marsh	MEC Norman Monro
GM 4 Veil	William Phillips	MEC Denis Carriere
GM 3 Veil	Peter Blagaic	" "
Office	Name	Installed by
GM 2 Veil	Edward Lilley	" "
GM 1 Veil	Rod Henderson	" "
Gr. DoC	William Aaroe	MEC George Tillotson
Gr. Marsh.	Tim Yates	MEC George Tillotson
Grand Purs.	Roy Friis	NOT INSTALLED
Gr. Stew 1	Joe Carver	MEC David Turner
Gr. Stew 2	Tony D'Eramo	NOT INSTALLED
Gr. Stew 3	Alex Muir	NOT INSTALLED
Gr. Chaplain	Alan Akehurst	MEC Bill Shippam
Gr. Organist	Brian Johnstone	" "
Gr. Tyler	Fred Mutch	NOT INSTALLED

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

Grand Honours were properly accorded under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, REC Ed Scott. Proclamation, presentation of gavel and General Charge were all completed under direction of IGPZ, MEC Tom Mickey.

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

47. COMMITTEES FOR 2009/10

Grand Scribe Ezra read out the following list:

Constitution & Jurisprudence (26.1.1) Executive Representative - Grand Prin. Sojourner

MEC George Eaton (Chairman)
MEC Norman Monro
MEC Basil Hobbs
REC James Whyte

Finance (26.1.2) Executive Representative - Grand Haggai

MEC Brian Richman (Chairman)
MEC Les Robinson
REC Peter Guichon
REC David Lewis
REC Ian Thompson

Executive Committee (26.1.3)

Elected Officers
Past Grand IPZ
Chairman of Finance

Fund Raising (26.1.4) Executive Representative - Grand Sr. Sojourner

REC Norman McEvoy
MEC Basil Hobbs
REC James Whyte

Foreign Correspondence (26.1.5) Executive Representative - Grand Prin. Sojourner

REC Wilson Edward (G.S.E.)

Printing (26.1.6)

REC Wilson, Edward (GSE)

Grand Superintendents' Reports (26.1.7) Executive Representative - Grand Sr. Sojourner

REC Neil Marsh (Chairman)
EC Michael Landsfried
EC Mark Evans

Grand Convocation (26.1.8) (Two Committees)
Grand Convocation (26.3.9.1)
Grand Scribe Ezra (Chairman)
Grand Council (Z. H. J.) Grand Convocation - Local Committee (26.3.9.2)
Grand Steward REC Joe Carver (Plus 5 - 6 local companions)

Regalia (26.1.9)

MEC Brian Richman

Information Technology (26.1.10) Executive Representative - Grand Haggai

REC James Whyte (Webmaster)
VEC John McIntosh (Keystone & Editor)

Bursary Fund Trustees (26.1.11 - 1/5 p.a.) Executive Representative - Grand Haggai

REC Stanley Fleetham (Chairman)
E.C. Robert Carroll

VEC Ian McLean
REC Ken Gibson
E. C. George Porter

Keystone of Life Foundation (26.1.12)

REC Ed Scott

Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society (26.1.13)

REC Bill Aaroe

Royal Arch Charitable Foundation (26.1.14)

REC Norman McEvoy (Chairman)
MEC Basil Hobbs

Credentials (26.1.15)
Local Chapter Committee selection

Address of Grand Z (26.1.16) Selected by G.S.E.

MEC Norman Monro (Chairman)
MEC David Turner
MEC Basil Hobbs

Merit Awards (26.1.17)

MEC Hilliard Clare (Chairman)
MEC Basil Hobbs
REC Allen Jesperson

Past Grand First Principals' Award (26.1.18)

MEC Denis Carriere (Chairman)
MEC Thomas Mickey

Benevolence (26.1.19) Executive Representative - Grand Jr. Sojourner
REC Alan Akehurst (Grand Chaplain) (Chairman)
REC Grenda Stanley

Editing (Special)

REC James Whyte (Chairman)
VEC John McIntosh
REC Lionel Brownsey

Procedures & Protocol (Special) Executive Representative - Grand Joshua

MEC George Eaton (Chairman)
MEC Denis Carriere

Stewardship (Special)

REC Larry Atkinson

Ritual Committee

REC Joe Carver (Chairman)
Members to be named/added as and when required

48. LOCATION OF FUTURE GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATIONS

2010: Chilliwack, BC September 17 – 18, 2010

2011: Victoria, BC September 16 – 17, 2011
(Approved Grand Convocation 2008)

2012: Victoria, BC September 15 – 16, 2012

MOVED by REC Norman McEvoy, **SECONDED** by REC Ed Wilson the date and time for 2012 be confirmed. **CARRIED**

49 CLOSING

The Grand Z thanked MEC Tom Mickey and others for the installation. Reminded all to support the Grand Superintendents and to make the year enjoyable.

REC Joe Carver advised the 2010 session in Chilliwack on September 17 – 18, 2010 and the Best Western Hotel would be the headquarters. Budget still being examined.

The 91st Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon was closed in ample form by MEC David Grange at 10:15 am September 19, 2009 (The word was dispersed by MEC George Tillotson).

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

1982: Most Excellent Comp. **Steven G. Redgrave**

1985: " " " **R. Hilliard Clare**

1989: " " " **Thomas O. Mickey**

1991: " " " **Alexander S. Rollo**

1993: " " " **William S. Shippam**

1997: " " " **Leonard G.B. Pickell**

1998: " " " **Joseph R. Marshall**

1999: " " " **Denis S. Carriere**

2001: " " " **David B. Turner**

2002: " " " **Norman K. Monro**

2003: " " " **Basil R. Hobbs**

2004: " " " **George W. Eaton**

2005: " " " **Brian A. Richman**

2006 " " " **Leslie A. Robinson**

2007 " " " **George R.E. Tillotson**

2008 " " " **Alastair M. Ross**

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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 Alex Muir
SCRIBE E: EC James Fissell, 650 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC V8W 1R6

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 Tom Scales
SCRIBE E: REC 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 F. Verge.
SCRIBE E: C. Gerry Warner

KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 8
INST: Dec 16, 1891 CONST: Jun 17, 1919
REG MTG: 4th Fri. 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: EC D. Paugh
SCRIBE E: MEC Les Robinson, 3865 Honey Locust Rd., Nanaimo, BC V9T6B9 (250) 729-0190

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: EC Robert McLellan
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 Andrew R. Cook
SCRIBE E: REC. Murray Webster, PO Box 832, Prince Rupert, V8J 3YI, Phone: (250) 622-6232

NORTH VANCOUVER – KING SOLOMON 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 Godfry Onyemaobi
SCRIBE E: EC Ian Thompson, 2391 Berkley Ave., North Vancouver, BC V7H1Z6 (604) 988-8514

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 George Davis
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 Ryan Schultze
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 Tom Balabanov
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: VEC Warwick Parker
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: REC William Aaroe
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
*** ***TURNED IN CHARTER*** – SEPTEMBER 18, 2009 *******

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

KING SOLOMON CHAPTER NO 30
******AMALGAMATED WITH**
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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 Giles Goulding
SCRIBE E: C. Mike Henderson, 3864-349 W. Georgia St., Vancouver, BC V6B3Z3 (604) 987-3347

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:VEC Norm Carreck, 104 Bertram Pl., Ladysmith, BC V9G1T8 (604) 245-8089

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 Michael Landsfried
SCRIBE E: REC Neil Marsh, 4577-196A St., Langley, BC V3A7G5 (604) 532-1732

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: EC David Fleck
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 B. Guest
SCRIBE E: REC Jay L. Chapman, PO Box 557 Lakelse Ave., Terrace, BC V8G4B5 (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: MEC Tom Mickey, 1413 Holly St., Whitehorse, YT Y1A4V2 (867) 633-6870

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 Richard Sangster
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 Graeme Wallace
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: Not known
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 Jan, Feb Apr Oct Nov in Quesnel; 1st Sat in May in 100 Mile House ex Mar Jun Jul Aug Dec
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 520 Front St., Quesnel, BC
Masonic Hall 100 Mile House, BC
INST 1st Wed Sep (With 36)
Z: EC Del Cyr
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: EC Andre Audette
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 Harry Hemphill
SCRIBE E: VEC John Bradley, 9276 Martin Park Dr. Black Creek, BC V9J1C3 (250) 337-4009

ELECTED OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER SINCE 1919

Year	Grand Zerubbabel	Grand Haggai	Grand Joshua
1919	*Harry H. Watson	*Daniel M Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1920	*Edward B Paul	*Daniel M. Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1921	*Daniel M. Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin	*Vernon W. Stewart
1922	*Charles F. Sherwin	*Vernon W. Stewart	*Frank C. Bird
1923	*Vernon W. Stewart	*Frank C. Bird	*John G. Gamon
1924	*Frank C. Bird	*John G. Gamon	*Thomas H. Carey
1925	*John G. Gamon	*Thomas H. Carey	*Henry Giegerich
1926	*Thomas H. Carey	*Henry Giegerich	*Donald Adams
1927	*Henry Giegerich	*Donald Adams	*William T. Phillips
1928	*Donald Adams	*William T. Phillips	*Ernest P. Allen
1929	*William T. Phillips	*Ernest P. Allen	*Donald A. Stewart
1930	*Ernest P. Allen	*Donald A. Stewart	*Samuel Drake
1931	*Donald A. Stewart	*Samuel Drake	*Daniel W. Sutherland
1932	*Samuel Drake	*Alexander McDuff	*Alex M. Manson
1933	*Alexander McDuff	*Alex M. Manson	*William R. Trench
1934	*Alex M. Manson	*William R. Trench	*William R. Yule
1935	*William R. Trench	*William R. Yule	*George H. McKay
1936	*William R. Yule	*George H. McKay	*K.K. Reid
1937	*George H. McKay	*K.K. Reid	*W.P. Marchant
1938	* K.K. Reid	*W.P. Marchant	*Stanley Gordon
1939	*W.P. Marchant	*Stanley Gordon	*Thomas B. Goodall
1940	*Stanley Gordon	*Thomas B. Goodall	*George E. MacKinnon
1941	*G.E. McKinnon	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor
1942	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor	*.John. H. Morgan
1943	*W. Coates Taylor	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis
1944	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle
1945	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker
1946	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker	*John MacLeod

1947	*Edgar B. Baker	*John MacLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger
1948	*John MacLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson
1949	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell
1950	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts
1951	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker
1952	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness
1953	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard L. Williams
1954	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard L. Williams	*George M. Harmen
1955	*Richard L. Williams	`*George M. Harmen	*Arthur Hamilton
1956	*George M. Harmen	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W.H. Walker
1957	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W. H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen
1958	*T.W.H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell
1959	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell
1960	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss
1961	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss	*J. Stanley Dyke
1962	*James S.E. Meiss	*J. Stanley Dyke	*R. Thomas Litt
1963	*J. Stanley Dyke	*R. Thomas Litt	*Thomas A. Dobson
1964	*R. Thomas Litt	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Gamey
1965	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Gamey	*Ewan E. Andrews
1966	*L. R. Gamey	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Mark H. Hannah
1967	*Mark H. Hannah	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Thomas Isbister
1968	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham
1969	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles F. Armstrong
1970	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles F. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl
1971	*Charles F. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin
1972	*Evan H.Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Manzer
1973	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Manzer	*William H. Young
1974	*James A. Manzer	*William H. Young	*Cyrus D. Biddulph
1975	*Cyrus D. Bidulph	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton
1976	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton	*George H. Coupland
1977	*Henry M. Dayton	George H. Coupland	*William Blake
1978	George H. Coupland	*William Blake	* R. Cedric Telford
1979	*William Blake	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall
1980	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall	Stephen G. Redgrave
1981	*James Randall	Stephen G. Redgrave	Alvin P. Alexander
1982	Stephen G. Redgrave	Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton
1983	Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton	R. Hilliard Clare
1984	* F. Melvin Fulton	R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie S. Lamb
1985	R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie S. Lamb	Roderick A. Cutler
1986	*Huie S. Lamb	Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack A. Laffling
1987	Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack A Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey
1988	*Jack A. Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall
1989	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall	Alexander S. Rollo

1990	*Robert J. Gornall	Alexander S. Rollo	H. James White
1991	Alexander S. Rollo	H. James White	William R. Shippam
1992	H. James White	William R. Shippam	Trevor O. Thomas
1993	William R. Shippam	Trevor O. Thomas	Leslie J. Tutt
1994	Trevor O. Thomas	Leslie J. Tutt	William D. Jasper
1995	Leslie J. Tutt	William D. Jasper	Leonard G. Pickell
1996	William D. Jasper	Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall
1997	Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall	Denis S. Carriere
1998	Joseph R. Marshall	Denis S. Carriere	David D.S.Anderson
1999	Denis S. Carriere	David D.S. Anderson	David B. Turner
2000	David D. S. Anderson	David B. Turner	Norman K. Monro
2001	David B. Turner	Norman K. Monro	Basil R. Hobbs
2002	Norman K. Monro	Basil R. Hobbs	George W. Eaton
2003	Basil R. Hobbs	George W. Eaton	Brian Richman
2004	George W. Eaton	Brian Richman	William Fooks
2005	Brian Richman	William Fooks	Leslie Robinson
2006	Leslie Robinson	George Tillotson	Alastair Ross
2007	George Tillotson	Alastair Ross	David Grange
2008	Alastair M. Ross	David Grange	Joel Chiri
2009	David Grange	Joel Chiri	Norm McEvoy

REPORT OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIEST

1) The **33rd** Annual convocation of the Order of the High Priesthood was called to order at **2:14 pm** on **September 17, 2009** by the President, MEC Leslie Robinson. He offered apologies for the missing officers. Attendance as per Porch Book.

OFFICERS:

President	MEC Les Robinson
V/President	MEC George Tillotson
Chaplain	REC David Grange
Treasurer	REC Joe Quan
Recorder	REC Ed Wilson (Acting)
MoC:	REC Tony D'Eramo (Acting)
Conductor	REC Norm McEvoy

Herald	MEC Norm Monro (Acting)
Steward	REC Ken Overy (Acting)
Sentinel	MEC George Eaton (Acting)
Do Ceremonies:	REC Larry Atkinson (Acting)

2) Welcomed all companions to the meeting.

3) Welcomed the visitors: MEC Richard Glasgow, MEC Don Russell, REC David Boone and REC Floyd Morse.

4) The **Order of the High Priest** was then conferred on:

Thomas Balabanov (Representative Candidate)
Gregory Paul Sawchuk
Cyril N. Davison
Francis Douglas Pepper
Harry von Czarnowski
John Paterson
Godfrey Onyemaobi
Peter Whitehead
Delbert Cyr

Missing: Michael Landsfried
Nelson John Fraser

Degree Participants:

Prologue/Map Lecture-	MEC Alastair Ross
Obligation	MEC George Tillotson
Anointments	MEC George Tillotson
	& MEC Les Robinson
Benediction	REC David Grange
Bibles	REC David Grange
Jewels	MEC Les Robinson
	& MEC George Tillotson
Salutation Signs	REC Norm McEvoy

5) In Memoriam: Nil

6) Minutes of September 11, 2008. **MOVED** by REC Ed Wilson, **SECONDED** by REC David Grange the minutes, as distributed, be approved. **CARRIED**

7) Correspondence: Nil

8) Unfinished Business: Length discussion as to the merits of forming a Degree Team. **MOVED** by REC Larry Atkinson, **SECONDED** by REC Norm McEvoy that a Degree Team be formed for maximum 5 year trial period. Motion **TABLED** by President. Suggest consider having a trial "Degree Team: next year.

9) New Business: Honorary membership cards were given by the President to the visitors REC David Boone, MEC Richard Glasgow, MEC Don Russell and REC Floyd Morse.

10) Accounts: Nil
Financial Statement **$840.25** balance in account. **MOVED** by REC Joe Quan, **SECONDED** by REC David Grange the report be received. **CARRIED**

11) Election of officers for **2009/2010**

Nominating Committee Chairman MEC George Eaton listed the proposed officers:

President	**MEC George Tillotson**
V/President	MEC Alastair Ross

Chaplain	REC Joel Chiri
Treasurer	*REC Peter Guichon
Recorder	REC Ed Wilson
MoC:	REC Norm McEvoy
Conductor	REC Tony Brown
Herald	REC Ken Overy
Sentinel	MEC Brian Richman
Steward	REC Jeremy Gomersall
DoC	MEC Les Robinson

***NOTE**: Subsequent to the foregoing REC Peter Guichon declined the position as Treasurer and REC Joe Quan was retained in the position.

Installation: MEC George Eaton – Installing Officer
REC Tony D'Eramo – Installing DoC
REC Bill Phillips – Installing Chaplain

All officers were installed except for Treasurer REC Joe Quan, Conductor REC Tony Brown, Steward REC Jeremy Gomersall and Chaplain REC Joel Chiri

12) Illness/Distress: MEC Alex Rollo in hospital undergoing treatment/therapy; REC Malcolm Johnson in/out of hospital with plumbing problems. MEC Richard Glasgow brought fraternal greetings from Saskatchewan.

13) Good of the Order: MEC George Tillotson presented MEC Les Robinson with his Past President jewel.

14) Closed **4:30 pm**

Recorded by: REC Ed Wilson, Recorder.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON 'FACING THE CHALLENGE AWARD' 2009

This prestigious award was originated in 2003 under the direction of the Grand First Principal, MEC Basil Hobbs. It is awarded to that Grand Superintendent who best exemplifies the true spirit and intent of Royal Arch Masonry in both his own life and in his dealings with other masons. Although, in most cases, all companions perform admirably, it was felt there is always one who will contribute somewhat more to the fraternal cause during his term of office.

Previous recipients of the award include:

2003 – 2004	REC Rae Humeston	Dist. 3
2004 – 2005	REC Ken Gibson	Dist. 11
2005 – 2006	REC Larry Atkinson	Dist. 2
2006 – 2007	REC Richard Armitage	Dist. 11
2007 – 2008	REC Stan Grenda	Dist. 1

The Selection Committee, and myself, were hard pressed to determine a winner for this year because, in our view most, if not all Grand Superintendents performed admirably.

One Superintendent, however, did perform in a truly outstanding manner. He attended all Grand visits and installations in his district. His reports were numerous and filled with information and matters outlining happenings within his District and, in some cases, occurrences in other districts and with other concordant bodies.

It is noted that he is very active in many Masonic bodies and that he works diligently in all. He continues to be a credit to our Grand Chapter.

The winner this year is:

REC Alan Akehurst, Grand Superintendent District No. 3

Submitted by REC Rae Humeston, Chairman
REC Percy Harkness & VEC Francis Latter

2009 AGENDA

No.	Order of Business
	Biography of MEC Alastair Ross, Gr. 1st Principal
Thursday, September 17, 2009	
1)	Grand Chapter Informal Opening. **7:30 pm**
2)	Admission/Reception of Distinguished guests
3)	Flag Ceremony
4)	Memorial Service
5)	Responses of Civic/Concordant bodies.
6)	Informal Grand Chapter closed.
Friday, September 18, 2009	
7)	Grand Chapter Formal opening. **9:00 am**
8)	Reception of Visitors & Regrets.
9)	Invocation – Grand Chaplain
10)	Resolution of Loyalty to Queen
11)	Minutes of Grand Convocation of **2008**

No.	Order of Business (Continued)
12)	Grand Z address
13)	Grand H report
14)	Grand J report
15)	Grand Chaplain's address
16)	Report of Merit Award Committee Address by candidates of Gr. Jr. Soj.
17)	Reception of Past Gr. First Principals
18)	Reception of First Principals
19)	Grand Treasurer's report
20)	Grand Scribe Ezra report
21)	Report of Committee on Constitution & Jurisprudence
22)	Unfinished Business
23)	Report of Committee on Finance (**2009 Budget**)
24)	Report of the Grand Historian
25)	Report of Executive Committee
26)	Roll Call of Grand Representatives
27)	Report of Credentials Committee
28)	**Motions on Amendments to Constitution**
29)	New Business
30)	Report of Committee on RA Foundation Report of Committee on Fund Raising
31)	Report of Committee on Printing
32)	Report of Committee on Information & Technology
33)	Report of Committee on Foreign Corr.
34)	Presentation of Honorary Memberships
35)	**Election of Officers for 2009/10**
36)	Report of Bursary Fund Trustees
37)	Report of Committee on Grand Z address

No. **Order of Business (Continued)**

38) Report of Committee on Protocol & Procedure
39) Report of Royal Arch Home Society
Report of Keystone of Life Foundation
40) Report of Benevolence
41) Report of Committee on Grand Superintendents
42) Report of Editing Committee
43) Report of Committee on Past Z's Award
44) Good of the Order
45) Vote of Thanks to Host Chapter

Saturday, September 19, 2009

46) **Installation of Officers for 2009/10**
47) Committees for **2009/10**
48) Location of Grand Chapter for **2010, 2011 & 2012**
49) Closing of Grand Chapter
Report (Minutes) of Order of High Priest
Report of the *Facing the Challenge Award* (Grand Superintendent)