GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS for the 103rd Annual Grand Convocation

At Abbotsford, BC

September 17, 2022

MEC Phillip Robinson Grand First Principal

REC Peter Guichon Grand Scribe Ezra

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MEC Phillip Robinson Grand First Principal
2021- 2022

MEC Phillip Robinson

Grand First Principal

Royal Arch Mason, BC and Yukon

2021 - 2022

Biography:

- Born in Brampton Bierlow, South Yorkshire (about 12 miles NE of Sheffield)
- Attended Wombwell High School
- Joined the Royal Navy 1963 as an Engine Room Artificer Apprentice
- Emigrated to Canada 1967
- went back to sea as an engineer office on Merchant ships in 1973
- acquired a First Class certificate as a Marine Engineer 1980 and sailed as chief engineer on several vessels until being recruited by the federal department of Supply and Services as a Technical Inspector in 1983
- Retired in 2012

Masonic History:

- Initiated, passed & raised in Grantham Lodge GLoCPO 1983
- Affiliated Burrard Lodge 50 BC&Y 1984
- WM 1988
- Past DDGM
- Past First Principal of North Vancouver Chapter 16
- Past Grand Superintendent of District 7
- Past Thrice Illustrious Master Zaphon Council
- Grand Marshal Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada 2019
- Past Presiding Preceptor Jordan Preceptory, Knights Templar, and past Grand Prior of Pacific Coast District
- Past Presiding officer of Fraser Tabernacle 163 Holy Royal Arch Knight

Templar Priests, and Honorary Past Grand 4th Pillar

- Past Most Puissant Sovereign of Royal City Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
- Current Grand Intendent General British Columbia Division (Imperial Conclave of Canada)

Volunteer history:

- 20+ years as a union officer, member representative; facilitator, member of national negotiating committee, member national equity committee, one three year term as regional vice president, now honorary life member
- Board of Directors North Vancouver Masonic Temple Association
- Two terms as member of board of the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society
- Past president, and still member of the strata council in the building in live in
- Formed and organizes a seniors cycling group since 2007

Other part time employment:

- Instructor at Georgian College, Owen Sound Ontario; and BCIT in Marine Engineering subjects.

I, REC Peter Guichon, 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 business that has transpired for the term commencing **September 18st,2021 until September 17,2022.**

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 Surrey, B.C. this 02 day of January , 2023

REC Peter Guichon
Grand Scribe Ezra

OFFICERS ELECTED/APPOINTED 2020/2021

MEC Phillip Robinson	**Grand First Principal**
REC Jimmy Catala	Grand Second Principal
REC Daniel McCoy	Grand Third Principal
MEC Alfred Leslie Robinson	IPGZ
REC Tom Balabanov	Grand Treasurer
REC Peter Guichon	Grand Scribe Ezra
REC Alphonse Quinvelle	Grand Pr. Sojourner
VEC Darwin McKinnon	Grand Sr. Sojourner
VEC William Ley	Grand Jr. Sojourner
REC Bruce Allan	Grand Supt. Dist. 1
REC Precioisimo Bunagan	Grand Supt. Dist. 2
REC Dean Box	Grand Supt. Dist. 3
REC Blaine Cantalope	Grand Supt. Dist, 4
REC Chris Proctor	Grand Supt. Dist. 6
REC Robert Coan	Grand Supt. Dist. 7
REC Robert MacKenzie	Grand Supt. Dist.10
REC Edward LaMarche	Grand Supt. Dist. 11
REC Peter Guichon	Grand Nehemiah
REC James Bennie	Grand Historian
VEC Steven Ackroyd	Grand Sword Bearer

VEC **Vacant**	Grand Standard Bearer
VEC Eric Duchesne	Grand Dir. Of Ceremonies
VEC Richard Trippel	Grand Marshal
VEC **Vacant**	Grand Pursuivent
VEC Charles Chaimberlain	Grand Steward #1
VEC Douglas Davie	Grand Steward #2
VEC **TBA**	Grand Steward #3
REC Alan Akehurst	Grand Chaplain
VEC **Vacant**	Grand Organist
VEC **Vacant**	Grand Tyler

01) IN MEMORIUM

THE FOLLOWING IS A ROLL CALL OF FRATERNAL DEAD FOR THE YEARS 2019, 2020 and 2021. THEIR NAMES ARE LISTED BELOW FOR PROSERITY.

Deceased Members

District #1 REC Bruce Allan

Columbia #1
EC Gerry Sauder , 2021

Tzouhalem #26
R.E.C. Robert Earl Parmeter, 2019
Comp. Ian Douglas Milne, 2019
REC Doug Watson 2021

Pacific Rim #44
REC Derek Turner 2021

District #2 REC. Precioisimo Bunagan

Chilliwack #19
Comp. Douglas Bruce Prentice 2019
Comp. Clifford Barager 2020

Composite #24

M.E.C. Antony (Tony) George Brown	2019
REC Roy MacDonald	2020
Ex Comp. William Wells	2020
MEC George Eaton	2021
Comp. Edwin Newman	2021

Semiahmoo #34

Comp. Mitchell (Mitch) Gurvitz	2019
Comp. Edward C. Mills	2020

District #3 REC. Dean Box

Kelowna #17

Comp. Donald Richard Van Blarcom	2019
REC. George Edwin Wood	2019
Ex Comp. David William Robert Ford	2020
REC Rae Francis	2021
Ex Comp. George Victor Davis	2021

Kamloops #18

EC. Donald Fisher	2019
REC. Ronald J. Bushby	2019
MEC Antony (Tony) George	2019

Penticton #22

Comp. Fred Osbourne	2020
Comp. Roy Phillips	2021

Granite #29

REC. Gene Bryan Clever	2019
REC. Percy J. Harkness	2019
REC. Ronald J. Bushby	2019

District #4 REC. Blaine Cantalope

Rossland #4

Comp George Lloyd	2020

Rocky Mountain #7

Comp. William Peleck	2019
Comp. Dick Morrat	2020
REC Donald Barr	2021

District #6 **REC. Chris Proctor**

Kaien # 13

Comp. Gordon Nichols	2019
Comp. George Murrey Robertson	2019
REC James Fergusson	2021
EX Comp. Russel Hess	2021

Kalum #37

REC. Jay John Leighton Chapman	2019
Comp. Leon Dumpstrey-Soos	2020
VEC Thomas Balfour	2021

District #7 **REC. Robert Coan**

North Van. King Sol. #16

VEC. Darin Stangowitz	2019
Comp. Andrew Whitelaw	2019
VEC Don Thomson	2021
Comp. James Allison	2021

Joppa #31

VEC. Darin Stangowitz	2019
EC. Yusufali Aditia	2019
Comp. Sidney Thrussell	2020
MEC George W. Eaton	2021

Georgian # 39

NONE REPORTED

Simon Fraser # 40

Comp Glenn Martinolich	2020
Comp Samuel Robert Spratt	2020
REC Brian Fraser	2020
Ex Comp Robert Duncan Gillon	2021

District #10 **REC. Robert Mackenzie**

Fort George #36

Comp. John Keith Dungate	2019

Yukon #38

VEC. Gene Clever	2019
REC Arthur Christensen	2020
Comp.Maxwell Rispin	2019

Dawson Creek #41
EC. Robert McGill 2019

Caribou #43
MEC Antony (Tony) George Brown 2019
REC Brian Donnelly Craig 2021

District #11 REC. Edward LaMarche

Keystone #8
NONE REPORTED

North Island #10
REC. William McSeveney 2019
Comp. Richard Charles Griffith- Cochrane 2019
MEC Thomas Feely 2020
MEC Brian Richman 2020
Comp Michael Cruise 2021
Comp Leighton McCooey 2021
VEC Eric van der Holt 2021

Majuba #33
Comp JH (Bert) Morgan 2021
VEC Michael Brisley 2021

Cathedral #35
Comp. Alex (Sandy) Miller 2019

It is noted that regretfully, MEC Hilliard Claire passed to the Grand Chapter above on April 26, 2022. He will be remembered in our tribute to lost Companions for the year 2023.

Each of these Companions lived Respected, and died Regretted.

We shall remember them.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name
Thy Kingdom Come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,
but deliver us from evil
for Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory for ever and ever Amen.

02) CHANGE OF SIGNING AUTHORITY

No Change in Signing Authority.

03) RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

The following Resolution of Loyalty, duly **MOVED** by Most Excellent Companion A. Leslie Robinson and duly **SECONDED** by Most Excellent Companion Phillip Robinson was unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA and YUKON, assembled on the occasion of its one hundred and third Annual Convocation held at the City of Abbotsford in the Province of British Columbia, Canada this 17th day of September 2022 takes pleasure in recording its loyalty and deep respect for our Sovereign, HIS MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada, and Head of the Commonwealth to which our Nation belongs.

We desire to place on record our undying loyalty to Your Majesty and unswerving devotion and warm affection. We extend our congratulations to your Majesty on the celebration of becoming King this year and give to you our warmest blessings for continued health and happiness.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Your Majesty on the passing of your Mother, Queen Elizabeth the Second and her husband, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh both of whom will be sadly missed.

We extend our greeting to all members of your family. We hope that they will remain healthy.

WE TRUST AND PRAY His Majesty will continue to enjoy good health and strength fulfilling the duties of his high and important office as you continue to serve our Commonwealth and particularly to us in Canada. Your commitment to us remains a lesson for us all.

This Resolution of Loyalty was **proposed by** M.E. Comp. A. Leslie Robinson, **seconded** by M.E. Comp. Phillip Robinson, and carried unanimously—and was followed by the singing of GOD SAVE THE KING. that this, the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon assembled at their One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation in the City of Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada this 17th day of September, 2022, reaffirm the loyalty of all its members to His Most Gracious Majesty, King Charles the Third, King of Canada; and all the Royal Family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this Resolution will be forwarded to His 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 Saturday, September 17st, 2022.

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

04) MINUTES OF GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION 2020 and Emergent Grand Chapter March 12, 2022.

The motion to receive the minutes of the one hundred and first Annual Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon, held at the city of Kelowna, British Columbia and as published in the annual proceedings of 2020 and the Emergent Meeting of March 12, 2022 below be accepted and passed at the Annual 2022 convocation.

Emergent Grand Chapter Minutes Meeting , March 12, 2022

The Grand Scribe Ezra reported that the Committee on Credentials reported that a constitutional number of Chapters were represented.

Companions Present: There were 18 Companions attending

Chapters Represented: There were 10 Chapters represented

The Emergent Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon was declared opened at 1:05pm by MEC Phillip Robinson, Grand First Principal.

Business:

The report of the Finance Committee submitted to this Emergent meeting by EC Scott Wisdahl, Chairman, was read by Grand Scribe Ezra.

The financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2020 were presented by the Grand Scribe Ezra on behalf of the Grand Treasurer. The acceptance of the financial statements were passed upon motion by MEC Les Robinson, seconded by EC Cole Harvey.

The budget for the year was passed upon the motion of REC Bruce Allan, seconded by REC Bong Bunagan.

The Scrutineer Committee composing EC Michael Ree, EC Frank Fowlie, and VEC Robert Carroll reported VEC Alphonse Quenneville was elected Grand Principal Sojourner.

A motion to destroy the ballots was made by REC Bruce Allan, seconded by MEC Ron Smith. Motion Carried.

Installation of Elective Officers Present:

The installing Grand First Principal, MEC Les Robinson installed the elective officers present:

Grand First Principal: MEC Phillip Robinson

Grand Second Principal: REC Jimmy Catala

Grand Third Principal: REC Daniel McCoy

Grand Scribe Ezra: REC Peter Guichon

Grand Principal Sojourner: REC Alphonse Quenneville

Closing Remarks:

MEC Phillip Robinson:

Thanked all for attending, on this our first ever Emergent Communication.

Thanked the Scrutineering Committee for their work.

Thanked the three candidates for taking part in the process for the election of the position of Grand Principal Sojourner. He invited the two candidates to consider submitting their nomination forms for the position of Grand Principal Sojourner by April 15, 2022 if they so chose to do so.

He reminded all present that nominations for all the elective officer positions have been extended to April 15, 2022, and that all the current elected officers also need to submit their nomination forms by April 15.

The Emergent Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon was declared closed at 2:55pm by MEC Phillip Robinson, Grand First Principal.

05) ADDRESS OF GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL (Z) MEC PHILLIP ROBINSON 2021 - 2022

Address to Grand Chapter 2022

Most Excellent Companions, Guests, and Companions,

Thank you for your attendance here today. To paraphrase the title of a CBC programme of a few years past, this year has thirty-six months. The beginning of my term as Grand First Principal in Kelowna was the highlight of my Masonic career and I was looking forward to a year of travel, meeting the companions across the province and in the Yukon territories. It did not quite work out that way this pandemic made it impossible to meet in person for almost 24 months, but we are back to almost normal, and this convocation is a proof of that statement. I say almost because as I write this report the number of Covid cases are rising again, so please take care of your health, you know what worked to keep you

and your family safe, continue to practice those safeguards so that we can continue to meet face to face in our chapters.

The pandemic forced some rethinking of the way we communicate, and while the executive continued to meet face to face on a monthly basis when such meetings became impossible, we moved to "Zoom". There were in the beginning some technical challenges, some of us, me, are not as 'tech savvy' as others. We succeeded and held our meetings, one of the executive thought it would be a good idea to have the Grand Superintendents of the Districts join us after our business was completed so they could let the executive know how things were going in their districts, get the support of Grand Council in their trying times. I do believe that this has been a benefit to the Superintendents, and I know it has been a benefit to myself and the executive. Thus, something good has come out of what appeared to be a very negative situation, I'm sure future Grand Councils will continue the practice as it enables companions from anywhere in the jurisdiction to take part in the governance of Grand Chapter, I hope it will encourage companions from outside the South Island, and Lower Mainland chapters to seek elected office in the future.

In 2019, I was able to visit a number of Chapters in the interior, and on the Island before winter made travel more difficult. The winter I spent in the Lower Mainland, and in the Spring visited Whitehorse, while all my visits were enjoyable, I think Whitehorse was the crown.

As you can well imagine I did not make many official visits in the 2020 to 2021 year, which was a great disappointment for me.

The year 2021 to now, as you know visiting was not permitted until spring, I was looking forward to another Yukon visit but it was not to be, unfortunately. I did get to Prince Rupert, and that has it's own tale to tell. Suffice it to say that while my reception in the Chapter was all that a visiting Grand First Principal could wish for, we were well taken care of by our host, and R E Comp McCoy and I got three extra days courtesy of Air Canada. They have not paid up yet ! I had an excellent visit to Dawson Creek, the important note of this visit was the six candidates being received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters, I would also note that two of the officers of the Chapter are from the lower mainland and the island, I'll not name them for fear of embarrassing them, but that is dedication above and beyond the call.

I also attended the Affirmation Ceremony in October, held at the Peace Arch Park, accompanied by a number of representatives of Royal Arch Masons of the jurisdiction, and enjoyed companionship of our Washington Royal Arch Masons.

REC McCoy and I also drove to Red Deer Alberta to visit that Grand Chapter convocation, we were treated well, and met some old friends, and kindled some new friendships. It is a long drive to Red Deer and being a sailor, I was ignorant of the ways of Army & Air Force ways, it is some ten hours by car from the Ferry terminal at Horseshoe Bay to Red Deer, and similar on the return journey, I now know more than a sailor should know of these things.

It is with great regret that Whitehorse Chapter has returned their Charter, as they no longer have sufficient members to reach a quorum. Granite Chapter is to return their Charter due to a similar problem, and two Chapters in the interior are in the process of amalgamation. It is my hope that these losses can be reversed in the future, and other Chapters can follow the lead of Dawson Creek and grow.

It was an unfortunate occasion to see closing down of the Royal Arch Foundation during my term, the assets were distributed to three deserving charities, the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society; the Key Stone of Life Society; and the Prostate Cancer Society; each approximately $ 22,000.00, which will be put to good use for the betterment of society.

All Grand Chapter officers, having served this jurisdiction well and faithfully will be entitled to the rank of their various office's, my thanks to each and every one of you for your three years of service to Grand Chapter.

It is usual, in the final paragraph, to thank all those who's advice; guidance; dedication; and support has allowed me to complete this term of office, the thought of missing a name frankly terrifies me, and there are many who's service to this Grand Chapter, and to me has kept the organization together and me, more or less, on the straight and narrow.

The chairs of our various committees, with particular note of the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee. This Committee has been kept quite busy during the year MEC Pickell, who has served many years as its chair, and will retire from that office in September. Maybe I put too many questions to him, and wore him out, he will remain a member of the committee for now, and REC Sawchuck will

take the reins as Chair. I will also thank MEC. Pickell for his many years as a friend, and advisor, who has often guided, and counseled me through my masonic journey, and support when needed in my private life. I could not have survived without our Grand Scribe Ezra, both MEC Overy, for his patience, guidance and support for the years from my election as Grand Principal Sojourner to September 2020, when he had to step down having completed his five years, and to take an ever more important role in Grand Lodge. He did not desert us though, he took on the role of Grand Scribe Nehemiah to assist REC Guichon stepping into his new job as GSE. REC Guichon also deserves mention one for taking on the duties, and being a fast learner. I must make a note of sad remembrance of VEC "Big D" Stangowitz, our Chaplain until his untimely death shortly after our Official visit to Whitehorse. Thank you, VEC Akehurst for stepping in as Grand Chaplain for the balance of the "year, and finally, MEC Robinson thank you for your service to this Grand Chapter, two terms as Grand Z, and by the time you escape the yoke you chose, you will complete four terms as GIPZ, I do not think anyone will aspire to take that record from you.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving as your Grand First Principal.

Respectfully submitted
MEC Phillip Robinson.

06) REPORT OF THE GRAND 2nd PRINCIPAL (H)
REC Jimmy Catala 2021 - 2022

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Grand Council, Grand Officers and Companions of our great Jurisdiction.

It has been my pleasure and honour to serve as your Grand 2nd Principal. With the Pandemic almost behind us, I had a brief opportunity to visit several Chapters within District 1 and 11 as well as accompanying our Grand First Principal and Grand Third Principal to the Grand Chapter of Alberta to represent our Jurisdiction last May in Red Deer, Alberta.

Over the past two years I had the pleasure of chairing the Grand Council and Grand Superintendent monthly meetings via Zoom. An initiative implemented by our Grand First Principal, which was extremely well received by all involved and deserves to be continued moving forward. Over this period we held two annual Springboards via Zoom, they were both well attended by our membership and several visitors from other Jurisdictions. Moving forward, Grand Council will continue to hold annual face to face Springboard the first Saturday in April

and also to entertain the Zoom aspect, making it a Hybrid model and providing a larger group of Companions who would have to travel great distance to participate.

Grand Council has continually kept great focus on our Royal Craft ensuring we stay relevant and up to date. A new and extremely interactive new Grand Chapter website (grandchapter.ca) has been developed and is available for all Companions to access the latest updated and upcoming events, as well as reference documents, forms and past / archived data. Please sign up and gain access.

This as been a great experience for me and provided a great insight as to the working of our Grand Chapter. I thank all Companions who has provided me with wisdom and guidance and look forward to serve you as your Grand 1st Principal in 2022 / 2023.

Respectfully submitted

REC Jimmy Catala

07) REPORT OF THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL (J)
REC Daniel McCoy 2021 - 2022

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

Although foreshortened from the outset, my tour as your Grand Joshua has proven both enjoyable and educational, as well as an honour that I thank you for. My term started of course with the modified Grand Communication held in Langley, a ceremony that was necessarily kept short and concise, yet still managed to convey the sanctity and solemnity that befit the occasion. A hearty thank you to all who worked so hard to forge a new path with a unique situation. Well done.

Spring Board was also a unique path this year, moving ahead via Zoom to allow as many as possible to attend. The format allowed all the usual business to move forward, setting us up well for our upcoming Grand Communication. The same Zoom format permitted our Executive Meetings to continue during the pandemic and added immeasurably to the functioning of your Grand Chapter. Inviting the Grand Superintendents of the Districts to participate also brought some broader perspective to the table while maintaining that small and tight camaraderie required to move things along. A great positive to emerge from the difficulties of the pandemic.

Circumstances precluded a lot of the usual visitation this year, however I still managed to attend four Installations as well as several Chapter meetings, all of which showed that enthusiasm for Royal Arch Masonry still remains high in many of our Chapters. Well done to all and thank you for the opportunity to visit and partake. One of the highlights was the opportunity to witness a Royal Arch degree, and the look of joy on the face of the candidate, who had been waiting for his final degree since before the pandemic. I also managed to accompany the Grand First Principal on a few of his visits. The Grand Second Principal

and I accompanied him to the Grand Chapter of Alberta to see MEC Jeff Knight installed, as well as renewing old friendships. Alberta proved to be most gracious hosts indeed. I then accompanied him on a visit to Prince Rupert to meet with our Companions of Kaien Chapter. With visitors from both Terrace and Kitimat it made for a particularly enjoyable trip, with hospitality second to none. Finally we travelled to Kimberley along with both the Grand First and Second Principals to attend the Installation of our own Past Grand First Principal, MEC Ken Overy as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon. Again a trip not to have missed.

My term as Grand Joshua has been a delight and I would be remiss were I not to pass along my thanks to a couple of Past Grand First Principals who planted the seed, as well as both them and their wives taking the time to sit together with Joyce and I to both encourage us and to ease our trepidations. It has proven a tremendous journey so far. As well as thanks I must also pass encouragement to others, and exhort you to step forward for Grand Chapter offices. It benefits not only your Grand Chapter, but also your own perspective. Remember, you cannot watch your Masonry happen, you have to make it happen.

Respectfully submitted,
REC Daniel McCoy

08) REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

To the Companions of Grand Chapter

Due to the passing of VEC Darin Stangowitz in 2019, I was appointed by Most Excellent Companion Phillip Robinson to complete the remainder of his term. As there were no meetings in 2019 through 2021, there was little wor6k required,

I did attend the abbreviated Grand Chapter Convocation in Langley on March 12, 2022 and the virtual Spring Board meeting on May 21, 2022.

My thanks to MEC Robinson for the honor and privilege of serving the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of BC and the Yukon. I wish the incoming Grand Chaplain every success during his year.

Respectfully submitted,

REC Alan Akehurst, Grand Chaplain pro tem

09) REPORT OF THE MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

10) REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

For the Year-ended 31st December 2021

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

Companions All:

I have presented a summary report of the finances for the year 2021 which has been reviewed by the finance committee. Received income has essentially been the Per-Capita of $25 per companion, which was slightly better than forecast ($960) Expenditure though have been $8,490.49 lower than estimate, most of this is directly due to Covid-19 in that travel and grand communication expenses have been almost non-existent. We ended the year with a profit of $6,540.50 instead of a net loss.

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	ACTUAL 2020	ACTUAL 2021	PLAN 2021	VARIANCE to Plan 2021
Capita Dues	$ 21,492.00	$ 20,960.00	$ 20,000.00	$ 960.00
Total Income	22,672.12	21,080.01	21,345.00	(264.99)
Expenditure				
total Expenses	20967.82	14539.51	23,030.00	(8,490.49)
Net Income/(Loss)	1,704.30	6,540.50	(1,685.00)	8,225.50

Going on to the financial position , our Net Assets for Grand Chapter has increased from $18,236.94 to $25,252.44 an increase of $6,540.50 due to, as explained above to the Covid19 caused reduction in expenses. Our Bank account has increased to $13,878.73 sufficient for outstanding monthly expenses and the donations to the charities.

GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON

STATEMENT of FINANCIAL POSITION
" GENERAL ACCOUNT "

As at December 31 2021

		2020		2021	
ASSETS					
CURRENT					
Bank Account - Chequing		$ 6,713.23		$ 13,878.73	
Cash - investments		0.00		0.00	
Inventories	(note 1)	2,073.71		1,923.71	
Prepaid Expenses		1,200.00		1,200.00	
Due from Royal Arch Masonic Society		8,250.00		8,250.00	
			18,236.94		25,252.44
TOTAL ASSETS			**$ 18,236.94**		**$ 25,252.44**
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT					
Accounts Payable		$ -		$ 475.00	
Convocation Loan Acct		906.68		906.68	
			$906.68		1,381.68
CAPITAL & EQUITY					
Prior years Surplus		15,625.96		17,330.26	
Current years Surplus/(Loss)		1,704.30		6,540.50	
			17,330.26		23,870.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES			**$ 18,236.94**		**$ 25,252.44**

So far in 2022 we have received most of the per capita with a total deposit in 2022 so far of $15,575 and expenses of $8,423.56. With a current bank balance of $21,028.17 and lower expenses despite the significant drop in per capita we should come out the 2022 with an additional profit.

Looking to the future two budgets for the years 2022 and 2023, we anticipate some drop in membership. However we have also reduced expenses to match. Currently we are anticipating a slight loss of $1,805 for 2022 and $3,190 for 2023. These losses if they should materialize should be easily covered by the profit for 2021 of $6,540. As a result we are not anticipating any change to the $25 per capita for next year. We will be reviewing the budget post-Covid based on Membership for any future changes.

Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon
INCOME STATEMENT - BUDGET
January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021
and Budget 2022 & 2023

Act#	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021 (due spring 20 approve sept 20)	actual 2021	Budget 2022 (due spring 21 approve sept 21)		Budget 2023 (due spring 2 approve sept
	$		$		$		$
Sundry Income:							
Bank & Savings Interest	85	0	85	0	85		-
Certificates	200	720	250	75	250		200
Dispensations	100	60	100		100		100
Jewels/Pins 50/60 yr	30	-	30	45	30		30
Rituals	300	390	300		300		300
25 yr Pins	50		50		50		50
Donation							
Misc	250	10	100		100		100
From regalia fund			430		430		430
Total Sundry Income	1,015	1,180	1,345	120	1,345		1,210
PER CAPITA	21,574	21,492	20,000	20,960	17,500		16,250
OPERATING INCOME	22,589	22,672	21,345	21,080	18,845		17,460
TOTAL INCOME	22,589	22,672	21,345	21,080	18,845		17,460
EXPENSES	**2020**	2020	**2021**	2021	**2022**	2021	**2023**
Bank Charges	25	-	25		-		-
Grand "Z" Travel B.C.	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	5,000		5,000
Travel Yukon	700	700	700	-	700		700
Grand "E" Travel	500						
Allowance	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400		8,400
Grand Treas. Allowance	500	500	500	500	500		500
Travel	250		250	-	250		250
Insurance							
Rent incl Security	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400		2,400
District 10 Travel	600		600	-	600		600
Jewels/Pins etc	500						
Regalia purchases/repairs	250	95	250	-	100		100
- Ritual Revision/Print	200		100		-		-
Postage	500	45	500	-	100		100
Telephone/IT & Internet	1,125	768	1,125	789	800		800
Stationary and Computer Suppli	1,000	887	1,000	761	800		800
Website Maintenance	600	1,250	1,200	689	800		800
Miscellaneous	300	-	300	1,000	100		100
Computer Supplies							
convocation costs		350					
Regalia Cases	180		180	-	100		100
Grand Z /Reciprical Jurisdiction	700		500	-	-		-
Move Grand Scribe Office		294					
Operating Expenses	23,730	20,688	23,030	14,540	20,650	-	20,650
			25		25		25
per capita ave members		934.43	800.00	838.40	700		650
			20000		17500		16250
Expenses			23,030	14,540	20,650	-	20,650
Profit/(loss)			-1,685	6,541	-1,805		-3,190

For the Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC & Yukon

For the Companions present, the society is to maintain the Grand Chapter and Bursary Investments for the benefit of the recipients of the profits, that being our charities, and not the Grand Chapter operational budget. I have presented a summary report of the finances for the year 2021 which has been reviewed by the finance committee. Received income for the year has been consistent with other years, and have increased $1,049.82 over 2020. Income is mostly long term dividends and fixed income which do not vary much. Expenditures include our annual charitable donations, any special projects and any capital losses.

ROYAL ARCH MASONIC SOCIETY OF BC & YUKON
INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended December 31 2021

		2020	2021
Income			
	Bursary Fund		
	Donations	$ -	$ -
	Investment Interest	6,797.25	9,199.07
	Total	**6,797.25**	**9,199.07**
	General Fund		
	Investment	$ 10,526.15	$ 9,174.36
	Total	**10,526.15**	**9,174.36**
	Income for year	**17,323.61**	**18,373.43**
Expenses			
	Bursary Fund		
	Investment Loss(Profit)	(9,850.75)	313.50
	Total	**- 9,850.75**	**313.50**
	General Fund		
	Investment Loss(Profit)	2,294.69	(726.70)
	Total	**2,294.69**	**- 726.70**
	Other		
	Bank Fees	$ 4.50	$ 3.00
	Withholding tax	$ 38.76	$ -
	Legal Fees	$ 839.06	$ 506.72
	Grand Communications	$ -	$ -
	Donations	$ 7,500.00	$ 7,500.00
	Total	**8,382.32**	**8,009.72**
	Expenses for the Year	**826.26**	**7,596.52**
	Profit for the year	16,497.35	10,776.91

Assets have increased due to the profit for the year proportionally. Overall we have been increasing the investment funds over expenses, in the concern that should the markets collapse we will be ok.

ROYAL ARCH MASONIC SOCIETY OF BC & YUKON
STATEMENT of FINANCIAL POSITION (Balance Sheet)

AS AT December 31, 2021

		2020	2021
ASSETS:			
Current			
Bank Account Coast Capital		$ 16,185.54	$ 8,175.82
Bank Account -Shares		$ 5.00	$ 5.00
Investment - Cash Bursary		3,267.54	2,786.64
Investment - Cash Main		5,270.93	3,596.28
		24,729.01	14,563.74
Investments - At Cost			
Odlum Brown - Holdings at Cost -Bursary	Note 1	188,595.58	196,502.25
Odlum Brown - Holdings at Cost - General	Note 2	270,694.05	281,229.56
		459,289.63	477,731.81
		$ 484,018.64	**$ 492,295.55**
LIABILITIES:			
Current			
Due to General Account - Regalia Replacement Fund		$ 15,750.00	$ 15,750.00
Unpaid Expenses		$ 7,500.00	$ 7,500.00
Equity			
Bursary Fund		167,428.60	164,928.60
Bursary Fund return			2,500.00
General Fund		262,907.95	262,907.95
Current Year Earnings		16,497.35	8,276.91
Retained Earnings		13,934.74	30,432.09
		460,768.64	469,045.55
		$ 484,018.64	**$ 492,295.55**

Looking forward for this year, the income for the fund has been progressing the same as for the last few years. We will be paying out of the fund for the 2020 and 2021 donations (of $7,500 per year) that have been budgeted for but not taken out.

As for the markets, the funds has dropped in market value after the invasion of Ukraine, roughly 10%, much of the loss has been since made up. This should not impact future income significantly.

11) Report of Grand Scribe Ezra
REC Peter Guichon

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

Companions, it will be nice to get back into a regular Royal Arch routine again at long last.
You all will remember that I took over the position of Grand Scribe Ezra in September of 2019, and it has been a very unusual time. This is our first Grand Convocation since I became Grand Scribe and another new experience for me in my duties pertaining to this position.

Grand Chapter Website – at www.grandchapter.ca.

The Grand Chapter website has continued to be developed there has been more content added mainly due to the efforts of our webmaster, Steven Noble. He is continuing to do an excellent job in maintaining and protecting the site. We are still in the process of adding more historical information as we go along, however as you can imagine, scanning many pages of past annual proceedings and other documents is a time consuming process.

For those who are not yet registered on the website, and wish to access it, please contact Steven at: webmaster@grandchapter.ca ask for a registration form and he will email it to you so that you can complete the registration. This is a unique registration to you, so keep track of you password.

For any questions regarding the website do not hesitate to contact me at: grandscribee@grandchapter.ca.

Grand Chapter Administration

The Accounting and Grand Scribe records are now in the "cloud". This system is working well, and it is much more effective and efficient to be storing our activities there. The information is backed up on the cloud automatically, and Microsoft 365 works well. The Accounting records are well administered as well by our Grand Treasurer and Chairman of Finance.

Annual Reports
To the Scribes of the Chapters, thank you for your cooperation in getting me the annual reports as soon as you do. Unfortunately due to some change over in some Chapter Scribes and COVID, there are still a couple of annual reports outstanding as of the date of me preparing this report. I am confident they will be in soon, filed by the replacement Scribes.

Membership Statistics
Over the last twelve months from January to December 2021, our membership has declined from 825 to 775 a loss of 50 Companions, primarily due to deaths and demits. However the potential bright side, is that now that we are able to meet again, there are candidates waiting to join. Your Grand Executive encourage all the Chapters to invite and confer degrees on those waiting as soon as possible.

Sincerely and Fraternally

REC Peter Guichon, Grand Scribe Ezra

Year End Membership Statistics

2021

Chapter	No.	21-Jan 2021	Exhalt	Rest.	Affil.	Died	Susp	Demit	Expul	Care Home	21-Dec 2021	Surplus/ (Loss)
Columbia	1	55									55	
Rossland	4	13						13			0	
R. Mount	7	23				1	1	1			20	185.00
Keystone	8	19									19	(80.00)
N. Island	10	61				3				1	58	
Kaien	13	18				2				2	16	747.00
N.V.K.S.	16	41			1	2		2			38	(463.00)
Kelowna	17	26				2	1	1			22	(228.00)
Kamloops	18	26						2			24	185.71
Chilliwack	19	23									23	635.04
Pentiction	22	21			1	2					20	(489.34)
Composite	24	23		1		3					21	(1,558.08)
Tzouhalem	26	27						1		4	26	(44.32)
Granite	29	16					1				15	740.00
Joppa	31	77					1			1	76	-
Majuba	33	21				2		1			18	694.01
Semiahmoo	34	46					1	1			44	(388.86)
Cathedral	35	20		1						2	21	775.00
Ft. George	36	48						1		4	47	(166.78)
Kalum	37	29				1					28	150.00
Yukon	38	20					1	1			18	750.00
Georgian	39	21									21	676.00

S. Fraser	40	43				1		2			40	1,387.39
D/ Creel	41	43						1		1	42	1,294.00
Caribou	43	30				1					29	275.00
Pac Rim	44	35				1					34	1,938.00
Total - 2021		825	0	2	2	21	6	27	0	15	775	
Total - 2020	2020	887	4	4	6	16	30	36	1	0	818	

12) Report of the Finance Committee

Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon

For the year 2021

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Companions of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon:

Finance Committee Report:

Companions:

Your Finance Committee has met during the past year and discussed the past, current and immediate future for the finances of the Grand Chapter.

The finances of your Grand Chapter are fundamentally sound. Our Grand Treasurer will provide the relevant details in his report.

As the report from our Grand Treasurer will show, we ended up with a surplus for the third year in a row for 2021of over $6,000 relating to lack of travel expenses during the year. The per capita revenue was down, but less than had been budgeted for. One unusual expense for the year was a $1,000 spent for a full-page add in the Grand Lodge's 150th Booklet. We recommend approval of the financial statements of the Grand Chapter and our Society.

Your Committee recommends that the per capita fee remain at $25 for the 2023 fiscal year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted:

EC Scott Wisdahl
Chairman

13) CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Report of the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee 2022

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

The Committee is pleased to report that they had only a few minor requests for assistance. These were resolved with satisfaction to those concerned.

There are eight Notices of Motion to be considered at this Grand Chapter.
Of this number four are held over from 2020 and four from 2021 due to the Grand Chapter being cancelled those years. There are no new Notices of Motion for this current year.

Notice of Motion No. 1 has been withdrawn. The remainder of the resolutions are acceptable as to form and not objectionable as to their conflicting with Masonic custom and usage. The Committee offers no view as to the wisdom of the policies they advocate.

The Committee also made several editorial corrections to the Constitution pursuant to Section 26.3.1.3. These did not change the intent or the effect of the Sections addressed.

Fraternally submitted,

REC Greg Sawchuk,
REC Leonard Timmins,
MEC Leonard G. Pickell, Chair

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS TO GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON CONSTITUTION FOR 2022

1.

For Grand Convocation 2020 Notice to amend 26.2.1

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full:

26.2.1 - Before closing the annual convocation, the Grand First Principal announces the names of the members of Standing and Special Committees of Grand Chapter. These appointments take effect immediately. Each committee usually has three members or more, to whom are referred matters related to that committee. Four Committees consist of but one Companion each. These are the committees on Regalia and Printing and the appointees to the boards of the Keystone of Life Foundation and the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society.

1. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section:

26.2.1 -Before closing the annual convocation, the Grand First Principal announces the names of the members of Standing and Special Committees of Grand Chapter. These appointments take effect immediately. Each committee usually has three members or more, to whom are referred matters related to that committee. Five Committees consist of but one Companion each. These are the committees on Regalia, Information Technology and Fund Raising and the appointees to the boards of the Keystone of Life Foundation and the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society and the Royal Arch Charitable Foundation.

1. Reason for Change: Housekeeping. This change will bring the wording into conformity with the titles of the Committees in 26.1.

1. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted: None

Notice of Motion:

(a) I will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.
(b) Rank & Name: R.E.C. John M. Laing
(c) Chapter: Joppa No. 31 &/or Simon Fraser No. 40
(d) Signature: Date: 2020 Month: Jan. Day: 16

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form

2.

For Grand Convocation 2020 – Notice to amend 20.2.3 – Reappointment
(of Committee Member)

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full:

26.2.3 Reappointment - A member of a standing committee may be reappointed but no one serves more than five consecutive years on one committee.

1. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section:

26.2.3 Reappointment - A member of a standing committee may be reappointed, apart from the Bursary Fund Trustees (see 26.2.2). A member of a Committee cannot serve for more than 5 consecutive years as Chairman.

1. Reason for Change: We have companions on Committees who are dedicated and knowledgeable in the field of the Committees on which they serve. Further, it is proving more difficult to find Companions able, willing and competent to fill these important Committee positions.

1. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted: None

Notice of Motion:
(a) I will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.
(b) Rank & Name: R.E.C. John M. Laing
(c) Chapter: Joppa No. 31 &/or Simon Fraser No. 40
(d) Signature: Date: 2020 Month: Jan. Day: 16

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form

3.

For Grand Convocation 2020 – Notice to amend 26.4 – Limit
(of Committee Member)

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full:

26.4 Limit - A member of Grand Chapter serves on no more than one Standing Committees, except where required by this constitution. A Director appointed by the Grand First Principal to the Board of Directors of a charity may also hold a committee appointment.

1. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section:

26.4 Limit - A member of Grand Chapter may serve on more than one Standing Committee. A Director appointed by the Grand First Principal to the Board of Directors of a charity may also hold a committee appointment.

1. Reason for Change: We have some on Committees who are dedicated and specialists in the fields of the Committees on which they serve. There is no such restriction imposed by the Grand Lodge of B.C. & Yukon. It is proving more difficult to find Companions able and willing and competent to fill these important Committee positions.

1. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted: None unless the previous two resolutions are not adopted.

Notice of Motion:

(a) I will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.
(b) Rank & Name: R.E.C. John M. Laing
(c) Chapter: Joppa No. 31 &/or Simon Fraser No. 40
(d) Signature: Date: 2020 Month: Jan. Day: 16

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form

4.

For Grand Convocation 2020 – Notice to Amend 20.20

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full:

20.20 - Grand Chaplain - The Grand Chaplain attends convocations of Grand Chapter and offers up prayer suitable to the occasion. When called upon he addresses any religious service attended by Grand Chapter. He chairs the standing committee on Benevolence.

1. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section:

20.20 - Grand Chaplain - The Grand Chaplain attends convocations of Grand Chapter and offers up prayer suitable to the occasion. When called upon he addresses any religious service attended by Grand Chapter.

1. Reason for Change: Housekeeping. There has not been standing committee on Benevolence since the reorganization of 26.1 in 2012.

1. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted: None

Notice of Motion:

(a) I will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.
(b) Rank & Name: R.E.C. John M. Laing
(c) Chapter: Joppa No. 31 &/or Simon Fraser No. 40
(d) Signature: Date: 2019 Month: Dec. Day: 13

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form

Under General Housekeeping (Ref.26.3.1.3)

Section: 26.3.3 Executive

The references to Senior and Junior Sojourners will be removed.

This should have been done in 2014 when the Sr. and Jr. Sojourners were changed from elected to appointed officers.

NOTE – ABOVE 4 NOTICES OF MOTION WERE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2020

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THE FOLLOWING NOTICES OF MOTION ARE PROPOSED FOR 2021

5.

For Grand Convocation 2021 Notice to amend 26.2.1

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full.

26.2.1 – Named at Annual Convocation
Before closing the annual convocation, the Grand First Principal announces the names of the members of Standing and Special Committees of Grand Chapter. These appointments take effect immediately. Each committee usually has three members or more, to whom are referred matters related to that committee. Four Committees consist of but one Companion each. These are the committees on Regalia and Printing and the appointees to the boards of the Keystone of Life Foundation and the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society.

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section.

26.2.1 – Named at Annual Convocation
Before closing the annual convocation, the Grand First Principal announces the names of the members of Standing and Special Committees of Grand Chapter. These appointments take effect immediately. Each committee usually has three members or more, to whom are referred matters related to that committee. Four Committees consist of but one Companion each. These are the

committees on Regalia, Information Technology and Fund Raising and the appointees to the boards of the Keystone of Life Foundation and the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society.

3. Reason for Change.

The printing committee is not a standing committee, it has been replaced in Section 26.1.6 with the Information Technology and Fund Raising committee.

4. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted.
Any other as may be determined in Section 26.3.1.3.

Notice of Motion:
(a) I, Peter Guichon, will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

(b) Rank: __REC_ Name: Peter Guichon_____

(c) Chapter: _Semiahmoo___ Number: _34_____

(d) Signature: "Peter G.A. Guichon"_____Date: 2020, January 2nd

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form

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6.

For Grand Convocation 2021 Notice to amend 27

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full.

27 BURSARY FUNDS

27.1 Capital Fund
The Capital Fund is intended to operate in perpetuity, and is augmented by reinvestment of at least twenty percent (20%) of the interest earned on investments and also by donations specifically directed to the Capital Fund. Each year a portion of the interest earned in that year may be transferred to the Annual Fund but the amount to be transferreed may not exceed eighty percent (80%).

27.2 Annual Fund
The Annual Fund is intended to be disbursed each year on bursaries, and is augmented by interest income from the Capital Fund and by donations. After the appropriate awards have been made any remainder may, at the discretion of the Trustees, be invested or carried over to the next year. **27.3 Funds Separate**
The Bursary Funds are kept separate from other funds of Grand Chapter.

27.4 Custody of Funds
The bursary funds are in the custody of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe Ezra.

27.5 Investment
The portion of these funds available for investment is invested by them in securities authorized by the Trustee Act. No investment is made in mortgages or real estate.

27.6 Bursary Awards
The Bursary Fund Trustees administer the awards of bursaries according to their duties as defined in this Constitution. **27.6.1 Awards**
The Annual Fund is used to assist needful qualified students whose father or grandfather is, or at the time of his death was, a Royal Arch Companion in a Chapter in this Jurisdiction.

27.6.2 Tenure
Bursaries are generally tenable at a recognized Canadian University, the B.C. Institute of Technology, a regional or community college in British Columbia, any other B.C. technical school or school of nursing.

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section.

27 INVESTMENT FUNDS
27.1 All funds of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon which are intended for financial investment are to be immediately transferred to the Royal Arch Masonic Society of British Columbia and Yukon for management.

3. Reason for Change.
In September 24, 2018, the Royal Arch Masonic Society of British Columbia and Yukon was incorporated to manage the Bursary and General funds held by Grand Chapter.
4. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted.
Any other as may be determined in Section 26.3.1.3.

Notice of Motion:

(a) I, Peter Guichon, will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

(b) Rank: REC Name: Peter Guichon_____

(c) Chapter: _Semiahmoo Number: _34

(d) Signature: "Peter G.A. Guichon" Date: 2021, January 17th

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7.

For Grand Convocation 2021 Notice to amend 38.6 and 38.7

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full.

38.6 Power to Discipline Members

A Chapter has the power, by a two-thirds vote, to discipline its own members, and Royal Arch Masons residing in its jurisdiction, and members of Lodges of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters held within the body of the Chapter as well as Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters residing in its jurisdiction. Discipline consists of and is restricted to reprimand, suspension, or recommendation for expulsion.

38.6.1 Suspension Or Expulsion

When any Grand Lodge of Freemasons or one of its Lodges suspends or expels a brother who is a Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction, that action also suspends or expels him from his Royal Arch privileges while the Craft discipline continues in force. The Chapter of which the suspended or expelled brother is a member, forthwith records his suspension from membership in the Chapter and notifies the Grand Scribe Ezra.

38.6.2 Companion May Appeal

A companion may appeal his discipline, but not that of another companion, to Grand Chapter. Upon receiving notice of appeal, the Scribe Ezra transmits to the Grand Scribe Ezra a true copy of proceedings in connection with the discipline.

38.7 Proceedings on Expulsion

38.7.1 Chapter

When a Chapter recommends to Grand Chapter that a member be expelled, the recommendation together with a true copy of the proceedings thereof are forwarded by the Scribe Ezra to the Grand Scribe Ezra by recorded delivery within twenty days after the recommendation is made.

38.7.2 Grand Scribe Ezra

The Grand Scribe Ezra forthwith hands the copy to the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Petitions and Grievance.

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section.

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38.6.1 Chapter

When a Chapter recommends to Grand Chapter that a member be expelled, the recommendation together with a true copy of the proceedings thereof are forwarded by the Scribe Ezra to the Grand Scribe Ezra by recorded delivery within twenty days after the recommendation is made.

38.6.2 Companion May Appeal

A companion may appeal his discipline, but not that of another companion, to Grand Chapter. Upon receiving notice of appeal, the Scribe Ezra transmits to the Grand Scribe Ezra a true copy of proceedings in connection with the discipline.

38.6.3 Grand Scribe Ezra

The Grand Scribe Ezra will forthwith notify the Grand First Principal, the recommendation under section 38.6.1, or notice of Appeal under section 38.6.2, and the Grand First Principal shall immediately appoint an Ad Hoc Petitions and Grievance Committee in accordance with the requirements of section 26.9. The Committee shall consist of three well qualified Companions with one named as Chairman. The Committee will be empowered to seek such advice from qualified professionals as required.

38.8 Suspension Or Expulsion by any Grand Lodge of Freemasons

When any Grand Lodge of Freemasons or one of its Lodges suspends or expels a brother who is a Royal Arch Mason in this jurisdiction, that action also suspends or expels him from his Royal Arch privileges while the Craft discipline continues in force. The Chapter of which the suspended or expelled brother is a member, forthwith records his suspension from membership in the Chapter and notifies the Grand Scribe Ezra.

3. Reason for Change.

There is no standing Committee on Petitions and Grievance. 4. Other

Sections impacted if proposal adopted.

Any other as may be determined in Section 26.3.1.3.

Notice of Motion:

(a) I, Peter Guichon, will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

(b) Rank: REC Peter Guichon

(c) Chapter: Semi o Chapter Number 34

(d) Signature: "Peter G.A. Guichon" Date: 2021, January 26

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form

8.

For Grand Convocation 2021 Notice to amend 15.1

1. Original Section (if any) Number and wording in full.

15.1 Past First Principals

Only Past First Principals, who are members of this Grand Chapter, hold Grand Offices. However, any member of a Chapter may fill the office of Grand Director of Music, Grand Chaplain or Grand Tyler. For the position of Grand First Principal, he must have served as a Grand Principal Sojourner and as a Grand Principal. (Rev. 2019)

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section.

15.1 Past First Principals

Only Past First Principals, who are members of this Grand Chapter, hold Grand Offices. However, any member of a Chapter may fill the office of Grand Director of Music, Grand Chaplain or Grand Tyler. For the position of Grand First Principal, he must have served in two of the following offices, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Third Principal or Grand Second Principal.

3. Reason for Change.

To ensure that in the event of a Principal Officer either dying, resigning or leaving the jurisdiction the Grand Line can be maintained.

4. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted.
Any other as may be determined in Section 26.3.1.3

Notice of Motion:
(a) I, A. Les Robinson, will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

(b) Rank: MEC Les Robinson

(c) Chapter: Keystone Number: 8

(d) Signature: " A. L. Robinson"___Date: 2021___ Month February,_Day 20.

Decision of C.& J. Committee. Acceptable as to form

The C&J Committee has made technical amendments to the Constitution that do not change the intent of the Constitution but are housekeeping changes as per Section 26.3.1.3.

14) Forum for Candidates for Elected Offices.

Candidates to give short speech to Convocation

No speech was deemed necessary for the following Offices as there was only one Candidate for each: Grand First Principal, Grand Second Principal, Grand Third Principal, Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe Ezra

BIOGRAPHY OF CANDIDATES FOR GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION PRECIOCISIMO 'BONG BUGSY' SIAO BUNAGAN, Jr.

VISION: *To promote the re-emergence of a strong and vibrant concordant body in the image of the HRA serving as a beacon for the next level of pursuit by fellow craftsmen in their Masonic career.*

MISSION:

1. *To spur the spirit and energy of every Companion and create that unformidable image of one who has seen the beauty of the Order that he belongs to;*
2. *To have him take pride in the Order and in the work that he does as an exemplary part of it;*
3. *To make him realize that he has himself to offer as the best example to his brethren in various ways as manifested through his zeal for the Order, his proficiency and mastery of his works, the effervescent spirit of camaraderie and good humour that he exudes, and as one in whom the repository of good and lasting friendship and fellowship holds true.*
4. *That by strengthening all these as the distinguished character of a RAM in every companion, our brethren from craft lodges may take great interest to know more about the HRA and its works, and attract them to join our ranks to be another distinguished RAM.*

Brief Personal Info:

DOB: 27 June 1961
Birthplace: Quezon City, Philippines
Spouse: Maria Rosalinda 'Owie' Anza Bunagan
Children: Rose Catriona and Baron Domino
Resides in Burnaby, BC
Works at the Ministry of Attorney General, Province of BC

Education and Professional History:

1. Pursued studies in Law and Jurisprudence, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology and Business Marketing at the University of the Philippines;
2. Pursued Military Science as Cadet at the Philippine Military Academy with the Class of 84. At the top of his plebe class, nominated cadet candidate to the US Military Academy at West Point.
3. Pursued studies in Office Administration with Technology at BCIT (2006)
4. Held various positions and performed functions in both civil and military service as Presidential Consultant, Presidential Action Officer, chief investigation officer, entrepreneur, business analyst, strategist and consultant.

Masonic Career:

2006 – Raised MM at Maple Leaf Park 63 (now Heritage Lodge 63)
2011-2012 WM Maple Leaf Park 63
2009 – Exalted in the HRA at Composite Chapter 24
2015 – 2016 First Principal, Composite Chapter

Grand Lodge Office(s) held:

Grand Standard Bearer for PGM MWB Douglas C. Collins 2015-2016

HRA Grand Chapter Office(s) Held:

2019 - Current Grand Superintendent – 2nd District
2017-2018 Grand Junior Sojourner for PGZ MEC Ronald Smith
2016-2017 Grand Sword Bearer for PGZ MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi

Current Lodge Membership(s):

Heritage Lodge 63 – WM 2011-2012
Melrose Lodge 67 – WM 2017-2018 and 2018-2019
Excelsior 195 - member

Membership in Concordant/Appendant Bodies:

HRA – exalted 2009 at Composite Chapter 24 / elected 1st Principal 2014-2015
Cryptic Rite – Zabud Council (demitted)
Knights Templar – Columbia Preceptory 34
York Rite Sovereign College of North America - York Rite College 44 BCY
Grand College of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar High Priests – Fraser Tabernacle 163
The Commemorative Order of Knights of Saint Thomas of Acon – Baldwin Chaper 99
Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada – Dogwood Council 171
Masonic and Military Order of the Kts of the Red Cross of Constantine – Royal City Conclave 22
Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia – Lumen Terrestris College 99
Holy Order of the High Priesthood of Royal Arch Masonry BCY

RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION BARRY EDWARD CHILTON:

Barry was born, the city of Newcastle upon tyne the County of Northumberland United Kingdom on December 27 1944 twin.
Raised in the village of Lemington 3 miles West of Newcastle.
Schooled at, Sugley primary school, and Walbottle secondary school.
Represented the school, in the games of cricket and football (soccer).
Barry started work on January 2, 1960, starting his apprenticeship in refrigeration and air-conditioning, also attending Rutherford College, and Gateshead technical college.
June 1965 he registered with the British Merchant Navy Officers pool.
On 21 July 1965 he signed on as an Engineer Officer with Ellerman and Bucknell.
The company returned him to England from Montréal 14 June 1966 for twin sister's wedding (he had the honour of giving the bride away).
Barry decided to change shipping company, and was interviewed by P and O passenger lines.
On the 14th June 1967, he joined and sailed on SS Himalaya for two years.
For the next four years Barry joined and sailed on SS Orsova, SS Chusan, TES Canberra, SS Oronsay, SS Iberia .
Barry by this time had accumulated eight months leave.
Taking a trip to the West Coast of Canada Vancouver, where he was informed, on inquiry that he could take qualifying exams to work in Canada.
Upon acquiring the qualification certificate, and on being made available 20 jobs, he returned to England. Barry returned to Canada on the 30 November 1973 as a landed immigrant, and started work in the refrigeration and air-conditioning industry.
In 1974 Barry received the qualification certificate of gas fitter, and the qualification certificate of electrical 205.
In 1978 Barry took up the post of teaching at PVI (BCIT) full time days, and a part-time posting to VCC night time.

For a change of pace Barry owned and operated his own HVAC company, from 1984 to 1990. Progressing on, in 1994 took the University course in real estate, and in 1997 obtained his broker endorsement.
Barry lists his volunteer or unpaid work as follows.
In 1982 became president of the refrigeration workers union 516.
From 1980 to 1984 member of the provincial engineering safety Council.
In 1983 became president of the lower mainland hunters Council.
In 1989 volunteered as an advocate for seniors and welfare recipients working with the ministry of social services.
In 2004 was elected as leader of the British Colombia Conservative Party.
Retired in 2010, but worked part-time in real estate.
Member of Army Navy Air Force Legion # 284 (25+)
Member of Royal Canadian Legion # 291 (25+)

VERY EXCELLENT COMPANION ERIC DUCHESNE

Eric Jean-Pierre Charles Duchesne was born March 8th 1968 in Lyon France. He attended school in Antibes, France, between Nice and Cannes, and lived for the most part in the medieval village of Biot, France. Eric finished his high school year at Stone Mountain High School in Atlanta Georgia, receiving a diploma in Noise relation and Air Conditioning. He decided to return to France and take up employment using his diploma with a small but successful company.

Eric was married in France and has a daughter named Manon but when his marriage didn't work out, he decided to further his education, leaving France and arriving in Seattle, WA. where he pursued a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and French Literature.

Being tired of traveling the world he heard that they speak French in Canada and decided to apply for entry to Quebec, within thirty days he landed in Montreal during the terrible winter storm of 1998. In Montreal March 2nd 2002, he married Akiko Omura. Both finding the weather not to their liking they decided to travel west and see a bit of Canada. Arriving in Vancouver and finding both the weather and scenery to their liking they decided to make Vancouver home and have nurtured two beautiful children,16-year-old Daughter Yuka and 12-year-old Son Tyler.

Eric was initiated into Freemasonry on October 25th 2002 in Mount Lebanon Lodge No 72.

He became the Master of Heritage Lodge No 63 on May 16th 2016 and served as such for three years. The brethren insisted that his accent was too strong so he had to stay until most could understand him.

Eric became the first principle of Joppa Royal Arch Chapter No 31 in January 2020.

He also currently Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Valley of Fraser Valley for Scottish Rite

He is also a member of Cryptic Rite with Zabud Council No 1 and the Red Cross of Constantine of Scotland.

Eric is a past D.D.G.M for District # 13 from June 2020 to June 2022.

VEC Duchesne is currently Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Grand Chapter of BC and Yukon 2022.

VEC Duchesne also holds a variety of positions with other associations: The Masonic Building Association, Park Building Association, Joppa Royal Arch Society and the Mount Lebanon Society.

One of VEC Duchesne's hobbies is his love of researching the Histories and Mysteries of Freemasonry and of the other governing bodies he is a member. He has written numerous educational papers which he has presented at the various lodges here in Vancouver, also in his homeland France and on his frequent trips to Japan.

VEC Eric Duchesne

15) GRAND CHAPTER REPORT ON THE RAMHS
ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOME SOCIETY REPORT 2022

Companions:

As the President of the Board of Directors of the Royal Arch Masonic Home Society I would like to present an update of our activities for this year.

Funded, to a large extent, by the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, it is still very dependent on the financial support of the Royal Arch Masons of BC & Yukon.

The Home is considered by many to be the flagship among all the care homes in BC and those of you who have never visited the Home are welcome to take advantage of a tour. Contact Reception at 604-437-7343 to see for yourself how your money is being put to excellent use. Visitations are dependent on the Covid status. We are fortunate to have an excellent staff of 130 for the 151 residents. As well as the nursing staff, there is staff that provide recreation, music, and Pastoral care as well as a Hairdresser. The bus we purchased a couple of years ago is used to get the residents out to attend different functions.

I would complement the members of the Board of Directors; they are all dedicated, hardworking Royal Arch Masons and, to those who have left the Board, we thank them for a job well done. If anyone is interested in becoming a Board Member, you must apply in writing to the Secretary of the Royal Arch Masonic Home Society using the RAMHS Application for Board Membership. The RAMHS Board Nominating Committee must receive your application no later than May 1st of the current year.

During the past year, the Board has completed the following projects:
Apartment: Repair damage after an external flood $130,000
Replacement of Apartment water piping $650,000 - In progress

Care Home: During the past year, some of the Projects the Board has approved funding to:
Three of five Nurse Stations have been upgraded at $50,000.00 each. Dunbar Lodge #118 donated $50,000 to complete the 4th nursing station which leaves 1 to be done.
New Air conditioning Unit $ 250,000 Completed
Patio Beautification $ 20,000.00
Equipment replacement and upgrade $ 150,000

I strongly urge all Chapters to participate and each Companion of those Chapters to become a Life Member of the Society. Personal donations, as well as bequests, are other ways of providing financial support. We presently have 152 Life Members and only 11 or 26 Chapters as Society Members. Your support is imperative at our Annual General Meeting as the numbers attending reflect on the viability of the Society. I will close by thanking every Companion who has donated this year, both in time and energy to this Charity. You have made a difference in another person's life through your support.

My request is that we continue to be the Flagship of Senior Care and charity of Royal Arch Masonry.

Respectfully submitted by
V.E.C. Peter Boddy
President R.A.M.H.S

16) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND "Z's" REPORT

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

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

MEC Robinson is to be congratulated on the number of visits he managed to make during these pandemic years and commiserate with him in the fact that he could not make the number of visits he planned at the start of his epic journey.

COVID brought about the use of Zoom at the monthly Executive Committee meetings and the inclusion of the Grand Superintendents at these meetings was well received and we concur with his recommendations that future Executive Committee take advantage of this useful tool.

We join our Grand First Principal in his sadness at the closing of two Chapters and like him we believe that Royal Arch Masonry will rebound and be stronger than before.

We too are further saddened by the loss of so many of our valued Companions who are called to higher service.

Most Excellent Sir, you have had an extended term of office due to the pandemic crisis and throughout the last three years you have guided us with firm resolution and unerring judgement. Perhaps this is due to your years of training as a mariner and your recognition of the value of a steady hand at the helm when traversing stormy seas.

Most Excellent Sir, we thank you for your service and recognize that you could not have done it without the support of your companion Jackie. We wish you and Jackie much happiness in your retirement.

Respectfully Submitted
MEC Leonard Pickell
MEC David Grange.

17) GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT

To the Companions of Grand Chapter,

Companions,

As you read, this, my 18th report, life in Capitular Masonry has returned to some semblance of normality. The coronavirus restricted our labours to virtual quarries only for two years, with Chapters beginning to resume meeting in person this past March, though several have still not met due to illnesses cropping up. Some Chapters very wisely kept members together with on-line meetings during the virus. I was pleased to be asked to speak at Simon Fraser, Semiahmoo and Dawson Creek Chapters over the past year and gave a visual presentation on our pre-Grand Chapter history.

For the second year in a row, our Spring Board was conducted on Zoom, an excellent idea to allow Companions who can't afford to travel an opportunity to have their say in the business of our Grand Chapter.

This year's report is the epitome of "normality." As usual, we have centenary sketches of two Chapters and, alas, a memorial to an esteemed, respected Companion.

Mount Moriah No. 20

Two Chapters with surrendered charters would have turned 100 this year, though one should have been older. Crow's Nest No. 137 in Fernie was instituted November 8, 1904 (delayed nine months as fire destroyed the Masonic Hall) but handed in its charter to the Grand Chapter of Canada on January 28, 1918 due to members being away on war duty. In September 1921, Ex. Comp. Joseph Austin wrote our Grand Chapter requesting reinstatement of the charter. The Chapter was caught in a conundrum. B.C.
couldn't reinstate the charter because our Grand Chapter didn't issue it. Canada (ie. Ontario) couldn't activate it because that Grand Chapter no longer had jurisdiction in our province.

Our Grand Z. suggested to the Fernie companions to apply for a new charter. 26 did, though they didn't wish to keep the name "Crow's Nest" and instead wanted to call the chapter "Cyrus." As that name was taken, "Mount Moriah" was picked. The chapter was instituted on February 7, 1922 by the Grand H. Unfortunately a list of founding officers is not available, so I can only give you biographies of two.

Andrew Leslie Walker, Z., born Sept. 30, 1882 in London, Ont., died Aug. 16, 1959 in Haney. He came to B.C. in 1912. In Fernie, he was a clerk at a department store. In 1935, he moved to Maple Ridge and opened a ladies ready-to-wear shop, retiring in 1953. He was installed as W.M. of Elk River No. 35 in Fernie in 1918.

Joseph Austin, Scribe E., born Feb. 13, 1869 in England, died July 7, 1947 in Fernie. He worked for 42 years for the CPR and retired June 15, 1935. He came to Canada at age six, lived in Massey, Ontario and came to B.C. in 1901. He was station master in Elko and then in Fernie in 1916. He was also a Justice of the Peace. He was installed as W.M. in Elk River No. 35 in 1920.

Interestingly, neither was among the list of 17 companions who received certificates of good standing from Ontario in 1922. Those who joined the new chapter were Douglas Corson (PZ), Robert Duthie, Alexander Ingram Fisher, Samuel Graham, Thomas William Green, George Gerrie Henderson, Frederick Kinert, Francis Richard Lawes, William John James Morrison, Robert Strachan and Amos Bliss Trites.

Mount Moriah returned its warrant to Grand Chapter in the 2005-06 Masonic year.

Triple Tau No. 21

On April 4, 1922, nine companions gathered at the vestry of St. Saviour's Anglican Church in the Grandview district of Vancouver and agreed to ask for a dispensation to form a chapter. They were Ex.
Comps. Samuel Fea (North Vancouver No. 16) and William Alfred Hill, Comps. John James Miller,
Frank William Harrop, Archie Hawes, Ernest Frederick Peters (all of Vancouver No. 2), Thomas Edward Dowling (Enterprise No. 67, Harriston, Ont.), James Denoon (Waratah No. 246,

Queensland) and James Macintosh (Beith No. 32, Scotland). Comp. Macintosh suggested the name "Triple Tau."

There were 28 founding members when Triple Tau was instituted on May 12, 1922. The Chapter applied for a charter in June and despite some opposition to it being granted so soon, Grand Chapter consented and the Chapter was constituted on June 29, 1922. Some short biographies:

Rev. Dr. Samuel Fea, Z., born May 12, 1872 in Malta, died Aug. 30, 1945 in Vancouver. His father was a quartermaster in the British Army who settled in Canada in 1889. He attended to divinity school in Winnipeg and

after a short rectorship there, was appointed to St. Agnes Anglican Church in North Vancouver then St. Saviour's in Grandview.

He was raised in Burrard No. 50 in August 1913; W.M., 1917; founding Chaplain, Grandview Lodge, 1921; first W.M., Unity Lodge, 1923; Grand Chaplain, 1922 and DDGM, 1936. In the Chapter, he was Z of North Vancouver in 1918; Grand Registrar from 1919 until his death and elect an Honorary P.G.Z., 1939. Rev. Dr. Fea was the founding T.I.M. of Zabud Council of Cryptic Rite in 1922 and Grand Master in 1940. He was a Grand Chaplain in the Knights Templar of Canada.

John Joseph Miller, H., born Nov. 9, 1860 in Cootamundra, NSW, died Dec. 24, 1950 in Vancouver. J.J. was an auctioneer and real estate broker, pushing for development of the Grandview district. He was the first president of the Vancouver Exhibition Association (PNE) and served a short time on Vancouver Council. He arrived in Canada in 1903 on his way to open a business in Winnipeg but decided to stay in Vancouver, where he helped formed the Australasian Club.

His Masonic career is too lengthy to fully list. He was initiated into Lodge Cootamundra No. 124 on June 10, 1885, served as Master in 1892 and was the District Deputy equivalent in 1898. Once in Vancouver, J.J. wanted a lodge with the ritual and customs back home. He was the founding W.M. of Lodge Southern Cross in Vancouver in 1906, and was W.M. again in 1941. He was District Deputy in 1909, a founder of both Grandview (1921) and its daughter lodge Unity (1923), where he served as Secretary from the start until his death. He was made an Honorary PGM in 1948.

He joined the Mark and the Chapter in New South Wales, exalted in Zetland No. 1 in 1900; affiliated with Vancouver Chapter, 1906; installed as Z. in 1924; elected an Honorary PGZ in 1948.

J.J. was the founder of Zabud Council and served as Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite in western Canada and Ontario in 1928-29. He was Recorder from the first meeting until his death.

He was a colourful character, playing Santa at lodge Christmas parties for years. Our late Grand Scribe E., M. Ex. Comp. Alec Rollo, said J.J. brought his Australian festive board customs wherever he joined, including Triple Tau.

George Roy Long, J., born June 27, 1884, Tyne Valley, P.E.I., died June 12, 1977 in Vancouver. He was Vancouver's oldest practising lawyer when he died close to his 93rd birthday. He attended Mount Allison University 1903-06, studying philosophy, and was a candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship. He took his law degree at Harvard in 1907, articled in New Brunswick and came to Vancouver in 1910. He was a QC but turned down several offers for an appointment to the bench.

Comp. Long joined Alexandra No. 5, Port Hill, P.E.I. (degrees on Aug. 3, Sept. 7 and Sept. 14, 1905), affiliated with Prince Arthur Lodge U.D. in Vancouver on May 9, 1916, was installed as W.M. in 1939 and Grand Master in 1947. He also held membership in Grandview No. 96. He never progressed past Third Principal and demitted from Grandview and Triple Tau in 1926.

Frederick William Hawes, Treasurer, born April 24, 1860 in England; died June 13, 1939 in Vancouver. He arrived in Canada in 1887 and was working as a carpenter in Nanaimo. He was in Vancouver by 1901 as Census lists him as a "wharf foreman." He was then employed in the same job by the Wellington Colliery in Ladysmith until he returned to Vancouver in 1910 where he was business agent for the Longshoreman's Union. He then found work as an accountant.

Comp. Hawes was Secretary and Treasurer in the 1890s in St. John's No. 21 in Ladysmith and a founding member of both Grandview and Unity Lodges. He and his son Archie belonged to the Craft and Chapter in Vancouver together. Archie was Z. in 1927 and demitted from the Chapter in 1928. Fred demitted from all Masonic bodies in 1925, leaving for Victoria where he became sales manager for a lumber company. Evidently he returned to Vancouver as his funeral was conducted by Grandview No. 62 of the Oddfellows.

William Alfred Hill, Scribe E., born July 7, 1873 in England, died Dec. 4, 1962 in Vancouver.

Billy Hill was a manual training instructor at Britannia High School and involved with a number of district Masons in St. Saviour's Church. He arrived in Canada in 1910.

He was initiated in Colston No. 610 in Bristol on Sept. 19, 1906, affiliated with Mt. Hermon No. 7 in 1911, was the first J.W. and third W.M. of Grandview Lodge. He affiliated with Vancouver Chapter in 1910 and was present at the meeting which formed our Grand Chapter in 1919. He was Z. of No. 2 in 1922, the second Z. of Triple Tau the following year, Superintendent in 1926 and the second T.I.M. of Zabud Council in 1925 and Presiding Preceptor of Columbia No. 34 in 1929.

Thomas Edward Dowling, Scribe N., born Dec. 8, 1881, Harriston, Ont., died Feb. 17, 1950 in Vancouver. Dowling owned a furniture business at 23rd and Slocan, and came to Vancouver in 1905. His father-in-law was J.J. Miller.

He was initiated in the Craft and Chapter in Harriston, a founder of both Grandview and Unity Lodges and the fourth Z. of Triple Tau.

Ex. Comp. Dowling hit and killed a man walking across a poorly-lit part University Avenue in Point Grey in December 1924. He was charged with manslaughter but then a coroner's jury ruled it an accidental death and that seems to have resulted in the charge being dropped.

James Macintosh, P.S. No information has come to light about him. His Mother Lodge was Govanhill No. 1222 in Glasgow. He was a founder of Unity Lodge and suspended NPD on May 14, 1953. He demitted from the Chapter in 1943.

James Denoon, S.S., born July 17, 1876 near Cootamundra, N.S.W., died in Vancouver March 24, 1944. He had a connection with J.J. Miller, being born in the same area of Australia where J.J. was from, and attended J.J.'s 50th birthday party at the exhibition building at the PNE in 1910. He was a dry goods clerk at Spencer's. At the time he was named James Denoon. When he died, he was Alex Dunoon. He seems to have changed it in 1939.

Ex. Comp. Denoon was a founder of Unity No. 106. He was Z. in 1926 and Scribe E. when he died.

Arthur Vincent Cashmore, J.S., born May 10, 1877 in West Bromich, England, died April 4, 1968 in Vancouver. Cashmore and his father, Edwin James Cashmore, were gunmakers (a customer once shot himself in the hand), but seems to have spent more time as a bandmaster for the Elks, Oddfellows and Seaforths. After leaving England in 1887, he lived in Toronto before coming to Vancouver in September 1907.

His father was a PM of St. John's No. 75 in Toronto and that's likely where the son joined the Craft. He was a founding member (Steward) of Grandview Lodge, demitting in 1925. He demitted from the Chapter in 1928.

Alexander Thomas Dunn, Tyler, born Apr. 7, 1872 in England, died in Vancouver on Nov. 3, 1943. He was a shipper for Ross and Howard ironworks. He arrived in Canada in 1904 and lived in Winnipeg and Lloydminster, then Vancouver. He joined Transcona Lodge No. 123 in Winnipeg.

Comp. Dunn was the first Tyler for Grandview and Unity Lodges and Zabud Council.

Frank William Harrop, Organist, born May 11, 1874, Salford, Lancashire, died March 14, 1954 at the Essondale Mental Hospital. Harrop was an amateur singer, a tenor with the Men's Musical Club of Vancouver, founded in 1917. He was saved from death by a 16-year-old boy in 1918 when he got cramps in English Bay 200 yards off Beach Avenue. The boy was presented with a medal by school trustee G. Roy Long. By profession, he sold pianos for Mason and Risch.

He arrived in Canada in 1903 and Vancouver in 1906. He never married.

Comp. Harrop was the first Organist for Grandview and Unity Lodges and Zabud Council.

Triple Tau's final meeting was June 21, 2010 after which it amalgamated with Composite No. 24.

The Last Veil

Two days after his 93rd birthday this past April, the world lost M. Ex. Comp. R. Hilliard Clare, our Senior Past Grand Z. He was a stalwart of Masonry in central B.C. and the Prince George Masonic

Hall was renamed for him in 2016. He was born in Big Valley, Alberta in 1929 and arrived in Prince George at age 18 months. For 71 years, he was with Northern Hardware, and owned the company for a time. He served on city council from 1960 to 1969 and barely lost the mayor's seat in one election. M. Ex. Comp. Clare was president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of B.C. (the youngest ever) when an appeal came out of England for bear skin hides to make the hats for the Grenadier Guards' uniform. He went to work gathering up bear skins and shipped 75 hides off to England.

M. Ex. Comp. Clare joined the Craft in 1960, was exalted in Ft. George Chapter in 1963 and installed as Grand Z. in 1985. He was also active in the Elks, where he played Santa Claus at Christmas, as well as the Legion and Rotary Club. For many years he was a director of the Prince George Mohawks Hockey Club. He had a wonderful dry sense of humour, remarking once that he was old enough to see the roads in Prince George go from dirt to pavement to potholes. He will be missed by his community and the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

Jim Bennie, PZ Joppa No. 31,

Grand Historian

18) REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No Report Submitted

19) REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon, your credentials committee offers the following report on the 2022 convocation.

Total Number of Chapters in this Jurisdiction		25
Chapters represented today		18
Chapters not represented today .		7
Total BC & Yukon Companions registered .....(A)		52
Grand First Principals present		5
Grand Representatives present		3
Companions from other jurisdictions	(B)	10
Past First Principals attending		39
Number of Principals attending Z	6	
H	3	
J	1	
Total in Attendance	(A+B)	62
Total Ballots to be cast	(A)	52

Certified correct: - Committee Chair Charles Buchanan

Member John Ranking

Member John Young

20) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

When only one nomination is received for any office in Grand Chapter, and the nominee accepts the nomination, that companion is declared elected by acclamation without any ballot being taken.

There are eight elected offices in Grand Chapter. As of the close of nominations on March 31st 2022.,

the following nominations have been received:-

Grand First Principal	**MEC Jimmy Catala - Acclamation**
Grand Second Principal	**REC Daniel McCoy- Acclamation**
Grand Third Principal	**REC Alphonse Quenneville - Acclamation**
Grand Treasurer	**REC Thomas Balabanov - Acclamation**
Grand Scribe Ezra	**REC Peter Guichon - Acclamation**
Grand Principal Sojourner	**REC Preciocisimo Sia Bunagan**
	REC Barry Edward Chilton
	VEC Eric Jean-Pierre Charles Duchesne

REC Eric Jean-Pierre Charles Duchesne elected Grand Principal Sojourner.

21) REPORT OF THE INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE 2022

Companions:

I am happy to report that we are seeing a steady growth in the use of our member's area of our Grand Chapter website. Perhaps this is due to the pandemic, where we found ourselves reliant on the use of digital technology to maintain our social interactions while remaining safe. I ask that you continue to utilize the resources available on this site, and with your help we can generate more matters of interest for members in this jurisdiction.

As indicated in my previous reports, our GSE, REC Peter Guichon continues to work hard with webmaster Comp. Steven Noble in getting relevant and timely information uploaded. Please be reminded that our GSE serves as the administrator for any material that you may wish to have included.

I end this report with a few statistics from the past 12 months. We have had almost 8000 site visits, with the top 5 country visitor count in order: USA, Canada, UK, China and Australia.

Lastly, just a reminder that you can only gain access to the members area by registering.

Respectfully submitted:

MEC Ronald R. Smith Chairman

22) REPORT OF THE REGALIA COMMITTEE 2022

Companions:

As you are all aware the pandemic prevented us from having a Grand Convocation and therefore this report remains unchanged.

Regalia Inventory:

Grand 1st Principal apron	New	1
Past Grand 1st Principal collar & jewel		2
Grand 2nd Principal apron	Poor	1
Grand 3rd Principal apron	Good	1
	Old-poor condition	3
Grand Officer collars	New	2
Grand Superintendents	New	1
	Fair	2
	Poor	3
Grand Chaplain	Poor	1
Grand Sojourners collar	Poor	4
	Fair	1
	Good	2
Grand Tricolor sash	New	2
	Fair	1
Apron cases vinyl [fold over type]	Good	5
	Fair	2
Apron case leather	New	1
Companions sash (needs new braid}	Poor	6

I request once again that any Grand Officer that has regalia needing attention to please get in touch.

Respectfully submitted:

MEC Ronald R. Smith Chairman

23) REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE 2022

The Bursary Committee make educational financial awards to close relatives of Companions of Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon.

The ability of the Bursary Committee to make awards, depends upon the generosity of individual Companions and Chapters.

The charities operated under the umbrella of Grand Chapter namely the Royal Arch Masonic Home Society and the Keystone of Life Foundation are fine and deserving charities who warrant our support. However, not being a Registered Charity, donors to the Bursary Fund do not benefit from receiving a tax deductible receipt. For this reason, individuals may choose to donate to the two previously mentioned charities rather than the Bursary Fund. The Bursary Fund, our only charity which directly benefits Companions, is therefore suited to donations from individual Chapters, since they are not able to benefit from charitable receipts.

In 2021/2022 the total donations received were $3,750. In 2020/2021 the total donations received were $6,250, in 2019/2020 $ 7,550 and in 2018/2019 $4,026. Transferable interest earned in 2021/2022 was $7,359. Transferable interest earned in 2020/2021 was $5,437, 2019/2020 $4,754 and in 2018/2019 $3,200.

We thank the generosity of those Chapters and individuals who donated to the Bursary Fund during 2021/2022.

We acknowledge and thank the Grand Chapter for their financial support through their contribution from the General Fund.

One application was rejected this year due to having received a Grand Lodge Bursary, leaving 3 applications to be considered, compared to 8 in 2021, 7 in 2020 and 6 in 2019.
Considering the funds available for distribution and the needs of the applicants, this year, the committee awarded grants of $2,000, $1,700 and $1,500 for a total of $5,200.

The Royal Arch Companion relatives of this year's grant beneficiaries come from; Nanaimo(2), & Surrey.

The difference between the funds raised for distribution in the current year ($3,750) and the grants distributed this year ($5,200) - $1,450 came from interest earned by the Bursary Endowment Fund. This year the 3 grants awarded averaged $1,733. In 2021 the eight grants awarded averaged $1,287 which was slightly higher than the average in 2020 of $1,257. In 2019 and 2018 the average grants were $1,259 and $1,071 respectively. The increases in the average grants since 2018 were due to an increase in donations. During the period 2009-2022 the Bursary Fund has awarded 100 educational bursaries totaling $81,900.

However, this year the donations and number of applicants has dropped by approximately one half. The

reason for this is not definite but it can perhaps be assumed that the lack of meetings in 2021 due to Covid-19 must have had an affect on companions being reminded of the availability of bursaries and consideration of donations to the Bursary Fund. During the upcoming year we must make a concerted effort to promote the Bursary Funds to the Companions of this jurisdiction both in regards to applying for a Bursary and in regards to funding the cost of these bursaries.

We need to encourage all Chapters and Companions to consider contributing to this worthwhile cause. A contribution from every Chapter each year will greatly help us in our ability to assist deserving students.

We ask that all Scribe Ezras inform the companions of their Chapters of the availability of these bursary funds. The application form, conditions and submission deadline are available on the Grand Chapter website.

At the 2022 Convocation the undersigned will hand over to a new Chairman. I wish to thank REC Tom Balabanov, EC Cole Harvey and VEC Alphonse Quenneville for their time and effort given as members of this committee. Unfortunately, this year committee member REC Andrew Law passed away. Andrew was a devoted RA Mason who will be missed.

Respectfully submitted:
REC John Young – Chairman

24) REPORT OF THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS COMMITTEE

To the officers and companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
Conference 2022 of B.C. and Yukon. From your committee that summarizes the district superintendent reports.

We have concluded again the same issues affecting the growing of our Chapters.

Ageing — Many senior members and members in name only for they don't want to attend due to distance driving, stairs, night meetings only, no new members to relieve them of the offices they have held year after year. Maybe we should take a census by age of our members.

Membership — Our membership was on the ·· decline before COVID lockdown and just continues to decline during the three years of inactivity. We need to approach our craft lodge membership in a more appealing way. Two of the District Superintendents are recommending amalgamating chapters in their districts to up numbers who attend, or alternating meeting locations at different times, due to weather and population.

Leadership — Our District Superintendents are always looking for young shining stars who are willing to take on added responsibilities; Step aside and give the eager young member a chance to memorize your lecture. Move the young into chairs of responsibility.

Ritual — Our ritual always has lessons in the life to teach us; it needs to be done with conviction, excitement, and drama by young companions. Words of praise needs to be heard more in our Chapters.

Future — We need to have patience to stand by and let the younger companions get more involved in the running of our chapters. They have the tools of modern communication, and energy to attract more members from the Craft Lodges, by explaining the fourth degree.

We believe at this convocation 2022 we should NOT present the award to the best District Superintendent, due to the challenges faced by all companions during this time of COVID lockdowns and various medical uncertainties faced during this duration before this convocation.

It is recommended by your committee to encourage Chapters to ask for dispensation to send a MMM Degree team to various lodges in their district. This team of companions could carry out a Mark Degree on a separate night. We recommend this so that the Candidates socialize on their own turf.

We congratulate the current District Superintendents on their recent time in office for persevering with the COVID lockdowns and the other medical challenges in their chapters. We wish them well in the future and ask them to support and guide the future Superintendents.

Respectfully Submitted:

REC James Elton

REC Ian Thompson

REC Roy Friis

25) REPORT OF THE PAST GRAND ZERUBABELS REPORT

No Report Submitted

26) REPORT OF THE MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

No names were put forward this year from the Companions.

27) INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

Office	Name	Installed By
Grand Z	MEC Jimmy Catalla	MEC Ken Overy
Grand H	REC Dan McCoy	MEC Len Pickell

Grand J	REC Alphonse Quenneville	MEC Len Pickell
Immediate Past GZ	MEC Phillip Robinson	MEC Len Pickell
Grand Treasurer	REC Tom Balabanov	MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi
Grand Scribe Ezra	REC Peter Guichon	MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi
Grand Principal	Soj. REC Eric Duschesne	MEC David Grange
Grand Senior Soj	VEC Pat Walsch	MEC David Grange
Grand Junior Soj	VEC Claude Lavergne	MEC David Grange
G.Sup. Dist #1	REC Robert McLellan	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist #2	REC Bill Duncan	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist #3	REC Ivan Hamilton	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist #6	REC Gord Hamer	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist #10	REC Scott Wisdahl	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Scribe N.	MEC Ken Overy	REC Peter Guichon
Grand Historian	VEC Jim Bennie	MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi
Grand Sword B.	Appointed As Required	
Grand Standard B.	Appointed As Required	
Grand D of C	VEC Richard Hunter	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Marshall	REC Ed La Marche	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Pursuivant	VEC Bill Hilborn	REC Bruce Allan
Grand Steward	VEC Bob Jackson	REC Dean Box
Grand Chaplain	VEC Doug Henderson	VEC Alan Akehurst
Grand Tyler	VEC Connor Massey	REC Chris Proctor

(Those officers ***NOT INSTALLED*** are to be installed at the earliest opportunity with advice to Grand Scribe

Ezra when completed.)

Grand Honors were properly accorded under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, MEC Ken Overy.

Proclamation, presentation of gavel and General Charge were all completed under direction of IGZ, MEC Ken Overy.

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 Holy Royal Arch in B.C. & Yukon.

28) LOCATION OF FUTURE GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATIONS

2023 Abbotsford
2024 Nanaimo
2025 Penticton

29) VOTE OF THANKS TO THE HOST CHAPTER

(North Vancouver – King Solomon No. 16)

Moved by MEC David Grange, seconded by MEC Len Pickell that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Host Chapter, North Vancouver-King Solomon No. 16 and to the organizing committee for the excellent facility and a successful Convocation
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