

Proceedings

Of

GRAND CHAPTER

Of

British Columbia & Yukon

104th Annual Convocation

Abbotsford, B.C.

2023

(Organized June 18th, 1919)

MEC Jimmy Catala
Grand First Principal

REC Peter Guichon
Grand Scribe Ezra



MEC JIMMY CATALA

Grand First Principal

2022-2023

MEC Jimmy Serge Catala

Biography:

Born and raised in Montreal in the mid 1950's. Join and served in the Royal Canadian Navy for 27 years and retired in 1997. Too young to retire, successfully completed a degree in Quality Management and went to work for the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) as a Quality Management and Aerospace Auditor then moved / seconded to United Technologies and served as a Process Engineer for Sikorsky, Hamilton Sundstrand and Pratt and Whitney throughout North America from the Irvine, California office. In 2000 decided to take a different direction and went back to complete post-secondary education, under-grad in 2005 onto Graduate school for MBA in 2007. Small career change in 2007 and returning to my roots, I joined the

Seaspan family at Victoria Shipyards to assist in the development and implementation of the Submarine Program as the Support Manager. Finally retired in April 2021 after 48 years of uninterrupted work.

I have a wonderful and very understanding wife Melody, together we have seven children, 4 boys, 3 girls.

Favourite hobbies are reading and researching Masonic information (Royal Arch family) and developing / presenting education pieces.

Began my Masonic journey at United Service Lodge No.24. I was Initiated (Feb 2008), Passed (May 2008) and Raised (Jun 2009).

Member of Columbia Chapter No.1 and Affiliated with Tzouhalem Chapter No. 26 and Pacific Rim Chapter No. 44.

Member of Cryptic Rite Mason Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada, ACME Council No. 14 and Royal Ark Mariner, Juan de Fuca Lodge No.12.

Member of Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Western Gate Preceptory No. 30. Member of York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Vancouver Island No. 48. Member of Red Cross of Constantine, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, Saxa Rubra No. 26.

Member of British Columbia and Yukon, Order of the Secret Monitor or Brotherhood of David & Jonathon of Canada,

Vancouver Island Conclave No.9. Member of Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada, Council No. 213.

Member of Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia, Lumen Pacificae College No. 39.

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 23 day of September, 2023

PETER G.A. GUICHON

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(REC Peter Guichon – Grand Scribe Ezra)

SEAL

The one hundred and First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon was held on **September 15th – 16th, 2023** at the Best Western Plus Regency Inn and Conference Centre, Abbotsford, B.C.

OFFICERS ELECTED/APPOINTED 2022/2023

MEC Jimmy Catala	**Grand First Principal**
REC Daniel McCoy	Grand Second Principal
REC Alphonse Quenneville	Grand Third Principal
MEC Phillip Robinson	IPGZ
REC Tom Balabanov	Grand Treasurer
REC Peter Guichon	Grand Scribe Ezra
REC Eric Duchesne	Grand Pr. Sojourner
REC Stephen Coffey	Grand Sr. Sojourner
VEC Cole Harvey	Grand Jr. Sojourner
REC Robert McLellan	Grand Supt. Dist. 1
REC William Duncan	Grand Supt. Dist. 2
REC Ivan Hamilton	Grand Supt. Dist. 3
REC Gordon Hamer	Grand Supt. Dist. 6
REC Scott Wisdahl	Grand Supt. Dist.10
MEC Ken Overy	Grand Nehemiah
REC James Bennie	Grand Historian
As Required	Grand Sword Bearer
As Required	Grand Standard Bearer
VEC Richard Hunter	Grand Dir. Of Ceremonies
REC Ed La Marche	Grand Marshal
VEC Bill Hilborn	Grand Pursuivant
VEC Robert Jackson	Grand Steward #1
VEC TBA	Grand Steward #2
VEC TBA	Grand Steward #3
REC Aaron Harrison	Grand Chaplain
VEC TBA	Grand Organist
VEC Connor Massey	Grand Tyler

1) INFORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The informal opening of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon was held in the normal manner on **Friday, September 15, 2023**. The companions and guests were welcomed to the session. The Grand Council entered and assumed their respective chairs in the East. The Grand First Principal then declared the Informal Grand Chapter open at **7:00 pm**. He welcomed all to the Grand Convocation.

2) RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests and visitors were each introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, VEC Richard Hunter and then received and welcomed by the Grand Council and seated.

MEC. James Carswell – Grand First Principal – Grand Chapter of Alberta with following suite.
REC. Jamie Wong – Grand Second Principal - Grand Chapter of Alberta
REC. Kurtis Fredricks – Grand Third Principal - Grand Chapter of Alberta
REC. Gary Hodge – Grand Superintendent – District 4 - Grand Chapter of Alberta.

M. ILL. Comp. Jerry W. Kopp – Most Illustrious Grand Master – Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal & Select Masters.
Rt. ILL. Comp. Karl Ellingsen – Grand Inspector General for B.C. Lower Mainland- Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal and Select Masters.

Most Ill. Kt. Comp. Peter Whitehead – Grand Sovereign- Red Cross of Constantine.

Rt. ILL. Knight Priest -- Alex Hart –District Superintendent of B.C. -Representing The Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom.

Rt. Ven. Bro. Scott Wisdahl – District Deputy Grand Master - Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

Dakoha Hammer, Past Honoured Queen Bethel 22, Grand Bethel Honoured Queen – Job's Daughters of BC.
Mrs. Nathalie Drew, Grand Guardian - Job's Daughters of BC.

Jessica La Forge – Royal Matron of Dogwood Court No. 3 – Order of the Amaranth.
John McMurchie – Royal Patron of Dogwood Court No. 3 - Order of the Amaranth.

Worthy Grand Patron– Representing Order of the Eastern Star of BC.

3) FLAG CEREMONY

The flag ceremony was conducted by MEC Jimmy Catala. The flags were placed in their respective places prior to the Opening of the Informal Grand Lodge. MEC Catala held each flag as the description of each flag read by REC Dan McCoy. The ceremony ended with the singing of "*O Canada*".

4) MEMORIAL SERVICE

Presided over by V. Ex. Comp. Alan Akehurst:

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, September 15, 2023
Best Western Plus Regency
Abbotsford, BC



Acting Grand Chaplain – REC Alan Akehurst

Royal Arch Masonic Memorial

Companions and guests, we have come together at this time to remember before God the lives of our companions who have passed to the Grand Chapter above, to commend them in God's keeping and to comfort those who mourn with our sympathy and with our love, in the hope we share through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Hear the words of our Saviour:

I am the resurrection and the life:
Even in death, anyone who believes in me will live.

Set your troubled hearts at rest.
Trust in God always; trust also in me.

Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden.
And I will give you rest.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.
That whoever believes in him should not perish.
But have eternal life.

Our companions have completed their labours and gone to their rest in the Grand Chapter above, where we will all dwell with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Therefore, let us remember that, although we have been parted from these, our companions, none of us need ever be separated from the love of God.

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 11:25 - 30**

At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Sermon:

Let us pray:

God of our life,
There are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;
When the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening;
When our lives have music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage.
Flood the path with light, turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise;
Tune our hearts to brave the music; give us the sense of comradeship with the heroes and saints of every age;
And so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to your honour and glory. **AMEN.**

POWER POINT PRESENTATION: GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON – DECEASED MEMBERS OF 2022
Rose laid by:
District No. 1: REC Robert McLellan
District No. 2 REC Bill Duncan
District No. 3 REC Ivan Hamilton
District No. 6 MEC Phillip Robinson
District No. 10 REC Scott Wisdahl
Yukon Chapter No. 38 – Comp. Connor Massey
Rocky Mountain Chapter No. 4 – EC Cole Harvey

AND for all Companions who may have been overlooked as well as including the men and women serving overseas protecting this great nation and the first responders who protect and serve us in Canada.

AND for the deceased spouses who supported our Companions we grieve their loss.

The Chaplain:
They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old. Age shall not wary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

ALL: We shall remember them.

Let us Pray:

We commend to God our companions as they have journeyed beyond our sight. God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us, conquered death, and by rising again, restored life. May we not be afraid of death but desire to be with Christ, and after our labours on earth are done be reunited with our brethren and loved ones, where every tear will be wiped away and all things are made new. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Would you please join me in the words our Saviour taught us:
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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen**

Blessing:

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love all the days of your life and the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe be with us this day and always. **Amen.**

Deceased Companions – 2022

Chapter No.	Name	Date of Death
Columbia 1 Comp.	Glen Dale Whitton	Thursday, August 18, 2022
	Comp. John Walter Rowan	Monday, October 17, 2022
Rocky Mountain 7	Comp. David Lister	Sunday, September 4, 2022
North Island 10	Comp. John Gunter	Tuesday, March 1, 2022
	Comp. Les Routledge	Monday, April 11, 2022

	EC Harry Hemphill	Friday, December 23, 2022
Kaien 13 Comp.	Murray Webster	Tuesday, June 21, 2022
	Comp. Ed Dyer	Friday, August 19, 2022
North Van King Solomon 16	Ex Comp. Bill Hogewoning	2022
Kelowna 17	Comp. Ken McDuff	Sunday, July 31, 2022
Kamloops 18	Comp. Warick Parker	Monday, October 10, 2022
	Comp. Jens Skov	Sunday, July 3, 2022
Pentiction 22	Comp. Roy Phillips	Monday, April 19, 2021
	REC Ian Swann	Tuesday, November 2, 2021
	REC Comp. Ray Huey	Thursday, May 5, 2022
	REC Warwick Parker	Monday, October 10, 2022
Composite 24	Ex Comp. Kevin J. FitzGerald	Monday, October 31, 2022
Tzouhalem 26	Comp. Allen E Sadler	Saturday, January 15, 2022
	Comp. Donald Braithwaite	Monday, December 12, 2022
Joppa 31	REC Andrew Law Sunday,	February 20, 2022
Majuba 33	REC John Tutte Thursday,	June 16, 2022
Semiahmoo 34	Comp Ralph Reeves	Sunday, September 19, 2021
	REC Neil Marsh Monday,	December 12, 2022
Cathedral 35	REC Daryl Pentland	Saturday, October 15, 2022
	EC Robert King Sunday,	June 12, 2022
Fort George 36	Comp. James Allan Read	July, 2022
	Comp. Myron Sambad	February, 2022
	REC Bill Poncia	May, 2022
	MEC Hilliard Clare	April, 2022
Kalum 37	REC Edward McFadden	Thursday, November 17, 2022
	EC Jacob Terpstra	Thursday, October 21, 2021
	REC Leon Dumpstrey-Soos	Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Yukon 38	Comp. Peter Jenkins	Saturday, October 2, 2021
Simon Fraser 40	Comp. Lewis Smith	Tuesday, July 19, 2022
Dawson Creek 41	Comp. Doug Bonk	Saturday, February 12, 2022
Pacific Rim 44	EC Ron Fisher	Tuesday, March 29, 2022
	Comp. John Yates	Tuesday, May 3, 2022 37

5) ADDRESSES BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Grand First Principal invited those guests who would not be here on Saturday to address the assembly.

6) INFORMAL CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER

This Informal Opening was closed by the Grand First Principal at 8:35 pm with a reminder that the Convocation would commence tomorrow at **8:30 am on September 15th 2023**.

7) FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Grand Convocation was formally opened **September 16, 2023** by the Grand First Principal in ample form at **8:30 am**. The Grand Scribe Ezra confirmed that **18 of 24** Chapters were represented and so constituting a quorum.

8) RECEPTION OF GUESTS/VISITORS AND REGRETS

All the guests who did not have occasion to speak at the Informal Opening were welcomed back and advised they would be provided the occasion to address the session at some time during the day.
Regrets Received:

REGRETS

MEC Tom Mickey, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to health reasons

MEC Joseph Marshall, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to health reasons

MEC Norman Monro, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to health reasons

MEC Leslie Robinson, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to family commitments.

MEC David Grange, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to other commitments.

MEC Norm McEvoy, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to health reasons.

MEC Kenneth Overy, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction.

Unable to attend due to health reasons.

MEC Jeremy Gomersall, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to family commitments

MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to family commitments

MEC Troy LeBlanc, Grand First Principal of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan

Unable to attend due to prior commitments.

MEC Paraag Suchak, Grand First Principal of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada

Unable to attend due to prior commitments.

All have asked to extend their best wishes for an enjoyable and successful convocation

9) INVOCATION BY GRAND CAPLAIN

VEC Alan Akehurst provided invocation.

10) CHANGE OF SIGNING AUTHORITY

No Change in Signing Authority.

11) RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

The following Resolution of Loyalty, duly MOVED by Most Excellent Companion Lenord Pickell 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 fourth Annual Convocation held at the City of Abbotsford in the Province of British Columbia, Canada this 16th day of September 2023 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 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. Lenard Pickell, 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 Fourth Annual Convocation in the City of Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada this 16th day of September, 2023, 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 16th, 2023.

“GOD SAVE THE KING”

12) MINUTES OF GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION of 2022

Motion by Grand Scribe Ezra REC Peter Guichon.

I hereby move that the minutes of the one hundredth annual Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon, held at the city of Abbottsford, British Columbia and as published in the annual proceedings of 2022 be hereby adopted.

Seconded by MEC. Ron Smith **Carried as Presented**

13) Report of the Grand First Principal MEC Jimmy Catala 2022-2023

Most Excellent Companions, Guests, and Companions;

As my term of office is coming to end, I wish to thank the Companions for the trust they put in me to perform the duties and responsibilities of your Grand First Principal, and thank all Chapters within our Jurisdiction for the courtesies extended throughout the year.

Unfortunately, my visits throughout the Jurisdiction was somewhat limited due to my present health condition. I am forever grateful to my Grand Superintendents who

conducted themselves admirably and represented me and Grand Chapter and guided their District Chapters. Thank you to my Officers for their work and dedication throughout the year.

As we all know our Royal Art and Freemasonry as a whole were struggling for several years, due to the COVID pandemic and lost too many Companions/Brethren. We are experiencing some shortfall as various Chapters are down in numbers and struggling to make the numbers. Do not despair, as we know we rely on the Craft Lodges to fill in our ranks, currently an astonishing numbers of seekers are joining the Craft and it looks promising for a great resurgence for all Concordant bodies.

As one of my talking point during my visits was that, Royal Arch Masons since the mid 70's has been 10% of the numbers from Grand Lodge membership, and it still applies today. Last year we Exalted 20 new Royal Arch masons, we as Royal Arch Masons need to continue to be proud of our Royal Art, promote Royal Arch within our Craft Lodges and even consider presenting an education pieces to generate interest, several Brethren don't really know what we are all about. A gentle reminder that, while in Chapter, perform good ritual, wear your regalia properly and proudly, don't forget to wear the Royal Arch jewel in your Craft Lodge. Remember, Craftmasons who join the Holy Royal Arch never fail to be impressed by the beauty and profound nature of the Order, especially their Exaltation. Royal Arch represents the best means to extend your enjoyment and engagement with Freemasonry.

"PEOPLE JOIN AN ORGANIZATION BECAUSE OF IDEAL, BUT THEY STAY BECAUSE OF YOU"

Sadly, we have been marred with the passing of 37 Companions who were summoned to the Grand Chapter above. A ceremony of tribute to their life and recognition was conducted last evening under the direction of the Grand Chaplain, VEC Doug Henderson with the assistance of the District Superintendents, who laid red roses on the Holy Book for all departed within their District in memory. The Departed wives, family, friends, Service personnel and All Emergency Services were also remembered by laying a white rose.

I would like once again extend my gratitude to all Companions of the Jurisdiction for the trust and support that has been given to me these past 4 years, in permitting me to govern this great institution we call Holy Royal Arch. Thank you to Grand Scribe Ezra, REC Peter Guichon for his help, wisdom and unwavering commitment to our order. A special thank you to all Companions who joined me in my suite during my Official visits. Thank you to the members of Grand Council for your unwavering support during the year. To REC Dan McCoy, Grand First Principal elect and his Officers, I wish you all a great year. I know you will be successful and steer the ship on the right course.

Last but not least, thank you to my wife Melody for her unwavering support, advice and encouragement during my tenure within Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted:
MEC Jimmy Catala
Grand First Principal

I REC Dan McCoy hereby move that this report be referred to the committee on the Grand Z's address.
Seconded by:-REC Alphonse Quenneville

Address Received

14) ADDRESS OF THE GRAND 2nd PRINCIPAL (H)
REC Dan McCoy

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

My tour as your Grand Haggai turned out to be quite busy, as well as exceptionally educational. It is a duty as well as a privilege which I thoroughly enjoyed. In addition to the assigned duty of chairing the Executive Committee, I had the distinct pleasure of continuing with the monthly Zoom assemblies of the Grand Superintendents. This relatively new feature has proven to be very enjoyable as well as productive, providing a venue for idea exchange bringing views and representation for the entire jurisdiction together on a regular basis. We say Masonry is about people – and nowhere is that more clear than in the caring and the zeal exhibited by the Superintendents of this jurisdiction and their dedication to ensuring that we operate as a whole.

Spring Board was another unique path this year, introducing and proving the concept of a Hybrid/In-person Zoom format. It was wonderful to have such tremendous attendance –virtual and physical - garnering input and comment on topics from throughout the jurisdiction and allowing a much broader range of participation. Feedback was universally positive and this format should continue into the future, allowing us that much needed cohesion among the disparate groups and regions that make up or great province and territory.

It was most enjoyable to finally see a full season of travel available to all. Your Grand Council managed several visits throughout the year, and I hope to enjoy a full year of visitation as your Grand First Principal. There are a few Chapters that I have not yet had the pleasure to visit and I look forward to rectifying that. Visiting was not limited to the jurisdiction and the Three Principals' visit to the Grand Chapter of Alberta was a highlight, strengthening a long standing friendship. I hope for and anticipate more chances to increase the bonds of fraternity with other jurisdictions over the coming year.

My term as Grand Haggai has been an experience not to be missed, fulfilling and enjoyable. I would like to thank the Grand Council as well as the entire Executive for their support and guidance over the year, keeping the ship on an even keel. I particularly thank all the Companions who took time to move and improve our Royal Craft throughout the year. My appreciation to all those who made the effort to chat during visitations, whether to bring ideas, bring thanks or simply bring forward that

social interaction we are known for. Your love of our what we do is evident. Without your action in the Chapters nothing happens. Remember – You can't Watch your Masonry happen; you have to Make it happen - I urge you all to step forward and show that love, assist where you can and help make this Royal Craft even better.

I look with anticipation to serving you all as your Grand First Principal this upcoming year. Together let US Make The Difference.

Respectfully submitted,
REC Daniel McCoy

Report Received

15) ADDRESS OF THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL (J)
REC Alphonse J. Quenneville

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

It is with great pleasure and honour that I present the annual report for my term as the Grand Third Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon. During this period, we witnessed a significant increase in activity in our craft coming out of the Covid years, we bolstered our various charitable initiatives and worked towards fostering a stronger Membership. I would like to express my gratitude to the Companions and Officers who have contributed to the success thus far of our Royal Craft.

Throughout the year, we focused on enhancing Companion engagement and recruitment efforts. We published and circulated new Royal Arch Brochures. We also presented educational programs, including a four-part information session, to attract new members from Craft Lodges. A number of new dedicated Masons have been welcomed into our Royal Arch Chapters this year.

Charitable endeavors have always been an integral part of our Royal Arch Masonic values. During my term, I have fully supported these important charities to further our positive impact in British Columbia and Yukon.

These charitable initiatives include:
Keystone of Life: Supports hospitals throughout British Columbia by offering significant cash grants to purchase necessary equipment for the treatment of their patients.

Bursaries: We awarded Bursaries to deserving students, encouraging and supporting their pursuit of higher education. This initiative aimed to empower the next generation and enable them to achieve their full potential as citizens of British Columbia and Yukon.

Royal Arch Masonic Homes (RAMH) & Apartments: This complex care home always exceeds industry standards (by a long country mile) in the care of folks who have worked throughout their lives, contributing to the economy and growth of British Columbia and Yukon. RAMH offers Seniors the care they deserve after many years of working and supporting their families. The apartments which are also part of RAMH are offered at below market rents and have long waiting lists of renters interested in moving in.

Companions, we need you to take an active role in promoting these charities and/or supporting them financially. These Royal Arch supported charities are the cornerstone of our Royal Craft and should be promoted throughout our Jurisdiction. Companions, these initiatives spark interest in our Royal Craft and your active participation helps to attract new members.

I attended Monthly Executive meetings as well as Monthly meetings with our Grand Superintendents, all via Zoom. These meetings helped us all to better recognize and deal with our challenges and successes throughout the jurisdiction. They provided a vital communication resource, and these Zoom meetings should continue well into the future.

I had occasion to visit a number of Regular Chapter meetings and Chapter Installations throughout the province and found that all our Companions are working hard and engaging in the ritual work that is fundamental to our Craft. These rituals serve as a means of personal growth, strengthening our bonds as Companions, and upholding the timeless traditions of Royal Arch Masonry.

We fostered outreach efforts with the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon. At our Grand Lodge Communication in June we presented an informational table display highlighting the good work we do in the community with our Royal Arch charitable initiatives.

We also attended the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Grand Communication. I found the Alberta Companions to be a very well-organized group. Their Grand Communication was no exception. My Companions, I highly recommend that you attend the next Grand Communication in Red Deer Alberta in early May next year. Alberta Hospitality is second to none. This kind of fraternal visit not only enhances our understanding of diverse Masonic traditions, but also facilitates the exchange of ideas, while fostering stronger and more vibrant Masonic communities in both Jurisdictions.

In conclusion, it has been an eventful and fulfilling year as the Grand Third Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon. The dedication and commitment of all our companions have been instrumental in achieving and upholding the principles of Royal Arch Masonry throughout British Columbia and Yukon. I am confident that the seeds which have been planted during this term will continue to flourish, and that Royal Arch Masonry will continue to grow under the guidance of the incoming leadership.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all the Officers and Companions who have contributed to the ongoing successes of our Chapters. Together we have made a positive

impact on our communities, strengthened our Masonic bonds, and carried forward the noble traditions of Royal Arch Masonry in British Columbia and Yukon.

Fraternally,
Alphonse J. Quenneville

Report Received

16) Report of the Grand Chaplain

To the Companions of Grand Chapter

This year has been one of reflection and observation for all Royal Arch masons. New companions (some of which I met) have been admitted in several Chapters and this gives us all hope. Regrettably several familiar faces will no longer be seen at Chapter. This is the way of all mankind, but in my visits I always feel optimism for the future. Our system of liturgy and ceremony is second to none and I am honoured to have led or participated in such functions with our Companions. Royal Arch Freemasons I visited during my term were overwhelmingly kind, friendly and above all hospitable! I wish to thank our very dedicated and capable Grand First Principal Jimmy Catella for his confidence in me in appointing me to this august position within our organization. As your Grand Chaplain it has been my privilege and honour to carry out this office for you all.

Respectfully Submitted
VEC Doug Henderson
Grand Chaplain

Report Received

17) REPORT OF THE MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

MEC. Jimmy Catala reminded the Companions of the importance of nominating faithful and hard working Companions who have no aspirations of becoming First Principal of their Chapter yet deserves recognition.

18 RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

1989 Most Excellent Companion Thomas O. Mickey

P 1997 Most Excellent Companion Leonard G.B. Pickell

1998 Most Excellent Companion Joseph R. Marshall

2002 Most Excellent Companion Norman K. Monro

2006 Most Excellent Companion A. Leslie Robinson

2009 Most Excellent Companion David Grange

2010 Most Excellent Companion Joel Chiri

2011 Most Excellent Companion Norman McEvoy

2013 Most Excellent Companion Kenneth Overy

2014 Most Excellent Companion Jeremy Gomersall

2016 Most Excellent Companion Godfrey Onyemaobi

P 2017 Most Excellent Companion Ronald Smith

2018 Most Excellent Companion A. Leslie Robinson

P 2019 – 2021 Most Excellent Companion Phillip Robinson

Grand Honors under the direction of VEC Richard Hunter, Grand Director of Ceremonies were accorded. Each Past Grand First Principal was welcomed by the Grand First Principal.

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

19) RECEPTION OF FIRST PRINCIPALS
Roll Call 2023

P Columbia 1

Rocky Mountain 4

P Keystone 8

P North Island 10

Kaien 13

P North Van – King Solomon 16

Kelowna 17

Kamloops 18

Chilliwack 19

Penticton 22

Composite 24

Tzouhalem 26

P Joppa 31

P Majuba 33

P Semiahmoo 34

P Cathedral 35

Fort George 36

Kalum 37

Yukon 38

Georgian 39

P Simon Fraser 40

Dawson Creek 41

Caribou 43

Pacific Rim 44

P = Present

The attending First Principals were received and welcomed by MEC Jimmy Catala. The First Principals were accorded Grand Honours under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

20) REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER
For the Year-ended 31st December 2022

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

Grand Chapter of BC and Yukon
Balance Sheet
Basis: Accrual

Account	12/31/2020 Total	12/31/2021 Total	12/31/2022 Total	12/31/2023 Total
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash				
100th Anniversary Expenses	1	1	1	1
Coast Capital Account	6711.23	13876.73	11277.79	13261.66
Coast Capital Savings	1	1	1	1
Total for Cash	**6713.23**	**13878.73**	**11279.79**	**13263.66**
Other current assets				
Inventory	2073.71	1923.71	1923.71	1923.71
Prepaid Expenses	1200	1200	1200	3057
Regalia Reserve	8250	8250	8250	8250
Total for Other current assets	**11523.71**	**11373.71**	**11373.71**	**13230.71**
Total for Current Assets	**18236.94**	**25252.44**	**22653.5**	**26494.37**
Total for Assets	**18236.94**	**25252.44**	**22653.5**	**26494.37**
Liabilities & Equities				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Grand Communication Loan Account	906.68	906.68	906.68	906.68
Unearned Revenue	0	475	-600	-600
Total for Current Liabilities	**906.68**	**1381.68**	**306.68**	**306.68**
Total for Liabilities	**906.68**	**1381.68**	**306.68**	**306.68**
Equities				
Current Year Earnings	1704.3	6540.5	-1523.94	3840.87
Retained Earnings	15625.96	17330.26	23870.76	22346.82
Total for Equities	**17330.26**	**23870.76**	**22346.82**	**26187.69**
Total for Liabilities & Equities	**18236.94**	**25252.44**	**22653.5**	**26494.37**

Grand Chapter of BC and Yukon
Profit and Loss
Basis: Accrual

Account	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020 Total	Jan 2021 - Dec 2021 Total	Jan 2022 - Dec 2022 Total	Jan 2023 - Dec 2023 Total
Operating Income				
I01 General Interest	0.12	0	0	0
Interest Income	0	0.01	0	0
R01 Capital Dues	21492	20960	18910	17250
R06 Certificates	720	75	13	449.78
R09 Dispensations	60	0	0	0
R12 Jewels	0	45	0	0
R13 Rituals	390	0	360	287.7
R20 - misc income	10	0	0	0
Total for Operating Income	**22672.12**	**21080.01**	**19283**	**17987.48**
Total for Cost of Goods Sold	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Gross Profit	**22672.12**	**21080.01**	**19283**	**17987.48**
Operating Expense				
Convocation Expenses	0	0	0	1025.78
E01 Grand Z Expenses	5000	0	5000.8	5000
E01A Grand E Travel BC	0	0	0	200.9
E02 - District 10 travel	700	0	0	600
E03 Grand Scribe Honorarium	8400	8400	8400	5400
E04 Grand Treasurer Expenses	500	500	500	0
E21 Inventory Expense	296.64	0	0	0
E22 Postage	44.77	0	0	149.3
E26 Telephone Expense	240	360	360	180
E27 Internet Expense	527.99	429.25	360	180
E30 Grand Communications	350	0	1175.14	0
E31 Stationary Expenses	266.33	0	0	0
E33 Miscellaneous	0	1000	31.96	0
E34 Moving Expenses	293.84	0	0	0
E38 Computer Supplies	603.55	761.46	201.6	950.8
E47 Computer Systems	1000	688.8	1303.2	403.2
IT and Internet Expenses	250	0	0	0
Jewels Pins and Regalia	0	0	374.78	0
Printing	0	0	499.46	56.63
Regalia Repairs	94.7	0	0	0
Rent Expense	2400	2400	2600	0

Total for Operating Expense	**20967.82**	**14539.51**	**20806.94**	**14146.61**
Operating Profit	**1704.3**	**6540.5**	**-1523.94**	**3840.87**
Net Profit/Loss	**1704.3**	**6540.5**	**-1523.94**	**3840.87**

Grand Chapter of BC and Yukon
Budget Vs Actuals summary
Grand Chapter Budget 2022
Jan 2022 - Dec 2022

Account	Jan 2022 - Dec 2022				
	Budget	Actual	Utilized Percentage	Over Budget	Exceeded Percentage
Income					
I01 General Interest	85	0	0.00%	-85	-100.00%
I20 - Misc Income:I22 - Dispensations	100	0	0.00%	-100	-100.00%
I20 - Misc Income:I23 - Certificates	250	0	0.00%	-250	-100.00%
R01 Capital Dues	16250	18910	116.37%	2660	16.37%
R06 Certificates	0	13		13	
R13 Rituals	300	360	120.00%	60	20.00%
R20 - misc income	610	0	0.00%	-610	-100.00%
Total for Income	**17595**	**19283**	**109.59%**	**1688**	**9.59%**
Total for Income	**17595**	**19283**	**109.59%**	**1688**	**9.59%**
Expense					
Bank Fees and Charges	10	0	0.00%	-10	-100.00%
E01 Grand Z Expenses	5000	5000.8	100.02%	0.8	0.02%
E02 - District 10 travel	600	0	0.00%	-600	-100.00%
E03 Grand Scribe Honorarium	8400	8400	100.00%	0	0.00%
E04 Grand Treasurer Expenses	750	500	66.67%	-250	-33.33%
E22 Postage	200	0	0.00%	-200	-100.00%
E26 Telephone Expense	1000	360	36.00%	-640	-64.00%
E27 Internet Expense	0	360		360	
E30 Grand Communications	0	1175.14		1175.14	
E31 Stationary Expenses	1000	0	0.00%	-1000	-100.00%
E33 Miscellaneous	0	31.96		31.96	
E38 Computer Supplies	0	201.6		201.6	
E47 Computer Systems	0	1303.2		1303.2	
Grand Z Travel Yukon	700	0	0.00%	-700	-100.00%
IT and Internet Expenses	1000	0	0.00%	-1000	-100.00%

Jewels Pins and Regalia	250	374.78	149.91%	124.78	49.91%
Other Expenses	650	0	0.00%	-650	-100.00%
Printing	0	499.46		499.46	
Regalia Cases	180	0	0.00%	-180	-100.00%
Rent Expense	2400	2600	108.33%	200	8.33%
Total for Expense	**22140**	**20806.9**	**93.98%**	**-1333.1**	**-6.02%**
Total for Profit and Loss	**-4545**	**-1523.9**	**33.53%**	**3021.06**	**-66.47%**

Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC and Yukon
Balance Sheet
Basis: Accrual

Account	Account Code	12/31/2020 Total	12/31/2021 Total	12/31/2022 Total	12/31/2023 Total
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash					
Coast Capital Cash	100001	16185.54	8175.82	175.82	770.
Coast Capital Shares	100002	5	5	5	
Total for Cash		**16190.54**	**8180.82**	**180.82**	**775.**
Other current assets					
A01 General Odlum Brown Cash	101001	5270.93	3596.28	4389.01	5961.
Total for Other current assets		**467828.1**	**484114.73**	**482163.89**	**486515.**
Total for Current Assets		**484018.64**	**492295.55**	**482344.71**	**487290**
Total for Assets		**484018.64**	**492295.55**	**482344.71**	**487290**
Liabilities & Equities					
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Opening Balance Adjustments		430336.55	430336.55	430336.55	43033
Regalia Replacement Funds	200001	15750	15750	15750	15
Unpaid Expenses	200002	7500	7500	0	
Total for Current Liabilities		**453586.55**	**453586.55**	**446086.55**	**44608**
Total for Liabilities		**453586.55**	**453586.55**	**446086.55**	**44608**
Equities					
Bursary withdrawals		0	-2500	-5500	-5
Current Year Earnings		16497.35	10776.91	549.16	494
Retained Earnings		13934.74	30432.09	41209	4175
Total for Equities		**30432.09**	**38709**	**36258.16**	**4120**

Total for Liabilities & Equities	**484018.64**	**492295.55**	**482344.71**	**48729**

Ro /al Arch Masonic Society of BC and Yukon

Profit and Loss

Account	Account Code	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020 Total	Jan 2021 - Dec 2021 Total	Jan 2022 - Dec 2022 Total	Jan 2023 - 2023
Operating Income					
Bank Interest	400001	0.21	0	0	
R03 Bursary Investment Income	400003	6797.25	9199.07	8285.6	4
R04 General Investment Income	400004	10526.15	9174.36	8545.64	55
Total for Operating Income		**17323.61**	**18373.43**	**16831.24**	**95**
Cost of Goods Sold					
Total for Cost of Goods Sold		**0**	**0**	**0**	
Gross Profit		**17323.61**	**18373.43**	**16831.24**	**957**
Operating Expense					
Bank Expenses	700001	4.5	3	0	
E88 General Withholding Tax	700188	22.53	0	0	
E89 Bursary Withholding Tax	700189	16.23	0	0	
E98 Capital Gain Loss General Acct	700198	2294.69	313.5	225.28	426
E99 Capital Gain Loss Bursary	700199	-9850.75	-726.7	8556.8	-3
Gifts & Donations:Charity	700012	7500	7500	7500	
Prof and Legal Fees	700010	839.06	506.72	0	
Total for Operating Expense		**826.26**	**7596.52**	**16282.08**	**463**
Operating Profit		**16497.35**	**10776.91**	**549.16**	**494**
Non Operating Income					
Net Profit/Loss		**16497.35**	**10776.91**	**549.16**	**494**

Fraternally Submitted
REC. Tom Balabanov – Grand Treasurer

Moved for acceptance : REC Tom Balabanov

Seconded REC. Scott Wisdahl **Adopted**

21) 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.

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.

Membership Statistics
Over the last twelve months from January to December 2022, our membership has declined from 742 to 713 a loss of 29 Companions, primarily due to deaths and demits. However, on the bright side is that now that we are able to meet again, there have been 20 exaltations, as well as 5 restorations and 14 affiliations. Your Grand Executive is now encouraging that the Companions attend Craft Lodges and present the 4 part presentation to educate Craft Members. It is unfortunate that we need to raise the per capita, but that is a reflection of our decreasing numbers.

			Year End Membership Statistics								
				2022							
Chapter	**No.**	**Jan-22**	**Exalt**	**Rest.**	**Affil.**	**Died**	**Susp**	**Demit**	**Expel**	**Care Home**	**Dec-22**
Columbia	1	52	1			2		4			47
R. Mount	4	20				1					19
Keystone	8	18									18
N. Island	10	58	1	1		3		4		1	53
Kaien	13	13				2					11
N.V.K.S.	16	38				1	1	1			35
Kelowna	17	22	2			1		1			22
Kamloops	18	24	2		1	2	1				24
Chilliwack	19	23					1	2			20
Penticton	22	17			2	4		2		1	13
Composite	24	20				1		3		3	16
Tzouhalem	26	26			1	2				2	25
Joppa	31	76	9	1	4	1		3		1	86
Majuba	33	18				1				1	17
Semiahmoo	34	44				2	2	1			39
Cathedral	35	17									17
Ft. George	36	47			2	4		1		3	44
Kalum	37	29			1	3		1			26
Yukon	38	18				1					17
Georgian	39	21								1	21
S. Fraser	40	35		1		1		1			34
D/ Creek	41	42	4	2	1	1	2	1			45
Caribou	43	29									29
Pac Rim	44	35	1		2	2		1		1	35
Total - 2022		**742**	**20**	**5**	**14**	**35**	**7**	**26**	**0**	**14**	**713**

Sincerely and Fraternally

REC Peter Guichon, Grand Scribe Ezra **Report Received**

22) Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon Report of the Finance Committee For the year 2023

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

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.

Your Committee recommends that the per capita fee be increased from $25 to $28 for the 2024 fiscal year. This is made necessary due to declining membership, and an increase in membership will go a long way to keep future per capita fees stable.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted:

EC Scott Wisdahl
Chairman Finance Committee

. **Report Received**

23) CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Report of the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee

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

There have been no Motions or Amendments or other issues and concerns submitted to the Committee this year.

Respectfully Submitted

REC Ken Ward, Chairman

Report Received

24) Forum for Candidates for Elected Offices.

BIOGRAPHY OF CANDIDATES FOR GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

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

Mission and Vision Statement:

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 inspire every Companion take pride in the Order and in the work that he does as an exemplary part of it;*
3. *To inspire every Companion 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 Royal Arch Mason.*

"Ride, Companions! Ride High!!"

REC Preciocisimo 'Bong Bugsy' Siao Bunagan, Jr.

Brief Personal Info:

DOB: 27 June 1961
Birthplace: Quezon City, Philippines
Spouse: Maria Rosalinda 'Owie' Anza Bunagan
Children: Rose Catriona Anza Bunagan (married to Kasia Burgess Zimmerman)
P. Baron Domino Anza Bunagan (married to Frances Sala)
Moved with family to Canada in November 2004 and obtained Canadian citizenship in 2008
Resides at 4956 Manor Street, Burnaby, BC V5G 1B5
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 Class 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 in the Philippines as intelligence and operations officer, investigation officer, Presidential

action officer, psy-ops operative, entrepreneur, business analyst, strategist and consultant.

5. Presidential Consultant – Office of the President of the Republic of the Philippines 1998-2001.

6. Ministry of Attorney General, Province of BC - confidential

Masonic Career:

2006 – Raised to the sublime degree as a MM at Maple Leaf Park 63 (now Heritage Lodge 63)
2011-2012 WM Maple Leaf Park 63
2009 – Exalted as Royal Arch Mason in the HRA at Composite Chapter 24
2015 – 2016 First Principal, Composite Chapter 24

Grand Lodge Office(s) held:

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

HRA Grand Chapter Office(s) Held:

2019- 2022 Past Grand Superintendent – 2nd District for PGZ MEC Philip Robinson
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 (mother lodge) – WM 2011-2012
Melrose Lodge 67 – WM 2017-2018 and 2018-2019
Excelsior 195 - member
True Resolution Lodge of the MW Grand Lodge of Prince Hall of Washington – associate

Membership in Concordant/Appendant Bodies:

HRA – exalted 2009 at Composite Chapter 24 / elected 1st Principal 2014-2015
Cryptic Rite – Zabud Council (demitted) / Zarthan Council – petition for affiliation pending
Knights Templar – Columbia Preceptory 34
York Rite Sovereign College of North America - York Rite College 44 BCY
Knights Templar High Priests – Fraser Tabernacle 163
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 BCY

Personal Bio for Very Excellent Companion Hani M. Nino

Very Excellent Companion Nino, was born on November 14th 1974 in Amman Jordan. He attended school in Amman where he lived, until he graduated as a Petroleum Engineer from the University of Jordan in 1997.

After graduating Hani decided to finish his MBA degree at the same University. Hani began his working Career with European based esteemed Oil and Gas companies. He

was tasked with establishing new opportunities, developing new businesses and to establish many companies in new Countries.

In 2005, Hani married Randa, the love of his life. They have two beautiful daughters, Maya and Carla who are 16 and 14 respectively.

In 2012 after witnessing some of the instability in some countries around Jordan, Hani and Randa decided to move their family to Canada. Also, Hani now being weary of traveling the world, he decided to start working remotely, as much as is possible.

Coming from a Masonic family, Hani was initiated into Freemasonry in 2012. Lodge No. 1339 In Jordan, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He became a member of Jordan Royal Arch Chapter No. 663, under the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. Hani is still a life time member of both.

After moving to Canada, in 2014 Hani affiliated with Acacia Lodge No. 22, also with Joppa Royal Arch Chapter No. 31. In 2016 he affiliated with Heritage Lodge No.63; he is also a member of Kolossi Preceptory No. 684 Cyprus.

On May 2019 Hani was invested as Worshipful Master of Heritage Lodge. He served Heritage as Master for three and half years, during the covid years. In January 2020 Hani became first principle of Joppa Chapter, where he also served 3 years. He was anointed and Consecrated to the order of High Priesthood September 2022. In 2023 Hani was appointed as Grand Steward for the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.

Hani is also enrolled in Cryptic Rite with Zabud council No. 1, in February 2016 he was Consecrated as a Knight Templar in Columbia preceptory No. 34, and a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine Pacific Conclave No. 27. Hani is to be elected Presiding Preceptor of Columbia Preceptory for 2023.

Hani is a member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada and proclaimed as Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret 32° of the Valley of Vancouver in 2018.

Hani holds a variety of positions with several Masonic bodies: Vice chair for the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon Finance Committee, Chairman of Mount Lebanon Society, Park Building Association and Joppa Royal Arch Society.

In all the Concordant Bodies and committees Hani is a member of, he is a member in very good standing. He attends all concordant bodies regularly and is very involved with all.

Hani enjoys most water sports, swimming being his passion, since being a member of the Jordanian national swimming team for 15 years. He also enjoys diving, water polo, hiking and golfing.

The future success of our Royal Arch depends directly on all of us as Royal Arch Masons. If elected I will work diligently with the Grand Line to ensure the Royal Arch remains Relevant, Strong, and Gratifying

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

The following Candidates for Grand Principal Sojourner were then asked in turn to approach the East and deliver their talks:

R.E.C. Preciocisimo Siao Bunagan, JR.
V.E.C. Hani M. Nino

25) Report of the Regalia Committee
Regalia Report

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon,
Companions, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Regalia Committee to report to you on the activities and progress made by out committee in the 2022 / 2023 year.

Our Primary Objectives were, as in years past, the repair and replacement of Grand Chapter officer's regalia. This year the Regalia Committee has been pleased to have Very Excellent Companion Connor Massey join us in the role of 'Custodian of Regalia,' and he has agreed to take up the job of completing those minor yet critical repairs which enable us to extend the lifespan of the Grand Regalia. As such, we have not needed to replace any regalia this year.

Of note, however, there are several Grand Officers who do not have the appropriate apron, collar, and/or jewel pertaining to their office. Over the next year the Regalia Committee hopes to do a proper inventory of our Grand Regalia so that the missing pieces can be ordered.

Lastly, we would like to remind outgoing and incoming Grand Chapter Officers to let us know if they have any issues with their regalia, no matter how minor, as the sooner we know of something the better we can address it.

Fraternally submitted,
MEC Ronald R. Smith, *Chairman*
VEC Connor W. Massey

Report Received

26) REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

27 GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Once again, Companions, we travel back to the distant past to start my 19th report as your Grand Historian, as another of our Chapters has reached the 100-year milestone.

Penticton No. 22

On May 29, 1923, the Grand Z. issued a dispensation for a number of Royal Arch Masons in the south Okanagan to form a Chapter to meet at Penticton. Available documentation suggests there were 14 founding members, then six exalted before the end of the year, though the 1923 Returns list 21 members. The first Scribe E. was pretty careless with names, too. In any event, the Chapter was instituted on June 18, 1923 with 26 Royal Arch Masons present. The *Herald* newspaper of June 20th states there were visitors from Grand Forks, Vernon, Kelowna and Summerland. The ceremony was conducted by the Grand Superintendent, R. Ex. Comp. L.A. Cresset Kent of Okanagan No. 11, Vernon. Dinner afterward was prepared by members of the Eastern Star.

Here's a little bit of information about the officers when the Chapter was toiling under dispensation.

Dr. **Frederick William Andrew**, Z. No finer community servant could have been found to lead the new chapter. He was the town doctor in Summerland, beginning in September 1908. He was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania on July 25, 1879 and grew up in Brooklyn, New York. The local paper once related how young Fred found an iron ball with a lead plug on one side. His father thought it was the head of the hammer thrown by Olympic athletes. One fall he put the ball in a fire for burning leaves. When he poured water on it, there was a huge explosion which temporarily blinded him and left him with metal shards in his left hand. It also created a hole filled with about 30 other handmade leaden balls, apparently part of an arsenal for the Battle of Long Island in 1776.

He moved to Toronto, graduating there from both medical school and the Normal School. He took his teaching certificate to Manitoba for four years, interned at Winnipeg General Hospital for a year, then came west. He was a founder of the Summerland Telephone Company—he had a pay phone outside his house—president of the Board of Trade, president of the Summerland Golf Club, president of the local Conservative Association and Good Citizen of the Year in 1941. In 1949, he wrote "Klinker – A Country Doctor's Dog," about his pet pooch, and contributed articles to the local historical society.

He received his degrees in Summerland Lodge U.D. (later No. 56) on April 14, May 11 and June 8 (all 1909) and was installed as J.W. on Dec. 27, 1910, becoming W.M. two years later. He had been a member of Kelowna Chapter No. 17. Grand Chapter appointed him Grand Steward in 1925. W. Bro. Andrew was also a 32 degree member of the Scottish Rite. He died at the Summerland Hospital, which he founded, on November 24, 1957. He had been a member of Kelowna Chapter No. 17.

D.J. Johnston, H. This gets tricky because of conflicting spellings and ages in federal documents, but the man's name was Donald John Johnston, born in Marion Bridge, N.S. on Nov. 25, 1967. Newspaper clippings reveal he was an alderman in Cranbrook for several terms, an officer in the local Conservative Association, built the City Hall in

1907, and then the Masonic Hall in 1909. He was also an avid curler. He was living in Victoria during World War One. Military records in 1916 state he was living in Victoria, working as "a carpenter and bridgeman." The 1921 Census has a Donald John Johnson, a 53-year-old carpenter, born in Nova Scotia, boarding at a home in Penticton. Ex. Comp. Johnston received his Craft degrees in Cranbrook No. 34 on July 18, Aug. 5 and Sept. 19 (all 1907) and remained on the lodge roll the rest of his life. He is in 1921 Returns for Rocky Mountain No. 7 in Cranbrook, demitting in 1927. His name does not appear on the list of members of Penticton Chapter after 1923, but the Returns list no one as suspended or demitted.
He died August 6, 1932 in New Westminster, age 64. At the time, he had been employed by the CNR at Port Mann for five years.

Samuel Theodore Larsen, J., was the city assessor in Penticton for ten years, but had been a hotelier in Rock Creek, and did some mining on the side. In 1906, he made headlines by installing a gas light system in his hotel. He couldn't speak a word of English when he arrived in Canada at age 20 and was employed on boats on the Fraser River for a couple of years. He came to the Boundary district in 1893. He made his home in Victoria for a time, but returned to Rock Creek in 1930 and opened another hotel. He also founded the local pioneers association.
He had been a member of Boundary No. 17 in Grand Forks, and was installed Grand Superintendent in 1926. In the Craft, he was raised in Greenwood No. 28 on April 25, 1907 and installed as W.M. in 1915. He was born in Sweden in June 1867 and died in Seattle on May 27, 1939.

Gordon McKenzie DeRenzy, Treasurer, had a creek, a lake and, most recently, a Bighorn Sheep Habitat named for him. He was the owner of an orchard near Gillies Creek but during World War One, he worked as a surveyor north of Winnipeg. He joined Summerland Lodge No. 56 in 1919 from Madawaska No. 196, Arnprior, Ont., then and affiliated with Orion Lodge No. 51 on Jan. 1, 1924. Comp. DeRenzy was exalted in Kelowna No. 17 on Dec. 12, 1919. He was born December 14, 1881 in Sandpoint, Ont. and died in Penticton on Oct. 4, 1953.

George Simon Pickering, Scribe E., was a conductor on the Kettle Valley Railway. At one time he worked on the CPR out of Revelstoke and was on a train involved in a fatal crash in 1912. He was a bit of an athlete, being part of baseball and soccer teams in Penticton before and after the War. He had been a member of Kelowna No. 17 and was raised in Orion No. 51 on May 2, 1916. He demitted from Penticton Chapter in 1935. He was a native of Marquette, Manitoba and his family moved to New Westminster around 1889. He returned to the Royal City by 1926 and was living in Revelstoke again in 1932. He died at Vancouver General Hospital on May 22, 1942, age 60.

Robert McLaren Johnstone McDougall, Scribe N., was Reeve of the city of Penticton in 1941 (by acclamation), 1942 and 1945. In 1902, his family arrived in Peachland from the Prairies to get away from the rigorous winter. He headed to the coast, where he was city editor of Vancouver *Province*, then moved to Penticton in 1914 where he was eventually publisher of the *Herald*. He was also a founder of the local historical society. He became a Mason in Orion Lodge, his degrees conferred on Dec. 17, 1908, Jan. 7 and Jan. 21 (both 1909) and was W.M. in 1922. He was exalted in Kelowna No. 17, installed as Z. in Penticton Chapter on Jan. 1, 1930, demitted from the lodge and chapter in

1940, but rejoined the chapter in 1950. He was born in Moose Jaw on October 31, 1887 and retired in Vancouver, where he died on October 4, 1982.

James Fergusson Millar, P.S., ministered at St. Andrew's Church (originally Presbyterian, later United) from 1911 until his death. At the age of 19, he was a teacher in his home town, but the Ministry called. He graduated from Queen's University in 1899, served in Blakeney, Ontario, then spent a year in Banff until November 1910. He later served as first secretary of the Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery of the United Church. He was chairman of the local hospital board, chairman of the Central Relief Committee, organiser of every juvenile sport. He affiliated with Orion Lodge in 1923, and joined the Chapter from Granite No. 61 in Almonte, Ont. He was born in Kincardine, Ont., on Nov. 11, 1870 and died in Penticton on March 9, 1927. He was Second Principal at the time of death.

Cecil Jervoise Huddleston, S.S., played on the Summerland Cricket Club. Quite appropriate as he arrived from England in 1905 to settle in Jones Flat as an orchardist. He was Summerland Co-operative Growers and the on the board of the B.C. Tree Fruits Association. He promoted baseball and basketball in the community and was given the Summerland Good Citizen Award. He was a churchwarden at St. Stephen Anglican in Summerland from 1913 to his death.
He joined Kelowna No. 17 and, installed as Z. in Penticton on Jan. 11, 1927 and served as Grand Superintendent in 1936-37. He was made a Mason in 1903 in Royal St Edmunds No. 1008, initiated Feb. 5, passed May 28 and raised June 25. At the time he was unemployed. He became W.M. of Summerland No. 56 in 1923. Ex. Comp. Huddleston was born in Bury St. Edmonds on Feb. 19, 1877 and died in Summerland on July 4, 1953.

Robert Howson, J.S., managed a funeral parlour, retiring in 1943. He was living in Anthracite, near Banff, in 1888, when his furniture store burned to the ground. He ended up in Revelstoke a year later working as a house carpenter and soon owned a furniture store. He also operated a lumber company along the Columbia River. He built a block in that housed the store, the Masonic Hall and a mortuary. It was destroyed by fire in 2003. He was active in Liberal Party affairs at the turn of the last century and was an alderman in Revelstoke in 1906-'07 and a school trustee several years later.
It would appear he got his Capitular degrees in Revelstoke No. 128 (later No. 9, B.C.). He was a member of Cascade No. 42 (now No. 5) in Anthracite and the founding J.W. of Kootenay No. 15 in Revelstoke in 1891. He was unexpectedly pressed into service as W.M. several months later and was appointed a Grand Steward in 1893. He was a member of the Oddfellows in Penticton. He was born in Londesborough, Ontario on Oct. 15, 1864 and died at the Kitsilano Nursing Home on Feb. 2, 1947

John Moir, Tyler, appropriately, was a stonemason. He arrived in Canada from Scotland in 1903. He's likely the John Moir in the 1911 census working as a mason on a railway at Fife, north of Christina Lake.
He was a member in Lodge Aberdeen in Scotland, then Eureka No. 20 in Seattle, and affiliated with Orion No. 51 on Jan. 5, 1926. He also belonged to Edina No. 33 (O.E.S.) Penticton. He was born in Aberdeen on Jan. 19, 1878 and passed away in Penticton on Feb. 8, 1956. He died of exposure two days after wandering away from his care home and falling from a flume at the RB Guest Ranch. He was discovered by a 50-man search

party. Comp. Moir was still Tyler of Orion Lodge and had received his 50-year pin in the lodge a few weeks before his death.

The Scribe Ezra's 1923 Return to Grand Chapter is a mess. At the end of the year, it reports 10 Royal Arch Masons signed the application for a dispensation, four more affiliated and six were exalted for a total of 20. Yet the Return has 21 names and reveals Comps. Millar and Howson did not become members until they affiliated on August 14, 1923, two months after the institution. They're recorded twice. The Return also includes Comps. Ernest Robert Butler, James Looney and George Phipps but does not list them as being exalted or affiliated. Were they founders? My head hurts thinking about this. Looney, by the way, was born in London, England, became a Mason in Moose Jaw No. 3 and moved to Penticton in 1919, where was a trainman on the Kettle Valley Railway. He died in Vancouver on June 16, 1936, age 54. English-born Phipps, was an orchardist with 17 great-grandchildren when he died at 84 on Aug. 12, 1949. He and his wife had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. It's unclear where he was made a Freemason; he was a Royal Arch Mason in Walsenburg No. 27, Colorado before coming to the Okanagan in 1913. "Ernest Robert Butler" is really Ex. Comp. Edward Richard Butler, installed as Z. on Jan. 8, 1940. He was another Englishman who arrived in Canada around 1888 and, after living in Arden, Manitoba, moved to Summerland in 1909 (and was W.M. of Summerland No. 56 in 1921), where he died Dec. 9, 1961, age 79.

The first year of the Chapter has its difficulties. Both the Grand Z. and Grand Superintendent remarked on the inexperience of the officers in their reports to Grand Chapter in 1925. The Chapter was constituted on Sept. 9, 1924. Ex. Comp. Adam Creelman MacLennan, Z. of Westminster No. 6 in 1920, was the new Second Principal, but never advanced past that in Penticton.

<u>Around the Jurisdiction</u>

The Grand Historian is supposed to report on the progress of the Chapters. To that end, he is required by the Constitution to receive each notice from every Chapter. In 19 years, I have never heard from Caribou No. 43. Nor have I heard from Rocky Mountain No. 4 or North Island No. 10 this year. Conversely, a few Scribes Ezra send me their minutes, including V. Ex. Comp. Peter Boddy and R. Ex. Comp. Scott Wisdahl. Thank you so much. If other chapters did the same, it would be very helpful. Now, odds and sods:

- Columbia No. 1 conferred the Past Master Degree in the Scottish ritual on June 6, 2023.
- Keystone No. 8 and Majuba No. 33 have notices of motion to consolidate.
- Kaien No. 13 was victimized by a snowstorm and had to cancel the Jan. 18, 2023 convocation.
- North Vancouver-King Solomon No. 16 and Composite No. 24 continue to alternate meetings in New Westminster.
- Kelowna No. 17 and Kamloops No. 18 held a joint installation on May 16, 2023.
- Penticton No. 22 is meeting in Summerland but looking for a permanent home.
- A stream of petitions continues to flow into Joppa No. 31. The Historian was finally present for the first time in close to 20 years to be invested Dec. 19, 2022 (he is Secretary of a Craft Lodge on Joppa's nights).

● Semiahmoo No. 34 has been taking steps to see if it can, or should, amalgamate with another Chapter. Your Grand Historian was originally in Mt. Horeb No. 32 which joined Joppa more than 30 years ago. Consolidation worked because the members made it work, instead of being negative or avoiding action by nostalgically thinking "the good old days" would somehow return. (And Grand Chapter pushed a bit).
● Cathedral No. 35 voted on May 23, 2023 to become a daylight chapter and hold its festive board in conjunction with a local lodge to gain exposure. An excellent idea on both counts. It also advanced two candidates to the Mark Degree, one of whom worked with your Grand Historian over 40 years ago. I was grabbed with U.M.N. ("Usual Masonic Notice," meaning "None") to take part in the ceremony. I was also given Grand Honours for the first time since my appointment in 2004.
● Kalum No. 37 advanced three candidates to the Mark Degree on Nov. 19, 2022. The Chapter seems to be active and social, judging by the minutes. Strong Chapters have a social component.
● Yukon No. 38 held its first meeting since COVID restrictions ended on July 12, 2023, a period of more than three years. It has received two petitions. This venerable Chapter has the good fortune of the dedicated M. Ex. Comp. Tom Mickey being its Scribe E.
● Georgian No. 39, together with members of other chapters, exalted five Companions, some by courtesy, on April 18, 2023. The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly. R. Ex. Comp. Bong Bunagan was exemplary as Principal Sojourner. R. Ex. Comp. Norm Bruce was the victim of U.M.N. at this convocation.
● Simon Fraser No. 40's irrepressible former Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. Clancy Wilson, was presented with his 50-year pin on Feb. 4, 2023. Clancy's slowed down a bit but he is one of the real characters of our jurisdiction. When your Grand Historian was conferring a degree at Joppa Chapter one evening, Clancy interrupted the ceremony and asked permission to speak. Much like the P. Sojourner in the Royal Arch Degree, he had made a discovery. He discovered the Canucks were winning. V. Ex. Comp. Wilson was known for sitting in the back of Chapter rooms listening to hockey games on his trusty transistor radio. No text messages from sports websites in those days! He was advanced to the Mark Degree on Feb. 13, 1968 and exalted in Simon Fraser on May 19, 1968.

My sincere thanks to M. Ex. Comp. Catala for re-appointing me to this enjoyable office and for R. Ex. Comp. McCoy for doing the same for 2023-24.

Fraternally,
Jim Bennie, PZ No. 31
Grand Historian

Report Received

28) ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

No Roll Call as Grand Chapter is no longer appointing Grand Reps.

29) 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 2023 convocation.

Total Number of Chapters in this Jurisdiction 24

Chapters represented today 18

Chapters not represented today 6

Total BC & Yukon Companions registered ..... 74 (A) *****

Grand First Principals present 3

Grand Representatives present ..... N/A

Companions from other jurisdictions..... 5 (B)

Past First Principals attending .....
Number of Principals attending Z.....
H..... **Total... 79** (A+B)
J..... **Companions Attending**

Principal Officers Attending Total .....

*** This will be the number of votes eligible to be cast 74**

Certified correct:- Committee Chair ---------- REC John Paterson
Member ---------- VEC Robert Jackson

Report Received

30 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS

MEC Jimmy Catala presented an Honorary Membership Cards to the following visiting Companions;

REC Kurtis Fredrick, Grand 3td Principal Grand Chapter of Alberta.
REC Gary Hodge Grand Superintendent District 4, Grand Chapter of Alberta.
He then thanked each of them for attending our Grand Convocation.

31) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

16.1.1
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.
It is not proper to declare the election unanimous.
There are six elected offices in Grand Chapter. As of the close of nominations on March 31st 2023.
The following nominations have been received:-

Grand First Principal **REC Dan McCoy** **Acclamation**

Grand Second Principal **REC Alphonse Quenneville** **Acclamation**

Grand Third Principal **REC Eric Duchesne** **Acclamation**

Grand Treasurer **REC Kris Toijonen** **Acclamation**

Grand Scribe Ezra **REC Peter Guichon** **Acclamation**

Grand Principal Sojourner **V.E.C. Hani M. Nino/REC Preciosisimo Sial Bunagan**

MEC Jimmy Catala stated that there being only one nomination for each of the first five elected Offices mentioned, he therefore declared them elected by Acclamation.

He then called upon the three previously chosen scrutineers, MEC Jim Carswell (Alberta), REC Jamie Wong (Alberta) and REC Kurtis Fredrick (Alberta) to deliver the results of the ballot taken for the two Candidates- REC Preciocisimo Bunagan and V.E.C. Hani Nino for the Office of Principal Sojourner.

MEC Jim Carswell announced V.E.C. Hani Nino as the new Principal Sojourner.

MEC Catala then thanked the three Scrutineers for their assistance and ordered that the Ballot box containing the ballots be deposited with the Grand Scribe Ezra for disposal.

32) REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE
Bursary Committee Report

The Bursary Fund Committee makes educational financial awards to the children and grandchildren 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 Royal Arch Bursary Fund, the only charity which directly benefits Companions, is therefore suited to *donations from individual Chapters* rather than from individual Companions, since the latter are not able to benefit from charitable receipts.

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

We acknowledge and thank the financial support given by the Grand Chapter through their contribution from the General Fund. The Committee received slightly more applications for bursaries in 2023 over 2022. However, we wish to continue to raise awareness of the Bursary Fund and again ask that all Chapter Scribe Ezras to inform the Companions of their Chapter of the availability of these bursaries.

The application form, conditions and submission deadline are available on the Grand Chapter website.

The Royal Arch Companion relatives of 2022's grant beneficiaries come from;- Nanaimo(2), & Surrey.

In 2022, the committee awarded grants of $2,000, $1,700 and $1,500 for a total of $5,200.

In 2023, the committee awarded five bursaries totaling $7,700 ranging from $1,350 to $2000 each, for studies at Camosen, Douglas and New Caldenoia Colleges, and Queens (ON) and Victoria Universities.

We thank the following committee members for their time and efforts given to this committee during 2022 and 2023:-
REC. Tom Balabanov
VEC. Cole Harvey.
REC. John Young

REC. Tom Balabanov (ex officio), REC John Young and VEC Cole Harvey were reappointed to serve on this committee for 2023.

Heartfelt thanks go to REC John Young who this year retires as committee chair, having served in that capacity for eight years.

The 2023 Committee looks forward to continuing to support this important service.
Respectfully submitted:
VEC Calvin Jonas – Bursary Committee
September 2023 **REPORT RECEIVED**

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

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

Companions:

We commend our Grand First Principal for his grit and perseverance on making as many visitations as he could, despite his adverse health issues.

We concur with our Grand Z. in his recognition of his officers and in the manner they fulfilled their duties with faithfulness and zeal.

The Grand Z. voiced his hopes for the future of Royal Arch Masonry. His message, that the future of freemasonry and our Royal Craft is the responsibility of EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. This grave responsibility should be taken to heart by EVERY Royal Arch Mason.

We add our regrets to those of MEC Catala on the passing of so many of our dear companions during the past year. We also extend our sympathies to their families.

We thank MEC Catala for his dedication and wish he and Melody nothing but smooth sailing on untroubled seas in the future.

Sincerely submitted,
MEC Ken Overy
MEC Leonard Pickell

Report Received

34) REPORT OF INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Report of Information Technology Committee

Companions:

The Grand Chapter web site continues to be a valuable resource, but it's usage seems to have plateaued. Engaging more actively can lead to greater success and a better experience for the members. Successful engagement, like live streaming events, has shown potential. For the first time, Spring Board was available through zoom where real-time active participation was possible regardless of your location.

I am making a simple request of you all and that would be to provide content. Examples could include writing a short article (1000 word max) about your most memorable masonic experience, upcoming Chapter events, pictures with a description, remembering that our site is member access only and that these photos will not be viewable like other

social media posts. Not only do I want you to utilize this website, but I want you coming back regularly. Having said this please be reminded that our GSE serves as the administrator for any material that you may wish to have included and needs to be the point of contact.

Respectfully submitted:
MEC Ronald R. Smith Chairman

REPORT RECEIVED

35) REPORT OF THE REPRSENTATIVE TO THE R.A.M.H.S. ROYAL ARCH MASONIC HOME SOCIETY REPORT

The Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society's Board of Directors and Management Staff are pleased to report that the Apartments and the Care Home are operating at a high level and are constantly meeting and exceeding all Health Authority and Licensing protocols this year. The Care Home operates under the Ministry of Health and is a non-profit, charitable organization that contains 151 single rooms for complex care residents. The Apartments also operates under the Society and has 75 rental suites available for low-income seniors. There have been many exciting projects that were completed this year within both buildings.

The Apartment received upgrades and renovations to the lobby, recreation room, lounges, and exercise room with new exercise equipment purchased. Additionally, a complete building wide re-piping project was completed this year. The Care Home received upgrades so far this year of two (out of eight) tub rooms, new specialized mattresses and rehabilitation equipment such as repositioning devices and slings, new ceiling lifts, upgrades to the call bell system, new dining room tables, new bed frames, new feeding chairs. A complete construction project will be starting within the next several weeks on one of the nursing stations in order to fully renovate the area. This project is made possible by a

generous donation from the Dunbar Chapter to the Care Home. Additional funding projects in the Care Home, made possible by the Funding Society, have been six patio mural paintings, a permanent floral art project in the main patio. Other specialized equipment such as a medication cart was also purchased through the Funding Society.

Quality Improvement Programs have explored increasing diversity and cultural safety training and have provided increasing opportunities for resident and staff to celebrate holidays that address social justice issues and multifaith celebrations. The Residents' Council have been meeting directly with the Board of Directors on a monthly basis and Family Meetings have been renewed on site this year after Covid. The facility has the ability to provide increased on-site visitations as well as virtual methods of connecting residents with families and friend who are unable to come to the Care Home. Our Director of Social Services is dedicated to keeping lines of communication open either in-person or via e-mail in order to assist with questions and address care planning needs. Our Pastoral Care Service Director is available to any resident to conduct formal

group services or one-on-one visits for reminiscing, life reflection or faith-based discussions. Our Recreation Department provide quality programming with the assistance of volunteers such as hosting outside professional entertainers on a weekly basis, scenic and destination-based

bus trips, special meals, music programs and programs in Cantonese and Mandarin run by the music therapist. Many other events take place such as the seasonal butterfly program, bingo, one-on-one visits, craft programs and reflection and discussion groups just to name a few. Additionally external professional services are being provided on-site to residents such as dental hygiene services, optometrist, foot care nurses, mental health, end-of-life programs, additional private rehabilitation services and hairdressing services.

It is with these services and programs that we can offer high-quality care to persons in need of 24 hour complex nursing care. One such example is Companion William Youde (Bill Youde) who is currently residing at the Care Home and is 106 years old. He was a founding member of the Care Home and the Apartments over 40 years ago and had worked on the Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society Board of Directors for many years until his retirement. He is currently enjoying all of the services as a resident of the Care Home that he worked so hard to put in place; but we need the help of the Masonic Community to keep the Society's vision and our mission alive.

Please consider reaching out to support the Society or by donating to the Funding Society. We are also asking for Chapters to send along their annual dues for 2023 as we currently have 13 out of 26 Chapter due for this year.

Please contact Rina Dhillon (Administrative Services Manager) at 604-412-2452 to confirm attendance at this year's AGM or about any questions regarding Chapter dues or donations.

Respectfully submitted by
REC Peter Boddy
President R.A.M.H.S

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36) REPORT OF THE KEYSTONE OF LIFE FOUNDATION

REPORT FOR 2023 GRAND CONVOCATION
COVERING PERIOD August 2022 to August 2023

The Keystone of Life Foundation (KLF) is a registered non-profit organization, and a charity supported by the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and the Yukon.

The KLF was founded in 1975 as a means to provide small value grants to hospitals throughout the region for much needed primary care equipment. KLF actively seeks out smaller hospitals in the region where major fund-raising groups do not exist so need for such grants is greater.

Over the period covered by this report, KLF has been pleased to deliver and /or approve almost $48,000 of grants. These grants comprise:

Paid Out

Sechelt Hospital	$7,850	Pharmaceutical grade freezer.
Victoria General Hospital	$8,503	Barton Convertible Geri-chair
Trail General Hospital	$8,050	Cystoscope

Approved

Kootenay Emergency Services	$10,678	Paraplus Kit with Accessories
Surrey Memorial Hospital	$7,500	Laporascope
Kitimat General Hospital	$6,254	Universal Slings & Ultrasound Chairs

There are also four other hospitals to whom the grant application process has been sent
following a grant enquiry.

Note: It can frequently take several months between the time a grant application is approved and the Health Authority's completion of procurement, and submission of receipt documents to KLF and subsequent release oof a grant cheque.

The KLF acquires its funds for grant awards from donations , membership dues, and bequests together with income from invested assets. Although to date almost $600K of grants have been awarded, significant downturns in both investment returns and particularly donations / membership dues over the past few years continue to restrict the Foundation's ability to award regular grants .

KLF does not seek to build large monetary assets, which benefits only investment companies and monetary markets in the short term, but attempts to disburse grants as frequently and broadly as prudently feasible, so that the residents of this jurisdiction may benefit as soon as possible from the acquisition of the essential hospital equipment that these grants make possible.

Donations from some individual Masons, Chapters and other Masonic organizations do continue to be received, and for those we are very grateful. However we are encouraging the message of KLF's needs to be spread by **all Grand Chapter (Lodge) officers** whilst visiting, and in their own Chapters / Lodges, to try to resurrect the same level of enthusiasm and financial support your KLF charity enjoyed a decade ago. **The KLF Board particularly encourages gifting through planned regular giving, bequests and non-monetary donations such as insurance policy and securities transfers.** Any Companion or friend of the Foundation can contact any Board member of KLF to set up the simple process of making such donations. Tax receipts are always available against donations from individuals.

KLF is registered with "Canada Helps", a national website database of all Canadian charities that allows potential donors to make an on-line donation using a credit card.

Work is still ongoing to encourage more individual membership from RA Masons, Craft Masons, and their families throughout the region. Our aim is for each and every Royal

Arch Mason throughout the jurisdiction to become a member of KLF! Our Foundation is always seeking life members who wish to be more involved with KLF to become nominated for Trustee positions on our Board at each AGM

The Foundation thanks all donors and members for their continuing support of this Royal Arch
Charity.

The KLF Board is committed to increase awareness of the Foundation amongst all Chapters and Lodges in this jurisdiction and to increase membership in the coming year.

The Keystone of Life Foundation encourages Chapters, through their members, to locate hospitals in their geographic area (particularly those smaller establishments with smaller budgets), who may like to apply for a KLF grant and to put them in touch with a KLF Director.

Wherever possible, representatives from Chapters local to the grantee hospital are invited to be present at formal grant cheque presentations so that Royal Arch Masonry is more broadly promoted as a charitable institution and receives significant press publicity as a result. The KLF Board continues to work hard to raise money for this important charitable cause, and to distribute grants to needy hospitals whilst keeping the Foundation's operating costs to an absolute minimum.

KLF recognizes that there are many worthy causes deserving of a Freemason's charitable support and that we all have limited resources to donate to these causes, but we earnestly encourage all Royal Arch, and indeed Craft Masons, to consider this Foundation a prime object for their charity.

Some examples of the grants awarded to various hospitals can be seen on the Keystone of Life webpage of the Grand Chapter website.

Thank you for your support!
Peter Edwards
KLF President - September 2023

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37) REPORT OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS
Report of the Superintendents Committee

Chapters are in a recovering period, post COVID, having not replaced the losses of an aging membership and with members out of the habit of attending and inhibited by $2 a litre gasoline from travelling.

We are pleased to see reports of new Candidates coming in and that in general Chapter degree work is being well performed. Openings and Closings apparently need some work in some cases.

The Chapters appear to be decently managed with records and finances in order.

Some Chapters are suffering from lack of members, some need assistance with degrees, while others are doing well. It varies Chapter to Chapter.

We note some activity to promote Chapter membership at local Lodges. We encourage such promotion on a regular annual basis as the Lodges are our only source for members.

In some locations consolidation of Chapters seems appropriate and we encourage Companions in those situations to resolve the issues involved with a spirit of fellowship. A merger not completed in amity and continued with teamwork will not succeed.

Vancouver Island Chapters were combined into one District in 2022 and we recommend this be reconsidered. In our opinion the territory is simply too large. Campbell River (North Island 10) to Sooke (Pacific Rim 44) is a 272 km three hour 30 minute drive. We recommend a return to North and South Districts, this time divided by the Malahat.

We thank the Grand Superintendents for their services and for the reports they submitted.

Award Recommendation

We recommend REC. Robert Mclellan, GS District 1, for the award for exemplary service in his year. He served well.

Respectfully submitted,
REComp. Ian Thompson, Chair
REComp. James R. Elton
Grand Superintendents' Reports Committee

REPORT RECEIVED

38) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAST GRAND "Zs" AWARD

To the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companion of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of BC and Yukon.

During the year 2022 only 2 Chapters showed an increase in membership while 6 remained the same and 16 showed a loss of members. Overall our membership showed a decline of 4.2% or 31 members. Our biggest losses were through deaths 5% or 37 members and demits which were 3.5% or 26 members

Only 7 Chapters had the pleasure of conferring a Holy Royal Arch degree in 2022, 20 Companions were Exalted 2.7%. 14 Companions affiliated 1.8% and 5 were restored 0.7%

The 2 Chapters that had an overall increase in membership were Joppa and Dawson Creek. Joppa had an overall increase in membership 13.1% while Dawson Creek had 7.1%. We would like to add our congratulations to both Chapters for a very successful year but unfortunately only one award are given and that goes to Joppa Chapter #31.

My Companions we have had a rough 2 years because of covid and with only a decline of 31 we have come out successfully, and we look forward to a better 2023 Many thanks to REC Peter Guichon G.S.E. in providing the necessary information for this report.

I MEC Les Robinson Move the reception of this report
Seconded by MEC Ken Overy

Respectively submitted:-
MEC Les Robinson - MEC Ken
M.E.C. Ken Overy **REPORT RECEIVED**

The award was presented to EC. Hans Doge of Joppa Chapter No. 31.

39) New Business

MEC Jimmy Catala then proceeded to deal with the two items of new business:

1) Presented Rocky Mountain Chapter No. 4 with their new Charter.

2) RESOLUTION OF PERMANENT RANK
   Per Section 11.5.5

Be it resolved that the permanent rank be conferred as follows upon:

Right Excellent Companion:
- Robert McLellan – Superintendent D 1
- Bill Duncan – Superintendent D 2
- Ivan Hamilton – Superintendent D 3
- Gordon Hamer – Superintendent D 6
- Scott Wisdahl – Superintendent D 10

Very Excellent Companion
- Cole Harvey – Grand Jr. Sojourner
- Richard Hunter - GDOC
- Bill Hilborn – G Pursuivant
- Doug Henderson – G Chaplain

As certified by MEC Jimmy Catala that above named appointed officers have faithfully performed their duties during their term of appointment.

Moved by MEC Jimmy Catala
Seconded by MEC Daniel McCoy

MOTION PASSED

40) Unfinished Business

No unfinished business reported.

41) Good of the Order

MEC Jimmy Catala then called for a Representative of each the Royal Arch Charities to assemble in the East. When all present he then asked Grand Scribe Ezra, REC Peter Guichon to present each of the Charities, the **Keystone of Life,** the **Royal Arch Masonic Home Society,** and the **Grand Chapter Bursary Fund** with a cheque for $2,500 each from Grand Chapter, and Joppa Chapter donations to the charities of $2,000.00 each.

MEC Catala then rose to make the following presentations:

Grand Superintendent Award to REC Robert McLellan
Past Grand Z award to Joppa Chapter No. 31.
Past Superintendent certificates to REC Robert McLellan, Bill Duncan, Ivan Hamilton, Gordon Hamer and Scott Wisdahl.

REC Bruce Allan then rose to inquire of Grand Chapter if the members present could indicate if they were still interested in having him continue to advocate for the York Rite breast jewel to be relocated to the left side of the breast when attending Craft Lodges and Grand Lodge.
Hand count indicated about 44 of members present concurred.

Grand Chapter was then called from Labour to Refreshment, but all to stay within hail to come on again at the sound of the gavel in the East at 13:00 hrs, for the purpose of installing the Grand Chapter Officers for the year 2023-2024.

40) INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2023-2024

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Installing Grand Z	MEC Len Pickell
Installing Grand D of C	VEC Richard Hunter
Installing Grand Chaplain	VEC Alan Akehurst

Office	**Name**	**Installed By**
Grand Z	MEC Daniel McCoy	MEC Len Pickell
Grand H	REC Alphonse Quenneville	MEC Len Pickell
Grand J	REC Eric Duchesne	MEC Len Pickell
IPGZ	MEC Jimmy Catala	MEC Len Pickell
Grand Treasurer	REC Kris Toijonen	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Scribe Ezra	MEC Peter Guichon	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Principal Soj.	REC Hani Nino	MEC Phil Robinson
Grand Senior Soj	VEC John Ranking	MEC Phil Robinson
Grand Junior Soj	VEC Nick Serna	MEC Phil Robinson
G.Sup. Dist. #1	REC Bill Hilborn	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist. #2	REC Wayne Phelan	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist. #3	REC John Shandall	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist. #6	REC Gord Hamer	MEC Ron Smith
G.Sup. Dist. #10	REC Rod Holmes	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Scribe N.	MEC Ken Overy	At later date
Grand Historian	VEC Jim Bennie	At later date
Grand Sword B.	VEC As Required	
Grand Standard B	VEC As Required	
Grand D of C	VEC. George MacLagen	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Marshall	VEC Colin Hart	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Pursuivant	VEC Chris Larson	REC Bruce Allan
Grand Steward #1	VEC Mark Robinson	At later date
Grand Steward #2	VEC Hans Doge	REC Scott Wisdahl
Grand Steward #3	VEC TBA	
Grand Chaplain	VEC John Van Egmond	VEC Alan Akehurst
Grand Organist	Comp. Vacant	
Grand Tyler	VEC Connor Massey	REC Robert McLellan

(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, VEC Richard Hunter. Proclamation, presentation of gavel and General Charge were all completed under direction of IGZ, MEC Len Pickell.

The Grand First Principal thanked all for attending the convocation and for supporting him during the previous years.
Pledged 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.

41) VOTE OF THANKS TO THE TO THE HOST CHAPTER

It was **Moved** by MEC Len Pickell and **Seconded** by MEC Jimmy Catala, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the host Chapter, Chilliwack Chapter for the furniture, and to the Columbia Chapter and Pacific Rim Chapter for an excellent facility and the running a successful Convocation.

42) GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES FOR 2023-2024

Royal Arch - GC of BC & Yukon – Committees

26.1.1 Constitution and Jurisprudence
Executive Representative ~ Grand Second Principal
REC Ken Ward (2)
REC Leonard Timmins (3)
MEC Leonard Pickell (8)
MEC Philip Robinson (0)

26.1.2 Finance
Executive Representative ~ Grand Principal Sojourner
REC Scott Wisdahl (7)
REC Bob Coan (3)
EC Marco Schwab(2)
Grand Treasurer-REC Kris Toijonen(0)

26.1.3 Executive
Chairman: Grand Second Principal
All Elected Officers
Immediate Past Grand First Principal
Chairman of Finance Committee

26.1.4 Grand Superintendents 'Reports
Executive Representative ~ Grand Third Principal
REC Ian Thompson (6)
REC Stephen Coffey (0)
REC Paul Stephenson (0)

26.1.5 Regalia
Executive Representative
MEC Ron Smith (4)
Comp. Connor Massey (3)

26.1.6 Information Technology and Fund Raising
Executive Representative ~ Grand Principal Sojourner
MEC Ron Smith (4)
Comp. Steven Noble (2)

26.1.7 Bursary Fund Trustees
Executive Representative ~ Grand Third Principal
EC Calvin Jonas(2)
REC Tom Balabanov (7)
Comp. Cole Harvey (8)

26.1.8 Keystone of Life Foundation
Executive Representative
REC Bruce Allan(2)
REC Peter Blagaic (7)

26.1.9 Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society
Executive Representative
REC John Paterson (2)

26.1.11 Address of Grand First Principal
Executive Representative
Members selected by the Grand Scribe Ezra

26.1.12 Merit Awards
Executive Representative
REC Colin Hart (6)
REC Robert Hart (6)

26.1.13 Past Grand First Principals 'Award
Executive Representatives
MEC Les Robinson (7)
MEC Jimmy Catala (0)

26.9 Ad Hoc Committee – Protocol Review
Executive Representatives
REC Ed LaMarche(0)
MEC Jimmy Catala(0)

The number shown in parentheses ( ) denotes the number of consecutive years of appointment to that committee.
If a Chairman is not shown above, the first named is to chair his committee, Executive Representatives excepted.

43) LOCATION OF FUTURE GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATIONS

A motion was called for the location of the Grand Convocation for the Royal Arch Grand Chapter to be held in Delta in 2026 as put forward by REC Eric Duchesne.
Moved : REC Eric Duchesne. **Seconded**: VEC Rick Hunter. **Passed:**

Future Locations of Grand Convocations:

2024 Nanaimo
2025 Penticton
2026 Delta

44) CLOSING

The Grand Z thanked MEC Len Pickell and all those who took part in the Installation of Officers.

The 104tt Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon was closed in ample form by MEC. Dan McCoy at 3:30 pm September 16th, 2023

45) Minutes of the Order of the High Priesthood

Held at Abbotsford September 15, 2023.

Called to order at 3:00 pm by Ex President MEC Ron Smith

Welcome to visitors MEC Jim Carswell GFP, REC Jamie Wong Grand Second Principal, REC Kurtis Fredrick Grand Third Principal and REC Gary Dodge Grand Superintendent District 3, all of the Grand Chapter of Alberta

Members present - 26, Guests, 4: candidates 6, as per Porch book

Confer Order. On REC. Wayne Phalen, EC. Greg Poitras, EC. Kevin Harvey EC. Christian Larsen, EC. Rod Holmes, EC. Gregory Zielski.

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The representative Candidate was EC Christian Larsen.
Prologue given by MEC Ron Smith
Obligation given by REC Eric Duchesne
Prayer of Consecration by MEC Ron Smith
Signs given by REC John Laing

Minutes of 2022 meeting. **Moved** by REC Recorder Peter Guichon
Seconded by MEC Ron Smith. **Carried:**

Correspondence None

Treasurers report No Report

Old Business. Companions are reminded Companions that the reason that the fee charged from 2018 was only $60.00 and not the $100.00 fee passed 2017 was that there

has been inability to locate a source of Bibles used for the degree anywhere. He indicated that he had also tried locate Bibles to date.
However once the Bibles are located the Companions that wish them will have to pay the for the cost once located.

Election of Officers for 2023/24

President MEC Phil Robinson
Vice President MEC Jimmy Catala
Chaplain REC Alphonse Quenneville
Recorder REC Peter Guichon
Treasurer REC Kris Toijonen

All officers were elected by acclimation. The installing officers took their stations and proceeded with the installation.

Ex. Installing President. MEC Ron Smith
Ex. Chaplain. REC Dan McCoy
Ex. D. of C. REC Alphonse Quenneville

Motion to for signing officers to change to include REC Peter Guichon, MEC Ken Overy and REC Kris Toijonen. Made by REC Peter Guichon. **Seconded** by REC. Tom Balabanov. **Carried**.

The incoming President expressed his thanks to all those who attended and to all of the officers for helping out as well as those who will be assisting him next year.
Order of the High Priesthood closed in due form at 4:35 by Ex. President Ron Smith.

Ex. President Ex. Recorder

APPEND. 1

Living Past Grand First Principals

1989 Most Excellent Companion Thomas O. Mickey

P 1997 Most Excellent Companion Leonard G.B. Pickell

1998 Most Excellent Companion Joseph R. Marshall

2002 Most Excellent Companion Norman K. Monro

2006 Most Excellent Companion A. Leslie Robinson

2009 Most Excellent Companion David Grange

2010 Most Excellent Companion Joel Chiri

2011 Most Excellent Companion Norman McEvoy

2013 Most Excellent Companion Kenneth Overy

2014 Most Excellent Companion Jeremy Gomersall

2016 Most Excellent Companion Godfrey Onyemaobi

P 2017 Most Excellent Companion Ronald Smith

2018 Most Excellent Companion A. Leslie Robinson

P 2019 – 2021 Most Excellent Companion Phillip Robinson

P - Present

APPEND. 2

GRAND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS 2019/2020

Grand Superintendents of Districts

District No. 1 Columbia No. 1 Keystone No. 8 North Island No. 10 Tzouhalem No. 26 Majuba No. 33 Cathedral No. 35 Pacific Rim No. 44	REC Bill Hilborn
District No. 2 Chilliwack No. 19 Composite No. 24 Joppa No. 31 Semiahmoo No. 34 Georgian No. 39 Simon Fraser No. 40	EC Wayne Phelan
District No. 3 Kelowna No. 17 Kamloops No. 18 Penticton No. 22	EC John Shandalla
District No. 4 Rocky Mountain Yukon No. 38	Grand First Principal
District No. 6 Kaien No. 13 Kalum No. 37	REC Gord Hamer (continuing)
District No. 10	EC Rod Holmes

Fort George No. 36
Dawson Creek No. 41
Caribou No. 43

APPEND.3

CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

PLEASE GO TO WEBSITE: GRANDCHAPTER.CA FOR CURRENT INFORMATION

COLUMBIA CHAPTER NO 1
INST: Feb 1867 CONST: Jun 1867
REG MTG: 1st Tue ex Jul, & Aug
TIME: 7:30 pm
LOCATION Masonic Temple, 650 Fisgard Street,
Victoria, B.C.
INST: 4th Sat of Nov.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER NO. 4
INST: Oct 1900 CONST: Jun 17 1919
REG MTG: 2nd Sat ex July, Aug. Sept
TIME: 10:30 AM
LOCATION: Columbia Lodge, 1307-7th. Ave
Invermere BC.
INSTALLATION: 1st Sat in April

KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO 8
INST: Dec 16, 1891 CONST: Jun 17, 1919
REG MTG: 4th Fri. ex Mar, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, Dec.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: 620 Morpeth, St.,
Nanaimo. B.C.
INST: 3rd Sat Mar (With 33 & 35)

NORTH ISLAND NO. 10
INST: Jul 30, 1904 CONST: Jun 18, 1919
REG MTG: 3rd Wed. ex January, February, June, July, August September, December.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Alternating between Masonic Temple, 361-5th St. Courtenay, BC
& Masonic Temple 2905 N Isld Hwy, Campbell River
INST: 3rd Wed of May

KAIEN CHAPTER NO 13
INST: Aug 2, 1910 CONST: Feb.28, 1912
REG MTG: 3rd Wed ex. December.
TIME: 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Masonic Temple 6th & Bowser Street Prince Rupert, BC
INST: 3rd Sat Oct.

NORTH VANCOUVER – KING SOLOMON CHAPTER NO. 16
INST: Feb 25, 1914 CONST: Jun 17, 1919
REG MTG: 2nd Thu ex Jul Aug
TIME: 7:30 pm
LOCATION: New Westminster, 508 Agnes Street.
New Westminster, BC
INST: 2nd Thurs. in Jan

KELOWNA CHAPTER NO. 17
INST: 1916 CONST: Jun 17 1916
REG MTG 4th Tue ex Jun, Jul, Aug, & Dec
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: St. George's Hall, 1564 Pandosy St.
Kelowna, BC
INST: 4th Tue Nov

KAMLOOPS CHAPTER NO. 18
INST: Aug 2, 1920 CONST: Jul 26, 1921
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, & Dec.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Kamloops Masonic Center, 351 Nicola Street, Kamloops, BC
INST: 2nd Sat Mar (With 11 & 29)

CHILLIWACK CHAPTER NO. 19
INST: May 12, 1921 CONST: Jun 21, 1922
REG MTG: 3rd Monday .ex. Jan, June, Jul, Aug, Sept & Dec.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Oddfellows Hall 46008 Reece E. Avenue
INST: 3rd Thur. Nov

PENTICTON CHAPTER NO. 22
INST: Jun 18, 1923 CONST: Sept 9, 1924
REG MTG: 1st Thur. ex Feb, Jul Aug &Sept.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie,
9536 Main Street
Summerland, BC
INST: 1st Thur. of Oct

COMPOSITE CHAPTER NO. 24
INST: May 29, 1925 CONST: Jun 7, 1926
REG MTG: 3rd Fri ex. Jul, Aug, & Dec.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: New Westminster Hall,
508 Agnes Street, New Westminster, BC

INST: 3rd Fri Dec.

TZOUHALEM CHAPTER NO. 26
INST: Feb 28, 1928 CONST: Jun 20, 1928
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex June, Jul, Aug & Dec
TIME: 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 163 Canada Ave., Duncan, B C
INST 3rd Tues. Oct. (odd years) 3rd Thurs. (even years) (with #44)

JOPPA CHAPTER NO 31
INST: Jan 3, 1949 CONST: Aug 1, 1949
REG MTG: 3rd Mon ex Jul, Aug & Dec.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Kerrisdale Masonic Hall, 2146 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver
INST: 3rd Mon Jan

MAJUBA CHAPTER NO. 33
INST: Jan 13,1951 CONST: Jul 14, 1951
REG MTG: 1st Tue ex Jan, Jul, Aug, Sep.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: St. John's Masonic Temple,
26 Gatacre St. Ladysmith, BC
INST: 3rd Sat March (with 8 & 35)

SEMIAHMOO CHAPTER NO 34
INST: Sept 29, 1952 CONST: Jul 4, 1953
REG MTG: 2nd Tue ex Jan, Jul, Aug & Sep
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Eureka Masonic Hall, 20701 Fraser Highway Langley, BC
INST: 2nd Tue June

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER NO 35
INST: Jun 21 1956 CONST: Sept, 1956
REG MTG: 4th Tue ex Jan, Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 136 Memorial Ave.,
Parksville, BC
INST: 3rd Sat. Mar.(with #8 & #33)

FORT GEORGE CHAPTER NO 36
INST: CONST: Sept 20, 1957
REG MTG: 3rd Wed ex Jul, & Aug.
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Freemason's Hall, 450 Vancouver. Prince George, BC
INST: 1st Wed Dec (With 43)

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

YUKON CHAPTER NO 38
INST: Jan 30, 1950 CONST: Jan 30, 1951
REG MTG: 4th Mon. ex Feb, Apr, June, Jul, Aug, & Dec.
TIME: 7:30 PM
Location: Masonic Hall, 1501 Dogwood St.,
Whitehorse, YT

GEORGIAN CHAPTER NO 39
INST: May 25 1960 CONST: Sept 30 1961
REG MTG: 3rd Tue ex, Jun, Jul, Aug & Dec.
1st. Tue Apr.(elections)
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Roberts Creek Masonic Hall,
13190 Roberts Creek Road BC
INST: 1st Sat May

SIMON FRASER CHAPTER NO 40
INST: Mar 29, 1961 CONST: Jul 29, 1961
REG MTG: 2nd Tue ex July, Aug, & Feb
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Richmond Masonic Temple,
6730 No.3 Road Richmond, BC
INST: 1st Sat Feb

DAWSON CREEK CHAPTER NO 41
INST: Oct 15, 1960 CONST: Sept 1, 1962
REG MTG: 4rd Saturday, ex Jan, Feb, Mar, Jun, Jul, Aug, Nov & Dec.
TIME: 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 901-103rd Ave, Dawson Creek, BC
INST: 3rd Tue Jun, Sept

CARIBOU CHAPTER NO 43
INST: May 23, 1975 CONST: Sept 4, 1976
REG MTG: 1st Monday, ex Jan, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept, &.Dec.
TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: 130 Oliver Street., Williams Lake, BC
INST 1st Tues. May

PACIFIC RIM CHAPTER NO 44
INST: May 3, 1990 CONST: Apr 11, 1992
REG MTG: 3rd Thur ex Jan, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept & Dec
TIME: 7.30 PM
LOCATION: Masonic Hall, 6544 Throup Road,
Sooke, BC
INST: 3rd Thur Oct(even years) 3rd Tues (odd years) (with #26)

APPEND. 4

ELECTED PPINCIPAL OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER SINCE 1919

Year	Grand Zerubbabel	Grand Haggai	Grand Joshua
1919	*Harry H. Watson	*Daniel M Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1920	*Edward B Paul	*Daniel M. Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin
1921	*Daniel M. Harrison	*Charles F. Sherwin	*Vernon W. Stewart
1922	*Charles F. Sherwin	*Vernon W. Stewart	*Frank C. Bird
1923	*Vernon W. Stewart	*Frank C. Bird	*John G. Gamon
1924	*Frank C. Bird	*John G. Gamon	*Thomas H. Carey
1925	*John G. Gamon	*Thomas H. Carey	*Henry Giegerich
1926	*Thomas H. Carey	*Henry Giegerich	*Donald Adams
1927	*Henry Giegerich	*Donald Adams	*William T. Phillips
1928	*Donald Adams	*William T. Phillips	*Ernest P. Allen
1929	*William T. Phillips	*Ernest P. Allen	*Donald A. Stewart
1930	*Ernest P. Allen	*Donald A. Stewart	*Samuel Drake
1931	*Donald A. Stewart	*Samuel Drake	*Daniel W. Sutherland
1932	*Samuel Drake	*Alexander McDuff	*Alex M. Manson
1933	*Alexander McDuff	*Alex M. Manson	*William R. Trench
1934	*Alex M. Manson	*William R. Trench	*William R. Yule
1935	*William R. Trench	*William R. Yule	*George H. McKay
1936	*William R. Yule	*George H. McKay	*K.K. Reid
1937	*George H. McKay	*K.K. Reid	*W.P. Marchant
1938	* K.K. Reid	*W.P. Marchant	*Stanley Gordon
1939	*W.P. Marchant	*Stanley Gordon	*Thomas B. Goodall
1940	*Stanley Gordon	*Thomas B. Goodall	*George E. MacKinnon
1941	*G.E. McKinnon	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor
1942	*M.J. Little	*W. Coates Taylor	*.John. H. Morgan
1943	*W. Coates Taylor	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis
1944	*John H. Morgan	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle
1945	*F.A. Willis	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker
1946	*Edward T. Searle	*Edgar B. Baker	*John MacLeod
1947	*Edgar B. Baker	*John MacLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger
1948	*John MacLeod	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson
1949	*Gerald M. Sedger	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell
1950	*A.E. Davidson	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts
1951	*A. Roy Byrnell	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker
1952	*Andrew Coutts	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness
1953	*Charles E. Renecker	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard L. Williams
1954	*Harvey P. Wyness	*Richard L. Williams	*George M. Harmen

1955	*Richard L. Williams `	*George M. Harmen	*Arthur Hamilton
1956	*George M. Harmen	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W.H. Walker
1957	*Arthur Hamilton	*T.W. H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen
1958	*T.W.H. Walker	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell
1959	*Olaf Nelsen	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell
1960	*James R. Mitchell	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss
1961	*Earl V. Bell	*James S.E. Meiss	*J. Stanley Dyke
1962	*James S.E. Meiss	*J. Stanley Dyke	*R. Thomas Litt
1963	*J. Stanley Dyke	*R. Thomas Litt	*Thomas A. Dobson
1964	*R. Thomas Litt	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Gamey
1965	*Thomas R. Smalley	*L.R. Gamey	*Ewan E. Andrews
1966	*L. R. Gamey	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Mark H. Hannah
1967	*Mark H. Hannah	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Thomas Isbister
1968	*Ewan E. Andrews	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham
1969	*Thomas Isbister	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles F. Armstrong
1970	*Alan E. Fleetham	*Charles F. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl
1971	*Charles F. Armstrong	*Evan H. Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin
1972	*Evan H.Carl	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Manzer
1973	*W. Currie McCalpin	*James A. Manzer	*William H. Young
1974	*James A. Manzer	*William H. Young	*Cyrus D. Biddulph
1975	*Cyrus D. Bidulph	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton
1976	*William H. Young	*Henry M. Dayton	*George H. Coupland
1977	*Henry M. Dayton	*George H. Coupland	*William Blake
1978	* George H. Coupland	*William Blake	*R. Cedric Telford
1979	*William Blake	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall
1980	*R. Cedric Telford	*James Randall	*Stephen G. Redgrave
1981	*James Randall	*Stephen G. Redgrave	*Alvin P. Alexander
1982	*Stephen G. Redgrave	*Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton
1983	*Alvin P. Alexander	*F. Melvin Fulton	*R. Hilliard Clare
1984	* F. Melvin Fulton	*R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie S. Lamb
1985	*R. Hilliard Clare	*Huie S. Lamb	*Roderick A. Cutler
1986	*Huie S. Lamb	*Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack A. Laffling
1987	*Roderick A. Cutler	*Jack A Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey
1988	*Jack A. Laffling	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall
1989	Thomas O. Mickey	*Robert J. Gornall	*Alexander S. Rollo
1990	*Robert J. Gornall	*Alexander S. Rollo	*H. James White
1991	*Alexander S. Rollo	*H. James White	*William R. Shippam
1992	*H. James White	* William R. Shippam	*Trevor O. Thomas
1993	*William R. Shippam	*Trevor O. Thomas	*Leslie J. Tutt
1994	*Trevor O. Thomas	*Leslie J. Tutt	*William D. Jasper
1995	*Leslie J. Tutt	*William D. Jasper	Leonard G. Pickell
1996	*William D. Jasper	Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall
1997	Leonard G. Pickell	Joseph R. Marshall	*Denis S. Carriere
1998	Joseph R. Marshall	*Denis S. Carriere	*David D.S.Anderson
1999	*Denis S. Carriere	*David D.S. Anderson	*David B. Turner
2000	*David D. S. Anderson	*David B. Turner	Norman K. Monro
2001	*David B. Turner	Norman K. Monro	*Basil R. Hobbs
2002	Norman K. Monro	*Basil R. Hobbs	*George W. Eaton
2003	*Basil R. Hobbs	*George W. Eaton	*Brian Richman
2004	*George W. Eaton	*Brian Richman	*William Fooks

2005	*Brian Richman	*William Fooks	A.Leslie Robinson
2006	A. Leslie Robinson	*George Tillotson	*Alastair Ross
2007	*George Tillotson	*Alastair Ross	David Grange
2008	*Alastair M. Ross	David Grange	Joel Chiri
2009	David Grange	Joel Chiri	Norman McEvoy
2010	Joel Chiri	Norman McEvoy	Antony Brown
2011	Norman McEvoy	Antony Brown	Kenneth Overy
2012	*Antony Brown	Kenneth Overy	Jeremy Gomersall
2013	Kenneth Overy	Jeremy Gomersall	Antony D'Eramo
2014	Jeremy Gomersall	Antony D'Eramo	Godfrey Onyemaobi
2015	Antony D'Eramo	Godfrey Onyemaobi	Ronald Smith
2016	Godfrey Onyemaobi	Ronald Smith	Norman Bruce
2017	Ronald Smith	A. Leslie Robinson	Phillip Robinson
2018	A. Leslie Robinson	Phillip Robinson	John Merryweather Laing
2019	Phillip Robinson	John Merryweather Laing	Jimmy Catala
2020	Phillip Roginson	David Grange	Jimmy Catala
2021	Phillip Robinson	David Grange	Jimmy Catala
2022	Jimmy Catala	Daniel McCoy	Alphonse Quenneville

***** Deceased

2023 AGENDA

No. Order of Business

Friday, September 15, 2023

1) Grand Chapter Informal Opening. **7:00 pm**
2) Admission/Reception of Distinguished guests
3) Flag Ceremony
4) Memorial Service
5) Responses of Concordant bodies.
6) Informal Grand Chapter closed.

Saturday, September 16, 2023

7) Grand Chapter Formal opening.
8) Reception of Visitors & Regrets.
9) Invocation by the Grand Chaplain
10) Resolution of Loyalty to King
11) Minutes of Grand Convocation of **2022**
12) Grand Z address
13) Grand H report
14) Grand J report
15) Report of Grand Chaplain
16) Report of Merit Award Committee
17) Reception of Past Gr. First Principals
18) Reception of First Principals
19) Grand Treasurer's report

20) Grand Scribe Ezra report
21) Report of Committee on Finance
22) Report of Committee on Constitution & Jurisprudence
Resolutions and Grand Chapter Recommendations - NONE
23) Forum for Candidates
24) Report of Regalia Committee
25) Report of Executive Committee
26) Report of the Grand Historian
27) Report of Credentials Committee
28) Presentation of Honorary Memberships
29) Election of Officers for 2023/24
30) Report of Bursary Committee
31) Report of Committee on Grand Z address
32) Report on Information and Technology Committee
33) Report of Royal Arch Masonic Home Society
34) Report of Keystone of Life Foundation
35) Report of Committee on Grand Superintendents
36) Report of Committee on Past Z's Award
37) New Business
38) Unfinished Business
39) Good of the Order
40) Installation of Officers for 2023/24
41) Vote of Thanks to Host Chapter
42) Scribe E. Reads Committees for 2023/24
43) Location of Grand Chapter for 2024, 2025, 2026.
44) Closing of Grand Chapter
45) AGM – Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC & Yukon
46) Report (Minutes) of Order of High Priest

Append. 1) Living Past Grand First Principals
Append. 2) Grand District Superintendents
Append. 3) Constituent Chapters
Append. 4) Elected Grand Chapter Principals since 1919