Proceedings

Of

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

for the

106th Annual Grand Convocation

At Prince George, BC

September 20, 2025

MEC Ken Overy
Grand First Principal

REC Peter Guichon
Grand Scribe Ezra



MEC. Kenneth Overy

Kenneth (Ken) Morgan Overy Grand First Principal 2024-2025

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, B.C. and Yukon

Biography

Ken Overy was born on June 14, 1953 in the city of Montreal. He attended Dawson Technical College, and after graduating in the field of Electro-technology, he went to work at Molson's Brewery. It was during this time that Ken met his future wife Joan who came with the added bonus of three children, Michael, Susan and Sandra. It took a little while but by 1977 he finally came to his senses and moved out to the west coast to settle down in Nanaimo. He worked as an electrician for a few years until being hired on by B.C.Tel (now TELUS) where he has worked for over 32 years. Ken and Joan have also opened up their home to mentally handicapped individuals over the span of the last 18 years, and currently have one lady residing with them. His children have rewarded his patience and endurance by presenting him with 5 grandchildren. Each of them a source of his pride and joy. Ken's interests include reading and going RVing with friends and family.

Masonic Career

- Initiated into Chemainus Lodge # 114 in December 1997.
- Raised to Master Mason in April 1998.
- Served as Worshipful Master 2002/03
- Joined Royal Arch, Majuba Chapter #33 in 1998
- Served as First Principal, 2001 also 2010
- Affiliated with Keystone Chapter #8. Served as First Principal 2006 again 2008
- Joined Cryptic Rite Masonry 2004 Adoniram Council #15
- Served as Thrice Illustrious Master 2007
- Joined Knights Templar 2003 Bethlehem Preceptory #69
- Served as Presiding Preceptor 2009, 2010, 2012
- Joined Order of the Eastern Star 1998 Nanaimo Chapter #43
- Became member of Red Cross of Constantine 2004 Arbutus #40
- Most Puissant Sovereign 2013
- York Rite Sovereign College 2005 Vancouver Island #48
- Governor 2011. Received Order of the Purple Cross 2013
- Received into the York Cross of Honor 2010
- Received into Knight Templar Priest Victoria Tabernacle #52 2005
- Appointed as Grand Marshal to the Grand Chapter of Royal and Select Masters of Cryptic Rite Masonry of Western Canada. 2009

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 20th day of September, 2025

PETER G.A. GUICHON

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(REC Peter Guichon – Grand Scribe Ezra)

SEAL

This the one hundred and Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon was held on **September 19th – 20th, 2025** at Prince George, B.C.

OFFICERS ELECTED/APPOINTED 2024 - 2025

MEC Ken Overy	**Grand First Principal**
REC John Laing	Grand Second Principal
REC Hani Nino	Grand Third Principal
MEC Dan McCoy	IPGZ
REC Kris Toijonen	Grand Treasurer
REC Peter Guichon	Grand Scribe Ezra
REC Scott Wisdahl	Grand Pr. Sojourner
EC Nirvan Rajkumar	Grand Sr. Sojourner
EC Mark O'Donohue	Grand Jr. Sojourner
REC Tim Findlay	Grand Superintendent District 1
REC Robert Carroll	Grand Superintendent District 2
REC Bert Fredin	Grand Superintendent District 3
REC Steve Finnigan	Grand Superintendent District 6
REC Chris Larsen	Grand Superintendent District 10
MEC Ken Overy	Grand Scribe Nehemiah
REC James Bennie	Grand Historian
As Required	Grand Sword Bearer
As Required	Grand Standard Bearer
As Required	Grand Masters of the Veils
VEC Richard Trippel	Grand Director of Ceremonies
REC Peter Edwards	Grand Marshal
EC Paul Brais	Grand Pursuivant
VEC Rick Dawson	Grand Steward
VEC Hanse Doge	Grand Steward
REC Alan Akehurst	Grand Chaplain
EC Greg Zielski	Grand Director of Music
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 19, 2025**. 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 Robert Trippel and then MEC Ken Overy and Grand Council received and welcomed and then seated.

MEC. Kurtis Frederick – Grand First Principal – Grand Chapter of Alberta.
REC. Brad Edstrom – Grand Second Principal - Grand Chapter of Alberta

MEC. Dan Olmsted – Grand First Principal – Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

REC John S. Burrage – Deputy Grand High Priest– Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington State

Most Ill. Kt. Comp. Peter Whitehead, GCC - Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada of the Red Cross of Constantine.
Rt. Ven. Bro. Robert Walker - DDGM District 7 -Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada
R. Em. Kt. Darwin Ross McKinnon - Provincial Grand Prior of Northern BC. – Sovereign Great Priory of Canada
M. Ill. Comp. Les Robinson – PGM – Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada

Worthy Grand Patron Larry Holthe - Eastern Star of BC and Yukon
PHQ Rachel Row and PHQ Alayna Van Aalst - Job's Daughters of BC, Bethel No. 26.

3) FLAG CEREMONY

There was no flag ceremony held.

4) MEMORIAL SERVICE

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, September 19, 2025

Prince George, BC



Grand Chaplain – REC Alan Akehurst

Grand Superintendents

Royal Arch Masonic Memorial

Companions and guests,, from the beginning of history it has been the custom among peoples of all races and creeds to honour ceremonially the memory of their departed loved ones. Such a custom has its roots in the fundamental nature of our being and the universal institution of the immortality of the soul. Therefore, it is fitting that Royal Arch Masons should from time to time, as occasion might seem to require, meet together in solemn assembly, for the purpose of commemorating their companions at rest, and to remind themselves of that hope beyond the grave, the preparation for which should be their daily concern. This evening we express, both in spoken word and in silence, a farewell to our dear departed companions. We meet in sorrow to honour the memory of those who have gone before us, with a firm faith in the goodness and wisdom of 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 that Supreme Being.

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7

Chaplain's message:

Let us pray:
O God, from whom we come, unto whom we return and in whom, while we tarry here, we live and move and have our being: we praise you for your good gift of life; for its wonder and its mystery; its interest and its joy; its friendships and fellowships. We thank you for ties that bind us one to another. We bless you for your loving and patient dealing with us whereby you ever teach us your truth and your way by the varied experiences through which we pass; for the meanings that lie hidden in the very heart of sorrow, pain, disappointment, loss and grief, and for your guiding hand along the way of pilgrimage. We thank you for our companions, recalling all in them that made them worthy members of our Royal Craft. We bless you for all the good and gracious influences that ministered to their best lives. We thank you for all goodness and truth that passed from their lives into the lives of others and have made the world richer for their presence. We thank you that we have learned that life does not end with death and the One who made us will not leave us in the dust but will care for us beyond the bounds of vision, even as we are cared for in our earthly life. Help us to walk amid the things of this world with eyes open to the beauty and glory of the eternal. **Amen.**

The Rose is a universal symbol of love and remembrance, it has become our way of expressing deep, heartfelt emotions for the deceased and appreciation for their years of service. While commonly associated with romantic love and passion, red roses symbolize deep love; grief is simply one side of that coin. Another common meaning for red roses is the strength, endurance, and resolve that grow out of a passionate love for life.
In memory of our Companions we now ask our Grand Superintendents or a representative of each district, to step forward, place a red rose upon the Altar and bid our Companions goodbye.

Rose laid by:

District No. 1:	**REC Tim Findlay**
District No. 2	**REC Bob Carroll**
District No. 3	**REC Bert Fredin**
District No. 6	**REC Steven Finnigan**
District No. 10	**REC Chris Larsen**
Yukon Chapter No. 38	**VEC. Connor Massey**
Rocky Mountain Chapter No. 4	**MEC Ron Smith**

White roses symbolize peace, purity, spiritual love, and innocence. They can also symbolize honor, which is appropriate for a memorial service. White roses can also be used for sympathy and symbolize new beginnings. A white rose will be laid for all Companions who may have been overlooked as well as the spouses of our Companions who have passed away and for all deceased first responders and deceased men and women protecting this great nation.

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

All: ***We shall remember them.***

Let us pray:

Gracious God, our hearts overflow with gratitude for the life we shared with our beloved Companions. Though sorrow hangs heavy, we come before You filled with thankfulness for the gift of their presence.
We thank You for the laughter that echoed through our lives, the lessons learned that shaped us, and the unwavering friendship that bloomed between us. We cherish the memories we hold dear – moments that will forever be a source of comfort and inspiration.

Deceased Companions:

Chapter No.	Name	Date of Death
North Island 10	Comp. Gordon Peterson	July 23, 2024
NVKS 16	Ex Comp. Frank Czak	April 25, 2024
	MEC Norman Munro	July 31, 2024
	REC James R. Elton	May 24, 2024
Kamloops 18	Ex Comp. Rioh Hove	July 13, 2024
	Ex Comp. David Barclay	July 14, 2024
Chilliwack 19	REC Douglas Sprague	July 31, 2024
Penticton 22	REC Paul Tupholme	February 27, 2024
	Ex Comp. Chuck Woods	April 1, 2024
Composite 24	Comp. Rolando Caguicla	September 1, 2024
Cathedral 35	Comp. Ron Rutter	September 22, 2024
Fort George 36	Comp. Bruce Minchin	February 21, 2024
	Comp. Herb Assman	November 21, 2024
Georgian 39	MEC Norman Munro	July 31, 2024
Simon Fraser 40	Comp. Walter Rae	December 14, 2024
Dawson Creek 41	REC John Murphey	March 1, 2024
	Comp. Victor Brandt	December 14, 2024
Pacific Rim 44	REC Cy Saunders	November 5, 2024

5) ADDRESSES BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

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

6) INFORMAL CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER

This Informal Opening was closed by the Grand First Principal at 8:50 pm with a reminder that the Convocation would commence tomorrow at **8:30 am on September 20th 2025**.

7) FORMAL OPENING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Grand Convocation was formally opened **September 20, 2025** by the Grand First Principal in ample form at **8:30 am**. The Grand Scribe Ezra confirmed that **18 of 22** 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.

A short memorial was held to recognize the passing of MEC Norman McEvoy, Grand First Principal 2011 – 2012 on September 1, 2025.

Regrets Received:

MEC Tom Mickey, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to health reasons

MEC Len Pickell, 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 David Grange, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to travel reasons.

MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi, Past Grand First Principal of this Jurisdiction

Unable to attend due to travel reasons.

Job's Daughters of British Columbia

Grand Council unable to attend due to Conference in Seattle

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Sent regrets

Grand Master of Grand Lodge of British Columbia & Yukon

Sent regrets Grand First Principal read letter from Grand Master.

Past Grand 3rd Principal - REC Norm Bruce – other commitments

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

9) INVOCATION BY GRAND CHAPLIN

REC Alan Akehurst provided invocation.

10) RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

The following Resolution of Loyalty, duly MOVED by Right Excellent Companion John Laing and duly SECONDED by Right Excellent Companion Hani Nino 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 sixth Annual Convocation held at the City of Prince George in the Province of British Columbia, Canada this 20th day of September 2025 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 REC John Laing, seconded by REC Hani Nino, 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 Sixth Annual Convocation in the City of Prince George, British Columbia, Canada this 20th day of September, 2025, 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 20th, 2025.

“GOD SAVE THE KING”

11) MINUTES OF GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION of 2024

Motion by Grand Scribe Ezra REC Peter Guichon.

I hereby move that the minutes of the one hundred fifth annual Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of B.C. & Yukon, held at the city of Nanaimo, British Columbia and as published in the annual proceedings of 2024 be hereby adopted.

Seconded by REC Hani Nino **Carried as Presented**

12) ADDRES OF THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL MEC KEN OVERY 2024-2025

Most Excellent Companions, Guests, and Companions.

I would like, first off, to welcome everyone to this, our 106th Annual Grand Chapter in Beautiful Prince George. I do hope that you will take some time to sample some of what this city has to offer.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks, and well wishes to everyone of those distinguished visitors, from our sister jurisdictions as well as each of the representatives of the Concordant Bodies who have taken the time from their busy schedules to join us. Please take back our warmest fraternal greetings to your respective Grand Chapters and Grand Bodies on your return home.

Preamble:
Companions, this year did not start out favourable with respect to the Holy Royal Arch in B.C. and Yukon. Our Grand First and Grand Second were suspended from Grand Lodge at the start of their respective terms. I need not go into any further details. An executive meeting was held and it was decided that a former Grand Zerubbabel would fill the top position, with a qualified past Grand elected officer taking the position of Grand Haggai. REC John Laing graciously agreed to step forward and fill the latter station for which I, and I am sure everyone in this room is extremely grateful.
As for taking on Grand Z, well, what can I say, someone has a sense of humour. I agreed to help Royal Arch out, not knowing what the future held. January 11th, I woke up to what I thought was a cold. First thing in the morning I coughed to clear my throat. I could not get any air in or out. Terror set in! I passed out. When I hit the floor, I must have dislodged whatever, enough to open up my airway. My daughter took me to the emergency and after nine hours it was discovered that I am the proud owner of a rare auto-immune disorder that affects all of my muscles, and in my case, particularly my lungs and throat. It has taken seven months and some pretty heavy doses of drugs to send it into remission for now.
Consequently, I was only able to tend to a very few of the duties pertaining to this office in a manner that this station deserves. For this I offer my apologies. A positive note is that before his leaving, MEC Alphonse Quenneville, had completed nearly all of his intended visits.

Duties:
I was however able to handle the administrative duties. We had monthly Executive meetings on the Zoom Platform, with Past Grands being most welcome to bring their knowledge and insight to add to the betterment and education of the line Officers. These meetings were followed by one with the Grand Superintendents. These meetings acted as a forum for the Sups. to ask questions and share ideas with each other as well as the Grand Officers. It also served as a platform to catch up with any developments in Grand Chapter. It also helped the Grand Officers to sound off to someone in the trenches about whether or not our ideas would hold water. I did manage to make an appearance at our Spring Board, though it was a determined effort.

Membership:
One of the particular points of interest that came up in these Zoom meetings with the District Superintendents is that as of Spring Board, there were more than 45 new Candidates expected to become Royal Arch Masons before this year end. Although we are still losing members due to attrition and NPD, we can see some hope for our beloved Royal Craft. Attrition we can not do

anything about, but losing of members through demits and NPD, can be stemmed somewhat by making sure that the Companions do not become disenchanted or disillusioned with Royal Arch.

Necrology:
The past year has been marred with the passing of some of our well-respected Companions, who were called to the Grand Chapter above. A ceremony of tribute to their life and their contributions was conducted last night under the direction of the Grand Chaplain, REC. Alan Akehurst, with the assistance of the District Superintendents. Those departed Companions who served in the armed forces and as well as health care workers were honoured with the laying of a rose by the Grand First Principal. The passing of the departed wives, partners and family of our Companions were also remembered with the laying of a white rose by the Grand First Principal's good wife, Joan. We join you in feeling the loss of each and every one of them and celebrating the pleasure of having known them.

Permanent Rank:
It is with great pleasure that I recommend that the Permanent rank of "Right Excellent Companion" be conferred on the following Grand District Superintendents.

Tim Findley	District # 1
Robert Carroll	District #2
Bert Fredin	District # 3
Steve Finnigan	District # 6
Chris Larsen	District # 10

I would also take great pleasure in recommending that the permanent rank of "Very Excellent Companion" be conferred upon those appointed Grand Chapter officers of 2024-2025 who assisted and gave their support to me during my tenure in office, where applicable.

Highlights:
One event that will be memorable to me about my term was hearing about a brother, Charlie Hodge, who was terminal, revealing that one of his ardent wishes before he passed, was to become a Royal Arch Mason. He was a MMM at the time. This request was brought to my attention by three Companions; REC. Bert Fredin, REC. Alan Akehurst, and EC. Carston Osterhold. I asked the three of them to grant his request which they did at his facility. I would like to acknowledge these fine examples of what Royal Arch Companionship and brotherly love exemplifies. Thank you to each of you, for seeing a chance to show what Freemasonry is all about.

Appreciation:
I would like to thank the Companions of this jurisdiction for placing their trust and support in me in allowing me to take over in heading up this great institution we call the Holy Royal Arch. I would also like to acknowledge my heartfelt thanks to the elected Officers for helping me by carrying out visitations and other duties on my behalf during what has been some of my most challenging times this past year. A special thanks to our Grand Scribe, REC Peter Guichon for his help and insight, and simply being a good friend. I would also express my gratitude to my Stewart, VEC Rick Dawson and the Members of the Grand Communication Committee; REC Hani Nino, REC Rod Holmes, REC Scott Wisdahl, EC Hans Doge, and Companion David MacLennan for all their hard work in organizing this Convocation.

To our Grand First elect, REC. John Laing and his Officers I wish you all congratulations and offer my support for the upcoming year.

Finally, there is one person to whom I must give a special thank you for supporting and helping me over these last years with encouragement and advice when I steer off course. To my wife Joan, thank you for your love and support. Without you, quite simply, I would not be where I am today.

Respectfully Submitted
MEC Ken Overy
Grand First Principal
2024-2025

I REC John Laing hereby move that this report be referred to the committee on the Grand Z's address. Seconded by REC Hani Nino. **Carried**

Report Received

13) REPORT OF THE GRAND 2nd PRINCIPAL (H) REC JOHN LAING

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

I must begin by thanking Grand Chapter for appointing me, in January, to the office of Grand Second Principal during the turbulent times that this masonic year has encountered.

In the past 6 months I have attended 27 Royal Arch events. These include various visits to Chapters, twice serving as the Installing 1st. Principal. In June I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of Penticton Chapter No. 22 along with our Director of Ceremonies, V.E.C. Richard Tripell, which resulted in a productive round-table discussion with the members present.

In April, as chair of the Spring Board of General Purpose, I was gratified to find the day well attended and productive. REC Scott Wisdahl played a pivotal role in getting the membership further involved using his expertise in electronic media to include members outside of the immediate District 2. using ZOOM.

As the representative of our Grand 1st. Principal, I attended the Annual British Columbia Job's Daughters Grand Session in March. These dedicated young ladies deserve kudos for their deportment, demeanor and dedication to their Order.

In conclusion, I believe that with hard work and dedication the upcoming year will be one of renewal and growth for our beloved Royal Arch. I am honoured to be joined by a group of committed experienced companions that have volunteered to join me on the Grand Line team for 2025 –2026. I am confident that together we will have a productive and rewarding journey.

I look forward to the Grand Chapter Convocation in the third week of September where we can gather face to face in Prince George.

Respectfully Submitted,
R.E.C. John M. Laing
Grand 2nd Principal

Report Received

14) REPORT OF THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL (J) REC HANI NINO

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon.
It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve our Grand Jurisdiction as **Grand Third Principal** for the 2024–2025 term. During this time, I had the honor of visiting many Chapters, both in the company of our Grand First Principal and independently, across our Jurisdiction. I was fortunate to witness and participate in various degrees and installations.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the Companions who made each of these visits meaningful and memorable. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the warm hospitality I consistently received something I truly cherish. I look forward to reconnecting with many of you in the months and years ahead.

Over the past year, our focus has included encouraging **Companion engagement and recruitment**, and actively supporting the **Royal Arch charitable foundations** namely, the Royal Arch Masonic Home, Keystone of Life, and the Bursary Fund. I urged Companions to take a leading role in promoting these vital causes, as they represent the charitable face of our Royal Order and help extend our positive impact in the community.

I also had the honour of chairing the **Ad-Hoc Grand Convocation Committee**, conducting several meetings throughout the year. These involved identifying suitable venues by communicating with local Chapters, coordinating logistical support and necessary furnishings, preparing a budget for the event, and supervising the Convocation proceedings. Further details are provided in the Ad-Hoc Committee Report.

As the **Grand Chapter representative to the Bursary Committee**, I attended several meetings and was heartened by the volume of applications we received. It was especially rewarding to see how many deserving students we were able to support in continuing their post-secondary education.

At the request of our Grand First Principal, I represented our Grand Chapter at the **Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta** in May 2025, where I conveyed greetings, offered best wishes for a successful year, and extended congratulations to **M.E.C. Kurtis Frederick**, the newly installed Grand First Principal. Such fraternal visits not only deepen our appreciation of different Masonic traditions but also promote meaningful dialogue and stronger ties between jurisdictions.

In addition, we held productive discussions with **M.E.C. George Fairbairn**, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario, regarding mutual

cooperation between our two provinces. I also had the pleasure of meeting **M.E.C. Dean Elliot**, Grand First Principal of Saskatchewan, as well as **M.W. Bro. Will Leano**, Past Grand Master of Alberta, and **M.W. Bro. Chuck Rose**, Grand Master of Alberta.

In conclusion, this has been an eventful and deeply fulfilling year serving as **Grand Third Principal**. The dedication and tireless efforts of our Officers and Companions have been instrumental in upholding the values of our Order and advancing Royal Arch Masonry across the jurisdiction.

Together, we have strengthened Masonic bonds, uplifted our communities, and honoured the sacred traditions of our Royal Craft. I extend my sincere gratitude to all who have contributed to the continued growth and success of our Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,
R.E.C. Hani M. Nino
Grand Joshua

Report Received

15) REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLIN

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

To begin my thanks to MEC Alphonse Quenneville for giving me the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter once again. Unfortunately, my service was limited as I also had major appointments in other Masonic bodies in this past year, as well as returning to work part-time and suffering losses in our family. Thank you to VEC Calvin Jonas who took my place at Affirmation Sunday.

Companions, in our rituals we acknowledge the presence of the Supreme being in many ways and we understand also our duties as Companions to one another. The Judeo-Christian religions recognize two great commandments: *'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'*

We practice the first commandment through the prayers in our rituals and particularly in the ritual of the completion and dedication of Solomon's Temple of the Most Excellent Master degree. The first of the five pillars of Islam begins with the recognition that there is but one God, followed by the second which is the call to prayer. All religions practice some form of relationship with the Deity through prayer.

The second great commandment is found in all major religions in what is commonly called the Golden Rule. In the positive form it is "do unto others what you would have done unto you". The negative form is "do not do unto others what you would not want done unto you."

The rule dates back as far as 4000 years in Ancient Egypt when it read "Do to the doer to make him do." A thousand years later in Egypt it became "That which you hate to be done to you, do

not do to another." In Ancient Rome the Stoics phrased it in hierarchical terms "Treat your inferior as you would wish your superior to treat you."

In our present times when political divisions often become angry and confrontational, we remember why Freemasons do not allow discussion of specific faith religions or party politics in their lodges. Nor should we contribute to such discussions outside the lodge or chapter rooms when there is a possibility of causing hurt to another. It is better to remain silent and withdraw. We are called to practice brotherly love at all times, not just within the walls of our sacred temple.
Go in peace my companions to love God and your neighbor as yourself.

Fraternally
VEC Alan Akehurst
Grand Chaplain

Report Received

16) REPORT OF THE MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

NO REPORT SUBMITTED.

MEC. Ken Overy 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.

17) RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

	1989 Most Excellent Companion	Thomas O. Mickey
	1997 Most Excellent Companion	Leonard G.B. Pickell
	1998 Most Excellent Companion	Joseph R. Marshall
P	2006 Most Excellent Companion	A. Leslie Robinson
	2009 Most Excellent Companion	David Grange
	2010 Most Excellent Companion	Joel Chiri
P	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
P	2018 Most Excellent Companion	A. Leslie Robinson
	2019 – 2021 Most Excellent Companion	Phillip Robinson
	2022 – Most Excellent Companion	Jimmy Catala
P	2023 – Most Excellent Companion	Dan McCoy

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

18) RECEPTION OF FIRST PRINCIPALS ROLL CALL 2025

P Columbia 1

Rocky Mountain 4

P Keystone 8

North Island 10

Kaien 13

North Van – King Solomon 16

Kelowna 17

P Kamloops 18

Chilliwack 19

Penticton 22

Tzouhalem 26

Joppa 31

P Majuba 33

P Semiahmoo 34

Cathedral 35

P Fort George 36

P Kalum 37

Yukon 38

Georgian 39

Simon Fraser 40

Dawson Creek 41

Pacific Rim 44

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

19) REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

For the Year-ended 31st December 2024

To the Grand 1st Principal, Executive Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon.

Society

2024 resulted in a modest growth year for our Society portfolios as they finished the year end in a position of strength as the movement of money market stocks were reinvested into blue chip stock to achieve greater stability. While the book value of the Main Account portfolios and Bursary were modest, the market value showed further improvement.

Based on the 2024 year end summaries the reported Market value of our Bursary portfolio settled at $285,805 at the close of December 2024 vs $254,544 in 2023, with an increase of 12.47%, for an overall gain of $31,261 in valuation. In the main account the performance resulted in an increase from $341,122 to $391,399, a difference to the positive of 14.73%

The book valuations for 2024 in the Main account closed at $308,063 and Bursary account at 200,838 for a change of +9.46 % and -0.21% respectively. With the maturation of stocks credited at year end, minus fees the net book value balance for the Main Account is $307,408 and Bursary at $211,209.

2025 has brought with it new challenges to investment markets, however, Odlum Brown continues to maintain the Society portfolios, prudently, staying the course. As of July 31st this year the current book value of the Bursary account is $203,673 and the Main Account $311,505

Financials

In 2024 our forecast per capita was based on a conservative estimate of 600 companions with revenues at $16,800 and actual revenue resulted $19,490 from the final count from 693 companions. There was an expense for Regalia for $1691 which will be withdrawn in 2025's report as well as expenses accounted for Grand Convocation rooms at $1161. There were some small increases in postage expenses and computer support. The 2024 budget was forecasted to run a deficit of $-1570 and settled at year end with a total deficit of $-398.

Statement of Bank Accounts as of July 2025

Main $19,330

Regalia $17,043

OHP $2999

Total: $39,372

2026 Budget
Looking forward to 2026 the Finance Committee agreed to maintain per capita, at $30, however, Per Capita must be brought forward for discussion for 2027 to be reviewed by year end with the Grand Chapter Finance Committee to establish if a change to Per Capita is needed; considering changes in Chapters and membership numbers.

The 2026 proposed budget calculates a revenue of $18,450 based on a conservative estimate of Per Capita of 615 Members. The 2026 budget results in a deficit of $-270 and an adjustment from the regalia fund +$430 sets the total an estimated surplus of $160

Thank you to my companions in our Grand Chapter Finance Committee for their insights and assistance with reviewing the 2026 budget as well as the 2024 financials. Thank you as well to the executive members and to our membership. It is my privilege and pleasure to continue to serve you in this office.

Fraternally,
RE Comp. Kris Toijonen, Grand Treasurer

Moved for acceptance : REC Kris Toijonen 22

Seconded REC. Hani Nino **Motion Passed**

20) REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE EZRA

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. This site has become an essential and valuable part of the management of our Grand Jurisdiction.

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 the Grand Scribe Ezra 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. As noted in prior communication to Grand Chapter, your Grand Executive continues to meet monthly along with your Grand Superintendents via Zoom. This has shown to be a very effective method of communication throughout the Jurisdiction. I recommend it to continue.

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 2024, our membership has declined from 704 to 695 a loss of 9 Companions, primarily due to deaths, suspensions and demits. However, on the bright side is that now that we are able to meet again, there have been 38 exaltations, as well as 5 restorations and 24 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.

Finally

Companions, I have "aged out" and this is my last year as your Grand Scribe Ezra, as per our Constitution. I wish to thank all of you for your support over my tenure, and I ask that you provide the same support to my successor.

Sincerely and Fraternally

REC Peter Guichon, Grand Scribe Ezra

Year End Membership Statistics

2024

Chapter	No.	Jan-24	Exhalt	Rest.	Affil.	Died	Susp	Demit	Expul	Care Home	Dec-24
Columbia	1	41	4					3		2	42
RockyMountain	4	25	1	1				3			24
Keystone	8	17	1							1	18
N. Island	10	53				1	2	3		2	47
Kaien	13	16			6						22
N.V.K.S.	16	26				3	5	1			17
Kelowna	17	22	3		2		1	2			24
Kamloops	18	18	2		2	2					20
Chilliwack	19	18		1		1	1	1			16
Pentiction	22	14	1			2					13
Composite	24	21		1		1		21			0
Tzouhalem	26	25	5		2					2	32
Joppa	31	86	11		2			1		1	98
Majuba	33	17	1	1				2		1	17
Semiahmoo	34	35	2				1	2			34
Cathedral	35	15	1	1	1	1		2		1	15
Ft. George	36	47			5	2				4	50
Kalum	37	28			1						29
Yukon	38	18									18
Georgian	39	21	2			1	1			1	21
S. Fraser	40	34	2			1	1	2			32
D/ Creek	41	44			1	2		1			42
Caribou	43	29									29
Pac Rim	44	34	2		2	1	1	1			35
Total - 2024		704	38	5	24	18	13	45	0	15	695

Report Received

21) REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

For the year 2024 - 2025

The Grand Chapter Finance Committee (the "Committee") met a number of times this year. The Grand Treasurer has provided the annual financial reports for both the Grand Chapter and the Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC and Yukon (the "Society"). The Committee recommended to the Grand Executive to approve the financial reports and send them forward to the Grand Communication for approval.

The Committee noted that the Grand Chapter budget for 2024 was based on receiving per capita from 600 Companions and that the actual number was 693. The 2024 budget was established to have a net deficit to use up surpluses generated during COVID. The actual deficit of ($398) was less than budgeted ($1,170). There were a couple of un-budgeted items that arose. The first was to cover the costs of ritual printing. This amount was $1,206 and had been recommended for payment by the Committee and approved by the Executive. The second was the additional cost for regalia replacement in the amount of $1,691 was spent. The third was the grand convocation room for $1,161.

Same as last year there was added complexity to this year's financial results. The 2024 Grand Communication was the second year that was not hosted by a Chapter and so all revenues and expenses of the Communications have been reported as part of Grand Chapter. After allowing for the room costs, the impact to 2024 for the Grand Chapter hosting the Communication was ($1,161).

A budget was prepared for the Society but the only items within its direct control is the spending plan. The Society holds the investment balance for Grand Chapter in one fund and the investments for bursaries in the other fund. These funds are professionally managed by a third party whose mandate is to look for long-term investments that retain value and produce earnings from dividends and interest. The spending for 2024 out of the Society matched the budget and consisted of $5,000 given to the Royal Arch charities and $7,100 paid out as bursaries. The two funds earned $17,221 in the year, which means that $5,121 was re-invested.

The Grand Treasurer has prepared a budget for 2026 (the 2025 budget was approved at the 2024 Grand Communication) and has discussed the details with the Committee. The Committee finds that the budget is based on conservative estimates of the number of Companions. This budget includes additional spending for regalia purchase & repairs. The Grand Treasurer recommends the per capita stay at $30 a Companion and this Committee agrees with this recommendation and recommends the approval of the 2026 budget.

These are the key items that the Committee is mandated to report on. Additionally, the Committee has some observations that could be reviewed by the Committee and the Grand Executive in the future.

Based on the experiences of the most recent past relating to Grand Communications it may be desirable that Grand Chapter approve the provision of funds to support paying deposits for future Communications. The current practice of most hotels now is that they need a substantial deposit up front to hold facilities for a future event. In many cases this is more than any Chapter could afford, as it could be $5-10,000 held for upwards of three years. Grand Chapter may wish to look at providing some or all of these funds to pay the deposit.

Other organizations, like the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon, have gone away from changing a registration fee for attending Grand Communication. The Committee recommends that this concept be reviewed as if it was desired it would require an amendment to the budget be put before the Companions at an Annual Communication.

The investments held by the Society for the Grand Chapter are there for the purpose of providing support to the Grand Chapter, not simply to grow in value. The Grand Chapter may wish to explore changing the budgeting process of the Society to add the Grand Chapter as recipient of

annual investment earnings along-side the Royal Arch Charities. This happens in other jurisdictions and would provide financial support to Grand Chapter to implement other changes.

This is my first year as Chair and I would like to thank the Grand 1st Principals who allowed me the privilege of being part of the Committee.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee:

EC Marco Schwab, Chair
REC Kristopher Toijonen, Grand Treasurer
REC Hani Nino, Grand Principal Sojourner
REC Scott Wisdahl
EC Eric Duchesne

Moved for acceptance : EC Marco Schwab,
Seconded REC. Scott Wisdahl **Motion Passed**

22) CONSTITUTION AND JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Report of the Constitution and Jurisprudence Committee 2025

This year the Committee reviewed three proposed changes to the Constitution. In all three cases, the Committee found that the proposed changes are not contrary to the established usages and customs of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction.

One of the proposals was put forward by the Chair of the committee. He recused himself from the analysis and discussion.

The proposals are found in a separate section of the Advanced Proceedings.

The Committee also received one request for opinion from a Chapter relating to a proposed motion in its Chapter. The Committee responded to the Chapter. The proposer of the motion has withdrawn his motions.

The Committee has a very good make up of past members of the Committee and other new members with a variety of experiences.

Fraternally,
REC Scott Wisdahl, Chair

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of
British Columbia and Yukon

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Form 20 — Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2025

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

1.4 "Lodge" is a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or of Most Excellent Masters operating under a Chapter.

10.6 Decides

Grand Chapter has the power to make, alter or repeal laws and regulations for the governance of Grand Chapter, Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters and their members. Grand Chapter has power to investigate, regulate and decide matters relating to the Capitular degrees, the Chapters and individual members.
Grand Chapter may grant dispensations or warrants for constituting Chapters of

Royal Arch Masons and Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters. These will be under its great seal and bear the signatures of the Grand First Principal, attested by the Grand Scribe Ezra.

Grand Chapter has the power to revoke warrants.

23.3.6 Other

An honorary or other jewel or emblem is worn only if it appertains to or is consistent with those degrees, namely Mark Master Mason, (Virtual) Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Holy Royal Arch, which are recognized and acknowledged by Grand Chapter. The jewel of a Past Master of a Craft Lodge, or the jewels authorized by any concordant body, unless allowed by this Constitution, will not be worn in a Chapter or in Grand Chapter. Grand Representatives may wear the regalia appropriate to their appointment. There is no recognized jewel of a (Virtual) Past Master or of a Most Excellent Master.

23.7 Lodge Officer

The aprons, sashes, collars and jewels of officers of Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters, are those of the Chapter, according to their rank in the Chapter.

28.5 Lodges

Regular bodies of Mark Master Masons, and Most Excellent Masters are called Lodges.

28.6 Lodge Officers

The Principals of the Chapter may be the Master and Wardens of Lodges of Mark and Most Excellent Master. The other officers of the Chapter may be the Lodge officers according to their seniority in the Chapter.

29.8 Approval Granted

If the petition is granted, the Grand First Principal issues a dispensation **(Form 6 - Dispensation for Instituting a Chapter)** authorizing the members to meet as a Chapter and to open and hold Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters.

35.1 Opening

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons or of Most Excellent Masters may be opened and worked without the Chapter being first opened**.**

37.10.1.6 Obligations in Lodges

The First Principal or a Past First Principal administers the obligation in a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters and may confer either degree.

37.10.1.7 Officers of Lodges

The First Principal appoints the Worshipful Master and the Wardens of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or Most Excellent Masters.

38.6 Power to Discipline Members

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

38.10.12 Two-week Interval

A candidate receives the Mark Master Mason degree only after two weeks have elapsed since his being balloted on. A Most Excellent Master is received or a Royal Arch Mason exalted only after two weeks have elapsed since the conferral of the preceding degree. This two-week period may be shortened by dispensation of the Grand First Principal.

38.10.13 Proficiency Test

Before the reception of a Most Excellent Master or the Exaltation of a Royal Arch Mason, a Chapter may require a candidate to prove his proficiency in the former Degree.

38.10.14 Exaltation

A brother is Exalted to the Royal Arch Degree only after he has received the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees and after he has handed his mark to Scribe Ezra.

38.11.2 Residence and Jurisdiction

A Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master or Royal Arch Mason who is not suspended or expelled and whose current dues are paid to his craft lodge and chapter, may be admitted to membership in any Chapter that will receive him. He need not affiliate with the Chapter nearest his place of residence.

40.1 M.M.M. and M.E.M.
When a Royal Arch Mason from another Jurisdiction, recognized by this Grand Chapter, presents himself as a visiting or affiliated Royal Arch Companion, and satisfactorily proves his having been exalted, any Chapter has liberty to confer on him the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees if he has not already received them. The only fee payable is that to Grand Chapter for registry and certificate.

40.2 Past Master
Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 1 may confer the degree of “Past Master" on visiting Royal Arch Masons, as a courtesy, or on its own members who are Mark Master Masons. These Past Masters become “Virtual Past Masters” without thus acquiring any privileges in a Craft Lodge. (Rev. 2014)

42.2 M.M.M. or M.E.M.
A Mark Master Mason or Most Excellent Master may visit a Lodge while working the degree attained by the visitor.

48.1 Register
Each Chapter keeps a book or books, in which are registered the names of members installed as First Principal, Second Principal and Third Principal, and the names of other officers of the Chapter. In these books is kept a list of the members giving the name, date of birth, mother Lodge, present Lodge, date of receiving Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees. The books also record dates of affiliation, demission, suspension, expulsion, or death.

55.5.2 Fees The minimum fee for Exaltation (including the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master Degrees) is $100.

Existing:

Form 11 - Demit Certificate

To All Royal Arch Masons to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings. This is to certify that Brother (or Companion) who has signed his name below, is a regular Mark Master Mason (or Most Excellent Master), (or Royal Arch Mason) who at this date owes this Chapter no monies and is neither suspended nor expelled and is, at his own request, regularly discharged from membership in Chapter No. , under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon.

Given under our hands and seal of Chapter No. at

(City) , this *(day)* of *(month)*, *(year)*. (Affix Chapter Seal)
Comp. *(Print)*, *(Sign),* First Principal, Comp. *(Print)*,
(Sign), Scribe Ezra.

Brother/ Comp. *(Print)*, *(Sign).*

Form 16 - Application for Exaltation

To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Members of Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No.

I, *(print name in full)* of the *(city etc)* of , occupation , Date of Birth *(year) (month) (day)* a Master Mason raised *(year) (month) (day)* in Lodge No. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of respectfully offer myself as a candidate for the degrees of Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master and EXALTATION to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Chapter No. .

I hereby declare that I have resided within the jurisdiction of said Chapter for years

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

1.4 "Lodge" is a Lodge of Mark Master Masons or a Past Master's Lodge (in the case of Columbia Chapter) or of Most Excellent Masters (Excellent Masters in the case of Columbia Chapter) operating under a Chapter.

10.6 Decides

Grand Chapter has the power to make, alter or repeal laws and regulations for the governance of Grand Chapter, Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Lodges of Mark Master Masons, (Lodges of Past Masters in the case of Columbia Chapter) and Most Excellent Masters (Excellent Masters in the case of Columbia Chapter) and their members.

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Grand Chapter has the power to revoke warrants.

23.3.6 Other

An honorary or other jewel or emblem is worn only if it appertains to or is consistent with those degrees, namely Mark Master Mason, (Virtual) Past Master, Past Master – Scottish Ritual (in the case of Columbia Chapter) Most Excellent Master, Excellent Master (in the case of Columbia Chapter) and Holy Royal Arch, which are recognized and acknowledged by Grand Chapter. The jewel of a Past Master of a Craft Lodge, or the jewels authorized by any concordant body, unless

allowed by this Constitution, will not be worn in a Chapter or in Grand Chapter. Grand Representatives may wear the regalia appropriate to their appointment.

There is no recognized jewel of a (Virtual) Past Master, Past Master – Scottish Ritual (in the case of Columbia Chapter) or of a Most Excellent Master, Excellent Master (in the case of Columbia Chapter).

23.7 Lodge Officer

The aprons, sashes, collars and jewels of officers of Lodges of Mark Master

Masons, Past Masters (in the case of Columbia Chapter, Most Excellent Masters, Excellent Masters (in the case of Columbia Chapter) are those of the Chapter, according to their rank in the Chapter.

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Before the reception of a Most Excellent Master (Excellent Master in the case of Columbia Chapter) or the Exaltation of a Royal Arch Mason, a Chapter may require a candidate to prove his proficiency in the former Degree.

38.10.14 Exaltation

A brother is Exalted to the Royal Arch Degree only after he has received the Mark Master Mason, the Past Master degree – Scottish Ritual (in the case of Columbia Chapter) and Most Excellent Master degrees (Excellent Master degrees in the case of Columbia Chapter) and after he has handed his mark to Scribe Ezra

38.11.2 Residence and Jurisdiction

A Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master (Excellent Master in the case of Columbia Chapter) or Royal Arch Mason who is not suspended or expelled and whose current dues are paid to his craft lodge and chapter, may be admitted to membership in any Chapter that will receive him. He need not affiliate with the Chapter nearest his place of residence.

Existing:

40.1 M.M.M. and M.E.M.

When a Royal Arch Mason from another Jurisdiction, recognized by this Grand Chapter, presents himself as a visiting or affiliated Royal Arch Companion, and satisfactorily proves his having been exalted, any Chapter has liberty to confer on him the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees (Excellent Master degrees in the case of Columbia Chapter) if he has not already received them. The only fee payable is that to Grand Chapter for registry and certificate.

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48.1 Register

Each Chapter keeps a book or books, in which are registered the names of members installed as First Principal, Second Principal and Third Principal, and the names of other officers of the Chapter. In these books is kept a list of the members giving the name, date of birth, mother Lodge, present Lodge, date of receiving Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master (Excellent Master in the case of Columbia Chapter) and Royal Arch degrees. The books also record dates of affiliation, demission, suspension, expulsion, or death.

55.5.2 Fees The minimum fee for Exaltation (including the Mark Master Mason;

Past Master Degree – Scottish Ritual (in the case of Columbia Chapter) and Most Excellent Master Degrees (Excellent Master Degrees in the case of Columbia Chapter) is $100.

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Given under our hands and seal of Chapter No. at

(City) , this *(day)* of *(month)*, *(year)*. (Affix Chapter Seal)
Comp. *(Print)*, *(Sign),* First Principal, Comp. *(Print)*,
(Sign), Scribe Ezra.

Brother/ Comp. *(Print)*, *(Sign).*

Form 16 - Application for Exaltation

To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Members of Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No.

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I, *(print name in full)* of the *(city etc)* of , occupation , Date of Birth *(year) (month) (day)* a Master Mason raised *(year) (month) (day)* in Lodge No. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of respectfully offer myself as a candidate for the degrees of Mark Master Mason, Past Master Degree – Scottish Constitution (in the case of Columbia Chapter) Most Excellent Master (Excellent Master in the case of Columbia Chapter)and EXALTATION to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Chapter No. . I hereby declare that I have resided within the jurisdiction of said Chapter for years immediately before the date of this application, that I am in good standing as a Master Mason

Reason for Change:

This will correct errors in the Constitution with regards to Columbia Chapter

No. 1. For example, Columbia Chapter does not confer the Virtual Past

Degree, Columbia confers the Past Master Degree – Scottish Ritual;

Columbia Chapter does not confer the Most Excellent Master Degree,

Columbia confers the Excellent Master Degre

Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted:

Any other as may be determined in Section 26.3.1.3 Notice of Motion:

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

(b) Rank: _REC____ Name: _Bruce Allan_____

(c) Chapter: Columbia_____ Number: _1 (One)_____

(d) Signature: _____Date: ___24 Feb 2025__

Received by G.S.E. –25 February 2025.

Decision of C & J Committee. This Notice of Motion is acceptable as to form, and expresses no opinion as to the wisdom of the motion.

NOTICE OF MOTION TABLED AS PROPOSER NOT PRESENT TO DISCUSS

NOM 2)

Form 20 – Notice of Motion For Grand Convocation 2025

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

23.3.1 Royal Arch Mason
The Honorary Jewel of a Royal Arch Mason is that jewel presented during the ceremony of his exaltation. *(This is the only jewel referred to in Article 73 and Regulation 158 of the Grand Lodge Book of Constitutions).* This jewel, of gold or metal gilt, is a red double triangle encircled in white above a triple tau. It is suspended from a ribbon on which is placed a keystone. The jewel is worn by members on the left breast, or on the sash, suspended by a narrow white ribbon. For First Principals and Past First Principals of Chapters the colour of the ribbon may be crimson.

2. Exact wording and punctuation of the proposed New Section:
23.3.1 Royal Arch Mason
The Honorary Jewel of a Royal Arch Mason is that jewel presented during the ceremony of his exaltation. *(This is the only jewel referred to in Article 73 and Regulation 158 of the Grand Lodge Book of Constitutions).* This jewel, of gold or metal gilt, is a red double triangle encircled in white above a triple tau. It is suspended from a ribbon on which is placed a keystone. The jewel is worn by members on the left breast, or on the sash, suspended by a narrow white ribbon. For First Principals and Past First Principals of Chapters the colour of the ribbon may be crimson. For Past Grand Chapter Officers the colour of the ribbon may be pale blue, crimson and purple.

Reason for Change:
As the crimson colour of the ribbon shows service to the Companions of a Chapter; the purple, crimson and pale blue ribbon shows service to the Companions of Grand Chapter.

3. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted:

Any other as may be determined in Section 26.3.1.3 Notice of Motion:

(a) I, Bruce Allan will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.
Rank: REC Name: Bruce Allan
Chapter: Columbia Number: 1 (One)

(b) Signature: _____ Date: 24 Feb 2025

Received by G.S.E. –25 February 2025.

Decision of C & J Committee. This Notice of Motion is acceptable as to form, and expresses no opinion as to the wisdom of the motion.

NOTICE OF MOTION TABLED AS PROPOSER NOT PRESENT TO DISCUSS.

NOM 3)

Form 20 – Notice of Motion

For Grand Convocation 2025

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

20.2.1 Death or Disability
If the Grand First Principal dies, moves from the jurisdiction or cannot act, the Grand Second Principal acts in his stead until the next annual convocation of Grand Chapter.

21.5 Vacancy from Other Causes
If a vacancy occurs in any Grand Office by resignation or from any other cause, the Grand First Principal appoints another suitable member to fill the office until the next annual convocation of Grand Chapter.

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

20.2.1 Death or Disability
If the Grand First Principal dies, moves from the jurisdiction or cannot act, the Grand Second Principal acts in his stead until the next annual convocation of Grand Chapter, except where section 21.6 has been used (appointment of a successor or a vacancy of Grand Second Principal).

21.5 Vacancy from Other Causes

If a vacancy occurs, or is likely to occur, in any Grand Office by resignation or from any other cause, the Grand First Principal appoints another suitable member to fill the office, effective at a date determined by the Grand First Principal, until the next annual convocation of Grand Chapter.

and add

21.6 Vacancy of the Grand First Principal
If the Grand First Principal is not able to continue to serve for any reason, he may appoint a companion who has previously served as a Grand First Principal of the jurisdiction, to succeed him. If for any reason, the Grand First Principal is unable to continue to serve and did not appoint a successor, then the Grand Second Principal will act in his stead, unless the position of Grand Second Principal is also vacant. If the position of Grand Second Principal is vacant then the remaining Executive Committee will elect a Past Grand First Principal to fill the vacancy of Grand First principal. The new Grand First Principal will fill the office until the next annual convocation of Grand Chapter.

Reason for Change.

Although the situation that is envisioned in this change is very rare and is hoped does not occur again, it removed any doubt as to how the office of Grand First Principal is filled where both the

Grand First and Second cease to serve. It also recognizes the opportunity for the sitting Grand First Principal to have his position filled if he knows that he will not be able to complete his term without prematurely having the Grand Second taking over. It also allows (in 21.5) to be proactive in the appointment of other Grand Chapter offices that are likely or possibly to be vacant.

3. Other Sections impacted if proposal adopted.

21.4 Resignation – a sitting Grand First Principal can not resign, but the proposed 21.6 anticipates he might no longer be able to fill the position. This implies he can not leave while living unless no longer qualified.

Notice of Motion:
I, Scott Wisdahl will move or cause to be moved the above amendment.

Rank: REC Name: Scott Wisdahl

Chapter: Dawson Creek Number: 41

Signature: _____ Date: Feb 22, 2025.

Received by G.S.E. –25 February 2025.

Decision of C & J Committee. This Notice of Motion is acceptable as to form, and expresses no opinion as to the wisdom of the motion.

MOTION PASSED.

23) FORUM FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

BIOGRAPHY OF CANDIDATES FOR GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

Biography of REC Ivan Hamilton

Companions All

I Graduated in June of 1968 from Chwk senior high, three months later i was in Trade School in Kelowna1974
1974 received my Red Seal in Heavy Duty Mechanics, worked for B.C. Equipment A
and Finning Tractor, plus worked heavy construction, road building, and paving industry for approximately 45 yrs

Masonic History
Was exalted in 2004in Mt. Zion Craft Lodge, 6 years later became the Master spent 2 yrs as First Principle In Chwk Chapter
Past Eminent Knight in Chwk
Past President of Fraser Valley Shrine Club and also rode in the Fraser Valley Shrine Club Scooter Corp
2017 moved to Clinton BC joined Zarthan 105 Lodge
4 years as 1st Principle of HRA in Kamloops
Grand Superintendent of the District currently Thrice Illustrious of Cryptic Council also member of the Conclave in Kelowna

Hobbies
Enjoy travelling, woodworking and voluntarism

Companions having travelled to various Chapters, within the last few years and the biggest problem seems to be membership.

We as companions of the Chapters, we have to make the meetings more fun, and enjoyable for new members, but on the same token we can't forget that each and everyone that could be a prospective member is married and has children.

We have to include then in the Chapter, with this it can be a family BBQ at members house an outing for the husband and wife, or a picnic at a lake. but we have to show the families are included, as well as the mentoring of new members of which is very important and making them feel welcome by the senior members.

if we can show the family is included it will make i much easier to attain members.

Biography of VEC Richard Craig Trippel

Richard ruined his parent's night out at the Shriner's Ball at the Hotel Vancouver becoming the New Year's baby of 1955. Delivered by Shrine Potentate Dr. J. Ross Maclean he managed to ruin Mrs. Maclean's New Years Eve as well.

Growing up in Coquitlam, he attended the University of Victoria and Southwest University receiving a BSc. Degree in Aviation Technology. Graduating the Transport Canada Training Institute, he is a former Air Traffic Controller.

Flying the West Coast, the High Arctic, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, he reached the North Pole twice. A Boeing 737 Pilot, he holds the Airline Transport Pilot Licence.

In Inuvik, NWT he met Janice, an OR nurse, married in 1982 and have two children residing in Calgary, though no grand children.

At the Pacific Marine Training Institute, he graduated the Senior Officers Course and was a Marine Engineering Officer. As a Chief Power Engineer Richard retired managing plant, property and energy in the Okanagan.

A Lewis, he was initiated into Wheat City Lodge No.168 in Brandon, Manitoba in 1987. He is a Past Master five times, a Masonic Commissioner and one of the original District Education Officers, as well as a past Grand Steward and a past DDGM.

In Royal Arch he is a Past First Principal several times, has held several Grand Chapter appointments, every chair in the York Rite concordant bodies, and past Grand Inspector General. He is the current Grand Director of Ceremonies and has been honoured as a Knight of the York Cross of Honour.

A Knights Templar, he's been a Presiding Preceptor several times and the current Provincial Grand Prior for the Kootenay District.

He was Chairman of the 2007 Gizeh Shrine Hot Sands Ceremonial in Prince George, BC.

A 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Freemason, he is a past everything and a Charter Member of Morningstar Consistory in Vernon, BC.

BIOGRAPHY OF CANDIDATES FOR GRAND SCRIBE EZRA

Biography of VEC Calvin Jonas

Ex. Companion Calvin Jonas was born in Germany in 1952 and immigrated to Canada as a child, growing up in Edmonton, Alberta. He moved to British Columbia in the mid-1970s.

VEC Jonas graduated from the University of Alberta in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science and a Diploma in Secondary Education. He taught in public schools in Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario before transitioning to the computer and electronics field in the early 1980s.

He studied electronics at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto and the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), later working as a field service engineer installing and maintaining computer systems for organizations such as Pacific Press, Syncrude, and SkyTrain.

Since 1989, Jonas has held various technical roles at BC Hydro and currently serves as a Computer Systems Planning Technologist in the Chief Technology Officer department .In addition to his professional career, VEC Jonas has been active in the union movement.He has served multiple terms on the executive board of the Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union (MoveUP), chairing the education and audit committees, and continues to serve as a job steward.

Masonic Activities
Initiated into Landmark Lodge No. 128 in 1983, VEC Jonas is a Past Master and served as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 28 (2009–2010).
He has also been Lodge Secretary for Tuscan Lodge No. 138 and Vimy Lodge No. 97 (2017–2024) and previously served as secretary of local bodies the SRIA and Allied Masonic Degrees.
A member of several Masonic bodies including the Scottish Rite, Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada, SRIA, and the Red Cross of Constantine.
VEC Jonas also served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon from 2022 to 2024.

Royal Arch Activities
Exalted in Triple Tau Chapter No. 21 in 2010, VEC Jonas served as its last First Principal. He is a past Grand Third Veil and past Scribe Ezra of Composite Chapter No. 24 (2015–2024).

He currently serves as Scribe Ezra for King Solomon Chapter No. 16 and sits on the Bursary Committee for the Grand Chapter.

Personal Interests
VEC Jonas is interested in religious and philosophical studies. An ordained minister since 2016, he supports a small independent sacramental movement in British Columbia. He is an adherent of Pacific Spirit United Church in Kerrisdale, where he has served on the Pastoral Committee.

With extensive governance experience in both public and non-profit organizations, VEC Jonas knows the value of reliable and effective administrative support to the good governance and the sustainability of any organization.

Personal Bio for MEC Les Robinson

My Companions,

Over the last months I have thought hard about submitting my name for the position of Grand Scribe Ezra, and have decided to let my name go forward for election in September.

I feel that I can offer to Grand Chapter my experience of being a past Grand Scribe Ezra and my knowledge of all the Chapters in our jurisdiction as your past Grand First Principal. I have also been Scribe Ezra for Keystone Chapter for over10 years, I also feel that due to our reducing numbers of Chapters and Companions the remuneration our Grand Scribe Ezra receives should be reviewed and brought into line with other jurisdictions. In these times of increasing costs we must consider Grand Chapter expenses.

If I am elected I will spend my time for the good of our jurisdiction and be available to all Chapters and Companions. I must apologise for not being available for our Spring Board, as Brenda and myself will be on vacation in New Zealand, and I wish you all a productive Spring Board.

Fraternally, MEC Les Robinson

ALL CANDIDATES WERE ALLOWED THREE MINUTES FOR SPEACHES.

24) REPORT OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Since my appointment as Grand 2nd Principal in early January, I have headed this committee and chaired the monthly Zoom meetings. All meetings begin with the Executive Officers discussing any issues that have arisen or events that may be upcoming. This group is then joined by the Grand Superintendents who present their reports and voice any comments or requests related to their districts. Our last regular meeting was mainly concerned with preparation for the upcoming Grand Convocation. Our final meeting is scheduled for the end of August.

These meetings are an essential tool that enables the executives to keep informed of any issues arising in our geographically large jurisdiction. They also provide the executive with the ability to act in a timely fashion should further discussion or assistance be required at the district level.

I would like to thank the Grand Scribe Ezra, who prepares the agenda, records the minutes and circulates both to the Committee members.

Respectfully submitted,
REC John M. Laing, Chairman

Report Received

25) REPORT OF THE REGALIA COMMITTEE - 2024 - 2025

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 2024 / 2025 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 actively seeking out regalia that needs to be replaced. After careful examination during meetings and discussion at Spring Board this committee has placed an order with Canadian Masonic Supply for the following: 2x Grand First Principal, Sitting Grand First Principal Collar and Chain, Grand 3rd Principal, Grand Chaplin, 2x Grand Steward, 4x collars and sash. As noted in previous reports we are trying our best to ensure that our Grand Chapter Officers have the appropriate regalia so that our jurisdiction is properly represented, also noting that VEC Massey agreed to take up the job of completing those minor yet critical repairs which enable us to extend the lifespan.

Lastly, we would like to remind outgoing and incoming Grand Chapter Officers that you are the custodian of your Grand Regalia for your term of office and it is to be passed onto your successor. Let us know if they have any issues with your regalia, no matter how minor, 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) GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT

First, Companions, let me thank M. Ex. Comp. Alphonse Quenneville for re-appointing me to this enjoyable office. He has been friendly and helpful to me over the years. While his suspension from active membership by a Grand Lodge Commission is certainly historical, prudence dictates that I make no comment, and leave particulars to others in the Proceedings.

The other milestones of note this year are the demise of Composite No. 24 last December 31, and the moving of Semiahmoo No. 34 to Port Coquitlam after its meeting in June. Composite had struggled for a number of years, with a few companions trying to keep it going and almost no money in the treasury. The final meeting was December 20, with seven members and five visitors present, including the Grand Z.

Composite was one of two chapters instituted by our Grand Chapter 100 years ago. Signet No. 23 was the other. Signet consolidated in September 1990 with Triple Tau No. 21, which consolidated with Composite in September 2010. We'll save our look at Signet for a future report.

Composite No. 24

Composite Lodge No. 76, instituted Dec. 27, 1913, had built a hall in the Cedar Cottage area of South Vancouver. In 1925, Gothic No. 111 was instituted on January 15, 1925 and also met at 27th and Victoria Road.

Comp. Edwin Croft saw a need for a chapter to serve the area. After a meeting of Composite Lodge in April 1924 (the date comes from Jack Meek's *The Royal Art*; 1925 is more logical). Comp. Croft asked to talk to anyone interested in forming a chapter. The following week, a meeting was held at St. Margaret's Church at Dumfries and 22nd Ave. Its rector, Rev. Dr. George Webb, became a founder.

V. Ex. Comp. Calvin Jonas, the last Scribe E. of Composite, found a copy of the original Chapter bylaws which gives a full list of applicants. An application for a dispensation signed by 18 companions was approved on May 26, 1925. The Chapter was instituted three days later. The officers when the chapter was Under Dispensation were:

LIONEL WARD, Z. (b. Great Waltham, Essex, Nov. 2, 1882; d. Vancouver, Mar. 4, 1932). He came to the Pacific Coast in Oct. 1906, after two years in Fernie. A year later, his mother was struck with paralysis and he cared for her until her death in 1921. He was in the printing and publishing business, being president of Ward & Phillips Ltd. from April 1912 to his death. At one time he was employed in the composing-room of the *Vancouver News-Advertiser.*

He was busy in Conservative Party circles in Vancouver, and made an unsuccessful attempt in 1920 to run for a seat on city council, promising to see that the CNR finished filling in False Creek east of Main Street.

Newspapers in 1925 reported he was one of the chief officers of the Ku Klux Klan in Vancouver, which was fighting a rival Klan group that wanted to come up from Portland. Ward's group had a charter for the "American Krusaders" which the *Vancouver Sun* called "a sister organization, for enlisting supports of the movement ineligible for various reasons for the Klan itself." He took part in the first K.K.K. wedding in Canada, performed under a fiery cross at Victoria's Crystal Garden in 1926 with 50 Klansmen with hoods and flowing robes in attendance. He was also a member Ebenezer Lodge No. 1589 of the Orange order, and active in the YMCA and B.C. Art League. In 1917, Comp. Ward made an emphatic defence of the Tranquille Sanatorium in the *Vancouver Standard*, claiming it had cured him of tuberculosis. He never married.

He received his degrees in Cascade No. 12 on May 29, 1911, Sept. 4, 1911 and Feb. 5, 1912. He was the first S.W. of Grandview No. 96 when it was Under Dispensation in 1921 and the second W.M., installed June 6, 1923.

He received his degrees in Vancouver No. 98 on Feb. 11, March 11 and Mar. 25, 1914 and was installed as Z. on Jan. 10, 1923. He was a founder of Triple Tau No. 21 on May 11, 1922, and spent three terms as First Principal of Composite, installed for a second term July 28, 1926 and a third on May 6, 1927. Comp. Ward held honorary membership in Bellingham Bay Chapter. He was appointed a Grand Master of the Veils for 1928-29.

ERNEST LOWER BERRY, I.P.Z., (b. Detroit, Nov. 1862; d. South Vancouver, Jan. 3, 1927). His father was a wine merchant who had lived briefly in Hamilton, Canada West and the U.S. before returning to the U.K. when Comp. Berry was 4. He was trained as an electrical engineer and worked in various parts of England. He arrived in Canada in 1909, ranching near Sicamous, and became a resident of Ladner in 1913, where he owned a grocery store/bakery. He was secretary of the Delta Board of Trade, treasurer of the Retail Merchants Association, a member of the Delta Amateur Dramatic Club and the Ladner Country Club, and appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1917. He was also active in politics, placing third as a member of the Provincial Party running in Delta in the 1924 B.C. election. He lived in Ladner about ten years before moving to a home in the South Hill district of South Vancouver.

Comp. Berry was extremely active in Masonry in England. He received his degrees in Emblematic No. 1321 in London, June 7, Sept. 2 and Nov. 15, 1888, and was W.M. in 1900. He was a founder of the following lodges: Eton No. 2458 in Bucks. (1892, Secretary), Ascot No. 2460 in Berks. (Jan. 1893), Molesey No. 2473 in East Molesey (April 1893, Secretary, installed W.M. on June 6, 1896), Maida Vale No. 2743 in London (Jan. 1899, I.P.M.) and St. Albans No. 2786 in Herts. (Sept. 1899, Secretary). His provincial honours included Grand Steward for Surrey in 1896-97, P. Prov. Grand Supt. of Works for Bucks and Past Prov. G.D. in Surrey.

He was the First W.M. of Ancient Light No. 88 in Ladner, instituted Mar. 1, 1920, and a member of Acacia No. 22 in Vancouver.

In the Chapter, he was exalted in Domatic No. 177 in London (1888) and a founder of Emblematic No. 1321 (1890, installed as Z. on Dec. 8, 1898).

GEORGE HENRY WEBB, H. (b. London, Mar. 7, 1862; d. Vancouver, May 30, 1930). He was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1886. He was rector of St. Matthias Church, Toronto, from 1890 to 1892. Next, he served as rector in Colbourne, Ont., from 1893 to 1900. He was appointed rural dean of Macleod, N.W.T. (now in Alberta) in 1904. In 1906 he went to Calgary where he was honorary canon of St. Aidens and Chaplain to the Bishop of Calgary from 1906 to 1919. He was also rector of All Saints' Cathedral and archdeacon of Edmonton from 1914-19. In the latter part of 1919, he came to the archdiocese of New Westminster and took charge of the parish of St. Margaret's in Cedar Cottage starting in 1921.

In the Craft, he was installed as W.M. of Colborne No. 91 on Jan. 12, 1900. After moving to Edmonton, he was invested Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1903, being W.M. of Acacia No. 66 (later No. 11 under Alberta), then Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1909 while a Past Master of Calgary No. 23. He did not join a lodge in B.C.

MATTHEW BROWN, J., (b. Winnington, Cheshire, July 10, 1887; d. Vancouver, May 23, 1949). He arrived in Canada in 1911 and Vancouver the following year. He was a gas works chemist for the B.C. Electric Company.

In the Craft, he received his degrees in Kilwinning No. 59 on May 20, July 15 and Aug. 20, 1921. He remained a member until death. He came to Composite Chapter from Vancouver No. 2, where he received his degrees on Nov. 8, Nov. 22 and Dec. 13, 1922. He was installed as Z. on May 21, 1928, demitted on Dec. 5, 1935 and joined Pacific.

CHARLES TAYLOR, Treasurer (b. Ipswich, Suffolk, Feb. 4, 1861; d. Vancouver, June 12, 1942)

He was a former quarter-master sergeant with the British Army and served with the Royal Engineers in Bermuda. He lived in Ireland from about 1894-96. In 1901, he resided in Kent and in 1911 in Reading, Berkshire. He came to Vancouver in 1913. For a time, he was a carpenter.

In the Craft, he was a member of Civil and Military No. 726 (Scotland) in Bermuda, joined Broad Arrow No. 1890 (UGLE) in Bermuda on Oct. 4, 1894 and Engineers No. 2599, London on Dec. 8, 1900. He was the founding Past Master of St. James No. 80 in Vancouver on March 9, 1915 and DDGM in 1926-27. He joined Composite Chapter as a P.Z., was a Grand Master of Veils in 1927-28 and Grand Superintendent in 1934-35.

EDWIN CROFT, Scribe E. (b. England, Aug. 29, 1853; d. Vancouver, July 18, 1947). The birth date comes from his death certificate. But two Census Records and his marriage certificate indicate he was born in 1866 or 1867. Furthermore, his marriage certificate gives a Vancouver wedding date for a "bachelor" of Oct. 21, 1915. It's clear from other records he was married with children before this. It is unmistakably the same individual as other information is consistent. Setting aside the birth date, Comp. Croft arrived in Canada by 1908 as that's when he was married in Montreal. His occupation was "special constable." His first child was born in Quebec in 1910, another in London, Ontario in 1911 and another in Vancouver in 1912. In London he was employed as a bookkeeper for a hardware store (residing at the Golf Club). In Vancouver, city directories have various occupations for him, such as a Steward for the Western Club, but mainly as an accountant. Despite that, Comp. Croft was known as "Captain" Croft, even inserting the title in the returns for Composite. His gravestone reads that he was a Captain in the British Army, receiving the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. He organised the Brigade Club on Seymour Street for staff of the 23rd Infantry Brigade during

World War I. He left Vancouver briefly for Kelowna in 1920 when he was appointed assistant policeman.

Comp. Croft was a member of Perseverance No. 338 in Bombay and a Past Grand S.W. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of India. He affiliated with Gothic No. 111 as a Past Master on Oct. 6, 1927. He wasn't a member long. After a prominent judge and politician was rejected at the ballot in January 1928, Grand Lodge pulled the lodge's warrant. Reading between the lines, Grand Lodge wanted to keep the lodge but get rid of the trouble-makers. In late 1929, a new lodge was instituted with some members of Gothic called Keystone No. 121, and three seasoned Past Masters (including MLA and former South Vancouver reeve J.W. Cornett) in the principal chairs to prevent problems. Comp. Croft was a founder.

He demitted from Composite on May 31, 1928 and tried to affiliate with Triple Tau No. 21 in Grandview. He was rejected, perhaps because of the Gothic controversy.

JOHN McKENZIE NOBLE, Scribe N. (b. Inverness, Scotland, Apr. 29, 1880; d. Vancouver, Mar. 17, 1950). Comp. Noble arrived in Vancouver in 1923. He was a clerk at the Hotel Vancouver and later the manager of the Central City Mission. The last year of his life he was a caretaker at the Western Foundries plant.

His Craft Lodge was Averon No. 866 in Alness, Scotland. He was installed as Z. on May 20, 1929

ROBERT PERCIVAL CROSLAND, P.S. (b. Kensington, London, Jan. 25, 1887; d. N. Vancouver, Feb. 24, 1968). He was a grocer in England, and then moved to Calgary in 1913. When he was married in 1921, he was a grocer in Didsbury. He served on municipal council there in 1923, before coming to North Vancouver by late September, opening a grocery store in Lynn Valley. He and his wife were both active in the affairs of Chown Memorial United Church.

In the Craft, he was Secretary of King Hiram No. 21 in Didsbury in 1923, a founder of Gothic No. 111 on Jan. 15, 1924, and then Adoniram No. 118 on Feb. 14, 1929, demitting on May 9, 1940.

Didsbury had a Royal Arch chapter as well, Joseph Stauffer No. 22.

Comp. Crosland was installed as Z. of Composite on May 19, 1930 and demitted March 31, 1941.

JOHN MARTIN McKAY, S.S. (b. Townsville, Queensland, July 11, 1900; d. Surrey, Dec. 13, 1985).

Comp. McKay immigrated to the Lower Mainland in 1923 and managed the Star Laundry. He was a member of the Composite Amateur Chrysanthemum Association and entered his flowers in competition.

Jack McKay was a member of St. Fergus No. 466 in Wick, Scotland. He affiliated with Composite No. 76 on May 14, 1924, was installed as W.M. on Sept. 11, 1935. He was installed as Z. on May 18, 1931, appointed Grand Steward for 1949-50 and served as Grand Superintendent in 1950-51.

JOHN ROBINSON HARSTON, J.S. (b. Stockton, Durham, June 2, 1881; d. Victoria, Oct. 8, 1957). Before coming to Vancouver in 1910, Comp. Harston was a ship plater's apprentice in Thornaby, Yorkshire. He was married in Middlesborough in late 1905. He found work in Vancouver as a gas worker, mostly with the B.C. Electric. After retiring, he lived with his daughter in Oak Bay.

He was a member of Mt. Hermon No. 7 in Vancouver, receiving his degrees on June 20, Sept. 20 and Oct. 8, 1921 and in Triple Tau No. 21 on Mar. 23, Aug. 24 and Sept. 28, 1923.

HAROLD HICKENBOTHAM, Organist. (b. Alstonfield, Staffordshire, July 20, 1865; d. Burnaby, Jan. 10, 1946). He arrived in Canada in 1890 and settled in Manitoba. In 1901, he worked as a carpenter in Cranbrook where he was one of the first aldermen elected to city council in 1905, and appointed a police commissioner in 1914. He moved to the Burnaby area in 1919 and employed as a general car foreman for the CNR. He was the father-in-law of Ex. Comp. Charles Porter.

He joined the Craft in Cranbrook No. 34, his degrees conferred on Apr. 16, June 4 and Aug. 20, 1908, and his installation as W.M. on Dec. 27, 1913. He demitted from the lodge on Dec. 31, 1929. Comp. Hickenbotham was exalted in Rocky Mountain Chapter when it was No. 125 under Canada prior to 1919, demitting on Dec. 31, 1925. He was also active in Key City No 42, IOOF, Cranbrook.

JOHN MILLING, Tyler. (b. Newcastle-on-Tyne, Eng., Jan. 11, 1880; d. Saanich, Jan. 13, 1963). Comp. Milling served in the Boer War with the Imperial Army. Afterward, he was a shipwright in Newcastle, and came to Canada in 1913, settling in Val Blair (now Aneroid), Saskatchwan. He was living in Moose Jaw when he signed up with the Canadian Expeditionary Force during World War One. The 1921 Census reports he had returned to Saskatchewan where he was the postmaster in Tugaske. He could not have been in Vancouver long; the 1926 City Directory gives his occupation as "Wheat trimmer." The following year, he was postmaster and secretary of the farmer's institute in Magna Bay, population 40, on the north side of Shuswap Lake and appointed a Justice of the Peace for the area in 1930.

He moved to Victoria in 1946 and served in the Corps of Commissionaires as a security guard. He was actively involved in pensioners associations in the capital.

Comp. Milling was a member of Tugaske No. 78 in Saskatchewan and affiliated with Mt. Newton No. 89 in Saanich on Jan. 11, 1951. He was suspended for non-payment in chapter on Dec. 5, 1935.

ERNEST GREVILLE BROOKE, D.C. (b. Nunhead, London, Eng.; Apr. 15, 1892; d. Vancouver, Jan. 17, 1963). His parents and the rest of the family arrived in Canada in 1906, and they appear in the city directory for the first time in 1912. He was a butcher, eventually taking over a shop.

Comp. Brooke was a Lewis as his father was made a Mason in Stuart No. 1632 (UGLE) in 1894. He received his lodge degrees in St. James No. 80 on April 8, May 13 and May 27, 1919, and his chapter degrees in early 1924, exalted in Pacific No. 15 on March 10, 1924. He was suspended for non-payment in Composite on Dec. 6, 1934.

CHARLES ALLEN PORTER, Master 4th Veil (b. St. John, N.B., July 6, 1880; d. Surrey, Mar. 22, 1961). He was married to Comp. Hickenbotham's sister. He was living at the head of Moyie Lake near Cranbook in 1911, working as a railway pumpman. He was doing much the same thing for C.N. Rail when the Chapter was formed, retiring in 1945. He also spent some time in Glasgow as a daughter was born there in 1918, coming to Canada in 1920.

Comp. Porter hailed from Govenlock No. 437, Scotland, affiliating with Park No. 63 on Nov. 8, 1920. He was installed as Z. in Composite on May 16, 1932, and again on May 1, 1941 and May 7, 1942. He was Grand Master of the Veils for 1937-38.

ARTHUR COLCLOUGH, Master 3rd Veil (b. Dresden, Stoke on Trent, England, Nov. 8, 1884; d. Vancouver, March 30, 1958). Comp. Colclough arrived in Canada in April 1904 to live and work as a gas fitter in Neepawa, Manitoba. However, he answered the call to arms and rose to the rank of staff-sergeant. After being discharged, he came to Vancouver and resumed work as a fitter until 1944.

He was originally in Khyber No. 582 (UGLE), Peshawar, India, receiving his degrees on May 14, Sept. 20 and Oct. 25, 1917. He affiliated with Composite No. 76 on Oct. 13, 1920. He was suspended NPD in the lodge on Dec. 11, 1935 and the chapter on Dec. 3, 1938.

ALLAN McPHAIL, Master 2nd Veil (b. Bonhill, West Dunbartonshire, Feb. 6, 1883; d. Burnaby, Oct. 19, 1946). Comp. McPhail was employed as a boilermaker for a shipyard and later worked for the B.C. Electric Railway, arriving in Canada from Scotland in July 1911.

He had come from St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge No. 321, Alexandria, and was a founding member of Progress No. 87 on Feb. 24, 1920. He demitted from the lodge on Sept. 28 1926, and the chapter on Dec. 5, 1935. He was not a member of a local lodge at the time of death.

ROBERT CURRY, Master 1st Veil (b. Nanaimo, July 23, 1873, d. Vancouver, Apr. 16, 1950). A cigar-maker by trade, Comp. Curry also operated a hotel for a time.

He received his degrees in Doric No. 18, March 1, Apr. 19 and July 19, 1898, and became a member of Composite No. 76 on May 14, 1924. In the chapter, he evidently received all his chapter degrees on April 9, 1901 in Keystone No. 127 at its first meeting under the Grand Chapter of Canada after surrendering its Scottish charter, and was elected Scribe E. on Aug. 26, 1901. He affiliated with Pacific No. 15 in Vancouver on May 14, 1924.

One other Royal Arch Mason is named in the dispensation, but he is not in the 1925 Returns. Evidently he was not able to join then. Comp. HUGH BROWN (b. Banbridge, Ire., Aug. 25, 1870, died Vancouver Nov. 1954) has "mason" as his occupation in the 1926 Returns and recorded as affiliated on May 3, 1926 from St. John Chapter No. 327, E.C., on May 3, 1926, but the Chapter seems incorrect as he never lived in England. He was suspended NPD on Mar. 2, 1944.

Composite agreed to meet on the Third Monday of each month. It immediately set to work with degrees. The first Royal Arch degree was on Aug. 17, 1925 when Arthur Joseph Croker and William Swinton were exalted. Both were members of Composite No. 76; Comp. Swinton received his degrees on Dec. 19, 1923, Jan. 23, 1924 and Feb. 27, 1924. He was W.M. on Sept. 10, 1930. Comp. Croker came from Burdette Coutts No. 1778 (UGLE), with his degrees on Jan.

15, May 21 and July 16, 1902, affiliating with Borough of Bethnal No. 2896 on March 18, 1902, resigning from both in 1903. He affiliated with Composite Lodge on March 15, 1915 and was installed as W.M. on Sept. 14, 1927. The first affiliate was Comp. William Victor McKay from John O'Groats Chapter in Scotland, accepted Nov. 6, 1925.

After a year of operation, a charter was granted to Composite by Grand Chapter. It was consecrated at Composite Hall on Wednesday, July 28, 1926 with Signet No. 23.

There was a slight change of officers. Ex. Comp. Webb dropped out and Ex. Comp. Taylor became H. Replacing him as Treasurer was Comp. Swinton. Comp. William George Donaldson became Tyler; he had been initiated into Bective No. 1532 in Carlisle on Dec. 7, 1910, and affiliated from the chapter of Wigton's St. John No. 327, England. The new Jr. Sojourner was Comp. Porter.

Many fine companions have graced Composite with their membership, including M. Ex. Comps. Alex Davidson (G.Z. 1950-51) and Jeremy Gomersall (2015-16). But tribute should be paid to the late R. Ex. Comp. Leo Pelke. Leo was not a good ritualist, not great at running a meeting, and those of us who knew him smiled when he padded his Masonic resumé with titles that didn't seem to exist. But he was the heart and soul of Composite for many years and it would not have stayed alive as long as it did without his pushing. He was a sincere man and a benefit to Royal Arch Masonry.

Archives

Our archives is taking up at least half of Lodge Southern Cross' storage locker at the Vancouver Masonic Centre; some has not been located. V. Ex. Comp. Jonas is storing material belonging to some dead Vancouver chapters and has scanned the first minute book of Triple Tau No. 21. I again plead with Grand Chapter to find a home for all this.

Valuable assistance in compiling this information has been volunteered by my counterpart in Grand Lodge, Comp. Trevor McKeown, who, as the Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, was exalted to the Supreme Degree this year in a chapter in Bristol.

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

Report Received

27) 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 2025 Convocation.

Total Number of Chapters in this Jurisdiction		22
Chapters represented today		18
Chapters not represented today …….....		4
Total BC & Yukon Companions registered		62(A) *
Grand First Principals present		5
Companions from other jurisdictions.....4(B)		
Past First Principals attending		52
Number of Principals attending	Z…… 8	
	H 2	
	J 6	
Total in attendance…		66 (A+B)
Total ballots to be cast		62 (A)*

*** This will be the number of votes eligible to be cast 66**

Report Received

28) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CARDS

MEC Ken Overy presented an Honorary Membership Card to MEC Dan Olmsted, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

29) 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 2025. The following nominations have been received:

Grand First Principal **REC John Laing Acclamation**
Grand Second Principal R**EC Hani Nino Acclamation**
Grand Third Principal **REC Scott Wisdahl Acclamation**
Grand Treasurer **REC Kris Toijonen Acclamation**
Grand Scribe Ezra **VEC Calvin Jonas/MEC Les Robinson**
Grand Principal Sojourner **REC Ivan Hamilton/REC Richard Trippel**

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

He then called upon the three previously chosen scrutineers, MEC Dan Olmsted (Saskatchewan), MEC Kurtis Fredreck (Alberta) and REC Brad Edstrom (Alberta) to deliver the results of the ballot taken for the Candidates for the offices of Grand Scribe Ezra and Grand Principal Sojourner- VEC Calvin Jonas and MEC Les Robinson for the office of Grand Scribe Ezra, REC Ivan Hamilton and REC Richard Trippel for the Office of Principal Sojourner.

MEC Dan Olmsted announced VEC Calvin Jonas the new Grand Scribe Ezra, and REC Richard Trippel the new Principal Sojourner.

MEC Ken Overy 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.

30) REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE 2024 - 2025

🎓 Overview

The Bursary Fund Committee annually awards bursaries to children and grandchildren of Companions from Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon.

While the Grand Chapter supports several registered charities—such as the Royal Arch Masonic Home Society and the Keystone of Life Foundation—the Royal Arch Bursary Fund is *not* a registered charity and therefore cannot issue tax-deductible receipts.

As a result, individuals may prefer donating to registered charities. However, the Bursary Fund directly benefits Companions and is well-suited for Chapter-level donations that do not require charitable receipts.

📈 Contributions

For the second consecutive year, we saw an increase in bursary applications. At the 2025 Spring Board, all Chapters were encouraged to contribute to this meaningful initiative.

We gratefully acknowledge the following Chapters for their generous support, contributing nearly $10,000 to the Bursary Endowment Fund:

King Solomon Chapter No. 16 (North Vancouver)
Tzouhalm Chapter No. 26
Joppa Chapter No. 31
Simon Fraser Chapter No. 40
Cariboo Chapter No. 43 – special thanks for their generous donation prior to closing.

📬 **2025 Applications Summary**

22 applications were received this year—an increase for the second year running.

2 applicants were disqualified due to having received a Grand Lodge Bursary in 2025

2 applicants did not meet eligibility criteria (not children or grandchildren of Royal Arch Masons)

Due to budget constraints and the high volume of applications, the Committee limited awards this year to **qualified first-time applicants only**. This policy will be reviewed next year based on demand and available funds.

🎓 2025 Awards Summary

A total of **$10,082.95** was awarded to **eight first-time applicants** (six from 2025 and two carried forward from 2024).

Recipients are attending the following institutions and pursuing studies in these fields:

Institution	Discipline
Camosun College	Auto Mechanics
Dalhousie University (NS)	Medicine
University of British Columbia	Kinesiology, Science
Kwantlen Polytechnic	Accounting
Simon Fraser University	Biological & Health Sciences, Criminology

🙏 Acknowledgements

The following Companions served on the committee this year:

Rt. Ex. Companion **Jimmy Catala**
Ex. Companion **Cole Harvey**
V. Ex. Companion **Calvin Jonas**
Rt. Ex. Companion **Hani Nino** (ex-officio)

The Committee wishes to thank these officers for their administrative support:

Grand Scribe Ezra **REC Peter Guichon**
Grand Treasurer **REC Kris Toijonen**

📣 Call to Action

We encourage all Chapters to continue to promote awareness of the Bursary Fund. Chapter Scribes Ezra are kindly asked to inform their Companions of the bursary program and direct them to www.grandchapter.ca for application details.

Respectfully submitted,

Your 2024/2025 Bursary Committee

Report Received

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

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

Excellent Companions,

Since all of you were present during the address delivered by our Grand First Principal, there is little need to reiterate its entire contents.

We stand united with MEC Ken Overy in extending a warm welcome to the visitors and Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction.

We express our gratitude to him for stepping into the role of Grand First Principal on short notice due to unforeseen circumstances. These circumstances are well known to all members of this Jurisdiction. We also agree with him in expressing our appreciation to REC John Laing for accepting the position of Grand Second Principal.

It is worth noting that despite facing unexpected health issues and a demanding schedule, MEC Overy has been able to fulfill his duties as Grand First Principal to the best of his capabilities, earning the admiration of the Companions within this Grand Chapter.

We share in his sorrow over the passing of many esteemed Companions and thank REC Alan Akehurst and others for their support during our annual service of Remembrance held yesterday evening.

We concur with his observation that while we continue to lose members, there is a glimmer of hope, as there are approximately 45 candidates anticipated to join the Royal Arch Masons by the end of the year.

We support his proposal for the granting of permanent rank to his officers, contingent upon the fulfillment of their respective duties.

Additionally, we echo our Grand First Principal's gratitude towards the various Companions named in his report, and especially to his wife, Joan, who has provided him with encouragement and guidance when necessary. We appreciate her love and support.

In conclusion, we extend our heartfelt wishes to MEC Ken Overy and his wife, Joan, for their continued health and happiness in the years to come.

Moved by: MEC Godfrey Onyemaobi

Seconded by: MEC Ronald Smith.

Motion Carried

32) REPORT OF INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

2024 - 2025

Companions,

The Grand Chapter web site as stated in previous reports continues to furnish current and historical information for our Grand jurisdiction. 2025 Spring Board was available through zoom and it was good to witness active participation regardless of location. Usage appears to have plateaued, and I remind companions that you can only gain access to the members area by registering, engaging more will lead to greater success and a better experience for all members.

I am once again making a request that information be provided about upcoming Chapter meetings of interest, event pictures with a description etc. Our site is member access only and these photos will not be viewable like other social media posts. Please be reminded that our GSE serves as the administrator for any material that you may wish to have included.

I end this report with a few statistics from the past 12 months. We have had almost 8200 site visits, with the top 5 country visitors consistently being: Canada, USA, UK, China and Australia.

Respectfully submitted:

MEC Ronald R. Smith Chairman

Report Received

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

President's Report - 2025

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to advise that this year we are celebrating the 43nd year of the Royal Arch Masonic Care Home and Royal Arch Masonic Apartments known collectively as 'the Society'. The Society would like to take this opportunity to thank the Royal Arch Masonic Grand Chapter, associated Chapters, and Life Members for their ongoing support with the Society. The Board of Directors would also like to acknowledge the Residents, Families, Management Team, Staff, and external stakeholders such as Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, the Attending Physicians, and all of the external contractors that contribute to the

Society's vision and mission. The Society is extremely appreciative of the support and good wishes and extend our thanks for the generous donations received throughout the year. There were many exciting projects that occurred this year ranging from renovation projects to IT systems upgrades to a full facility wide review of current programs, committee structure, administrative systems and educational programs in response to changes to the healthcare system on a federal and provincial level thus positing the Society to be able to navigate any future challenges within the healthcare system over the next several years. The Society continues in its mission and are truly committed in providing the best level of care to the 151 Residents who live at the Care Home and are equally committed in providing excellence in independent housing to the 75 Tenants residing at the Apartments. The Society is constantly looking ahead and planning future projects and is committed to reviewing and evaluating current services to ensure that the Society exceeds expectations in healthcare delivery to the Residents and their Families.

Respectfully submitted
VEC Hans Doge
President

Report Received

34) REPORT OF THE KEYSTONE OF LIFE FOUNDATION

REPORT FOR 2025 Grand Chapter Grand Convocation
COVERING PERIOD August 2024 to September 2025

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.

KLF celebrates it's **50th year** since incorporation and has delivered during that half century, in excess of $500,000 of grants to over 50 hospitals throughout BC and Yukon for purchase of much needed primary care equipment not available to them on their provincial budgets.

The past 12 months have been somewhat slower than usual with respect to grants made to hospitals in our jurisdiction. The prime reason for this is a lack of applications from "preferred" hospitals – that is, those smaller regional hospitals and those which have not previously received a KLF grant.

KLF relies significantly on Royal Arch and Craft masons identifying hospitals in their home areas , making initial contact with the fund raising foundation there and raising their awareness of the potential for a KLF grant. Not only does this approach benefit the

hospital and the community it serves, but it also expands the public awareness of Masonry by the publicity that would result from a successful grant award.

Wherever possible, representatives from Chapters local to the grantee hospital are invited to be present at formal grant cheque presentations to assure such public awareness.

Over the period covered by this report, KLF has issued grants totaling $18,000 to Nanaimo and Peace Arch Hospitals, a grant to Trail hospital has been approved and it awaits delivery of the granted equipment, and a number of other grant applications are in the pipeline.

The KLF acquires its funds for grant awards from donations , membership fees, and bequests together with income from invested assets.

Donations from some individual Masons, Chapters and other Masonic organisations 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 for donations from individuals.

KLF is registered with "CanadaHelps", a national website database of all Canadian charities that allows potential donors to make an on-line donation using a credit card, or donations can be made by e-transfers. to thekeystoneoflife@gmail.com

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

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 November AGM.

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 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 and our newest brochure.

Thank you for your support!

Respectfully submitted by
Peter Edwards
KLF President - August 2025

Report Received

35) REPORT OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

2024 - 2025

No report received

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

2024 - 2025

During the past year Grand Chapter has as shown a decrease of 10 members, unfortunately 8 Chapters showed a decrease in membership, while 4 remained stagnant, This year 10 showed an increase in membership. Unfortunately Composite Chapter #24 had difficulty maintaining a quorum and handed in their charter, which now leaves 22 chapters remaining.

During 2024 there were 38 companions Exalted and there were 24 affiliations, and 5 restorations, unfortunately 19 companions passed to the Grand Chapter above. We had 13 suspensions and 45 demits.

This year's award goes to Joppa Chapter #31 with an increase or 12% or 11 new members. We congratulate Joppa on this achievement and other Chapters would do well to find out what they are doing to attract so many new members two years in a row, we are sure they would share their success with other Chapters.

Many thanks to REC Peter Guichon Grand Scribe Ezra for providing the data so we could compile this report.

I MEC A. Les Robinson move the reception of this report
Seconded by MEC Ken Overy.

Respectively submitted
MEC A. Les Robinson
MEC Ken Overy

Report Received

37) REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTES

Report of the Ad Hoc Protocol Review Committee
2024 - 2025

No report received

Report of the AD Hoc Convocation Committee
2024- 2025

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

The Ad Hoc Committee on Grand Chapter Convocations was established following the 2024 Convocation with a renewed mandate to improve the planning, organization, and execution of our annual Grand Convocations. As reaffirmed by our Grand First Principal, the Committee has focused on long-term solutions that reduce operational burdens on the Grand Line, improve cost efficiency, and elevate the quality and consistency of the Convocation experience.

Over the course of this year, the Committee met multiple times and undertook the following core responsibilities:

Mandate and Committee Objectives
The Committee's responsibilities were reaffirmed as:

Search for Suitable Locations: Identify and recommend viable venues to assist the Grand Third Principal in making proposals, subject to a vote by Grand Chapter.
Local Chapter Coordination: Engage with local Chapters to secure logistical support and needed furnishings for the Convocation.
Budget Management: Prepare, monitor, and advise on Convocation budgets.
Event Supervision: Oversee the successful execution of events during the Convocation.

Convocation 2025 – Prince George
The Committee worked closely with Fort George Chapter in Prince George to support the delivery of the 2025 Grand Convocation. Key actions included:

Supporting the transition to online registration, with e-transfer payment capability established by the Grand Treasurer.
Monitoring venue arrangements and ensuring proper communication between local organizers and the Committee.
Assisting in the planning and coordination of the Ladies' Program, hospitality, accommodation logistics, and banquet arrangements.
A key outcome of our involvement was the opportunity to gather real-time lessons learned, which will inform future Convocations and guide the development of the Convocation Procedures Manual.

Convocation Planning Handbook

One of the Committee's core recommendations from 2024 was the creation of a Convocation Planning Handbook, a practical resource for standardizing the planning process and improving continuity across years. REC Rod Holmes has taken a lead role in initiating the manual, with contributions from all Committee members.

The Committee will review and revise the document following the 2025 Convocation to incorporate lessons learned—especially regarding timelines, assigned responsibilities, and vendor coordination.

A calendar-based planning model is also in development to guide Chapters and Grand Officers on key milestones, working backwards from Convocation dates.

Future Convocations

2026 & 2027: Both convocations will be held at the North Vancouver Holiday Inn. Using the same venue for consecutive years allows us to secure better rates, streamline logistics, and benefit from venue familiarity.

These convocations will be organized directly by Grand Chapter and the Committee, without a host Chapter.

Key planning and execution responsibilities will rest with the appointed Grand Stewards, with support from the local Chapters.

2028 & Potential 2029: The Penticton Trade and Convention Centre has been identified and is planned for the 2028 Convocation. This will be formally announced at the 2025 Convocation by the incoming Grand Third Principal.

There will be no host Chapter; the Committee will directly oversee all arrangements. Discussions are underway to potentially retain this venue for 2029 to realize additional savings and simplify coordination.

Conclusion and Recommendation

The progress made over the past year demonstrates the value and efficiency of the Ad Hoc Convocation Committee model. We have reduced burdens on Grand Officers, improved planning standards, and implemented processes to ensure consistency and quality across Grand Convocations.

We reaffirm our recommendation that the Committee continue as an Ad Hoc body until at least 2026 Grand Convocation, with a full evaluation of its performance and long-term structure to follow. We remain committed to serving the best interests of the Grand Chapter and ensuring that future Convocations reflect the dignity and excellence of our Royal Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

REC Hani M. Nino – Grand J – Chairman
MEC Ken Overy – Grand Z
REC John Laing – Grand H
REC Scott Wisdahl – Grand P Sojourner
VEC Rick Dawson – Grand Steward
VEC Hans Doge – Grand Steward

VEC Bernard Favreau – Grand Steward
REC Rod Holmes – Member
VEC Robert Jackson – Member
Comp. David MacLennan - Member

Report Received

38) NEW BUSINESS

MEC Ken Overy then proceeded to deal with the two items of new business:

1) MEC Ken Overy ordered and directed that the permanent rank MEC be conferred on Alphonse Quenneville.

2) RESOLUTION OF PERMANENT RANK
Per Section 11.5.5

Right Excellent Companion:

Tim Findley – Superintendent D 1

Robert Carroll – Superintendent D 2

Bert Fredin – Superintendent D 3

Steve Finnigan – Superintendent D 6

Chris Larsen – Superintendent D 10

Very Excellent Companion

Nirvan Rajkumar – Grand Sr. Sojourner

Mark O'Donohue – Grand Junior Sojourner

Paul Brais – G Pursuivant

Greg Zielski – Grand Director of Music

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

Moved by MEC Ken Overy

Seconded by MEC Dan McCoy

Motion Carried

Return of Charters:
The Charters for Cariboo Chapter No. 43 and Composite Chapter No. 24 were returned to Grand Chapter, by the Superintendents of the Districts.

39) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business reported.

40) GOOD OF THE ORDER

MEC Ken Overy then rose to make the following presentations:

Past Grand Z award to Joppa Chapter No. 31

Past Superintendent certificates to:

REC Tim Findlay	Grand Superintendent District 1
REC Robert Carroll	Grand Superintendent District 2
REC Bert Fredin	Grand Superintendent District 3
REC Steve Finnigan	Grand Superintendent District 6
REC Chris Larsen	Grand Superintendent District 10

He also presented certificates to those other officers who were awarded permanent rank as per resolution 11.5.5.
He then presented past certificates for the elected officers who have moved from their 2024 – 2025 officers to current offices.

Grand Chapter was then called from Labour to Refreshment, but were all told 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 2025-2026.

41) INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2025-2026

Grand Chapter Convocation Installation Programme

Installing Grand First Principal MEC Ken Overy

Position	Name	Installing Officer
Grand First Principal	MEC John Laing	MEC Ken Overy
Grand Second Principal	REC Hani Nino	MEC Ken Overy
Grand Third Principal	REC Scott Wisdahl	MEC Ken Overy
Immediate Past GZ	MEC Ken Overy	MEC Dan McCoy
Grand Treasurer	REC Kris Toijonen	MEC Ken Overy
Grand Scribe Ezra	REC Calvin Jonas	MEC Ken Overy
Grand Princip Sojourner	REC Richard Trippel	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Sr. Sojourner	VEC Doug Davie	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Jr. Sojourner	VEC Rick Hunter	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Supt. Dist 1	REC Bill Dawe	MEC Les Robinson
Grand Supt. Dist 2	REC Garo Zarifian	MEC Les Robinson
Grand Supt. Dist 3	REC Len Wylie	MEC Les Robinson

Grand Supt. Dist 6	REC Steve Finnigan	MEC Les Robinson
Grand Supt. Dist 10	REC Craig Poncia	MEC Les Robinson
Grand Scribe Nehemiah	REC Peter Guichon	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Historian	VEC Jim Bennie	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Sword Bearer	As required	
Grand Standard Bearer	As required	
Grand Director of Ceremonies	REC Peter Edwards	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Marshal	VEC Stathi Tsangaris	MEC Ron Smith
Grand Pursuivant	VEC Joseph Boni	REC Hani Nino
Grand Steward	VEC Hans Doge	REC Scott Wisdahl
Grand Steward	VEC Bernard Favreau	REC Scott Wisdahl

(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, REC Peter Edwards. Proclamation, presentation of gavel and General Charge were all completed under direction of IGZ, MEC Ken Overy.
The Grand First Principal thanked all for attending the convocation and for supporting him during the previous year.
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.

42) VOTE OF THANKS TO THE TO THE HOST CHAPTER

It was **Moved** by MEC Les Robinson and **Seconded** by MEC Ron Smith, that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the host Chapter, Fort George for the furniture and running an extremely successful Convocation.

Motion Passed

43) GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES FOR 2025-2026

Royal Arch - GC of BC & Yukon – Committees

26.1.1 Constitution and Jurisprudence

Executive Representative ~ Grand Second Principal
REC Scott Wisdahl (5)
REC Ken Ward (4)
MEC Leonard Pickell (10)
EC Matt Fletcher (1)
REC Bill Hilborn (1)

26.1.2 Finance
Executive Representative ~ Grand Principal Sojourner
EC Marco Schwab (4)
REC Kris Toijonen (1)
REC Eric Duchesne (2)
REC Scott Wisdahl (7)

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 Stephen Coffey (2)
REC Ian Thompson (7)
REC Paul Stephenson (2)

26.1.5 Regalia
Comp. Connor Massey (5)
MEC Ron Smith (6)

26.1.6 Information Technology and Fund Raising
Executive Representative ~ Grand Principal Sojourner
Comp. Steven Noble (4)
MEC Ron Smith (6)

26.1.7 Bursary Fund Trustees
Executive Representative ~ Grand Third Principal
MEC Jimmy Catala (2)
EC Nirvan Rajkumar (1)
VEC Cole Harvey (10)

26.1.8 Keystone of Life Foundation
Executive Representative
VEC Joseph Boni

26.1.9 Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society
Executive Representative
VEC Joseph Boni

26.1.10 Address of Grand First Principal Executive Representative
Selected by Grand Scribe Ezra

26.1.11 Merit Awards
Executive Representative
REC Robert Hart (8)
REC Colin Hart (8)

26.1.12 Past Grand First Principals 'Award
Selected by Grand Scribe Ezra

26.9 Ad Hoc Committee – Protocol Review
Executive Representatives
MEC Jimmy Catala (2)
REC Ed LaMarche (2)

26.9 Ad Hoc Committee – Grand Communications Committee
REC Hani Nino
REC Rod Holmes
REC Scott Wisdahl
EC Hans Doge
David MacLennan
VEC Bernard Favreau
EC Gerry Anderson

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.

44) LOCATION OF FUTURE GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATIONS

A motion was called for the location of the Grand Convocations for the Royal Arch Grand Chapter to be held as follows. **Moved :** REC Scott Wisdahl. **Seconded**: Hani Nino. **Passed:**

Future Locations of Grand Convocations:
2025 North Vancouver
2026 North Vancouver
2027 Penticton

45) CLOSING

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

The 106th Grand Convocation of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon was closed in ample form by MEC. Ken Overy at 3:30 pm September 20th, 2025, with MEC Les Robinson disbursing the word.

46) Minutes of the Order of the High Priesthood

Held at Prince George, BC September 19, 2025.

Called to order at 3:20 pm by Ex President MEC Ken Overy.

Welcome to visitors Deputy High Priest REC John Burrage Grand Chapter of Washington.

Members present - 27, Guests 1, candidates 10, as per Porch book.

Conferred Order. On VEC Connor Massey, EC Barnard Favreau, EC Glenn Stott, EC Joseph Boini, EC Garo Zarifian, EC Martial Pitts, EC Peter Walch, EC John Ottery, EC Shaun Turner, VEC Hans Doge.
.
The representative Candidate was VEC Connor Massey.

Prologue given by MEC Ken Overy
Obligation given by MEC Ken Overy
Prayer of Consecration by REC John Laing
Signs given by REC Scott Wisdahl

Minutes of meeting, of September 19, 2024. **Moved** by REC Recorder Peter Guichon **Seconded** by MEC Hani Nino. **Carried:**

Correspondence - None

Treasurers report – bills to pay – MEC Ken Overy – 50 Rituals $471.79, REC Peter Guichon 20 Jewels - $298.01, Moved – REC Peter Guichon, Seconded – REC Scott Wisdahl, Motion Carried

New Business – REC Scott Wisdahl moved that an OHP Team be established for next year, Seconded by REC Hani Nino. Motion Carried. Those members wishing to participate to contact Recorder.

Election of Officers for 2025/26

President MEC Dan McCoy
Vice President MEC Ken Overy
Chaplain REC Hani Nino
Recorder REC Calvin Jonas (being elected as Grand Scribe E at Grand Chapter)
Treasurer REC Kris Toijonen
Master of Ceremonies REC Scott Wisdahl
Conductor REC Richard Trippel (being elected as Grand Principal Sojourner at Grand Chapter.

All officers were elected by acclimation. The installing officers took their stations and proceeded with the installation.
Ex. Installing President. MEC Ken Overy, Ex. Chaplain REC Peter Guichon, Ex. D. of C. MEC Ron Smith.
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 Dan McCoy.

APPEND. 1

Living Past Grand First Principals

1989 Most Excellent Companion Thomas O. Mickey
1997 Most Excellent Companion Leonard G.B. Pickell

	1998 Most Excellent Companion Joseph R. Marshall
P.	2006 Most Excellent Companion A. Leslie Robinson
	2009 Most Excellent Companion David Grange
	2010 Most Excellent Companion Joel Chiri
P	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
P.	2018 Most Excellent Companion A. Leslie Robinson
	2019 – 2021 Most Excellent Companion Phillip Robinson
	2022 Most Excellent Companion Jimmy Catala
P	2023 Most Excellent Companion Dan McCoy

P - Present

APPEND. 2

GRAND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS 2025/2026

Grand Superintendents of Districts

District No. 1 REC Bill Dawe

Columbia No. 1
Keystone No. 8
North Island No. 10
Tzouhalem No. 26
Majuba No. 33
Cathedral No. 35
Pacific Rim No. 44

District No. 2 REC Garo Zarifian

North Van King Solomon No. 16
Chilliwack No. 19
Joppa No. 31
Semiahmoo No. 34
Georgian No. 39
Simon Fraser No. 40

District No. 3 REC Len Wyllie

Kelowna No. 17
Kamloops No. 18
Penticton No. 22

District No. 4 Grand First Principal

Rocky Mountain No. 4
Yukon No. 38

District No. 6 REC Steven Finnigan
Kaien No. 13
Kalum No. 37

District No. 10 REC Craig Poncia
Fort George No. 36
Dawson Creek No. 41

APPEND.3

CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

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APPEND. 4

ELECTED PPINCIPAL OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER SINCE 1919

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APPEND. 5

MINUTES OF THE ROYAL ARCH MASONIC SOCIETY OF BC & YUKON

ROYAL ARCH MASONIC SOCIETY OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON
Office of the Grand Scribe E
2926 Dewdney Trunk Road, Coquitlam, BC V3C 2J3

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
September 20, 2025

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal Arch Masonic Society of British Columbia & Yukon was called to order at 3:45 pm on September 20, 2025, at Prince George, BC, by the President, MEC John Laing.

There were six Officers and Directors present, with a total attendance of 55 Companions including the Officers and Directors.

A Quorum was declared present, that being greater than the 7 required by Section 3.9 of the Society by-laws.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held September 21, 2024 were passed as circulated by the Grand Scribe E, motion by REC Peter Guichon, Seconded by REC Hani Nino. Motion Carried.

The Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 were presented as well as the interim financial statements from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025, by the treasurer REC Kris Toijonen.

Motion to approve the Annual Financial Statements to December 31, 2024 and the Interim Financial Statements to June 30, 2025 by REC Kris Toijonen, seconded by EC Marco Schwab. Motion Carried.

Confirmation of Election of Officers and Directors for 2025 – 2026 as per section 4.7 of the Constitution and By -Laws of the Society were done:

Officers:

President – MEC John Laing – Grand First Principal.

Vice President – REC Hani Nino – Grand Second Principal.

Secretary – REC Calvin Jonas – Grand Scribe Ezra.

Treasurer – REC Kris Toijonen – Grand Treasurer.

Directors:

REC Scott Wisdahl – Grand Third Principal

REC Richard Trippel – Grand Principal Sojourner

Meeting was then adjourned at 4:10 pm.

REC Calvin Jonas MEC John Laing

(signed) – Calvin Jonas

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REC Calvin Jonas, Secretary MEC John Laing

2025 AGENDA

Order of Business

Friday, September 19, 2025

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

Saturday, September 20, 2025

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 2024
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
23) Resolutions and Grand Chapter Recommendations
24) Forum for Candidates
25) Report of Regalia Committee
26) Report of Executive Committee
27) Report of the Grand Historian
28) Report of Credentials Committee
29) Presentation of Honorary Memberships
30) Election of Officers for 2024/25
31) Report of Bursary Committee
32) Report of Committee on Grand Z address
33) Report on Information and Technology Committee
34) Report of Royal Arch Masonic Home Society
35) Report of Keystone of Life Foundation
36) Report of Committee on Grand Superintendents
37) Report of Committee on Past Z's Award

38) New Business
39) Unfinished Business
40) Good of the Order
41) Installation of Officers for 2025/26
42) Vote of Thanks to Host Chapter
43) Scribe E. Reads Committees for 2025/26
44) Location of Grand Chapter for 2026, 2027, 2028.
45) Closing of Grand Chapter in Ample Form
46) AGM – Royal Arch Masonic Society of BC & Yukon