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Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
April 10, 11, 12, 1997

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Grand First Principal
12 Kingsview Boulevard
Brampton, Ontario
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Grand Scribe Ezra
361 King Street West
Hamilton, Ontario
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BIOGRAPHY

R Frank Russell

Personal:

Born - Weston, Ontario, January 4th, 1935

Son of Wesley and Nellie Russell

Educated in Brampton and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute

Married to Marion Victoria Rowntree, August 11th, 1962

One daughter - Andrea Victoria Russell

Two Sons - Todd Rowntree Russell and Jason Noble Russell

Owner and President of Frank Russell Services Limited;

Brampton Fuels, and Inglewood Fuels

Member of St. Paul's United Church, Brampton

Chairman and Governor, City of Brampton, "Sports Hall of Fame", 1988 to Present

Executive Member, Brampton Excelsior Lacrosse Club, 1959-1996

Member of the Brampton South Rotary Club

Masonic Symbolic:

1973 Initiated, Passed and Raised, Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton

1980 Charter Life Member, Anniversary Lodge No. 733, Brampton

Worshipful Master, Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton

1983 Life Member, Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton

1987 Charter Life Member, Chinguacousy Lodge No. 738, Brampton

1996 Appointed Grand Senior Deacon, The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Capitular Masonry:

1975 Exalted Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton

1981 Charter Member, Brampton Chapter No. 265, Brampton

1981 Member of Executive Committee, Principals Association, Toronto District 8A

1981 Member, Principals Association, Toronto Districts 8 and 8A

1982 First Principal, Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton

1985 Member, Toronto-Antiquity Chapter No. 91, Weston

1985 Grand Superintendent, Toronto District 8A

1986 President, Toronto Districts 8 and 8A Principals Association

1986-92 Chairman, Public Relations Committee, Grand Chapter R.A.M.

1987 Life Member, Tecumseth Chapter No. 264, Tottenham

1988 Appointed Grand Representative, Grand Chapter of the State of Delaware

1989 Appointed to the Grand Executive, The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

1991 Appointed Honourary Member, Grand Executive Committee

1992 Elected Grand Third Principal

1994 Elected Grand Second Principal

1996 Elected Grand First Principal



Most Excellent Companion R. Frank Russell

Knight Templar:

- 1981 Cyrene Preceptory No. 29, Toronto
- 1983 Charter Life Member, Emmanuel Preceptory No. 83, Brampton

Cryptic Rite: Royal and Select Masters

- 1985 Honoured, Chosen, and Greeted, Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville
- 1986 Elevated, Etobicoke Lodge No. 17, Royal Ark Mariners

York Rite College:

- 1988 Athelstan York Rite College No. 41, Toronto
- 1996 Order of the Purple Cross

Red Cross of Constantine:

- 1986 Holy Land Conclave No. 3, Toronto
- 1988 Charter Member, Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34, Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, Etobicoke

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite:

- 1975 Toronto Lodge of Perfection
- 1976 Toronto Chapter Rose Croix
- 1976 Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton

Sundry:

- 1979 Member, Peel Shrine Club, Brampton
- 1979 Member of Rameses Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. , Toronto
- 1993 Order of the High Priesthood, Unity Council No. 4, Midland

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held at The Ambassador Hotel & Convention Centre, Kingston, Ontario, on April 10th, 11th & 12th, 1997.

M.Ex.Comp. R. Frank Russell
R.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner
R.Ex.Comp. John W. McGill

Grand First Principal
Grand Second Principal
Grand Third Principal

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M.Ex.Comp. Charles W. Emmett
M.Ex.Comp. Aube L. Weisman
M.Ex.Comp. Edward W. Elcombe
M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt
M.Ex.Comp. G. Robert Jackson

M.Ex.Comp. William S. Thomson
M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H. Stuart
M.Ex.Comp. Albert A. Mortlock
M.Ex.Comp. Donald F. Kline
M.Ex.Comp. Alan F. Walker

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED 1996 - 1997

R.Ex.Comp. Rev. M. John Moor
R.Ex.Comp. Eric H. Lakien
R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J. Duke
R.Ex.Comp. William G. Birnie
R.Ex.Comp. Brian R. Simpson
R.Ex.Comp. Donald P. B. Smallman
R.Ex.Comp. James W. Reid
V.Ex.Comp. R. Glen Harvey

Grand Chaplain
Grand Treasurer
Grand Scribe Ezra
Grand Scribe Nehemiah
Grand Principal Sojourner
Grand Registrar
Grand Historian
Grand Archivist

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS 1996-1997

R.Ex.Comp. Hugh M. Dunlop
R.Ex.Comp. T. Bilardino Segui
R.Ex.Comp. T. James Boniface
R.Ex.Comp. W. Bruce Miller
R.Ex.Comp. Donald R. Winkworth
R.Ex.Comp. William H. Arnold
R.Ex.Comp. David Laskey
R.Ex.Comp. E. Roy Harrison
R.Ex.Comp. John Lyll
R.Ex.Comp. George S. Leishman
R.Ex.Comp. Derek J. Ward
R.Ex.Comp. David A. Theakston
R.Ex.Comp. Walter T. Bulbeck
R.Ex.Comp. Gordon E. Cross
R.Ex.Comp. Thomas A. Lough
R.Ex.Comp. Donald W. Delayer
R.Ex.Comp. Gilles Lefebvre

St. Clair District No. 1
London District No. 2
Wilson District No. 3
Wellington District No. 4
Hamilton District No. 5
Huron District No. 6
Niagara District No. 7
Toronto District No. 8
Toronto District No. 8A
Georgian District No. 9
Ontario District No. 10
Prince Edward District No. 11
St. Lawrence District No. 12
Ottawa District No. 13
Algoma District No. 14
New Ontario District No. 15
Temiskaming District No. 16

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - HONOURARY

R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd B. Gillespie
R.Ex.Comp. Malcolm MacKenzie

R.Ex.Comp. C. Edwin Drew
R.Ex.Comp. J. Max Laushway
R.Ex.Comp. B. Donald Lamont

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ELECTED (1995)

R.Ex.Comp. Edward G. Ounjian
R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk

R.Ex.Comp. Frederick C. Garvin
R.Ex.Comp. David G. Walker

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ELECTED (1996)

R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth J. Lowery
R.Ex.Comp. Richard Jackson

R.Ex.Comp. Harold G. Hubbell
R.Ex.Comp. Charles Meldrum
R.Ex.Comp. Malcolm W. Watling

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - (APPOINTED 1995)

R.Ex.Comp. David A. Rogers

R.Ex.Comp. Harry S. Smith

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - (APPOINTED 1996)

R.Ex.Comp. M. Sheldon Boomhour
R.Ex.Comp. C. Gordon Sinclair

R.Ex.Comp. Richard W. Stevenson

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario was opened in Ample Form at 9:00 a.m.

The Grand First Principal announced that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing or properly vouched for, would now be welcomed.

After admitting all Companions, the Grand First Principal welcomed all present at the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation.

Distinguished Guests - Introduced by R.Ex.Comp. Donald Emerick

British Columbia and the Yukon	M.Ex.Comp. William D Jasper	G.F.P.
Delaware	M.Ex.Comp. Sheldon L Edwards Sr.	G.H.P.
District of Columbia	M.Ex.Comp. David A Freed	G.H.P.
Michigan	M.Ex.Comp. Kay Lee Yeager	G.H.P.
Newfoundland	M.Ex.Comp. W Job Parsons	P.G.H.P.
New York	R.Ex.Comp. Arnold E Palmer	G.Scribe.
Nova Scotia	M.Ex.Comp. Gerald A Riley	P.G.H.P.
Ohio	M.Ex.Comp. Arthur E Ross	P.G.H.P.
Quebec	M.Ex.Comp. Richard Pink	G.F.P.
Vermont	M.Ex.Comp. William W Smith	G.H.P.
York Rite Sovereign College of North America	M.Pre.Dist.Bro. Donald A King	Gov'n General

Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada	M.III.Kt.Comp. Robert L Costigan	Grand Sovereign
Grand Council Royal & Select	M.III.Comp. James A Shaw	M.III. Grand Master
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada	M.Em.Kt.Comp. Roger N Delisle	Supreme Grand Master
Order of the High Priesthood	M.Ex. High Priest W J Needham Throop	Grand President
Royal Arch Masons International	M.Ex.Comp. John A Sainz	Grand Master of the First Veil

The Grand First Principal greeted the Distinguished Guests and those Companions who accompanied them, individually, as they were presented and welcomed them warmly. They were then escorted to their seats by the Grand Second and Grand Third Principals.

Grand Honours were accorded the guests led by the Director of Ceremonies.

Most Worshipful Brother Durward I Greenwood, the Grand Master of The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, was presented in the West where he was formally and warmly received by Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell. Following Grand Honours he was escorted to his seat on the dias by the Grand First Principal.

The Grand First Principal called on the Grand Chaplain, R.Ex.Comp. Rev. M John Moor for the Invocation.

INVOCATION BY THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

O God, great Architect, most holy Jehovah, we your humble servants gather in this place to conduct the business of this Grand Convocation of our Royal Arch Grand Chapter. Guide, bless and strengthen our Grand First Principal who will lead us in these sessions and all others who will give leadership.

Endue each of us with a share of your Holy Spirit that we may listen, respond and decide accordingly. And most especially, enlarge our caring hearts that we may find here not strangers but friends and companions. May your blessing be upon us and all that we shall do in your name. AMEN.

FLAG CEREMONY AND ANTHEMS

The flags of Canada and the United States of America were presented at the Altar and placed in the East, following which the National Anthems of both countries were sung.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep. Then God said: "Let there be light", and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. (Genesis 1:1-4 a) It is you (O God) who lights my lamp; the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness. (Psalm 18:28) The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1) If I say: Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night; even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for the darkness is as light to you. (Psalm 139:22-12) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to you Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16) And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light and they will reign forever and ever. (Revelation 22:5)

PRAYER OF APPROACH

O Thou great Jehovah, we gather today to praise you and to give thanks for your creation of each of us and your care for us throughout our lives. We thank you for giving us the light of the day, a light on our way throughout dark nights, light of the mind that helps us grow in knowledge of the world and of you. Particularly today we praise and thank you for those who have entered into their eternal home, a home in heaven not made with hands. Help us to remember the light they were for us on our Masonic journey. We pray in your great name, O God Most High. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 139:1-12, 17-18, Revelation 21:1-6 a

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Today we remember those who have passed to the Grand Chapter above during 1996: 337 members of our Grand Chapter, including two (2) Past Grand First Principals, eighteen (18) Right Excellent Companions, twenty-four (24) Very Excellent Companions and two hundred and ninety (290) Companions. We also remember one (1) Past Grand Master of our Grand Lodge and nine (9) Past Grand First Principals or Past Grand High Priests of jurisdictions beyond our Grand Chapter. Several of the following were remembered last year but I would like to be inclusive of all those who died in 1996.

DECEASED PRESENT AND PAST GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

1996

COMPANION

CHAPTER, LOCATION and NUMBER

M.Ex.Comp. Frederick Scott	St. John's - Hamilton 6
M.Ex.Comp. William Harold Sproule	Peel - Brampton 195
V.Ex.Comp. John Alfred Irvine	St. John's - London 3
& M.W.Bro. Past Grand Master, The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario	
R.Ex.Comp. Gordon Arthur Braby	Kitchener - Kitchener 117
R.Ex.Comp. T Harry Burgis	Ionic - Campbellford 168
R.Ex.Comp. Cedric Cecil Dale	Ottawa - Ottawa 222
R.Ex.Comp. Clifton Newton Davis	Keystone - Sterling 72
R.Ex.Comp. Reginald Charles Edwards	St. Andrew & St. John - Toronto 4
R.Ex.Comp. Albert Franklin Gamble	Tuscan - Sudbury 95
R.Ex.Comp. George Gibbins	Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui - Kingston 1
R.Ex.Comp. Leonard Richard Hertel	Preston - Cambridge 245
R.Ex.Comp. Harold Ince	Victoria - Thornhill 205
R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Albert Irwin	Covenant-St. John's - Cornwall 113
R.Ex.Comp. George Wesley Joynt	Lucknow - Lucknow 147
R.Ex.Comp. Charles Kenneth Matteson	Caledonia - Caledonia 236
R.Ex.Comp. A Roy Mathews	Corinthian - Peterborough 36
R.Ex.Comp. David Austin McDonald	London - London 150
R.Ex.Comp. Ronald G A Mink	Kichikewana - Midland 167
R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd R Sorsdahl	Elliott - Mitchell 129
R.Ex.Comp. Leslie Tate	St. John's - North Bay 103
R.Ex.Comp. Rev. Arthur Wellington Watson	The Hamilton - Hamilton 175
V.Ex.Comp. Robert William Borthwick	Guelph - Guelph 40
V.Ex.Comp. William John Cock	Northern Lights - Timmins 213
V.Ex.Comp. Allan Gordon Cook	Couchiching - Orillia 198
V.Ex.Comp. William M Creech	Lebanon - Etobicoke 220
V.Ex.Comp. Benjamin George Duncan	Brant-Mount Horeb - Brantford 20
V.Ex.Comp. Wallace Bruce Duncan	The Hamilton - Hamilton 175
V.Ex.Comp. Frederick R Greatrix	Prince Edward - Picton 31
V.Ex.Comp. Norman Harper	Tuscan - Sudbury 95
V.Ex.Comp. Harold Oscar Hughes	Shekinah - Toronto 138
V.Ex.Comp. John Hutcheon	Brant-Mount Horeb - Brantford 20
V.Ex.Comp. Colin Campbell Kerr	University - Thornhill 241
V.Ex.Comp. Gordon Paul Knifton	St. John's - Coburg 48
V.Ex.Comp. Richard Linfield Mahoney	Guelph - Guelph 40
V.Ex.Comp. Gary Douglas McNiece	Oakwood - Markham 233
V.Ex.Comp. Christopher Nates	St. John's - Hamilton 6
V.Ex.Comp. George Howard Perry	St. George's - London 5
V.Ex.Comp. Daniel Russell Preston	Bonnechere - Renfrew 114
V.Ex.Comp. Leonard Graham Pridie	Palestine - Bowmanville 249

V.Ex.Comp. William Henry Quant	Guelph - Guelph 40
V.Ex.Comp. Wilfred McRory Reid	Quinte Friendship Moira - Belleville 7
V.Ex.Comp. Melvin Roy Stewart	Guelph - Guelph 40
V.Ex.Comp. Dominic Michael Vendette	Orient - Toronto 79
V.Ex.Comp. David Cathcart White	St. James - St. Mary's 46
V.Ex.Comp. Walter Workentin	Northern Lights - Timmins 213

DECEASED PRESENT AND PAST GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

COMPANION	RANK	JURISDICTION
M.Ex.Comp. Robert James Gornall	P.G.F.P.	British Columbia
M.Ex.Comp. Alexander R Green	P.G.H.P.	District of Columbia
M.Ex.Comp. Arthur A Krupp	P.G.H.P.	Pennsylvania
M.Ex.Comp. Reginald William Pres	P.G.H.P.	Newfoundland
M.Ex.Comp. Orlough Paul Thomas	P.G.F.P.	Alberta
M.Ex.Comp. Kenneth Pardon Tillinghast	P.G.H.P.	Rhode Island
M.Ex.Comp. Stanley Watters	P.G.F.P.	Quebec
M.Ex.Comp. Rev. Thomas E Weir	P.G.H.P.	Maryland

We name them, cherish their memories on our hearts, and extend our sympathy to their families and their Chapters and Grand Chapters. May they rest in peace, their tools laid aside for evermore.

MEDITATION

Light is a powerful element in our world as well as a tool in our lives, for it lights up our world, our homes, our offices and our places of worship. It gives beauty through candles set on an ordinary table, making the setting great and providing a romantic, peaceful atmosphere. Candles are a particular symbol in religious services, enabling us to remember our dead and for Christians to remember their "light of the world."

I would now like to light such a candle, praying that it will burn at all times during our meeting in this place, to be extinguished only when we are in recess or at the end of our meeting tomorrow.

If you will examine this or any other candle, you will note that it quietly burns, giving of its light to all in the room, without fanfare and recognition. Gradually it burns down, silently gives of its life, flickers and goes out. But, the beauty of that candle in that it is not forgotten, I would suggest that the candle is a fitting symbol to help us remember those who have died and whom we have named today. As they strove to live masonic ideals, particularly to practice charity, they gave to others around them. Sometimes their light was shared quietly on the side benches or at the festive table. Sometimes they gave leadership in their Chapter, their District and their Grand Chapter, sharing their light through sound judgement and able example. Undoubtedly they also shared their light in their communities and places of employment, and were loved for their light in their families.

During the past year, their light went out, for some, suddenly, as gust of breeze could snuff out our candle, for some over days, weeks and months just as the candle burns down to its very end, sags, flickers and quietly goes out. But their light will never go out in our hearts and minds, just as you will never forget this candle burning in our midst. They shall long be remembered for their contribution in our Chapter, sometimes their stern admonition, their fine work, their laughter at the festive board, and their warm handshake.

Companions, we pause, remember and give thanks for these our Companions, as we give thanks to God our Light.

"God is my light and salvation; Whom shall I fear? God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

MEMORIAL PRAYER

Companions, please rise. Let us pray.

O God Most High, the great Architect and Geometrician of the world, we thank you for giving us life and for caring for us throughout our lives. We remember with thanksgiving those whom we have remembered today. We thank you for their gifts of wisdom, their guidance and help, their love and friendship. For whatever you were able to accomplish through their lives, we give you thanks. For them, suffering and death has past and they have entered into that place, not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens. We pray for those whom they have left behind: widow, children, grandchildren, brother, sister, other relative and many friends. Be their light upon their way through the dark days ahead. Finally we pray for ourselves. Let the memory of their devotion be to us a light in a dark place. May we, inspired by their example, take the lessons they have taught, enabling us to model our lives after theirs, and thus to become better men as well as better Royal Arch Masons. AMEN

BLESSING

May the blessing of the great Jehovah be with you all, now and forever more. AMEN.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON

M.Ex.Comp. Russell called upon the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.Ex.Comp. Dennis Langridge to introduce the representative of the City of Kingston.

Most Excellent Sir, I have the privilege and honour of introducing to you and to this Grand Convocation, representing his Worship the Mayor, Councillor and Brother David Clark.

Brother and Councillor David Clark, thank you very much for taking time from your busy Municipal schedule, I know what it is like. When you are called upon at various times to attend ceremonies and special functions like this, you always find time to work out your schedule to be in attendance at these special occasions and we do thank you Sir for being with us this morning and representing the Mayor of the City of Kingston.

Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell, Brethren, and Companions, on behalf of his Worship the Mayor, City Councilors and Citizens of the entire City of Kingston I would like to officially welcome the 139th Grand Convocation of The Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. We are very glad to have you with us here today. As I've been told, it has been fifty-nine (59) years since the Grand Convocation has been in Kingston, and I believe that it's long overdue to have you back in our fair city.

When I was first asked by the Mayor to fill in today, I was very honoured and very excited about it. Being a Mason myself, I've long been curious about the Royal Arch and despite a few discussions with some of my Brethren, including Brother Paddle, they have told me a little bit about it. Unfortunately, my public and professional commitments have prevented me from applying the time to learn more about Royal Arch, but, hopefully in the future I will be able to correct that.

I would also like to use this occasion to wish Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter No. 1 all the best in celebrating their Bi-Centennial this year. It is an incredible achievement and I wish them all the best and I think it will be quite good. Not to mention a forbidden subject, I also hope to be celebrating something in early June but I won't mention that, because of course I've been reformed. Once again, I would like to welcome you to the Limestone City, as our architecture suggests, much of the city was built by masons and like a Mason it's character is still strong today.

We have a lot to offer, there is so much to see and do and I'm sure you will only scratch the surface. I know your ladies are out enjoying themselves, partaking in some of our sights and sounds throughout the day and I hope they enjoy themselves. I also hope that you, will have time to do so during your Convocation while you are here and I hope it doesn't take another fifty-nine (59) years for you to come back to visit us again. Hopefully, in the summer, when it's a little warmer and you can partake in all we have to offer. Once again, on behalf of the City and his Worship the Mayor, I would like to welcome you and I hope you have an excellent Convocation and thank you for having me.

David, thank you very much for being with us. I know when you came up to the East you said that today was the day you were opening your Federal Campaign Office. I hope that you didn't get the location mixed up and you thought that this was the office. There might be many willing workers out there, but that's up to you to put the handcuffs on them to help you in your endeavours. I wish you much success in the future and thank you for being with us today and bringing greetings today from the City of Kingston and his Worship the Mayor.

IN MEMORIAM

William Harold Sproule

**Most Excellent Grand First Principal
1976-1977**

"Not 'till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reasons why.
The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand--
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned."

May we pause for a time in the midst of our deliberations, to place on record a tribute to cherish the memory of a Companion who was once an integral part of our fellowship in the great crusade of purposeful living. We recall our Companion as being one whose stature in character was high, and who remained at all times steadfast in his Masonic faith. Most Excellent Companion William Harold Sproule was called to the Grand Chapter Above on September 29th, 1996 after a lengthy illness.

M.Ex.Comp. Sproule was born and raised in Brampton, Ontario. Upon completing his education, he formed Bill Sproule Heating Limited. Married to the lovely Anne Margaret, they had two sons, Ross and Graham, and a daughter, Barbara. Anne predeceased M.Ex.Comp. Sproule by four months.

M.Ex.Comp. Sproule was an Elder and dedicated member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and a Past Chairman of the Board of Water Commissioner, City of Brampton. He was a veteran of World War II, attached to the Royal Canadian Air Force - Bomber Squadron, and a Prisoner of War for four years. During his lifetime, M.Ex.Comp. Sproule made a marked contribution to our beloved Masonic Fraternity, enjoying with pride and dedication, every opportunity to serve.

Member Ionic Lodge No. 229, Brampton, Peel Lodge No. 468, Past Master of The Mount Moriah Lodge No. 727, Brampton

Past Honourary Grand Senior Warden, The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Past Member, Board of General Purposes

Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Keystone Council No. 20, Royal and Select Masters of Ontario

Past Commander Noah of the Etobicoke Lodge No. 17, Royal Ark Mariners

Life Member Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory No. 2, Knights Templar, Toronto

Member Holy Land Conclave No. 3, The Masonic and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist

Charter member of Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34

Past Intendant General, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada

Member of Rameses Shrine Temple, Toronto and Peel Shrine Club

Member Toronto Lodge of Perfection of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada
Member Moore Sovereign Consistory 32°, Hamilton
Charter Member Emanuel Preceptory No. 83, Brampton
Member of the Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario
Member of the Order of the High Priesthood of Germany
Companion Knight of Athelstan, York Rite Sovereign College of Toronto
Recipient of the York Rite Purple Cross (O.P.C.)
Member Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton
Member Toronto Districts 8 & 8A Principals Association
Honourary Member of Lebanon Chapter No. 220, Toronto-Antiquity No. 91, Port Credit
Chapter No. 230, Palestine Chapter No. 249, Nilestown Chapter No. 247, Mimico Chapter
No. 215, University Chapter No. 241, Mount Sinai Chapter No. 212, Wawanash Chapter
No. 15, St. Andrew & St John Chapter No. 4 and a Charter Member of Brampton Chapter
No. 265
Honourary Member of the Grand Chapter of Ohio
Honourary member of the Grand Chapter of Michigan

His hobbies were collecting stamps and travelling..

THE FRIENDLY HEART

He never let life narrow down
To loving just a few,
But ever kept an open heart
For friends both old and new.

And so it was as time went by,
Believing all men brothers,
Some warmth and kindness each day
He passed along to others.

For so is spread that heartfelt warmth,
Which in its outward glowing,
Kindles the spirit of good-will,
That keeps world friendship flowing.

HE LABOURED HARD FOR THOSE HE LOVED

THEN LEFT US TO REMEMBER

The Grand First Principal M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell asked all Companions to rise for a period of silence in memory and as a tribute to Most Excellent Companion William Harold Sproule



**William Harold Sproule
Brampton, Ontario**

**Most Excellent Grand First Principal
1976 - 1977**

GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell called upon Most Worshipful Brother Durward I Greenwood to bring greetings from The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Companion Russell, Right Excellent Companions, Very Excellent Companions, Excellent Companions and Companions all;

Now, some of these titles may not be just quite correct, you will have to forgive me, my Brethren. I have not spent the time I would have liked to spend in Royal Arch Masonry. I appreciate anything that this Grand Chapter has done, in the way of conferring happiness upon me in this last two years. Some day, I may, I hope earn it.

Brethren, on behalf of the Most Worshipful, The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario I would like to thank Most Excellent Companion Russell and the Companions for the kind invitation to be with you this couple of days and the courtesies extended so far, and I know they are going to be extended to my wife, Doris as well as myself.

Two years ago, when I was able to get to Windsor, it was exceptional, you made the Deputy Grand Master, as I was then, feel like he was a King. Just take a look at the throne I'm sitting on to prove it.

Companions, we were honoured a short time ago, to have a meeting with Most Excellent Companion Russell, Right Excellent Companion Turner, Right Excellent Companion Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra, the Sovereign Grand Commander, Brother Crosby and the Grand Secretary General of the Scottish Rite in Hamilton, to present or tell the other bodies what we had planned for the next five years. So, our plans and their plans compliment one another, and not be in conflict. It was a very rewarding meeting, and we left that meeting knowing that ten years ago, it would have been practically impossible to have a meeting such as this. We all left knowing that the Masonic Bodies were going to work together, to, as the Grand Chaplain said "Help the Most High, help our bodies" because we are needed. If ever there was a organization such as Masonry, Chapter, or Scottish Rite ever needed in this country it is now!

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in his brochure made the statement "The opposition party in South Africa made a statement that, we must find a moral institution to extend morality in our Countries, it's deteriorated to such an extent." He had for the title of his brochure "Masonry Vindicated." Companions, Masonry has been preaching what they have been looking for, for years and it is up to you and I to get out and tell the non-mason and the general public what we are all about. We can start here.

I heard a story in a Florida church a while ago, that the Angel Gabriel went to his boss and said "Things aren't all that great on earth. What are you going to do about it?" He said, "I have a plan. You go down to that village over there and tell that lady that she is going to have a child." It happened! A few years later, he told Gabriel, "You must go down and tell that man that he is about to be crucified."

It happened! Gabriel said, "What plan did you have and how is this going to help improve the situation on earth ?" He said, "Gabriel, that man trained 12 men. The job is up to them." Companions the job is up to us to spread Masonry. I thank you, Very Worshipful and Most Excellent Sir and I wish you the best during the next year.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

The Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell called on R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra, to call the roll of the Past Grand First Principals and for them to assemble in the West.

M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart	Grand First Principal	1982-83
M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe	Grand First Principal	1984-85
M.Ex.Comp. Albert A Mortlock	Grand First Principal	1986-87
M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline	Grand First Principal	1990-91
M.Ex.Comp. G Robert Jackson	Grand First Principal	1992-93
M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker	Grand First Principal	1994-95

To the Distinguished Companions whose names were just called and are present with us this morning, thank you Most Excellent Sirs for being with us at this the 139th Annual Convocation. I do cherish your attendance and I sure cherish your support and your kind remarks as I lead this Grand Chapter for another year and to more successes. Your ongoing support is sincerely appreciated, not only by myself but also by the Grand Council.

Grand Director of Ceremonies will you lead the Companions in Grand Honours.

M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart: " Most Excellent Sir, it is indeed a distinct privilege for me to respond on behalf of my Distinguished colleagues. I do not classify myself with Most Excellent Companion Charles W Emmett as the Senior Senator of our group. I do however, miss the presence of M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett, M.Ex.Comp. William S Thomson, M.Ex.Comp. Aube L Weisman and M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt who are not here this morning to be with us to enjoy this Grand Chapter Convocation.

We thank you for your sincere warm welcome. We have not been over worked this past year, but we assure you that we are here and ready to serve this Grand Chapter at all times."

Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell called upon R.Ex.Comp. Walter T Bulbeck to give the;

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Most Excellent Companion, the Grand First Principal of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Most Worshipful Brother Durward I Greenwood, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Distinguished East, Guests and Companions:

We the Royal Arch Masons of St. Lawrence District No. 12, extend a sincere welcome to each of you, to this 139th Annual Grand Convocation of Grand Chapter. We are pleased that you are joining us in this beautiful and historic city of Kingston. Historic, in being the seat of power in the development of Upper Canada, and historic as the cradle of some of the earliest Masonic Lodges and Chapters of Royal Arch Masonry.

To this end, Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, will be celebrating its Bi-Centennial on June 7, 1997. Formed on June 7, 1797, by virtue of a Warrant granted by the Grand Master of the Province of Upper Canada to Lodge No. 6, which held the inherent power to hold a Chapter. In March 1819 this Chapter was duly consecrated and designated as Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter No. 1 by the newly established Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Upper Canada and it continues to meet to this day. This is the rich Heritage we represent which we hope that each of you can share, valuing, celebrating and honouring.

I would now like to extend our appreciation to the Chairman, Right Excellent Companion William Holton and his Grand Convocation Committee Members for their efforts in making this a productive and memorable Convocation. Our desire is that you enjoy yourselves while here and that you will take with you a most favourable impression of the 139th Annual Grand Convocation held in Kingston.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVOCATION

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Third Principal that the proceedings of the 138th Grand Convocation held in Toronto, Ontario, on Friday the 19th of April and Saturday the 20th of April 1996, having been printed and copies sent to all Chapters in the Jurisdiction, and the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same now be confirmed. CARRIED.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Third Principal that the order of business of the Annual Convocation be changed at the discretion of the Grand First Principal. CARRIED.

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Third Principal that R.Ex.Comp. Eric Simon be confirmed as Chairman of the Credentials Committee with power to form his own Committee as approved by the Grand First Principal. CARRIED.

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Third Principal that R.Ex.Comp. Eric Simon be confirmed as Chairman of the Scrutineer's Committee with the power to form his own Committee as approved by the Grand First Principal. CARRIED.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, asked the Grand Scribe Ezra to call the Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions near our Grand Body, and asked them to answer the call and assemble on the north and south sides of the Altar.

COUNTRY OR JURISDICTION

REPRESENTATIVE

Alabama	Verne E Young
Alaska	Harry S Smith
Alberta	Albert A Mortlock
Argentina	absent
Arizona	absent
Arkansas	John V Lawer
British Columbia	M Sheldon Boomhour
California	David A Rogers
Colorado	Bert A Mennie
Connecticut	David W Laskey
Delaware	R Frank Russell
District of Columbia	Robert S Wylie
Finland	Aage Bjerknes
Florida	Alan F Walker
France	Russell H Sills
Georgia	Frederick C Garvin
Germany	Guenther H Gahs
Greece	Sandy Glasgow
Idaho	Guy G Deavu
Illinois	Melvyn J Duke
India	Malcolm W Watling
Indiana	R Allan Cadwallader
Iowa	T Bilardino Segui
Ireland	absent
Israel	absent
Kansas	Ralph W Hurst
Kentucky	Chester J Miller
Louisiana	Edward S P Carson
Maine	absent
Manitoba	absent
Maryland	David G Walker
Massachusetts	absent
Mexico	G Robert Jackson
Michigan	Donald F Kline
Minnesota	absent
Mississippi	James W Reid
Missouri	absent
Montana	Larry J Hostine
Nebraska	William Klapatiuk
Netherlands	Ronald McClung
Nevada	absent

New Brunswick	Malcolm MacKenzie
Newfoundland	Donald J Gent
New Hampshire	Percy Barr
New Jersey	absent
New Mexico	Alton Roy
New South Wales	Edward W Elcombe
New York	Charles Meldrum
New Zealand	Glenson T Jones
North Carolina	Donald J Emerick
North Dakota	absent
Nova Scotia	Clarence Faulkner
Ohio	Clifford J Meunier
Oklahoma	absent
Oregon	absent
Pennsylvania	Wilson S Anderson
Phillippines	absent
Quebec	absent
Queensland Australia	Gilbert G Fowlow
Rhode Island	John W McGill
Saskatchewan	Richard Stevenson
Scotland	absent
South Africa	absent
South Australia	B Donald Lamont
South Carolina	George Gifford
South Dakota	M John Moor
Switzerland	James A R Shaw
Tennessee	absent
Texas	C Gordon Sinclair
Utah	absent
Vermont	Edward G Ounjian
Victoria (Australia)	Harold G Hubbell
Virginia	Dale Plant
Washington	Donald Gillis
Western Australia	absent
West Virginia	Harry D Turner
Wisconsin	James M Napier
Wyoming	Donald A King

After the Grand Representatives assembled on the north and south sides of the Altar, Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell, thanked the Grand Representatives.

To you Most Excellent, Right Excellent and Very Excellent Companions. It is a pleasure to extend to you our sincere welcome. In the Grand Representative system, you have an important duty in establishing and maintaining good Fraternal relations of this Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter from whom you have received your Commission.

I thank you sincerely for carrying out those duties with zeal, and congratulate each of you on your dedication to Royal Arch Masonry. Most Excellent Companion, R Frank Russell called on the Grand Director of Ceremonies to lead in Grand Honours.

REPORT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

On behalf of the Distinguished Service Awards Committee, I have the happy privilege of presenting to you the names of certain dedicated Companions - for your consideration - to receive the Distinguished Service Award. They are recommended to this Committee by the Officers and Members of their respective Chapters, who believe them to be worthy of this important Award.

They are:

Companion Bernard Forrest Elliott	Prince of Wales Chapter No. 226, Perth
Companion Norman Percy Ince	The St. Andrew Chapter No. 238, London
Companion Percy A Jordan	Lebanon Chapter No. 220, Etobicoke
Companion Alan S MacLean	Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston

We would recommend to the Chapters that all Companions so honoured should have their names listed on the Chapter Summons.

We congratulate these Companions for their dedicated service to Royal Arch Masonry.

Fraternally and sincerely submitted, M.Ex.Comps. Leslie Levitt, Chairman, G Robert Jackson and Donald F Kline.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

My Companions:

It is my distinct pleasure and privilege to welcome you to this the 139th Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, to address you in Grand Chapter, and to extend my personal fraternal greetings to each of you.

Another year has passed very quickly, and I express my gratitude to the Great Jehovah for having watched over me and for having afforded me the distinct opportunity to be with you and to meet together in the true spirit of harmony, friendship and good fellowship. Also, my highest degree of appreciation to my wife, Marion, who has given sincere encouragement and guidance and who has offered wise counsel to me and always, always tells me to keep my cool.

It is my intent to render to you, a brief account of my stewardship for the past twelve (12) months, and to enlighten you with the various occurrences which have transpired since our 1996 Grand Convocation in Toronto.

We are meeting here in Kingston, near the head of the St. Lawrence River. Kingston, with a population of 70,000, was the Capital of Canada from 1841 to 1844. This city is the home of the Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, which on June 6th, 7th and 8th, 1997, will be celebrating their Bi-Centennial. This year is of especial interest and importance for this Chapter, and I'm sure that celebrations recognizing this "Happy Birthday" occasion will be well recorded in their records and the records of Grand Chapter. Companions, I know that you will join with me in extending best wishes to the Officers and Companions of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1.

To the many Companions of St. Lawrence District No. 12 and to the General Convocation Chairman, Right Excellent Companion William Holton, who have labored diligently to make your visit to Kingston very enjoyable and informative, I extend our heartfelt appreciation for the gracious invitation to host our Grand Chapter Convocation in their District.

To those Companions serving on the Convocation Committee, we wish to express our appreciation for all they have done to provide for our personal comforts, as well as the many requirements of the facilities necessary for conducting this Grand Convocation. I thank you for being extremely patient with me and for your many kindnesses.

I acknowledge the presence of the Grand First Principals and Grand High Priests representing Sister Jurisdictions of Canada. We also welcome those Grand High Priests, Grand Kings, and Grand Scribes of our Sister Jurisdictions of our great neighbour the United States of America.

A friendly Masonic greeting is extended to the visiting Representatives of those Sovereign bodies who are with us at this time. We are strengthened by the bonds of friendship, companionship and the fraternity which we share together. I trust that your stay with us will be most pleasant and enjoyable.

It is my extreme pleasure and privilege to welcome to our 139th Grand Convocation, The Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Most Worshipful Brother Durward I Greenwood. In extending to you Most Worshipful Sir a sincere and warm welcome, I would also add, that this Grand Chapter re-affirms its loyalty and allegiance to you. As you near the end of your tenure of office, I express the sincere appreciation of all Companions for the great contributions and strong leadership you have provided to Masonry. May the Great Architect of the Universe provide you with good health, thus allowing you to continue active participation in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in the years ahead.

NECROLOGY:

It is with a great sense of loss that we record the departure from our ranks, those Companions who, having completed their earthly course, have passed to the Grand Chapter above.

Among the grievous losses we suffered, was the passing of Most Excellent Companion William H Sproule, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, who passed to the Grand Chapter above on September 29th, 1996.

Our Grand Chapter was indebted to him for his many services to Capitular Masonry throughout the Districts of our Grand Jurisdiction. A Masonic Service was held at the Ward Funeral Home, Brampton, followed by a Royal Canadian Legion Service. Most Excellent Companion Sproule served his country during World War II as a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Shot down over the North Sea, he was interned in a Prisoner of War Camp from 1941 to 1945. A fitting tribute has been written by Most Excellent Companion Charles W Emmett, and has been read by Most Excellent Companion Donald F Kline.

We also join with our Sister Jurisdictions, in mourning the passing of many distinguished Companions, and we share with them, their grief and sorrow. Our Grand Chaplain, Right Excellent Companion Rev. M John Moor has provided a complete report on the Fraternal Dead and a more fitting Memorial Service to their memory.

BENEVOLENCE:

The Benevolence Committee, under the Chairmanship of Right Excellent Companion Kenneth L Whiting, has discharged its duties with the greatest of care and concern, and has rendered valuable service in assisting Companions and widows who were in financial need. The assistance of all Companions in advising the Benevolence Committee of cases of need requiring their service and attention would be appreciated.

PAST RANK:

I have received a request from King Cyrus Chapter No. 232, Toronto District 8A, to grant Past Rank to Companion Thomas John Arthur, who in 1987, was made Honourary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

A request was also received, to grant Past Rank to Excellent Companion Herbert Grant Allison, who held offices in all chairs of Prince Edward Chapter No. 31, Picton up to and including Second Principal, but could not continue in office due to certain private circumstances.

Also, I have received a request from Algonquin Chapter No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie, to grant Past Rank to Excellent Companion Frank Toth, who passed to the Grand Chapter above on December 25th (Christmas Day), 1996 while he was Second Principal Elect of Algonquin Chapter No. 102.

I see no reason why these requests should be refused. I, therefore, am pleased to recommend that the rank of Past First Principal be conferred upon these devoted Companions.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

I was most pleased to recommend the appointment of the following Grand Representatives:

R.Ex.Comp. Guenther Gahs	Grand Chapter of Germany
V.Ex.Comp. Sandy Glasgow	Grand Chapter of Greece
R.Ex.Comp. Larry J Hostine	Grand Chapter of Montana
R.Ex.Comp. Glenston T Jones	Grand Chapter of New Zealand
R.Ex.Comp. Rev. M John Moor	Grand Chapter of South Dakota
V.Ex.Comp. John Post	Grand Chapter of Utah
R.Ex.Comp. T Bilardino Segui	Grand Chapter of Iowa
M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker	Grand Chapter of Florida
R.Ex.Comp. Henry Winslow	Grand Chapter of Maine
V.Ex.Comp. Robert S Wylie	Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia

I was also pleased to approve Commissions for the following Companions as our Grand Representatives near our Sister Grand Jurisdictions:

Aetos Tzidakis	Supreme Grand Chapter of Greece
Charles Teach	Grand Chapter of Montana
Ernest E Frick Jr.	Grand Chapter of New Jersey

I continue to express the importance of the Grand Representatives communicating with your counterpart in our Sister Grand Chapters. Although correspondence from your contact-person in many cases is quite scarce, you do hold an important link between this Grand Chapter and that of Sister Jurisdictions. It is most important that you as an individual endeavour to improve all communication between Sister Grand Chapters. In the past, many Grand First Principals of our Grand Chapter have re-iterated the fact that constituent Chapters should recognize and duly acknowledge the presence of Grand Representatives whenever they are present in their Chapters, and I support this action.

At this time, I would like to recognize the dedication of Right Excellent Companion Lloyd Gillespie of Peterborough, and a member of Corinthian Chapter No. 36 Peterborough, who for many years was the Grand Representative to the State of Utah and is now retiring from duty. Right Excellent Companion Gillespie is in his late nineties, he resides in a nursing home, has served this Grand Chapter in an exemplary manner, and remains an Honourary Member of our Grand Executive Committee.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS:

I extend my thanks and sincere appreciation to those Companions, who fulfilled their Masonic responsibilities as Grand Superintendents during the past year. You have all merited the confidence of your Companions and have carried out the duties assigned to you in a most professional manner. You have overcome, in some Districts, certain hurdles and difficulties and thus your reliability and trustworthiness is second-to-none.

In addition to the needs and demands within your Districts, you have supported your Grand First Principal and Grand Chapter at many official functions when the Grand First Principal was in attendance.

I thank you for your past service and I know that you will continue to contribute toward the betterment of Royal Arch Masonry, not only in your District, but also throughout Ontario. You have all contributed to making our Grand Chapter much stronger.

DISPENSATIONS:

During the past twelve (12) months there have been ninety-three (93) dispensations issued to Royal Arch Chapters in Ontario. All information relating to these dispensations covered routine business in the operation of the Chapters.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS:

During the past year, the following long service Jewels, Bars and Certificates were presented to a number of our veteran Companions:

Past Principal's Certificate	34	25 Year Past Principal's Bar	38
50 Year Past Principal's Bar	2	50 Year Companion's Jewel	34

We congratulate these dedicated Royal Arch Masons and extend to them our heartfelt gratitude. I hold you in high regard and sincerely recognize your unselfish contributions to Royal Arch Masonry.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

This award is restricted to a Companion who has not been and is not likely to be Elected and Installed as an Excellent Principal of his Chapter. I was extremely pleased to present the Distinguished Service Award to Companion Stewart L Thurtell, Harris Chapter No. 41, Ingersoll on November 25th, 1996. I was accompanied by many Grand Chapter Officers on this special occasion, and we appreciate his extraordinary remarks regarding his outstanding Royal Arch Masonry career.

ANNIVERSARIES:

During the past year, it was the privilege of your Grand First Principal, accompanied by Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers, to attend eight (8) Anniversary Celebrations. Those Chapters which celebrated their 75th Anniversary are:

Durham Chapter No. 221, Durham	May 10th, 1996
Prince of Wales Chapter No. 226, Perth	September 14th, 1996
Keystone Chapter No. 224, Hamilton	October 19th, 1996
Port Credit Chapter No. 230, Port Credit	November 26th, 1996
Lebanon Chapter No. 220, Etobicoke	December 18th, 1996

One Chapter, namely Kitchener Chapter No. 117, Waterloo, celebrated their Centennial Celebration on June 8th, 1996 and it was my distinct pleasure to attend and assist on this special occasion.

I also attended the 125th Anniversary Celebrations of St. John's Chapter No. 48, Cobourg, on September 21st, 1996 and Mount Sinai Chapter No. 44, Napanee on September 28th, 1996.

Attendance by Companions at all eight (8) Chapters on their Special Celebration was very good. My congratulations are extended to the Officers and Companions of the eight (8) Royal Arch Chapters, and we extend to them best wishes and every success for the future.

AMALGAMATIONS:

Three (3) Amalgamations have taken place during the past twelve (12) months, all being attended by the Grand First Principal. On May 7th, 1996, St. Alban's Chapter No. 217, amalgamated with University Chapter No. 241, Thornhill. On November 9th, 1996, Sombra Chapter No. 153, Wallaceburg, amalgamated with Bruce Chapter No. 53 in Petrolia. On January 27th, 1997, Grimsby Chapter No. 69, Grimsby, amalgamated with McCallum Chapter No. 29 in Dunnville.

I congratulate these Chapters on their amalgamations, and may the Great Jehovah be pleased to dwell within these Amalgamated Chapters and bless them with success and happiness.

INSTALLATIONS:

I have been pleased to attend and participate at thirty-four (34) Chapters for the Investiture and Installation Ceremonies of Officers. In addition, your Grand First Principal attended eight (8) Lodge Installations, and four (4) Installations of other Masonic bodies within the Province of Ontario.

REMEMBRANCE, REDEDICATION AND RECOMMITMENT:

This past year our Grand Chapter has been called upon to perform this special Ceremony. Your Grand First Principal, in co-operation with the Grand Chaplain, Right Excellent Companion Rev. M John Moor and our Grand Scribe Ezra, Right Excellent Companion Melvyn J Duke, composed a new ceremony with many changes for this special occasion.

More modifications to the Ceremony are continuing to this date under the leadership of Right Excellent Companion Moor and it is expected that the new Ceremony will be finalized within a few months.

The Remembrance, Rededication and Recommitment Service was conducted at four (4) Chapters during the past twelve (12) months, namely,

Kitchener Chapter No. 117, Waterloo	June 8th, 1996
Mount Sinai Chapter No. 44, Napanee	September 28th, 1996
Ottawa Chapter No. 222, Ottawa	October 5th, 1996
Lebanon Chapter No. 220, Etobicoke	December 18th, 1996

Your Grand First Principal, could not attend at the service at Ottawa Chapter No. 222, however, the service was conducted by Right Excellent Companion Rev. M John Moor and Right Excellent Companion Gordon E Cross, Grand Superintendent, of Ottawa District No. 13.

To these Chapters, we would extend our best wishes for continued success in the future and may the Great Jehovah bless the work carried out within the confines of your Chapter Room.

TRUSTEESHIP:

Right Excellent Companion Eric Simon has been appointed by your Grand First Principal, to be the Trustee of St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4, effective March 1, 1997. Also Mimico Chapter No. 215 has had its Charter suspended.

VISITATIONS:

In this past year, as your Grand First Principal, it has been exceedingly rewarding to travel throughout this jurisdiction and to meet and associate with enthused and dedicated Royal Arch Masons. Your beneficence and generosity extended to my wife Marion and myself, have been deeply appreciated and shall always be remembered. We have renewed long-time friendships and cemented the bond of Companionship.

In my visits to Sister Jurisdictions, which were a great pleasure for me, your Grand First Principal was always well received. These visits afforded me the opportunity of sharing ideas and thoughts regarding Royal Arch Masonry.

I have had the pleasure of attending and representing our Grand Chapter at the following Grand Convocations in the United States of America:

October 1st-2nd, 1996	180th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio
October 3rd-5th, 1996	148th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan
March 6th-8th, 1997	200th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York

It was also my pleasure to represent this Grand Chapter at the 141st Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario on July 16th-18th, 1996 at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. In addition, I attended the 113th Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory in London, on August 18th - 20th, 1996.

At the General Assembly of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Chicago, Illinois, on July 31st to August 4th, 1996 when Right Excellent Companion Donald King received the acknowledgment as Governor General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America; and the 61st Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada held at London, on August 21st, 1996. Your Grand First Principal was accorded a sincere and fraternal welcome and warm hospitality on each occasion.

A complete list of my visitations, of which I shall always appreciate and remember with great pleasure, is appended to this address.

SPECIAL RECEPTIONS:

Your Grand First Principal was extremely pleased to attend special gatherings to recognize Royal Arch Masons who have contributed their time and talents to Royal Arch Masonry and to Masonry in general.

On October 22nd, 1996, I attended Signet Chapter No. 34, Barrie, when our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother William T Anderson was Invested and Installed as Third, Second and First Principal and then as Immediate Past First Principal.

Also, it was my pleasure to attend a special "Recognition Night" for Very Excellent Companion and Most Worshipful Brother Norman E Byrne at the Scottish Rite Building, Hamilton on November 15th, 1996. He is the Chairman of the Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence Committee for Grand Chapter, and it was a distinct honour to be present at that special occasion.

A special "Recognition Night" was held on November 23rd, 1996, at the Shrine Temple, Keele Street, Downsview, to honour Most Excellent Companion Charles W Emmett for his long and dedicated service to Masonry in general. I had the opportunity to extend to him the greetings of our Grand Chapter and to thank him for his on-going leadership and his wise advice.

In addition, your Grand First Principal received recognition and great honour when Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton, held a special night to acknowledge my contributions to Royal Arch Masonry. The event was held on June 4th, 1996 and was well attended by many Companions and friends.

On July 31st, 1996, the York Rite Sovereign College of North America at their Assembly in Chicago, Illinois, conferred upon me the Order of the Purple Cross, and on November 12th, 1996, the Toronto Valley Lodge of Perfection held a special "Recognition Night" at the York Temple, Toronto at which time your Grand First Principal and fifteen (15) other well-skilled, long serving Masons were acknowledged for their accomplishments in Masonry.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS:

During the past year, your Grand First Principal has been privileged to receive Honourary Memberships in the following Chapters: Occident Chapter No. 77, Woodbridge and St. Patrick's Chapter No. 145, Newmarket

To the other Royal Arch Chapters of which I am a member, namely, Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton; Brampton Chapter No. 265, Brampton; Toronto-Antiquity Chapter No. 91, Weston; and Tecumseth Chapter No. 264, Tottenham, I thank you for your on-going encouragement and support. To all the Chapters who have expressed encouragement and support to your Grand First Principal in such a generous and tangible way, I say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart.

APPRECIATION:

I wish to gratefully acknowledge the service of those Companions who assisted me during the past year, with their presence and words of encouragement and support. To Right Excellent Companion Harry D Turner, Grand Second Principal and Right Excellent Companion John W McGill, Grand Third Principal, I thank you for your keen and active participation and the support you have given me. Your competence and dedication is already well recorded.

I thank the Past Grand First Principals, for providing me with advice during my first term of office as Grand First Principal. Your wealth of experience is appreciated, and your service to our Grand Chapter warrants the appreciation of all Companions.

Right Excellent Companion Melvyn J Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra has served our Grand Chapter in a most proficient and exacting manner. He has assisted me in many ways and has provided support and service to Grand Chapter Officers and to all the Committee Chairmen and members; and I extend to him sincere thanks for his high degree of co-operation and assistance.

My heartfelt appreciation is extended to the members of the Grand Executive Committee, the Committee Chairmen and the members of your committees in carrying out obligations, and the difficult responsibilities and business acumen relating to your important position.

The Committee Chairmen can be assured that your detailed and informative reports relating to your particular Committee, will be received at this Convocation and will be printed in our 1997 Proceedings, taking into consideration small adjustments relating to verbiage. I do want to express appreciation to Right Excellent Companion Edward Ounjian, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, who after five (5) years of dedication to this Committee, is going to take a well earned rest. He has travelled many miles across our Province holding Master Mason Nights, presenting the film, "The Saga of The Holy Royal Arch " as well as travelling with the Grand First Principal and setting up a special display promoting our Grand Chapter and related programmes. On behalf of all of us, I say to Right Excellent Companion Ounjian "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts". The Public Relations Committee for the past two (2) years, has been actively involved with Grand Lodge at the International Plowing Match. The Masonic Information and Display Tent, displays Masonry in its TRUEST SENSE to the public that attend this event. Although last year was a complete wash-out because of heavy rains, the Chairman of Grand Chapter's Public Relations Committee for 1997, Right Excellent Companion M Sheldon Boomhour promises us good weather in order that we can demonstrate to the world, the true meaning of our time honoured Institution.

On my many visits to Royal Arch Chapters, a dedicated Royal Arch Mason has been in attendance unobtrusively taking photographs of my visits and the proceedings of the various Chapters. I speak of none other than, Right Excellent Companion William G Birnie, our Grand Scribe Nehemiah. He has provided me with a pictorial record of my visits and I thank you Right Excellent Companion Birnie, for your high degree of kindness and the hundreds of coloured photographs. I shall cherish them for many years, and I appreciate your contribution to our Grand Chapter. Keep up the good work!

SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

At the 1996 Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Most Excellent Companion Alan F Walker made mention of the Association of Canadian Past Grand First Principals and Past Grand High Priests. Since there was not total agreement with that section of Most Excellent Companion Walker's Address relating to the Association of Canadian Past Grand First Principals and Past Grand High Priests, he requested that it be removed.

Most Excellent Companion Walker, presented a motion that a Committee of Grand Chapter be formed, it's members of which, shall be appointed by the Grand First Principal to investigate the situation and report thereon at the next regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter. The motion was voted on and Carried.

I, therefore, appointed Right Excellent Companion Harry D Turner as the Chairman of this Committee and also appointed the following Royal Arch Masons as members of this Committee: Most Excellent Companion Charles W Emmett, Most Excellent Companion Leslie Levitt, Right Excellent Companion L Ian Montague, Very Excellent Companion John V Lawer and Very Excellent Companion Norman E Byrne.

The Committee has thoroughly examined details relating to this matter, and the Chairman of the Committee will make his report to this Grand Chapter when duly called upon by your Grand First Principal.

Your Grand First Principal has examined the details of this report and all information contained therein, and thus, agrees with this Committee and it's findings and supports the recommendation of the majority number of the Committee Members as shown in the final report.

CONCLUSION:

Companions, I thank you for being present at this our 139th Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. I ask you now to renew your interest and involvement in Royal Arch Masonry. There are many hurdles on the paths that we must all travel in the months ahead. Some of these stumbling blocks or barriers are imaginary in nature and should be erased from your mind.

However, certain difficulties such as demits and suspensions; increased Chapter operational costs; outside criticism of our Order; internal murmurs of discontent and impolite actions; and intentional absenteeism from Chapter Convocations, are challenges that you and I must meet with positive, enthusiastic and proficient action. Your Grand Council and your Grand Chapter Officers, need your support, ask for your support, and want your support.

Just last month, I turned on an audio cassette called "The Magic Word". It started with the statement that "Success in life can be predicted with absolute certainty". The message continues saying, "You can have success in life if you would make the words in the message a part of your way of thinking, feeling and acting everyday". The Magic Word is ATTITUDE.

The experts call it the most important word in any language. The noted William James of Harvard University said it was his greatest discovery, and that by changing one's attitude one can change his conditioning and circumstance.

Your positive attitude and well intentioned, discretionary performance will assist your Grand Council and Royal Arch Masonry to approach those present problems, and thus shape and develop Royal Arch Masonry for the future.

Twelve (12) months ago, all of us had high hopes for the year that was ahead of us. To a large extent those high hopes have been and are being fulfilled. But new challenges are facing us, and these so-called difficulties will be a test to our devotion, skill, competence and attitude.

Companions, remember that the attitude of responsibility, courage, commitment and integrity to do the right thing, can never be substituted with anything else.

I ask you to consider the writing of Charles Swindell, when he said, "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It's more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people think, say, or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, an institution of long standing and it will break a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is solely our ATTITUDE".

Companions, let us always bear in mind with sincere appreciation, the work accomplished by our predecessors. Let us be thankful to those Companions of today, who honestly continue to carry on the good work of Royal Arch Masonry. May we be imbued with the knowledge and insight to better serve our fellow men in an unselfish manner and I humbly ask you My Companions for your continued faithful, steadfast, dependable support for the year that lies ahead. Thank You.

Sincerely and Faithfully
 Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell
 Grand First Principal
 The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill that the Address of the Grand First Principal be received and that it be referred to the Special Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address, and that the Committee report thereon at this Convocation. CARRIED.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ITINERARY APRIL 1996 - APRIL 1997

April/96	24	Manitou Chapter No. 27, Collingwood - Installation
	25	Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton - Past Masters Night
May	2	Occident Chapter No. 77, Woodbridge - Fraternal Visit
	4	Conclave Field Day, Midland - Joint Meeting
	6	Keystone Council No. 20, Royal Ark Mariner, Streetsville - Installation Degree Work
	7	University Chapter No. 241, St. Alban's Chapter No. 217, Toronto - Amalgamation
	8	Niagara Chapter No. 55, Niagara-On-The-Lake - Fraternal Visit
	9	Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton - Installation
	10	Durham Chapter No. 221, Durham - 75 th Anniversary
	11	Couchiching Chapter No. 198, Orillia - Installation and Dinner-Dance
	13	Keystone Chapter No. 35, Whitby - Installation
	14	Ionic Lodge No. 229, Brampton - Installation
	15	King Darius Chapter No. 134, Cannington - Installation
	21	Lebanon Chapter No. 84, Wingham - Installation
	23	Caledonia Chapter No. 236, Caledonia - Installation
	24	The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, Hamilton - 96 th Annual Grand Assembly
	27	Palestine Chapter No. 249, Bowmanville - Recognition Night
June	28	Grand Council Meeting, Hamilton
	28	King David Chapter No. 262, Burlington - Installation
	1	Athelstan York Rite College No. 41, Etobicoke - Installation

June	4	Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton - Recognition Night, Grand First Principal
	5	Cyrene Preceptory No. 29, Toronto
	6	Unity Lodge No. 710, Brampton - Installation
	8	Kitchener Chapter No. 117, Waterloo - Centennial Celebration and Banquet
	12	Westgate Lodge No. 734, Streetsville - Installation
	14	Ibrox Lodge No. 740, Brampton - Installation
	17	Grand Convocation Meeting, Kingston - Re: 1997 Convocation
	19	Lebanon Chapter No. 220, Etobicoke - Regular Convocation and Strawberry Night
	26	Dufferin Lodge No. 550, Thornhill - Installation
July	28	Hiram Chapter No. 2, Hamilton - Holy Royal Arch Degree
	29	Holy Trinity Conclave No. 20, Etobicoke - Regular Meeting
	16	Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario - 1997 Annual Communication
	31	York Rite Sovereign College Assembly, Illinois - Order of the Purple Cross presented to R Frank Russell
August	8	Kichikewana Chapter No. 167, Midland - Annual BBQ
	18	Sovereign Great Priory, London - 113 th Annual Assembly
	20	Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, London
	26	Chinguacousy Lodge 738, Brampton - Regular Meeting
September	31	Holy Trinity Conclave No. 20, Etobicoke - Regular Meeting and Election of Officers
	3	Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton- M.M.M. Degree (Son)
	5	Special Presentation of Plaque and Pin, Guelph - Mrs Jean Stapley accepting for the Late Ex.Comp. Les Scott, Grand Chapter of British Columbia
	6	Brampton Temple Board, Brampton - Meeting
	9	Islington Lodge No. 715, Etobicoke - Installation
	11	Peel Shrine Club, Brampton - Regular Meeting
	14	Prince of Wales Chapter No. 226, Perth - 75 th Anniversary
	16	Grand Chapter Convocation Meeting, Kingston - 1997 Convocation
	17	Oakwood Chapter No. 233, Pickering - Installation and Investiture
	20	Grand Council Meeting, Hamilton - Grand Council & Past Grand First Principals
	21	St. John's Chapter No. 48, Coburg - 125 th Anniversary
	23	Centennial Chapter No. 260, Streetsville - Installation
	24	Vaughan Lodge No. 54, Maple - Dedication Ceremony
	26	Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton - Recognition Night, Grand First Principal
	27	Ibrox Lodge No. 740, Brampton - Recognition Night, D.D.G.M.
October	28	Mount Sinai Chapter No. 44, Napanee - 125 th Anniversary and Banquet
	1/2	Grand Chapter of Ohio, Toledo - 180 th Annual Convocation
	3/5	Grand Chapter of Michigan, Lansing - 148 th Annual Convocation
	7	Mimosa Lodge No. 576, Toronto - Netherlands Degree Team and Visit from Grand Master of the Netherlands
	8	Ionic Lodge No. 229, Brampton - Grand Lodge Night
	10	Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton
	12	Athelstan York Rite College No. 41, Etobicoke - Regular Meeting
	15	Durham Chapter No. 221, Durham - Installation
	16	Grand Council Meeting, Hamilton
	19	Keystone Chapter No. 224, Hamilton - 75 th Anniversary Banquet
	20	Toronto Districts 8 & 8A, Bramalea - Divine Service
	22	Signet Chapter No. 34, Barrie - Installation, William T Anderson
November	24	Tecumseth Chapter No. 264, Tottenham - Installation
	26	Orient Chapter No. 79, Scarborough - Royal Arch Degree, Banquet and Dinner-Dance
	27	Toronto Districts 1 to 7, North York - Divine Service, Beth David B'Nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue
	28	Centennial Chapter No. 260, Streetsville - Installation and Confirmation of Officers
	2	Grand Executive Meeting, Hamilton
	4	Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville

- November 5 Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton - Holy Royal Arch Degree
6 Cyrene Preceptory No. 29, Toronto - Official Visit, Supreme Grand Master
7 Occident Chapter No. 77, Woodbridge - Holy Royal Arch Degree
8 Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton - Fall Reunion Luncheon
8 Ibrox Lodge No. 740, Brampton - Official Visit, D.D.G.M.
9 Bruce Chapter No. 53 and Sombra Chapter No. 153, Petrolia - Amalgamation
12 Grand Lodge of Perfection, Toronto - Recognition Night
15 Scottish Rite Building, Hamilton - Recognition Night, Norman E Byrne
16 Grenville Chapter No. 22, Prescott - District Social
18 Grand Convocation Meeting, Kingston - 1997 Convocation
19 Ancaster Chapter No. 155, Ancaster - Installation
20 King Cyrus Chapter No. 232, Toronto - Installation
21 St. John's Lodge No. 75, Toronto - Grand Master Presenting Awards
22 Tecumseh Chapter No. 24, Stratford - Installation
23 Shrine Temple, Downsview - Recognition Night M.Ex.Comp. Charles Emmett
25 Harris Chapter No. 41, Ingersoll - Distinguished Service Award
26 Port Credit Chapter No. 230, Port Credit - 75th Anniversary
27 Orient Chapter No. 79, Scarborough - Installation
29 Toronto Districts 8 & 8A Principal's Meeting, Thornhill - Regular Meeting
30 Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34, Etobicoke - Installation
- December 2 Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville - Regular Meeting
4 Victoria Chapter No. 205, Thornhill - Installation
7 Athelstan York Rite College No. 41, Etobicoke - Regular Meeting
7 Succoth Chapter No. 135, Uxbridge - Annual Christmas Supper
9 Keystone Chapter No. 35, Whitby - M.M.M. Degree
11 Peel Shrine Club, Brampton - Christmas Meeting and Supper
12 St. John's Chapter No. 6, Hamilton - Installation
17 Eat 'N Argue Club, Etobicoke - Christmas Meeting and Luncheon
18 Lebanon Chapter No 220, Etobicoke - 75th Anniversary Celebration
- January/ 97 4 Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton - Installation and Ladies Night
6 St. John's Chapter No. 3, London - Joint Installation with St. George's Chapter No.
5, London Chapter No. 150, The St. Andrew Chapter No. 238, Nilestown Chapter No.
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7 Pentalpha Chapter No. 28, Oshawa - Installation
8 McKay Chapter No. 243, Stoney Creek - Installation
10 Grand Council Meeting, Hamilton
11 Grand Chapter Finance Meeting, Thornhill
13 Keystone Chapter No. 224, Hamilton - Installation
14 White Oak Chapter No. 104, Oakville - Installation
15 Lebanon Chapter No. 220, Etobicoke - Installation
16 Midland Chapter No 94, Lindsay - Installation
17 Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston - Installation
20 Grimsby Chapter No. 69 and McCallum Chapter No. 29, Dunnville - Amalgamation
21 Hamilton Chapter No. 175, Hamilton - Installation
23 Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton - Regular Meeting
24 Annette Street Temple, Toronto - R.Ex.Comp. Wm Boston's 80th Birthday
27 Aurora Chapter No. 235, Aurora - Installation
28 Ionic Chapter No. 83, Orangeville - Installation
31 Toronto Districts 8 & 8A, Thornhill - Annual Dinner Meeting
- February 3 Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville - Official Visit, Grand Master
4 Mount Sinai Chapter No. 212, Richmond Hill - Regular Meeting
6 Occident Chapter No. 77, Woodbridge - Regular Meeting
18 St. Patrick's Chapter No. 145, New Market - Regular Meeting
20 St. Clair Chapter No. 75, Milton - Regular Meeting
21 Kilwinning Lodge No. 565, Toronto - Official Visit, D.D.G.M.
26 Grand Chapter Office, Hamilton - Meeting

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| March | 1 | Grand Executive Meeting, Kingston - Meeting |
| | 3 | Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville - Election of Officers |
| | 4 | Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton - Regular Meeting |
| | 6/8 | Grand Chapter of New York, Albany - Grand Convocation |
| | 12 | Peel Shrine Club, Brampton - Regular Meeting |
| | 13 | Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton - Official Visit, D.D.G.M. |
| | 15 | St. Clair Chapter No. 75, Milton - St. Patrick's Night, Dinner and Dance |
| | 17 | Grand Chapter Convocation Committee Meeting, Kingston - 1997 Convocation |
| | 21 | Grand Council Meeting, Hamilton |
| | 21 | Hamilton District No. 5, Principal's Association, Hamilton - Annual Dinner |
| | 26 | Westgate Lodge No. 734, Streetsville - Official Visit, D.D.G.M. |
| | 27 | Flower City Lodge No. 689, Brampton - Set-up Night |
| | 29 | Holy Trinity Conclave No. 34, Etobicoke - Official Visit, Grand Intendant General |
| | 31 | The Seven Toronto Districts, Scarborough - Grand Master's Reception, M.Wor.Bro. Durward I Greenwood |
| April | 1 | King Solomon Chapter No. 8, Scarborough - Regular Meeting |
| | 3 | Grand Lodge, Hamilton - Meeting with Grand Master & Deputy Grand Master |
| | 3 | Occident Chapter No. 77, Woodbridge - Installation |
| | 5 | Holy Land Conclave No. 3, Thornhill - Official Visit, Grand Intendant General |
| | 5 | Reception for Grand Master, Brussels - M.Wor.Bro. Durward I Greenwood |
| | 7 | Keystone Council No. 20, Streetsville - Installation |
| | 10 | 139 th Grand Convocation, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Kingston - Annual Convocation |
| | 12 | Grand Sovereign, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, Kingston - Reception, M.III.Kt.Comp. Robert L Costigan |

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

At 11:50 a.m. the Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from labour to refreshment until 1:00 p.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The duties and responsibilities of the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence is required by Section 59 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter to receive and report on:

- (a) all Notices of Motion to be presented to Grand Chapter;
- (b) all applications for By-Law amendments from Constituent Chapters except those dealing with only fees and dues, with particular reference to the constitutional harmony and validity of those amendments; and
- (c) any questions with respect to the interpretation of the Constitution of Grand Chapter referred to it by the Grand Chapter or by a Constituent Chapter.

Your Committee is composed of Very Excellent Companion John V Lawer with the undersigned as Chairman.

During the past year your Committee has received, reviewed and approved of applications to amend By-Laws from eleven (11) constituent Chapters in the jurisdiction. These amendments varied some dues and fees, the number of regular meetings of a Chapter and some more housekeeping matters of a minor nature.

I am pleased to report that your Committee has approved all applications received and returned them to the Grand Scribe Ezra as required by the Constitution. Applications to amend By-Laws were received from the following Chapters:

Shekinah Chapter No. 138, Toronto

St. Mark's Chapter No. 26, Trenton

Mount Nebo Chapter No. 76, Niagara Falls

Corinthian Chapter No. 36, Peterborough

King Hiram Chapter No. 57, Port Colborne

Ancient, Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston

Palestine Chapter No. 54, St. Thomas

Prince Edward Chapter No. 218, Shelburne

Seguin Chapter No. 261, Parry Sound

King Cyrus Chapter No. 232, Toronto

The Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution of Grand Chapter, have been reviewed and considered by your Committee and we report on them as follows. The Committee is charged to consider the amendments and to be satisfied as to the constitutional harmony and validity of the proposed amendments.

Your Committee responded to correspondence from Northern Lights Chapter No. 213, posing questions for their consideration with regard to some proposed By-Law changes. The questions were answered and forwarded to the Chapter by the Grand Scribe Ezra.

Your Committee prepared a memorandum for the Grand Scribe Ezra to assist Chapters who were sending in requests for By-Law changes. Your Committee has noted some irregularities from time to time and the purpose of the memo was to assist Chapters considering By-Law changes which have to be approved by your Committee.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Your Committee has received the Notice setting forth the several Notices of Motion at this 1997 Grand Chapter Convocation. Your Committee has reviewed these Notices of Motion and reports as follows:

1. SECTION 17 (I) - MEETINGS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER. Currently this Section provides that the Grand First Principal has a tie-breaking vote in addition to his regular vote. If a Motion is put forward and a tie vote is recorded, then it is clear that an equal number of Companions are in favour of the matter and an equal number of Companions are opposed. This requires the Grand First Principal to cast his "tie-breaking" vote without the "secrecy" of the ballot. If a tie vote is declared, then the Grand First Principal is required to vote and if he does, the declared result of the Motion will clearly and obviously show how he personally voted. This is not fair and proper in the circumstances. In addition, those in favour of any particular Motion, should be required, to obtain a positive vote in favour of the Motion. Your Committee submits that a tie vote is not an "in favour" of the Motion and accordingly the Motion should be lost. Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

2. SECTION 18 (e) - NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. This Section was considered at the Grand Chapter Convocation in 1996. The date was then fixed at November 15, 1996. Circumstances, we understand now, indicate that November 30th is a better date. In addition, it makes it clear, that the nomination must be *in the hands of the Grand Scribe Ezra*, at Grand Chapter office, by November 30th. A nomination sent by registered mail could be delayed and not be received by the Grand Scribe Ezra until early in December and it still would have complied with this Section. The proposed wording makes it more precise and definite.

An amendment to Section 18 (e), changing the date nominations are to be sent to the Grand Scribe Ezra to *November 15th* and requiring nominations to be *sent by that date* was presented to the Grand Chapter Convocation in 1996, that amendment to that date and requiring it to be sent by that date, was defeated. This amendment is different, for it changes the date to November 30th and it required the nomination to be received at the Grand Chapter office whether sent by registered mail or hand delivery.

Accordingly, your Committee feels, as presently proposed, this amendment does not offend Section 16 (c) of the Constitution. Your Committee further finds the amendment to be regular and in order.

3. SECTION 18 (g) - This Section was considered at the 1996 Grand Chapter Convocation. At that time the final date for a nominee withdrawing his name, was proposed as November 30th. This may have created some timing problems. This amendment covers only the first six (6) lines of Section 18 (g) as printed and changes the date with respect to the proposed amendment to *December 15th*. Accordingly your Committee finds this proposed amendment different than that presented in 1996 and as the proposed amendment to Section 18 (g) was withdrawn, this proposed amendment is not in conflict with Section 16 (c). Your Committee finds the proposed amendment to be regular and in order.

4. SECTION 18 (h) - The purpose of this amendment, is to provide a method of dealing with multiple nominations for Grand Elective Office in Grand Chapter, in the event such multiple nomination is received. Your Committee finds the proposed amendment regular and in order.

SECTION 23 (e) - ELECTION OF OFFICERS. There would appear to be no legal way, at the present time, of dealing in a timely fashion where there are multiple candidates for the offices of Grand First, Second and Third Principal. Section 23 (c) requires a successful candidate to obtain a majority ballot of all votes cast. This proposed amendment eliminates any more than a *total of two (2) ballots* for any of these offices, regardless of the number of candidates. Multiple successive ballots have in the past, it would appear, created serious timing difficulties affecting the whole program of Grand Chapter and many of the Companions. At the 1996 Grand Chapter Convocation, an amendment changing the time of the second vote was presented. This proposed amendment is different than that proposed last year, in that, no time is mentioned and the amendment only applies to the office of Grand First, Second and Third Principal. Your Committee therefore finds the amendment to be regular and in order.

6. SECTION 50 (k) - DUTIES OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. This proposed amendment deals with a tie-breaking ballot. Please see our comments under item No. 1 above, re: Section 17 (l). Your Committee finds this proposed amendment to be regular and in order.

7. SECTION 73 (b) - LONG SERVICE AWARDS. The Constitution of Grand Chapter, Section 73 (b) already provides for the presentation of a 50-year Royal Arch Mason jewel or bar. If this proposed Motion, is meant to be an addition to the current Section 73 (b) then and only then, does this Committee find the proposed amendment to be regular and in order. The proposed amendment should be, to create a new Section 73 (b) and if passed, to re-letter the succeeding subsection accordingly.

8. SECTION 113 (h) to (s) - REGALIA, CLOTHING, INSIGNIA AND JEWELS. The purpose of this amendment, is to permit certain officers of Royal Arch Masonry including Grand Principals and Grand Chapter Officers (past and present) the option of wearing gold fringed regalia. This amendment is not in conflict with Section 16 (c) of the Constitution of Grand Chapter as the amendment to Section 113 dealt with last year (currently Section 113 (h) (i) is not changed by this amendment and relates to a printing error, not just a new Motion to amend. Your Committee finds the amendment to be regular and in order.

9. SECTION 18 (i) and (j) - NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. The proposed amendment would appear to deal with *purposeful or intended publication* as opposed to *accidental or unsolicited publication* from a candidate's point of view. The proposed amendment seems to add *intention* as an element to the *offence*. Your Committee finds the proposed amendment regular and in order.

Companions, should note that the above amendments are set forth in their entirety in the Notice calling the Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter commencing April 11, 1997 at Kingston and are not repeated here in this report.

As Chairman of the Committee, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the other member of the Committee, V.Ex.Comp. John Lawer and to Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke whose many courtesies are indeed sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, V.Ex.Comp. Norman Byrne that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions;

On behalf of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, I am pleased to present this report.

First, may the members of this Committee congratulate our Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell, for his sincere leadership in the past year, by carrying out the duties and upholding the honour and dignity of so high an office, and for the endless amount of energy required to travel so extensively, visiting our many Chapters, with an ever ready assistance where required.

The Grand Superintendents report, that they have been received with dignity on all their Official Visits. We must congratulate them for the time, the effort, and the interest they have demonstrated in their office as the representatives of our Grand First Principal, Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell.

During their term, they have striven to improve the quality of the work in many Districts, providing leadership and encouragement, while promoting the ideals of Royal Arch Masonry.

This report is made possible, from the information received from their Official Visit Reports, Annual Return Reports, Mid- and Year-end Reports, and a final Statistical Table Report. We regret to report that we have not received thirty-two (32) Official Visit Reports, thirty-nine (39) Annual Return Reports, four (4) Statistical Table Reports, and three (3) Year-end Reports. As these reports have not been received, we are unable to reflect a true picture on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, at this time.

At the Annual Convocation, following their election, our Grand Lecturer, Right Excellent Companion Ian Montague, held a workshop and met with the Grand Superintendents Elect and their Secretaries to explain their duties, giving special attention to the use of the proper forms. We hope to be able to discuss this problem with the incoming Grand Superintendents and the District Secretaries at their workshop during this Grand Convocation.

It is noted, from the District reports, that there is need for improvement in some Chapters. There is a lack of candidates, poor attendance and poor quality of work. These problems are not new to many of our Chapters. Even though, some Chapters are experiencing difficulties, most are operating with a high degree of capability, enthusiasm and devotion.

Many Chapters are experiencing loss of membership and shortage of candidates. It would appear, but is not suggested by this Committee, that Chapter amalgamation in some cases would ensure the survival of a Chapter.

Amalgamation may seem necessary in some cases, with positive results; other Chapters would feel amalgamation would have a negative impact.

On November 9th, 1996, Bruce Chapter No. 53 and Sombra Chapter No. 150 Petrolia were amalgamated and on January 20th, 1997, McCallum Chapter No. 29 and Grimsby Chapter No. 69 were also amalgamated in accordance with the regulations and Ceremonies of Grand Chapter.

Chapters that have now amalgamated, are experiencing for the first time greater attendance at meetings with more input from the members. The future of these Chapters appears promising. Some Chapters report, that they have formed Committees to investigate all avenues to avoid amalgamation in their District.

As we study the decline in membership, we see that deaths, demits and suspensions should be our main concern. Loss by death, is one over which we have no control. But there is something we can do to lessen the number of demits and suspensions. This Committee recommends, a personal visitation by a carefully selected group of experienced and diplomatic Companions, to all those requesting demits or falling behind in the payment of dues. Let us investigate all avenues before we remove any Companion's name from our membership list.

As of the writing of this report, our Chapters have received a total of two hundred and seventy-five (275) candidates newly admitted to our ranks of the York Rite, but, unfortunately, our loss of seven hundred and eighty (780) owing to deaths, demits and suspensions would indicate a net loss of five hundred and five (505).

Our Past Grand Master, William R. Pellow, has this to say:

“With the frightening and continuing decline in our membership in Canada and the United States, it would seem imperative that the Masonic Fraternity get off the mourner's bench, stop whistling in the dark and face reality. No longer can we sit back and wait for the tide to change. The tide will not change unless we take constructive steps to make it change”.

The Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District No. 13, Right Excellent Companion Gordon Cross, in his year end report, includes this statement:

“Royal Arch Masonry is barely holding its own within many Districts. The difficulty of obtaining candidates in the face of the small number of men entering the Craft, and the competition for their attention among the various branches has caused serious problems. It is unfortunate that Free Masonry beyond the Master Mason's Degree has developed along so many paths that our energies are expended in trying to maintain them all. What actually is happening is that the few good men entering Free Masonry are committing themselves to many branches and special interest groups, with the result that they either burn out their interest or find themselves with time for nothing else. It is not unusual for a man to hold a dozen or more membership cards and one wonders how he can do justice to them all”.

Further, to the statements by Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Pellow and Right Excellent Companion Cross, may we add this observation. In the many cities and towns, in this vast Jurisdiction there is a great crop of potential Masons out there, who are waiting to be invited to become Masons. Yes, I say, invited because the time Honoured Tradition of waiting for someone to enquire about Masonry is not working and will not work. The potential crop of Masons out there are the best educated, most critical and the most demanding group in our history. Masonry must develop a new unbiased approach to harvest this crop that are out there just waiting to join our Fraternity. I am not going to belabour the point, as to how this can be done. I leave that with your ingenuity and imagination. One must creep before one walks and runs.

What we could suggest, is that we all look to our immediate families and friends. Here is a potential membership that can be invited to join.. Each of us has an obligation to renew ourselves. If each Mason of the present seventy-eight thousand (78,000) was to bring in one new Candidate to our Craft Lodges, our membership would double. What an encouraging input this would have on Royal Arch Masonry in our Province.

During the preparation of this report, I had the opportunity to look back some fifty (50) or so years to the writings of the Chairmen of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry and I quote from one report:

“As we look back to reports some years back, we find the same suggestions and advice frequently repeated without having any effect. It would appear that reports

that are carefully and painstakingly prepared are not reaching the hands of the great majority of interested Companions. I would therefore recommend, that the annual reports be made available to all Companions and encourage them to be read".

Although every Chapter Scribe Ezra receives a copy of the Annual Convocation Report, it is not known how many get lost in the top desk drawer never to be seen again. This Committee recommends, that the First Principal of each Chapter make an effort to have some portions of the Grand Chapter's Convocation read at each meeting. This would enable the Companions not attending Grand Chapter to hear the reports and recommendations of the various Committees.

In conclusion, we wish to acknowledge the work being done by Right Excellent Companion Edward Ounjian and his Committee on Public Relations, for the many miles travelled in our jurisdiction setting up and taking down the very colourful display boards that outline the aims and objectives of our order.

Your Committee wishes to pay tribute to the Scribe Ezras of our various Chapters throughout this jurisdiction who give many hours of their time and who handle the business of their Chapters in an efficient and responsible manner. To our Grand Scribe Ezra, Right Excellent Companion Melvyn J Duke, and to Mrs. Donna Harvey, we thank you for your support throughout the year, for your wisdom and advice, and for the efficient manner in which you carry out your duties in the interest of our Grand Chapter.

To all the Companions here assembled, may you be long spared to enjoy these Grand Chapter Convocations and to be with us to contribute your advice and wisdom and to be an example of a Worthy Royal Arch Mason.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of this Committee: R.Ex.Comps. Malcolm W Watling, Donald King, J A Dale Plant, Richard Jackson, George H Gifford, Richard Stevenson, R Roy Doherty, Harry S Smith, and R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, Right Excellent Companion Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, Right Excellent Companion John W McGill, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. **Carried.**

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

During the past year, your Finance Committee has continued to monitor Grand Chapter's Financial Operations as compared to Budget 1996-97. As indicated in the report of the Grand Treasurer, our 1996-97 actuals are well within the Budget Projections. Your Finance Committee notes that the Insurance issue has been finalized and that Grand Chapter now has appropriate coverage at a cost of \$1,034 (\$1,500 under budget for 1996-97).

We are also pleased to note that as a result of improvements in office equipment and procedures, a further reduction in the costs of printing the Proceedings (\$602 under budget for 1996-97) has been realized. We are continuing to examine all expenditures of Grand Chapter based on their value to our membership, with the goal of controlling expenses within our current revenues. At the Grand Convocation last April, the Building Fund was dissolved and your Finance Committee was directed to make a recommendation as to the appropriate use of these funds. As this Fund was established for the achievement of long term financial stability of Grand Chapter: we RECOMMEND to the Grand Executive that the balance of the segregated funds (\$5,119) and the Transfer to the Building Fund provided in the 1996-97 Budget (\$5,000) be transferred to the Commuted Fund in fiscal 1996/97. (Approved 03/01/97)

The Constitution, Rituals & Jewels Fund was established to provide funds to purchase items for resale or distribution. All funds received on the sale of these items are returned to the fund. This fund is comprised of Inventory, Cash and Investments. The activity of the past five (5) years indicates that it is sufficient to have \$5,000 to \$7,500 in the fund to address necessary purchases. We RECOMMEND to the Grand Executive that the segregated investment funds (\$10,000) of the Constitution, Rituals & Jewels Fund be transferred to the Commuted Fund in fiscal 1996/97. (Approved 03/01/97)

The Finance Committee RECOMMENDS to the Grand Executive Committee that Section 73 of the Constitution "Long Service Awards" be reviewed to consider changing Jewels and Bars to Lapel Pins and or Numerals, when present stock is exhausted. This change would provide recognition to our long service companions in a similar manner to that provided by our Grand Lodge and significantly reduce our expenses. We further RECOMMEND that Section 74 of the Constitution be amended to provide that the cost of the Distinguished Service Award Jewel be borne by the recommending Chapter.

We wholeheartedly support all the ongoing efforts by our Grand Council and the Convocation Host Committees to reduce the expenses for the Annual Convocation. It is imperative that this line in our Budget be reduced if we are to continue to hold the line on Per Capita Fees. In accordance with Section 56 of the Constitution we RECOMMEND to the Grand Executive Committee the attached estimate of receipts and expenditures on account of the General Fund for the ensuing year. It is a surplus budget (\$100.) for the fiscal year 1997-98 of \$99,600. for receipts, \$99,500. for expenses and represents a net decrease of 4.33%, in expenses from the 1996/97 Budget. We believe to be realistic and that it will provide sufficient funds for the operation of Grand Chapter for the forthcoming year.

In conclusion, the Committee expresses appreciation for the skill, diligence and dedication of the Grand Scribe Ezra and Grand Treasurer in managing the day to day financial operations of Grand Chapter and for the interest, participation and cooperation of the Grand Council. When we all work together, we can accomplish our long term goal.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: R.Ex.Comps. Eric Lakien, Grand Treasurer, Melvyn J Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra, Douglas Draker, V.Ex.Comp. Robert S Wylie and R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
1996-1997 FISCAL YEAR**

	1997-98 BUDGET	1996-97 BUDGET	1996-97 ACTUAL	1996-97 VARIANCE
REVENUE				
Registration fees	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,520.00	520.00
Per capita dues	72,900.00	76,500.00	75,403.00	(1,097.00)
Dispensations and Warrants	750.00	1,000.00	760.00	(240.00)
Constitutions, Rituals & Jewels	--	4,000.00	7,763.00	3,763.00
Investment Income - General Fund	4,750.00	5,000.00	5,583.00	583.00
Interest from Commuted Fund	18,200.00	18,500.00	18,923.00	423.00
Interest from V.T.B.F. Fund	--	4,000.00	4,770	770.00
Donations - Benevolence	--	--	636.00	636.00
Other income	0	--	--	--
Total revenue	<u>99,600.00</u>	<u>112,000.00</u>	<u>117,358.00</u>	<u>5,358.00</u>
EXPENSES				
Remuneration Grand Scribe Ezra	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	0
Office salaries and wages	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0
Library Assistance	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0
Rent and parking	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,770.00	(30.00)
Office (Schedule Below)	18,400.00	19,700.00	17,787.00	(1,913.00)
Office equipment purchases	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,503.00	3.00
Convocation	8,000.00	9,000.00	11,104.00	2,104.00
Executive Committee	500.00	500.00	304.00	(196.00)
Regalia refurbishing	1,000.00	500.00	--	(500.00)
Printing Proceedings	3,500.00	4,000.00	3,398.00	(602.00)
Grand Council expense	500.00	500.00	397.00	(103.00)
Promotion	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,571.00	2,571.00
Constitutions, Rituals & Jewels	--	4,000.00	6,565.00	2,565.00
Travel	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0
Audit	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,535.00	535.00
Insurance	1,050.00	2,500.00	1,028.00	(1,472.00)
Jewels and engraving	250.00	500.00	16.00	(484.00)
Keystone	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,289.00	(1,711.00)
Provision for doubtful accounts	--	--	--	0
Benevolence	--	4,000.00	5,053.00	1,053.00
Miscellaneous and instruction	500.00	500.00	--	(500.00)
Transfer to Commuted Fund	4,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00	5,000.00
Transfer to Building Fund	<u>--</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>(5,000.00)</u>
Total expenses	<u>99,500.00</u>	<u>112,000.00</u>	<u>113,320.00</u>	<u>1,320.00</u>
Excess / (Shortfall)	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,038.00</u>	<u>4,038.00</u>

REPORT ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The table below summarizes the investment portfolio for the year March 1, 1996 to February

28, 1997, the activity for the year and a projection of interest to be earned the following year. the investments are reported at cost, as per the Financial Statements.

Fund	Opening Balance	New Invest's	1996 - Closing Balance	1997 Interest Received	1997 - Average Yield	1998 Project Interest	Average Yield
General	65,000	0	65,000	4,976	7.66%	4,756	7.32%
Commuted	213,506	21,000	234,506	17,871	8.37%	18,233	7.78%
VTBF	50,000	0	50,000	4,417	8.83%	3,639	7.28%
CRJ	10,000	(10,000)	0	0	-	0	-
Building Fund	5,000	(5,000)	0	0	-	0	-
Bursary	163,995	7,000	170,995	11,788	7.19%	13,101	7.66%
Medical Research	<u>375,334</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>387,334</u>	<u>29,195</u>	<u>7.78%</u>	<u>29,368</u>	<u>7.58%</u>
TOTAL	<u>882,835</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>907,835</u>	<u>68,247</u>	<u>7.73%</u>	<u>69,097</u>	<u>7.61%</u>

This table reflects the effect of the year end transfer of investments, recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Grand Executive, of the Constitution, Rituals & Jewels Fund and Building Fund to the Commuted Membership Fund. The table shows that we continue to be on sound footing for the future. The interest yield for the year ended February 28, 1997 was 7.73%. although the projected effective yield for the next year is slightly lower at 7.61%, the projected amount of interest is \$850. higher, thanks to the increase in the amount of the investments by \$25,000. We are also providing for the future, by ensuring that the Commuted Membership Fund continues to grow.

Our investment portfolio continues to increase, ensuring our financial viability. We extend our thanks, once again, to the firm of Midland Walwyn, and in particular Peter Menzies and Sandy Shiel, for their continuing diligence on behalf of Grand Chapter and our investments. Finally our thanks to R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra, and R.Ex.Comp. Eric H Lakien, Grand Treasurer for capably administering the day to day activities concerning the investments and interest.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted; R.Ex.Comp. Harold G Hubbell, Chairman, M.Ex.Comp. William S Thomson and R.Ex.Comp. Eric H Lakien.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Harold G Hubbell, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Financial Statements of this Grand Chapter, as at February 28th, 1997, and the results of the cooperation for the year ended on that date.

These statements have been audited by the Hamilton office of the firm of Doane Raymond, our Auditors, and show a sound Auditors' Report. This report reflects the usual mention with respect to the verification of fund receipts, which is normal for Charitable Organizations that derive revenue from many direct contributions from individuals and the community at large.

First of all, on behalf of Grand Chapter, I would like to thank Doane Raymond for their diligence. We are very fortunate to have access to their wealth of knowledge of public organizations in general, and Masonic bodies in particular. These financial statements reflect the sound financial picture for our Grand Chapter. R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker, in his report of the Finance Committee, has made some comments about the results of the operation for the year. I will also comment on a few.

The statement of Revenue and Expenses shows revenues of \$117,358., some \$5,358. better than budget and expenses of \$113,320., \$1,320. over budget, for a net comparison ahead of budget by \$4,038.

R.Ex.Comp. Harold G Hubbell, in his report of the Investment Committee, makes comments about the investment portfolio, and the resulting earnings it generates. The most exciting trend we see is the sound financial basis on which we are growing for the future - our income from investments is now more than 25% of our total income.

I wish to clarify one point concerning the interest reported on our investments. The amounts quoted in the Investment Committee report are those amounts that have been drawn for operational purposes. The amounts reported in the Audited Statements are those paid on our investments. The statements report \$2,005. more interest than was drawn. Thus, the "true" operational budget picture is \$2,005. less than the statements report. Even taking this into account, we are still \$2,033. better than budget. We are certainly living within our means.

For the record, I will explain the reason for this difference. A portion of our investment portfolio has been invested in a high quality mutual fund - The Mackenzie Financial Industrial Income Fund. This fund has paid 10% to 11% in dividends this past year. In keeping with our conservative fiscal policy and a prudent approach to our investments, Grand Chapter has only drawn 8% from these dividends as cash to meet our operational requirements.

The balance of these dividends have been reinvested in the Mackenzie Fund, in order to provide for the principal being as much as possible for future income needs. This is especially important in these days of low interest rates. In keeping with standard accounting practices, the Audited Financial Statements reflect the full amount of the Mackenzie Fund dividends as income. The portion that has not been drawn for use, remains within the fund and, therefore, increases the value of our investment assets.

These statements also reflect the transfer of the investments from the Constitution, Rituals & Jewels Fund and the Building Fund to the Commuted Membership Fund, as was reported in the Finance Committee report. Thus, we continue to provide security for our future.

Another measure of our financial health can be seen by how our assets have increased over the past year. We are nearing \$1,000,000. in total assets. We have broken these down into the parts, for your information.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Year End Amount</u>
Commuted Membership Fund	20,846	236,557
Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund	2,693	52,693
Building Fund	(5,119)	0
Operating Fund	(5,843)	101,523
Medical Research Fund	17,168	395,251
Scholarship & Bursary Fund	<u>11,167</u>	<u>174,408</u>
Total Fund Increase	<u>40,912</u>	<u>960,432</u>

I want to take this opportunity to thank M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell, Grand First Principal, for allowing me to serve your Grand Chapter as Grand Treasurer. We wish you continued health and success for your remaining term in office. To R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra, please continue to guide the day to day affairs of our office with the wisdom of King Solomon, and the patience of Job! Once again, it has been a pleasure to work with R.Ex.Comp. Harold G Hubbell, Chairman of the Investment Committee, to keep our investment portfolio under capable supervision. Lastly , it has again been a pleasure to work with R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker, Chairman, Finance Committee. His experience in the public sector is invaluable for us all.

To each Companion, I extend an invitation to please talk to me if you have any questions or comments about our financial operation. We all play a part in the continuing viability of our Capitular Craft, your feedback is important to us.

Finally, let me note that your approval of this report and the statements will serve as the authorization for the Grand First Principal and Grand Scribe Ezra to affix their signatures to the Balance Sheet, in token of your acceptance.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted, R.Ex.Comp. Eric H Lakien, Grand Treasurer

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Eric H Lakien, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario;

We have audited the balance sheet of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario as at February 28, 1997 and the statements of general fund revenues and expenses and general and special fund balances for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organizations' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

The organization derives some fund revenue in the form of donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, excess of revenues over expenses, assets and fund balances.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of revenues referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at February 28, 1997 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada

March 28, 1997

Doane Raymond

Chartered Accountants

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario
Balance Sheet

February 28

1997

1998

Assets

Current

Cash	\$ 20,306	\$ 21,912
Accounts receivable	6,145	6,920
Inventory of goods for resale	14,144	14,087
Prepaid expenses	<u>1,214</u>	<u>478</u>
	41,809	43,3972

Fixed assets	<u>335</u>	<u>335</u>
	<u>42,144</u>	<u>43,732</u>

Investments

General Fund	65,600	75,000
The Commuted Membership Fund (market value \$237,443)	235,677	213,506
The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund	50,352	50,000
Building Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>351,629</u>	<u>343,506</u>

\$ 393,773 **\$ 387,238**

Liabilities

Current

Payables and accruals	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,175
Deferred revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>3,867</u>
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>9,042</u>

Special Fund balances (Page 4) 289,250 270,830

General Fund balance(Page 4) 101,523 107,366

\$ 393,773 **\$ 387,238**

On behalf of the Grand Chapter

R Frank Russell

Melvyn James Duke

Grand First Principal

Grand Scribe Ezra

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario
Statements of Revenue and Expenses and General Fund Balance

Year Ended February 28

1997

1996

Revenue

Dues - per capita	\$ 75,403	\$ 76,191
Interest from Commuted Fund	18,923	17,953
Sales of supplies	7,316	6,972
Income from investments	6,030	6,060
Income from V. T. B. F.	4,770	4,731
Registration fees	3,520	3,720
Other income	<u>1,396</u>	<u>2,891</u>

117,358

118,518

Expenses

Rent and parking	7,770	7,770
Office supplies and expenses	19,290	26,531
Salaries and benefits	35,000	28,805
Benevolence	2,360	3,900
Transfer to Bursary Fund	-	1,110
Travel	9,000	8,000
Supplies for resale	6,565	4,325
Annual Convocation	11,104	7,251
Annual Convocation proceedings	3,398	4,227
Professional fees	3,535	2,675
Keystone publication	1,289	-
Transfers to V. T. B. F.	2,693	-
Transfers to Commuted Fund	1,000	6,000
Transfers to Building Fund	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous and instruction	-	207
Regalia refurbishing	-	1,189
Insurance	1,028	1,034
Jewels and engraving	16	3,385
Council and Committee expenses	701	941
Promotion and public relations	<u>3,571</u>	<u>5,963</u>

113,320

118,313

Excess of revenue over expenses

\$ 4,038

\$ 205

General Fund

Balance, beginning of year	\$ 107,366	\$ 114,661
Excess of revenue over expenses	4,038	205
Transfers from general fund	<u>(9,881)</u>	<u>(7,500)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 101,523</u>	<u>\$ 107,366</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario
General and Special Fund Balances
Year Ended February 28, 1997

	Commuted Membership Fund	Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund	Building Fund	Total Special Funds Balance	General Fund Balance
Balance, beginning of year	215,711	50,000	5,119	270,830	107,366
Transfers from (to) funds surplus	20,000	-	(10,119)	9,881	(9,881)
Transfers from General Funds	1,000	2,693	5,000	8,693	-
Surrendered Charters	(154)	-	-	(154)	-
Excess of revenue over expenditures	-	-	-	-	4,038
Balance end of year	236,557	52,693	-	289,250	101,523

**Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario
Medical Research Fund (Release a Miracle Fund)**

Balance Sheet

February 28	1997	1996
Assets		
Current		
Cash in bank	\$ 4,942	\$ 1,009
Interest receivable	<u>1,740</u>	<u>1,740</u>
	6,682	2,749
Investments	<u>388,569</u>	<u>375,334</u>
	<u>\$ 395,251</u>	<u>\$ 378,083</u>
Fund balance		
End of year	<u>\$ 395,251</u>	<u>378,083</u>

Statements of Revenue and Expenses

Year Ended February 28	1997	1996
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 13,650	\$ 40,220
Interest on investments	30,430	28,740
Bank interest	<u>93</u>	<u>368</u>
	<u>44,173</u>	<u>\$ 69,328</u>
Expenses		
Donations	\$ 13,650	\$ 28,000
Printing and bank charges	<u>1,005</u>	<u>613</u>
	<u>27,005</u>	<u>28,613</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 17,168	\$40,715
Fund balance		
Beginning of year	<u>378,083</u>	<u>337,368</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 395,251</u>	<u>\$ 378,083</u>

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario
The Scholarship and Bursary Fund
Balance Sheet
February 28

	1997	1996
Assets		
Current		
Cash in bank	\$ 3,007	\$ -
Investments	<u>171,401</u>	163,995
	<u>\$ 174,408</u>	<u>\$ 163,995</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Bank indebtedness	\$ -	\$ 754
Fund balance		
End of year	<u>174,408</u>	<u>163,241</u>
	<u>\$ 174,408</u>	<u>\$ 163,995</u>

Statements of Revenue and Expenses

Year Ended February 28	1997	1996
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 8,130	\$ 33,146
Interest on investments	12,194	9,657
Transfer from General Fund	-	1,110
Bank interest	<u>47</u>	<u>144</u>
	<u>20,371</u>	<u>44,057</u>
Expenses		
Bursaries	8,500	\$8,150
Printing and bank charges	<u>704</u>	<u>318</u>
	<u>9,204</u>	<u>8,468</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 11,167	\$35,589
Fund balance		
Beginning of year	<u>163,241</u>	<u>127,652</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 174,408</u>	<u>\$163,241</u>

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario
Notes to the Financial Statements
February 29, 1996

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Inventories

Inventories of supplies for sale and for use are valued at cost.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at acquisition cost. New additions are not depreciated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles but are charged to expenditure in the year of acquisition. The cost of additions is then added to the accumulated cost of fixed assets in the records and to accumulated depreciation.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized at the time goods are shipped or services are supplied to members.

Interest on investments

Interest on investments is recognized as income, upon receipt. Premiums or discounts on investments are expressed or recognized as income when incurred.

2. Fixed assets		1997	1996	
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 34,788	\$ 34,778	\$ 10	\$ 10
Library	250	-	250	250
Regalia	<u>2,413</u>	<u>2,338</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
	<u>\$ 37,451</u>	<u>\$ 37,116</u>	<u>\$335</u>	<u>\$ 335</u>

STATISTICAL REPORTS

DEATHS - 1996

1-J C Gibson, G Gibbins 2-F M Scott, K Brearley 3-R J Thomas, J A Irvine, H Robinson, J C Gilbert, H D ONeill 4-D B Arnott, R C Edwards, W Doyle, A D Powell, R A Herron, C M Stalker, W H Sproule 5-J F Wallace, G H Perry, W T Baron, F Scott, D G Riddell, G F Kiddell, F S Dowe 6-F Scott, J F Harrison, C Nates, C L Dawdy 7-H Hill, J R Young, B Humphries, H Tomlinson, W M Reid, E Goodfellow, P B Beumer 8-R Tompkins, J R McKee, G A Corey, R Haick, H Ince, A R Wilkins 15-H L Hedges, B O Glenn, A J Payne, R L Sinclair, N M Taylor, R L Bradley, W H Sproule, T G Barnes, E W Duffield 16-T A Guest, A Sharpley, L E Millar, I G Williamson 18-A Millard, N E Copp, G D Munro 19-M K Fickes 20-G E Snowdon, L U Boughner, B G Duncan, W D Thompson, J Hutcheon 23-A Hardy 24-C E Stoskopf, W Westlake, W R Loucks, J B Chesney 26-H R Kompch, C D

Inglis 27-H W Blueman, R H McKee, L B Donald 28-G H Wesson 29-C E Miller 30-H M Ford, W L Craig, A Marsden 31-F R Greatrix 34-F Spain, D D Cole, D R McLeod 35-E Burnell 36-E E McNabb, D L Davis, A R Mathews, J Mousmoules, M L Brier, H W Paquette, W Seiberts, J H Chambers, R S Hutton, R F Thirnbeck 37-W H Lunney 40-R L Mahoney, R W Borthwick, W H Quant, D S Heron, W E Hamilton, J H Abbott, M R Stewart, H B Walker 41-J U McKay 44-M O Tierney, N H Bell, N S Wilson 46-D C White, R Johnson, L L Howe 47-G G Congdon 48-G P Knifton 54-K Rylands, C I Black, M H McKinnon, J M Jones, J McLachlan, R E Standen, J A Rutherford 55-E Tredwill 56-R K McAvoy, H J Henrich 57-G Henderson 59-H W Casselman, L Covey, C A Brown, C Burger 61-J McDonald, G H Houston, J B Langford, G Mohr 62-H Ince 63-G R Malcolm, J H Macklem, M G Strawn, R H Funk, A T Walker, H R Sensabaugh 67-S J McRae 68-R K Martin 71-H W Davis, W R Manners, W L Bonnett, W G Sawchuk, J N Hayes, A F Nickel, H T Henderson, G Power, C MacRae, R C McInnis, A H Paddon 72-C N Davis, D R Frost, D D Kirk 73-E H Bateman, W J Harris, R A McIntyre, A A Fenton 75-C S Green, L W Pickett, F Scott 76-J K Newns 79-D M Vendette, W Cauch, R E Fidler, F Scott, C C Kerr 81-J C Eichenburg, A C Bradley, J F Briggs 82-C N Elliotson, D R Couch, R Forneri, D B Wilson, K Rahnenfuehrer 84-C Krauter, R Lee, D Curzon 90-A J Cairns, E J Pirie, W C Alexander 91-W H Sproule 94-C H Henry, J Hughes 95-A W Mooney, R R Britton, J Robbie, W J Lougheed, J Stewart, L G King, A F Gamble, N Harper, J G McIver 102-F Toth 103-J A Stevenson, L Tate, G E Thomson, G D McNeice 104-M L Jeffrey 110-W W Turney 113-S E Fennell, S Nyman, J Smolkin, J Simmons, H Cote, T A Irwin, I J MacGregor, C E Vallance, J I Grant, H E Sheppard, R W Kyte, W A Ryder, R K Gulliver, D R Hough, J R Burke, T G Jones 114-D R Preston 117-G A Braby, F J Gordon, R G Thoman, F Scott 129-R J Dungey, L R Sorsdahl 130-H G Schamott 131-R A Carson, E F Matches, P Dawson 133-D B Empey 134-C Chirnside, M Dymond 135-W H Johnston, R H Skerratt 138-H O Hughes, W E Hodgson, S R Foden, P H Neal, V J Brister, R Caldwell, D H Robinson 140-R G Morash, C E Umpherson 144-N G Cunningham 145-D W Pollock 146-H C Forman, F M Day 147-V A Mowbray, G W Joynt, R Johnson 148-D G Baker 149-R B Henderson 150-O Dale, E E Hodgetts, D A McDonald 152-A L Judson, F T Morrish 155-F Scott 167-J Deakos, D H Abbott, D H Bell, R G Mink, W G Jarvis, C Ferris 168-T H Burgis, C J Gibson, T D Anderson 169-W J Mathews 175-W B Duncan, A W Watson, J L MacFarlane, F Scott 184-H E Minor, W Byers 195-T W Perritt, W H Sproule, M D Moodie, H F Bignell, W E McGregor, E C Fenton, H G Tabujara 198-G H Bolton, A G Cook, R V Marshall 205- H Ince, R G Palmer 212-A Goldstein, H Kanerek, A B Tuvel, I H Fraser, F Scott, W H Sproule 213-T H OConnor, W J Cock, W Workentin 214-D W Matheson 215-W H Sproule, G C Nunn 218-W Newell, T H McGhee 220-W M Creech, W H Sproule, J Ashurst 222-C C Dale, E F Jackson, R A Kartzmark, D H Sprott 224-D J Churchill, W W Bradley, A J Shelton, B Trenholm, W E Pickering 226-M Rubino, A J Lee, W F MacTavish, G Finlay 230-P H Ross, J Insley, W H Sproule 232-W J Heron, G D Savage 233-G D McNeice, T A Waterson, A S Bunting, M G Brellisford 234-W E Wilson, S W Neil 236-C K Matteson, F Scott, J Tomlinson 238-G S McCracken, J K Pritchard 24-C C Kerr, O S Whalen, W H Sproule 243-M McIntyre, F Scott 245-L R Hertel, M R Stewart, G A Jefkins 247-W E McLaughlin, K R Jones, H W Beatty, H J Warner, W H Sproule 249-C J Garton, L G Pridie, W R Mutton, H W Pankeratz, W H Sproule, J J White 251-T G Darling, S Johnston, W A Sinclair 252-A M Wright, T I Kemsley, J E Irwin, K Brown, W D Riley, R M Stewart 254-A A Gaudry, A T Spence, C Cornelius, W E Cooke, 254-P Husack, S G Rutter 255-J C Eichenburg 257-W Mooney, A F Gamble 260-W M Creech 262-F Scott, D R Frost, H Decker, R N Flynn 264-K Hughes 265-W H Sproule, H F Bignell 267-D D Kirk

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1-D F Johnston 2-W C Roberts 3-W C Bright, J G Duncan 4-B D Binns, W A Goodfellow, D Rau, B Gailey 5-W MacKay 6-D W Prendergast, D H Pedler 7-M R Burt, D J Ashbury, L J Ladd, W J McMechan, M B Allen 8-D G Willoughby, E W Brohm, A C Smith, M Tucker, G P Dybala, L J Baxter 16-C E Gable, N T Cromey 18-W G Colley, K E Conley, W D Keith, 19-A McLay, I Fielding 20-H J Cox, J M Algar, W A Kirby, W G Muckler 23-H Jackson, L G Newton, W E Brown 26-R W Allan, R J Rosatte 27-W R Cooke 28-H B Robbins, R B Proctor, M Gimblett 30-T W Eedy, J A Scaman, D M Miskie, A Dadd 32-L E Graham 36-W R Edgar, J F Noyes, G P Vivian, D W Delorme 37-C E Bryans 40-J Buitendyk, D W Burton 41-A E Gleason 44-D P Hurt 46- J H Reid 47-W N McKerracher 53-O N Hawryluk, E B Beacock 55-W Severin 56-R L Siegrist 57-K Low, F Weaver 59-D G Hess 61-D Cochran, W G Doherty 63- B Hair 64-R S Burnett, B D Burnett 68-B Turner, P E McDerby, H W Langille, G T Aderson 68-L N Smith, J McIntosh, L T Packham 71-H H Gordon Jr., J C Valley 72-R B Murray, D M Scandrett 73-R G Brown 74-W Gough, E Sparks, C Cleve 75-J M Irving 78-R A Lavoie 79-R A Causton, V T Usher 82-J D Clarke, F G Draper, W K Walter, M D Wilson, E L Martin, D Hurley, J McMahon 83-M E Andrews, C E Gullacher, L A Whetstone 84-M Marzetti 90-A E Brennan 94-W C Cracknell 95-D A Bowles 102-K A Cheesman 104-A R Richardson, W M Hadwin 113-G R Cook, J A Mitchell, E J Bergeron, J H Robinson, F G Devaul 129-F E Eyre 131-W C Reckin, G R Campbell, R G Miller 135-J R Young, E G Ounjian 138-J E Porter, A H Seawright, W R Gallinger, J M Perkins, J N Beaton, T M Mimeo, L Gillis, C S Beaton, A C MacMillan, D R Burns, W T Boratyniec, K B Bice, R G Norman 140-N Pappas Jr., M P Toohet, D Scobie, W L Edwards, W R Axent 147-G S McIntyre, O Brooks 149-G Pratt, F A Wood 150-A F Forbes 151-J C Lloyd, L D Baycroft, J E Clarke, W G Adams, D W Smellie 152-B Caren, M H Kelly, S L Bates, P Money 153-P R Naylar, G H Stuart, E E Hayes 167-D C Wright, S Bell, J Reichkeld 168-W Y McNeill, P Andres 169-W J Birtch, W A Cutten 175-D Forsyth 195-H Sablotny, H Halfyard 205-D F Pinfold, K Roocroft, T Tsatsos, R Zara 213-H W Gauthier, P A Simpson 214-K N Reycraft, D Smith, J G Kersey, C Chemali 215-B J Rodd, D C Reddie, F E Fielder, C A Louffit, A Johnston, G J Turek, J C Cox, C E Eggett, J T Freeman, V A Russell Jr., R L Russell, C W Redfearn, G H Stuart, A Lawrence, W M Lyle, J Rodgers, K F Pownall, G A Down, G Allman, G Cowie, W L Green, E G Jackson, W J Rolston, D McConnell, W O Gregg, P W Kaye, W G Doughty, H H Odell, C L MacDowell, E Barnes, J D Dalipes, J G Clare, P R Harrison, R J Wilson, R E Groshaw, H N McKnight, R D Melnik, P E Taylor, D B Fisher, G Gheim, Joubran, K G Lang, E R Gwilliams, K C Allison, L G Primeau, J Fenwick, M Peacock, H W Camley, K B Bice, W N Bain, M A Summers 218-J Westlake 220-N E Jennings, D S Proctor, A Prezio, W Bolychuk, W J Morris 221-E Bryans 222-M E Laverne, L M Rochon 230-J S Shaw 232-C J Cushnie, S Cochran, E I Gero 233-G D McNeice, W W Hainon 234-A C Irving 236-A L Dunstal, K W Clark, V Difalco 241-W R Wray, A B Roy, E R Harrison, C Meldrum, R Greenfield, R W Maltby, J Harrison, W J Rich, R Faithful, P Zwarych, R N King, S P Nanton, W R Boal, W E Robertson 243-T A Priestly 247-W G Holmes, R J Sheils, R J Molnar 248-A W Morphy 249-C G Boyd 252- R T Leckie 254-W W Therrien, D K Lawrence, D G McIntyre 255-F D Cook 257-J A Graham, S J Wilson, J W Golden 261-C L Hawkins, F Gill, 262-C A Marr, P G Halliwell, R J Bennett 264-J Ingloft 266-W K Walter, F J Kelly, D G Marks

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1-H Salomon 3-C J Smith 6-J D Helson, M R McClaren 7-G Stinson, R J Vivian, G E Mills, G I Borotsik, T W Pomfret, R J Stenner, B Harder 8-G G Haddleton, M E Rich 16-M Segal, M H Dell 22-R F Rausch, S Williams 27-R B Hustins, P L Mazur 29-D P Trotter 31-W Kemp 34-L R Howard, R I Mason, J Schuryk, A Mills, J A McLean 40-H A Main 44-B Harris 47-M J Newham 54-R C Udell 61-W T Steele, R G Ayotte, K L Seabrook, H L Morris, J I Doig, R W Beck 63-D R Lowry 71-K Russell 72-R Hayes 77- P M Johnson, J Robertson 79-D W Carter 81-R K Hutton 82-A P Torma, T W Henry, L G Mutch, C E Walton 103-P M Croghan, H A Stewart 117-D W Fox, D C Buckley 131-L Hull 138-R P Horn, V C Noble 146-W M Zerback 147-D Johnstone, M P Johnstone 150-B C Elliott, R G Eyre, A J Stubbs 151-D A Lawrence 168-D A Calver, K S Dixon, G Walker 175-E D Davis, J A Spears, S J Burrows 184-D S Stubbington 198-D N Walton, J K Nielson, R G Whiston 205-L Pagitakis, R M Farrell, S Roussetos, H Mursharbash, G L Mayo, H Georgalas, J C Cretsi, S M Ihasz, R L Pitblado 212-M Solomon, L Solomon, M A Sherkin, C Spillman 213-C E Knutsen, G J Roy 220-A M Thompson, R T Roberts, G E Hinds 222-E E Roberts, D H Perkins, R L Amey 232-B Conboy, A R Gervais, G D Savage, R G Wright, Wm D Logan, E M Gater, C E Gater 233-K R Young 241-H Sundvall, S Szirtes, G Hartman, S E Santha, R Lewis, W G Manley 245-P N Said, B I Robertson 248-M F Bruce 252-P Brown, P N Green, L R Hull, R A Gilson, A Menard 254-J Goodwillie, C E Walton, W B Astles, G Green, K L Fair, D Thibault, J G Rutter 257-J A MacLean 260-B Heuft, C Mason 261-G E Hunt 266-F S Berday, L G Mutch, T W Henry, V A Fournel, R T Sinclair, R W Green, P W OShaughnessy, D A Baxter

REINSTATED

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3-R J Biggins, J G Duncan 5-W P Duncan 6-G S Allan 8-J J Poutney 16-G J Hyde 32-J Sutton, L W Havens 34-J S Folliot 75-L R Mc Kersie 78-A Gaiser 90-R G Sillery 104-R Soady 114-J G Fletcher 138-N Djordjevic 155-W D Geddes 169-S G Utley 198-R Daniels 222-D H Perkins, R L Amey 230-J S Shaw 234-D Costley

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1-R H Hill, W I Gee, J W McCormack, J W B Anger R J Cripps, D A Dale, K J Hay, A W Holton, D W Holton, W L Lutes, R A Paddle, J G Torney 2-J W Reid, F D Draker, A T Fuller 3-R D Saunders, A G Smuck, J A Finch, F Cotton, D R Banks 4-J V Lawer, W O Newton 5-S Eldridge 6-D Washer, D Noble, W Cowell, R Hurst 7-K Campbell, W Goodfellow, B Gerow, A K Haines, S Hay, C Faulkner, H S Smith, D Gillis 8-R Carveth, E deBeaupre, T K Douglas, W Luter, M E Easey, B A Conelly 15-D J Emerick, L McKay, A R Cadwallader 16-E P Sally, G W McElree, J G Pell, R M Boone, D P Smallman, M W Watling, G G Fowlow, C J Meunier, B D Vansickle 18-J F Sutherland, C L Sly 19-D Brown, L Aiello, W Klapatiuk, D Laskey 22-S Hall, R Lindsay 24-J Robb, B Wickie, B Mennie 26-D H Rutley, R W Smith, R MacDonald, J Chambers, D H Jackson 27-D McCutcheon, S Connors, W H Downer, F R Shannon 28-E Duck, C Filmore, G Smith, W Esplen, G Robbins, F Whalley, G Gifford, W Perryman, B Temperton, J Magee, R McKelvie 29-G Deavu, L Gimblett, J Hodgen, A Kofink, J Barich, W Claus 31-D Theakston, J Munro-Cape, O Reid, D King, D Hickman, H Allison 34-C Coursey 35-J Janacek, E Ounjian, R Jenkins 36- E L Shaw, J Hutchinson, W Collinson, A Mortlock 37-B

Keighley 40-J Byrom, A Rilett, A Roy 41-M Bowman 44-G Drew, E LeGier, C Savaras, J
 Troyer, J K Gourlie 46-R W Stevenson 47-H M Dunlop 48-D J Ward, W Marsh 54-J D
 Johnson, L D Marshall, R J Jackson, G R Jackson 55-B Nehring 59-J Dove, G Todd, R
 Eyre, H Warren, T Bourret 61-E Denbeigh, W Crampton 64-K G Halbert, J Weir, J Elliott
 71-J Napier, J Murphy, H Carter 72-D W DeMille, B B Shaddock, R I Roblin 75-E
 Ramsbottom, D Winkworth, E Joyce, P Barr 77-G Kerr, W Glover, L Katona, P Park, J
 Shaw 79-I Nichols, R Forester, J Doherty, R K Johnson, D Martyn, C Meldrum, R Harrison,
 F Garvin 81-G A Sinden, G Rawcliffe, B Segui, R Sinden, L Matlack 82-C Miller 83-B
 Edwards, K J Lowery, D Clark, R Gillespie, D I Greenwood 84-F Lewis, D Langridge 90-C
 Miller 91-M S Black 94-S Sisson, A Skilling 95-A G Fudge, J W McGill, W O Mulack 102-
 K J McCracken, G B Parsons 103-A E Grove, T Hargrave, D Ball 104-G B Fairbairn, E W
 MacKenzie, E D Warren 110-G Douglas, W Armstrong, A Bjerknes 113-L R Hanley, T
 Cronin, D Thompson, W Bulbeck 114-D G Brydges, G E Cross 117-A G Wolfe, J R
 Pattison, W W Wolfe, C Sherwood, W B Miller 119-L Hostine 130-F Richardson, G
 Leishman 133-M R Rodgers, G H Patterson 138-R Doherty, J D Fraser 140-J Henderson
 145-J Gerrard 149- J Henderson 152-G J Miller 155-T Fiddes, R Norsworthy 167-G Walker,
 D Walker, A Walker 168-J Parsons, P Wilmink 175-W Stanfield, W Holcombe, A Cree, A
 Watson, D Rogers 195-A R Jackson, L O Dawley, J W Richel, R S Wylie, J Lyall, R F
 Russell, B F Fowler 198-H Houben, B Simpson, D Plant 205-J Brown, R Purslow, R
 Whitmarsh, W Dickie, B Stapley, R Todd 212-T W Bliss 213-T Pachal 218-J P Sawyer, R
 Sharpe 220-R Varley, D F Kline, C G Sinclair, M J Duke, J E Oldham 221-H Stukmp, D
 Christie 222-M J Jackson, A M Lewis, J A Keith, R Bulbook, G T Jones, M J Moor 223-D
 Amendola 224-E L Burns, R E Todd, A W Anderson, W G Birnie 226-V C Garrett, T A
 Poole, 230-G J Carr, E R Carr, H Hubbell, G H Stuart 232-G Fisher, H D Turner, G P R
 Webster, J L Mellor 233-A McLelland, B Bond, P Scott, K Whiting 236-R McClung, G
 Harvey 238-D Thomson, W Douglas, W Pernokis, A Ingrey, B Peck, S Nielsen 241-J
 Storey, C E Drew, J Beard, E Elcombe 243-W Mercer, S Rhodes, W Best 247-E L Reeves,
 D J Gent, G Alblas 248-J Hill, E Poole 249-G McCormick, R Abernethy, B Bridges, J
 Hartwell, K Bromley, M MacKenzie, K Billett, F LeGresley, M Griffiths 255-M Meharg
 257-A Glasgow 260-G Gahs 261-G Jennings, F Lawson, G E Tait 262-J B Gibbs, G M
 Stewart, N Byrne 264-D H Paisley 265-S Boomhour, I Jess, D Lamont 266-C Henderson

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1	Ancient Frontenac & Catawaqui	78	58	18	76	1	0	2	1	1	
2	The Hiram	80	53	29	82	4	0	2	0	1	
3	St. John's	118	69	48	117	4	1	5	1	1	2
4	St. Andrew & St. John	79	38	31	69	0	0	7	0	4	
5	St. George's	117	68	41	109	0	1	7	0	1	
6	St. John's	119	70	43	113	0	1	4	2	2	
7	Quinte Friendship Moira	201	119	66	185	4	0	7	7	5	-1
8	King Solomon's	199	170	25	195	11	1	6	2	6	-1
15	Wawanosh	114	63	48	111	4	0	8	0	0	
16	Carlton	195	122	72	194	7	1	4	2	2	-1
18	Oxford	109	61	42	103	0	0	3	0	3	
19	Mount Moriah	154	104	54	158	8	0	1	0	2	
20	Brant - Mount Horeb	61	67	14	81	1	0	5	0	4	28
22	Grenville	46	41	6	47	3	0	0	2	0	
23	Regal - Ezra	72	51	16	67	0	0	1	0	3	
24	Tecumseh	122	86	33	119	3	0	4	0	0	
26	St. Mark's	68	49	17	66	2	0	2	0	2	
27	Manitou	82	60	17	77	1	0	3	2	1	
28	Pentalpha	123	98	25	123	2	0	1	0	2	
29	McCallum	50	46	2	48	0	0	1	1	1	
30	Huron	74	56	12	68	1	0	3	0	4	
31	Prince Edward	86	72	19	91	7	0	1	1	0	
32	Waterloo	80	77	7	84	2	2	0	0	1	
34	Signet	113	41	74	115	7	1	3	5	0	
35	Keystone	87	66	21	87	1	0	1	0	0	
36	Corinthian	210	132	69	201	5	0	10	0	4	
37	Victoria	85	72	11	83	0	0	1	0	1	

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40	Guelph	121	74	38	112	0	0	8	1	2	1
41	Harris	54	29	23	52	0	0	1	0	1	
44	Mount Sinai	57	33	20	53	0	0	3	1	1	
46	St. James	62	51	6	57	0	0	3	0	1	-1
47	Wellington - MacNabb	57	64	10	74	0	0	1	1	1	20
48	St. John's	38	37	3	40	4	0	1	0	0	-1
53	Bruce	69	64	33	97	2	0	0	0	2	
54	Palestine	276	54	196	250	1	0	7	1	0	
55	Niagara	48	38	14	52	5	0	1	0	1	
56	Georgian	86	62	23	85	1	0	2	0	1	1
57	King Hiram	49	44	6	50	4	0	1	0	2	
59	Sussex - St. Lawrence	143	102	40	142	3	0	4	0	1	
61	Maple - Granite	105	82	7	89	1	0	4	6	2	1
63	Havelock	65	58	6	64	3	0	2	1	1	
64	Willson	92	68	19	87	1	0	4	0	2	
66	The Malloch	23	17	7	24	0	0	0	0	0	1
67	Enterprise	43	33	10	43	1	0	1	0	0	
68	Maitland	62	55	5	60	3	0	1	0	4	
69	Grimsby	39	31	6	37	0	0	0	0	3	
71	Windsor	191	108	70	178	2	0	11	1	2	-1
72	Keystone	77	69	9	78	4	0	3	1	2	1
73	Erie - Blenheim	119	106	19	125	10	0	4	0	1	
74	Beaver	79	69	9	78	2	0	0	0	3	
75	St. Clair	68	65	1	66	1	1	3	0	1	
76	Mount Nebo	33	26	7	33	1	0	1	0	0	
77	Occident	53	52	16	68	10	0	5	2	0	
78	Minnewawa	70	49	22	71	1	1	0	0	1	
79	Orient	158	123	37	160	4	0	6	1	2	
81	Aylmer	97	96	7	103	9	0	0	1	0	

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82	Shuniah	132	90	36	126	5	3	5	3	7	1
83	Ionic	71	59	9	68	0	0	0	0	3	
84	Lebanon	54	36	15	51	1	0	3	0	1	
88	MacNabb	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-22
90	Golden	94	93	0	93	2	1	3	0	1	
91	Toronto Antiquity	81	45	36	81	0	1	1	0	0	-1
94	Midland	109	87	19	106	0	1	2	0	1	-1
95	Tuscan	202	108	89	197	4	1	9	0	1	-1
102	Algonquin	112	104	10	114	3	0	1	0	1	
103	St. John's	122	91	27	118	1	0	4	2	0	1
104	White Oak	82	57	27	84	4	1	1	0	2	
110	Warkworth	37	36	0	36	0	0	1	0	0	
112	St. John's	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-29
113	Covenant - St. John's	99	87	23	110	3	0	15	0	5	28
114	Bonnechere	37	36	0	36	1	1	1	0	1	
115	Brant	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-35
117	Kitchener	121	87	32	119	3	1	4	2	0	
119	King Cyrus	94	56	40	96	2	0	0	0	0	
129	Elliot	58	52	4	56	1	0	2	0	1	
130	Chantry	61	48	14	62	2	0	1	0	0	
131	Amabel	79	61	12	73	0	0	3	1	2	
133	St. Francis	133	116	15	131	0	0	1	0	1	
134	King Darius	34	12	20	32	0	0	2	0	0	
135	Sucoth	28	21	3	24	0	0	2	0	2	
138	Shekinah	165	93	53	146	3	1	7	2	13	-1
140	Fort William	72	63	2	65	1	0	2	0	5	
144	Presqu'ile	35	33	2	35	1	0	1	0	0	
145	The St. Patrick	81	45	38	83	2	0	1	0	0	
146	Bernard	53	48	2	50	0	0	2	1	0	
147	Lucknow	42	33	1	34	0	0	3	2	2	

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148	St. John's	26	27	0	27	0	1	1	0	0	1
149	Atwood	17	15	0	15	1	0	1	0	2	
150	London	100	63	31	94	0	1	3	3	1	
151	Laurentian	68	60	4	64	0	0	0	1	5	2
152	Alberton	99	117	8	125	1	1	2	0	4	31
153	Sombra	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
155	Ancaster	50	48	3	51	1	1	1	0	0	
167	Kichikewana	104	62	38	100	2	0	5	0	3	2
168	Ionic	68	51	10	61	1	1	3	3	2	
169	Temiskaming	32	31	1	32	2	1	1	0	2	-1
175	The Hamilton	80	71	6	77	5	0	4	4	1	
184	Hugh Murray	68	63	3	66	1	0	2	1	0	
195	Peel	133	65	62	127	4	0	7	0	2	-1
198	Couchiching	104	55	47	102	3	1	3	3	0	-1
205	Victoria	131	99	25	124	2	0	2	9	4	
210	Kitchener	50	49	5	54	4	0	0	0	0	
212	Mount Sinai	281	33	242	275	3	0	6	4	0	
213	Northern Lights	58	37	17	54	1	0	3	2	2	
214	Vimy	48	24	19	43	0	0	1	0	4	
215	Mimico	52	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	50	-1
217	St. Alban's	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-96
218	Prince Edward	47	44	2	46	0	2	2	0	1	
220	Lebanon	104	76	23	99	4	0	3	3	5	
221	Durham	58	55	3	58	2	0	0	0	1	-1
222	Ottawa	150	122	27	149	7	2	4	3	2	
223	Abitibi	34	34	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	
224	Keystone	93	45	44	89	1	0	5	0	0	
226	Prince of Wales	94	13	79	92	0	0	4	0	0	
230	Port Credit	68	57	12	69	4	1	3	0	1	
232	King Cyrus	86	51	23	74	1	0	2	7	3	

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233	Oakwood	63	47	15	62	5	0	4	1	2	
234	Halton	65	60	3	63	0	1	2	0	1	
235	Aurora	84	49	35	84	0	0	0	0	0	
236	Caledonia	44	28	10	38	1	0	3	0	3	-1
238	The St. Andrew	125	93	34	127	4	0	2	0	0	
241	University	68	124	19	143	2	0	3	6	14	94
243	McKay	71	50	19	69	0	0	2	1	1	
245	Preston	50	47	1	48	1	0	3	1	0	
247	Nilestown	130	61	63	124	1	0	5	1	3	
248	Dochert	48	44	2	46	0	0	0	1	1	
249	Palestine	76	61	9	70	1	0	6	0	1	
251	Kirkland	47	30	14	44	0	0	3	0	0	
252	Hiawatha	255	110	134	244	1	0	6	5	1	
254	Golden Star	153	84	58	142	5	0	6	7	3	
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257	Espanola	93	76	14	90	3	0	2	1	3	
259	Quetico	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-31
260	Centennial	50	35	14	49	2	0	1	2	0	
261	Seguin	65	57	7	64	3	0	0	1	2	-1
262	King David	73	59	9	68	2	0	3	0	3	-1
264	Tecumseth	74	18	56	74	1	0	1	0	1	
265	Brampton	78	10	66	76	0	0	2	0	0	
266	Kenogamis	39	27	3	30	1	0	0	8	3	1

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195	Peel	Brampton			
28	Pentalpha	Oshawa			
230	Port Credit	Port Credit			
144	Presqu'ile	Brighton			
245	Preston	Cambridge			
31	Prince Edward	Picton			
218	Prince Edward	Shelburne			
226	Prince of Wales	Perth			
7	Quinte Friendship Moira	Belleville			
23	Regal-Ezra	Simcoe			
4	St. Andrew & St. John	Toronto			
75	St. Clair	Milton			
133	St. Francis	Smith Falls			
5	St. George's	London			
46	St. James	St. Mary's			
3	St. John's	London			
6	St. John's	Hamilton			
48	St. John's	Cobourg			
103	St. John's	North Bay			
148	St. John's	Vankleek Hill			
26	St. Mark's	Trenton			
261	Seguin	Parry Sound			
138	Shekinah	Toronto			
82	Shuniah	Thunder Bay			
34	Signet	Barrie			
135	Succuth	Uxbridge			
59	Sussex - St. Lawrence ...	Brockville			
24	Tecumseh	Stratford			
264	Tecumseth	Tottenham			
169	Temiskaming	Haileybury			
175	The Hamilton	Hamilton			
2	The Hiram	Hamilton			
66	The Malloch	Hensall			
238	The St. Andrew	London			
145	The St. Patrick	Newmarket			
255	Tillsonburg	Tillsonburg			
1	Toronto Antiquity	Weston			
95	Tuscan	Sudbury			
241	University	Thornhill			
37	Victoria	Port Hope			
205	Victoria	Thornhill			
214	Vimy	Oil Springs			
110	Warkworth	Warkworth			
32	Waterloo	Cambridge			
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia			

REPORT OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

This Committee is pleased to report the good news that this Committee has had no matters referred to it during the past year.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I am very pleased to report that no matters have been referred to the Committee during the past year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted: V.Ex.Comp. John V Lawer, Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, V.Ex.Comp. John V Lawer, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

GREETINGS EXTENDED BY ATTENDING COMPANIONS

During this 139th Annual Grand Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario held in Kingston on April 10th - 12th 1997, Fraternal Greetings were extended and conveyed to Grand Chapter by Visiting Companions.

REPORT OF THE GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Grand Representatives Committee is pleased to report on its activities for the past Masonic Year. The Grand Representatives have endeavoured to keep information flowing between our Sister Jurisdictions and ourselves. Some Representatives have been very successful, travelling near and far, writing and receiving letters, and even phoning, in order to perform their duties to the best of their ability. Many, as a result of these actions, have made lasting friendships, while others, have forged solid relationships between Companions and jurisdictions.

Unfortunately, there were some, who despite all these efforts were quite frustrated. Their attempts to communicate seemed to have fallen on deaf ears or disinterested Companions, because the return mail or return phone calls never came. Nevertheless, they keep trying, with the hope that eventually, their efforts will be rewarded, with some form of communication, from the delinquent sister jurisdiction in question.

The Committee wishes to express their gratitude to those Representatives who have kept the Office of the Grand Scribe Ezra and this Chairman apprized of their successes and failures, and further, who have performed their responsibilities and duties without blemish, for the good of all concerned. A general reminder to all reps, that your attendance at the Annual Grand Chapter Convocation is particularly required and very much appreciated.

To the Grand First Principal, we take this moment, to thank you sincerely for allowing us to be part of his Committee, as it coordinates jurisdictional news and studies various modes of communication. Your Committee members look forward to the challenges of the future and pledge our continuing support.

We recognize the valuable support and friendly manner of the Grand Scribe Ezra, and congratulate him and his staff, for the congenial working atmosphere which is ever present in the offices of Grand Chapter.

We, the Committee, urge every **ROYAL ARCH MASON**, regardless of rank, to be a representative or ambassador for Capitular Masonry, and ***"LET YOUR ACTIONS BE A POSITIVE SIGN POST TO ALL MANKIND, BUT MORE PARTICULARLY YOUR BRETHREN IN MASONRY."***

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the Grand Representatives Committee, R.Ex.Comp. David A Rogers, Chairman, R.Ex.Comps. Richard Stevenson and William Klapatiuk.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. David A Rogers, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I would like to thank our Representatives who are communicating with our Sister Jurisdictions and report that I have received forty-two (42) copies of Proceedings.

Alberta: Adopted a Resolution of Loyalty to Queen Elizabeth II - Grand Chapter opened without form and ladies invited - Revised the Ritual for Opening and Closing Grand Chapter and Installation of Grand Chapter Officers - Set up a Grand Chapter Membership Planning Committee.

Alabama: Reports no correspondence with any neighbouring Grand Chapters since last meeting.

Arkansas: Joint Installation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters and Knights Templar.

British Columbia & The Yukon: Opened informal Grand Chapter with Flag Ceremony, Memorial Service and all other Masonic bodies and recipients of Bursaries - Membership promotional material from Ontario to be modified and printed and distributed to all potential candidates - Adopted a resolution of Loyalty to Queen Elizabeth II and response to it, from her personal secretary.

District of Columbia: Attendance at the Grand Chapter School of Instruction continues to be "very poor" - The Grand High Priest and Officers of Chapters are requested to consider attendance a must. Royal Arch Advancement - Grand Masters Class follow up. Open Installation.

Connecticut: Committee established on Prince Hall relations - Open Installation with ladies present - Use of Table Chapters and promoting to other Chapters - Use of Festivals to exalt new Royal Arch Masons.

Georgia: Open Installation of Officers.

Iowa: Open Installation after close of Grand Chapter.

Maryland: Celebrating Two Hundred (200) years in Royal Arch Masonry.

Manitoba: Resolution of Loyalty to Queen Elizabeth II of Canada - Opened Grand Chapter in Ceremonial form and invited ladies to be a part - Opened in Regular form the next day.

Michigan: Have produced "The Vision for Royal Arch Masons" - Reviewing the Grand Representative Program and provide a brochure giving basic duties of the job.

Minnesota: Annual Souvenir Book - Cooperated in a York Rite Workshop.

New Brunswick: Hold joint meetings with Grand Chapter of Maine.

New Hampshire: Use of York Rite Festivals - Grand Chapter Degree Teams to help smaller Chapters - Promotion of Life Membership - Chapter at Large, setup for all Life Membership in Chapter assisted or surrendered.

New Mexico: Use of York Rite Festivals - Promotion of Life Membership.

Nova Scotia: Presentation of four (4) Flags, Provincial, British, U. S. A. and Canada - Grand Representative system being reviewed.

Nevada: Grand Scribe Ezra is listed incorrectly.

New York: Eliminated the Office of Deputy High Priest - Introduced "Resolve A Chapter" Program to revitalize Chapters.

Ohio: Theme is TIME... Talent, Involvement, Mission and Enthusiasm - Use of York Rite Festivals.

Pennsylvania: Use "Mini Festivals" in Districts, recommended a follow up on new members at three (3) to six (6) months as to their progress - This Grand Chapter have two meetings per year with membership at approximately eighteen thousand (18,000) .

Saskatchewan: Open Installation at Grand Chapter to be permitted at the discretion of incoming Grand First Principal with approval of the Grand Executive of the Ceremony used - Scribe Ezra can hold both this Office and the Treasurer of the Chapter - Amnesty for all Companions suspended over the last twenty (20) years, provided they are a Mason in good standing in a Craft Lodge and paying one (1) years dues.

South Dakota: Public opening of Grand Chapter after the official opening and Grand Chapter recessed - Meets at same place with Grand Council, Cryptic and Grand Commandery, Knights Templar.

To summarize: the Reports show that more Canadian Grand Chapters are using an informal opening to receive all visitors, recognizing Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, local dignitaries, wives and families. Included are flag presentations and Grand Chaplains' reports. Grand Chapter opened in ample form the next day. Saskatchewan has approved open Installation at the discretion of incoming Grand First Principal. A large number of Grand Chapters in U.S.A. have "Open Installation", More Districts seem to have Festivals with other York Rite bodies to give Degree work on candidates. Membership continues to decrease, but at a slower pace, presumably due to the concentrated efforts with Grand Lodges and Grand Chapter programs.

In closing, I would like to paraphrase the Grand Lecturer of West Virginia, as reported from the Grand Chapter of New York. "Suppose every member of your Chapter did as you are doing now to preserve the laws and teach the Ritual. Would your Chapter be the most active, proficient and informed Chapter in the State, or would it disappear into obscurity? The answer to these questions now rests with us and we must live with and be judged by our decision".

Respectfully and fraternally submitted by R.Ex.Comps. B Donald Lamont, Chairman and Richard J Jackson.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. B Donald Lamont, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Archives Committee is pleased to report, that since the November Grand Executive Meeting, the floppy disk drive in the dedicated computer, used by our Committee has been upgraded, and a menu program has been added to make the database program more user friendly.

Through the efforts of the members of the Committee and V.Ex.Comp. Robert Todd, we have now completed the initial sort, of the boxes of books which were in our Archives room and those belonging to Grand Lodge have now been delivered to the Grand Lodge Library. This reduces the number of boxes to approximately twelve, leaving much greater room for us to reorganize the remaining items. We will accomplish the final sort of the remaining books during the next year.

We have received two contributions to the Archives which we feel worthy of note. First, the donation by R.Ex.Comp. Basil Fowler of a collection of Toronto District 8 and 8A Chapter Pennies. This will make a wonderful addition to our collection of memorabilia and will make a great display item in our display cases.

The second item is a Chapter Penny from Stirling Rock Royal Arch Chapter No. 2 of Scotland. A brief history is included in the letter accompanying the donation by R.Ex.Comp. James Evans. Again, this will make a fine display item for our cases.

The Committee members would like to thank our Grand First Principal, and the members of Grand Chapter for the opportunity of working on their behalf.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee, V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey, Chairman, V.Ex.Comp. John Abbott, R.Ex.Comp. James Reid and Ex.Comp. Dennis Hill.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF THE SCRIBES EZRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

On behalf of the members of the Scribes Ezra Advisory Committee, we report with pleasure, our activities since our Interim report in November.

We submitted for approval at the March 1, 1997 Grand Executive Committee Meeting, forms number TGC12, Registration of a Demit and TGC20, Registration for a Suspension. These forms replace the old form TGC12 which covered both activities, but, was found lacking in certain information by the Grand Chapter Office. As well, the Chairman of the Bursary Committee, R.Ex.Comp. James Evans, provided the format of a revised TGC17, Bursary Application Form, which our Committee adjusted slightly, and submitted for approval. We feel the forms, in their revised formats, will prove more user friendly, and will provide the Grand Chapter Office and Bursary Committee with better information.

Together, with the two forms revised and approved at the November 1996, Grand Executive meeting, this Committee has revised and received approval for five Grand Chapter forms this year.

Our Committee and the Grand Scribe Ezra have been discussing the future needs of the Grand Chapter Office, and of the Scribe's Ezra in the Chapters, and agree that the next priority of this Committee, is to update, and revise where necessary, the red Scribe's Ezra Manual during the 1997/98 Masonic year. This manual will be the focus of our attention next year. We would like to thank R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn Duke for his ever present advise, council and encouragement, and to the Grand Chapter Executive Committee for this opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter.

Fraternally and sincerely submitted, on behalf of the Committee, V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey, Chairman and R.Ex.Comp. Ronald McClung.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND
RELEASE A MIRACLE**

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee wishes to report the following:

- There have been no new requests for research grants.
- Letters acknowledging receipt of interim rewards plus reports outlining current research were received.
- At present there is no mechanism by which this Committee is informed of a donation received. This makes it impossible for the Committee to acknowledge the donation.
- Recommendation for the distribution of Awards to our researchers has been submitted for acceptance.
- Donations received 1996-97
- I extend my personal thanks to my Committee members.

Donations in the amounts stated were granted to the following:

Total Annual Awards 1996 -1997

• Robarts Institute - Dr. Poznansky	\$ 8,500.00
• Western University - Dr. Roach	4,000.00
• Humber Memorial Hospital - Dr. Wilson	3,000.00
• Hospital for Sick Children - Dr. Gallie	4,000.00
• Victoria Hospital - Dr. Del Maestro	5,500.00
• Mount Sinai Hospital - Dr. Dennis	1,000.00
• Sunnybrooke Hospital - Dr. Hu	1,000.00

Sincerely and fraternally submitted: V.Ex.Comp. Dr. Peter Cameron, Chairman, R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth Green, Vice Chairman, R.Ex.Comps. Bernard LoPatriello, William Klapatiuk, Dr. H Ovas Wagg, L Gordon Odell and Ex. Comp. Donald Valleau.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth Green, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Benevolence, wishes to report that for the period April 1996 through to April 1997, two (2) applications for Benevolence were received and approved. Also, we had a request from Durham Chapter No. 221, seeking assistance for the Durham Flood Relief Fund. As we all know, the Durham area was hit with heavy flooding in early February and are still experiencing abnormal levels of flooding.

This request was presented to the Grand Council and under Section 57 (b) of the Constitution a grant of \$500.00 was approved.

The Total amount dispersed during the past year is \$2360.79.

At the 1996 Convocation of Grand Chapter, the Constitution was amended to require all unexpended interest from the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund to remain in the Benevolent Fund for future use by the Committee.

Although we were not required to use all of the Benevolent Funds this year, we are concerned that in the near future there may be additional demands put on our resources as the social conditions of our Province become more strained. As the budget now stands, there will be a carry-over of \$2692.70 to be used in future years.

In conclusion Most Excellent Sir, I thank you for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter and I also express my appreciation to the Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke for his courtesy and assistance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee, R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth L Whiting, Chairman, R.Ex.Comps. James Reid and Gordon Sinclair.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth L Whiting, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It has been my privilege to have served as Chairman of the Bursary Fund. I have been most ably assisted by members of my Committee and I thank them most sincerely. I thank R.Ex.Comp. Ed Ounjian for allowing us to display some photographs and testimonials on his Grand Chapter display. The Grand Superintendents concerned, were also most helpful in arranging the presentation of Bursaries. In some cases it was impossible to present the cheques in person, however, family and friends of the recipients were admitted into the Chapter Room to receive the Bursaries on behalf of the applicants.

After a slow start, your Bursary Committee has approved a total of 25 Bursaries to needy students in the Province of Ontario at a cost of \$8,150. In this time of government cuts to Colleges and Universities our Grand Chapter has made a small but meaningful contribution to Education in Ontario. One only has to attend the presentation of a Bursary cheque, to realize how grateful these students are for our assistance. Let us remember that this good work cannot have been done, without the hard work and generosity of our Companions throughout the jurisdiction. The consolidation of the various Charities into a single fund raising entity will benefit us all, and I am sure that the new Charities Brochure will prompt the necessary donations to assist in carrying on the wonderful work of the Charities.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Bursary Committee: R.Ex.Comp. James B Evans, Chairman, R.Ex.Comps. John R Williams, Donald Gillis, Michael Sastre, V.Ex.Comps. Robert S Wylie, Keith Flynn and Fred Lewis.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. James B Evans, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF THE ROYAL ARCH CHARITIES COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

With regard to the production of a new Brochure to complement the previously issued one entitled "Curious About the Royal Arch!". After much deliberation, your Committee has decided to amend the present concept of this project, as it was felt the return on the investment would not justify the cost of production. The amended version will be less costly and more concise.

On a more positive note, I am pleased to report our initial fund raising endeavour for the Royal Arch Charities this year was the Sixteen (16) Month Pocket Calendar which proved to be a huge success. Our target was \$2,500 net profit. Gross receipts totalled \$6,135. The cost of the Calendars equalled \$1,130, leaving a net profit of \$5,005 or one hundred percent (100%) above the original forecast. I might add the entire \$5,005 was deposited in the three (3) Royal Arch Charities.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the success of this project was in no small way attributable to the efforts of the Grand Scribe Ezra, as well as the Grand Superintendents throughout our jurisdiction.

Their cooperation in the distribution of the Calendars, and their tireless efforts in the collection of the proceeds was most appreciated.

Your Committee, with your approval, intends to purchase twelve hundred (1200) calendars next year, as opposed to eight hundred (800) this year. Also, intentions are to make the Calendar more functional by including the names, numbers, meeting dates and contact numbers of all Chapters in their respective Districts, within the jurisdiction. These amendments will be predicated on cost of course, as we are anticipating a net profit of seven thousand (\$7,000) dollars.

In closing, it has been a great privilege for this Committee to have served our Grand Chapter this past Masonic year. The intellect and guidance exhibited by our Grand First Principal and our Grand Council have made this a very rewarding experience.

This report is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: R.Ex.Comps. J K Lowery, Chairman, James Evans, Richard W Stevenson, Edward G Ounjian, Kenneth L Whiting and V.Ex.Comp. Dr. Peter C Cameron.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. John Kenneth Lowery, Chairman, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

PRESENTATION BY THE YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE

M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell invited R.Ex.Comp. Bert Mennie to make a presentation on behalf of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Durward I Greenwood, Distinguished East and Companions:

Once again, it is a privilege and a pleasure for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Canadian Charitable Foundation to present a \$500 cheque this year to the Bursary Fund of this Grand Chapter. We know that \$500 is not going to be a great deal with the present funds required to go to University. But, the amount we can give out is dependent on our sources of income and in proportion to where or what Provinces from which it comes. Ontario has been most generous. We are giving in proportion.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Constitution Review Committee has been charged with considering various proposed changes to the Grand Chapter Constitution. After careful consideration by this Committee and consultation with the Grand Council Members and the Grand Scribe Ezra, we have prepared the following Notice of Motions to be considered, as printed in the Notices of Motion, for approval by Grand Chapter.

Most Excellent Sir, I thank you for having the confidence in me, to appoint me Interim Chairman of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Constitution Committee: R.Ex.Comp. Sheldon Boomhour, Interim Chairman, R.Ex.Comps. Harry S Smith, L Ian Montague, Guenther H Gahs, H Ovis Wagg, David Walker, V.Ex.Comp. Shayne H Eldridge and M. Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett, Advisor.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Sheldon Boomhour, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

In accordance with the Notice of Motions presented to Grand Chapter By R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Grand Second Principal that the Constitution be amended by adding, changing or deleting the following noted sections. In doing so I would bring to the attention of each member, the requirements of the Section AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION which impact the By-Laws of each Constituent Chapter.

The Constitution Review Committee has received and studied any proposed amendments to The Grand Chapter Constitution that were submitted for review. After careful consideration by this Committee, the following are the amendments that have been submitted for your approval.

It is moved by myself, R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour interim Chairman of The constitution Review Committee, and R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Grand Second Principal, that the following amendments to The Grand Chapter Constitution be approved.

Section 17, MEETINGS OF GRAND CHAPTER, to replace the existing subsection (l) with the following: "Grand Chapter may leave any particular matter to the determination of the Grand First Principal. Subject to this provision, all matters brought up for discussion in Grand Chapter will be decided by a majority of votes. Each Companion present will have one vote, by holding up one of his hands. In the event of a tie, the vote will be declared defeated." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

Section 18, NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, to replace the existing subsection (e) with the following: "Such nominations must be received, by registered mail or by hand delivery, at the Grand Chapter Office on or before the Thirtieth day of November prior to the Grand Chapter Convocation at which the voting is to take place. If the Thirtieth day of November falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday, then on the next following business day." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

Section 18, NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, to replace the existing subsection (g) with the following: "The Grand Scribe Ezra will send a complete list of such nominations at once and by registered mail, to all members so nominated. Unless a notice of withdrawal from the member so nominated and over his signature, is received by the Grand Scribe Ezra, by registered mail or by hand delivery, on or before the Fifteenth day of December, the name of such member will appear on the final list of nominations." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

Section 18, NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, to replace the existing subsection (h) with the following: "No Companion's name will be submitted for more than one elective office. For the purpose of this Section, a nomination for the Grand Executive Committee shall be deemed to be a nomination for an elective office. All multiple nominations received from a Companion will be declared invalid by the Special Committee of Scrutineers." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

Section 23, ELECTION OF OFFICERS, to replace the existing subsection (e) with the following: "If as a result of the ballot for Grand First Principal, Grand Second Principal or Grand Third Principal there is no election, the second ballot, with the names of the Companions that came First and Second only, will be taken at the time called for the voting, for the remaining offices, 4:30 p.m." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

Section 50, DUTIES OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, to replace the existing subsection (k) with the following: "Seven members will constitute a quorum. All questions must be decided by a majority of votes. In the event of a tie, the vote will be declared defeated." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

The following are Notices of Motions received and reviewed by the Committee. We recommend they be considered for inclusion in this Notice of Motion.

Notice of Motion received from V.Ex.Comp. Shane Eldridge.

Section 73, LONG SERVICE AWARDS, to add a new subsection (b) (i) the following: "A Chapter may present to a Companion who has been a member for Twenty-five (25) years in good standing in any Chapter within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, a Twenty-five (25) year lapel pin." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

Notice of Motion received from R.Ex.Comp. George S. Leishman.

Section 113, REGALIA, CLOTHING, INSIGNIA AND JEWELS, to replace the existing subsections (h) through (s) with the following:

(h) "The Aprons of Principals and Past First Principals of Constituent Chapters shall have the triangle, the lining and cord or belt, and the ribbon suspending the tassels or chains, crimson and, (i) be trimmed with a gold lace, three-eighths of an inch wide, and gold fringe one inch long on the flap and one and one-half inches long on the apron, or: (ii) be trimmed with gold braid, one-half inch wide along the outer and inner edge of the flap, and on the outer and inner edge of the apron. Where this option is chosen, the sash will have a silk fringe of gold colour." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

We have discovered that an amendment is required under subsections (i) and (j) from what has been printed in the Notice of Motion. **We will, therefore, present these two (2) subsections as amended.**

(i) "The Apron of Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers of this Grand Chapter is to be a type of white lamb-skin, eighteen inches wide and sixteen inches deep, with a double indented crimson and purple border, four inches wide; the border of the flap to be two inches wide; the triangle, lining and strings, and ribbons suspending the tassels or chains, to be purple, trimmed with gold- lace, one-half inch wide, and gold fringe, one and one-half inches long on the flap and two inches long on the apron; the emblem of office to be embroidered in the centre of the apron, for the Grand First Principal and all Past Grand First Principals within a wreath of maple leaves, with the word Canada embroidered under the emblem of office.

For all other elected officers, within a laurel wreath, and for appointed officers, within a circle.

As an option, the apron may be worn without the fringe. When this option is chosen, the collar of a Right Excellent Companion will be worn without the gold fringe. When this option is chosen, the Sash will have a silk fringe of gold colour." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

(j) "The Apron of Members of the Grand Council and Past Grand First Principals of this Grand Chapter is to be white lamb-skin, eighteen inches wide and sixteen inches deep, with a double indented crimson and purple border, four inches wide; the border of the flap to be two inches wide; the triangle, lining and strings and ribbons suspending the tassels or chains to be purple, trimmed with gold lace one-half inch wide, and gold fringe, one and one-half inches long on the flap and two inches long on the apron, the emblem of office to be embroidered in the centre of the apron, for the Grand First Principal and all Past Grand First Principals within a wreath of maple leaves with the word Canada embroidered under the emblem of office. For all other elected officers, within a laurel wreath." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

(k) "The Sash of Companions shall be of four-inch indented crimson and purple ribbon (crimson diamond outside), with silk fringe, three and one-half inches long, at the ends, fastened with a triple tau, within a metal, gold-plated triangle, of two and three quarter inches outside measurement; sash to be worn over the left shoulder passing obliquely to the right side." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

(l) "The Sash of Principals and Past First Principals of Constituent Chapters shall have a fringe of gold bullion instead of silk, the triple tau and triangle to be of gold bullion embroidery." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

(m) "The Sash of Present and Past Grand Chapter Officers of this Grand Chapter shall be a tri-colour ribbon of purple, crimson and sky blue, four inches wide, with a fringe of gilt or gold bullion, three and one-half inches long, attached by gold lace, one inch wide, at the ends, the triple tau and triangle to be of gold bullion embroidery." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

(n) "The Sash of the members of Grand Council shall be tri-colour ribbon, purple, crimson and sky blue, four inches wide, the ends of the ribbon finished with a fringe of gold chains, and at the join a triple tau within a triangle." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

(o) "No Companion of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be permitted to wear in a Chapter any jewel, medal, or regalia not authorized by this Grand Chapter except the jewels and medals approved by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, or in the case of affiliated Companions, the jewels, medals or regalia of Grand Chapters recognized by this Grand Chapter." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

(p) "The Jewel of Office worn by Present and Past Grand First Principal's as well as the Jewel of Office of the Grand Second Principal and the Grand Third Principal, may be suspended from a chain collar of gold or metal gilt. The jewel of the Grand Council members shall be mounted on a tri-colour ribbon of purple, crimson and sky blue." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

(q) "The Jewel of a Past Grand First Principal shall be mounted on a ribbon of plush material, purple in colour, that of other elected officers from a tri-colour ribbon collar of purple, crimson and sky blue, four inches wide, edged with a gold lace, one-half inch wide, and gold fringe, one and one-half inches long; that of appointed officers, from a similar ribbon collar." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

(r) "The Jewel of Office worn by Principals and Officers is to be suspended from a crimson collar, four inches wide, with gold bullion lace, one-half inch wide, down the centre." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

(s) "No other Jewels shall be suspended from the collars as above described." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

I, R.Ex.Comp. Richard W Stevenson give Notice of Motion that I will move or cause to be moved at the next Grand Chapter Convocation, that the section of the Constitution pertaining to the Nomination of Officers and the Grand Executive Committee members be altered to read as follows:

Section 18, NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, subsections (i) and (j) to be replaced with the following:

(i) "No Companion (seeking election) will knowingly permit his name to be published other than by Section BALLOT PAPERS, prior to the issuance of the list of nominations for the various offices from the Grand Chapter Office. Should a Companion's name be published other than set forth in this Constitution, the Grand First Principal shall investigate and will determine if the Companion knowingly permitted his name to be published or not." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

(j) "A violation of the forgoing regulation shall be deemed to have occurred, should a Companion's name be published prior to the issuance of the list of nominations from the Grand Chapter Office. When it is determined that the Companion (seeking election) had no prior knowledge that his name was to be published and/or that he had taken such reasonable action as to specifically forbid the same, then he shall be allowed to maintain his candidacy for election, however the Constituent Chapter(s) responsible for said publication shall have their voting privileges revoked at the next Convocation. When it is determined that the candidate had prior knowledge of the intent to publish his name and took no action to prevent the same, or was directly responsible for the same, then he shall be disqualified as a candidate for any elective office or for the Grand Executive Committee. Any Companion nominated may withdraw his name at any time before the vote is taken." **MOVED AS PRESENTED. Carried.**

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The first record of Royal Arch work in Upper Canada and under a supreme authority is found in the issue of a warrant by R.W.Bro. William Jarvis, Provincial Grand Master of Upper Canada to Lodge No. 6 at Kingston on June 7, 1797.

In Ancient Frontenac Chapter No.1, of Kingston, Canada, we have the foundation and corner-stone of Capitular Masonry, in, at least, that portion of the Dominion formerly known as Upper Canada. - M.Ex.Comp. J Ross Robertson, Past Grand First Principal. Grand Chapter congratulates Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, for achieving the rare distinction in this Grand Jurisdiction of being the first Chapter to celebrate its Bi-Centennial Anniversary and enthusiastically looks forward to sharing in those celebrations in Kingston on June 6 -8, 1997.

Details of all amalgamations and special Chapter events will be found in other Reports printed in the 1997 Proceedings.

Since the Grand Chapter Convocation in Toronto, April 1996, eight (8) Chapters have marked their Masonic year by a variety of Anniversary programmes.

Durham Chapter No. 221, Durham, Wellington District No. 4, celebrated its 75th Anniversary on Friday evening, May 10, 1996. On July 16, 1920 the Ceremony of Institution was conducted by R.Ex.Comp. Henry T Smith, Grand Scribe Ezra followed by the degrees of Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch being conferred upon eleven candidates. Seventy-five (75) years later we are reminded that every Companion should be familiar with the early history of the Royal Arch in order to appreciate and practice the message it seeks to impart. That message which must be discerned spiritually cannot be learned by proxy.

After a presentation of a new Director of Ceremonies' baton, R.Ex.Comp. Maarten A Van Wamelin gave a most articulate and well-researched paper which covered the highlights of the seventy-five (75) years of Durham Chapters history. Certainly the memory of Durham Chapter's Companions who have gone before are an inspiration to Durham Chapter's Companions of today as they again recommitted themselves to the challenge and service of the Royal Arch.

On January 27, 1896 Berlin Chapter No. 117 was warranted and over the past one hundred (100) years saw its membership grow from twenty-two (22) to a peak of two hundred (200) in the mid-forties. For political reasons this Chapter in 1917 changed its name to Kitchener Chapter, its number on the Grand Register of Grand Chapter remaining the same.

Unfortunately, the records of the first five (5) years together with all paraphernalia were destroyed by fire on January 26, 1901.

On Saturday, June 8, 1996 Kitchener Chapter No. 117, Kitchener, Wellington District No. 4 celebrated its 100th Anniversary with an afternoon and evening programme which was well attended by the Companions and their ladies.

Ex.Comp. John R Patterson, First Principal clearly summed up the feelings of all in attendance: The world of 1896 was very different from our own. Between their lives and ours runs a great divide of experience - not only in material things -clothing, buildings and equipment - but in basic social, political and economic assumptions. Through it all Freemasonry has propagated its messages of civic virtue, practical charity, and respect for toleration and equality which are the real foundations of democracy. Today, we gather to celebrate the fact that Kitchener Chapter has been the representative of Capitular Masonry in this community to all these good ends for five (5) generations.

Prince of Wales Chapter No. 226, Perth, Ottawa District No. 13, warranted on February 23, 1921 with fourteen (14) members, celebrated its 75th Anniversary on Saturday, September 14, 1996. The 75th Anniversary speaker spoke with pride as each paid tribute to the many dedicated Companions from the past who made significant contributions to Royal Arch Masonry in the Perth community. As Ex.Comp. A G L Blanchard, First Principal stated, they made certain "That the stone which the builders rejected, became the head of the corner."

This Chapter has been blessed with Companions from all professions and vocations; bakers, carpenters, physicians, manufacturers, etc. from not only Perth, but the area of Westport, Lanark, Sharlot Lake, Mountain Grove, Ompah and Maberly. At the conclusion of its 1921 Dedication, all proceeded to the Banquet Room and were entertained royally at a feast at which the Grand Superintendent declared that Prince of Wales Chapter No. 226 would have a bright future and would give a good account of itself. On September 14, 1996 Prince of Wales Chapter No. 226 again gave ample proof of this.

St. John's Chapter No. 48, Cobourg, Ontario District No. 10 celebrated its 125th Anniversary on Saturday, September 21, 1996 with a formal Banquet Room programme commencing at 7:00 p.m.. At the Fifteenth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter on August 14, 1872 M.Ex.Comp. S B Harman, Grand First Principal recommended that St. John's Chapter No. 48, which had been granted dispensation a year earlier be confirmed by warrant.

V.Ex.Comp. Brian Keighly, Grand Assistance Director of Ceremonies was invited by Ex.Comp. Herald Matthews, First Principal, to give the Toast to St. John's Chapter No. 48, which he did in a most appropriate manner using as his theme:

Let us hope that Royal Arch Masonry will always remain a continuing unfinished story of Companions seeking, through high motives and common endeavours, to make, not only themselves, but their communities and national life, and nobler expression of the Brotherhood of man, under the fatherhood of God. - M.Ex.Comp. John M Burden, Past Grand First Principal.

He concluded by saying "Since 1871 and to this day St. John's Chapter and Royal Arch Masonry has prospered in the Cobourg area. May it continue to do so until time shall be no more. So Mote it be.

Mount Sinai Chapter No. 44, Napanee, Prince Edward District No. 11 celebrated its 125th Anniversary on Saturday, September 28, 1996. It was on August 9, 1871 that M.Ex.Comp. T Douglas Harrington, Grand First Principal granted the dispensation for a new Chapter, Mount Sinai. At that time the prayer of Grand Chapter was: May the copestone of Peace crown the Arch of Masonry with all its attendant blessing - and may Peace, Love and Harmony ever prevail amongst our members.

Following the opening of Chapter at 2:00 p.m. and the reception of the Grand Chapter Officers, the "Ceremony of Remembrance, Rededication and Recommitment" was held. This was the first time that this very meaningful and moving service written by R.Ex.Comp. Rev. M John Moor, Grand Chaplain was used in any Chapter with the Companions recommitting themselves to those ideals espoused by the Companions who established Mount Sinai 125 years ago. A Banquet Room programme concluded the 125th Anniversary Celebrations with over one hundred (100) Companions and ladies in attendance. The programme with Ex. Comp. Greg Drew, First Principal acting as Master of Ceremonies moved along smoothly and harmoniously. Truly September 28, 1996 became a Masonic milestone in Mount Sinai's history.

Keystone Chapter No. 224, Hamilton, Hamilton District No. 5 celebrated its 75th Anniversary on Saturday, October 19, 1996 (The city of Hamilton marked its 150th Birthday in 1996). On December 15, 1920 this Chapter was instituted with thirty-two (32) petitioners with Ex.Comp. Fred R Martin as First Principal. Within the first year forty-nine (49) Companions were marked and fifteen (15) others affiliated. The Grand Superintendent, R.Ex.Comp. A G Bain reported that many Officers were experienced, capable of doing good work and were most energetic. He concluded that Keystone Chapter had a most promising future.

Seventy-five (75) years later the Chapter and Banquet Room programmes were characterized by a sincere appreciation of a number of past and present members (541 on the Roll of Grand Chapter) and a recommitment to those ideals which mark all companions as Royal Arch Masons. Even though the labours in the quarries are more difficult today "We go into the future confident that the light lit so long ago and tended so faithfully will continue to bless our future as it has in the past." - Keystone's 75th Anniversary Programme.

Port Credit Chapter No. 230, Toronto District No. 8A celebrated its 75th Anniversary on November 26, 1996 in the modern Port Credit Masonic Temple which continues to retain the warm, friendly atmosphere of the past.

We have reached three (3) quarters of the way to our First 100 years of service to Masonry. It's time to celebrate, to give tribute to those who formed the Chapter, and to those who have contributed countless hours over the past 75 years that has enabled this Chapter to perform its responsibilities to Grand Chapter, the community, its members, and the many who came to the door looking "for further light in Masonry." - Ex.Comp. Donald F Craig, First Principal.

Following a roast beef dinner at 6:30 p.m. the Companions proceeded to do just that. In the Chapter Room a unique and interesting programme focussed on the events and people such as that late R.Ex.Comp. Gordon B Jackson who did so much in the past to assure Port Credit Chapter of its future.

Ex.Comp. Hans T Sanders, Past First Principal presented to the assembled Companions a very comprehensive "historical sketch" which served to reinforce the pride of the Chapter in its past and the excitement in its future. It was very evident that the charter members who were described as men of sterling worth, enthusiasm and full of determination to uphold the standard of the Royal Craft in this part of the Grand Jurisdiction would be most pleased with the appreciation and visioning of the present members of Port Credit Chapter.

On December 18, 1996 an organizational meeting was held in the Freemasons' Hall, where it was unanimously resolved to petition Grand Chapter for a new Chapter to be called Lebanon Chapter, a name chosen from its close association with Masonic traditions. Its motto "And we will cut wood out of Lebanon" was selected from the beautiful lessons it teaches. No more unselfish offer of service has ever been recorded than this. It exemplifies the true spirit of friendship, and not only did King Hiram offer to supply King Solomon with timber from the most valuable forests in his kingdom, but also "as much as thou shalt need". The extent of the service was limited only by the needs of the recipient. - R.Ex.Comp. J Austin Evans, Past Grand Superintendent.

Lebanon Chapter received its dispensation on June 17, 1920 and began its work eight (8) days later. During its tenure as a Chapter 492 Companions have been exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch and a number of other Companions welcomed as affiliated members. M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline , Past Grand First Principal and an Honorary Past Principal of Lebanon Chapter No. 220, presented an informed "sketch" of the accomplishments, activities and special events of this Chapter, and the many friendships which were made resulting in it becoming a sound and progressive one. Following the closing of the Chapter in ample form by the Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell, the companions retired to the banquet room to share in light refreshments and best wishes for Lebanon Chapter's Anniversary, its newly elected and appointed Officers for 1997, and Season's Greetings.

The History Committee continues to encourage any Chapter and District to elect or appoint a Historian whose duties are to regularly record the significant events of the Chapter or District in order that the Companions may know and appreciate the past. Kipling described these Companions as follows:

They hadn't good regalia,
An' their Lodge was old an' bare;
But they knew the Ancient Landmarks,
And they kept them to a hair.

Almost one hundred (100) years ago at the 39th Annual Grand Chapter Convocation M.Ex.Comp. J Ross Robertson, Grand First Principal declared:

On the 7th of June 1897 the index finger of time will point to that date as the day on which the Companions for the first time in this Province gathered in the new City of Kingston around the Sacred Word in a Royal Arch Chapter. We can look back on a record of "a century of endeavour" that will compare with that achieved by other jurisdictions in the great field of Capitular labour.

On January 26, 1898 at the 40th Annual Grand Chapter Convocation , the Executive Committee summed up its conclusions of the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the oldest Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction:

Such celebrations should inspire us with a lofty respect and admiration for the ancient Craft to which we are privileged to belong. Freemasonry is not sustained by its mysteries, its ceremonies or its paraphernalia. Its true interest is above and beyond all this. Its motto is "Holiness to the Lord". If all men lived in exact accordance with its teachings, this world would indeed a paradise.

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Historical Committee: R.Ex.Comp. James W Reid, Chairman and R.Ex.Comp. William Stanfield.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. James W Reid, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

On behalf of a very busy Long Range Planning Committee, it is my pleasure to present this report.

It is recommended, that the status of the Long Range Planning Committee be changed from an "Ad Hoc" Committee to a "Standing Committee" of the Grand Executive Committee which will ensure the continuance and importance of this Committee as it probes the vital areas affecting the long term viability of our Order. A Notice of Motion has been prepared to amend our Constitution and will be presented at our 1998 Grand Convocation.

In accordance with the major scope area of this Committee being the issue of attracting and retaining membership, the Committee has reviewed and presents the following recommendations:

- i. Develop and participate in liaison with Grand Lodge and other Masonic concordant bodies, a review of the long term viability of the Order through symposiums, think tanks, etc.
- ii. Develop a questionnaire to monitor the reaction of our membership to key issues and request input from Chapters throughout our jurisdiction.

- iii. Review Chapter meeting dates and times and present an analysis and recommendations to the Grand Executive Committee.
- iv. Prepared a "Letter of Invitation" to be made available to all Chapters, in order to annually invite all current Worshipful Masters to join our Order. A potential six hundred and fifty (650) new members annually would contribute significantly in enhancing our membership in future years.
- v. All members of this Committee will make their presence known when attending local Chapter activities, to ensure an "open ear" to our membership in soliciting ideas that impact upon our future.

Our Committee has discussed and agreed to review the need to foster the development of financial planning within each Chapter. In conjunction with the Finance Committee, this essential issue will be pursued.

Finally, we recommend that a biographical sketch and photograph be provided for all candidates seeking an elected office of Grand Chapter. This proposal will assist the membership with making an informed decision at the elections of Grand Chapter. A Notice of Motion will be presented at our Grand Convocation.

Fraternally and sincerely submitted on behalf of the Committee, R.Ex.Comp. Brian R Simpson, Chairman, R.Ex.Comps. M Sheldon Boomhour, Edward G Ounjian, Allen G Smuck, William Stanfield, William Birnie, David Walker, and V.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Brian R Simpson, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

COMMITTEE OF ASSESSMENT OF RECOGNITION OF "THE ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS AND PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS" REPORT

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The following is the report to our Grand Chapter from your Committee for the "Assessment of Recognition of The Association of Canadian Past Grand First Principals and Past Grand High Priests."

For the sole purpose of brevity, in this report we will refer to The Association of Canadian Past Grand First Principals and Past Grand High Priests as "The Association". The By-Laws of The Association, Paragraph (2) refers to membership and reads, in part, "Membership shall consist of all Incumbent and Past Grand First Principals, First Grand Principals, Grand High Priests and Incumbent Grand Scribes Ezra/Grand Secretaries"...

On a date prior to the April, 1996 Grand Convocation a letter was received at our Grand Chapter office from The Association. It was prepared on The Association's President's letter-head and signed by the Secretary-Treasurer and dated March 1, 1996. The second paragraph of this letter consists of two lines and is part of the subject of this report.

The paragraph reads, "Grand First Principals and Grand High Priests are requested to nominate Area Representatives for election at the Annual Meeting."

The Grand First Principal of the day, Most Excellent Companion Alan F Walker, received this written request for his consideration. Most Excellent Companion Walker in his deliberations formed the opinion that for him to nominate a representative to The Association would, in essence, give Official Recognition to The Association. In his address to Grand Chapter he reported on having received the request. Although he had no objections to the existence of such an organization he did not feel that official recognition of, or participation in, The Association would be of major benefit to our Grand Chapter. An Area Representative from the Grand Chapter of Ontario was not nominated.

Some members of The Association took exception to Most Excellent Companion Walker's remarks, and through the Committee of the Grand First Principal's Address, were prepared to censure him for these particular observations and comments as they referred to the request of The Association. After a few hours of deliberations Most Excellent Companion Walker, on returning to Grand Chapter, identified there was not total agreement with that section of his address as it applied to The Association. He requested, and moved that his address be amended and that portion referring to The Association be removed. He further moved that the Grand First Principal appoint a Grand Chapter Committee be formed to investigate the situation and to report thereon at the next regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter. You, Most Excellent Sir, appointed me as Chairman of the Committee.

The Companions appointed by you, Most Excellent Sir, to serve on this committee accepted that responsibility and applied their respective knowledge and expertise in compiling this report. For three very important reasons, other Masonic responsibilities, business / employment requirements and family gatherings, we were unable to arrange a common meeting date for all to attend. We did communicate our respective opinions and observations in writing, and on occasion by telephone.

For the benefit of the Companions, we have some background information on The Association as printed in our Proceedings from the past. In the 1947 Proceedings, pages 27-28, Most Excellent Companion Frederick Dean in his address commented in part, "I visited Chatham during the meeting of the Great Priory on Monday, August 8th. Not being a member of the Knights of the Temple and Malta, I was host at a breakfast at which Past Grand First Principals, and Past Grand High Priests.... who were present at the meeting of the Great Priory were guests. The subject for discussion was the advisability of establishing a national conference of all Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in Canada. A committee.. were selected to communicate with all Grand Chapters in Canada as to the advisability of such a conference, it being understood that the sovereignty of all Grand Chapters would be respected,. As all Grand Chapters in Canada have common problems such a conference would be an effective influence in uniting and directing the efforts of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada".

"I recommend that the Grand Council appoint such a delegate and that this Grand Jurisdiction concur in the suggestion that the expenses of the conference be assessed on per capita basis. It is understood that the assessment on this Grand Chapter will not exceed 3 cents, per member". End of quotes from Most Excellent Companion Dean's address.

The next piece of information we reviewed was from pages 33-36 of our 1955 Proceedings.

The author of the report was Most Excellent Companion John A M Taylor. Some excerpts from his report were;"that the Conference should have some sort of Rules or By-laws so that each Grand Jurisdiction would be clearly conversant with its inner workings. ... Before going further I want to make it clear that I am in complete accord with the idea of the Conference, and feel it would be a serious blow against Royal Arch Masonry if it was abandoned. My thoughts are to get it on a business basis acceptable to all concerned".

Most Excellent Companion Taylor went on to recommend, in point form, an operating procedure for The Association. The final paragraph on page 36 noted; "This paper was not acted upon other than to appoint a Committee to bring in a report at the next meeting of the Conference to be held next August at Toronto, following the meeting of Sovereign Great Priory."

A further printed item was received by this committee, which was taken from the address of Most Excellent Companion John L. House, and noted on pages 28-29 of our 1956 Proceedings. Most Excellent Companion House's comments identified the ninth and tenth assembly of The Association and that Most Excellent Companion Taylor had been called on to present a paper at the Eighth Annual Conference held in 1954 in Kingston, Ontario.

This committee now know that The Association continues to meet on an annual basis with the present President being our own Most Excellent Companion Gordon H Stuart.

On September 20, 1996 Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell hosted a meeting at our Grand Chapter Office and invited our Past Grand First Principals to attend. At the conclusion of the Grand First Principal's meeting the Past Grand First Principals, in attendance, presented an agenda of their own that they wished to discuss with Most Excellent Companion Russell. Your Grand Second Principal was invited to remain for this meeting. Right Excellent Companion John W McGill, the Grand Third Principal, had expressed his regrets and was not in Hamilton on September 20, 1996.

One item on the Past Grand First Principals' agenda was..." It was felt there was a requirement for a better understanding of the existence and workings of the "Association of Canadian Grand First Principals and Grand High Priests", and should be presented to Grand Chapter. There is no cost to a Grand Chapter in regards to this Association, nor is The Association asking for recognition, simply by having a representative selected through whom, information can be shared with each Grand body." (end quote)

Your committee members are now aware of the existence of The Association, as we are of many other Principals' Associations throughout our jurisdiction. Each Association have its By-Laws, requirements for membership and an officer line-up for the proper running of the respective Associations. One thing all of these Associations have in common is the betterment of the future of Capitular Masonry.

The idea of the formation of The Association on a Canada wide basis has much merit. There is a wealth of experience and knowledge there for the asking. But, The Association should in no way be allowed to suggest or tell a Grand First Principal in his Grand Chapter how things should be done or what requests should be granted.

Should the President of The Association choose to appoint a member of The Association as a representative, or contact person, to the Provincial Grand Chapters of Canada, such would be the prerogative of the President and the business of The Association.

Each Grand Chapter in Canada is, and continues to be self autonomous. No one Grand Chapter can bind or affect another in any circumstance. The Association membership being made up from Companions of the Canadian Grand Chapters, while they meet annually and talk on many subjects which affect them all, The Association cannot hand out any edict that binds a Grand Chapter, or a Grand First Principal to the wishes, decisions or requests made by The Association.

The six Companions of this committee having collected the above information and having read this report, now record our recommendation for the consideration of the Grand First Principal.

One committee member was in absentia and without comment....

One committee member recommends that the Grand First Principal be encouraged to respond affirmatively to the request of The Association to nominate an Area Representative for Ontario,....

Four committee members, while they acknowledge the dedication and experience of the Companions of The Association, believe that to appoint a Grand Chapter Companion as a representative to The Association, in essence, would sanction official recognition of The Association, and on that basis we would recommend that the Grand First Principal should not make such an appointment.

Our recommendations, it should be remembered, is just that and no more, a recommendation to a Grand First Principal. The final decision whether to grant any request, or not, rests solely in the hands of a presiding Grand First Principal.

In conclusion, The Association, in March, 1996, proposed a request to all Canadian Grand First Principals and Grand High Priests to nominate Area Representatives to The Association. The Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Ontario, for reasons he stated, did not grant this request.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted by; M. Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett, Leslie Levitt, R.Ex.Comp. L Ian Montague, V.Ex.Comps. Norman E Byrne, John V Lawer and myself, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by , V.Ex.Comp. Norman E Byrne that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SCRUTINEERS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions;

The Committee of Scrutineers take great pleasure in presenting the results of the elections held at this Grand Chapter on Friday, April 11th, 1997

For the Office of Grand Scribe Nehemiah	No Nomination
For the Office of Grand Principal Sojourner	Ex.Comp. Angus G Fudge
For the Office of Grand Registrar	Ex.Comp. Edward L Burns
Member Elected to the Grand Executive	R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk
Member Elected to the Grand Executive	R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford
Member Elected to the Grand Executive	R.Ex.Comp. Brian R Simpson
Member Elected to the Grand Executive	R.Ex.Comp. David A Rogers
Member Elected to the Grand Executive	R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker

Respectfully submitted by Eric G Simon, Chairman

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Eric Simon, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Charles Meldrum, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to submit the following report.

Number of Chapters represented by Officers	46
Number of Chapters represented by Proxy	38
Number of Chapters represented by P. Z.s only	14
Number of Chapters represented	98
Number of Chapters not represented	28
Number of Delegates present	315
Total number of votes	492

It is moved by R.Ex.Comp. Walter Bulbeck seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Eric Simon that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS ADDRESS**

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

This Committee has reviewed the Address of Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell with great interest and congratulate him on the sincere and dedicated leadership he has given to this Grand Chapter during the preceding year.

We join with our Grand First Principal in extending congratulations to Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1 and St. Lawrence District No. 12 for hosting this One Hundred and Thirty-Ninth Annual Convocation in the City of Kingston with all of its Masonic history.

We unite with him in his words of welcome and fraternal greetings to our Distinguished Visitors from our Sister Jurisdictions both in Canada and the United States of America, we hope their sojourn with us will be both enjoyable and enlightening.

We especially join with M.Ex.Comp. Russell in his welcome and pledge of allegiance to Most Worshipful Brother Durward I Greenwood, our Grand Master, and applaud his wish for good health and continued leadership.

NECROLOGY

Homage has been paid to those who have passed to the Grand Chapter above and we would add our words of sympathy and regret to those already expressed. M.Ex.Comp. Sproule's presence will be sorely missed from the ranks of the Past Grand First Principals.

PAST RANK

We have studied Section 26 of the Constitution regarding the requests for Past Rank, and agree with our Grand First Principal in granting Past Principals Rank to:

Companion Thomas John Arthur	King Cyrus Chapter No. 232
Excellent Companion Herbert Grand Allison	Prince Edward Chapter No. 31

and posthumously to: Excellent Companion Frank Toth Algonquin Chapter No. 102

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

We salute the holders of this prestigious Award and would remind the several Districts and Chapters that this Award is presented to show appreciation to those Companions who have laboured faithfully, on our behalf, neither seeking nor wanting recognition.

APPRECIATION

We unite with our Grand First Principal in acknowledging the contribution made and the support shown to him, by Officers and Members, of not only Grand Chapter, but, of the whole Jurisdiction.

In Particular;

R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand Second and Third Principals. The Right Excellent Grand Superintendents. R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd B Gillespie, his years of service and friendship to all, are legendary. R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke and the staff of the Grand Chapter Office. The Most Excellent Past Grand First Principals. Those who have been responsible for the reception and care of our Grand First Principal on his many travels both within and without our Grand Jurisdiction.

To all those who have served this Grand Chapter, in any capacity, over the past number of years and are retiring from active participation, we thank you for your contribution and wish for you good health and happiness in the future.

Most Excellent Sir, we ask that you extend to Lady Marion and your family our appreciation for their allowing you the time for and supporting you in your endeavours as our Grand First Principal.

GENERAL

We have reviewed the Grand First Principals Address with relation to the administration of Grand Chapter and congratulate him on the actions taken and decisions made. We express to him our congratulations in representing this Grand Chapter as his travels and duties have taken him both in this and Sister Jurisdictions and rejoice with him for honours received.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion M.Ex. Sir, may we on behalf of all members of Grand Chapter, express to you our appreciation for your stewardship of Grand Chapter during the preceding year.

As you enter your second year in office, may the Great Jehovah grant you good health, happiness and strength of purpose, as you make those decisions and carry on the duties which are required to guide and direct our Royal Craft.

Respectfully submitted: Most Excellent Companions; Charles W Emmett, William H Thomson, Aube L Weisman, Gordon H Stuart, Edward W Elcombe, Albert A Mortlock, Leslie Levitt, Donald F Kline, G Robert Jackson and Alan F Walker.

Moved by M.Ex.Comp. Elcombe and seconded by myself, M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE WILLIAM S THOMSON TROPHY

Most Excellent Companion R Frank Russell called upon the Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke to make the presentation of the William S Thomson Trophy.

Most Excellent Sir, William S Thomson a Past Grand First Principal of our Grand Chapter, a dedicated committed individual, donated this trophy some years ago, to recognize an increase of membership in a Chapter for the number of candidates, and to encourage the recognition of Chapters for doing a good job at growing.

It is my honour and having spoken with the Most Excellent Sir, to announce to you Most Excellent Sir, that the Chapter with the greatest percentage in increase of new members for the year of 1996 is Occident Chapter No. 77 of Toronto District No. 8A. This is the second consecutive year with a net increase in 1996 of 28.3% .

My Companions, if you are in the Toronto area and would like to see the effect of enthusiasm and hard work, then you should make a point of trying to go to Occident Chapter No. 77 and see what can be done by a Chapter that suffered from a lot of downs, to being one of the most constructive and positive meetings that we can attend and is reflected by this group.

Most Excellent Companion Thomson regrets that he is unable to be here, as he is committed to support his wife who is of ill health and has asked that this Trophy be presented on his behalf. I would ask now, that the First Principal and his council of Occident Chapter No. 77, or whomever we can encourage to be their representative, would come forward to receive this Trophy.

The Third Principal stepped forward to receive this Trophy on behalf of the members of Occident Chapter No. 77, who were congratulated by the Grand First Principal.

REPORT OF THE AMALGAMATION COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The members of the Amalgamation Committee appreciate the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter and its Companions. As Chairman of this Committee, I mailed a letter to each of the Grand Superintendents, requesting any information that they might have regarding preliminary discussions or proposed amalgamations within their Districts and if they could inform me as soon as possible in order that all lines of communications can be established and maintained.

I would like to thank R.Ex.Comp. David Laskey, Grand Superintendent of District No. 7 and R.Ex.Comp. Gordon E Cross, Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District No. 13 for their immediate responses, and to R.Ex.Comp. Bill Klapatiuk, a member of this Committee for all of his correspondence keeping me informed on the progress of McCallum - Grimsby Chapter No. 29, in District No. 7.

As reported in the Interim Report of November 2nd 1996, amalgamations or discussions of amalgamations are as follows:

St. Clair District No. 1 and London District No. 2:

Sombra Chapter No. 153 of District No. 1 completed negotiations with Bruce Chapter No. 53 of District No. 2 All documentation was forwarded to Grand Chapter and was approved. These Chapters amalgamated as Bruce Chapter No. 53 on Saturday, November 9th, 1996 at 12:00 p.m.

Niagara District No. 7:

McCallum Chapter No. 29, Dunnville accepted a request of amalgamation from Grimsby Chapter No. 69. Once again, all necessary documentation was approved by Grand Chapter and the Amalgamation Ceremony took place on Monday, January 20th, 1997 at McCallum Chapter No. 29 in Dunnville.

Prior to the Amalgamation Ceremony I received a letter from R.Ex.Comp. Guy G Deavu, Past Grand Superintendent of District No. 7, as this is such a positive letter regarding amalgamations, I am including it in its entirety for the benefit of this Committee and any Chapters who are contemplating amalgamation, this letter was received November 25th, 1996, and reads:

"Dear R.Ex. Sir;

As a past First Principal of McCallum Chapter No. 29 and as a Past Grand Superintendent of Niagara District No. 7, I think I should drop you a line to inform you of my thoughts concerning the upcoming amalgamation of McCallum and Grimsby Chapters. It has taken me some time to compose this letter as I wanted to properly express all of my thoughts about this merger.

Many times one can only see the negative impacts of what others see as progress, however in this case I can only see positive results. The members from Grimsby are fitting in very well, they are taking part in the work and are filling chairs when called upon. They have boosted our attendance at every meeting and are adding much input to our Chapter. We have agreed to fill many chairs on an equal basis with a desire to use Companions where possible, eliminating Past Principals from as many chairs as we can. In the Sixteen years that I have been a member of McCallum Chapter this has been the best and most positive thing that has happened. This amalgamation is truly a marriage made in heaven. The members of Grimsby Chapter who are regularly making the trek to Dunnville each month are truly the cream of the crop when it comes to dedication to the Craft. I for one, am very pleased that they chose us to amalgamate with. With the increase in members and the new ideas they have, we will be able to boldly march into the next century. Our future certainly appears promising.

Perhaps other Chapters that are struggling because of small memberships, financial problems or lack of attendance should consider amalgamation. Handled properly, the strong points of each Chapter will overcome the weak parts of the other one and build a strong Chapter ready to tackle the future with zeal.

Fraternally and Sincerely
R.Ex.Comp. Guy G Deavu"

Since this amalgamation I have received reports that the merging of these two Chapters is indeed working very well, and it is gratifying to hear that the members of McCallum - Grimsby Chapter No. 29 are working towards a harmonious and successful amalgamation, it is the hope of myself and the Committee that the dedication of the Officers chosen to lead the amalgamated Chapter is passed on to those who are to be their future leaders and that a strong Chapter is ensured.

Toronto District No. 8:

Discussions were completed and all documentation forwarded to Grand Chapter for amalgamation between St. Andrew & St. John Chapter No. 4 and King Solomon's Chapter No. 8. This proposal was rejected, a meeting of these Chapters was called by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Grand Second Principal for October 29th, 1996 to discuss the reasons for this rejection. Accompanied by myself the Grand Second Principal chaired this meeting of a total of nineteen (19) Officers and members from both Chapters and the reasons for the rejection were outlined.

Further discussion ensued and both Chapters agreed to have further meetings to decide the best action to take. To either amalgamate or to reach a solution to ensure that St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4 would continue in some form and Officers from both Chapters were to keep me informed of all or any discussions and arrangements. To date, no further information has been forwarded to either myself or the Grand Scribe Ezra.

As of the writing of this report no other discussions or proposed amalgamations have been reported or received from any other Chapters within this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: R.Ex.Comps. Charles Meldrum, Chairman, Michael J S Sastre, Roy E Ballard, J Max Laushway, William Klapatiuk, John R Williams and Bryan F Bouck.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Charles Meldrum, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. Carried.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I deeply appreciate the privilege of being able to serve this Grand Chapter as a Member of the Grand Executive and the Public Relations Committee. I feel that I have been able to contribute to the betterment and the perpetuation of our Grand Chapter as we have strived to improve and prepare our Grand Chapter for the next millennium. If we look back over the past one hundred (100) years, Mankind's knowledge and technology has grown from "The Horse and Buggy Days" to today's high tech world, and the rate of doubling our knowledge has gone into high gear. If we are going to survive and grow we must change with these fast growing times we must change with them, or we will be left behind in a cloud of dust.

We know that Masonry and Royal Arch Masonry is steeped in tradition and history and that we are proud of our heritage and preserve it we will. But, in order to survive we must change our image and how we are perceived by the public inside and outside Masonry.

Each one of us in our daily and Masonic lives, must be a member of the Public Relations Committee. We have to dispel the aura of "Secrecy" that has haunted and still haunts our beloved Craft.

We no longer refer to Master Masons nights. We call them Open House, true we invite Master Masons for the purpose of attracting them to Royal Arch Masonry, but, we must seize the opportunity of inviting Non Masons, family and friends so that we can show and tell who we are and what we do. We should be taking more advantage of inviting the public to special nights when we honour our members for long service or for rank. A brief closed meeting with Grand Honours where necessary need not be long and then bring in our friends and family to pay homage. We need this type of exposure, don't think about it. Let's Do It!

The social activities and demands on our families have changed too, don't drown your members in long drawn out business if we are going to vie and successfully gain their interest and time, we must keep our business efficiently moving and brief. Start on time and if you want them back again get them out on time, so they will have time to socialize in the banquet room, not look at their watches and leave quietly.

A motion was presented at our Grand Chapter Executive Meeting on March 1st, 1997 to permit participation of Chapter on Community sign trees or individual signs, details are available from the Grand Chapter Office.

We, your Committee are pleased to report on our activities since April of 1996 First, a special Thank you to R.Ex.Comp. Sheldon Boomhour and to V.Ex.Comp. Brian E Keighley for their strong contributions to our Public Relations Committee. R.Ex.Comp. Boomhour has been from one end of this Province to the other, an outstanding contribution. Aurora Chapter No. 235, Open House, April, 1996

Our participation at the Plowing Match in conjunction with Grand Lodge was curtailed by exceptionally heavy rainfall. R.Ex.Comp. Boomhour and his wife, travelled with me to the site at Selkirk prior to the set-up of the tent and we endured the worst mud that this speaker has ever seen. Regrettably Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter canceled our participation. We hope for better weather in 1997, when it will be held outside Barrie, Ontario.

Acacia Lodge No. 61, Open House, October, 1996 An Open House was held at the Scottish Rite Club in Hamilton. Most members of our Masonic family were there to make presentations. Our Grand Chapter and Mannequin display were set up and an excellent presentation was given by R.Ex.Comp. David Rogers. We were complimented by many on our participation and presentation.

Succoth Chapter No. 135, Open House, October, 1996 A successful Open House was conducted in Succoth Chapter No. 135, by R.Ex.Comp. Sheldon Boomhour.

St. Mark's Chapter No. 26, Open House, October, 1996 Your Committee conducted and Open House in St. Mark's Chapter No. 26 in Trenton. Two new members were signed that evening and the "seeds planted for more".

In July our Display was set up at the Royal York Hotel during Grand Lodge Communication and many interested Masons stopped to talk and take copies of our brochure.

Oakwood Chapter No. 233, Open House, January, 1997 An Open House was conducted at Oakwood Chapter No. 233 and one guest was so enthused that before we completed our presentation, he stood and asked "How do I join?" Several other guests signed applications as well. If your Committee were to be paid, this is how we get reimbursed.

A second Open House was conducted at Aurora Chapter in February by R.Ex.Comp. Sheldon Boomhour with two new members being signed up. In addition, your display stand has been shown on many occasions, with the Grand First Principal, on Anniversaries, Amalgamations and special occasions and Installations. One last reminder that we do have a limited number of video tapes of the film the "Saga of the Holy Royal Arch" available for Chapter functions or for elderly and shut-ins.

In closing, as I will be retiring from this Committee, I humbly thank you for the honour and privilege of serving. My life has been enriched by the many friendships that have been made and these, with the memories of so many happy occasions I shall cherish forever.

Speaking of Friendships, I cannot retire without words of admiration and affection for my good friend R.Ex.Comp. Fredrick C Garvin or as I was wont to call him "Frick" we travelled many, many miles together and from South to North and East to West in this Great Province as we represented Grand Chapter and the Public Relations Committee together. My humble and sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee: R.Ex.Comps. Sheldon Boomhour, Fredrick C Garvin, C Edwin Drew, Malcolm W Watling, David A Rogers, Richard W Stevenson, V.Ex.Comps. Sandy Glasgow, Shane Eldridge, Dennis Amendola and R.Ex.Comp. Edward G Ounjian, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner and seconded by myself, R.Ex.Comp. Edward G Ounjian, that this report be received by Grand Chapter and adopted for printing in the Proceedings. **Carried.**

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell announced that the time has arrived for the Ceremony of Installation and the Investiture of Officers of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year and requested M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker to assume the gavel and to carry on with those duties. The newly elected Officers were installed according to ancient custom. M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell then proceeded to announce the Appointed Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

ELECTED OFFICERS 1997

M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell	Grand First Principal 12 Kingsview Blvd., Brampton, ON L6Y 1C3
R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner	Grand Second Principal 2390 Red Maple Avenue, R. R. No. 1, Jordan Station, ON L0R 1S0
R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill	Grand Third Principal 1838 Millwood Crescent, Sudbury, ON P3E 2T1
R.Ex.Comp. John W Murphy	Grand Superintendent - District 1 1324 Bruce Avenue, Windsor, ON N8X 1X3
R.Ex.Comp. James A Finch	Grand Superintendent - District 2 103 Connaught Avenue, London, ON N5Y 3A5
R.Ex.Comp. Clifford Sly	Grand Superintendent - District 3 560 Durham Crescent, Apt. 101, Woodstock, ON N4S 5X3
R.Ex.Comp. Harold Stump	Grand Superintendent - District 4 R. R. No. 2, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0
R.Ex.Comp. Stewart Rhodes	Grand Superintendent - District 5 49-3rd Road East, Stoney Creek, ON L8J 3J5
R.Ex.Comp. William Arnold	Grand Superintendent - District 6 12N Bell Drive, R. R. No.1, Kincardine, ON N2Z 2X3

R.Ex.Comp. Bernard L Nehring	Grand Superintendent - District 7 32176 Fairway Road, Niagara Falls, ON L2J 3R4
R.Ex.Comp. W Eric Dickie	Grand Superintendent - District 8 160 Kirk Drive, Thornhill, ON L3T 3L4
R.Ex.Comp. Gordon James Carr	Grand Superintendent - District 8A 178 Fairview Road West, Mississauga, ON L5B 1K8
R.Ex.Comp. Gary Jennings	Grand Superintendent - District 9 P.O. Box 47, Rosseau Road Post Office, ON P0C 1K0
R.Ex.Comp. Andrew McKay Skilling	Grand Superintendent - District 10 29 Redwing Street, Lindsay, ON K9V 4T4
R.Ex.Comp. William A Robison	Grand Superintendent - District 11 R.R. No. 1, Wooler, ON K0K 2M0
R.Ex.Comp. Roland A Paddle	Grand Superintendent - District 12 1675 Shore Road, R. R. No. 2, Kingston, ON K7L 5H6
R.Ex.Comp. John G Pell	Grand Superintendent - District 13 1978 Arch Street, Ottawa, ON K1G 2G4
R.Ex.Comp. Alan McGregor Tibbetts	Grand Superintendent - District 14 P.O. Box 512, Fort Frances, ON P9A 3M8
R.Ex.Comp. Douglas Ball	Grand Superintendent - District 15 R. R. No. 1, Corbeil, ON P0H 1K0
R.Ex.Comp. William Denis Amendola	Grand Superintendent - District 16 1369 Gatineau Blvd., Timmins, ON P4R 1E4
R.Ex.Comp. Rev. M John Moor	Grand Chaplain 280 Turnston Court, Orleans, ON K1E 2V2
R.Ex.Comp. John E Oldham	Grand Treasurer 743 Clarkson Road South, Mississauga, ON L5J 2V1
R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke	Grand Scribe Ezra Unit 253, 3060 Constitution Blvd., Mississauga, ON L4Y 3X8
R.Ex.Comp. William G Birnie	Grand Scribe Nehemiah 120 Tragina Avenue South, Hamilton, ON L8K 2Z6
R.Ex.Comp. Angus Gabriel Fudge	Grand Principal Sojourner 599 Pine Street, Sudbury, ON P3C 1Y7
R.Ex.Comp. Edward Lionel Burns	Grand Registrar 39 Highcliffe Avenue, Hamilton, ON L9A 3L3

GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HONORARY

(*Two Year Term # One Year Term)

R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd B Gillespie	124 - 1500 Landsdowne Street West, Peterborough, ON K9J 2A2
#R.Ex.Comp. Malcolm MacKenzie	5 Fleet Street, Bowmanville, ON L1C 2J9
#R.Ex.Comp. John Max Laushway	171 Brock Street, Brockville, ON K6V 4G6
#R.Ex.Comp. B Donald Lamont	7 Ward Avenue, Bass Lake, R. R. No. 2, Orillia, ON L3V 6H2
*R.Ex.Comp. Hugh M Dunlop	708 - 89 Riverview Drive, Chatham, ON N7M 6A4

ELECTED (1996)

R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth J Lowery	50 Jerome Crescent, Brampton, ON L6S 2H1
R.Ex.Comp. Harold G Hubbell	R. R. No. 3, Park Hill Road West, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X4
R.Ex.Comp. Richard Jackson	R. R. No. 8, St. Thomas, ON N5P 3T3
R.Ex.Comp. Charles Meldrum	54 Amberdale Drive, Scarborough, ON N1P 4C2
R.Ex.Comp. Malcolm W Watling	121 Bradford Street, Ottawa, ON K2B 5Y9

ELECTED (1997)

R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk	2239 Seventh St. Louth, St. Catharines, ON L2R 6P7
R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford	119 Central Park Blvd. S., Oshawa, ON L1H 5W6
R.Ex.Comp. Brian R Simpson	R. R. No. 1, Kilworthy, ON L9C 7K8
R.Ex.Comp. David A Rogers	20 - 644 Upper Paradise Road, Hamilton, ON L9C 7K8
R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker	P.O. Box 99, Midland, ON L4R 4K6

APPOINTED (1996)

R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour	14 Roberts Crescent, Brampton, ON L6W 1G8
R.Ex.Comp. Richard W Stevenson	P.O. Box 1704, 18 Sparling Crescent, St. Marys, ON N4X 1C1

APPOINTED (1997)

R.Ex.Comp. E Roy Harrison	26 Grandview Avenue, Thornhill, ON L3T 1G8
V.Ex.Comp. Shayne H Eldridge	16 Meadowview Road, London, ON N6J 4E6

ASSISTANT OFFICERS - APPOINTED

V.Ex.Comp. Pierce Allen Russell	Assistant Grand Chaplain 23 Glenroy Road, London, ON N5Z 4H2
R.Ex.Comp. Harry S Smith	Grand Lecturer 6 Smith Crescent, Belleville, ON K8N 4K4
V.Ex.Comp. Durward I Greenwood	Grand Senior Sojourner Box 10, Grand Valley, ON L0N 1G0
V.Ex.Comp. George William Clifford	Grand Junior Sojourner 644 Elm Street, Port Colborne, ON L3K 4P8
V.Ex.Comp. George William White	Grand Sword Bearer 1668 Latimer Crescent, Sudbury, ON P3E 2V7
V.Ex.Comp. Ross M Campbell	Grand Master of 4th Veil 1300 Marlborough Court, Ste. 336, Oakville, ON L6H 2S2
V.Ex.Comp. Robert John Gabriel	Grand Master of 3rd Veil 1180 Marcin Road, Sarnia, ON N7V 3J8
V.Ex.Comp. Antonio Jansz	Grand Master of 2nd Veil 388 Mohawk Road, Sarnia, ON L8V 2H7
V.Ex.Comp. William Everet Morris	Grand Master of 1st Veil Robert Road, Box 75, Norwood, ON K0L 2V0
V.Ex.Comp. Frederick Gronski	Grand Standard Bearer R. R. No. 6, Hwy 130, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5N5
V.Ex.Comp. Brian E Keighley	Grand Director of Ceremonies 8 Diane Place, Port Hope, ON L1A 3Y6
V.Ex.Comp. Leslie O Dawley	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies 43 Dunbarton Crescent, Brampton, ON L6T 1N8
V.Ex.Comp. Murray S Black	Grand Organist 23 Cheltenham Avenue, Toronto, ON M4N 1P6
V.Ex.Comp. Brian D Stapley	Grand Pursuivant 32 Kelso Crescent, Maple, ON L6A 2C7
V.Ex.Comp. Kenneth William Dewar	Grand Steward 58 Kerr Avenue, Chatham, ON N7M 1B9

V.Ex.Comp. John Muir	Grand Steward
	19 Erinlea Drive, St. Thomas, ON N5R 5N6
V.Ex.Comp. Max Dwayne Meharg	Grand Steward
	R.R. No. 4, Langton, ON N0E 1G0
V.Ex.Comp. Louis Carl Sherwood	Grand Steward
	44 - 30 Green Valley Drive, Kitchener, ON N2P 1G8
V.Ex.Comp. Edward Thomas Evans	Grand Steward
	122 Main Street North, P.O. Box 241, Campbellville, ON L0P 1B0
V.Ex.Comp. Alan Michael Rutherford Cowe	Grand Steward
	808 Elgin Street, Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C4
V.Ex.Comp. Lewis Shedden	Grand Steward
	R. R. No. 1, St. Ann's, ON L0R 1Y0
V.Ex.Comp. Eric Shawn Painter	Grand Steward
	453 Paliser Crescent North, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 1R7
V. Ex.Comp. Frank Richardson	Grand Steward
	455 Wellington Street, Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C4
V.Ex.Comp. Dale Harvey Moore	Grand Steward
	145 Lichen Crescent, Oshawa, ON L1J 7Y3
V.Ex.Comp. John Munro-Cape	Grand Steward
	R. R. No. 3, Picton, ON K0K 2T0
V.Ex.Comp. Donald Thompson	Grand Steward
	R. R. No. 1, Williamsburg, ON K0C 2H0
V.Ex.Comp. Donald Gordon Brydges	Grand Steward
	R. R. No. 1, Haley Station, ON K0J 1Y0
V.Ex.Comp. Warren Copeland	Grand Steward
	R. R. No. 1, Box 31, Site 118, Dryden, ON P8N 2Y4
V.Ex.Comp. Kenneth James McCracken	Grand Steward
	1439 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2G1
V.Ex.Comp. Hiram Anthony Groulx	Grand Steward
	R. R. No. 1, Dalton Road, Timmins, ON P4N 7C2
V.Ex.Comp. Leslie R Cunningham	Grand Steward
	507 - 549 Ridout Street North, London, ON N6A 5N5
V.Ex.Comp. Douglas C Casselman	Grand Steward
	Box 897, Morrisburg, ON K0C 1X0
V.Ex.Comp. Wallace C Hogeboom	Grand Steward
	286 Bridge Street West, Napanee, ON K7R 2G1
V.Ex.Comp. Murray Snobelen	Grand Steward
	R. R. No. 4, Thamesville, ON N0P 2K0
V.Ex.Comp. George Percival Robert Webster	Grand Outer Guard
	1201 - 1275 Markham Road, Scarborough, ON M1H 3A2
R.Ex.Comp. James W Reid	Grand Historian
	148 Oneida Boulevard, Ancaster, ON L9G 3C9
V.Ex.Comp. R Glen Harvey	Grand Archivist
	7 Cheapside Road, R. R. No. 2, Nanticoke, ON N0A 1L0

PAST RANK

Moved by M.Ex.Comp. Elcombe and seconded by myself, M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker, that Past Rank be granted to the Grand Chapter Officers of 1996. Carried.

MOTION

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill that M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline be elected to the distinguished Service Award committee for a three (3) year period ending in the year 2000. Carried.

THANKS

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, Seconded by R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill that the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario be extended to the following collectively:

The Credentials Committee for the efficient manner in which they discharged their duties.

The Scrutineers for their service in taking charge of the election of the Officers

The 1997 Convocation General Chairman and his committees and subcommittees for their most successful efforts and achievements.

To the Hotel staff for their great efforts which helped to make this such a fine Convocation. Carried

CLOSING

The business of the 139th Convocation being completed, Grand Chapter was closed at 12:30 p.m. in ample form.

Melvyn J Duke
Grand Scribe Ezra

FUTURE CONVOICATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER

1998 - APRIL 23RD, 24TH & 25TH

HAMILTON

1999 - APRIL 15TH, 16TH & 17TH

NIAGARA FALLS

2000 - KITCHENER

STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER

GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner, President, Grand Second Principal

(By Virtue of Office) R.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Vice President, M.Ex.Comps. R Frank Russell, Charles W Emmett, William S Thomson, Aube L Weisman, Gordon H Stuart, Edward W Elcombe, Albert A Mortlock, Leslie Levitt, Donald F Kline, G Robert Jackson, Alan F Walker, R.Ex.Comps. John W Murphy, James A Finch, Clifford Sly, Harold Stump, Stewart Rhodes, William Arnold, Bernard L Nehring, W Eric Dickie, Gordon J Carr, Gary Jennings, Andrew M Skilling, William A Robison, Roland A Paddle, John G Pell, Alan M Tibbetts, Douglas Ball, W Denis Amendola, M John Moore, John E Oldham, Melvyn J Duke, William G Birnie, Angus G Fudge, Edward L Burns

(Honorary) R.Ex.Comps. Lloyd B Gillespie, J Max Laushway, Malcolm MacKenzie, B Donald Lamont, Hugh M Dunlop

(Elected) R.Ex.Comps. Kenneth J Lowery, Harold G Hubbell, Richard J Jackson, Charles Meldrum, Malcolm W Watling, William Klapatiuk, George H Gifford, Brian R Simpson, David A Rogers, David G Walker

(Appointed) R.Ex.Comps. M Sheldon Boomhour, Richard W Stevenson, E Roy Harrison, V.Ex.Comp. Shayne H Eldridge

CONSTITUTION, LAWS & JURISPRUDENCE - V.Ex.Comps. Norman E Byrne, Chairman; John V Lawer

CONSTITUTION REVIEW - R.Ex.Comps. Walter T Bulbeck, Chairman; Harry S Smith, L Ian Montague, Guenther H Gahs, M Sheldon Boomhour, David G Walker, V. Ex.Comp. Shayne H Eldridge

FRATERNAL DEAD - R.Ex.Comp. Rev. M John Moor, V.Ex.Comp. Pierce A Russell

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE - R.Ex.Comps. B Donald Lamont, Chairman; Richard J Jackson

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS - V.Ex.Comp. John V Lawer, Chairman

ARCHIVES - V.Ex.Comp. R Glen Harvey, Chairman; Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. James W Reid, V.Ex.Comp. John Abbott, Ex.Comp. Denis Hill, Comp. Gregory Flis

HISTORY - R.Ex.Comps. James W Reid, Chairman; William Stanfield

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - M.Ex.Comps. Leslie Levitt, G Robert Jackson, Donald F Kline

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS - M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker, Chairman; assisted by Past Grand First Principals

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FINANCE - R.Ex.Comps. David G Walker, Chairman; Grand Treasurer, Grand Scribe Ezra, V.Ex.Comp. Robert S Wylie

BENEVOLENCE - R.Ex.Comps. Kenneth L Whiting, Chairman; James W Reid, C Gordon Sinclair

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY - R.Ex.Comps. John W McGill, Chairman; Malcolm W Watling, J A Dale Plant, Richard J Jackson, George H Gifford, Richard W Stevenson, E Roy Harrison

BURSARY FUND - R.Ex.Comp. David Laskey, Chairman; R.Ex.Comps. W Bruce Miller, Donald Gillis, Michel Sastre, V.Ex.Comps. Fred Lewis, Denis Langridge, Robert S Wylie

INVESTMENTS - R.Ex.Comp. Harold G Hubbell, Chairman; M.Ex.Comp. William S Thomson, Grand Treasurer, Ex.Comp. Shavak R Madon, Beverly Charles Alexander

MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND - RELEASE A MIRACLE - V.Ex.Comp. Dr. Peter Cameron, Chairman; R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth Green, Vice Chairman; R.Ex.Comps. George W Chambers, William Klapatiuk, Dr H Ovas Wagg, L Gordon Odell, Ex.Comp. Donald Valleau

PUBLIC RELATIONS - R.Ex.Comps. M Sheldon Boomhour, Chairman; Malcolm W Watling, Donald B Smallman, John Lyall, Richard W Stevenson, V.Ex.Comps. Shayne H Eldridge, Leslie Dawley, Eugene de Beaupre, Ex.Comp. William Glover

AD HOC COMMITTEES

1998 CONVOCAATION COMMITTEE - R.Ex.Comp. Robert Norsworthy Chairman; R.Ex.Comp. David Laskey, Vice Chairman; (with power to add)

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES - R.Ex.Comps. David A Rogers, Chairman; Richard W Stevenson, Gordon E Cross, William Klapatiuk

LEGAL - R.Ex.Comp. Frank L Wilson, Chairman

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GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS
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IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO 1857 TO 1997

*William Mercer Wilson	1857	*Charles William Haentschel . .	1932-33
*Thompson Wilson	1858	*Alexander Cowan	1934
*Thomas Douglas Harrington . .	1858-60	*George Lawrence Gardiner . . .	1935-36
*John Charles Franck	1861-62	*William Young Mills	1937-38
*Thomas Douglas Harrington . .	1863-71	*Llewellyn Fred Stephens	1939-40
*Samual Bickerton Harmon	1872	*John Morgan Empy	1941-42
*Charles Davis MacDonnell	1873	*John MacDonald Burden	1943-44
*James Seymour	1874	*Reginald Van Every Conover .	1945-46
*Lawrence H. Henderson	1875-76	*Frederick William Dean	1947-48
*Frederick Joseph Menet	1877-78	*Clarence McLeod Pitts	1949-50
*Daniel Spry	1879-80	*Alexander Geo. Noel Bradshaw	1951-52
*Donald Ross	1881-82	*John Alex. MacDonald Taylor	1953-54
*Henry MacPherson	1883-84	*John Loftus House	1955-56
*Thomas Sargant	1885-86	*Maurice Arthur Searle	1957-58
*Robert Hendry Jr	1887	*Bruce Harrison Smith	1959-60
*Richard Beecher Hungerford .	1888-89	Charles William Emmett	1961-62
*John James Mason	1890-91	*Fraser Earl Jeffrey Hay.	1963-64
*John Elly Harding	1892-93	*James Elwood Girven	1965-66
*John Ross Robertson	1894-95	*Stanley Portch	1967-68
*Michael Walsh	1896-98	*George Harold Shannon	1969
*William Gilzean Reid	1899-1900	*Frederick Wm. Davis Welham	1970-71
*William Gibson	1901-02	*Leo John Gent	1972-73
*Abraham Shaw	1903-04	William Simpson Thomson . . .	1974-75
*William Roaf.	1905-06	*William Harold Sproule	1976-77
*John Leslie	1907-08	Aube L. Weisman	1978-79
*George Moore	1909-10	*Frederick Scott	1980-81
*Frederick Weir Harcourt	1911-12	Gordon H. Stuart	1982-83
*Daniel Frazer MacWatt	1913-14	Edward W. Elcombe	1984-85
*William S.R. Murch	1915-16	Albert A. Mortlock	1986-87
*Arthur Stirling Gorrell	1917-18	Leslie Levitt	1988-89
*William Nisbet Ponton	1919-20	Donald F. Kline	1990-91
*Herbert Spohn Griffin	1921	G. Robert Jackson	1992-93
*Richard Henry Spencer	1922-23	Alan F. Walker	1994-95
*Walter Hamill Davis	1924-25	R. Frank Russell	1996-97
*Kenneth Jewell Dunstan	1926-27	*Deceased	
*Edwin Smith	1928-29		
*Walter Garnet Price	1930-31		

**HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS
AND OTHERS
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*Henry Robertson P.G.Z.	1888
*Kivas Tully, P.G.Z.	1891
*Hugh Murray, P.G.Z.	1903
*Harry Holgate Watson, P.G.Z.	1909
*Elias Talbot Malone, P.G.Z.	1919
*Augustus Toplady Freed, P.G.Z.	1920
*Sir John Morison Gibson, P.G.Z.	1922
*Roderick B. Dargavel, P.G.Z.	1923
*Melville S. Gooderham, P.G.Z.	1957
*The Rt.Hon. Earl of Galloway, Scotland, P.G.Z.	1958
*Sir George Boag, England, Past Grand Supt.	1958
*William H. Sweeting, Victoria, Australia, Past Grand Principal Soj.	1958
*Reginald J. Lewis, P.G.Z.	1964
The Rt.Hon. Earl of Elgin & Kincardine, P.G.Z.	1975

* Deceased

**GRAND SCRIBES EZRA
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IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO 1857-1997**

*Thomas Bird Harris	1857-73	*Frederick J. Johnson	1949-59
*Richard Porter Stephens	1874-75	*Maurice A. Searle	1960-61
*Daniel Spry	1876-77	*Robert J. Hamilton	1962-69
*David McLellan	1878-91	*Frederick C. Conley	1969-78
*Thomas Sargent	1892-98	*Robert Thornton Rigby	1978-88
*George J. Bennett	1899-1915	Edward W. Elcombe	1988-94
*Henry Thomas Smith	1916-28	Melvyn James Duke	1994-
*Edwin Smith	1929-49		

*Deceased

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MASONIC CALENDAR

Ancient Craft Masons: commence their era with the creation of the world, called it Anno Lucius (A L), "In the year of Light," and add 4000 to the common time, thusly 1997 plus 4000 equals A L 5997. Lodges A.F. & A.M. hold Annual Communications

Royal Arch Masons: date from the year of the second Temple was commenced by Zerubbabell, Anno Inventionis (A I), "In the year of Discovery," and add 530 to the common time, thusly, 1997 plus 530 equals A I 2527. Royal Arch Chapters hold Annual Convocations

The Order of High Priesthood: dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, King of Salem, Anno Benedictionis (A.B.) "In the year of Blessing," and add 1913 to the common time thusly, 1997 plus 1913 equals, A.B. 3907. Councils of the Anointed High Priests hold Conventions.

Royal and Select Masters: dates from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A D), "In the year of the Deposit," and adds 1,000 to the common time, thusly, 1997 plus 1,000 equals A.D. 2997. Councils of R. & S.M., hold Assemblies.

Knights Templar: commence their era with the organization of the Order, Anno Ordinis (A.O.), "In the year of the Order," and deduct 1,118 from the common time, thusly, 1997 less 1,118 equals A O 879. Preceptories K.T. hold Assemblies.

Scottish Rite: date same as Ancient Craft, except the use of the Jewish chronology, Anno Mundi (A.M), "In the year of the World," and add 3,760 to the common time, thusly, 1997 plus 3,760 equals A.M. 5757. After each September add another year, Consistories A. & A.S.R. hold Rendezvous or Reunions