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Held in Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre St. Catharines, Ontario Canada Thursday, Friday, Saturday April 15,16 and 17, 2004

Melvin Sheldon Boomhour Grand First Principal 14 Roberts Crescent Brampton Ontario L6W 1G8 Melvyn James Duke Grand Scribe Ezra 361 King Street West Hamilton, Ontario L8P 1B4

BIOGRAPHY

Melvin Sheldon Boomhour

Personal

Born - Napanee Ontario May 10, 1940 Educated in the Napanee Board of Education Public and Secondary Schools Married Lorraine Kirk 1962 Two children, Michael and Catherine Four Grand Children Married Susan Hurn 1988 Member, United Church of Canada

Business

Totten, Sims Hubicki and Associates, Survey Technician 1964 Ministry of Transportation of Ontario 1971 Retired 1996

Masonic

Initiated Lorne Lodge No. 404 Tamworth 1971 Worshipful Master Lorne Lodge 404, 1978-80 Worshipful Master Cathedral Lodge No. 643, Toronto 1985 Appointed Grand Tyler 1986

Member Toronto Lodge of Perfection and Rose Croix
Moore Sovereign Consistory 32° 1977
Exalted Peel Chapter No. 95, Brampton 1978
Life member Brampton Chapter U.D. 1980
First Principal Brampton Chapter No. 265, 1982
Member Toronto Antiquity Chapter No. 91, Toronto
First Principal Toronto Antiquity Chapter No. 91, 1986
Honourary Member Occident Chapter No. 77, Mississauga
Grand Superintendent Toronto District 8a, 1993
Appointed Grand Executive Committee of Grand Chapter 1996
Elected Grand Third Principal 1998
Elected Grand Second Principal 2000
Elected Grand First Principal 2002

Member of a number of appendant York Rite Bodies



Most Excellent Companion Melvin Sheldon Boomhour

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

The One Hundred and Forty-sixth Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held at the Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre, St. Catharines, Ontario on April 16th and 17th, 2004.

M.Ex.Comp. Melvin Sheldon Boomhour R.Ex.Comp. Richard James Jackson R.Ex.Comp. George Herbert Gifford Grand First Principal
Grand Second Principal
Grand Third Principal

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt M.Ex.Comp. G Robert Jackson M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell M.Ex.Comp. John W McGill

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED 2003

R.Ex.Comp. Hugh Alexander Kernohan Grand Chaplain R.Ex.Comp. Shavak Russy Madon Grand Treasurer R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn James Duke Grand Scribe Ezra R.Ex.Comp. Thomas John King Grand Scribe Nehemiah R.Ex.Comp. Marvin J Smith Grand Principal Sojourner R.Ex.Comp. Thomas William Manning Grand Registrar R.Ex.Comp. Gerald M Wilson Grand Historian R.Ex.Comp. Robert E Todd Grand Archivist

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS 2003

R.Ex.Comp. Douglas J McGillivray Grand Superintendent - District 1 R.Ex.Comp. Donald C Dockstader Grand Superintendent - District 2 R.Ex.Comp. Wilfred Alfred Freeman Grand Superintendent - District 3 R.Ex.Comp. Melvin J Hamilton Grand Superintendent - District 4 R.Ex.Comp. Brett D Kahler Grand Superintendent - District 5 R.Ex.Comp. Desmond Washer Grand Superintendent - District 6 R.Ex.Comp. Sidney Edward Wheat Grand Superintendent - District 7 R.Ex.Comp. Patrick Monkman Grand Superintendent - District 8 R.Ex.Comp. Gerald F Parker Grand Superintendent - District 9 Grand Superintendent - District 10 R.Ex.Comp. Allan William White R.Ex.Comp. Lannie Phillips Grand Superintendent - District 11 R.Ex.Comp. Maurice E Jenkins Grand Superintendent - District 12 R.Ex.Comp. M Hassan Mohamdee Grand Superintendent - District 13 R.Ex.Comp. Andrew Gordon Grant Grand Superintendent - District 14 R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Alexander Firth Grand Superintendent - District 15 R.Ex.Comp. William Forrest McOuaker Grand Superintendent - District 16

GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HONOURARY

(*Two Year Term # One Year Term)

#R.Ex.Comp. Walter Theodore Bulbeck

#R.Ex.Comp. Lorne Ian Montague
*R.Ex.Comp. J William Lidstone

#R.Ex.Comp. George William White

ELECTED 2003

R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk

R.Ex.Comp. Philip Raymond Borland

R.Ex.Comp. William A Armstrong

R.Ex.Comp. Michael J Bowman

R.Ex.Comp. Derek J Ward

ELECTED 2002

R.Ex.Comp. David Warren Laskey R.Ex.Comp. Shayne Eldridge

R.Ex.Comp. Gordon Edward Cross

R.Ex.Comp. Robert Arthur Etling

R.Ex.Comp. Douglas John Downey

APPOINTED 2003

R.Ex.Comp. David Edward Jacklin

V.Ex.Comp. William G Esplen

APPOINTED 2002

R.Ex.Comp. Robert J McMaster

V.Ex.Comp. Brian Douglas Van Sickle

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the One Hundred and Forty-sixth 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 and properly vouched for, would now be welcomed. After admitting all Companions, the Grand First Principal welcomed all present at the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Annual Convocation.

The Grand First Principal then appointed R.Ex.Comps. Norman E Byrne and David E Jacklin as Parliamentarians for the duration of this Convocation.

The Grand First Principal then advised all present that the matter relating to the legal claim against Grand Chapter reported last year remains *sub juris* and will not under any circumstances be a matter of discussion at this Convocation.

Distinguished Guests - Introduced by V.Ex.Comp. John Richel

Illinois Michigan Newfoundland Quebec M.Ex.Comp. J. Don Saterlee, P.G.H.P. M.Ex.Comp. Jan I Beaderstadt, G.H.P. R.Ex.Comp. Larry Moss, Grand Secretary

Order of the High

M.Ex. Comp. Alan Seabright, G.Z. M.Ex. Grand High Priest David Hardie, Grand President

Priesthood

M.III.Comp. Donald R Pardo. M.I.G.M.

Royal and Select Masters of Ontario Sovereign Great Priory of Canada

M.Em.Kt. Robert W Munday, Supreme Grand Master

The Grand First Principal greeted the Distinguished Guests 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 Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Most Worshipful Brother Donald H Mumby, the Grand Master of The Grand Lodge Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, was presented in the West where he was formally and warmly received by M.Ex.Comp. Boomhour. Following Grand Honours he was escorted to his seat on the dias by the Grand First Principal.

INVOCATION

The Grand Chaplain, R.Ex.Comp. Hugh A Kernohan led the Companions in a prayer of Invocation.

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

Opening Prayer: Sovereign God, we remember before You this day Your servants who, having finished their course in faith and now find rest and refreshment, now dwell with You in your Holy and Eternal Temple. We thank You for the time we had with them and commit them now into Your gracious keeping. Holy One, we commend to You ourselves that, as we attempt to follow the good example of those we remember this day, we may also be granted a place in your heavenly kingdom, dwelling there in perfect peace, joyful fulfilment, and everlasting bliss. We continue to offer to You in Your eternal and everlasting glory our praise and obedience with thankful hearts for Your many blessings. Amen. So Mote it Be!

Over 3000 years ago, King David the father of the First Grand Principal, Solomon the King of Israel sang these words:

How wonderful are your gifts to me
How wonderful are your gifts to me;
how good you are!
You have shown me the landmarks,
my Guide, my Teacher, my Friend.
With you at my side, I cannot fail.
So my heart and soul exult.
I stride on confidently.
You have only to point out the path.
Psalm 16

Volumes of the Sacred Law point out the path we are to follow, the landmarks showing us the way. Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of course you are familiar with the idea of Landmarks. I would suggest to you that one of the symbolic landmarks for Royal Arch Masons is the keystone. It figures so prominently in our three degrees. I sometimes wonder if we really appreciate the significance of the keystone in operative masonry. The keystone was something that was vital in the construction of any kind of arch or dome. An arch is totally dependent on it because the keystone had to be cut precisely to exert the same pressure outward as the arch pressed inward creating equilibrium. If this did not happen, then the arch would eventually push the keystone out and collapse or the keystone would push the arch apart and fall through to the ground giving a similar result. One could wonder how often the ancient craft masons played with keystones until the right cut was discovered.

The keystone can become a rich symbol in Royal Arch Masonry, not just a part of our ritual. Grand Chapter can be seen as a keystone binding the whole arch together. We could say that the Grand First Principal and his Grand Council form the same function within the Grand Chapter and so it goes on down to the lowest ranks. Today we commemorate those companions who are no longer with us through death. We mourn the loss of Most Excellent Companions Aube Weisman and Albert Mortlock, Past Grand First Principals of this Grand Chapter.

IN MEMORIAM MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION AUBE WEISMAN Most Excellent Grand First Principal 1978-1979

"Here walked a friend whose heart was good,
Who walked with men and understood.
His was a voice that spoke to cheer,
And fell like music on the ear;
His was a smile men loved to see,
His was a hand that asked no Fee -For friendliness or kindness done.
And now that he has journeyed on
His is a fame that never ends;
He leaves behind uncounted friends."

"Not 'till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason 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."



Most Excellent Companion Aube Weisman

BORN- Toronto, September 29, 1914

PARENTS- Alex and Gertrude

MARRIED - Wife - Fae, Kalamazoo, Michigan

CHILDREN- Judith and Morton Wagman, Carolyn and Myles Gordon and Meri Rae Weisman

GRANDCHILDREN - Jana Gayle and Andrew Ira Mark Wagman

RELIGION- Member of the Beth Sholom Synagogue, Toronto

BUSINESS- Co-founder and President Cardwell Laundry Limited and Master Linen Supply Co.

Member - The Textile Rental Institute of Ontario

MASONIC RECORD

- Initiated, Passed, and Raised in Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 522, Toronto 1949
- Exalted in Mt. Sinai Chapter No. 212, Toronto, 1950
- Grand Representative of New Jersey near the Grand Chapter of Canada

COMMUNAL SERVICE RECORD

- Member-Toronto Lodge B'Nai Brith No. 836, President, 1955
- Past Chairman-Toronto B'Nai Brith Coordinating Committee
- Past Chairman-B'Nai Brith Youth Organization--Southern Ontario Region *DIED* October 2, 2003

"There are hearts full of life and of sweetness When no longer their life current flows Still their goodness lives on with the living Like the soul of the star and the rose."

Once again the Great Architect of the Universe has called, and we record in the Golden Pages of Time the passing of a dedicated husband, father, distinguished citizen and one whose passing leaves a great void in our Masonic family.

HE LABOURED HARD FOR THOSE HE LOVED THEN LEFT US TO REMEMBER

Respectfully and fraternally submitted C.W. Emmett, P.G.Z.

IN MEMORIAM MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION ALBERT A. MORTLOCK Most Excellent Grand First Principal 1986 - 1988

The crowning glory of Masonry is the true belief in immortality which is imprinted in the hearts and minds of all Masons. Thus when life's span on earth is passed the beloved Companion is called by the Great Jehovah to put on immortality, and ascend to the Grand Chapter Above, there to give a fuller and nobler life of service in the Kingdom of the Eternal.

On October 25, 2003, Grand Chapter sustained a great loss in the passing of M.Ex.Comp. Albert A. Mortlock, who had served as Grand First Principal in the years 1986 to 1988.



Most Excellent Companion Albert A. Mortlock

Let us therefore pause for a few moments in the midst of our present deliberations to pay final tribute to the memory of this Leader amongst Masons, a man of sterling character, a man devoted to his family, country, and God of his Faith.

M.Ex.Comp. Albert Mortlock was born at Lang, Ontario on June 6, 1916, and received his education in Campbellford and Norwood. He served Overseas with the Canadian Army during the Second World War from 1940 - 1945. Returning home, he married the lovely Jean Eleanor Shearer in 1946. They were blessed with 3 sons and 3 daughters. Prior to his enlistment he had entered into the family firm of Mortlock Construction of Peterborough, which he later rejoined after his discharge from military service. M.Ex.Comp. Mortlock was involved in considerable community services in Peterborough, serving on various commissions, directorships of Golf and Country Clubs, Contractors' Association, and above all, his Church. He was a past Elder and dedicated member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church as well as a past Chairman of the Board of Managers, St. Giles Presbyterian Church.

M.Ex.Comp. Mortlock's Masonic record is inspiring both in his service to the York Rite Bodies as well as his fealty to the Scottish Rite. He began his Masonic journey when he was initiated into Hastings Lodge No. 633 in 1948, serving later as Master in 1952. He was also a charter member of William James Dunlop Lodge No. 675. He became District Deputy Grand Master for Peterborough District in 1964.

In Capitular Masonry M.Ex.Comp. Mortlock was exalted in Corinthian Chapter No. 36 in 1977. He went on to hold Grand Rank as Grand Scribe Nehemiah of Grand Chapter in 1979, then he was successively elected as Grand J, Grand H, and finally installed as Grand Z in 1986. He was also the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

In the Royal and Select Masters of Ontario he was a past Thrice Illustrious Master of Hiram Council No. 24. He also held past Grand Rank in the Grand Council.

In Knights Templar, he was a Preceptor of Moore Preceptory No. 13, and held Grand Rank as a Past Sub-Marshal of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

In Constantinian Masonry he was a Past Sovereign of Moore Conclave No. 15, later becoming enthroned as the M.Ill.Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada in 1980. He was also honoured as a Knight Grand Cross of Constantine, and was honoured in the United States as an Honorary Past Grand Sovereign of the American organization.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Canada, he was a past Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Peterborough Lodge of Perfection in 1962, and coroneted an Honourary Inspector General 33° of Supreme Council in 1966.

M.Ex.Comp. Mortlock was also a dedicated member of the Royal Order of Scotland, a recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross of York of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, and served in offices, or held Grand Rank in numerous other concordant Bodies of Masonry, including the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He was also a Shriner.

Thus ends the earthly record of a very Distinguished Companion, a good and noble man, whose record of service is unblemished and outstanding. He will be especially remembered in Grand Chapter by his zealous and untiring efforts for Royal Arch Masonry.

It is written "Every memory is a keepsake, with which we never part" and in respect to M.Ex.Comp. Albert Mortlock we add "God has him in His keeping, we have him in our heart".

FAREWELL DEAR FRIEND AND COMPANION

Respectfully and fraternally submitted M.Ex.Comp. G. H. Stuart

Along with these two illustrious Grand Chapter Officers there are others that each individual Royal Arch Mason can hold dear in his memory. We commend them into God's gracious keeping.

I want to suggest to you that the keystone in a Royal Arch Chapter is the new member. Like the architectural keystone, a great deal is dependent on that new member. He may at some time replace some of us as Principal of the Chapter or may be elected or appointed to office in Grand Chapter. However, there is another kind of new member in a Chapter; one who may never hold office. I want to tell you a story about my old friend Jim. He applied for admission to Freemasonry as an entered apprentice. After receiving that degree we discovered that Jim could not memorize. Jim was a skilled carpenter and cabinet maker and a great conversationalist but he could not remember answers to questions or obligations. We then gave him his degrees at emergent meetings and we dictated to him his answers. Jim could not memorize and thus hold office but I can tell you there was no better mason. He exemplified all that a true Freemason is. He faithfully attended all meetings until cancer took him from us, sitting quietly and respectfully in the back corner of the lodge. In the anteroom he greeted all of the brethren with kind words and a smile and handshake. He was particularly helpful to new and apprehensive candidates because no one had been more nervous than Jim who knew he could not remember the words. The odd time he would fill in as Tyler because answering knocks did not require memory work. If any brother needed help in a renovation project he was there. He never said an unkind word about anyone.

Everything he did was like a keystone binding the lodge together because he exemplified what Freemasonry is all about. I am sure many of you in your masonic careers have met your Jim as well. We need those masons as much as we need the ones who will become officers. Some are chosen to rule and others are chosen to obey. Some are there to teach all that is good in our Masonic Family through example. In the Christian tradition, St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Preach the Gospel but refrain from words." My friend Jim taught the good news of Freemasonry by his actions and his life. Worshipful Brother James E. Sullivan has written a poem that describes Jim and those like him.

IN THE EAST

Far out beyond those misty clouds, that veil the heavenly blue, the Master sits within the East, and checks on what you do. So, as your daily tasks you do, prosaic though they be, the rule of plumb and square observe for all the world to see.

For when at last your day must end, your tools you lay away, 'twill be how well your work was done on which he'll base your pay.

For when you rap upon that door, and seek to enter in, 'tis only He can vouch for you, and free you from your sin.

No ritual learned can earn that place, No trappings rich and rare, 'tis heart and mind and love of man that grants you welcome there!

Closing Prayer: Great Architect and Geometrician of the Universe, we offer You our heartfelt thanksgiving for the lives we commemorate this day. We thank You for our companions whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let Your light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all our departed companions rest in peace. And now Holy One, we pray that You would raise us up from sin to the life of righteousness that we may shine as the stars forever in Your heavenly dwelling place eternally in Your presence.

M.Ex.Comp. Boomhour called upon Most Worshipful Brother Donald H. Mumby to bring greetings from The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

M.Ex.Comp. Sheldon Boomhour and my Companions. In the name of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario I thank you Sheldon for your very warm welcome into this Annual Convocation. I would also like to thank the Grand Director of Ceremonies for escorting me in, giving me advice and for leading the brethren in Grand Honours then to you my Companions for responding in such an enthusiastic manner.

The Grand Chaplain took a few words right out of my mouth. As we gather here today I ask you never to forget that while you are Royal Arch Masons you are first and foremost members of this great Masonic Fraternity. A Fraternity based upon three very simple but very fundamental principals. Principals that we must carry not only within the lodge room but in our homes and in our places of business and indeed in our community not just when it suits us but at all times.

Those basic fundamental principals are really very simple. They are brotherly love or treating everybody as we wish to be treated not just when it suits us but all the time. It is easy to say and it is difficult to do. The second one is relief or charity. And all too often we think of charity as being solely the giving of money or monetary assistance and that, I would suggest is the least of our concerns in so far as charity is concerned. The most difficult but the most demanding part of charity in my mind is the simple act of forgiveness. It is an act that really does nothing for the individual who is being forgiven but it certainly does a whole lot for the individual who is forgiving. We cannot continue to let this joyous life that we have been granted be ruled and undermined by petty piques and quarrels - things that should not exist between men of good will and honour as all free masons are. And the third fundamental principal of course is that elusive element of truth.

We are all guilty of untrue acts on a daily basis. The truth my brethren has to be the fundamental, the cornerstone, the keystone of our every word and our every action. If we bear these three fundamental principals in mind then none of us will have any problem in following the wisdom of the words that are contained within the book of Matthew where it is said "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." If we as individuals let the light of masonry, that great teaching that is given to each of us - if we let that shine forth in our every activity, at all times, then the world cannot help but see that there is an alternative and that alternative is the teaching of free masonry. And if none of you think that an alternative is not necessary then I don't know where you are on a daily basis for you obviously do not pick up a newspaper or listen to a television recording or listen to radio. You see if we follow those fundamental principals upon which our great order is based then there would be no warfare. There would not be strife because you don't make war because you don't want war made on you. There would be no poverty, there would be no strife because we would look after one another. So I challenge you my brethren as you sit in this great Convocation to always do what is best for Freemasonry and always do what is best for each of you.

It is an honour for me to stand here today. Someone asked me this morning how my term was going and I say it in all honestly that 99.99 % is really good - you always have that .1% that no one likes to deal with but you have to. But what other area can you associate on a daily basis with the very best men that there are in this great Province and each of you fits that mould or you wouldn't be here. For me it has been the greatest learning experience I have had. I have learned a lot about different cultures. I have learned a lot about different religions. I have learned a lot about how we might differ in size and shape, in colour and in belief but, we all are united in one glorious design to promote Freemasonry to its best. I wish you all the best as you meet here today. Please let your deliberations be ruled by common sense and good judgement and Sheldon it has been an honour for me to deal with you in the year that I have as Grand Master and you have been Grand First Principal.

Throughout our meetings as Masonic Leaders you have challenged me, you have made me think and yet, at the same time we have been able to work things out at the very best. I would also be very remiss if I didn't pay a special regard to your Grand Scribe Ezra who happens to be not only a personal friend but one of the greatest men that I have ever known. That I call upon Mel if for no other reason than I just want to talk to him and get a little advice from him.

I'm going to be very personal here for a minute as there happens to be a man in this assembly who happens to be the Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. R.Ex.Comp. M. John Moor. John is not only my Grand Chaplain but John is a very close friend and I also want to publicly thank John for what you have done to assist me throughout this year. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

The Grand First Principal instructed the Grand Scribe Ezra to call the roll of the Past Grand First Principals and for them to assemble in the West.

M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett	1961-62
M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart	1982-83
M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe	1984-85
M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt	1988-89
M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline	1990-91
M.Ex.Comp. G Robert Jackson	1992-93
M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker	1994-95
M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell	1996-97
M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner	1998-99
M.Ex.Comp. John W McGill	2000-01

Most Excellent Sirs: It is my privilege, on behalf of this convocation here this morning, to greet you all and extend to you a warm welcome to this our 146th Annual Convocation, here in the City of St. Catharines.

We thank you for your individual contributions to our Grand Chapter during your terms as Grand First Principals and let we who follow in your footsteps today and in the years to come see that this great organization continues to move ahead.

We are proud of your achievements in the interest of this Grand Chapter as Grand First Principals and may we continue to have the benefit of your wise council and judgements now and in the years to come.

G.Z: M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt I would call upon you for some remarks.

M.Ex.Comp. Levitt: Most Excellent Sir, it is a privilege for me to respond on behalf of my colleagues and we thank you for your warm welcome and comments and we assure you that we are here and ready to serve this Grand Chapter at all times.

G.Z. Most Excellent Sirs, after receiving Grand Honours, I would ask you to take your seats in the East.

M.Ex.Comp. Boomhour called upon R.Ex.Comp. Sidney E. Wheat, Grand Superintendent of District No. 7 to give the:

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

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

Most Excellent Sir, Distinguished Guests and Companions: On behalf of the Companions of District No. 7, it is indeed an honour and a privilege to have you as our guest once again in the Garden City of St. Catharines for this the 146th Grand Convocation.

V.Ex.Comp. William Esplen and his team have planned an interesting program for this year. I am sure it will be enjoyed by all. As this is the third year for the Grand Convocation to be held in this location, most of the companions know of the best places to eat and visit etc. To the first timers you will find many interesting places to visit close to the Hotel and a great variety of eating establishments.

I hope you will have a memorable and fruitful visit, and a safe return home. Once again welcome. R.Ex.Comp. Sidney E. Wheat, Grand Superintendent District No. 7

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVOCATION

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford, Grand Third Principal that the proceedings of the 145th Grand Convocation held in St Catharines, Ontario, on Friday the 11th of April and Saturday the 12th of April 2003, having been printed and copies sent to all Chapters in the jurisdiction, that the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same now be confirmed. CARRIED.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Third Principal that the order of business of this Annual Convocation be changed at the discretion of the Grand First Principal. CARRIED.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Third Principal that R.Ex.Comp. Robert McMaster 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 the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Third Principal that R.Ex.Comp. Robert McMaster be confirmed as Chairman of the Scrutineer Committee with the power to form his own Committee as approved by the Grand First Principal. CARRIED.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Most Excellent 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.

Alabama Alaska Verne E Young Harry S Smith

Alberta Brian R. Simpson Argentina Lawrence Halliday Arizona Donald Attridge Arkansas John V Lawer **British Columbia** Gerald Morris Wilson California B Andrew Downes Colorado Bert A Mennie Connecticut David W Laskey Delaware R Frank Russell District of Columbia Robert S Wylie Finland E Roy Harrison Florida Alan F Walker France Russell H Sills Georgia Frederick C Garvin Germany Guenther H Gahs Greece Sandy Glasgow Idaho Guy G Deavu Illinois Melvvn J Duke India F Douglas Draaker Indiana R Allan Cadwallader Iowa T Bilardino Segui Ireland William J Boston Israel Eric Laiken Kansas Edwin R Carr Kentucky Brian E Keighlev Louisiana Edward S P Carson Maine Henry E Winslow Manitoba L Ian Montague Maryland David G Walker Massachusetts Michael J Bowman Mexico Harold G Hubbell Michigan Donald F Kline Minnesota Frederick Gronski Mississippi James W Reid Missouri Phillip Raymond Borland Montana Larry J Hostine Nebraska William Klapatiuk Netherlands Ronald McClung Nevada Brian Stapley New Brunswick William Stanfield Newfoundland Roland A Paddle New Hampshire Carman Sararas William H Arnold New Jersey New Mexico Robert E Todd New South Wales Edward W Elcombe New York Charles Meldrum New Zealand Glenson T Jones

North Carolina

Donald J Emerick

North Dakota Nova Scotia Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania **Philippines** Quebec Oueensland Australia Rhode Island Saskatchewan Scotland South Africa South Australia South Carolina South Dakota Switzerland Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Victoria Australia Virginia Washington Western Australia West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming

Norman D McComb Wesley Massey Gordon Cross Shayne H Eldrige Alan A Foote Wilson S Anderson David C Hill Walter T Bulbeck Gilbert G Fowlow John E Gamble William G Esplen John W McGill Leslie Levitt B Donald Lamont George Gifford M John Moor James A Shaw Derek J Ward C Gordon Sinclair Edmund Goldthorp Edward G Ouniian W Bruce Miller Dale Plant Donald Gillis John Post Harry D Turner James M Napier George Chambers

G.Z. To you Most Excellent, Right Excellent and Very Excellent Companions, I welcome you all to this convocation and feel that you are all carrying out your duties as a Grand Representative to the satisfaction of our Grand Chapter.

M.Ex.Comp. Boomhour 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, Officers 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 Award Committee, I am extremely pleased to have the privilege of presenting to you the name of a certain dedicated Companion of Royal Arch Masonry, to receive the Distinguished Service Award.

He is worthy to receive this outstanding recognition because of his faithful and respectful service to his Royal Arch Chapter, and his cheerfulness in greeting fellow members and many visiting Companions. He has demonstrated his respect and concern for his Royal Arch Chapter by his exemplary attendance record and active involvement in all Chapter activities. He has a thorough and proper understanding of his official duties and responsibilities.

The following Companion of Royal Arch Masonry is to be honoured:

Companion Bruce Victor Hassack

Ancaster Chapter No. 155, Ancaster

Fraternally and sincerely submitted, M.Ex.Comps. Harry D Turner, John McGill and R Frank Russell, Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by M.Ex.Comp. Russell that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Most Worshipful Brother Donald H. Mumby, Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, our Distinguished Guests and My Companions. Welcome to the One Hundred and Forty-Sixth Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter. We appreciate your unfailing devotion to Royal Arch Masonry.

We are honoured by your presence Most Worshipful Brother Mumby and appreciate you finding the time in your demanding schedule to be with us. Most Worshipful Sir, on behalf of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in The Province of Ontario I pledge our continued allegiance to you and to our Grand Lodge and we thank you for all of your endeavours to promote Masonry throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

Our congratulations go to the One Hundred and Forty-Sixth Grand Convocation Committee under the Chairmanship of V.Ex.Comp. William Esplen, for undertaking this task and making it successful. Again, what can we say but Thank You! I also take this opportunity to thank the management and staff at The Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre, our hosts, for the cooperation and efforts they have put forward to make our stay most enjoyable.

NECROLOGY: Again, as you have heard, we mourn the loss of many of our friends and Companions. But let us give thanks for having been allowed to know them and for the certainty they are now resting in peace and tranquillity with the Most High.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: Your Grand First Principal and Grand Scribe Ezra represent this Grand Chapter on the Grand Master's Ontario Masonic Leaders Committee. After studying many ideas as to how to help our fraternity become stronger, it is generally agreed that our Grand Master's reminder "to understand and live in Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth is essential". And if we all replace ourselves with a new candidate our membership in the Lodges will double. However that comes with responsibility. The responsibility of making certain the recommended candidate truly is Masonic material and lives up to our expectations. It is the feeling of everyone on the Masonic Leaders Committee that we have not been careful enough to ensure candidates with the essential understanding of our order are being admitted. We must raise our standards; we've lowered them too far already. Quality, after all, is more desirable than quantity.

It is a pleasure to be in the position of being able to report that the lines of communication are open between all branches of Masonry.

PAST RANK: Ex.Comp. Robert Price of Pentalpha Chapter # 28 was serving as Second Principal when medical problems rendered it impossible for him to continue in office. Ex.Comp. Price has faithfully performed all of his duties of the previous offices and I recommend the rank of Past First Principal be granted to this Excellent Companion. As well, Ex.Comp. Gordon Cook of Palestine Chapter No. 54 died while in the office of Second Principal and I recommend that the rank of Past First Principal be granted to him posthumously. At the request of Bruce Sombra Chapter No. 53 I recommend that our Deputy Grand Master Companion Gary Atkinson be granted the rank of Past First Principal in keeping with our Grand Chapter Constitution and custom.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER: Our term of office started at the close of Grand Chapter's 145th Annual Convocation with a meeting of the Grand Council and Grand Scribe Ezra to discuss the Grand Convocation and deal with the completion of the Convocation.

Companions, the book of Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario contains the written laws and regulations of our Grand Jurisdiction. The contents, the product of the work and wishes of the majority of our Companions for over 146 years, apply to Grand Chapter Officers, each and every Companion and our Constituent Chapters. Personal interests have been allowed to take precedence over the requirements established by the majority. There are still Companions approaching your Grand Chapter office requesting the rules and regulations be set aside for their personal or their Chapters benefit although those making the request seem to be aware of the Constitutional requirements. There are still some Companions that display serious vindictiveness when they don't get their own wishes granted instead of respecting the rules and regulations of Royal Arch Masonry.

It had been announced in the various committees and sub-committee meetings that the Grand Council would meet weekly and one day each month would be made available to anyone wishing to meet with the Grand Council. There were no requests from the Companions.

Once again this year there has been a name of a Companion seeking office printed in a Chapter summons contrary to our Grand Chapter Constitutional regulations. As required, a committee led by our Grand Third Principal was instructed to investigate. The committee reported that the candidate did not have any prior knowledge of the infraction and the First Principal of the Chapter took complete responsibility. Accordingly the Chapter has had its privilege to vote suspended for this Convocation according to the requirements as set forth in our Constitution. I commend the courage and honesty of that First Principal. We need more like him.

When the District Boundaries were realigned last year we discovered some District Assessments were unreasonably high. It was found that the Grand Superintendents were attending many different functions within and outside of their Districts and were reimbursed for much of the travel. The Grand Superintendent of each District is expected to travel once to visit each Chapter in His District. Any other visits by the Grand Superintendent are purely social visits and not done on behalf of his office unless directed by the Grand First Principal. Therefore we hope the Grand Superintendents are not expecting to be compensated for any other functions.

All effort has been made to distribute an average number of Companions in each district. With this in mind, the Boundaries were realigned last year with the promise that the situation would be reassessed. A reassessment found more adjustments deemed desirable. Therefore, as of this convocation Seguin Chapter No. 261 will be reinstated back into District 9 and Districts 14 and 15 will be merged into a new District numbered 14 and the now District 16 will become District 15 thereby reducing the number of Districts to 15.

Companions the study of our jurisdiction points out the fact we still have too many Chapters trying to survive in close proximity to one another. Most do not have enough membership to comfortably exist. We are stretching the available candidates so thinly we see more and more Chapters having to rerun officers. Instead it is much more desirable to have a waiting list of Companions wishing to serve their chapter by becoming an officer. Yes, I can hear your questions now. What is Grand Chapter going to do about this problem? My Companions, YOU ARE GRAND CHAPTER the question really is WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO to alleviate the problem!

Notwithstanding some last minute efforts in an attempt to settle the lawsuit referred to in my address at our last Grand Convocation, I must report that a settlement still has not yet been achieved. I have been advised that the matter should not be discussed by ANY member of the Royal Arch until the lawsuit has been resolved, as the matter remains *sub juris* it cannot be dealt with by Grand Chapter.

This year there were fifteen Chapters that didn't have their returns and/or payments in to Grand Chapter by the prescribed date of January 31. After due and serious consideration the Chapters lost their privilege of voting at this convocation and their respective district meetings. There really is no excuse for not having the required information in on time. From the end of all Chapters Fiscal Year, December 31 (see constitution Section 71 (j)), a CHAPTER FIRST PRINCIPAL and THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT has a month to ensure the returns are in the Grand Chapter Office at the appropriate time.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS: The Grand Superintendents have again performed their duties in a dignified and highly respectable manor. My Companions I have been honoured and privileged to have worked with you, Thank you.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES: Once again, our Committees are working diligently to fulfill the most important duties in Masonry, assisting and caring for the less fortunate and those in need. We thank the Benevolence Committee, The Scholarship and Bursary Committee and Medical Research, *Release a Miracle* Committee for their dedication.

PROTOCOL AND ETIQUETTE: Some education is still needed in the application of our Protocol and Etiquette. It would seem few know who to put at the head table, when there is one, and fewer know how to introduce the head table Guests. Therefore, it behooves the new Grand Superintendents who's duty it is, to study and instruct their District on proper Protocol and Etiquette as approved by our Grand Executive Committee.

DISPENSATIONS, JEWELS AND CERTIFICATES: During the past twelve months the following dispensations, jewels and certificates have been issued:

Dispensations
25 year Past Principal Bars

90

20

50 year Past Principal Bars	0
50 year Royal Arch Jewel	47
60 year Pin	1
Past Principal's Certificates	40

We congratulate the Companions that achieved the milestones listed above and our Distinguished Service Award recipients. Your faithfulness and dedication to Royal Arch Masonry is surely an inspiration to us all.

AMALGAMATIONS AND DEDICATIONS: This year we were fortunate to be able to assist 2 Chapters, Brampton Chapter No. 265 and Peel Chapter No. 195 in amalgamating into 1 new Chapter Orion Chapter No. 195. May the Most High grant the Companions of the newly formed Chapter much success in the future.

We were also privileged to participate in the Dedication of 1 new accommodation to the service of the Most High and Royal Arch Masonry. The new facilities made available to Royal Masonry in the Scottish Rite Building in Hamilton now named the Hamilton Masonic Centre, will surely strengthen the ties of the Masonic Family in the Hamilton area. We congratulate the committees that diligently worked on this arrangement On behalf of Royal Arch Masonry I congratulate all the above mentioned chapters for the perseverance to encourage and promote our order within your areas.

I regret to report that Covenant-St. John's Chapter No. 113 Cornwall found it necessary to surrender their Charter. Many of their remaining members have affiliated with other Chapters in the area.

Again this year, information seminars for prospective Grand Chapter Officers were held in Nilestown in the west, North Bay in the north and Prescott in the east. The program is intended to familiarize any aspiring Companion with the duties and responsibilities of a Grand Chapter Officer as outlined in our Constitution. The Companion then should be better enabled to decide if the position he is seeking meets his expectations. We congratulate all in attendance and everyone that worked at hosting, preparing and presenting the workshops.

CONCLUSION: To all of the Grand Chapter Officers, Chairmen of all Standing Committees and Ad-Hoc Committees, I thank you. As soon as our new Grand First Principal is duly installed your term of office will have ended. To R.Ex.Comp. Richard J. Jackson Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp George H Gifford Grand Third Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J. Duke Grand Scribe Ezra and the Grand Chapter Office Staff, all of the officers, committee chairmen, committee workers, and my Companions, I give my heart-felt thanks and my gratitude for your unfailing support.

I thank all of my Companions of Grand Chapter for the honour and privilege of serving you. May you honour and support our new Grand First Principal and Grand Council for a stronger Royal Arch presence and representation within our Province.

My deepest love and appreciation I give to my wife Susan, our families and friends, for these many years of support and understanding. I'm coming home.

Respectfully submitted Sheldon Boomhour, GZ

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Third Principal that the Address of the Grand First Principal be received by Grand Chapter and that it be referred to a Special Committee on the Grand First Principals Address and that Committee report thereon at this Convocation. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

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:

I am pleased as Chairman of this Committee to present the Committee Report for the year 2003/2004 covering administration under its mandate during the above period, together with other matters dealt with by the Committee as required by the Constitution of Grand Chapter under Article 59.

In the Committee's 2003 Report to the One Hundred and Forty-Fifth Annual Convocation, and as printed in the 2003 Proceedings on page nineteen (19), the background for the following Notice of Motion is set out in detail, and therefore is not repeated in this year's report.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

I, J. William Lidstone, in compliance with Section 16(d) and on behalf of the Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence Committee hereby give notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, I will move, or cause to be moved, that the Constitution of Grand Chapter Section 78(d) be amended by adding the words "and not more than thirty (30) days" after the words "seven (7) clear days", and before the words "prior to" so that Section 78(d) would read:

"(d) Every Convocation must be called by a summons. Such summons must be received seven (7) clear days, and not more than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting in question. In case of an Emergent Convocation the summons will state the purpose of and the business to be transacted at such meeting."

Your Committee finds the proposed amendment to be regular and in order.

There were no other NOTICE OF MOTIONS received.

Since our last report submitted at the 2003 Annual Convocation, twenty-seven (27) requests for By-Law amendments have been received and reviewed.

Since some Chapter Scribes Ezra do not necessarily follow the format set out in form TGC 11/04/93 two (2) of the By-Law amendment requests were marked "Approval Recommended if and when the required missing attachments are received by the Grand Scribe Ezra".

Two (2) submissions were returned marked "Not Recommended for Approval" with the reasons noted.

Of those recommended, eighteen (18) of the By-Law amendments dealt with financial changes, and some with other minor wording amendments. Three (3) submissions changed the date and time of the Chapter Convocation, and Two (2) submissions dealt with re-writing of the By-Laws following the amalgamation of Chapters.

Once again it was noted that some Scribes Ezra when completing their Chapter's submissions make reference to Sections in the Constitution. It was apparent that some are working with older editions of the Constitution, that do not reflect the current Section numbers.

All Companions should remember that By-Law amendments must be in harmony and validity with the Constitution.

In addition the Committee considered four (4) other matters, including the interpretation of certain sections of the Constitution as well as a legal matter.

All the above is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee, R.Ex.Comps. Norman E. Byrne, David E. Jacklin, and J. William Lidstone, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal seconded by the Grand Third Principal that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Scholarship and Bursary Committee have been pleased to have served this Grand Chapter over the last 12 months with the following results: 74 Applications being received; 68 have been approved for a total of \$24,200.00 being awarded; 6 being rejected because they did not meet the criteria laid out in the Guidelines for Bursary Grants; 32 Chapters put forward applications; 14 of the 16 Districts took part. I have continued presenting the Bursary Sponsor pins to the first time sponsors' of students, and we thank them for sponsoring the Students.

The problems we have had over the years with the Application Forms being incomplete ie. Sections 6-8 of the application having no comments on the students. This committee has drawn up the following package - an Assistant and Information letter to assist the Grand Superintendents, a copy of the new Application form and Guidelines for Eligibility for Bursary Grants. I ask that this Grand Chapter and Grand Executive consider giving a copy to all the new Grand Superintendents as part of their package each year.

Our greatest pleasure was when we received letters of thanks and photos from the students, also from the Districts thanking us for the manner in which we approved and forwarded the cheques to the Grand Superintendents for presentation.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee: R.Ex.Comps. Bruce Miller, Andrew Allan, Donald Winterton, Ernest Nash; V.Ex.Comp. John Richel; R.Ex.Comp. Derek J. Ward, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, and seconded by the Grand Third Principal that this report be approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

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:

This Committee was pleased to be able to review the Proceedings of 28 separate Grand Chapters representing Canada, the United States, Europe, the Mideast, Asia, and Africa. Not only are we on the internet with Web sites proliferating, we now have Grand Chapter Convocation proceedings from Virginia provided on CD.

This past year continues to be one of concern regarding membership losses. Demits and suspensions continue to lead while it is expected that due to the high average age of our companions, losses through death will be increasing. Surprisingly, many jurisdictions are now being much more optimistic as to their future. Some feel they have bottomed out and the emphasis on recruitment and retention is beginning to pay off.

While loss of membership may be a major issue, there are other problems that directly or indirectly contribute to this state of affairs. These are:

- · Low attendance at Convocations
- Inability to confer degrees
- · Lack of member participation
- · Lack of new members

To deal with low attendance many jurisdictions are preparing educational materials for use in Chapters such as short talks, discussions, and competitions of Masonic knowledge. They also encourage inviting Grand Chapter Officers and Guest Speakers to make each convocation special. The practice of opening chapter, reading the minutes, paying the bills and closing does little to encourage interest. Some jurisdictions have identified rural and small town chapters as being unable to open with the usual quorum of nine. Consideration is being given to reduce that quorum to six members and appropriate directives would be instituted. Chapters are also encouraged to support each other with members to meet the quorum requirement.

To promote degree work, some jurisdictions encourage the formation of degree teams; others use competitions for ritualistic teams and even individual ritual performers. The use of field days or all degree days while effective has created other problems and that is the need to maintain the interest of those new companions and thereby retain them.

To encourage member participation, jurisdictions report a myriad of activities. For example, they do visiting in groups and include Grand Chapter Officers. Dinners, potluck or catered attract ladies and encourage the social connections. Some have used special public speakers and videos as the "entertainment" of the evening. On occasion when ladies are present and chapter returns to labour, the ladies have been entertained by florists, travel agents, chefs and beauticians. Community activities have been used with success.

Fund raisers for charitable causes/scholarship funds used pancake breakfasts, dinners and coffee stops to raise money.

It is estimated that less than 10% of the current Master Masons are Royal Arch Masons and with this information jurisdictions are becoming more aggressive in their recruitment drives. Closer ties with Grand Lodges have allowed Chapter members to present informative sessions in the Craft Lodges. Some have developed materials specifically to arouse the interest of the mason to pursue further involvement with Royal Arch Masonry. A couple of jurisdictions report using degree teams made up of Royal Arch Masons but doing the Craft degrees. Other jurisdictions encourage more aggressive and direct solicitation of masons. Having a community being involved in a community project has brought masons to the Royal Arch rather than to the service clubs.

In conclusion, I would state that there is no silver bullet for all our difficulties but, if we consider them as opportunities and then become actively involved results are sure to follow. The future would indeed be brighter.

I now take this moment to thank you Most Excellent Sir for the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter and also to thank our Grand Scribe Ezra for his continuing support.

Respectfully submitted, R.Ex.Comp. Walter T Bulbeck Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal and seconded by the Grand Third Principal that this report be received by and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

GREETINGS EXTENDED FROM ATTENDING COMPANIONS

During the 146th Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Fraternal Greetings were extended by Visiting Companions of each of the Grand Chapters and other Bodies represented.

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

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;

Your Investments Committee has been in regular contact with our Investments Broker, RBC, which has managed our investments in a positive fashion and which your committee continues to monitor the management of these three portfolios: General Account, Scholarship and Bursary Account, and the Medical Research Account.

Our investment portfolios continue to have some growth in each account, and we trust that they will continue to grow.

On behalf of the members of the Investment Committee, we are pleased to have had the opportunity to have served on behalf of the Grand Chapter.

I wish to thank the members of the Committee in the persons of R.Ex.Comps. Shavak Maddon, Melvyn Duke and V.Ex.Comp. Bill Esplen. Respectfully and fraternally submitted, R.Ex.Comp. Ray Borland, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal and seconded by the Grand Third Principal that this report be received by and approved 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 my privilege to present to you the audited financial statements of the Grand Chapter, the Medical Research Fund and the Scholarship and Bursary Funds for the year ended February 29, 2004. As in prior years, all three audit reports are clean except for technical qualification in respect of charitable donations received by the Medical Research Fund and Scholarship & Bursary Fund. I would now like to give you the highlights of the fiscal year 2004

The Grand Chapter's total revenue was \$101,600 compared to \$97,100 in 2003. Our expenses were \$95,200 as against \$113,000 in the prior year. The income includes a capital gain on sale of investments of \$1,700 compared to a loss of \$19,500 in the prior year. We ended the year with excess of revenue over expenses of \$6,300 as against a deficit of \$15,900 in 2003. Accordingly, our net assets amounted to \$426,800 compared to \$414,000 in the prior year.

The Scholarship and Bursary Fund's total revenue was \$29,000 compared to \$251,900 in the prior year. In 2003, the Fund was extremely fortunate to receive a substantial bequest of \$235,000. Our bursaries were \$24,200 compared to \$21,400 in the prior year. In the current year we had a capital gain on sale of investments of \$5,900 compared to a loss of \$20,700 in the prior year. We ended the year with excess of revenue over expenses of \$4,200 compared to \$208,800 in the prior year. Our net assets increased from \$541,700 to \$545,900.

The Medical Research Fund's total revenue was \$26,500 compared to \$26,100 in the prior year. During the year we made grants of \$30,500 compared to \$32,000 in the prior year. In fiscal 2004 we made a capital gain on sale of investments of \$3,300 compared to a loss of \$18,500 in the prior year. We ended the year with net assets of \$452,600 compared to \$457,200 in the prior year.

The market value of our total investments per the three audited financial statements amount to \$1,470,204 compared to the book value of \$1,347,952.

While we are extremely encouraged by this position, we have to bear in mind that the market is extremely volatile, hence we cannot recognize the gain of \$122,252 in the financial statements until the investments are sold.

During the year I met regularly with the Grand Scribe Ezra to discuss the financial affairs of our Grand Chapter. I also attended meetings with the Finance and Investment committees to ensure that the affairs of the Grand Chapter are adequately managed.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J. Duke for his efforts to control our expenses and look after the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter. I would also like to acknowledge the work and dedication of the Investment and Finance Committees.

For me, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your Grand Treasurer for which I would like to thank our Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. M. Sheldon Boomhour for placing the confidence in me.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted, R.Ex.Comp. Shavak R. Madon, Grand Treasurer

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Third Principal that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Grand Executive Committee of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

We have audited the statement of operations of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario as at February 29, 2004 and the statements of operations and changes in the net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian 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.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at February 29, 2004 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada March 26, 2004 Grant Thornton L.L.P.
Chartered Accountants

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario Statement of Financial Position			
February 29	2004	2003	
Assets Current			
Cash and short term investments Cash on deposit at broker Accounts and interest receivable Inventory of goods for resale (including awards)	\$ 44,865 1,281 1,423 14,058 61,627	\$ 15,324 48,117 1,786 15,910 81,137	
Fixed assets (Note 3)	335	335	
	61,962	81,472	
Investments (Note 4)	369,560	334,672	
	\$ 431,522	\$ 416,144	
Liabilities Current			
Payables and accruals Deferred revenue	\$ 2,829 1,850 4,679	<u></u>	
Net Assets Net Assets restricted for Commuted Membership (Note 5) Net Assets restricted for Benevolence (Note 5) Unrestricted net assets	267,041 56,009 103,793 426,843	260,536 56,009 <u>97,460</u> 414,005	
	\$ <u>431,522</u>	\$ <u>416,144</u>	

Related entities (Note 6)

On behalf of the Grand Chapter

Melvin Sheldon Boomhour Grand First Principal Melvyn James Duke Grand Scribe Ezra

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Statements of Operations

Year Ended February 29	2004	2003
Revenue		
Dues - per capita	\$ 80,822	\$ 75,776
Capital gain on sale of investments - General Fund	1,749	-
Interest and dividends from Commuted Fund	8,658	8,591
Sales of publications and other products	3,660	4,674
Interest and dividend income	2,175	2,674
Income and dividend from V. T. B. F.	1,842	1,828
Registration fees	1,930	2,740
Other income	<u>730</u>	790
	<u>101,566</u>	97,073
Expenses		
Rent and parking	8,470	8,470
Office supplies and expenses	17,794	17,871
Salaries and benefits	39,357	37,578
Benevolence	1,200	1,600
Travel	10,000	10,000
Cost of goods sold including awards	1,015	998
Annual Convocation	4,239	4,613
Annual Convocation proceedings	2,998	3,059
Professional fees	2,530	2,140
Miscellaneous and instruction	958	1,875
Regalia refurbishing	1,202	240
Insurance	1,710	1,349
Jewels and engraving	200	200
Council and Committee expenses	231	471
Promotion and public relations	3,330	3,028
Capital loss on Investments - General Fund	-	1 9,463
	95,234	112,955
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ <u>6,332</u>	\$ <u>(15,882)</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended February 29, 2004

Statement of Cash Flows

February 29

	Restricted for Commuted Membership Fund	Restricted for Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund	Unrestricted	2004 <u>Total</u>	2003 <u>Total</u>
Balance, beginning of year (Deficiency) excess of	\$ 260,536	\$ 56,009	\$ 97,460	\$414,005	\$ 429,887
revenues over expenditure	es -	•	6,332	6,332	(15,882)
Surrendered charters	6,505	-	-	6,505	-
Shares in York Masonic Temple Limited					
(at nominal value)	-		1	1	-
Balance end of year	\$267,041	\$56,009	103,793	\$ 426,843	\$ 414,005

Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents

2004

2003

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Operating		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 6,332	\$ (15,882)
Change in non-cash operating working capital		
Accounts receivable	363	(397)
Inventory	1,852	(9,725)
Payables and accruals	691	(2,246)
Deferred revenue	1,850	
	11,088	(28,250)
Financing		
Surrendered charters	6,505	-
Investing		
Proceeds on sale of investments, net of investment purchases	(34,888)	47,290
Net increase in cash and short term investments	(17,295)	19,040
Beginning of year	63,441	44,401
End of year	\$ 46,146	\$ 63,441

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Notes to the Financial Statements February 29, 2004

1 Nature of Operations: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario is a not for profit organization which serves as the central administrative body for Masonic Chapters in the Province of Ontario. The organization is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act.

2 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 principals 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: The organization follows the deferral method of accounting contributions whereby restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Revenue from operations is recognized at the time goods are shipped or services are supplied to members.

Income from investments: Dividends are recorded as revenue when received. Interest on investments is recognized as income when it becomes due. Premiums or discounts on investments are expended or recognized as income, when incurred.

3 Fixed Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	2004 Net Book Value	2003 Net Book Value
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 36,754	\$ 36,744	\$ 10	\$ 10
Library	250		250	250
Regalia	2,413	2,338	75	
	\$ 39,417	\$ 39,082	\$ 335	\$ 335

4 Financial Instruments: The financial instruments of the organization include cash, receivables, payables and portfolio investments. The fair market values of cash, receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts because of their short term maturity. The fair values of investments are assumed to approximate quoted values. Market value of the investment portfolio is \$402,429 (2003 - \$335,072).

Included in investments are shares in York Masonic Temple Limited, received as part of the dissolution of a particular chapter. These shares are recorded in the books at a nominal value of \$1 per share. Portfolio investments are placed in well capitalized, high quality corporate and government securities. The organization does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest and foreign currency risk. The organization has not significant concentrations of credit risk.

5 Restricted Net Assets: The net assets restricted for Commuted Membership represents funds that have accumulated with respect to lifetime membership payments.

Some chapter members have made lump sum payments to satisfy future membership obligations. These net assets are subject to internally imposed restrictions stipulating that the resources be maintained to provide annualized returns intended to compensate the organization for the costs of servicing these members.

The net assets restricted for Victory Thanksgiving Benevolence are internally restricted for purposes of providing welfare assistance to companions and their families in need. These amounts are not available for other purposes without the approval of the membership.

6 Related Entities: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario (The Grand Chapter) exercises significant influence over both The Grand Chapter - Scholarship and Bursary Fund and The Grand Chapter - Medical Research Fund. The Grand Chapter annually appoints the board of directors for both organizations. Both related entities are registered charities under the income tax act.

The Scholarship and Bursary Fund was established to provide assistance to Royal Arch Masons, dependants of members, widows and orphans of members to complete their education at universities, community or technical colleges. The Medical Research Fund was established to provide funds for medical research upon receiving a valid request for assistance.

Neither the Scholarship and Bursary Fund nor the Medical Research Fund have been consolidated in the Grand Chapter financial statements. Financial summaries of these unconsolidated entities as at February 29, 2004 and 2003 and for the years then ended are as follows:

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario - Scholarship and Bursary Fund

Financial position	2004	2003
Total assets	\$_546,460	\$ 542,205
Total liabilities	600	534
Total net assets	545,860	541,671
	\$ 546,460	542,205
Results of operations		
Total revenues	\$ 28,991	\$ 251,871
Total expenses	24,802	43,027
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 4,189	\$208,844
Cash Flows		
Decrease in cash	\$ (33,522)	\$ 37,756

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario - Medical Research Fund

Financial position	2004	2003
Total assets	\$ <u>453,195</u>	\$ <u>457,775</u>
Total liabilities	600	534
Total net assets	452,595	457,241
	453,195	457,775
Results of operations		
Total revenues	\$ 26,454	\$ 26,050
Total expenses	<u>31,100</u>	52,145
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses	\$ (4,646)	(26,095)
Cash flows		
Decrease in cash	<u>\$ (24,635)</u>	\$ (19,006)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Grand Executive Committee of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - Medical Research Fund (Release A Miracle Fund)

We have audited the statement of operations of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - Medical Research Fund (Release A Miracle Fund) as at February 29, 2004 and the statements of operations and changes in the net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian 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 funds 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 omission of the disclosure described in the preceding paragraph and except for the effect of adjustments, if any, we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of revenues referred to above, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at February 29, 2004 and the results of its operations and the changes in cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada March 26 2004 Grant Thornton L.L.P. Chartered Accountants

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario Medical Research Fund (Release a Miracle Fund) - Statement of Financial Position

February 29	2004	2003
Current		
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 6,465	\$ 14,829
Cash on deposit at broker	871	17,142
Accrued Interest receivable	663	
	7,999	31,971
Investments (market value \$494,750; 2003 - \$429,452)	445,196	425,804
	\$ 453,195	\$ 457,775
Liabilities		
Current		
Payable and accruals	<u>\$ 600</u>	<u>\$ 534</u>
Net Assets		
Net assets restricted for		
medical research (Note 3)	452,595	457,241
	<u>\$ 453,195</u>	\$ 457,775

On behalf of the Grand Chapter

M Sheldon Boomhour Grand First Principal Melvyn James Duke Grand Scribe Ezra

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

$\label{lem:conditional} \textbf{The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Medical Research Fund - (Release A MIRACLE)}$

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended February 29	2004	2003
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 5,662	\$ 7,776
Capital gain on sale of investments	3,335	
Interest and dividend income	17,249	17,762
Bank interest	208	512
	26,454	26,050
Expenses		
Audit fees	600	535
Capital loss on investments	-	18,523
Grants	30,500	32,000
Portfolio Management fee	_	1,087
3	31,100	52,145
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses	(4,646)	(26,095)
Net assets		
Beginning of year	457,241	483,336
End of year	\$ 452,595	\$ 457,241

Notes to the Financial Statements

- 1 Purpose of the organization: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Medical Research Fund (Release A Miracle Fund) is a registered charity in Ontario, and is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act. The object of the organization is to provide funds for medical research upon receiving a valid request for assistance.
- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies: Investments: Dividends are recorded as revenue when received. Interest on investments is recognized as income when it becomes due. Premiums or discounts on investments are expensed or recognized as income when incurred.
- 3 Restricted net assets: The net assets of the organization are externally restricted for the purposes of providing support for medical research. These amounts are not available for other purposes without the approval of the membership.
- 4 Financial instruments: The financial statements of the organization include cash, receivables, payables and portfolio investments. The fair values of cash, receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts because of their short term to maturity. The fair values of investments are assumed to approximate quoted market values. Portfolio investments are placed in well capitalized, high quality corporate and government securities. The organization does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest and foreign currency risk. The organization has no significant concentration of credit risk.
- **5 Charitable status:** For the fiscal year 2004, the fund has met the distribution quota requirement to maintain its status as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Grand Executive Committee of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario -The Scholarship and Bursary Fund

We have audited the statement of operations of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - The Scholarship and Bursary Fund as at February 29, 2004 and the statements of operations and changes in the net assets and cash flows 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 Canadian 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.

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Hamilton, Canada March 26, 2004 Grant Thornton L.L.P. Chartered Accountants

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ohtario The Scholarship and Bursary Fund

Statement of Financial Position		
February 29	2004	2003
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,783	\$ 955
Cash on deposit at broker	1,737	42,087
Accrued interest receivable	3,744	
Investments (market value 2004- \$573,025; 2003 - \$495,722)	533,196	499,163
	<u>\$ 546,460</u>	\$ 542,205
Liabilities		
Current		
Payables and accruals	\$600	\$ 534
Net Assets		
Net assets restricted for		
Scholarships and bursaries (Note 3)	<u>545,860</u>	<u>541,671</u>
	\$ 546,460	\$ 542,205

On behalf of the Grand Chapter

M Sheldon Boomhour Grand First Principal Melvyn James Duke Grand Scribe Ezra

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario The Scholarship and Bursary Fund

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended February 29	2004	2003
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 4,563	\$ 239,103
Capital gain on sale of investments	5,942	-
Interest on investments	18,428	12,108
Bank interest	58	660
	28.991	251,871
Expenses		
Audit fees	600	535
Grants	24,200	21,400
Capital loss on investments	-	20,707
Portfolio Management fee	-	144
Printing and bank charges	2	241
	24,802	43,027
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	4,189	208,844
Net assets		
Beginning of year	541,671	332,827
End of year	\$ 545,860	\$ 541,671

Notes to the Financial Statements

- 1 Purpose of the organization. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Scholarship and Bursary Fund is a registered charity in Ontario, and is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act. The object of the organization is to provide assistance in the form of bursaries to Royal Arch Masons' dependants of members, widows and orphans of members to complete their education at universities, community or technical colleges.
- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies: Income from Investments: Dividends are recorded as revenue when received. Interest on investments is recognized as income when it becomes due. Premiums or discounts on investments are expensed or recognized as income when incurred.
- **3 Restricted net assets:** The net assets restricted for scholarships and bursaries are externally restricted for purposes of providing educational assistance. These amounts are not available for other purposes without the approval of the membership.
- 4 Financial instruments: The financial statements of the organization include cash, receivables, payables and portfolio investments. The fair values of cash, receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts because of their short term to maturity. The fair values of investments are assumed to approximate quoted market values.

Portfolio investments are placed in well capitalized, high quality corporate and government securities. The organization does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest and foreign currency risk. The organization has no significant concentration of credit risk.

5 Charitable status: For the fiscal year 2004, the fund has met the distribution quota requirement to maintain its status as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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:

Your Finance Committee has reviewed the monthly financial statements of the Grand Treasurer and compared these to the Budgeted figures as approved by Grand Chapter at our last year's Convocation. We are satisfied that the financial records of Grand Chapter are presented fairly to this date.

Last year's Convocation saw an increase in the per capita dues of \$2.00 per Companion charged to the individual Chapters. This ensured that the major component of the revenue of Grand Chapter was brought into line with its operating requirements for the year.

Most other components of our revenue were consistent with that of our Budget with one area of note being a decline in registration fees from a 2004 Budgeted figure of \$2,500 to an amount of \$1,930 actually received. This represents a decrease in new members to 193, down from 242 in 2002, and 259 in 2001, and speaks to the points raised by R.Ex.Comp. Walter Bulbeck in his address to you earlier. For the upcoming year, we have estimated that there will be 200 new registrations.

Most expenses of the Grand Chapter were in line with those of last year's Budget and the previous year's actual results. Increases in costs passed on to us by our suppliers of materials have been modest but rising steadily throughout the year.

One important aspect of the Budget is the cost to promote our Order. As discussed by R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford, we are attempting to raise our profile in Masonry and the community at large. We have therefore, once again set aside funds to assist the Public Relations Committee in performing this essential aspect of our organization.

Your Finance Committee has recognized the importance of good financial planning for the long term well being of the individual Chapters. As we are all aware from our daily lives, sound financial planning for the future is essential in today's world.

We have therefore discussed a number of simple forms that can be used to assist and guide a Chapter when establishing its own yearly budget. We expect to have these forms finalized for distribution within the next few months and trust that they will offer a beneficial financial tool for the members of our Chapters.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Finance Committee: R.Ex.Comps. S Madon, R Borland, M. Duke; V.Ex.Comp. G Fairbairn; Comp. B Seaton and myself, R.Ex.Comp. Thomas W. Manning.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal seconded by the Grand Third Principal that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO 2004-2005 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

REVENUE

Dan annite dans	82,000
Per capita dues	8,000
Interest from Commuted Fund	2,000
Investment Income - General Fund	,
Interest from V.T.B.F.	2,748
Registration fees	2000
Other income	750
Total revenue	96,750
EXPENSES	
Rent and parking	8,500
Office Expenses	18,500
Salaries and benefits	40,100
Benevolence	2,000
Travel	10,000
Annual Convocation	5,000
Printing Proceedings	3,300
Professional fees	2,700
Miscellaneous and instruction	1,000
Regalia refurbishing	1,500
Insurance	1,800
Jewel engraving	200
Council and committee expenses	400
Promotion and public relations	3,500
Total expenses	98,500
Excess / (Shortfall)	(1,750)

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Treasurer that: The Audited Financial Statements of the Grand Chapter General Fund, Medical Research Fund and the Scholarship and Bursary Fund be received and adopted. CARRIED.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Treasurer that: In accordance with Section 56 of the Constitution, the estimate of receipts and expenditures on account of the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year of March 1, 2004 to February 28, 2005, be received and adopted. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

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:

This synopsis of some of the year's activities is presented in highlight form. Each and every Companion should be in possession of, and read the printed Proceedings of Grand Chapter for an in depth presentation of the year's activities.

For the second consecutive year the Grand Chapter was held in St. Catharine's. Adequate space and accommodation were available at the headquartered hotel.

Shortly after the opening of Grand Chapter in Ample form, the Grand First Principal informed all present that the Grand Chapter and some members of the Grand Executive were being sued by a former member. As this matter is before the Courts, no further information would be forthcoming.

The Grand First Principal's Banquet marked a special occasion for M.Ex.Comp. Boomhour, as with a broad smile, and with some emotion, he had the pleasure and privilege of introducing several generations of his family who were seated just below the head table.

The past year marked the implementation of the realignment of Districts and Chapters. It was a relatively smooth transition as a number of Chapters assumed memberships in different Districts. It is quite possible that members of Chapters relocated to a new District may be elected as Grand Superintendent of that District.

Once again the members of the Grand Executive made themselves available for private meetings with Companions requesting such a meeting.

Further outreach by the Grand Executive was evident by being diligent, upon invitation, to visit Chapters and Districts throughout our Grand Jurisdiction and as well as holding meetings of the Grand Executive at different locations in the jurisdiction.

Another outreach program was the holding, for the second consecutive year, two instructional meetings for Companions who may be considering holding Grand Office in the future. These meetings were held at widespread locations for the convenience of the Companions.

I wish to thank Most Excellent Companion Boomhour for the opportunity of serving as Grand Historian this past year. R.Ex.Comp. Gerald M Wilson, Grand Historian.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal and seconded by the Grand Third Principal that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings of Grand Chapter. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

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 Benevolence Committee is pleased to report its activities for the Masonic year. On behalf of R.Ex.Comps. Douglas J Downey, Robert J McMaster and myself, we wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee so that we may participate in the operations of Grand Chapter.

Your Benevolence Committee wishes to report that during the period from April 2003 until the present time, only (2) applications have been received from Companions who are in financial straits due to illness and unable to return to work for medical reasons.

For those seeking to assist an elderly member, family member, widows or community projects through the Grand Chapter Benevolence Fund, should contact their District Chairman, Grand Superintendent or Officers of their Chapter with properly filled forms in order for it to be submitted to this Committee for consideration.

Respectfully submitted by The Grand Chapter Benevolence Committee: R.Ex.Comps. Robert McMaster, Douglas Downey, William Klapatiuk, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal and seconded by the Grand Third Principal, that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings of Grand Chapter. CARRIED.

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

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:

This year end report covers the activities of the Committee on Medical Research of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario for the year ending March 2004.

During the past summer we contacted all the Grand Superintendents congratulating them on their preferment and informing them of the charities of Grand Chapter especially the Medical Research Committee. Your Committee had also written every Chapter through their Scribe Ezra outlining the work of the Medical Research Committee and offering information on our charity.

We have also promoted our charity on the Grand Chapter website and listed the research projects which we have supported. At the same time we encouraged the Companions to contribute to the Medical Research Fund.

At the meeting of the subcommittee for the Medical Research Fund "Release-A-Miracle" on October 25th, 2003, we decided to focus our attention on Autism but not to abandon support for other excellent projects which we have supported in the past. There was also considerable interest and concern expressed by many Companions for research on prostate cancer. This disease as you know affects a great number of men and is almost certain if you are over 80 years.

I have been in contact with a number of university research departments and am pleased to recommend the following projects for our support:

Professor Peter Szatmari, Division of Child Psychiatry, McMaster University for ongoing research in Pervasive Developmental Disorders. He is currently collaborating internationally with other centres to identify the genetic basis of Autism.	\$ 5,000.00
Professor Brenda I. Gallie, University Health Network, Toronto University for continuing research in the diagnosis and treatment of Retinoblastoma in children.	\$ 5,000.00
Dr. Jeannette Holden, Director, Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Queen's University for research into the genetics and epidemiology of autism.	\$ 5,000.00
Dr. Walid Farhat, Assoc. Professor of Urology, Hospital for Sick Children	\$ 5,000.00
for research into the regeneration of bladder tissue. Dr. Neil Fleshner, Head Division of Urology, University Health Network	\$ 2,000.00
for investigations into the relationship of dietary factors to prostate cancer. Dr. James W. Dennis, Senior Scientist, Samuel Lunenfeld Research	\$ 2,500.00
Institute, University of Toronto for continuing research into the molecular mechanisms in aging, diabetes and cancer.	\$ 2,500.00
The John Robarts Institute, University of Western Ontario for research in neurodegenerative diseases and stem cell biology. This is the largest private research centre in Canada and is on the leading edge of medical discoveries in a wide range of fields.	\$ 4,000.00
Dr. Fraser W. Scott, Senior Scientist, Molecular Medicine, Ottawa Health Research Institute for research in food related autoimmune diabetic disorders.	\$ 2,000.00

Total \$30,500.00

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: R.Ex.Comps. Ian D. Nichols, Joseph Lewis, Robert White, Gordon J. Carr, V.Ex.Comps. Thomas J. Hall, Peter Cameron and myself, R.Ex.Comp. M. Hassan Mohamdee, Chairman.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal and seconded by the Grand Third Principal that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

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:

It once again gives me much pleasure to present the Final Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry on behalf of the Committee, the 16 Grand Superintendents.

The following information was gathered from the Superintendents Official Visit and their Final Report as well as personal observations during attendance at a number of Chapters.

There were two major issues reported last year:

- 1) The return to the issuing of Monthly Summonses has been adhered to by all Chapters in the Province. Very few (4) have inadvertently issued a two month Summons and when informed of the violation were quick to apologize and conform.
- 2) Realignment of the Districts was a very contentious issue for our Grand Chapter in 2002-2003. One year later, Reports and Summonses from the realigned Districts seem to have taken a positive attitude and a new understanding of the reasons for the need to realign.

The Superintendents Course of Instruction, at present and for the most part, has been reported as very discouraging. Summonses are the most important means of communication a Chapter has of reaching its membership. Planning and production of the Summons is of the utmost importance. Most Chapters in the Province are reporting the addition of new candidates and a positive outlook for the future. A few Chapters on the other hand are having serious difficulties. The successful Chapters are drawing a number of their new candidates from special events such as Open Houses, B.B.Q's, etc. The question is, are the Chapters in difficulty making any attempt through Special Events, etc. to turn their problems around or have they become complacent?

Attendance has been reported as: No quorum; barely enough to open and; excellent. Meetings must be well planned and executed in order to generate interest. Once the interest is lost it is hard to regain.

The "Work" in general is being done by memory and without the use of books. This shows a great deal of respect for the Candidate and will in all likelihood leave a lasting impression and a desire by the Candidate to become a contributing member.

Financially the Chapters are reported to be from borderline to very good. Dues in some cases have not been kept in line with the operating expenses thereby creating a burden on the Chapter finances. Members in arrears are also a burden on a Chapter's finance and must be encouraged to meet their obligations. Again, deficit financing will lead to disaster.

Official visits to date are all reported to be in compliance with the Constitution with a few exceptions, those being the absence of the Conferral or Exemplification of a Degree. The Work must be performed at all Official Visits with no exceptions. When it is not, the Official Visit must be rescheduled. All Superintendents have reported that they have been afforded the utmost in courtesy and respect on all occasions. Regalia has been reported as being in good to excellent condition.

Note: Any Chapter in need of replacement regalia should contact Grand Chapter Office. We may have what you are looking for in storage at no cost. Visitation seems to be on the increase. The Banquet hour has been reported as mediocre to excellent. It has been proven that a good banquet will not only supply the atmosphere to renew and make new friendships but will also increase attendance.

Moved by, the Grand Second Principal, seconded by myself, the Grand Third Principal, that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED..

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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:

On behalf of the members of the Public Relations Committee I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. As Chairman of the Public Relations Committee I would like to report on our activities for the past Masonic year. This year has been a year of redirection for the committee. We were given the mandate to promote Royal Arch Masonry to our Brethren in the Craft by means of "Open Houses", while at the same time increase our visibility within our Communities.

I believe this year we have began to accomplish this by laying out the groundwork for the new program while leaving room for future expansion; so at this time I would like to report our progress in each of the different areas:

OPEN HOUSES - This year we have been requested to promote Open Houses, *Not Master Masons Nights*; these occasions are meant to promote not only Royal Arch Masonry in particular but Masonry in general. At the **OPEN HOUSES** Master Masons, their families along with any as non-Masonic friends and members of the community are encouraged to attend. Once there the visitors will be introduced to a prepared presentation that will explain Royal Arch Masonry, our room set up as well as our relationship to the Craft and Masonry in General. Afterwards guests will be invited to ask any questions and the evening would be completed with some social interaction with our new friends. Ultimately the information presented is meant to help the visitor and his family and friends to understand what Masonry is all about. "Remember every new Master Mason is a potential Royal Arch Mason!"

This year there have been four open houses with another being planned for this fall in District No. 2. Assistance from the Public Relations Committee for Open Houses or other similar events is available. Either a committee representative or literature can be arranged keeping in mind these types of arrangements are only possible with <u>a reasonable amount of advance notice</u>.

We have also been working on and have an early version of an overhead or power point presentation to be ready in the near future.

THE DISPLAY - It has been given a slightly new look this year just to freshen it up a bit it has also been doing a lot of travelling.

May - to the Shrine Spring ceremonial in Chatham

July- Grand Lodge in Toronto

September- The Supreme Council in Windsor and from there directly to the Plowing Match in Carlton Place

October- An open house in Ancaster

At each one of these events The Display was well received with many favourable compliments.

Thank you to those on the committee for all your help at these events both in manning and transporting the display.

<u>WEBSITE</u> - We have used the website this year for both advertising and information. In the Spring I used it to advertise what we had planned for this year. I have also been working with our webmaster, experimenting with picture files to see how we can easily transfer high quality pictures for both the website and the display back and forth hoping to maintain quality as well as keep everything up to date regularly.

I can say that this experiment has been successful; however there have not been a lot of new pictures submitted for us to work from. Remember pictures for our website and display establishes both awareness and interest. Thank you to our webmaster for his co-operation, this has already proven to be a valuable tool.

<u>COMMUNITY AWARENESS</u> - We have begun working in this area, and with more work still yet to be done, have come up with a crest design which can be put onto shirts and other apparel which can be worn at events and special functions. This idea will identify us as Royal Arch Masons and increase our visibility within our community.

OTHER IMPORTANT ENDEAVOURS - I reported last fall that I had attended a Grand Lodge Public Relations meeting. At this meeting there were representatives from most of the branches of the Masonic Tree. We discussed the Family of Freemasonry and came up with a few new ideas. As a group we discussed what had been tried, what worked, and what didn't. Collectively it was concluded that we all face the same problems and we would all have to work together as a "FAMILY" if we were to overcome these hurdles.

Our <u>Open House Ideas</u> and its platform were given high regard. Another popular idea that arose from this meeting was the "MEMBER OF THE MASONIC FAMILY" concept. I have worked behind the scenes and came up with a crest design for this idea. The idea and crest were submitted to go to the Leaders meeting last fall and as of yet I have not heard how it is progressing.

We as a committee hope that our work this year has laid a solid foundation for the future of Public Relations programs. We hope these and other programs will continue to help make a difference and ultimately increase our numbers and bolster our public image. We thank you again for this opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted by The Public Relations Committee: R.Ex.Comp. Michael J. Bowman, Chairman; R.Ex.Comps. Raymond Borland, Shayne Eldridge, William Armstrong, Thomas King, Thomas Manning; V.Ex.Comps. Brian Van sickle, Larry Carter, Gerald Robertson; and Ex.Comp. Thomas Warner.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal and seconded by the Grand Third Principal that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

DEATHS - 2003

1-George Frederick Berry, Kenneth James Brown, George Caldwell Gibson, Alexander

George Maitland 2-Donald Hewson Berg, Malcolm McPhail Armitt, William Robert Whitman, James Alexander Scott 3-Douglas Marshall Wilson, Robert Livingstone, Robert James McKibbon, Robert George Bell 6-Richard Ovens, Frederick Allen, Albert E. Dennis 7-Lewis John Cummins, George E Montford, Stanley Charles Wiggins, Frederick Duane Reid, William James Miller 8-Arthur George Heath, Harvey John Wilson 15-Wilbur Baarkley Dixon, Kenneth Beales Marsland, William Robert Evers 16-Ronald George Warren, Howard Olin Polk, Robert Alfred Game, Harold A Patterson 18-Eric E Wadsworth 19-Trevor Morlais Thomas 20-Jack Ronson Lovell 26-Donald Francis Hendricks, Edmund Melvin McLean 27-John Edward Hughes, Gordon Hewitt, Donald Allan Weldon 28-John William Nicholls, Ronald James Lyttle 29-Sydney F Woodland 30-William Ross, Fraser MacKinnon 31-Harry Raby, Thomas Leslie Fraser 32-Harry W Cation, Ernst Gunter Radau, James Hauser 34-David Dyck, Lorne Alvin Eyers 35-Ronald John Mundy 36-Albert Alfred Mortlock, James Friend Andrews, William John Hales, William James Reid 40-Hilton Clare Morrison, Harry Ronald Eales 44-Werk Poole. Robert Patterson Wartman, Eugene LeGier 46-Donald Simpson, Stanley E Crinklaw, Daniel Traquair 47-Robert Bedford Morris 48-Gordon Gunn Hoselton 54-Edward Clair Cohoe, Howard Cross, Raymond Munro Watson, John Richard Palmer, David William Torrents, Gordon William Cook, Bruce Alexander Lyle, Donald Ross Stokes, John Daziel Johnson, James Stewart McLandress, Vaughan Charles White 55-Amil James Metezie 57-John D Manson 59-Alexander McLeod Stewart, Alfred Lancelot Dalton, Elmo Victor Jackson 63-William A Berry, Paul Gilbert Ellyatt 64-John Albert Noble, Paul Gebhardt, John Thomas Banner 68-Richard C Duiven 71-Charles Douglas McMullen, Michael Zec 72-Albert Alfred Mortlock, Harry Ashton, Eugene Aatos Hietala 73-Wallace Milton Greer, John Henry Barnes, Delmer Blake Hastings 74-Donald McPherson Pollock, Donald Stuart 75-Percy Arnold Barr, Marvin Thomas Sine 78-Kenneth Harold Larmer 79-Frank Eugene Warne, Bernard C Jackson, Harvey John Wilson, Perce A Fissenden 81-George Campbell, Douglas A Smith, John W Honsinger 82-Gibson Emerson Symington, James Elmer Thompson, Clifford G Friday, Albert York 83-Edward James Robertson, Charles Grey Goodbrand, Mervin Holmes 84-Fraser MacKinnon 91-James Albert Taylor 94-Lee James Congdon 95-Thomas Neil Hammell, George W White 102-Horace Wilson Walker, Leslie James Brouse, Draper Marineau, Alexander Booth, John Gilbert Cleminson, Harvey E Wellwood 104-Sidney Lewis Soloman 113-George Burson Munroe Stidwell, Cecil Osborne Runions, William Baird Fleming 114-Robert Wray Stark, George Arthur Tweedy, Raymond James Curley, Donald Willmott Baldock 116-Percy Arnold Barr 117-Henry Charles Wolfe, Arthur Gordon Wolfe 119-John Maxwell MacCharles, Charles Douglas McMullen 130-Alvin Cumming 133 John Hanson Flett, Leonard Benjamin Craig 135-William James Morgan 138-James Manson Bremmer, Thomas Neill, Ernest Edward Calladine, William Edward Bishop, Ernest George David Leeds 144-Roy Spencer 145-Charles Grey Goodbrand, Alfred Wardell, John Robert Stickland, George W Luesby 146-Robert Donald Smith, John William George Leith 150-John Cambridge, Henry Wilson Campbell, Roderick McLeod, Sven Aage Schorbov Nielson, Norman Percy Ince 152-Norman E Johnson, Albert Markland McKelvie, Larry Tolton, James William Hampton, Hans Wettstein 155-John Daniel Calder 161-Harry Ashton 167-Walter Lumsden 168-George Howard Plow 175-Albert Alfred Mortlock, George Francis Street 184-Robert Cameron Jones, John George Richardson 195-John Oliver Hudson 198-Milton John Shortt, Gordon Robinson, Gerald J Mountford, Frank Eugene Warne 205-Richard Tattersdale, Norman Keith Barber, William Scott Mabley, Raymond Sinclair Robbins, Hugh Patterson McCann, Aube L Weisman, Albert Alfred Mortlock, Paul Anthony Gleed, Charles Claude Brodeur 212-Aube L Weisman 213-Donald Russell Paver, Amasa Edison Minard 220-Peter Keill Taylor, Stephen Edward Pilcher, Charles Claude Brodeur 222-Alexander Mack, Gerard Burton Glenn 223-Victor Morley Hembruff, Harold Richter 224-Sydney F Woodland 226-James Burton Hands, John Eric Fuller, Robert George Bell 230Ernest F Maltby, Kenneth J Maltby, Harold Henry George 232-William Keith, William Glover, Elbert Eugene Baker, Alistar McKechnie 233-Russell Philip Dowsett, Wilfred Albert Wright, Robert Barry Silson 234-William D Fleming 241-Seamus Joseph McDermott, William Scott Mabley 246-James Manson Bremmer 247-Gordon S Sleightholm, Robert Bannatyne 249-Albert Alfred Mortlock 252-George Jones Walker, Lawrence Scott, Anthony Michael Smith, James Patrick Nuttall, Vincent Manford Norwood, Jack Pierre Mountain, Roy Ivan Bass, Frederick Harry Gamble 254-Richard Freeman, George Robert Franklin, George Sever, George Weston Kendall, Robert Shane Chapman 255-Mervin AL Hicks, Joseph Bamford 257-Nellis Bowerman 262-George Edward Smith 264-Bernard M LoPatriello, Aube Weisman 265-Alan N Newell, Aube Weisman

DEMITTED - 2003

1-Steven B Peters, Christopher Kelly Gibbins 3-Herbert James Hale, Robert George Bell, John Richard Castle 6-John McKee, John James Hallworth, Thomas McRae, James A Fraser, Robert Ferguson, Stephen Christopher Burgin, Leslie Alfred Standen, Frank Rysanek 7-Gerald Clarence Frazer, Stephan Dafor, Paul Victor Landon, Robert Donald Ward 8-Herbert John Baker, Thomas Paul Cook, Geoffrey Bernard Emess 16-Albert Robert MacGirr, Nathan Schector, Melvin Jamieson, Peter Urs Rippstein 19-Douglas Morley MacElwee, Ernest Frederick Short, Gerald Michael Kirby, Richard Cameron Mallabar, Peter JM Marshall 20-Robert Webster McPherson, Denis John Stephens 22-James Robert Mourhead 23-James Willard Challand 24-Bruce Wayne Davis, Kenneth Neil Ebel 27-Kenneth Angus Forbes, Stanley Allen Holba 28-Joel Anthony Gentle 32-James Readhead 34-Robert Malcolm McArthur 35-John DG Dewar 40-Robert Henry Adamson, William Flockhart, Albert Edward Welch, William James Colman 44-Carl Kellar 46-David Wayne McMurachy, Robert John Ballantyne, William Gibson 47-William James Hogan 48-James Rolson Hughes 54-Lewys Moore 55-Stanley Benjamin Welstead, Frederick Kingsford, Lester Peter Lipiec 59-Nevison Edward James Crockett, Trevor James Emery 63-Leslie Hallam 64-John Robert Joynt, Aime Joseph Trottier, David Wayne Jackson 68-Gary George Blake, Deryk Jones 71-Donald Burn Beaten, David Frederick Woodman 72-Roy K Frost 73-Ross L Taplin 75-Robert Bruce Campbell 78-Robert M Watson 79-Kenneth Wagg, Tak Nishimo, Earl Joseph McCrone 82-Thomas Cecil Nielsen, Paul James Sanderson, Alister Richmond MacDonald 83-John Kenneth Lowery 90-John Cecil (Rev) Martinson 91-Donald James Alexander Cowie, Ali Mazyad 94-Jerry Harold Woron, Harold Arthur Luck, Thomas Wayne Cumby, John Richard Pounds, Charles Wayne McDonald, Alexander Murphy 95-Lenard William Kaattari, Angus Menzies, Harvey Edward Van McKenney 102-Gunnar Pedersen 104- Robert G (Rev) MacMillan, Roger Garnett Parliament, Robert John Primeau, Michael W McLean 113-Donald Fraser McRae, Gordon Noel Miller, Arthur Edwin Stanford, George Artherton Barlow, Frederick William Seaver, Norman MG Tuck, Lloyd George Steele, Leonard Claude Garlough, Harry Samuel Copithorne, John Locke Churchill, Nicholas Kaneb, Albert John Doley, Cecil Osborne Runions, Kenneth Runions, Eric Rice, Merle Wayne Antoine, Robert Alexander MacNaughton, W Dwayne McLennan, Lionel Kennedy Grant, Robert Stuart McConkey, Norman George Webster, Robert Allister Liddle, John William Vincent, George Alan McLean, John William Warden, Frank Warren Bartle, William Bruce Sixsmith, John Entwhistle, William McLean, William Charles Pickard, Richard Adlor Suppes, Wm Allan Charles Thurgood, Leonard De Mary, Walter Theodore Bulbeck, Glenn Robert Sloan, Thomas James Ward, Harold Lee Russell, Donald C Thompson, Lawrence Henry Snelgrove, Leonard Robinson Hanley, Winston Harold McIntosh, Leverett Carnes W Miller, Gerald Lorne Brown, Edward Bruce Wellman, Joseph Thomas Scott, Lyle Gordon Byers, Leslie Keith Cruikshank, Earl Anthony Hummell, Robert J Bender, George Dowson, Douglas

Graham C Casselman, Clarence Albert Bowman, Royle Wolfenden, Thomas Alexander Smith 117-Robert Ross McGregor, Thomas Michael Schultz, Gary Patrick McNeil, Garfield Wayne Curtain, Andrew Lloyd Rodgers 119-William Stricklen 130-Allan John McKay, Eric John Carre 133-George Albert Kinch, Douglas George Aldridge 134-Stephen Sisson 138-Leonard Allan Tarnowski, Marshall Robert Denny 145-Glenn Downie 146-Terrence Pook 150-Gerhard Scholtz, Raymond George Hutson, James Donald Gladwish, John William Wooley, Wayne Peter Goudon, Barry Melvin Griffiths, Jason Kent Calverley 152-Peter Winston Wilkins, Stanley George Ward, Walter Beyak, Alan William 155-Ronald Reid, Norman Harris, Paul Huhtala 167-Donald Avon Lockhart, Robert P Merkley, James A Ross 175-Leslie Clifford Hawkins, Thomas William Irwin, David Turner 184-Wesley Alexander Graves, Jack Murrell, Robert Earl William 195-George McCowan, George Walker, Frederick Stewart Dickson, Albert Seon 205-William Frank Utton, Leslie Burton 210-Neal Joseph Delahunt, Stephen J Tully 220-Wilbur E Ayre, Stanley Watson Purdy, Leo B Arnold 221-Douglas Wilson, Steven Hooper 222-James Caulfield Fernie, Idris George Reid 224-William Fievez De Ma Van Ginkel 226-Edward Walter Cross, David Eldon Richmond, Arnold Herbert Fournier 230-Hans Toon Sanders 232-Carl Ommert, John Burnett Darling 233-Francis John Royston Webber, Angelito Martin 235-Blair Berrouard 249-James Lionel Tennant, Clifford Bennett Oliver 252-Wayne Edward Passingham 254-John Louis Bjore 257-Darryl Carlyle Storey 262-Nickolas Steven Husak, James Gibbs 264-Kenneth Angus Forbes

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1-Douglas Vandine 6-Robert E White, Michael David Heacock, Colin Rigby, David James Hudson, David Michael Beaudet, John Balfour Adam, Thomas Kane, Maurice Reid Milne, John Hendershot 8-Benjamin Archibald Hughes, William Oscar Young, Norman M Myles, Carl Phillip Robinow, Howard Morris, Stephen Vitek, Kan Shu Cheung, Attila Vincer, David Stanley Grabish, Michael David Borgal, Robert W Baron, Michael F Hutchings 19-John Bernard Johnson 22-Brian Chesley Colpitts 23-William Morley Sly 24-Newton Walter Stewart, Brian George Wilker, Timothy Paul King, Roddy Shay King 27-Richard Cole, Robert Madigan 28-David William Ponter 29-Norman Parker 32-Robert Henry Jackson, Donald W. Sherk, Bernard Theo Watts 35-Adam Black Scott 36-Joseph Frederick Greer, Stephen William Brown 40-Gilbert Eugene Arnold, James Benson Jeffrey 46-Gerald Edward Downie 54-Dennis James Howarth, Mark Hindley 55-Ernest Sibbett, John Critchley 56-Karl St Anthony Mendez, Kenneth Whitmore MacGillivray, Larry David MacLean, Kenneth Leroy Duncan, Reginald Elgin MacDonald, William Robert Farmer, Kelvin Waller, Paul Elmer Kirk, Paul Edward Clarke 59-Raymond Riis, Robert Clifford Hartley, Stewart Hanna, Harold Ferman Jr Eyre, Roger Feig 61-Stephen Giles 63-Ronald Cross 64-Stephen Joseph Yari 67-Arthur Graham Shellnutt, Kenneth Lawrence Garnet 68-Nelson Cecil Jones 71-Kevin York, Scott Carscadden 72-Michael John Croghan 77-Reno DeGiorgio, Jihad Hazime, Kamal Hazime, Mark A Jewett 78-Dean C Frayne 82-Samuel Orval Crago, Lewis Thomas Cook, Britte John Barten 83-Calvin Richard Burrell, Neil Emerson Griffin, John Reburn 90-Gerald Bruce Myles, Roger Clinton 94-Peter Anthony Shannon 95-Robert Perry Charsley 102-John Philip Rives, Anthony Gustave Morrison 104-William Ross Tomkins 114-Darwin Maurice Lacelle 117-Gerald Edward Downie 133-Donald Clare Hagan, Wayne Dudley Henwood 134-David Wildfong 145-George Alfred Rimmer, William Brett Ewart 150-Norman Nelson Baron, Robert R MacBride, William Murray, Ronald Edward Thomas, James David Murray, George Henry Norman 152-George Colgan, Melvin Leonard, Robert Johnson 167-Lorne Duncan Profit 175-George Eric Thomson 198-Robert Norman Teeter 205-Nicholas Mpampatsikos, Jihad Atweh, Gary James Robertson, James E White, William E Robertson, Joel Rosenbaum, William Wolfe 210-Ibrahim Robert Elmasry 212-Mickey H Swartz,

Maurice Monashie Hock, Gordon Garshowitz, Aras Karabal 220-Dennis Sommerville, Robert Laird Youngs 222-William Leslie Wallace, Richard Naraine 233-Kenneth Beaman Collins, Robert Douglas Selkirk 241-Michael David Borgal, William E Robertson 249-Thomas Hugh McAleese 252-Larry William Brander, Gerald Francis Moore 261-Murray Forman Fraser 267-Michael John Croghan

REINSTATED - 2003

1-Ronald Hudson Hill 3-Gordon John Carriere 6-David J Lyle, David Gibson 7-Paul Victor Landon 8-Anthony Read 23-Charles Lester Robertson 27-Kenneth Angus Forbes 28-John McLean 46-William Robert McPherson 71-Donald Burn Beaten 72-Donald MacKenzie Scandrett 78-Robert Wayne Hamilton 90-Hugh Guy Hamilton 102-Gary Fay Eddy 119-Tom Chute 134-James Stuart Lush 213-Robert A McEwen 248-Neal Garnett Jump

DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE 2004

1-ASK Cooke, JC Schaeffer, D Patterson, W Allum, D Stitt, R Paddle, J Cripps, D Dale 2-JW Reid, T Corrin, FD Draker, JA Johnston, WJ Curtis 6-P Mouriopoulos, L Levitt, D Washer 7-K Collard, M Campbell, M Smith, K Campbell, W Goodfellow, N Throop 8-E Debeaupre, TK Douglas 16-BD Van Sickle, H Mohamdee, WH Woods, D Mumby 18-M Bowman, J Sutherland, A Petrisor 19-W Klapatiuk, D Cornelius, D Laskey, J Cairns, H Turner 20-RT Stinson, DR Pass 22-S Hall, ME Jenkins 23-W Rowling 24-O Zordgrager, B Mennie 26-R Smith, J. Chambers 27-S Connors, W Oldham, D McCutcheon 28-R Gifford, W Esplen, G Robbins, G Gifford, R McKelvie 29-J Barich, JW Hart, RJ McMaster, J Hodgen, G Deavu, A Kofink, C Brooks 31-D King, D Hickman, DH Gillis 32-B Lowery, P Christian, S Alder, D. Kaufman, HD Knox, J Bowman 34-B Haley, J Dunlop, G Parker, R Purdy 35-J Janacek 36-T King, G Hurley, J Hutchinson, W Collinson, J Myall, H Hubbell 47-J Hornell, K Dewar, W Barnes 48-D Ward 53-P Naylar, L Clifford, B Thompson 55-M Horne, T Cochrane, R Borland, S Wheat, B Nehring, J Brown, S Welstead, S Knox56-MJ Hamilton 57-A Etling 59-M Farrelly, R Miller, G Todd, G Robertson 61-HJ Stanley 64-J Elliott, B Douglas, J Weir 67-A Wright, G Metzger, H Forbes, WG Speers, R Holder 71-CJ Kania, GC Perry, PW Hooper, L Lajoie, J Napier, R Leniuk, MA Fletcher, C Leclair 73-DE Jacklin, DR Gosnell, DR Pardo, EA Kerr, DG Clark, WH Durer, RF Fuller 74-C Webster, R Hardy, W Green, R Collier, P Brown, R Jackson 75-N Ellis, A Smaller, J Hough, E Evans, E Ramsbottom, B Rowney 77-G Kerr, W Boston, S Boomhour, K Lowery 79-J Chamberlain, D Danniels, R Boal, I Nicholes, R Johnson, G Vardy, J Hallam, R Harrison, R Growshaw, F Garvin 81-G Rawcliffe, G Sinden, B Sequi 82-B Harding 83-T Manning, B Stewart 84-D Langridge 90-D Coulter 91-MS Black 94-R Lindsay, R Hewitt, C Sudlow, A White 95-JW McGill, BS Cunningham 102-GB Parsons, R McCutcheon, K McCracken 103-N Coutts, D Ball, AE Groves, A Grand, T Hargrave 104-P Suchak, G Humes, G Fairbairn, S Madon, D Warren 110-W Armstrong, V Dawson 113-W Bulbeck 117-J Fisher, RSJ Daniels, G Booker, LWB Brown, J Edwards, C Sherwood, WB Miller, F Banston 119-W Tofflemire, H Coomber, L Hostine, D Palmer D McGillivray 130-F Richardson 134-H Kernohan, R Bivens, L Parliament 144-R Lackey, L Phillips 146-W Freeman 148-R Belanger, L Blaney 150-D Epps, D Dockstader, E Carson 152-WF McQuaker 155-P Maley, G Stewart, R Norsworthy 167-JW Lidstone 168-J Parsons 175-WC Holdombe, R Newton, W Stanfield 184-J Parham, T Jeacock, GA Faraday, K Hooper, R Cudney, T Lillie 195-RB Phillips, RF Russell JC Bird, GH McCandless, LO Dawley, PH Watson, JW Richel, BS Fowler, JF Post, WD Laycock, R Mandeville, B Kahler 198-JAD Plant, B Simpson 205-B Stapley, G Vlastakis, R Whitmarsh, M Haijor, D Valleau, JV Lawer 212-F Khamis, L Smith, EH Lakien 213-E Goldthorp 220-W Holden, R Barker, CG Sinclair, BA Downes, A Donovan, MJ Duke, G Gahs, DF Kline, P Monkman 222-MJ

Moor 223-TA Firth 224-PA James, WG Birnie 230-G Carr, W Schneiders, D Ross, E Carr, G Stuart 232-L Mellor 233-P Scott, R Beverley, D Surovy, B Bond 234-P Barrow, T Massena, V Games 236-F Toth, D Hill, P Morris, G Harvey 247-R Hryniw 249-R Thompson, K Billett, K Fudge, R Jones, J Hartwell, G McCormick, K Bromley, K Sumersford, F LeGresley, R Abernethy, M Griffiths 251-A Aggarwall, E Nash 252-S Thomson, J Wright 261-DP Hardie, W Lysenko, C Griffith 262-N Byrne, T Warner

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL COMMITTEE

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:

Since our last Grand Convocation, held one year ago here in St. Catharines, on behalf of your committee we are pleased that no Grievances or Appeals have been received.

Submitted on behalf of the committee R.Ex.Comp. David E Jacklin, Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Third Principal that his report be received and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEER COMMITTEE

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 Companion

Your Committee of Scrutineer report that there has not been an election for the Office of Grand Third Principal. The Companions name who will be included in the next ballot are:

R.Ex.Comp. Roland Allen Paddle R.Ex.Comp. Larry John Hostine

Fraternally: R.Ex.Comp. Robert J McMaster Chairman

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Third Principal eport be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

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	Kingston	26	St. Mark's Trenton
31	Prince Edward Picton	44	Mount Sinai Napanee
72	Keystone Stirlking	110	Warkworth Warkworth
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103	St. John's North Bay	169	Temiskaming North Bay
213	Northern Lights Timmins	223	Abitibi Iroquois Falls
251	Kirkland Kirkland Lake	257	Espanola Espanola

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152	Alberton Fort Frances	254	Golden Star Dryden
266	Kenogamisis Geraldton		

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

At 2:15 p.m., the Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from labour to refreshment until 8:30 a.m. in the morrow.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON

At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 17th, 2004 the Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from refreshment to labour.

Report of the Credentials Committee

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 Credentials take great pleasure in presenting the following report:

Number of Chapters	115
Number of Chapters represented	. 98
Number of Chapters represented by officers	. 34
Number of Chapters represented by proxy	. 36
Number of Chapters represented by Past Principals only	. 33
Number of Chapters not represented	. 17
Number of Delegates present	288
Total number of ballots	434
Spoiled ballots	0
Number of Chapters denied vote	. 16

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Robert J McMaster, seconded by Ex.Comp. David Cornelius that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. Carried.

Report of the Scrutineer Committee

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:

The results of the ballot were:

Grand First Principal
Grand Second Principal
Grand Third Principal
Grand Scribe Nehemiah
Grand Principal Sojourner
Grand Registrar

R.Ex.Comp. Richard James Jackson R.Ex.Comp. George Herbert Gifford R.Ex.Comp. Roland Allen Paddle Ex.Comp. Thomas Charles Warner Ex.Comp. Joseph Edwards Ex.Comp. Ronald Thomas Stinson

Grand Executive Committee Members Elected: R.Ex.Comp. David W Laskey, V.Ex.Comp. Brian Douglas Van Sickle R.Ex.Comp. Thomas John King, Ex.Comp. Douglas Edwin Stitt R.Ex.Comp. Roland Mandeville

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Robert J McMaster seconded by Ex.Comp. David Cornelius that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. Carried.

Results of the ballots were:

First Ballot for the Office of Grand Third Principal

R.Ex.Comp. Roland A Paddle R.Ex.Comp. Larry J Hostine R.Ex.Comp. P Raymond Borland	154
Final Ballot	
Grand First Principal R.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson	Acclaimed
Grand Second Principal R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford	Acclaimed
Grand Third Principal	
R.Ex.Comp. Roland A Paddle R.Ex.Comp. Larry J Hostine	
Grand Scribe Nehemiah: Ex.Comp. Thomas Charles Warner V.Ex.Comp. Dushan Surovy	
Grand Principal Sojourner: Ex.Comp. Joseph Edwards Ex.Comp. Tim Corrin Ex.Comp. Paraag Natwarial Suchak Ex.Comp. Wolfgang H Schneiders	
Grand Registrar: Ex.Comp. Ronald Thomas Stinson V.Ex.Comp. Robert H Bivens	
Grand Executive Committee: R.Ex.Comp. David W Laskey V.Ex.Comp. Brian D Van Sickle R.Ex.Comp. Thomas J King Ex.Comp. Douglas E Stitt R.Ex.Comp. Roland P Mandeville R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Manning R.Ex.Comp. J Victor Games	318 316 315 291 281

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

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:

Your committee on the Grand First Principal's address has had the opportunity to review that Address.

We confirm his decision with respect to Past Rank in both instances.

It would appear that the Grand First Principal has noted that from time to time some Companions have had difficulty in accepting the rulings and decisions given by senior Grand Chapter Officers, within a spirit of brotherhood and fraternal understanding. Your Committee emphasizes that even though at times it may be difficult, those Companions should put their personal feelings behind them, and carry on with a fraternal understanding of such rulings and/or decisions, which are designed for the mutual benefit of all.

The Grand First Principal has pointed out to us all, that each and every Companion is collectively the Grand Chapter, and therefore each and every Companion must make a special effort, as an individual to solve what at first would appear to be someone else's problem, but is instead our own individual problem. We must each roll up our sleeves and work for the united benefit of all.

We are saddened to learn that Covenant-St. John's Chapter No. 113, Cornwall, found it necessary to surrender their Charter. We trust that the former Companions of that Chapter will seek affiliation with other Chapters, and continue on their own behalf in Royal Arch Masonry in General.

We generally concur with the other comments of the Grand First Principal.

Your Committee congratulates the Grand First Principal on his outstanding contribution and leadership to this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee, R.Ex.Comps. Norman E. Byrne, David E. Jacklin and J. William Lidstone.

Moved on behalf of the Committee by R.Ex.Comp. J. William Lidstone and seconded by R.Ex.Comp. David E. Jacklin that this report be received and approved for publication in the proceedings. CARRIED.

PRESENTATION OF THE WILLIAM S THOMSON TROPHY

M.Ex.Comp. Boomhour called upon the Grand Scribe Ezra to advise the Companions of the winner of the William S. Thomson Trophy, Caledonia Chapter No. 236 was announced as the Chapter with the greatest percentage increase in membership (18.4%)

After congratulating the Companions and the Chapter M.Ex.Comp. Boomhour, accompanied by the other Grand Council members presented the trophy to the winner.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M.Ex.Comp. Boomhour announced that the time had arrived for the Ceremony of Installation and Investiture of Officers of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year .The newly elected officers were installed according to ancient custom. M.Ex.Comp. Richard James Jackson then proceeded to announce the Appointed Officers of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

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PAST RANK

Moved by M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt, seconded by M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner that Past Rank be granted to the Grand Chapter Officers of 2003. CARRIED.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Most Excellent Companion Richard James Jackson

Right Excellent Companion George H. Gifford, Grand Second Principal, Right Excellent Companion Roland A. Paddle, Grand Third Principal, Excellent Companion and Most Worshipful Brother Donald H. Mumby, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Most Excellent the Past Grand First Principals, Distinguished East, and Companions.

First I extend my thanks to Most Excellent Companion Melvin Sheldon Boomhour for organizing and conducting the Installation and Investiture of the Grand Chapter Officers for this Masonic year. Most Excellent Sir, we have travelled this long road together and I appreciate that you would accept this role: In addition, I thank the Past Grand First Principals for their attendance and participation at this our 146th Annual Convocation. We appreciate the hard work and expert leadership you have given to this Grand Chapter. I also extend my thanks to all others who had a role in the ceremony of Installation and Investiture this morning, in particular my brother, Companion Bob Jackson. It is a day that I will not forget, especially the role of my father, Most Excellent Companion G Robert Jackson.

He initiated me into Masonry on April 15th 1976, installed me as First Principal of Palestine Chapter No 54 January 7th 1981; as Worshipful Master of St David's Lodge No 302 June 25th 1983; as Grand Superintendent of District No 2 April 24th 1993; as Grand Third Principal of this Grand Chapter April 15th 2000; as Grand Second Principal of this Grand Chapter April 13th 2002 and today as Grand First Principal. I am extremely proud that he has played such an important role in my Masonic career and I hope that both he and my mother have many more years of enjoyment together so their entire family, and all of us, may continue to benefit from their wisdom and love. I also extend my thanks to you the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction for electing me to this position of responsibility. I will do my utmost to carry out the duties and responsibilities that have been entrusted to me and I hope when my term comes to an end we will all be proud of our accomplishments.

Since my time as President of the Grand Executive Committee has come to an end, your term as a member of the various committees also comes to an end. Thank you each and every one of you who has served either as a member or Chairman of a committee.

It has been my distinct pleasure to work with you and it is my hope that you will continue to serve this Grand Chapter in some manner in the future. The excellent work that has been started by you will most certainly be continued by those selected to serve in the future.

Right Excellent Companion George Gifford and myself have selected these teams and the names of those selected will be available at the conclusion of this Grand Convocation from our Grand Scribe Ezra.

Over the last few years we have had trials and tribulations in Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. This has brought much concern to not only me but also all members of Masonry. We must remember that we should not be involved in Masonry to get something out of it for ourselves personally but to make the world a better place. The "Me" and "I" syndrome must end and the "We" and "Us" identity must take over or Masonry will surely die. If we all work together as a team, then we can make a difference but if we work only for our own selfish reason(s), then what good will come? An attempt to promote one's own selfish needs is not the ideal of Masonry; rather Masonry exists to make a better world for all mankind. Any team does not succeed because of one individual but rather as a result of a group effort.

Take a look at any sport, team or individual, and you will see that one person alone cannot become a winner; there is always someone there beside them or in the background that has contributed to their success. We need to move forward in Royal Arch Masonry and with all of us working together, great things can and will happen.

On a more positive note, we have decided that our Medical Research Committee should take a concentrated effort in the fight against Autism, to which our Medical Research Committee has donated \$10,000.00 this past year. However, in order to make a meaningful contribution to Autism, we need to have a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 in our Medical Research Fund and I am certain that over the next 2 years, we can raise the principal to this amount. I would ask all members of Royal Arch Masonry to make a concerted effort to donate to this worthwhile cause, as I am sure we all know a child or family who is suffering under the burden of this disease.

It is the intention of this Grand Council to continue to meet on a regular basis to act on any matters that arise between our Grand Convocations.

In this regard, we will be available to meet with any member of this Grand Jurisdiction either in person at the Grand Chapter Office; a Chapter Convocation; over coffee; or over the telephone, whatever is the most convenient and efficient way to meet your needs. All that is required is to contact our Grand Scribe Ezra, Right Excellent Companion Mel Duke and set up an appointment. If you wish one or all of us to be in attendance at a meeting of your membership on a formal or informal basis, just ask and we will be glad to make those arrangements if at all possible. We are available to meet and discuss your issues, concerns or questions but you need to invite us to discuss these items. If an issue concerns you, then it concerns us and we need to discuss the issue to attempt to come to some sort of resolution. We may not always be able to agree on a conclusion but dialogue is extremely important in any issue that concerns all of us. We do not have all the answers but we can work together to resolve any concern that an individual or group has so let's work together.

I encourage all of you to thank your family and friends for their continued support in all that you do, because without their support and love, you would truly be lonely. Above all Companions, let us work together for the good of Masonry in particular and all mankind in general. Remember to have fun because if you aren't having fun, then why are you here!

I extend my personal congratulations to Right Excellent Companion George H. Gifford, the new Grand Second Principal and Right Excellent Companion Roland A. Paddle, the new Grand Third Principal and I look forward to working with both of you over the next two years.

Right Excellent Companion Roland A Paddle, as the new Grand Third Principal, and thereby the new kid on the block, you have an onerous task ahead of you, as you must learn a new job that is extremely demanding but also is certainly fulfilling.

I also extend my congratulations to all who have been elected or appointed to a Grand Chapter Office. Remember that you have been elected or appointed to an Office because of the talents that you have displayed and now it is time to put them to use for Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Finally, I extend my sincere appreciation to my family and in particular to my wife Wendy who has encouraged and challenged me to always strive to contribute my best in all situations. Without her constant support and love, I would truly be lacking someone and something special in my life.

Now Companions, let's get to work!

THANKS

Masonic Biography:

BIOGRAPHY Richard James Jackson

1976 1983-84 1986-90 2000	Joined St. David's Lodge No. 302, St. Thomas Served as Worshipful Master Served as Secretary Life Member
1977 1981-82 1994-2000 1993-94	Joined Palestine Chapter No. 54, as a Life Member, St. Thomas Served as First Principal Served as Scribe Ezra Elected as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2
2002	Affiliated with Beaver Chapter No. 73 in Strathroy
1984	Joined the Order of the High Priesthood as a Life Member
2002	Joined Mocha Shriners A.A.O.N.M.S. in London
1995	Joined Maple Leaf Chapter No. 3 of the Order of the Eastern Star and served as Worthy Patron from September 1999 to September 2000
2002	Affiliated with Central Star No. 57 in St. Thomas
2004	Honorary Past Grand High Priest of the Order of the High Priesthood of ON



Most Excellent Companion Richard James Jackson

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Geeorge H Gifford, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Roland A Paddle 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 2004 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 146th Convocation being completed Grand Chapter was closed at 10:15 a.m. in ample form.

Melvyn J Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra

FUTURE CONVOCATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER

April 6 - 9, 2005 Quality Hotel and Conference Centre 327 Ontario Street St Catharines

April 5 - 8, 2006 - St. Catharines Ontario

STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER

GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - President R.Ex.Comp. George H. Gifford, Vice President R.Ex.Comp. Roland A. Paddle, Committee members - as per constitution.

CONSTITUTION, LAWS & JURISPRUDENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. J. William Lidstone, Committee members R.Ex.Comps. Norman E. Byrne, David E. Jacklin

FRATERNAL DEAD - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Richard Allen Hryniw, Committee member R.Ex.Comp. Hugh A. Kernohan.

 $\label{lem:reconstruction} \textbf{FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp.\ Walter\ T.\ Bulbeck}$

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. David E. Jacklin, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. Clark Brooks, Peter Barrow.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - Chairman M.Ex.Comp. R. Frank Russell, Committee members - M.Ex.Comps. Harry D. Turner, John W. McGill

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BENEVOLENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. Robert J. McMaster, Aaron R. Orr.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Roland A. Paddle, Committee members 15 Grand Superintendents

FINANCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Shavak R. Madon, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. Thomas Manning, Ronald T. Stinson, Melvyn J. Duke.

INVESTMENTS - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Ronald T. Stinson, Committee members R.Ex.Comps. Shavak R. Madon, Melvyn J. Duke, Desmond Washer

MEDICAL RESEARCH - RELEASE A MIRACLE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp.M . Hassan Mohamdee, Committee members R.Ex.Comps. Ian D. Nichols, Gordon J. Carr, Joseph Edwards, Brett D. Kahler, E Roy Harrison, V.Ex.Comp. Peter Cameron..

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Chairman R.Ex. Comp. Roland P. Mandeville Committee members - R.Ex. Comps. William A. Armstrong, Thomas A. King, Brian D. Van Sickle, Thomas Warner, Donald Laycock, Douglas J. McGillivray, Wilbert A. Freeman, Douglas E. Stitt..

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY - Chairman R.Ex. Comp. Michael J. Bowman, Committee members R.Ex. Comps. W. Bruce Miller, Andrew Allan, P. Raymond Borland, Derek J. Ward, David W. Laskey. V.Ex. Comps. William G. Esplen.

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*Hugh Murray, P.G.Z	
*Harry Holgate Watson, P.G.Z	09
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*Sir John Morison Gibson, P.G.Z	22
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* Deceased	

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* I nomas Bird Harris 1857-73	Trederick J. Johnson 1949-39
*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	

^{*}Deceased

LIVING PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

1961-62 Charles W Emmett 27 Colwood Drive Islington ON M9A 4E5 1982-83 Gordon H Stuart 506 Comanche Road Mississauga ON L5H 1W2 65 Cuffley Crescent North Downsview ON M3K 1Y1 1984085 Edward W Elcombe 7 Hillcrest Court Hamilton ON L8P 2X7 1988-89 Leslie Levitt 889 Hollowtree Crescent Mississauga ON L4Y 2V3 1990-91 Donald F Kline 1992-93 G Robert Jackson 8 Luton Crescent St. Thomas ON N5R 5K1 1994-95 Alan F Walker 2 Blackcombe Drive R. R. No. 2 Coldwater ON L0K 1E0 1996-97 R Frank Russell 12 Kingsview Boulevard Brampton ON L6Y 1C3 2390 Red Maple Avenue, RR 1 Jordan Station ON LOR 1S0 1998-99 Harry D Turner 2000-01 John W McGill 1838 Millwood Crescent, Sudbury ON P3E 2T1 2002-03 M Sheldon Boomhour 14 Roberts Crescent, Brampton ON L6W 1G8

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

*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	*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	*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 Harold 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	Harry D Turner 1998-99
*Edwin Smith 1928-29	John W McGill 2000-02
*Walter Garnet Price 1930-31	Melvin Sheldon Boomhour2003-04

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COMPANION SCRIBE EZRA

DO NOT PRINT CIRCULATE OR ADVERTISE THE NAME OF ANY COMPANION BEING PROPOSED FOR OR SEEKING AN ELECTIVE OR APPOINTED OFFICE IN THIS GRAND CHAPTER. THIS INCLUDES THE OFFICE OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT. REFER TO THE CONSTITUTION UNDER "NOMINATIONS".

The financial year of Constituent Chapters ends on <u>December 31st</u> and Scribes Ezra are to forward the Chapter's Per Capita dues and Returns to the Grand Scribe Ezra <u>on or before July 31st</u> and <u>January 31st</u>. Each Chapter will forward its Financial Returns, semi-annually, to the Grand Scribe Ezra <u>on or before July 31st</u> and <u>January 31st</u> in each year.

All Chapters <u>MUST</u> forward their Annual Returns to the Grand Scribe Ezra <u>on or before January 31st</u> of each year. Chapters failing to comply with the foregoing Regulations, shall be deprived of the privilege of voting at the next annual Grand Chapter Convocation. The Grand First Principal may, at his discretion, summon the Chapter to show cause why its Warrant should not be suspended until such time as the Dues are paid and the Annual Returns submitted.

Write the names of Companions, in full, plainly in the Returns, so that there may be no errors in completing the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the age, occupation and place of residence are not omitted. Where deaths are included, the date of death as well as the Companion's rank should accompany the record, also state if a Commuted Member.

Send a full list of the Officers of your Chapter <u>immediately after Installation</u>. Do not enter material on any form not requested. Use a separate sheet for other information you wish to convey to the Grand Scribe Ezra's office.

MASONIC CALENDAR

Against Craft Masous; 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 one thus 2000 plus 4000 equals A.L. 6000. Lodget A.F. & A.M. hold Annual Communications.

Royal Arch Masons: due from the year the second Tampie was commenced by Zerubbabell, Anno Inventions (A.I.), "In the year of Discovery," and add 530 to the common time thusly 2000 plus 530 against A.I. 2530. Royal Arch Chapters hold Annual Convocations.

The Order of High Priestmonts dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek. King of Salem. Anno Benedictions (A.B.) "In the year of Blessing," and add 1913 to the common time thinkly, 2000 plus 1913 counts. A B. 3913 Councils of the Annualed High Priests hold Conventions.

Royal and Select Masters: dates from the year in which the Temple of Solution was completed. Anno Deposition (A.D.), "In the year of the Deposit," and adds 1,000 to the common time, thusly, 2000 plus 1,000 equals A.D. 3800. Councils of Royal & Select Masters, 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, 2000 less 1,118 equals A.O. 882, Preceptories of Knight Templars hold Assemblies.

Scottish Rite: date same as Archent 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 thusby, 2000 plus 3.760 equals A.M., 3760. After each September and another year Consistories or Archent & Accepted Scottish Rite hold Rendezvous or Reunions.