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OF CANADA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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1976  Joined St. David’s Lodge No. 302, St. Thomas
1983-84  Served as Worshipful Master
1986-90  Served as Secretary
2000  Life Member
1977  Joined Palestine Chapter No. 54, as a Life Member, St. Thomas
1981-82  Served as First Principal
1994-2000  Served as Scribe Ezra
1993-94  Elected as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2
1996-2000  Elected member of the Grand Executive Committee
2000  Elected Grand Third Principal
2002  Elected Grand Second Principal
2004  Elected Grand First Principal
2002  Affiliated with Beaver Chapter No. 73 in Strathroy
1984  Joined the Order of the High Priesthood as a Life Member
2002  Joined Mocha Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S. 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
2004  Honourary Life member The St Andrews - London Chapter No. 150
2004  Honourary Life member of the Grand Chapter of Michigan
Most Excellent Companion Richard James Jackson
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA
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The One Hundred and Forty-seventh 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 8th and 9th, 2005.

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R.Ex.Comp. David Coulter

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# R.Ex.Comp. J William Lidstone

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R.Ex.Comp. Roland P Mandeville

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R.Ex.Comp. Derek J Ward

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R.Ex.Comp. Michael J Bowman

APPOINTED 2004
R.Ex.Comp. Walter Theodore Bulbeck

APPOINTED 2003
R.Ex.Comp. David Edward Jacklin

V.Ex.Comp. William G Esplen

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the One Hundred and Forty-seventh 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-seventh Convocation.

The Grand First Principal then appointed R.Ex.Comps. J William Lidstone 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 R.Ex.Comp. David Hardie

British Columbia
Illinois
Massachusetts
Michigan
Newfoundland
New York
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada

M.Ex.Comp. Joseph R Marshall, G.S.E.
M.Ex.Comp. J Don Saterlee, P.G.H.P.
M.Ex.Comp. Charles A Owril Jr., G.H.P.
M.Ex.Comp. Stanley Luykz, G.H.P.
R.Ex.Comp. Larry Moss, Grand Secretary
M.Ex.Comp. Arnold E Palmer, P.G.H.P.
M.Em.Kt. F Douglas Draker, 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. Jackson. Following Grand Honours he was escorted to his seat on the dias by the Grand First Principal.

INVOCATION
The Grand Chaplain, R.Ex.Comp. Richard A Hryniw 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: Most Sovereign and Supreme Lord, we remember before You this day our Companions who have completed in faith their work in the quarry and now are at rest and dwell with You in the Holy and Eternal Temple. We remember before you, the Almighty, the labour of their hands and the sharing of their skills with us. Into Your gracious keeping we now commend them.

We pray to Thee, O Holy One, that we may follow the good examples they have set before us and that when our work on this earthly dwelling is complete that we also be granted a place in Your heavenly kingdom. Finally we continue to offer to You our praise and obedience with thankful hearts for Your many blessings poured out upon us in abundance. Amen - So Mote It Be

Psalm 27 - verses 1-4 1-The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? 2-When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. 3-Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. 4-One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

These are the words of King David, the father of King Solomon of Israel who is acknowledged as the First Grand Principal. In this brief passage and throughout the many volumes of the Sacred Law we are reminded of the presence and importance of the Light of the Supreme Being in our lives. We are continually admonished to move from darkness to light. In the very beginning, the first act of creation was divined by the Lord with - "Let there be light".
In the light of understanding Joseph says to the Ruler of Egypt - God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do. Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt but seven years of famine will follow them. All of us are familiar with the message of the Exodus - By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light. In Isaiah we hear: "I will make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth".

It is, therefore, not surprising that light is also important and central to all our ritual from beginning to end. We work diligently to kindle the light of brotherly love, relief and truth in ourselves and in our fellow companions. It is this pursuit that has guided these who carried the torch of Royal Arch Masonry before us and in lighting the path for us have illumined the way for all. It is, therefore, fitting that we should acknowledge and celebrate the light of those companions who are no longer in our midst. As a symbolic reflection of their lives and light we will ignite a small vigil lamp that will remain glowing day and night throughout the term of this convocation.

"Warning about Darkness" - Lights out. - Lamp lit - moment of silence - reflect At the base of the lamp is a listing of those companions whose light has gone to shine in the Almighty's Holy Temple. Take time during a break in the proceedings to scan this list and know and acknowledge that their names are bright in the annals of their Chapters and R.A.M. in general.

As Royal Arch Masons we commemorate those companions who are no longer with us through death and we note particularly the loss of Most Excellent Companion G. Robert Jackson and Most Excellent Companion Melvin Sheldon Boomhour.

IN MEMORIAM
MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION G. ROBERT JACKSON
Most Excellent Grand First Principal
1992 - 1994

Robert Jackson was born in Stratford, Ontario and educated in the public and secondary school systems. In February 1940 he joined the R.C.N.V.R. as an ordinary seaman, and was discharged March 10, 1946, as a petty officer. In September 1946 he married Dorothy F Fleming, of St. Thomas, and were proud and happy with their wonderful family of four children - 2 boys and 2 girls - 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He joined the St. Thomas Fire Department March 17, 1946, as a probationary fire fighter, and retired June 30, 1978, as Platoon Chief. He received the Ontario Fire Marshall's Long Service Medal in 1976. From 1955 to 1960 he was elected a Public School Trustee, and served as Maintenance Chairman, and then as Chairman of Personnel. He was a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 41, in St. Thomas.

He was past president of the St. Thomas and District Trades and Labour Council; President of the St. Thomas Figure Skating Club from 1973-1974; was a Judge and Accountant for the Canadian Figure Skating Club from 1973-1976.
He also organized the St. Thomas Public Employees Credit Union and was its Treasurer Manager for 10 years. He was a member of Central United Church as well as a Clerk of Sessions and Chairman of the Trustees Committee. He was respected as a dedicated and right arm participant of his community.

Masonic Affiliations  This began in 1943 in St. David’s Lodge No. 302, and he was the Master of St. David’s Lodge in 1976.
1980 - elected Grand Junior Warden of The Grand Lodge of Ontario
1961 - was initiated into Palestine Chapter No. 54, and was elected First Principal in 1972.
1981 - elected Grand Register and served on the Grand Executive until 1987
1988 - elected Grand Third Principal
1990 - elected Grand Second Principal
1992 - elected Grand First Principal
Honorary Life Member of Huron Chapter No. 27 in Port Huron Michigan
Presiding Burleigh Preceptory No. 21 of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada in 1968
Elected T.I.M. Nineveh Council, Royal and Select Masters, and Noah of Lake Council, Royal Ark Mariners in 1972
Appointed Grand Steward of Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters
Life Member, Thrice Illustrious Masters of Royal and Select Masters
Life Member, Knights of The Red Cross of Honour
Life Member Masonic Huron Conclave No. 2 of The Masonic and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine
Past Sovereign Master, London Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, and Charter Member of Tylers of Solomon Council No. 212, St. Thomas A.M.D.
Appointed V. Venerable Brother, A.M.D. in 1988
Life Member Moore Sovereign Consistory, Scottish Rite, 32 Degrees
Member Mocha Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.
Life Member Alumni Club
Life Member London Shrine Club
Past Commander National Association Legion of Honour A.A.O.N.M.S.
Member of The Hamilton Past Masters Association
Affiliated member of King Solomon’s Lodge No. 22 in Toronto
Member of Heritage Lodge No. 730
Member of Ancient Order of York
Masonic Order of the Bath, A.M.D.
Life Member Maple Leaf Clan No. 59 - Grand and Glorious Order of Hillbilly Degree
Past Patron of Maple Leaf Chapter No. 3 - Order of The Eastern Star

The personal side of G. Robert Jackson - known by his many friends and Associates as "Bob" - create a great measure of warmth and complimentary attributes....to his family and his many friends, described him as a loving and devoted husband, son-in-law, father, father-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, grandfather, fisherman, hunter, friend, and co-worker.

He enjoyed the complete respect and love that his family gave him - so well deserved - but whenever a family member met one of his many friends, the first question was invariably - How is Bob? What more of a tribute can anyone ask than to be thought about and respected by the general community.
He strongly encouraged his family to obtain a solid education, realizing how critically important that would be in their future. As Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, he strongly encouraged the companions to donate to the Royal Arch Bursary Fund, so that students without strong financial resources could get much needed additional financial assistance. He was highly instrumental in giving a great measure of support to that vitally important project, and it has grown considerably since. There were 68 bursaries handed out last year at a total of $24,000 to deserving students. He had a vast collection of Masonic books which he spent a great deal of time reading and studying before his health deteriorated. I am well aware that his physical presence will be sorely missed by his family -- his wisdom, love, and dedication with each and everyone allowed them to feel very special and unique.

Our past beloved Grand First Principal was proud of his masonic affiliations and accepted them with dedication to their needs and requests - but nothing in his career could have been more exciting or of greater satisfaction than the day that he installed his son, Richard Jackson as Master of St. David's Lodge No. 302 in 1983 and as First Principal of Palestine Chapter No. 54 in 1981 and as Grand First Principal in 2004. We are all so very pleased and feel a part of the great joy and satisfaction that this special activity awarded our late leader in Royal Arch Masonry. Most Ex. Sir!!!

Masonry and its affiliations are very much a part of the Jackson family. Robert was presiding preceptor of Burleigh Preceptory No. 21 in 1984. Mrs. Dorothy Jackson is a past Matron of Maple Leaf Chapter, past D.D.G.M. of District No. 4 and past Grand Representative to New Mexico. Richard’s youngest daughter is also a member of The Order of the Eastern Star. A family dedicated to a Masonic way of life.

"If he could speak I know he’d say
Weep Not for me, my friends, I Pray:

It’s just farewell, and not goodbye
For naught can break our mystic tie.
If death were but the bitter end
And all our efforts just pretend,

Then we’d have nothing more to gain
We’d all have lived our life in vain.

The symbol of the evergreen
which we as masons, all have seen
gives proof that life can never end...
So travel on, our faithful friend..."

Rest in peace Most Excellent Sir and faithful friend.

Respectfully submitted Leslie Levitt, P.G.Z.
Most Excellent Companion G. Robert Jackson
IN MEMORIAM

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION M. SHELDON BOOMHOUR
Most Excellent Grand First Principal
2002 - 2004

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them for they are in peace.

Melvin Sheldon Boomhour was born on May 10th, 1940, in Napanee, Ontario. He was the only child of Alice and Melvin Boomhour and was educated in the Napanee Board of Education public and secondary schools. He married Lorraine Kirk in 1962 and had two children, Michael and Catherine and four grandchildren. He married Susan Hurn in 1988 and was a member of the United Church of Canada.

Totten, Sims, Hubicki and Associates employed him as a Survey Technician in 1964 and then in 1971 began work for the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario from which retired in 1986.

He was Initiated in Lorne Lodge No. 404 in Tamworth in 1971 and served as its Worshipful Master 1978 to 1980 and was a member of this Lodge at his death. He also served as Worshipful Master of Cathedral Lodge No. 642 in Toronto in 1985 and was appointed Grand Tyler in 1986. He was a member of the Toronto Lodge of Perfection and Rose Croix as well as Moore Sovereign Consistory 32 Degree in 1977. He was exalted in Peel Chapter No. 95 in Brampton in 1978 and became a Life Member of Brampton Chapter U.D. in 1980. He served as First principal of Brampton Chapter No. 165 in 1982, a member of Toronto Antiquity Chapter No. 91 in Toronto where he served as First Principal in 1986. He was an Honourary Member of Occident Chapter No. 77 in Mississauga and served as Grand Superintendent of Toronto District 8a in 1993. He was appointed to the Grand Executive Committee of Grand Chapter in 1996, elected Grand Third Principal in 1998, elected Grand Second Principal in 2000 and elected Grand First Principal in 2002.

Right Excellent Companion Melvyn Duke, who conducted the funeral service for Sheldon, remarked that Sheldon was a diamond, "sometimes a diamond in the rough, but always precious, with almost limitless sides, certainly different to each and every one of us." I agree whole-heartedly with this statement, as Sheldon did have many sides, some of which not all of us were aware.

I first met Sheldon in April 1993 at Grand Chapter when we both served as Grand Superintendent when my father, Most Excellent Companion G. Robert Jackson, was Grand First Principal. I have had the opportunity to become good friends with Sheldon and he encouraged me to submit my name for Grand Third Principal after he was elected to that office. Sheldon was always concerned about the health of everyone he met and when he asked how you were he really was interested. It wasn't just a greeting as so many people use when they meet, to Sheldon it was important to know how an individual really felt. He had an uncanny ability to "witch" for water and could use a coat hanger or a piece of a tree and was always willing to show someone how to master this art.
Most Excellent Companion Melvin Sheldon Boomhour
If you ever had the opportunity to ride with Sheldon on a trip, his knowledge of the countryside was amazing and it wasn’t done in an attempt to show off, it was a way of drawing out an individual and finding out their interests. When his term as Grand First Principal ended, he retired to the family trailer outside of Peterborough where he resumed his passion for fishing and painting. No, he didn’t paint buildings; he painted pictures and not the paint by number type. It was a way for him to relax and unwind and enjoy the peaceful solitude of the Kawartha’s. He loved to spend an evening at home with his feet up or take in a hockey game as a follower of the Brampton Battalion. He remembered fondly the times he had enjoyed as a baseball umpire and most importantly to him his passion for Freemasonry. He was a lover of music and enjoyed reading and even listening to books on tape while he was painting. Yes, Sheldon was a man with many facets, sometimes rough, sometimes smooth but always true to everyone he met.

I believe this poem says it all,

I am the balm that softens all life’s scars,
   The heights, the depths, the anguish and the stars,
   Into my cooling dark your minutes cast,
   I am the temple of the living past.

I am the days you joyed, the days you wept,
   In my vast vault of silence safely kept,
   I am your laughter; I, your sobbing cry,
   The echo of a voice that cannot die.

I am the link that bridges night and dawn,
   I am the soul that lives when all is gone,
   The Yesterday, where this Today shall dwell,
   I am your life, your death, your heaven, your hell.

   I am Memory.

I end this tribute to our departed friend with the following passage of Scripture; I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. So mote it be.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted Richard J Jackson, G.Z.

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.

Grand and Great Architect and Geometricians of the Universe, we offer our heartfelt thanks for the lives of the Companions we commemorate this day. We celebrate the light they brought into your created world. Grant to them eternal rest and may your light shine perpetually upon them. May the souls of all our departed companions rest in peace and may all our lives be so touched by thy grace that we may sparkle as the stars of heaven for ever and ever. Amen. So mote it be.

GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

Most Excellent Companion Richard Jackson Grand First Principal, the Most Excellent Past Grand First Principals, Distinguished East Companions and my Brethren 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 most excellent sir for many things. First for your kind invitation to attend this session today. Secondly, for the friendship that you have afforded me and provided me in the years that we have known one another. I am very grateful for the cooperation that you have extended, for the opportunity to discuss areas of mutual concern with you and for the free and easy manner with which you are so open with your advice and assistance. I am indeed very grateful and I wish you nothing but the best of luck for the years to come.

This morning my brethren, Marion and I were up a little early to watch the events on television. As the world bade farewell to a great man. He was a man of great faith and a man who was known throughout the world. One of the things that came through loud and clear in the words that were being given to us in English was that Pope John Paul the Second had tried very hard to make a mark upon humanity. But you don’t have to be great, you don’t have to be in a world position to make that mark upon humanity. We as free masons are blessed with an order that is founded upon three very simple and easy tenets. They are simple to say. Indeed the words brotherly love, relief and truth flow off the tongue as water over the rocks in the stream. But those words are a little bit more difficult to live on a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week, 365 days a year basis. And yet my brethren if we live them, if we truly follow them, we will make a difference. You don’t have to be great and you don’t have to be powerful but you do have to be committed. You see Masonry whether it’s the Craft Lodge, or whether it’s Royal Arch Masonry or any of the other bodies of Masonry require commitment.

I’m speaking to the converted here because you are here. Our job is to get out and make that same commitment in the rest of the people that have joined this Fraternity but use it for their own purposes and when it suits their parade of time. During the course of the past two years I have often said and I will reiterate it - that above everything else Masonry is a moral organization. Often times people want to downgrade or perhaps denigrate that morality. Never let it happen, because that is the very basis upon which we do. If each of us practice that thing called brotherly love and to make it very simple, it’s following the Christian ethic of doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

I said Christian ethic but, I find it so interesting that those same words, that same admonition is contained within every scriptural book of every religion in the world. Yes the words might change but the meaning remains the same. You treat one another with the respect and dignity that you expect to be treated with. And if we do that, if we truly practice that brotherly love, then the other two - relief and truth naturally follow because if you act as a brother you will not see anybody in need and if you act as a true brother you will always be honest with yourself and with others.
Two years ago when I first appeared before here I made statements along similar lines. A short while ago I received a personal letter from a friend - one that I shared with my wife and one that has meant perhaps more to me than anything I have received since I have been in Free Masonry because the man told a very simple story of how he and a Companion have tried to overcome manmade obstacles and have indeed done that and formed a true and lasting friendship and I have revelled in that letter for so long because it pointed out what it is that Masonry is all about and that is friendship, fellowship and the opportunity and the ability to make a change. If you each follow the fundamental principles of our order not just when it suits your purpose, but every day, you will make a change. It need not be world shattering but you will make a change in those who are nearest and dearest to you. And as they notice the change then perhaps they will reflect that change to their own life and it will spread like that smile that is given on the street that passes from person to person until it covers the world.

We have a great organization and we have an organization that is strong and stable. I go against the nay sayers who say that we are on a downward slope. In January of this year I kept a very accurate count of the 610 summonses that arrive in my mail every day and in twenty days of summonses free masonry in Ontario either initiated or received applications from initiations from 299 men. The vast majority of those were under the age of 40 years. The trend went down a little bit in February and picked back up again in March. So far in April it has been very strong. That is not an organization that is going down hill, but while we bring these young people in our problem is to keep them and that’s where you come in. We have to remember that if we are to survive, that we are to continue, then we must allow these young men who are joining to have a say and assume a leadership role.

My brethren it has been such a pleasure being with you. This afternoon I will have to make my apologies as I have other functions to be attended to and I will be turning over that nice soft seat to the Deputy Grand Master and he will represent me and the Grand Lodge of Canada for the rest of these proceedings. I know that you will afford him the same respect and dignity you have always afforded me. And as I am kinda on the slippery slope on the way out the door with two months to go and I can see some of the guys say boy is it that long. I have to tell you that this has been the greatest ride of my life and you are looking at a person who is one of the luckiest guys in the world because I have been able to realize every dream that I ever had.

From the time that I was four or five years old my dream was to join the Mounted Police and I did that and I served 35 years and I had a career that - it sounds like you are reading a book - Robert Ludlum couldn’t write one that’s any better. Later I had a dream that perhaps I could become the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge and that has been the greatest experience in the world.

And my brethren it’s not because of the perks of the office, it’s not because of the power of the office - I’m sure that your Grand First Principal will agree with me when I say that the greatest thing about these offices is the fact that we get to associate with men such as you. You truly are the best men that Ontario has to offer. I am so humbled when I am in your presence and I am so amazed that we can take so much talent and with no coercive means or no power at all we can channel you along a direction that is used for the betterment of mankind.
I ask you to continue to be true and faithful to your Craft Lodge, to your Royal Arch Chapter and continue to be the best men that you are. It is indeed a pleasure for me to be in your presence and I am always humbled when I look out and I see you. Thank you for all you have done for me. Thank you for accepting me as one of you because it has been the greatest thing that I have ever experienced.

Before I close Most Excellent Sir and, I have been rambling on. I have a special thanks and that's to your Scribe Ezra. He is a man who has been a friend, a confidant and an advisor for more years than I care to remember and Mel you know how I feel about you. I just want to say a very simple thanks for all that you've done and if you think you are off the hook when July comes you don't know nothing yet baby because I'm going to be bugging you like you've never seen. I worry about your health I hope that we soon get that under control and I thank you my friend for all that you've done. 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. Alan F Walker 1994-95
M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell 1996-97
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 147th 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. Jackson called upon R.Ex.Comp. Kevin J Hooper, 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: District No. 7 is once again honoured and privileged to host the Grand Convocation of Grand Chapter in this fine facility.

We come together, not only with a substantial business agenda but also to cultivate new friendships and renew old acquaintances.

Men of many diversified backgrounds and vocations, acknowledge the tie that binds us together. Such is the "spirit of masonry".

"Friendship is a chain of gold,
    Shaped in God's all perfect mold;
    Each link a smile, a laugh, a tear.
    A grip of the hand, a work of cheer"

With that kind of friendship, my companions, we warmly and sincerely welcome you to our midst and the City of St. Catharines on the occasion of this, the 147th Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

As your hosts, we trust that your stay will not only be productive and gratifying but an enjoyable and memorable highlight in your Masonic journey.

Kevin J Hooper, Grand Superintendent District No. 7

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVOCATION

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Roland A Paddle, Grand Third Principal that the proceedings of the 146th Grand Convocation held in St Catharines, Ontario, on Friday the 16th of April and Saturday the 17th of April 2004, 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 V.Ex.Comp. William G Esplen 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 V.Ex.Comp. William G Esplen 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
Alberta
Argentina
Arizona
Arkansas
British Columbia
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Finland
Florida
France
Georgia
Germany
Greece
Idaho
Illinois
India
Indiana
Iowa
Ireland
Israel
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Manitoba
Maryland
Massachusetts
Mexico
Michigan

Verne E Young
Kenneth Lowery
Brian R. Simpson
Hugh A Kernohan
Donald Attridge
John V Lawer
Gerald Morris Wilson
B Andrew Downes
Richard A Hryniw
David W Laskey
R Frank Russell
Robert S Wylie
Douglas E Stitt
Alan F Walker
Russell H Sills
Frederick C Garvin
Guenther H Gahs
Bruce G Edwards
Guy G Deavu
Melvyn J Duke
F Douglas Draker
Andrew McLelland
T Bilardino Segui
William J Boston
Eric Laiken
Edwin R Carr
Brian E Keighley
Edward S P Carson
Garry McCormick
Maurice E Jenkins
David G Walker
Michael J Bowman
Harold G Hubbell
Donald F Kline
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Netherlands
Nevada
New Brunswick
Newfoundland
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New South Wales
New York
New Zealand
North Carolina
North Dakota
Nova Scotia
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Philippines
Quebec
Queensland 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

David Coulter
Shavak R Madon
Phillip Raymond Borland
Larry J Hostine
William Klapiatiuk
Ronald McClung
Brian Stapley
William Stanfield
Roland A Paddle
Carman Sararas
Thomas Charles Warner
Robert E Todd
Edward W Elcombe
Ronald T Stinson
Glenson T Jones
Donald J Emerick
J William Lidsstone
Richard J Jackson
Gordon E Cross
Shayne H Eldrige
Alan A Foote
Joseph Barich
Sydney Edge
Walter T Bulbeck
Gilbert G Fowlow
John E Gamble
William G Esplen
John W McGill
Leslie Levitt
Charles W Crow
George Gifford
M John Moor
James A Shaw
Derek J Ward
C Gordon Sinclair
Edmund Goldthorp
Edward G Ounjian
W Bruce Miller
Dale Plant
Donald Gillis
John Post
Harry D Turner
James M Napier
Roland Manderville

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. Jackson 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 pleased to announce the results of the review of the applications for the recognition of outstanding service to Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario.

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

Companion Douglas A Arnold
Shekinah Chapter No. 138, Toronto

The dedication of this man to the service of his fellow Companions is greatly acknowledged and appreciated. For him we wish the Supreme Architect’s richest blessing and many years to enjoy them.


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**

Excellent Companion and 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, Distinguished Guests and Companions. Welcome to this the 147th Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario in the lovely city of St. Catherines.

Most Worshipful Brother Mumby, on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, I pledge to you and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario our continued allegiance and support. I thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to be with us here this morning and also continued good health and safe travels to you and your wife Marion for many years to come. Your dedication to Masonry is most appreciated and we are thankful for the leadership you have given over the many years of service to all your Masonic endeavors.

I extend my thanks to the Convocation Committee under the leadership of Excellent Companion Roy Hardy, First Principal of Beaver Chapter No. 74 in Strathroy. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to the management and staff of the Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre for the efforts they have taken to make this a memorable event.
NECROLOGY: You have heard the moving ceremony of remembrance as conducted by our Grand Chaplain, Right Excellent Companion Richard Hryniew for those Companions who have passed on during the past 12 months. In addition, you have heard the tribute paid to Most Excellent Companion G Robert Jackson, Past Grand First Principal 1992/93, by Most Excellent Companion Leslie Levitt and to Most Excellent Companion M. Sheldon Boomhour, Past Grand First Principal 2002/03. They say bad things happen in 3’s but in our case that is not correct. We have lost 4 of our great lights in Royal Arch Masonry in a period of 17 months. We can only hope that the future is more kind to our Past Grand First Principals and they continue to have many years of good health. We will miss the leadership given by all these Companions, who are now resting at peace.

On behalf of my mother and the entire Jackson family, I extend my personal thanks to all who visited at the funeral home, attended the funeral service, sent cards of condolences and expressed their words of loss to me personally on the loss of my father.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: The Grand First Principal and the Grand Scribe Ezra are the representatives of this Grand Chapter on the Ontario Masonic Leaders Committee, which is lead most capably by our Grand Master. This committee is working diligently to promote all branches of Masonry in the most effective and efficient manner. I thank the Grand Master for listening to all voices around the table and asking for everyone’s input prior to making any decisions. If we all continue to work together in harmony and “Let our Light so shine”, the world in general and Masonry in particular will benefit.

PAST RANK: Excellent Companion John Jacob Veldhuis was serving as Second Principal of Temiskaming Chapter No. 169 when he suddenly passed away. Also, Excellent Companion Neil McGowan had been elected but not yet installed as First Principal of St. John’s – St. George’s Chapter No. 3 when he passed away. Excellent Companion John Collier served as First Principal of The Aurora Chapter No. 235 in excess of 1 year until the Chapter amalgamated with Mount Sinia Chapter No. 212 and as a result was not installed as a Past Principal. I recommend that Past First Principal rank be granted to these Companions.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER: Our term of office started with a meeting of the Grand Council and the Grand Scribe Ezra at the conclusion of the 146th Convocation. At that time we were advised of an incident that had occurred in the Registration Room where a Companion had directed some inappropriate remarks towards the Grand Scribe Ezra. An Investigation Committee was formed and after the incident was fully investigated, a Committee, formed for this purpose, provided a recommendation to the Grand First Principal. The Companion was subsequently suspended from Royal Arch Masonry effective September 1st, 2004 and he was directed to send a letter of apology to all concerned. The Companion was interviewed by the Grand First Principal on December 14th, 2004 and has been reinstated to full privileges in Royal Arch Masonry effective January 1st, 2005.

An attempt was made this past year by the Grand Council to settle the lawsuit that was filed against several members of Grand Chapter. Unfortunately, I must report that this attempt was not successful and as a result no member of Grand Chapter should discuss this matter until it is resolved, as it remains sub juris.

In May of 2004, our Grand Scribe Ezra received an E-mail from a Scribe Ezra to which was attached a Registration of a Candidate who had recently received a Degree in his Chapter.
On May 12, 2004, I sent a letter to all Chapters informing them that it was contrary to our Constitution to submit a form in this manner. The Federal Government has recently introduced strict Privacy Laws, which have a bearing on the way we operate. The Grand Executive Committee, under the direction of the Grand Third Principal, is currently looking into the practice of using E-mail for a Chapter Summons and when and if this is approved for implementation numerous sections of our Constitution will have to be amended to allow us to use E-mail for a variety of our transactions including the Registration Forms that currently must be mailed to Grand Chapter. Companions, please be patient in this matter, as we need to ensure that our Constitution is in accord with the wishes of the membership.

In addition, a letter was sent to all Chapters, in May 2004, regarding solicitation by any individual seeking an elected office with Grand Chapter. Our Constitution is very clear on this matter and we need to be diligent in our efforts to follow proper procedures. If we do not adhere to the Constitution, then what is the purpose of having a Constitution?

In June 2004, all Chapters were informed of discussions that had occurred at the Ontario Masonic Leaders meetings in regards to "raising the bar" for those seeking admission to Masonry. The purpose of the letter was to remind those signing a Candidates application for membership in Royal Arch Masonry, should know the person they are sponsoring and that they are not just signing the form for the sake of having a new Candidate in the Chapter. The First Principals were also reminded to strike a working Committee of Investigation for any applications including an application for Affiliation.

In October 2004, it came to my attention that a Chapter Summons was including information that was contrary to what our Constitution allows to be published. A reminder was sent to all Chapters to adhere to our Constitution in this regard. One First Principal in particular did not follow the directions of my letter of October 7, 2004 and he was summoned to appear at the Grand Chapter Office to explain why he failed to follow this direction. During the course of this meeting, he agreed that he would comply with the directive in the future. Subsequently, two other Chapters included information that was deemed inappropriate and they were also advised in writing to adhere to the Constitution in regards as to what is to appear in the Summons. One of these Chapters has recently filed an appeal that has been referred to the Grievances and Appeals Committee.

It had been brought to our attention that a First Principal who was succeeding himself in office was not consistently being made a Past Principal at the end of his term of 12 months. The Grand Lecturer was directed to amend the Ceremony of Installation and Investiture to include this in the Ceremony. This amendment was presented at the fall meeting of the Grand Executive where it was voted on and accepted by the members present. I encourage all Chapters and Past Principals to obtain a copy of the new book on the Ceremony of Installation and Investiture, as it is evident from my attendance at several Installations this past year that not all members are using the most current book.

An internal matter with regard to Manitou Chapter No. 27 in Collingwood was brought to our attention and I along with the Grand.Second Principal and the Grand Superintendent of District No. 9, attended the November meeting of this Chapter. The Chapter was opened in Ample Form, as the Chapter did not have enough Officers present to open the Chapter. A general discussion was held regarding the future of this Chapter. The Chapter was Called Off and the visitors retired during which the Members present discussed the options that had been presented to them by the Grand First Principal.
When the Chapter was Called On, the Members had agreed to a course of action and as a result a Trustee was appointed to assist the Chapter in returning to a viable position. The Scribe Ezra and Treasurer were directed to surrender any Chapter property they had in their possession to the First Principal and temporary Officers were appointed in their stead. Since this time the Chapter has decided to change its meeting night and the prospects for the Chapter appear bright. After a discussion with the First Principal and the Trustee for this Chapter, I am recommending that the Trustee remain in place until December 2005. I recently attended a meeting in Barrie with the Grand Master and members of the Lodge and Chapter. I am hopeful that all the members will now come together for the betterment of Royal Arch Masonry in general and all of Masonry in particular.

The Chairman of our Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence Committee, Right Excellent Companion William Lidstone was approached about changing the term of office for the Grand Superintendent to a 2-year term. This subject has been reviewed on different occasions and there is no current agenda for this change to be implemented at this time. However, there is nothing preventing a District from electing a person to serve a second term as Grand Superintendent and in some cases, there would be a financial saving to the Districts if they were to take this approach. In fact, District 12 has had the same Superintendent for the last 2 years and the same has happened in District 3 and 13 previously. This is something that should be left to the individual Districts to determine rather than changing the Constitution and forcing all Districts to comply. It is possible that some extremely well qualified individuals would not be prepared to serve for 2 years but would be more than willing to serve for 1 year.

In another situation, a District had been under the impression that an individual who is a ruling First Principal is an Officer of Grand Chapter and as a result could not let his name stand for election for the Office of Grand Superintendent. This is incorrect and the individuals concerned were apprised of the correct information.

This year, when the Nomination forms were reviewed for the various elective offices of Grand Chapter, 8 of the 17 received were rejected, as they were not filed in the proper form as dictated by the Constitution. The individuals concerned were advised of their non-eligibility and one of these individuals filed an appeal that was referred to the Appeals and Grievance Committee. The Committee has since reported that the appeal has succeeded and as a result a new list of those seeking an Office or as a member of the Grand Executive has been prepared and is being distributed to all Registrants at this Grand Chapter. I have directed the President of the Grand Executive Committee, Right Excellent Companion George H Gifford, to have all of the forms approved for use by the Grand Executive Committee, reviewed to ensure they are clear to the users. It should be remembered that these forms are not mandatory, but rather are there to make things easier for those who wish to make use of them for convenience.

In an attempt to ensure that no Chapter would lose its voting privileges at this Grand Chapter, a letter was sent to all Chapters reminding them of the proper procedures to follow when submitting their year end reports and paying their semi-annual assessment. Even with the effort put forward by the Grand Council, 17 Chapters were initially denied the right to vote. The Grand Superintendents were instructed to determine the reasons for non-compliance by these Chapters and after reviewing the information provided through this direction, the voting rights for 5 Chapters were reinstated. This left 12 Chapters not able to vote this year at Grand Chapter.
As a result of the feedback received from these Chapters, next year the letter sent to the Chapter informing them of their suspension will specifically indicate what information was not provided as had been the past practice. I was also approached by Chapters indicating that it was expensive to submit the paperwork by Registered Mail and if other means such as Courier or Express Post from Canada Post could be used in the future. After researching this issue, I am recommending that in the future we continue to accept the year-end documentation by Registered Mail and Hand Delivery but in addition the Chapter may also submit the paperwork by fax, Courier, Express Post or Priority Post by Canada Post. In the case of Courier, Express Post, Priority Post and Registered Mail, the Chapter must ensure the documents are signed for on receipt at the Grand Chapter Office in addition to having some documentation as to when the Chapter sent the material. It is necessary there be an audit in place so if the documents go astray, they can be tracked in order to avoid any potential problems or disputes.

At the 145th Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, Most Excellent Companion M. Sheldon Boomhour stated the following in his Address, and I quote: "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 145 years, apply to Grand Chapter Officers, each and every Companion and our Constituent Chapters." This is still the same and we must remember that the Grand First Principal, the Grand Council or the Grand Chapter Office did not write our Constitution. However, it is incumbent upon all of us to follow the Constitution the way it is written. If someone has a concern or complaint regarding the Constitution, then they are free to offer an amendment, which must be submitted, to the Grand Chapter Office by January 31st. If a Companion or Chapter does not understand something contained in the Constitution, I suggest they contact the Grand Chapter Office in writing and they will receive a written reply as to the interpretation of the section in question. I hereby notify all Companions of this Grand Chapter that I will continue to apply the Constitution to the letter during my term in Office. I would suggest that all Chapter Officers, Grand Chapter Officers and those who plan on seeking a Grand Chapter Office, obtain a copy of the Constitution and make themselves familiar with its contents. Under the direction of our Grand Lecturer, Right Excellent Companion Ed Goldthorp, 3 information sessions were held for prospective Grand Chapter Officers. It was disappointing to see such low turnouts for these events with the exception of the session held in Nilestown. I extend my personal thanks to all who were involved in either preparing or presenting the material and those Chapters that hosted these seminars. These information sessions were instituted with the hope of providing information to any Companion who might be interested in offering his services as an Officer of Grand Chapter. Since we rely on the Officers of Grand Chapter to chair the various committees, it was felt that those interested should be made aware of some of the responsibilities of holding an elected office. We are planning on holding these sessions again this coming year and I encourage any Companion to attend to get a better understanding of how Grand Chapter operates.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES: Once again this year our Committees are working in an exemplary manner to ensure that those less fortunate are considered. It is extremely important that a Chapter handles any requests for assistance either for Benevolence or for a Bursary in the most efficient method. The people are applying for assistance because of a need and we should show compassion and expedite their request. I thank the members of the Bursary, Benevolence and Medical Research, Release a Miracle Committees for their dedication and service to those in need.
GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS: On behalf of the members of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario, I extend thanks to the Grand Superintendents for their cooperation and dedication over the past year. You can be proud of the job you have done and I am sure you will remember this year fondly for a long time.

DISPENSATIONS, JEWELS AND CERTIFICATES: This past year the following dispensations, jewels and certificates were issued:

Dispensations 88
25 year Past Principal Bars 19
50 year Past Principal Bars 3
50 year Royal Arch Jewels 39
60 year Pins 0
Past Principal Certificates 48

To all of these recipients, congratulations for your achievements and continued good health for many years to come. Royal Arch Masonry is the better for your dedication.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: I am pleased to recommend as Grand Representatives for Sister Jurisdictions near our Grand Chapter pending receipt of Commissions, the following:

R Ex Comp Kenneth Lowery Alaska
R Ex Comp Richard Allen Hryniw Colorado
R Ex Comp Douglas Edwin Stitt Finland
R Ex Comp Maurice Edward Jenkins Manitoba
R Ex Comp Gary F McCormick Maine
R Ex Comp Andrew McLelland Indiana
R Ex Comp Bruce Gordon Edwards Greece
R Ex Comp David Coulter Minnesota
R Ex Comp Thomas Charles Warner New Jersey
R Ex Comp Shavak Russy Madon Mississippi
R Ex Comp Hugh Alexander Kernohan Argentina
R Ex Comp Ronald Thomas Stinson New York
R Ex Comp J William Lidstone North Dakota
M Ex Comp Richard J Jackson Nova Scotia
R Ex Comp Joseph Barich Pennsylvania
R Ex Comp Sydney Edge Philippines
Ex Comp Charles W Crow South Australia
R Ex Comp Roland Mandeville Wyoming

It was my pleasure to approve the request from Most Excellent Companion Richard A Wortman, the Grand High Priest of the State of Kansas, for the appointment of Companion Michael A. Aldridge, Senior as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario near the Grand Chapter of Kansas. In addition, I approved the request of Most Excellent Companion Donald J. Beck, the Grand High Priest of the state of Washington to appoint Very Excellent Companion Norman D Greenly as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Ontario near the Grand Chapter of Washington.
APPOINTMENTS: In keeping with our Constitution, Section 50, Subsection (e), I recommend that Right Excellent Companion John William Lidstone be conferred Honourary Membership in the Grand Executive Committee. Right Excellent Companion Lidstone has served faithfully as the Chairman of the Constitution. Laws and Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Chapter for the past 2 years. He has most generously given of his time and talents to this Grand Chapter without regard to recognition of any type and I am sure that he will continue to do so for many years to come whenever requested.

AMALGAMATIONS AND DEDICATIONS: My predecessor, Most Excellent Companion M. Sheldon Boomhour, had appointed a Trustee to assist Succoth Chapter No. 135 to resolve certain issues. After discussion with the Trustee and the Chapter, it was determined that the Trustee should remain to finish the work started. After unsuccessfully arranging an Amalgamation with 2 different Chapters, the members voted to surrender their Charter. At the time they voted to surrender their Charter, they had a membership of 11 with all but 3 being members of another Chapter.

At the end of May 2004, after reviewing the last several returns of Kenogamisis Chapter No. 266 in Geraldton, a letter was sent to the Grand Superintendent of District No 15 informing him that he was to contact the Officers and members of this Chapter. He was directed to determine the plans this Chapter had for ensuring its success. The Chapter was to provide a written report on how they were going to address the problems they were experiencing. I received a response from the Grand Superintendent in December 2004, advising that the members had voted to surrender their Charter. This Chapter had a total of 21 members with over half of those having affiliated in an attempt to keep the Chapter going. This was a noble task on their part but unfortunately it only prolonged the inevitable. The Charter, books and funds of the Chapter, were given to our Grand Scribe Ezra on April 7, 2005.

On September 20, 2004, Grand Chapter assembled in Dunnville for the Amalgamation of McCallum Grimsby Chapter No. 29 and King Hiram Chapter No. 57 to form McCallum-Chapter No. 29. I was unable to be present on this occasion but the ceremony was conducted under the direction of Most Excellent Companion M. Sheldon Boomhour. The prospects of this amalgamated Chapter have greatly improved as a result of this positive step. Grand Chapter attended at Petrolia on September 25, 2004 for the Amalgamation of Bruce-Sombra Chapter No. 53 and Vimy Chapter No. 214 to form Bruce Chapter No. 53. This was a bittersweet occasion as it was my father, Most Excellent Companion G Robert Jackson, who had presided over the dedication of the Chapter room when Vimy Chapter No. 214 moved to Oil Springs in 1992. These 2 Chapters have worked closely over the years and it was only fitting that when there was a need for the coordination of working together for the betterment of Royal Arch Masonry, they amicably agreed to amalgamate.

The Grand Council and several current and past Officers of Grand Chapter were again present in Petrolia at Bruce Chapter No. 53 on October 20, 2004. On this occasion, Right Worshipful Brother Gary Atkinson, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, was invested as Third, Second, First and Past Principal of the Chapter.

Grand Chapter assembled in Kingston on November 27, 2004 for the dedication of the Chapter room for Royal Arch Masonry. I extend my congratulations to the Masons of Kingston for selecting such outstanding accommodations to ensure the continued success of all branches of Masonry for centuries to come in the city of Kingston.
On March 1, 2005, Grand Chapter assembled in Richmond Hill for the Amalgamation of The Aurora Chapter No. 235 and Mount Sinai Chapter No. 212, to form Mount Sinai Chapter No. 212. This is a Chapter with a rich history and has produced many fine members that have contributed immensely to this Grand Chapter. I congratulate the Officers and Members of this newly amalgamated Chapter and foresee a bright future for Royal Arch Masonry in Richmond Hill.

CELEBRATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS: I was pleased to be present on May 18, 2004 at Ancaster Chapter No. 155 for the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Companion Bruce Hassack. This Companion is a fine example of dedication to Royal Arch Masonry and I was pleased to play a small part in the celebration the Chapter offered to this gentleman. Unfortunately, he passed away earlier this year but it was a privilege for me to meet him and present him with his certificate.

I was made an Honorary Life Member of the St. Andrews-London Chapter No. 150, at the May 27, 2004 meeting. This is an honour that I will always treasure.

I attended, along with my wife Wendy, the 76th Annual Convention of the Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario where I received the title of Honorary Past Grand President. I thank the Order of the High Priesthood for this recognition.

My wife and I attended the 100th Anniversary celebrations of Shekinah Chapter No. 138 in Toronto on June 8, 2004 where we had a most enjoyable evening. The food was excellent and the entertainment was outstanding. Congratulations for putting on such an outstanding event.

When I attended the Grand Chapter of Michigan in August 2004, I was presented with Honorary Membership in this body. I thank the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Michigan for this honour.

St. Patrick Chapter No. 145 celebrated its 100th Anniversary on October 19, 2004 and those members of Grand Chapter present were entertained in a most elegant ceremony. We extend our best wishes to this Chapter for continued success for many years to come.

On November 20, 2004, my wife and I attended the Prince Edwards District Principals Association Ladies Night in Belleville. Once again the evening was a huge success and the Companions of this District did an outstanding job in treating their ladies to an excellent evening of food and entertainment.

Palestine Chapter No. 54 in St. Thomas held a dinner in my honour on February 2, 2005. I extend my thanks to the Officers and Members of Palestine Chapter for their continued support over the past several years. This was held in conjunction with the dedication of a new Pedestal and Lesser Lights constructed by Very Excellent Companion Ron Erickson a member of Palestine Chapter. This Companion has constructed several other pieces of furniture that are used by the various Masonic bodies using the Masonic Temple in St. Thomas and his workmanship is exquisite. I would encourage you to attend a meeting in St. Thomas to view his workmanship first hand. Thank you Very Excellent Sir for your dedication to Masonry.
On March 5, 2005, the Companions of District 10 held a very successful celebration in honour of the Grand First Principal under the expert leadership of the Grand Superintendent, Right Excellent Companion Gary F McCormick. My wife and I enjoyed ourselves immensely and the members of District 10 should be extremely proud of their efforts and those of their Grand Superintendent.

Bernard Chapter No. 146 in Listowel, celebrated its 100th Anniversary on March 26, 2005 and my wife and I, along with all in attendance, were once again treated to a most enjoyable evening. To the Companions of this Chapter, I wish you much happiness and prosperity for years to come.

CONCLUSION: I extend my heartfelt thanks to all Members and Officers of Grand Chapter for working so diligently this past year to promote Royal Arch Masonry. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. To Right Excellent Companion George H Gifford, Grand Second Principal, and Right Excellent Companion Roland A Paddle, Grand Third Principal, thank you for your dedication and attendance to all issues dealt with this past year. Without your support and encouragement, this would have been a very lonely year. It is my hope that you will continue to have good health and safe travels. Right Excellent Companion Melvyn Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra, thank you for your guidance and knowledge in making this first year such a success.

I am looking forward, with fondness, to the next year and I hope that you the members of this Grand Chapter will continue to support all Grand Chapter Officers as they undertake the duties of their respective offices. I extend an open invitation for any Companion in this Grand Jurisdiction to feel free to contact our Grand Chapter Office at any time if they wish to discuss any matter with the Grand Council. Once again we will continue to meet on a regular basis at the Grand Chapter Office and we are also willing to attend any event in any District or Chapter to promote open dialogue or any issue pertaining to Royal Arch Masonry.

Finally to my wife Wendy, thank you for your love and support over the last several years and I look forward to the future and her continued understanding when I am absent from the dinner table because of my duties to Royal Arch Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

Richard James Jackson, Grand First Principal

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 Principal's 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 2004/2005 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.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

I. I. George Herbert Gilford give notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter I will move or cause to be moved the following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter 2004.

A Section 17 MEETINGS OF GRAND CHAPTER

Sub Section (h) (v) delete and replace with "receiving the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Notices of Motion."

Since this amendment reflects the actual established proceeding now being followed. Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

B Section 18 NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sub Section (c) add "together with biographical information as defined within this Constitution" at the end of the sub section. Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

Sub Section (g) delete the last sentence and replace with "The nomination paper containing the names and nominees for election with nomination and biographical information, (Full Name, Royal Arch Masonic Designation, Name and number of his Chapter, post office address, Office or Committee for which he is nominated, age, occupation, Grand Chapter Office(s) held, and a current passport photo) will be printed in the same order as the ballot paper. Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

C Section 21 COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Sub Section (c) be deleted and replaced with "A proxy, having complied with Section VOTING, hereof will be entitled to collect four votes, BETWEEN THE HOURS of 11:00 a.m. and the CLOSE OF REGISTRATION, however, in the event one of the three Principals being present and voting, the proxy will be null and void, and he will receive only one vote and no more. Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

Sub Section (d) delete and replace with "The registration books will be open at 5:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on the day preceding the first day of the Grand Convocation, and on the first day of the Grand Convocation the registration books will be opened at 8:30 a.m. and closed at 1:00 p.m." Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.
D Section 23 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sub Section (c) delete the first sentence and replace with "Voting for the several offices and the Grand Executive Committee will commence one half hour after the recess of Grand Chapter but not later than 4:00 p.m on the first day of Grand Chapter and close at 5:00 p.m. on the same day." Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

E Section 28 DUTIES, POWER AND RULES REGARDING THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL

Sub Section (c) delete and replace with "Only a companion who has served as an elected member of the Grand Executive Committee of this Grand Chapter for a period of not less than two years shall be entitled to have his name published as a candidate for the office of Grand Third Principal as prescribed within this Constitution."

This proposed amendment reflects the requirements contained in Section 47 of the Constitution of The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, relative to the office of Deputy Grand Master. Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

F Section 32 DUTIES OF THE GRAND SCRIBE EZRA

Sub Section (j) delete and replace with "keep a register of all members of Constituent Chapters and receive the Annual Returns from the several Chapters and enter them in the records of Grand Chapter and duly report the same in the Proceedings of the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter."

This proposed amendment reflects the actual process followed at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

G Section 66 PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Sub Section (b) delete and replace with "be responsible for the solicitation of contributions in the form of papers and articles as well as editing, publication and distribution of Public Relations material". Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

2. I. William D Burns on behalf of Ottawa District No. 222 would like to propose an amendment to the Constitution which would allow a Chapter to confer on request, either an MEM or RAM Degree on a Companion from another Chapter in amity with the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario. To amend Article 81 (c) on page 61 of the 2004 edition as follows:

i. A candidate must receive the Mark Master Mason Degree in the Chapter in which his application is accepted. On request from a Chapter or Chapter under Dispensation in this jurisdiction or from a Chapter or Chapter under Dispensation in the jurisdiction of some other Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons which is recognized by this Grand Chapter, a Chapter may confer the Most Excellent Master and/or the Holy Royal Arch Degree on candidates of the requesting Chapter.
Section 7 JURISDICTION of the Constitution states the following: "The exclusive jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall include all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, all Lodges of Mark Master Masons and all Lodges of Most Excellent Master, within the territorial boundaries of the province of Ontario." Since this Grand Chapter has exclusive jurisdiction only within the Province of Ontario, it is beyond the powers of Grand Chapter to amend our Constitution to intrude upon the jurisdiction of another Grand Chapter regardless if it should be in amity or otherwise. Your Committee finds this amendment to be beyond the powers of Grand Chapter and therefore is neither regular nor in order.

3. I. Shavak Russy Maddon hereby give notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter 1 will move or cause to be moved the following amendments to the current Constitution of Grand Chapter:

Section 70 GRAND CHAPTER FEES AND DUES

Sub Section (c) delete the final paragraph and replace with: "For every member of the Chapter on the register of Grand Chapter as at the previous December 31", payable semi-annually on the thirtieth of June and the thirty-first of December each year effective April 30, 2005 - $8.00." Your Committee finds this amendment regular and in order.

4. I. David G. Walker will move or caused to be moved at the 147th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario; that whereas the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, after extensive review and consultation amended their Constitution in July 2004, to permit the e-mailing of Lodge summons. that therefore Section 78 of the Constitution be amended by inserting a new paragraph 9(b) and renumbering the subsequent paragraphs:

Section 78 CHAPTER SUMMONS

The new paragraph to read as follows:

(b) A Chapter may transmit its Summons to a member of a Chapter by e-mail providing:

(i) The Scribe E has on record a "Request Form" the Chapter member has signed agreeing to receive the Chapter Summons by e-mail and agreeing that it is the member's responsibility to keep the Scribe E informed of his current e-mail address,
(ii) and, the contents of the e-mail summons has the same appearance as if sent by post,
(iii) and, the e-mail summons is password protected.

The 2004 amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario included the following: Section 270: "A summons shall be sent in a sealed envelope or by secure electronic transmission via e-mail. Neither the summons nor the envelope shall contain any materials which does not relate to Craft Masonry or to any activity for which a dispensation has not been obtained from the Grand Master (2004)"
While the proposed amendment does reflect the Constitution of Grand Lodge Section 270, and would therefore be regular and in order, it is your Committee's belief that it should not be presented to this 2005 Annual Convocation to be voted upon until the necessary request forms pertaining to summons transmission by secure electronic transmission via e-mail are either included or already in place, and further that Candidates Membership and Affiliation forms have been prepared for and approved by the Grand Executive Committee. Your Committee recommends that voting on this amendment be deferred until such time as policy, procedures and forms have been developed and are in place.

Since last reporting to the Grand First Principal and the Companions of Grand Chapter in 2004, your Committee has dealt with a number of issues, both legal and interpretative as per our mandate under the Constitution.

In addition 27 submissions from Constituent Chapters relative to amendments to their By-laws have been reviewed and the appropriate recommendations have been submitted to the Grand First Principal. While most Chapter By-law amendment submissions are proper and in order, a few Chapter First Principals and Scribe Ezra's fail to follow the requirements of the Constitution as set out in Article 74. Once again let us stress that all Chapters should be working from the last and most recent edition of the Constitution, which until the proposed amendments may, or have been passed at this Grand Convocation is marked 2004 on the cover. In addition, the Grand Superintendents should insist that the Chapters in their respective Districts utilize Form TGC 11 when submitting requests to amend Chapter By-laws. By following the process as set out on the form, requests to amend Chapter By-laws can be quickly "recommended for approval as written".

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.

MOTIONS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Third Principal the following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter 2004.

A Section 17 MEETINGS OF GRAND CHAPTER

Sub Section (h) (v) delete and replace with "receiving the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Notices of Motion." CARRIED.

B Section 18 NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sub Section (c) add "together with biographical information as defined within this Constitution" at the end of the sub section. CARRIED.

Sub Section (g) delete the last sentence and replace with "The nomination paper containing the names and nominees for election with nomination and biographical information, (Full Name, Royal Arch Masonic Designation, Name and number of his Chapter, post office
address. Office or Committee for which he is nominated, age, occupation, Grand Chapter Office(s) held, and a current passport photo) will be printed in the same order as the ballot paper. CARRIED.

C Section 21 COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Sub Section (c) be deleted and replaced with "A proxy, having complied with Section VOTING, hereof will be entitled to collect four votes, BETWEEN THE HOURS of 11:00 a.m. and the CLOSE OF REGISTRATION. however, in the event one of the three Principals being present and voting, the proxy will be null and void, and he will receive only one vote and no more." CARRIED.

Sub Section (d) delete and replace with "The registration books will be open at 5:00 p.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. on the day preceding the first day of the Grand Convocation, and on the first day of the Grand Convocation the registration books will be opened at 8:30 a.m. and closed at 1:00 p.m." CARRIED.

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Sub Section (c) delete the first sentence and replace with "Voting for the several offices and the Grand Executive Committee will commence one half hour after the recess of Grand Chapter but not later than 4:00 p.m on the first day of Grand Chapter and close at 5:00 p.m. on the same day." CARRIED.

E Section 28 DUTIES, POWER AND RULES REGARDING THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL

Sub Section (c) delete and replace with "Only a companion who has served as an elected member of the Grand Executive Committee of this Grand Chapter for a period of not less than two years shall be entitled to have his name published as a candidate for the office of Grand Third Principal as prescribed within this Constitution." CARRIED.

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Sub Section (j) delete and replace with "keep a register of all members of Constituent Chapters and receive the Annual Returns from the several Chapters and enter them in the records of Grand Chapter and duly report the same in the Proceedings of the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter." CARRIED.

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Sub Section (b) delete and replace with "be responsible for the solicitation of contributions in the form of papers and articles as well as editing, publication and distribution of Public Relations material". CARRIED.

Moved by the Grand Treasurer, seconded by the Grand Second Principal the following amendment to the current Constitution of Grand Chapter:
Section 70 GRAND CHAPTER FEES AND DUES

Sub Section (c) delete the final paragraph and replace with: "For every member of the Chapter on the register of Grand Chapter as at the previous December 31, payable semi-annually on the thirtieth of June and the thirty-first of December each year effective April 30, 2005 - $8.00." 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 would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter for the past 12 months. Now with our term complete, and as Chairman of the Committee, it gives me pleasure to inform you of our activity for the past year.

Ninety-three applications have been received, 87 have been approved, 4 are pending and 2 were rejected with a total of $28,550.00 being awarded. We have received applications from 14 of the 15 Districts this year and District No. 3 has had the most applications submitted with 22 being approved. District No. 12 follows close behind with 16 being approved.

There have been a lot of 1st year applications submitted this year which indicates that there are a lot of new students entering the final stages of education soon to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Again this year there have been some problems with application forms being incomplete. Some information is not being provided. Forms are not being filled out properly and some signatures and comments from the Chapter Officers are also missing on the application forms. Some of these applications have been corrected but this can sometimes mean a lengthy delay of the approval process.

This trend will probably always be an ongoing problem, therefore all we can do is educate and emphasize the importance of the requested information and ask that the instructions be read carefully when filling out the application forms. The information provided on these forms is very critical as it is usually the only way that we as a committee can understand and verify the students’ need for our assistance.

Remember the Students are the ones who will suffer by our mistakes!

Packages containing application forms & guidelines for bursary grants have been prepared for the new Grand Superintendents so they can be distributed to the respected District Chairmen. We, the committee rest assured that our work this past year has helped to make a difference in the lives and education of the students we have assisted and consider the money we spent an investment in OUR FUTURE.

Respectfully submitted by: R.Ex.Comps. Michael Bowman (Chairman), Bruce Miller, Andrew Allan, Raymond Borland, Derek Ward, David Laskey and V.Ex.Comp. William Esplen.
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 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 year I have had the pleasure of reviewing the Proceedings from 25 Grand Jurisdictions covering Canada, the United States and Europe. Of interest, we had six jurisdictions provide their proceedings on computer disks. Lower printing costs and ease of handling are the incentive.

Declines in membership continue in all jurisdictions while some individual chapters show significant increases. There is a trend developing where deaths are overtaking suspensions as the leading cause of membership loss.

Recruitment continues as a priority with many differing approaches. Closer collaboration between Grand Lodges and York Rite bodies is being actively pursued. As a result, Grand Lodges have allowed and encouraged Chapters. Councils and Commanderies to recruit openly. One jurisdiction has been given authorization by a Grand Lodge to have Chapter members visit Lodges in Chapter regalia. In another jurisdiction a costumed presentation was developed and presented in Lodges and open houses. Summonses, web sites and other communication media are increasingly carrying items representing all masonic bodies. Information booklets and pamphlets are now readily available for distribution at Lodges. Field days, festivals and classes of exaltation continue and in fact seem to be increasing. These do have a down side, however, as Chapters are losing their ability to do degree work. The promotion of Chapter degree teams and awards for degree work are being undertaken to deal with this issue. Some jurisdictions have established award schemes for bringing in a certain number of new members. Others have identified an enthusiastic Chapter representative to be the point man at a Lodge to provide information and encouragement to potential companions. Many jurisdictions support youth groups such as DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Job’s Daughters. DeMolay members are being streamed for initiation in Lodges and ultimately into the Royal Arch.

Member retention, attendance and revitalization are now getting much more attention through various approaches. Companions are being encouraged to meet face to face with members who are demitting or in arrears. These discussions provide for the opportunity to reassess the reasons and in many cases provide the incentive to remain active. In some areas, suspended companions are offered amnesty from past dues. Reinstatement occurs with current dues payable only. Charter retention has also become an issue. Some jurisdictions are in the process of introducing six man quorums to allow for the opening and conducting of business in Chapters. Degree work may be conducted at field days or internally with support from a neighbouring Chapter. At least two jurisdictions are in the process of instituting Royal Arch Tabernacles or Royal Arch Associate Chapters to preclude the surrendering of their Charters. This option is used in areas where membership has fallen off drastically but there is still a source of master masons. In these instances, the organization requires only a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.
No fees or per capita taxes are imposed and meetings are at their discretion. They cannot confirm degrees but may have a regular chapter or a field day do it for them. The goal is to keep the Charter and organization on location with the hope of revitalization and reactivation of full privileges. Other jurisdictions promote inter-Chapter support where visiting companions enable a quorum to be met. In these instances, visitors cannot hold office or vote on business matters.

In the area of attendance and revitalization, many different approaches are used. All jurisdictions have developed or are in the process of creating educational materials that Chapters can have access to. Day classes are being held to further their masonic knowledge and hopefully stimulate further interest. Some Chapters identify and carry out community projects which appear to stimulate individual participation and interest. Visitation is stressed in all areas and some provide incentive by providing awards for making six or more visits in the year. Grand line officers are increasing Chapter visits in the hope of awakening interest and providing inspiration to the attendees.

The support of charities is found in all jurisdictions. Masonic Homes, Royal Arch Research Assistance, Juvenile Assistance and Foundations are but a few of the undertakings. As an aside, Scotland is particularly proud of the fact that in the last 34 years, they have distributed £357,000 in national and international support. Even Canada benefited. Curious!

The formation of degree teams to work both craft degrees and chapter degrees are encouraged as another way of involving companions in meaningful activities. The biggest challenge facing Chapter officers is to involve all junior and senior members in activities that leave no one on the sidelines.

In summary, our problems have challenged us to be very creative and active in promoting Royal Arch Masonry. This should bode well for the future. We must continue to encourage enthusiasm, develop positive attitudes and commitments to meet challenges head on.

I would like to thank you, Most Excellent Sir, for the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter and also to thank our Grand Scribe Ezra for the continuing support. Respectfully submitted by: Walter T. Bulbeck, 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.

GREETINGS EXTENDED FROM ATTENDING COMPANIONS

During the 147th 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 Investments, which has managed our investments in very capable fashion to date. Your Committee continues to monitor the management of these three portfolios: General Account, Scholarship and Bursary Account, as well as the Medical Research Account.

Our investment portfolios continue to have some positive growth in each account over the past fiscal year ending February 28, 2005, 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 serve on behalf of the Grand Chapter. I wish to thank the members of the Committee in the persons of R.Ex.Comp. Shavak Maddon, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn Duke, R.Ex.Comp. Desmond Washer for their assistance with this Report.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted, R.Ex.Comp. Ronald T. Stinson (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 GRAND TREASURER

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:

Once again 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 28, 2005. I am pleased to report that all three audit reports are unqualified except for technical qualification in respect of charitable donations received. The following are the highlights for the fiscal year 2005:

The Grand Chapter: The total revenue was $107,700 compared to $114,400 in 2004. Our expenses amounted to $100,900 as against $95,200 in the prior year. Our revenue includes a capital gain on sale of investments of $7,300 compared to a gain of $14,576 in the prior year. We ended the year with excess of revenue over expenses of $6,800. Hence our net assets amounted to $446,400 compared to $439,700 in the prior year. It should be noted that without the gain on sale of investments, we would have ended the year in a deficit.

The Scholarship and Bursary Fund: Our total revenue was $51,600 compared to $29,999 in the prior year. We paid out bursaries of $24,100 compared to $24,200 in the prior year. The capital gain on sale of investments amounted to $26,400 compared to $5,900 in 2004. As a result we ended the year with a surplus of $26,700. Our net assets increased from $545,900 to $572,600.

The Medical Research Fund: The total revenue was $42,900 compared to $26,500 in 2004. During the year we made grants of $30,000 as against $30,500 in the prior year. The capital gain on investments amounted to $15,000 as against $3,300 in the prior year. We ended the year with the net assets increasing to $464,800 compared to $452,600 in the prior year, which is as a result of our income exceeding our expenses by $12,200.
General: The market value of our total investments at the Grand Chapter, The Scholarship and Bursary Fund and the Medical Research Fund amounted to $1,554,600 compared to the book value of $1,402,100. As in prior years we have not booked the gain of $152,500 in the financial statements until the investments are realized.

During the year, I met several times with the Grand Scribe Ezra to discuss the financial affairs of our Grand Chapter and where necessary I have also met with the Grand Council. May I take this opportunity to recognize our Grand Scribe Ezra. R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke for his efforts in stringently controlling the finances of the Grand Chapter and the two related Funds. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the effort and dedication of the Finance Committee and Investment Committee members. Finally, I would like to thank our Grand First Principal, M.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson for allowing me to serve as the Grand Treasurer.

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 28, 2005 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 28, 2005 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada
March 31, 2005

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 (Restated)
February 28 2005 2004

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| **Total Assets and Investments** | $452,317| $444,349|

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Related entities (Note 6)

On behalf of the Grand Chapter

Richard James Jackson
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 (Restated)

Year Ended February 28

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<td><strong>$6,773</strong></td>
<td><strong>$19,159</strong></td>
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The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario
Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended February 28, 2005

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<th>Restricted for Victory</th>
<th>Restricted for Committed Commuted Membership Fund</th>
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<td>-</td>
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<td>$439,668</td>
<td>$420,508</td>
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<td>6,773</td>
<td>19,159</td>
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<td>1</td>
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<td>Balance end of year</td>
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<td>$56,009</td>
<td>123,392</td>
<td>$446,442</td>
<td>$439,668</td>
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The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario
Statement of Cash Flows (Restated)
February 29

Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents

Operating
- Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses $6,773 $19,159

Change in non-cash operating working capital
- Accounts receivable (11,960) 363
- Inventory 2,339 1,852
- Payables and accruals 944 691
- Deferred revenue 250 1,850

Total change in non-cash operating working capital 1,088 23,915

Financing
- Surrendered charters - 6,505

Investing
- Proceeds on sale of investments, net of investment purchases (9,901) (47,715)

Net increase in cash and short term investments (11,495) (17,295)

Beginning of year 46,146 63,441

End of year $34,651 $46,146

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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

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<td>Library</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td>$39,417</td>
<td>$39,082</td>
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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 $449,838 (2004 - $403,951).

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 Committed 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 28, 2005 and 2004 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

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<th>Financial position</th>
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<td>$ 546,460</td>
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<td>24,802</td>
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<td>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses</td>
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<th>Cash Flows</th>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in cash</td>
<td>$ 3034</td>
<td>$(33,522)</td>
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The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario - Medical Research Fund

Financial position

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Results of operations

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<td>$26,454</td>
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<td>Total expenses</td>
<td>30,750</td>
<td>31,100</td>
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<td>(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses</td>
<td>(12,164)</td>
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Cash flows

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<td>($24,635)</td>
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7. Prior period adjustment: During the year the financial statements for the prior year were restated to adjust the cost of investments which had incorrectly been fully written off. As a result the affected revenue and excess of revenues over expenses were increased by $12,827, investments were increased by $12,827 and net assets were increased by $12,827.

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 statements 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 28, 2005 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 28, 2005 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 31 2005

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 28

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<td><strong>Total Current</strong></td>
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**Liabilities**

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**Net Assets**

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<td><strong>Total Net Assets</strong></td>
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On behalf of the Grand Chapter

Richard James Jackson  
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 Medical Research Fund - (Release A MIRACLE)

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets  
Year Ended February 28

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**Expenses**

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**(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses**

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**Net assets**

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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 2005, 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 28, 2005 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.

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Hamilton, Canada
March 31, 2005

Grant Thornton L.L.P.
Chartered Accountants

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario
The Scholarship and Bursary Fund
Statement of Financial Position
February 28

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<td>Investments (market value 2005- $605,843; 2004 - $573,025)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
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On behalf of the Grand Chapter

Richard James Jackson
Grand First Principal

Melvyn James Duke
Grand Scribe Ezra

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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 28

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<td>18,387</td>
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<td>58</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenue</strong></td>
<td><strong>51,551</strong></td>
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Expenses
Audit fees 750 600
Grants 24,050 24,200
Printing and bank charges 55 2

Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses 26,696 4,189

Net assets
Beginning of year 545,860 541,671
End of year $572,556 $545,860

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 2005, 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 and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:
The Finance Committee has reviewed the financial statements for the fiscal year 2005 and compared these figures with the budgeted figures as approved by the Grand Chapter at our Convocation in 2004. The Finance Committee is satisfied that there is a satisfactory explanation for all variances.

For the fiscal year ending February 2006, we are projecting income of $95,500 compared to expenses of $106,800 resulting in a deficit of $22,300. Our increases in expenses are in just about every category, particularly in the areas of office equipment upgrade, audit, insurance and other office expenses. Unfortunately our revenue base keeps going down due to declining membership and as a result our projected per-capita dues are $2,700 lower than the actual for 2005. We have not taken into consideration any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

In prior years we have stated that there should be sufficient funds in the budget to promote our Order. The Grand Chapter is attempting to raise the profile of Capitular Masonry in the community at large. In three years our Grand Chapter will be celebrating its presence in Ontario for 150 years and your Finance Committee sincerely believes that this will be an excellent opportunity for us to increase our visibility. Again this will require an investment on our part.


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 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

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Insurance 2,500
Jewel engraving 800
Council and committee expenses 500
Promotion and public relations 3,700
Office Equipment Upgrade 3,000
Jewel Purchase 1,000
Total expenses 106,800

Excess / (Shortfall) (5,100)

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 the Constitution, the estimate of receipts and expenditures on account of the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year of March 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006, 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 Arc Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

One of the highlights of the 146th Annual Convocation held in the Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre, St. Catharines, ON was certainly the investiture of the Grand First Principal by his Father, Most Excellent Companion G. Robert Jackson assisted by his Brother Companion Bob Jackson, and marks the first time that a father and son have ever served as Grand First Principals in Grand Chapter in the Province of Ontario.

In our Grand First Principal’s Address you will find information pertaining to the awarding of Special Honours; including Dispensations, Jewels and Certificates as well as Amalgamations, Anniversaries, Dedications and pertinent information on Fraternal Relations and Charitable Activities along with other points of historical interest.

The Book of the Proceedings for "2004" and Proceedings from the past are in themselves all Historical Documents and they remain a vital part of our Heritage.

Since our last Convocation we mourn the passing of two Past Grand First Principals. Most Excellent Companion G. Robert Jackson, 1992-93 and Most Excellent Companion M. Sheldon Boomhour, 2002-03. We cherish their memories. Regretfully, at the end of December 2004, Kenogamisis Chapter No. 266 in Geraldton went into darkness.

Here is a brief summary of stats from recent years:
Year | Memberships | Demits | New Members
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2000 | 9959 | 201 | 207
2001 | -412 | 224 | 205
2002 | -370 | 209 | 209
2003 | -360 | 216 | 193

2004 has produced 210 Deaths, 83 Suspensions, 254 Demits, 6 Restorations, 52 Affiliations and 150 Admissions, which equates to a LOSS OF 349. The past four years have seen a decline of 1481 Companions resulting in a current membership of 8,469.

In closing I wish to express my gratitude to M.Ex.Comp. Richard J. Jackson and the Grand Council for allowing me the privilege of serving The Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted by V.Ex.Comp. Gary P. Humes, Grand Historian.

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 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 it's activities for the 2004-2005 Masonic year. Four applications for Benevolence were received and approved and a sum of $3,000.00 was dispersed. Our Grand Chapter has a Benevolence Fund and a Committee to assist the less fortunate. The members of the Benevolence Committee are willing to assist. Many times the Companions are too embarrassed to admit that they are in need of help.

Benevolence is an important program designed to assist those who may encounter unexpected financial difficulties. If you know of a Companion or Companion’s family in need of assistance, contact your District Benevolence Chairman, Grand Superintendent and Officers of your Chapter so that an application form may be filled out and submitted to Grand Chapter to be forwarded to the Committee for consideration. Companions it is said, the verbs "to love" "to help" are the most beautiful verbs in the world.

In concluding this report, I wish to thank the Grand First Principal for his confidence in appointing me as Chairman of the Committee. To R.Ex.Comp. Rev. Aaron Orr and R.Ex.Comp. Robert McMaster, thank you for supporting me in providing assistance to the less fortunate companions and their dependents.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee - R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk.

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 2005.

At the end of last summer we contacted all the Grand Superintendents congratulating them on their preferment and informing them of the charities of Grand Chapter especially of the Medical Research - Release-A-Miracle fund and encouraged them to promote the pursuit of medical research and to raise funds for this very worthwhile endeavour.

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 pointed out that if we are to focus our attention on autism we would need significant contributions from the companions to make a difference.

At the executive meeting last October several Grand Superintendents requested a brochure promoting the Release-A-Miracle fund and this is being designed. It was also felt that we should not abandon the excellent research projects we have supported in the past. There has also been a considerable interest and concern expressed by many companions into research in arthritis which you know affects most of us as we age and we have added this to our present list.

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

i) Professor Peter Szatmari, Division of Child Psychiatry, McMaster $5,000.00
   University for ongoing research in Pervasive Developmental Disorders.
   He is continuing his work on the genetic basis of Autism
ii) Professor Brenda L. Gallie, University Health Network, Toronto University $5,000.00
    for continuing research in Retinoblastoma management.
iii) Dr. Jeannette Holden, Director, Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Queen’s $2,000.00
    University for research into the genetics and epidemiology. She is involved
    in a large international study involving families.
iv) Dr. Walid Farhat, Assoc. Professor of Urology, Hospital for Sick Children $2,500.00
    for research into the regeneration of bladder tissue.
v) Dr. Neil Fleschner, Head Division of Urology, University Health Network $3,000.00
    for investigations into the relationship of dietary factors to prostate cancer.
vi) 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.

vii) The John Robarts Institute, University of Western Ontario for research in $5,000.00
     neurodegenerative diseases and stem cell biology.
viii) Dr. Fraser W. Scott, Senior Scientist, Molecular Medicine. Ottawa Health $2,000.00
Research Institute for research in food related autoimmune diabetic disorders.
ix) Dr. Edward Keystone, Director, Centre for Advanced Therapeutics $3,000.00
in Arthritis AARC Foundation. University Health Network conducting
research on new treatment modalities.
Total $30,000.00

During the past two years I have had the honour of chairing this committee and have had the
pleasure of working with wonderful companions. I would like to thank them and also the

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: R.Ex.Comps. Ian D. Nichols, Gordon J.
Carr, Joseph Edwards, Brett D. Kahler, E. Roy Harrison, V.Ex.Comp. Peter Cameron and
myself 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
MASSONRY

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 gives me much pleasure to present this report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry on
behalf of the Committee, the 15 Grand Superintendents. The following summary is gathered
from the information on the Superintendents reports, and personal observations.

The Course of Instruction is the Superintendents first official contact with the Principals of
the respective Chapters. For the most part attendance was disappointing, but successful
districts attracting representation from all chapters, combined these courses with other events.

General regular attendance ranged from no quorum, fair, to near a full house. Chapters in the
north are struggling to attract interest and have experimented with Saturday Daylight
Meetings to avoid night driving. Several official visits show improved attendance. Some
Chapters have plans in place to attract candidates and attendance by observing the Brother
to Brother and Friend to Friend programs. Financial concerns have been met by amendments
to bylaws, increasing dues to meet the expense from reduced membership and higher
operating costs. Others are exploring less expensive quarters in new locations.

Installation ceremonies encourage the practice of installing a succeeding First Principal into
the office of Immediate Past Principal then returned to the chair. It has been observed that
some chapters neglect presenting the First Principal annually with a current copy of the Grand
Chapter Constitution, an important tool of office. Most Chapters are finding it necessary to
recycle Past Principals to fill offices.

Open book degree work prevail in some chapters while others admit absent officers with short
notice have caused lectures to be read.
Others are presenting letter perfect well organized work. With the exception of three outstanding official visits, degrees were conducted and reports have been amended.

Special events attract good attendance in general and with good planning have proved successful open house events, long service awards, picnics, BBQ fund raising events, anniversaries, amalgamations and receptions. The dedication of the new Chapter room in Kingston by Grand Chapter in November gives new hope to the Kingston Chapter.

Interest in delivering monthly summons by the internet encouraged a general survey to be conducted. The Superintendents were requested to canvas the Chapters in their district and report the results. Full participation was not successful, but from 108 Chapters 82 responded from 12 Districts. Concerns are: A dual system would be required to ensure all members receive the same message. Increased work load for Scribe Ezras. A secure system is necessary to ensure privacy of information and receipt of the message. The lack of interest, participation and information at the present time does not encourage the practice of emailing summonses.

It was disappointing to find conflict within some Chapters. In isolated cases this has been reason for a Chapter to close. Several cases have been resolved and harmony restored. Finally the mandate for all chapters be returned was not successful. There were 14 Chapters from seven districts failed to properly file annual returns by January 31, 2005.

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 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 this Grand Chapter. This year we have promoted Royal Arch Masonry to brethren in the craft by Open Houses, Master Masons Nights, while at the same time increase our visibility by attending social functions within the communities. We portrayed Royal Arch Masonry as an integral part of the family of masons.

A number of Shrine ceremonials were attended by committee members and the Royal Arch Mason’s display was set up. Members of the committee attended Open Houses in many Lodges in various Districts. Speeches and information given out for open houses will be formalized, modified and updated. The current Power Point presentation is rather old and will soon be updated.

The Royal Arch Mason’s display received many positive and favourable remarks at the open houses and at Grand Lodge Convocation in Toronto in 2004. Chapters should contact the chairman if they need to use the display. A voice mail or e-mail is the easiest way to contact the members.

Together with the other masonic bodies, the display was erected at the International Ploughing Match in Meaford.
The Royal Arch Mason’s display was well attended with more than 200 masons signing the visitors book. Thank you to those members who helped in manning and transporting the display. In particular, thanks to Comp. John Lemon of Georgian Chapter No. 56, who attended each day of the International Ploughing Match.

The Royal Arch Mason’s display was also present at the Scottish Rite Open House in London where they enacted the 29th degree before 250 masons and friends. Each year there are a few Chapter summonses which could be made more attractive by changing the font, the layout and content. Remember this is the main contact that we have with our companions.

The events section of the web site is not being used by the companions. The web site at http://www.royalarchmasons.on.ca is an easy method of communicating information on important and upcoming events (both Masonic and social) to the companions in your District, who are on-line. Grand Superintendents should encourage Chapters to use the web site to advertise events and generally to find out what is happening in this jurisdiction. We also require some (post event) pictures for the web site and display. Community awareness is still a work in progress with much more yet to be done. The crest and shirts discussed last year, will be looked at again later this year.

May I take this opportunity to thank the committee members for their commitment and support for Grand Chapter. We look forward to serving the Companions during the coming year.


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 - 2004


55

DEMITTED - 2004

1-Lloyd Munro Ferguson 2-David James Jack 3-Maxwell Stanley Hanna, Gordon John Carriere, James Theo Stevens 6-Donald Clarke Westbrook, Weston Harold Thompson 7-Robert Glenn McEwen, Donald Smith, Brian McKenzie Skinner, William Hopkin 8-Thomas

SUSPENDED - 2004


REINSTATED - 2004


DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE 2005


GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent and 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 your Committee has had to deal with two matters brought before it. The first was an appeal from a decision of the Grand First Principal to reject certain nominations for Grand Chapter Office on the basis that they had not been delivered in accordance with Section 18 of our present Constitution.

This appeal has generated a good deal of controversy within our Grand Jurisdiction and accordingly, I will attempt to summarize what occurred and what the committee’s findings was. Section 18 of the Constitution requires that all nominations for Grand Office are to be sent by registered mail or hand delivered before a specified date. The application in question was sent by ordinary mail and was received well before the deadline for nominations.

This application along with a number of other which were not delivered in accordance with Section 18 were rejected by the Grand First Principal and not referred to the Committee of Scrutineers for further consideration.
Unbeknownst to the Grand First Principal further investigation after the appeal was received revealed that nominations in previous years not delivered in accordance with Section 18 had been accepted whether knowingly or unknowingly and passed on to the Committee of Scrutineers. It was the view of this committee after consideration that this created what in law is known as estoppel or in other words a course of conduct was adopted in the past which could be relied upon and cannot now be used to the detriment of the appellant. In other words the precedent had been set in the past. As well. when considering this it should be noted that Section 18 of the Constitution with the regards to the mode of delivery is a procedural rather than a substantive provision. Accordingly your committee reluctantly concluded that this appeal must succeed. The Committee however, has made recommendations that will hopefully rectify this situation so that it does not occur again. The Committee as well applauds the efforts of the Grand First Principal to enforce the constitutional provisions.

The second appeal has to do with a ruling by the Grand First Principal with regards to the content of a Chapter summons. It has been determined that this matter is really a difference of opinion between the Grand First Principal and the Chapter and not subject to review by this Committee. All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee, myself, as Chairman R.Ex.Comp. David E Jacklin.

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.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS
R.W.Bro. Gary L Atkinson


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" Rick, for your very warm welcome into this, your one hundred and forty-seventh Annual Convocation.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the escort into Grand Chapter, for the Grand honours given to me, and to you my Companions for the manner in which you have responded, in such an enthusiastic manner.

Although I have been a Royal Arch Mason for over twenty-three years, I must say I have never had the opportunity to attend Grand Chapter. This is indeed, a very personal and special occasion for me. On October 20th, 2004, our Grand Superintendent, along with many of the Grand Chapter Officers assembled here today journeyed to Petrolia, to preside over the ceremony that brought me to the rank of Past First Principal.

My Companions, I have had the good fortune, to have been blessed with many accolades and honours to date in my Masonic Career. I want you to know how pleased, honoured and humbled I was that evening, to receive that recognition and rank. It will be a night I will long remember.
This has been quite a day so far. I started my morning as a past Principal of Bruce Chapter this afternoon, in the absence of our Grand Master, I have assumed my position as Deputy Grand Master. This is probably the first time in my whole Masonic career, that I brought more clothes to an event such as this, than my wife did!

M.Ex.Comp. Jackson, to you, and all the Grand Chapter Officers, I hope you have a rewarding and educational convocation. Your work in Freemasonry, in Grand Chapter and across this great Province has not gone unnoticed. You continue to play a vital role in the Family of Freemasonry, and I for one, appreciate your endless support and positive encouragement.

My companions I would like to leave you with one thought The Great Lessons of Freemasonry, are not confined to the Lodge Chapter Room. A hand of assistance, a clasp of friendship, the desire to be helpful, the extension of little acts of courtesy, to all with whom we come in contact are part and parcel of our Masonic life and we are just as important in our schools, in our community, and in our place of business, as we are in our Lodge rooms.

Remember ... "Brotherhood is not confined to Masons alone, but to be effective ... it must be extended to all people".

Thank you.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL’S 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 concur with his decision with respect to Past Rank for the three Companions, and other appointments that require the approval of Grand Chapter.

We are saddened to learn that two Chapters, Succoth Chapter No. 135 in Uxbridge and Kenogamisis Chapter No. 266 in Geraldton, both surrendered their Charters. However, four other Chapters were able to amalgamate with adjoining Chapters during the year. We noted that the Grand First Principal found it necessary to place Manitou Chapter No. 27. in Collingwood, under Trusteeship and has appointed a Grand Chapter Officer as Trustee to deal with internal problems.

Following a successful appeal relative to a ruling on the delivery of nomination papers, as set out in Section 18 (e) of the Constitution, the Grand First Principal ruled that all such nomination papers received were to be accepted.

The Grand First Principal, being concerned that a number of Chapters had lost their voting privileges, has changed the manner of returns being received at the Grand Chapter office. Since his ruling changes Sections 95 (d), and 98 (e) of the Constitution, therefore in accordance with Section 16 (d) (i) of the Constitution we are recommending that all of these rulings be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence.
The notification to Chapters as to what was missing from a return, is an administrative procedural matter and does not require a Constitutional amendment. We generally concur with the other comments of the Grand First Principal.

Your Committee congratulates the Grand First Principal on his outstanding leadership and contributions 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, J. William Lidstone and David E. Jacklin.

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE WILLIAM S THOMSON TROPHY

M.Ex.Comp. Jackson upon the Grand Scribe Ezra to advise the Companions of the winner of the William S. Thomson Trophy. St. Johns Chapter No. 148, Van Kleek Hill was announced as the Chapter with the greatest percentage increase in membership (16.7%)

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.
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GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON

At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9th, 2005 the Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from refreshment to labour.

ELECTIONEERING

The Grand First Principal having heard of possible electioneering noted that a Special Committee of Investigation would be appointed and if substantiated the individuals involved would be removed from office.

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 Companion

The Committee of Credentials take great pleasure in presenting the report:

Number of Chapter .................................................. 108
Number of Chapters represented ...................................... 78
Number of Chapters represented by proxy ............................ 27
Number of Chapters represented by Past Principals only .......... 84
Number of Chapters not represented ................................. 18
Number of Delegates present ........................................ 230
Total Number of Ballots ............................................. 371
Spoiled Ballots ......................................................... 6
Number of Chapters Denied Vote ...................................... 12

Moved by V.Ex.Comp. William G. Esplen, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Joseph Janacek 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 Companion

The Committee of Scrutineers take great pleasure in presenting the results of the elections held at this Grand Chapter
Grand Scribe Nehemiah
Grand Principal Sojourner
Grand Registrar

Grand Executive Committee members elected:

R.Ex.Comp. Mohammed Hassan Mohamdee
R.Ex.Comp. Michael Jon Bowman
R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk
Ex.Comp. Thomas Albert Mortlock
R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Charles Warner

Moved by V.Ex.Comp. William G. Esplen, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Joseph Janacak that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

Results of the ballots were:

Grand Scribe Nehemiah:
V.Ex.Comp. Dushan Surovy ................................ Acclaimed

Grand Principal Sojourner:
Ex.Comp. Paraag Natwarlal Suchak ................................ Acclaimed

Grand Registrar:
Ex.Comp. Barry Turnbull ................................ Acclaimed

Grand Executive Committee:
R.Ex.Comp. M Hassan Mohamdee ........................................ 199
R.Ex.Comp. Michael Jon Bowman ..................................... 193
R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk ........................................ 193
Ex.Comp. Thomas Albert Mortlock .................................. 179
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R.Ex.Comp. Desmond Washer .......................................... 112
R.Ex.Comp. Derek James Ward ........................................ 107
R.Ex.Comp. Donald Raymond Winkworth ............................ 94
R.Ex.Comp. Robert J McMaster ....................................... 89
R.Ex.Comp. Joseph I Edwards ........................................ 49

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M.Ex.Comp. Jackson announced that the time had arrived for the Ceremony of Installation and Investiture of Officers of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Under the direction of M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner 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.
OFFICERS 2005-2006

M.Ex.Comp.Richard James Jackson
R.R. No. 8 Stn Main, St. Thomas ON N5P 3T3
Grand First Principal

R.Ex.Comp. George Herbert Gifford
119 Central Park Blvd. S., Oshawa ON L1H 5W6
Grand Second Principal

R.Ex.Comp. Roland Allen Paddle
1675 Shore Road, Kingston ON K7L 5H6
Grand Third Principal

R.Ex.Comp. Geoffrey Craig Perry
927 Isabel Place, Windsor ON N8S 3B1
Grand Superintendent - District 1

R.Ex.Comp. Robert Charles Wakefield
188 Dawn Drive, London ON N5W 4X1
Grand Superintendent - District 2

R.Ex.Comp. John Warren Reynolds
18 Broadview Court, Kitchener ON N2A 2X8
Grand Superintendent - District 3

R.Ex.Comp. Howard Edwin Brown
R. R. No. 1, Kincardine ON N2Z 2X3
Grand Superintendent - District 4

R.Ex.Comp. Leroy Norton
60 Sargent Road, Georgetown ON L7G 1K9
Grand Superintendent - District 5

R.Ex.Comp. David Pass
3 Magnolia Street, Brantford ON N3R 1P6
Grand Superintendent - District 6

R.Ex.Comp. Ben J. Lam
72 Brelus Drive, Dunnville ON N1A 2R9
Grand Superintendent - District 7

R.Ex.Comp. James MacDonald
1749 Dundas Street East, 8-5th Avenue East, Mississauga ON L4X 2R9
Grand Superintendent - District 8

R.Ex.Comp. Leo Joseph Smith
3151 Bridletowne Circle Suite 2101, Scarborough ON M1W 2T1
Grand Superintendent - District 9

R.Ex.Comp. Craig Stephen Robinson
P.O. Box 184, Gores Landing ON K0K 2E0
Grand Superintendent - District 10

R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd George Timson
2 Lloyalist Ave, Amherstview ON K7N 1K3
Grand Superintendent - District 11

R.Ex.Comp. Joseph Clifford Dove
2344 Trout Lake Road North, North Bay ON P1B 7S6
Grand Superintendent - District 12

R.Ex.Comp. Lowell Johnston Blaney
R.R. No. 1, Brockville ON K6V 5T1
Grand Superintendent - District 13

R.Ex.Comp. Robert Norman Coutts
1751 Concession 6, RR. No. 2, Plantagenet ON K0B 1L0
Grand Superintendent - District 14

R.Ex.Comp. Donald George Jones
311 3rd Street North, Kenora ON P9N 2L8
Grand Chaplain

R.Ex.Comp. Richard Allen Hryniw
R. R. 2 Lakeside, ON N0M 2G0
Grand Treasurer

R.Ex.Comp. Shavak Russy Madon
375 Poplar Drive, Oakville ON L6L 4E3
Grand Scribe Ezra

R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn James Duke
253-3060 Constitution Blvd., Mississauga ON L4Y 3X8
Grand Scribe Nehemiah

R.Ex.Comp. Dushan Surovy
48 Gatesview Ave, Scarborough ON M1J 3G5
Grand Principal Sojourner

R.Ex.Comp. Paraag Natwarlal Suchak
2072 Peak Place, Oakville ON L6H 5T1
Grand Registrar

R.Ex.Comp. Barry Turnbull
179 Hahn Ave, Cambridge ON N3C 3B2

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GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HONOURARY
(*Two Year Term # One Year Term)

*R.Ex.Comp. John William Lidstone
163 Jephson St., Box 291 Victoria Harbour ON L0K 2A0

ELECTED 2005

R.Ex.Comp. Mohammed Hassan Mohamdee
7 Edgemont Avenue, Nepean ON K2J 3S9
R.Ex.Comp. Michael Jon Bowman
134 Skye Street, Ingersol ON N5C 2P8
R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk
2239 7th Street Louth, St. Catharines ON L2R 6P7
R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Albert Mortlock
436 Gordon Ave. Peterborough ON K9J 6G5
R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Charles Warner
41 Coxwell Crescent, Brantford ON N3P 1P5

ELECTED 2004

R.Ex.Comp. David W. Laskey
101-8830 Willoughby Drive, Niagara Falls ON L2G 6X8
R.Ex.Comp. Brian Douglas Van Sickle
19 Bearbrooke Road, Gloucester ON K1B 3H4
R.Ex.Comp. Thomas John King
2021 Selwyn Shores Drive, R.R. No. 3, Lakefield ON K0L 2H0
R.Ex.Comp. Douglas Edwin Stitt
Box 45, 1187 Roselawn Place, Kingston ON K7P 2V2
R.Ex.Comp. Roland P. Mandeville
36 Sapphire Crescent, Brampton ON L6Z 4M4

APPOINTED 2005

R.Ex.Comp. David Edward Jacklin
P.O. Box 1421, Blenheim ON N0P 1A0
R.Ex.Comp. Eric Howard Lakien
90 Savoy Crescent, Thornhill ON L4J 7W3

APPOINTED 2004

R.Ex.Comp. Walter Theodore Bulbeck
1610 Grant Ave, Cornwall ON K6J 5J4
R.Ex.Comp. Donald John Gent
304-509 Commissioners Road West, London ON N6J 1Y5

ASSISTANT OFFICERS - APPOINTED

R.Ex.Comp. Hugh Alexander Kernohan
Assistant Grand Chaplain
119 Church Street, Keswick ON L4P 1J4
Grand Lecturer
R.Ex.Comp Edmund Goldthorp
Suite 107, 66 Brousseau Ave, Timmins ON P4N 5Y2
Grand Senior Sojourner
V.Ex.Comp. Donald Herbert Mumby
1525 Prestwick Drive, Orleans ON K1E 1S4
Grand Junior Sojourner
V.Ex.Comp. David Patterson
792 Downing Street, Kingston ON K7M 5N2
Grand Sword Bearer
V.Ex.Comp. Zavar Byramjee
317 Wedgewood Drive, Oakville ON L6J 4R6
Grand Master of 4th Veil
V.Ex.Comp. Gordon Frederick Smith
16905 Old Simcoe Street, Port Perry ON L9L 1P1
Grand Master of 3rd Veil
V.Ex.Comp. Winston William John Elliott
682 Hugel Avenue, Midland ON L4R 1W9
V.Ex.Comp. Jesse Neal Clifton

V.Ex.Comp. Lewellyn Branwell Reid

V.Ex.Comp. Robert F Black

V.Ex.Comp. Norm N. H. Dix

V.Ex.Comp. Floyd Laverne Branston

R.Ex.Comp William David James Weir

V.Ex.Comp. Robert Kenneth Moreau

V.Ex.Comp. James Garry Rawcliffe

V.Ex.Comp. Sterling Carl Johansen

V.Ex.Comp. Robert Featherstone Ford

V.Ex.Comp. Robert Ness Woodard

V.Ex.Comp. Ronald Lee Cudney

V.Ex.Comp. Joseph Charles Chamberlain

V.Ex.Comp. Arthur Blaine Haley

V.Ex.Comp. Kevin Scott Fudge

V.Ex.Comp. Wesley Victor Dawson

V.Ex.Comp. Roger Andrew Belanger

V.Ex.Comp. Wilhelm H. Glehs

V.Ex.Comp. Keith D. Fisher

V.Ex.Comp. William John McMechan

V.Ex.Comp. William Harold Woods

V.Ex.Comp. Dimitrios Papavramidis

V.Ex.Comp. Collin George James

V.Ex.Comp. Herbert Bruce Johnston

V.Ex.Comp. Gary Paul Humes

Grand Master of 2nd Veil

12 Pine Pl., Petawawa ON K8H 2Y6

Grand Master of 1st Veil

13 Borden Street, Cambridge ON N1S 3N1

Grand Standard Bearer

2230-E Peninsula Road, North Bay ON P1B 8G4

Grand Director of Ceremonies

54 Buttermere Road, London ON N6G 4L1

Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

7 Greenbough Court, Kitchener ON N2N 1L8

Grand Organist

57 Barron Street, Welland ON L3C 2K4

Grand Pursuivant

209 Heslop Road, Milton ON L9T 1B6

Grand Steward

9851 Springwater Road. R.R. No. 7, Aylmer ON N5H 2R6

Grand Steward

277 Northumberland Street, Ayr ON N0B 1E0

Grand Steward

606-222 Lakeshore Road, Oakville ON L6L 5G5

Grand Steward

603-780 Mohawk Road West, Hamilton ON L9C 6P7

Grand Steward

115 Torrance Crescent, Fort Erie ON L2A 1C1

Grand Steward

2616-1 Massey Square, Toronto ON M4C 5L4

Grand Steward

76 Idelwood Drive, Midhurst ON L0L 1X0

Grand Steward

6381 Leskard Road. Orono ON LOB 1M0

Grand Steward

237 Godolphin Road, R.R. No. 4, Warkworth ON K0K 3K0

Grand Steward

Box 678, 86 Higginson Street, Vankleek Hill ON K0B 1R0

Grand Steward

23 School Lane, Garson ON P3L 1A5

Grand Steward

P.O.Box 391 50 Kay Street Kewatin ON P0X 1C0

Grand Steward

14 Pearl Street, Belleville ON K8N 4X2

Grand Steward

1709-1244 Donald Street. Ottawa ON K1J 8V6

Grand Steward

712-2050 Bridletowne Circle, Scarborough ON M1W 2V5

Grand Steward

3251 Devonshire Lane. R. R. No. 1, Camlachie ON N0N 1E0

Grand Outer Guard

13 Joyce Street, St. Thomas ON N5P 3M1

Grand Historian

2247 Courtland Drive, Burlington ON L7R 1S5
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 2004. CARRIED.

THANKS

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. George 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 2005 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 147th Convocation being completed Grand Chapter was closed at 10:15 a.m. in ample form.

Melvyn J Duke,
Grand Scribe Ezra

STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER 2005

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


FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Walter T. Bulbeck


STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE


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


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

*Thomas Bird Harris ........ 1857-73
*Richard Porter Stephens .... 1874-75
*Daniel Spry ............... 1876-77
*David McLellan ............ 1878-91
*Thomas Sargent ............ 1892-98
*George J. Bennett .......... 1899-1915
*Henry Thomas Smith ........ 1916-28
*Edwin Smith ............... 1929-49
*Deceased

*Frederick J. Johnson ........ 1949-59
*Maurice A. Searle ........... 1960-61
*Robert J. Hamilton .......... 1962-69
*Frederick C. Conley .......... 1969-78
*Robert Thornton Rigby ...... 1978-88
Melvyn James Duke .......... 1994-

FUTURE CONVOCATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER

April 5-8, 2006 Quality Hotel and Conference Centre 327 Ontario Street St Catharines
HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS AND OTHERS
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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

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

*William Mercer Wilson ........................................... 1857
*Thompson Wilson .................................................... 1858
*Thomas Douglas Harrington 1858-60
*John Charles Franck 1861-62
*Thomas Douglas Harrington 1863-71
*Samual Bickerton Harmon 1872
*Charles Davis MacDonnell 1873
*James Seymour 1874
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The financial year of Constituent Chapters ends on December 31st and Scribes Ezra must forward the Chapter's Per Capita dues and Returns to the Grand Scribe Ezra on or before July 31st and January 31st. Each Chapter will forward its Financial Returns, semi-annually, to the Grand Scribe Ezra on or before July 31st and January 31st in each year.

All Chapters MUST forward their Annual Returns to the Grand Scribe Ezra on or before January 31st 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 Past 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 noted. Where deaths are included, the date of death as well as the Companions rank should accompany the record, also state if a Committed Member.

Send a full list of the Officers of your Chapter immediately after Installation. 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.
Ancient Craft Masons: commence their era with the creation of the world, called it Anno Lucius (A.L.), "In the year of Light," and add 4000 to the common time, thus 2000 plus 4000 equals A.L. 6000. Lodges A.F. & A.M. hold Annual Communications.

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The Order of High Priesthood: dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, King of Salem, Anno Benedictionis (A.B.) "In the year of Blessing," and add 1913 to the common time thusly, 2000 plus 1913 equals A.B. 3913 Councils of the Anointed High Priests hold Conventions.

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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 Ancient Craft, except the use of the Jewish chronology. Anno Mundi (A.M.), In the year of the World," and add 3,760 to the common time, thusly, 2000 plus 3,760 equals A.M., 5760. After each September add another year, Consistories of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite hold Rendezvous or Reunions.