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Held in Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre St. Catharines, Ontario Canada Thursday, Friday, Saturday April 7, 8 and 9, 2005

Richard James Jackson Grand First Principal R. R. No. 8 St. Thomas, Ontario N5P 3T3 Melvyn James Duke Grand Scribe Ezra 361 King Street West Hamilton, Ontario L8P 1B4

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

#### Masonic Biography:

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 IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

M.Ex.Comp. Richard James Jackson
R.Ex.Comp. George Herbert Gifford
R.Ex.Comp. Roland Allen Paddle
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Grand First Principal Grand Second Principal Grand Third Principal

#### PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett
M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe
M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline
M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell
M.Ex.Comp. John W McGill

M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED 2004

R.Ex.Comp. Richard Allen Hryniw Grand Chaplain R.Ex.Comp. Shavak Russy Madon Grand Treasurer R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn James Duke Grand Scribe Ezra R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Charles Warner Grand Scribe Nehemiah R.Ex.Comp. Joseph Edwards Grand Principal Sojourner R.Ex.Comp. Ronald Thomas Stinson Grand Registrar V.Ex.Comp. Gary Paul Humes Grand Historian R.Ex.Comp. Robert E Todd Grand Archivist

#### **GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS 2004**

R.Ex.Comp. Stephen John Thompson Grand Superintendent - District 1 R.Ex.Comp. George Sinden Grand Superintendent - District 2 R.Ex.Comp. Harry Daniel Knox Grand Superintendent - District 3 R.Ex.Comp. David Barton Wilde Grand Superintendent - District 4 R.Ex.Comp. William C Rowney Grand Superintendent - District 5 R.Ex.Comp. Roy Wilfred Newton Grand Superintendent - District 6 R.Ex.Comp. Kevin J Hooper Grand Superintendent - District 7 R.Ex.Comp. Andrew Lind McLelland Grand Superintendent - District 8 R.Ex.Comp. Rodney Lee Purdy Grand Superintendent - District 9 R.Ex.Comp. Gary W McCormick Grand Superintendent - District 10 R.Ex.Comp. John B Parsons Grand Superintendent - District 11 R.Ex.Comp. Maurice Edward Jenkins Grand Superintendent - District 12 R.Ex.Comp. Lowell Johnston Blaney Grand Superintendent - District 13 R.Ex.Comp. Bryan Sean Cunningham Grand Superintendent - District 14 R.Ex.Comp. David Coulter Grand Superintendent - District 15

# GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HONOURARY

(\*Two Year Term # One Year Term)

# R.Ex.Comp. J William Lidstone

#### **ELECTED 2004**

R.Ex.Comp. David Warren Laskey R.Ex.Comp. Thomas John King R.Ex.Comp. Roland P Mandeville R.Ex.Comp. Brian Douglas Van Sickle R.Ex.Comp. Douglas Edwin Stitt

#### **ELECTED 2003**

R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk R.Ex.Comp. William A Armstrong R.Ex.Comp. Derek J Ward R.Ex.Comp. Philip Raymond Borland R.Ex.Comp. Michael J Bowman

#### **APPOINTED 2004**

R.Ex.Comp. Walter Theodore Bulbeck

R.Ex.Comp. Donald John Gent

#### **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
Massachuesetts
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 I-4 I-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 Provincial Grand Prior, London District, 1978-1979

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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 Superientendent 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.

M.Ex.Comp. Jackson called upon M.W.Bro. Donald H Mumby to bring greetings from The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

#### GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

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. Harry D Turner	1998-99			
M.Ex.Comp. John W McGill	2000-01			

Most Excellent Sirs: It is my privilege, on behalf of this convocation here this morning, to greet you all and extend to you a warm welcome to this our 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 147<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> of April and Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Alahama 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

David Coulter Minnesota Shavak R Madon Mississippi Missouri Phillip Raymond Borland Montana Larry J Hostine William Klapatiuk Nebraska Ronald McClung Netherlands Nevada **Brian Stapley** New Brunswick William Stanfield Newfoundland Roland A Paddle Carman Sararas New Hampshire Thomas Charles Warner New Jersey Robert E Todd New Mexico New South Wales Edward W Elcombe New York Ronald T Stinson New Zealand Glenson T Jones North Carolina Donald J Emerick J William Lidsstone North Dakota Nova Scotia Richard J Jackson Ohio Gordon E Cross Oklahoma Shayne H Eldrige Oregon Alan A Foote Joseph Barich Pennsylvania Philippines Sydney Edge Ouebec Walter T Bulbeck Oueensland Australia Gilbert G Fowlow Rhode Island John E Gamble Saskatchewan William G Esplen Scotland John W McGill South Africa Leslie Levitt South Australia Charles W Crow South Carolina George Gifford South Dakota M John Moor Switzerland James A Shaw Tennessee Derek J Ward Texas C Gordon Sinclair Edmund Goldthorp Utah Vermont Edward G Ounjian Victoria Australia W Bruce Miller Virginia Dale Plant **Donald Gillis** Washington Western Australia John Post West Virginia Harry D Turner

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.

James M Napier Roland Manderville

Wisconsin

Wyoming

#### 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.

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

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

#### GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

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 Hryniw 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 1sth, 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 yearend 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 on 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 sate 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 76<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 Listowell, celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> 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 Principals Address and that Committee report thereon at this Convocation. CARRIED

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I am pleased as Chairman of this Committee to present the Committee Report for the year 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:**

1. I, George Herbert Gifford give notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter I will move or eause 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.

ii No more than ... Exaltation Fee. There would be no change in that part of the existing 81 (c).

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 I 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 31st, 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 147<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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." CARRIED.

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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.

#### 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." CARRIED.

#### 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". 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 31st, 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 147<sup>th</sup> 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 Provin	nce of Ontario
Statement of Financial Position		(Restated)
February 28	2005	2004
Assets Current		
Cash and short term investments	\$ 34,521	\$ 44,865
Cash on deposit at broker	131	1,281
Accounts and interest receivable	13,383	1,423
Inventory of goods for resale (including awards)	11,659	14,058
	59,694	61,627
Fixed assets (Note 3)	335	335
	60,029	_61,962
Investments (Note 4)	392,288	382,387
	<u>\$ 452,317</u>	<u>\$ 444,349</u>
Liabilities Current		
Payables and accruals	\$ 3,775	2,831
Deferred revenue	2,100	1,850
	5,875	4,681
Net Assets		
Net Assets restricted for Commuted Membership (Note 5)	267,041	267,041
Net Assets restricted for Benevolence (Note 5)	56,009	56,009
Unrestricted net assets	123,392	116,618
	446,442	439,668
	\$ <u>452,317</u>	\$ <u>444,349</u>

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 Year Ended February 28	2005	(Restated) 2004	
Revenue			
Dues - per capita	\$ 83,277	\$ 80,822	
Capital gain on sale of investments - General Fund	7,321	14,576	
Interest and dividends from Commuted Fund	8,695	8,658	
Sales of publications and other products	1,908	3,660	
Interest and dividend income	1,787	2,175	
Income and dividend from V. T. B. F.	1,850	1,842	
Registration fees	2,160	1,930	
Other income	<u>710</u>	<u>730</u>	
	107,708	114,393	
Expenses			
Rent and parking	8,470	8,470	
Office supplies and expenses	18,942	17,794	
Salaries and benefits	40,100	39,357	
Benevolence	2,450	1,200	
Travel	10,000	10,000	
Cost of goods sold including awards	1,921	1,015	
Annual Convocation	5,558	4,239	
Annual Convocation proceedings	2,898	2,998	
Professional fees	2,700	2,530	
Miscellaneous and instruction	971	958	
Regalia refurbishing	1,187	1,202	
Insurance	1,953	1,710	
Jewels and engraving	200	200	
Council and Committee expenses	383	231	
Promotion and public relations	3,202	3,330	
Capital loss on Investments - General Fund	<del>-</del>		
	100,935	95,234	
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ <u>6,773</u>	\$ <u>19,159</u>	

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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

Year Ended February 28, 2005

	Restricted for Commuted Membership Fund	Restricted for Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund	Unrestricted	2005 <u>Total</u>	(Restated) 2004 <u>Total</u>
Balance, beginning of year (Deficiency) excess of	\$ 267,041	\$ 56,009	\$103,791	\$426,841	\$ 420,508
revenues over expenditure	es -	-	12,827	12,827	
Net Assets Restated	\$ 267,041	\$ 56,009	\$116,618	\$439,668	\$ 420,508
Excess revenues over expenditure			6,773	6,773	19,159
Shares in York Masonic Temple Limited					
(at nominal value)			1	1	•
Balance end of year	\$267,041	\$56,009	123,392	\$ 446,442	\$ 439,668

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Statement of Cash Flows (Restated)			
February 29	2005	(Restated) 2004	
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			
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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	
	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	

### The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Notes to the Financial Statements February 28, 2005

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

		Accumulated	2005 Net	2004 Net
	Cost	Depreciation	Book Value	Book Value
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 36,754	\$ 36,744	\$ 10	\$ 10
Library	250	**	250	250
Regalia	2,413	2,338	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
	\$ 39,417	\$ 39,082	\$ 335	\$ 335

4 Financial Instruments: The financial instruments of the organization include cash, receivables, payables and portfolio investments. The fair market values of cash, receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts because of their short term maturity. The fair values of investments are assumed to approximate quoted values. Market value of the investment portfolio is \$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 Commuted Membership represents funds that have accumulated with respect to lifetime membership payments.

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

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

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

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

Neither the Scholarship and Bursary Fund nor the Medical Research Fund have been consolidated in the Grand Chapter financial statements. Financial summaries of these unconsolidated entities as at February 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

Financial position	2004	2003
Total assets	\$_573,306	\$ 546,460
Total liabilities	750	600
Total net assets	572,556	545,860
	\$ 573,306	546,640
Results of operations		
Total revenues	\$ 51,551	\$ 28,991
Total expenses	24,855	_24,802
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 26,696	\$ 4,189
Cash Flows		
Increase (decrease) in cash	\$ 3034	\$ (33,522)

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

Financial position	2005	2004
Total assets	\$ <u>465,509</u>	\$ 453,195
Total liabilities	750	600
Total net assets	464,759	452.595
	465,509	453,195
Results of operations		
Total revenues	\$ 42,914	\$ 26.454
Total expenses	30,750	31,100
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses	\$ (12,164)	(4,646)
Cash flows		
Decrease in cash	<u>\$ 7,450</u>	\$ (24,635)

<sup>7.</sup> 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 statement of operations of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - Medical Research Fund (Release A Miracle Fund) as at February 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	2005	2004
Current		
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 11,170	\$ 6,465
Cash on deposit at broker	3,706	871
Accrued Interest receivable	436	663
	15,312	7,999
Investments (market value \$499,009; 2004 - \$494,750)	450,195	445,196
	\$ 465,507	\$ 453,195
Liabilities		
Current		
Payable and accruals	<u>\$ 748</u>	<u>\$ 600</u>
Net Assets		
Net assets restricted for		
medical research (Note 3)	464,759	452,595
	\$ 465,507	\$ 453,195

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	2005	2004
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 10,300	\$ 5,662
Capital gain on sale of investments	15,029	3,335
Interest and dividend income	17,580	17,249
Bank interest	5	208
	42,914	26,454
Expenses		
Audit fees	750	600
Grants	30,000	30,500
	30,750	31,100
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses	12,164	(4,646)
Net assets		
Beginning of year	452,595	457,241
End of year	\$ 464,759	\$ 452.595

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 Ca	inada In the Province of O	ntario
The Scholarship and Bursary Fund		
Statement of Financial Position		
February 28	2005	2004
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,510	\$ 7,783
Cash on deposit at broker	3,044	1,737
Accrued interest receivable	1,103	3,744
Investments (market value 2005-\$605,843;	559,649	533,196
2004 - \$573,025)		
	\$ 546,460	\$ 542,205
Liabilities		
Current		
Payables and accruals	\$750	\$ 600
Net Assets		
Net assets restricted for		

On behalf of the Grand Chapter

Scholarships and bursaries (Note 3)

Richard James Jackson Grand First Principal Melvyn James Duke Grand Scribe Ezra

545,860

\$ 546,460

572,556

\$ 573,360

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended February 28	2005	2004
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 6,705	\$ 4.563
Capital gain on sale of investments	24,457	5,942
Interest on investments	18,387	18,428
Bank interest	2	58
	51,551	28,991

Expenses Audit fees	750	600
Grants	24,050	24,200
Printing and bank charges	<u>55</u> <u>24,855</u>	<u>24,802</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses Net assets	26,696	4,189
Beginning of year End of year	<u>545,860</u> <u>\$ 572,556</u>	<u>541,671</u> <u>\$ 545,860</u>

### 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.

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### 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.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the Finance Committee - R.Ex.Comp. Shavak Madon (Chair), R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Manning, R.Ex.Comp. Ronald Stinson and R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn Duke.

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

80,600

REVENUE Per capita dues

- C. Capita Gato	00,000
150th Anniversary Assessment	6,200
Investment Income	12,300
Registration fees	2,000
Other income	600
Total revenue	101,700
EXPENSES	
Rent and parking	8,500
Office Expenses	17,300
Salaries and benefits	41,000
Benevolence	2,500
Travel	10,000
Annual Convocation	6,000
Printing Proceedings	3,200
Professional fees	4,000
Miscellaneous and instruction	1,300

Regalia refurbishing	1,500
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 <u>Grand First Principal's Address</u> 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
2000	9959	201	207
2001	-412	224	205
2002	-370	209	209
2003	-360	216	193

2004 ...... has produced <u>210 Deaths</u>, <u>83 Suspensions</u>, <u>254 Demits</u>, <u>6 Restorations</u>, <u>52 Affiliations</u> and <u>150 Admissions</u>, which equates to a <u>LOSS OF 349</u>. 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 be 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:

1) 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 I. 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	ed
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 Fleshner, 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 Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn Duke for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: R.Ex.Comps. lan 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 MASONRY

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="http://www.rovalarchmasons.on.ea">http://www.rovalarchmasons.on.ea</a> 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.

Respectfully submitted by The Public Relations Committee: R.Ex.Comp. Roland Mandeville, Chairman; R.Ex.Comps. William Armstrong, Thomas Warner, Douglas McGillivreay, Thomas King, Brian Vansickle, Donald Laycock, Wilbert Freeman, Douglas Stitt; V.Ex.Comp. John Richel.

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**

1-Gordon Gustave Gunter, Leonard S Martin 2-Wilfred James Curtis 3-Raymond Garner Laws, George Linton Davidson, Charles Gordon Phipps, James William Roy Phillips, John Neilson McGowan, Kenneth Murray Turner, Tom McVey 4-Claude F Tye 6- Milan Rados, John Ingles Reid 7-Charles West, Duncan Paul Foster 8-Robert Forbes Carmichael, John Holder, George Reginald Cooper 15-James Moultrie Bell, George Robert Jackson, Robert Douglas Malvern 16-Thomas Hammond Alder, Kenneth N Nesbitt, Gordon Evan Thomas, Robert Victor Beattie, Mervin Bruce Mitchener 18-Clifford Lorenzo Sly 19-Wilson Stuart Anderson, Reginald Michael Nolan, Ian Young Morrison. Leonard Truman McMann, Cecil George Freeman, Laurance Wyrcimaga, Robert John Watson 20-Dennis James Rawlins 22-F Lorne Durant, John Max Laushway 23-Keith C Bannister 26-Leonard Albert Coward 26-Orvil Dean Lykins 27-William Garfield Lane, Thomas Stout 28-Lawson Edward Parks, Donald Gordon Hines, Frank J Bruce 29-Victor Ciezkowski 31-Colin Robertson Dobbin 34-Hans Juergen Boos, Jean-Marie Perusse, Clarence William Arthur 35-James Sturgess 36-Lloyd Robert Douglas, William Donald Howson 37-Wilbur Job Dickinson, Robert William Johnston, Charles Frederick McCaw 40-Norman Eward Brydges, Andrew Taylor 46-William

Frederick Douglas, Robert John Aitcheson, Robert Warren Cook, Glen Sykes, Gordon B Colouhoun 53-Peter Campbell McPhedran, James Moultrie Bell 54-James Lawrie Ross. George Robert Jackson, Donald John Hardwick, Dewey Mural Esseltine, Clarence Wilbur Woolley, Maurice William Lee, Frederick Raymond Riley. David Kenneth Cook, Elmer Elsworth Thomas, Floyd Joseph Booker, James Cooper, James Wallace Small, Murray Wren, George Love 56-Donald Cameron Thompson, Gordon Davidson Ramsay, Stan Dolphin 59-Lloyd Wilkie Farndale, Kenneth F Landon, Donald Ferguson, Oscar Earl MacDougall, John Max Laushway, Robert Clifford Hartley, Barrie Harding 63-William Hirst 64-Roy Jackson Bellerby, Bruce Penwarden, Gerald Edward Funk 68-Orville George W Johnston 71-John Harrison, George Hartos, Ronald Keith Skilton, Raymond C Springer, Roland Lofthouse, Roy Donald Dickie, Robert B Baird, Robert H McDonnell, Stanley John Clench, Lloyd Larry Lajoie 72-Gerald Stanley Brooks, Ivy Roy Roblin 73-Deric Payne. John Campbell Snobelen 74-William Corcoran, Frank Barker 77-John James Roulston 79-John Alexander Scott. Donald Grattan Kelly, Eric C Hurst, Stanley Arthur Howe, William Robert Waldron, Austin Frank Burstow, Bruce Alexander Cummins 81-Fred Leamon Coleman, Donald Ross Shackelton 82-Russell Albert Poole 83-Kenneth Russell Huxtable, Robert John Watson 84-William J Turnbull 90-Earl Wilfred Robert Laplante 91-John E Kline, Ronald Robert Cook, Gerald Gordon Sampson, Donald Grattan Kelly 94-William Henry Hobden 95-Manson Robert Rennick, Frederick Sumuey Way 102-Wilfred Harold O'Hara, Wallace Holmes 103-Lyle Clinton Townson, William Lorne Hamilton, Charles Kenneth Beaton, Howard Gordon Bunting 104-Donald Lloyd Mathers, 112-William Garfield Lane 114-Stephen James Filleter, Wilfred Wilson Simpson, Edmund Rinhold Molson 117-Dalton Amos Messersmith, James Ferguson Cameron, John Patrick Henley, Denis C. Buckley 119-Frederick William Sorrell 130-William Harvey Morrow, John Boyd Bryce 131-John Steip, Douglas Henry Ewles 133-Clifford Charles Howe 134-Lance Alliston Patterson 138-Donald Julius Smith, Frank Ernest Woods, Norman James Parson, William Lee Burgess, Elgin Wesley Alton 146-Robert Gordon Farrish, Bruce Steenson 150-William Melville Brintnell, Keith L Mackison, Alfred Hamlet Kipp, Frederick Gardener Booker 151-Edmund Rinhold Molson 152-Steve Melnychuk 155-George Alexander Penny, Nelson Howell, Kenneth Goodbrand 167-Lawrence Wilcox, Hankarl Wiese 169-John Jacob Veldhuis 175-Robert G McKeag Sr 195-John E Kline 198-Stanley Oliver Calverley, George Francis Cook, Donald Keith Mills 205-Claude F Tye 212-Samuel Abrams, Harry L Romberg, Harry Jonas, John Nomikos, Donald Grattan Kelly, Dennis Kelly 215-Robert Victor Beattie 219-John E Kline 220-John E Kline 221-Norman Jackson 222-John Maurice Birch, Stewart Arthur Nichols, Earl Everson Wilson 224-Robert Bruce Begin 226-Melville Joseph Kirkham, Clifford McGinnis 230-Arthur Price 232-William Elliott Atkinson, Arthur Hull, Eric C Hurst, David Bruce 233-George Reginald Cooper 235-John S McLernon, Wilfred James 241-David George Bee, Frank J Bruce, John E Kline, Eric C Hurst 243-Donald Keith Mills 246-Donald Julius Smith 247-Arthur Walter Lawson, John Iain Locke 252-Robert Douglas Malvern, Norman Leo Bice, Dennis James Rawlins, Neil Emerson Taylor, William Robert McCord, James Albert Craig, James Moultrie Bell 254-Alfred George Florence, William John Franklin, Anton Sombrutzki, Harold Ross Hewitt, Peter Victor Medwid 255-Gerald Allen Nelles 257-George Vance 260-Ronald Robert Cook 261-David A Green, John Marshall Cowling 264-Clarence William Arthur, Hans Juergen Boos, John Max Laushway

### **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

Park 16-Denis Paul Brook, Stanley Meredyod Jenkyns, Stanley Michael Jenkyns 18-Thomas George Roberts, Robert James Atkinson, Bradley Donald Kempston, Larry Richard Pye 19-Alexander Sutherland Crawford, Frank Hoare, Anthony Tonge. William McLoughlin, Edmund Hawman, Edward Michael Swec, Leslie A Pirbus, David McCabe Glover, Philip Alexander Hoare, Wavne Neil Bullock, Brent Rolfe, Robert John Watson, William Rothwell, William James Rothwell 20-Garry McEnhill, Terry Rocha 23-Joseph Misener 26-Fredrick R Freeman, John W MacLean, Douglas Hugh Joseph Rutley, Joseph Rodney Dempsey, Thomas Burnside 28-Joseph F Konick, William Douglas Cox 29-Ross L Tuck, William Elliott, Robert N Jones, Mark Bagu, Allen Lerner, Kenneth Burke, Thomas W Burrison, William Edric Heighton, Wildred Noble, Louis Donald Winn 30-William Thomas Crawford 31-Samuel W D Hart, Donald James Baitley, Randy Dewayne, Lawrence Paul Groves, Dean George Taylor 32-Kenneth Higginson, Charles Edgar Hollett, Frank Wilton 35-Karl Gordon Rammler 36-Yousif Andieas Al-Hadad, Arthur Robert Warren Northcott 40-James George Inglis, Robert Douglas Elkerton 44-Andre Paul Mercier 46-Lyle Muir, William C Baxter, Dean Machan 47-John Gerald Anderson 54-Raymond Frederick Marshall, John Norman Palmer 57-Robert Arthur Etling, Leslie K Gimlett 59-Donald Victor Johnston, Alan Brian Woolley 61-Allan McIntosh, Steven More 63-Gary Donald Goessell, Elmer Armas Arponen 64-Peter John Bradley 67-Jack Clark Cronsberry 71-Edward Harold Carey, George William Milley, George E Feghali, Paul Bikash, Marvin Edward Burk, Ali Khan 72-Milton Wayne De Mille, Donald MacKenzie Scandrett 73-John McRitchie Kerr, James Lock 74-Darryl John McLeod 75-Anson Sinanan, Norman F G Thornley 77-Brian McAteer 79-Frederick Charles Stapley, Leslie Todd, Frederick John Collins, Ernest R R Bolton, Frederick Harris, Douglas G Roberts, William J M Hunter 81-Donald Ross Trask, Douglas George Ward 82-Wildred Moffat Maltman, Desmond M Curran 83-John Charles Randall Daubney, Richard Bruce Watt, Darcy Barclay, Gordon John Wake 90-Ronald A Einaison, Garnet James Hardy, William Alexander McKie, Ernest Oswald Tittlemeir, Raymond George Griffiths, Gerald Eldon Holmstrom 94-Ward Robert Clarke, Brian Robert McGee 95-Allan Rae Grigor, Alan Ross Barnard, Claude Gervais, Alan Richard Hill 102-Steve Turyk, Peter Charles Knowles 103-Edgar Charles Pearce, Wilson Warren Brown 104-Allan Grey 110-David Anthony McNeil, David Birchall 117-David William Courti Fox, Leslie T Hand, Peter Despard Christian, John Bennett, Gerald Edward Morgan 119-William George Riddiford, Kevin Grant Kimball 130-Robert Harvey Minke, Richard Robert Minke, John Richard Hamilton 131-John Thomas Murrell 133-William Leo Jordan 134-Charles Maxwell Parker, John Calvin Martin 135-Theodore Clarence Croxall, Edwin Joseph Evans, Edward Williamson Elcombe, Gordon Harold Stuart, Russell Watson Yake, John Douglas Ross, Eugene Francis De Beaupre, Robert Woodland, Mike Woolley, David Edward Earlam, Arthur Weddell, Paul David (Rev) Kett, Thomas Edward Warner, Alan Fredrick Walker, Ronald Frank Russell, Michael Taylor, Alan Geen Williams, Jon Todd James Tamblyn 138-Salim Currim 144-Nelson Williams 150-Boris Melnyk, Paul Stuart Beaumont, John Neville Thurman, Geoffrey William Van Raay 152-Nicholas Andrusco, Michael Joseph Bodnar 155-David Gordon 167-Kenneth Bruce Robertson 175-Frank Alexander Filek 184-Terrence R Bedell, Allen Ray Neamtz, William Bleasdale 195-William Walker Clarke, Geoffrey Schofield, Fred Highmore 205-William M Benfield, David Pavne, Nikiforas Lampiris 210-J Nicholas Gaudry, Richard Donald Reynolds, Geoffrey Sheppard 213-Edward John Stephens. David Andrew Lansdell 214-Gordon Harold Stuart, Larry Keith Zavitz, Robert W Bailey 220-David M Wilkins, Frank E Harris, John Derohanesian, Herbert Francis Ham 221-Norman Clarence Robinson 222-Edward John Hare, Walter George Turini 223-Paul Brownlee Powers 226-Laurence John Mackie 230-Clifford M Lobban, Tony Barrak 233-Kenneth Gerold Moffitt 234-Peter G Moss 235-Michael Dalton Carter, Ronald Wm Frederick Hatch, David James Hatch, Wayne Angus Callender 236-Charles Marvin Smith 241-Raymond Ernest Saltmarsh, Brian McWhirter, Jose

Gomes, Gary Blanchard 248-John Samuel McClure 249-Kevin William Clarke, William Karl Schlatter 252-Bruce William Hicks, David Norman Bridgman 254-Anton Sombrutzki, David Stanley Williams 257-Robert Bruce Campbell, Thomas Ronald Leigh 261-Vernon Wilfred Land, Frederick James Dimmick 266-Charles Henderson, Allan B Van Someren, Daniel Gerald Flynn, Terrence Brian Swanson, Malcolm Dougal Wilson, Albert Anzinger, Vernon Howard Allen, John Huntley Sperrino, Richard Ronald Berday, Dale Gilbert Hakansson, Earl Henry Stone, Robert Adelbert Gardner, Kenneth Charles Culhane, Clarence Joseph Desruisseaux, Norman Albert Poolton, Leonard William Nuhn, Grant Everett Goodwin, James Herbert Pateman, Stephen Ernest R Beyer, George Saarinen, Isamu Kodama, Delwin Isaacs, Mark D Stephenson, Philip Gilbert, Gerald Tardif, Michel Serre, Allan Laverne Smith, Michael Graham Abbott, Frederick Fielding Bryson

### **SUSPENDED - 2004**

3-George Linton Davidson, Charles Gordon Phipps, David Waugh Wright 6-John Joseph Awrey 8-Robert Philips 15-Robert Maurice Aitken 19-Ronald Munro Conner, Steven Murray Nowak 20-Robert Garry Fanjoy, Henry Lodziak, Don Gurney, Martin Regan 28-Curtis Bradley Maillett, Michael Fitzpatrick, Philip James McCrossan 32-William Shortreed 35-William Oliver Doherty 36-Percival Wallace Elmhirst, Daniel Kenneth Villenenuve, Charles Alexander Fraser 44-Stephen William Laycock 47-Daniel Robert Cafe 54-Marcus Perry Klawieter, Roland R Willey, James Hill 64-David Scott Thompson 71-David Wilkinson 73-Ralph Alfred Thomas, George Edward Thomas 76-Ronald Munro Conner 77-Marcus Perry Klawieter, Roman Sereda, Darren Valcourt, Marwan Kobayati 79-Peter Wallace, Allan James Young, Anthony Stoyan 90-Frederick Thomas Mather 94-Peter Antonius Strybosch, Bradley Gordon Eadie 95-Francis Warren Fox, Victor William Simpson, John W Dodge, James Gilfillan, Joel Anthony Mackey 117-Howard James Marr, David Donald Fretz 119-Paul Steven Tofflemire 133-Kenneth Lee Reid 138-Brian Keith Nixon, Paul Edward Brennan 144-Anthony Horne 150-John Peter Currie, Steven Terry Pocock, Jonathan Edward Gibbons, Avery Avon Spencer, William Robbins Struthers, Stanley Garfield Boyce, Douglas James Cottrell 152-Peter William Oak, Mihlan Ross Cawston, Thomas R Heale, Daniel McCormick, Alexander Warnuk, Robert Howard Nye 155-Jan Tajzler, Douglas Waterman 195-Robert George Cookish 205-Donald M Sorenson, Marcus Perry Klawieter, Jesus Manalang 212-Cyril Livingstone Yearwood 213-Charles William Ruttan 217-Robert Howard Nye 220-Lino Rubino, John Allan Perkin, Richard Lorne Ciano 222-Anthony Hodgins, Noel Zbigniew Gondek 230-Ervin Kass 235- Leighton Roy Horner 236-Roger Delisle 241-Robert Howard Nye, Leighton Roy Horner 252-Robert James Moore 254-Robert Charles Jackson, Charles William Ruttan, Edward John Tompkins

### **REINSTATED - 2004**

35-Gordon Demianchuk 59-Robert Clifford Hartley 71-Philip Wiebe 102-Hugh A Horner 104-Harry Troughton 238-Russell Meharg Bain 262-George Edward Clarke

### **DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE 2005**

1-R Paddle, D Dale, L Timson 2-FD Draker, JA Johnston, J Reid 3-S Eldridge, C Crow, R Wakefield, R Saunders 6-RE Kerr, PC Mouriopoulos, D Washer, L Levitt 7-WJN Throop 8-TK Douglas 15-D Emerick16-R Beaupre, H Mohamdee, MW Watling, B VanSickle 18-M

Bowman, A Petrisor 19-W Klapatiuk, G Cornelius, J Cairns, D Laskey, K Green, H Turner 20-DR Pass 22-M Jenkins, W Bulbeck 23-W Rowling 24-K Nicholson 27-WR Oldham, S Connors 28-W Esplen, G Robbins, G Gifford, R McKelvie 29-JW Hart, RJ McMaster, J Hodgen, G Deavu, J Livingstone, B Lam, J Barich, A Kofink, A Etling, CR Smallbone, D Barlow 31-D King, D Gillis 32-B Turnbull, D Kaufman 34-B Haley, R Purdy 35-J Janacek, C Skilling 36-RA Keay, T Mortlock, TJ King, J Hutchinson 40-W Marshall 48-D Ward 54-W Lang, SC Edge 55-PR Borland, BD Kempston, M Horne, T Cochrane, S Wheat, B Nehring 56-WH Boose, W Abbs 59-M Farrelly, J Dove, G Todd 61-D Andrews, G Graves, HJ Stanley 63-T Brown 64-J Elliott 67-A Wright, H Forbes, WG Speers, R Holder 68-B Watson 71-KJ Lorenz, HV Cook, GC Perry 72-B Shaddock 73-DE Jacklin 74-R Hardy, B Pollock, J Rowe, F Payne, J Howden, R Jackson 75-E Ramsbottom, N Ellis, E Evans, B Rowney 77-G Kerr, P Park, W Boston, K Lowery 79-R Johnson, R Boal, A McLelland, D Niven, F Garvin, R Harrison, C Meldrum 81-E Wells, JN Smith, G Sinden, G Rawcliffe, B Segui 83-S Brass, J Dean, B Edwards, R Sharpe, J Mitchell 84-D Langridge 90-DG Jones, D Coulter 94-C Sudlow, RF Hewitt 95-BS Cunningham 103-M Millard, K Hewitt, D Ball, AE Grove, N Coutts 104-Z Byramjee, G Humes, J Baker, P Suchak, E Mackenzie, S Madon, D Warren, J Shaw 110-V Dawson, W Armstrong 114-ER Poole 117-R Daniels, J Fisher, L Brown, J Edwards, WB Miller, F Branston 130-F Richardson 134-H Kernohan 138- JV Mathers, J MacDonald, B Spencer 144-L Phillips 146-W Freeman 148-L Blaney 150-R More, B Peck 155-R Ross, T Fiddes, R Norsworthy 167-W Lidstone 175-D Beland, R Newton, W Stanfield, W Holcombe 184-JH Perham, TO Jeacock, GA Faraday, KJ Hooper 195-1 Jess, P Watson, RF Russell, D Laycock, R Mandeville 205-B Stapley, R Whitmarsh, M Hajjar 212-FH Khamis, LJ Smith, EH Lakien, FK Bishop, JM Collier 213-E Goldthorp 220-W Holden, P Monkman, A Downes, M Duke, G Sinclair, G Stuart, D Kline 221-D Wilde 222-BW Griffin, LR Richardson, JR Marshall 224- R Todd, W Birnie 233-D Surovy, B Bond, P Scott 234-T Massena, RB Taylor, V Games, P Barrow, L Norton 236-F Toth, P Morris, A Sinanan 247-N Dix, RA Hryniw, EL Reeves 248- GJ Bonney 249-K Billett, K Fudge, R Jones, J Hartwell, G McCormick, K Bromley, K Sumersford, R Abernethy, M Griffiths 255-A Wittet, M Meharg 262-T Warner

### **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 others which were not delivered in accordance with Section 18 were rejected by the Grand First Principal and not referred to the Committed 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

M.Ex.Comp. Richard J. Jackson, Past M.Ex.Comps., Grand Chapter Officers Present and Past, Distinguished Visitors, My Companions All:

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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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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South Perth	Wellington - MacNabb	St. John's	Bruce - Sombra	Palestine	Niagara	Georgian	King Hiram	Sussex - St. Lawrence	Maple - Granite	Havelock	Willson	Enterprise	Maitland	Windsor	Keystone	Erie - Blenheim	Beaver	St. Clair	Occident	Minnewawa	Orient	Aylmer	Shuniah	Headwaters	Lebanon	Golden	Toronto Antiquity	Midland	Tuscan	Algonquin	St. John's	White Oak
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Warkworth	Sanhedrin	Kitchener	King Cyrus	Chantry	Amabel	St. Francis	King Darius	Sucoth	Shekinah	Presqu'ile	The St. Patrick	Bernard	St. John's	St Andrew - London	Alberton	Ancaster	Kichikewana	Ionic	Temiskaming	The Hamilton	Hugh Murray	Orion	Couchiching	Victoria	Kitchener	Mount Sinai	Northern Lights	Vimy	Lebanon	Durham	Ottawa	Abitibi
110	114	117	119	130	131	133	134	135	138	144	145	146	148	150	152	155	167	168	691	175	184	195	198	205	210	212	213	214	220	221	222	223

224	Keystone	73	38	36	74	0	0	0	-	0	0	2
97	Prince of Wales	69	15	54	69	-	0	0	2	0	-	2
30	Port Credit	99	19	9	19	2	0	0	_	_	2	0
32	King Cyrus	65	47	91	63	0	0	-	3	0	0	0
33	Oakwood	46	34	12	46	_	0	0	0	0	2	0
34	Halton	09	64	-	65	3	0	7	0	0	_	_
35	Aurora	62	29	23	52	0	0	0	7	-	4	ņ
36	Caledonia	45	40	9	46	3	0	0	0	-	_	0
141	University	68	72	14	98	3	0	0	3	0	4	_
247	Nilestown	06	42	45	87	0	0	0	2	0	0	-
48	Dochert	46	45	-	46	_	0	0	0	0	-	0
46	Palestine	50	45	4	46	_	0	0	0	0	2	0
51	Kirkland	32	20	12	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52	Hiawatha	179	83	06	173	0	0	-	2	_	2	-
54	Golden Star	Ξ	89	34	102	0	0	0	S	~	2	_
55	Tilsonburg	72	45	23	89	0	0	0	-	0	0	ٿ
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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	23(
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

V.Ex.Comp. Dushan Surovy

Grand Principal Sojourner

Ex.Comp. Paraag Natwaral Suchak

Grand Registrar

Ex.Comp. Barry Turnbull

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:

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V.Ex.Comp. Dushan Surovy	'	cclaimed

Grand Principal Sojourner:

Ex.Comp. Paraag Natwarlal Suchak		Acclaimed
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Grand Registrar:

Ex.Comp. Barry Turnbull		Acclaimed
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R.Ex.Comp. M Hassan Mohamdee
R.Ex.Comp. Michael Jon Bowman
R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk
Ex.Comp. Thomas Albert Mortlock
R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Charles Warner
R.Ex.Comp. Philip Raymond Borland
R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Manning
R.Ex.Comp. Maurice Edward Jenkins
R.Ex.Comp. Desmond Washer
R.Ex.Comp. Derek James Ward
R.Ex.Comp. Donald Raymond Winkworth
R.Ex.Comp. Robert J McMaster89
R.Ex.Comp. Joseph I Edwards

### **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	Grand First Principal
	R.R. No. 8 Stn Main, St. Thomas ON N5P 3T3
R.Ex.Comp. George Herbert Gifford	Grand Second Principal
	119 Central Park Blvd. S., Oshawa ON L1H 5W6
R.Ex.Comp. Roland Allen Paddle	Grand Third Principal
·	1675 Shore Road, Kingston ON K7L 5H6
R.Ex.Comp. Geoffrey Craig Perry	Grand Superintendent - District 1
	927 Isabele Place, Windsor ON N8S 3B1
R.Ex.Comp. Robert Charles Wakefield	Grand Superintendent - District 2
	188 Dawn Drive, London ON N5W 4X1
R.Ex.CompJohn Warren Reynolds	Grand Superintendent - District 3
	18 Broadview Court, Kitchener ON N2A 2X8
R.Ex.Comp. Howard Edwin Brown	Grand Superintendent - District 4
	R. R. No. 1, Kincardine ON N2Z 2X3
R.Ex.Comp. Leroy Norton	Grand Superintendent - District 5
	60 Sargent Road, Georgetown ON L7G 1K9
R.Ex.Comp. David Pass	Grand Superintendent - District 6
	3 Magnolia Street, Brantford ON N3R 1P6
R.Ex.Comp. Ben J. Lam	Grand Superintendent - District 7
Table Comp. Bon V. Bum	72 Brelus Drive, Dunnville ON N1A 2R9
R.Ex.Comp. James MacDonald	Grand Superintendent - District 8
	East, 8-5-th Avenue East, Mississauga ON L4X 2R9
R.Ex.Comp. Leo Joseph Smith	Grand Superintendent - District 9
	vne Circle Suite 2101, Scarborough ON M1W 2T1
R.Ex.Comp. Craig Stephen Robinson	Grand Superintendent - District 10
The stand broken Roomson	P.O. Box 184, Gores Landing ON K0K 2E0
R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd George Timson	Grand Superintendent - District 11
R.B.Comp. Bloyd George Timson	2 Lloyalist Ave, Amherstview ON K7N 1K3
R.Ex.Comp. Joseph Clifford Dove	Grand Superintendent - District 12
R.B.R. Comp. 1030pii Cimiora 2010	R.R. No. 1, Brockville ON K6V 5T1
R.Ex.Comp Lowell Johnston Blaney	Grand Superintendent - District 13
	Concession 6, RR. No. 2, Plantagenet ON K0B 1L0
R.Ex.Comp. Robert Norman Coutts	Grand Superintendent - District 14
	4 Trout Lake Road North, North Bay ON P1B 7S6
R.Ex.Comp. Donald George Jones	Grand Superintendent - District 15
R.B.R. Comp. Bonard George Jones	311 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street North, Kenora ON P9N 2L8
R.Ex.Comp. Richard Allen Hryniw	Grand Chaplain
R.Ex. Comp. Richard Anen Thymw	R. R. 2 Lakeside, ON N0M 2G0
R.Ex.Comp. Shavak Russy Madon	Grand Treasurer
K.Ex. Comp. Shavak Kussy Wadon	375 Poplar Drive, Oakville ON L6J 4E3
R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn James Duke	Grand Scribe Ezra
	060 Constitution Blvd., Mississauga ON L4Y 3X8
	Grand Scribe Nehemiah
R.Ex.Comp. Dushan Surovy	
D. Fry Course Decree Networks Co. 1.1	48 Gatesview Ave, Scarborough ON MIJ 3G5
R.Ex.Comp. Paraag Natwarlal Suchak	Grand Principal Sojourner
D.F. C. D. T. L.	2072 Peak Place, Oakville ON L6H 5T1
R.Ex.Comp. Barry Turnbull	Grand Registrar
	179 Hahn Ave, Cambridge ON N3C 3B2

## 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 R.Ex.Comp. Brian Douglas Van Sickle 101-8830 Willoughby Drive, Niagara Falls ON L2G 6X8 19 Bearbrook 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 R.Ex.Comp. Eric Howard Lakien

P.O. Box 1421, Blenheim ON N0P 1A0 90 Savoy Crescent, Thornhill ON L4J 7W3

### APPOINTED 2004

R.Ex.Comp. Walter Theodore Bulbeck R.Ex.Comp. Donald John Gent

1610 Grant Ave, Cornwall ON K6J 5J4 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

V.Ex.Comp. Donald Herbert Mumby

Grand Senior Sojourner

V.Ex.Comp. David Patterson

1525 Prestwick Drive, Orleans ON K1E 1S4
Grand Junior Sojourner

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792 Downing Street, Kingston ON K7M 5N2
Grand Sword Bearer

V.Ex.Comp. Zavar Byramjee

317 Wedgewood Drive, Oakville ON L6J 4R6

V.Ex.Comp. Gordon Frederick Smith

Grand Master of 4th Veil 16905 Old Simcoe Street, Port Perry ON L9L 1P1

V.Ex.Comp. Winston William John Elliott

Grand Master of 3rd Veil

682 Hugel Avenue, Midland ON L4R 1W9

V.Ex.Comp. Jesse Neal Cliffton	Grand Master of 2nd Veil
	12 Pine Pl., Petawawa ON K8H 2Y6
V.Ex.Comp. Lewellyn Branwell Reid	Grand Master of 1st Veil
	13 Borden Street, Cambridge ON N1S 3N1
V.Ex.Comp. Robert F Black	Grand Standard Bearer
·	2230-E Peninsula Road, North Bay ON P1B 8G4
V.Ex.Comp. Norm N. H. Dix	Grand Director of Ceremonies
·	54 Buttermere Road, London ON N6G 4L1
V.Ex.Comp. Floyd Laverne Branston	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
·	7 Greenbough Court, Kitchener ON N2N 1L8
R.Ex.Comp William David James Weir	Grand Organist
	57 Barron Street, Welland ON L3C 2K4
V.Ex.Comp. Robert Kenneth Moreau	Grand Pursuivant
•	209 Heslop Road, Milton ON L9T 1B6
V.Ex.Comp. James Garry Rawcliffe	Grand Steward
	ringwater Road, R.R. No. 7, Aylmer ON N5H 2R6
V.Ex.Comp. Sterling Carl Johansen	Grand Steward
1 0	277 Northumberland Street, Ayr ON N0B 1E0
V.Ex.Comp. Robert Featherstone Ford	Grand Steward
•	606-222 Lakeshore Road, Oakville ON L6L 5G5
V.Ex.Comp. Robert Ness Woodard	Grand Steward
	-780 Mohawk Road West, Hamilton ON L9C 6P7
V.Ex.Comp. Ronald Lee Cudney	Grand Steward
	115 Torrance Crescent, Fort Erie ON L2A 1C1
V.Ex.Comp. Joseph Charles Chamberlai	
·	2616-1 Massey Square, Toronto ON M4C 5L4
V.Ex.Comp. Arthur Blaine Haley	Grand Steward
	76 Idelwood Drive, Midhurst ON L0L 1X0
V.Ex.Comp. Kevin Scott Fudge	Grand Steward
	6381 Leskard Road. Orono ON L0B 1M0
V.Ex.Comp. Wesley Victor Dawson	Grand Steward
237 Godo	lphin Road, R.R. No. 4, Warkworth ON K0K 3K0
V.Ex.Comp. Roger Andrew Belanger	Grand Steward
Box 678,	86 Higginson Street, Vankleek Hill ON K0B 1R0
V.Ex.Comp. Wilhelm H. Glehs	Grand Steward
	23 School Lane, Garson ON P3L 1A5
V.Ex.Comp. Keith D. Fisher	Grand Steward
I	P.O.Box 391 50 Kay Street Kewatin ON P0X 1C0
V.Ex.Comp. William John McMechan	Grand Steward
	14 Pearl Street, Belleville ON K8N 4X2
V.Ex.Comp. William Harold Woods	Grand Steward
	1709-1244 Donald Street. Ottawa ON KIJ 8V6
V.Ex.Comp. Dimitrios Papavramidis	Grand Steward
712-2050	Bridletowne Circle, Scarborough ON MIW 2V5
V.Ex.Comp. Collin George James	Grand Steward
3251 Devor	shire Lane, R. R. No. 1, Camlachie ON NON 1E0
V.Ex.Comp. Herbert Bruce Johnston	Grand Outer Guard
	13 Joyce Street, St. Thomas ON N5P 3M1
V.Ex.Comp. Gary Paul Humes	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 I47th 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.

CONSTITUTION, LAWS & JURISPRUDENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. J. William Lidstone, Committee members R.Ex.Comps. Norman E. Byrne, V.Ex.Comp. Donald H. Mumby

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

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

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. David E. Jacklin, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. Clark Brooks, Richard A. Hryniw

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

### STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

INVESTMENTS - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Eric Laiken, Committee members R.Ex.Comps. Shavak R. Madon, Melvyn J. Duke

MEDICAL RESEARCH - RELEASE A MIRACLE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp.Desmond Washer, Committee members R.Ex.Comps. Joseph Edwards, Brett D. Kahler, E Roy Harrison, David Hardie, Gary McCormick, E Jenkins

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Roland P. Mandeville Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. Dushan Surovy, Thomas A. King, Brian D. Van Sickle, Thomas Warner, Douglas J. McGillivray, Douglas E. Stitt., Paraag Suchak

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Michael J. Bowman, Committee members R.Ex.Comps. P. Raymond Borland, Barry Turnbull, Daniel Knox, Andrew L. McLelland, Kevin Hooper V.Ex.Comp. William G. Esplen.

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

*Thomas Bird Harris	1857-73	*Frederick J. Johnson	1949-59
*Richard Porter Stephens	1874-75	*Maurice A. Searle	1960-61
*Daniel Spry	1876-77	*Robert J. Hamilton	1962-69
*David McLellan	1878-91	*Frederick C. Conley	1969-78
*Thomas Sargent	1892-98	*Robert Thornton Rigby	1978-88
*George J. Bennett 18	99-1915	Edward W. Elcombe	1988-94
*Henry Thomas Smith	1916-28	Melvyn James Duke	1994-
*Edwin Smith 1	929-49		

<sup>\*</sup>Deceased

### 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
*The Rt.Hon. Earl of Galloway, Scotland, P.G.Z	1958
*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	

### LIVING PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

1961-62 Charles W Emmett 1982-83 Gordon H Stuart 1984085 Edward W Elcombe 1988-89 Leslie Levitt 1990-91 Donald F Kline 1994-95 Alan F Walker 1996-97 R Frank Russell 1998-99 Harry D Turner 2000-01 John W McGill

1508-2000 Islington Avenue, Toronto ON M9P 3S7
506 Comanche Road Mississauga ON L5H 1W2
65 Cuffley Crescent North Downsview ON M3K 1Y1
7 Hillcrest Court Hamilton ON L8P 2X7
889 Hollowtree Crescent Mississauga ON L4Y 2V3
2 Blackcombe Drive R. R. No. 2 Coldwater ON L0K 1E0
12 Kingsview Boulevard Brampton ON L6Y 1C3
2390 Red Maple Avenue, RR 1 Jordan Station ON L0R 1S0
1838 Millwood Crescent, Sudbury ON P3E 2T1

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

*William Mercer Wilson 1857	*Henry MacPherson 1883-84
*Thompson Wilson 1858	*Thomas Sargant 1885-86
*Thomas Douglas Harrington . 1858-60	*Robert Hendry Jr
*John Charles Franck 1861-62	*Richard Beecher Hungerford . 1888-89
*Thomas Douglas Harrington . 1863-71	*John James Mason 1890-91
*Samual Bickerton Harmon 1872	*John Elly Harding 1892-93
*Charles Davis MacDonnell 1873	*John Ross Robertson 1894-95
*James Seymour 1874	*Michael Walsh 1896-98
*Lawrence H Henderson 1875-76	*William Gilzean Reid 1899-1900
*Frederick Joseph Menet 1877-78	*William Gibson 1901-02
*Daniel Spry 1879-80	*Abraham Shaw 1903-04
*Donald Ross 1881-82	*William Roaf 1905-06

*John Leslie 1907-08
*George Moore 1909-10
*Frederick Weir Harcourt 1911-12
*Daniel Frazer MacWatt 1913-14
*William S R Murch 1915-16
*Arthur Stirling Gorrell 1917-18
*William Nisbet Ponton 1919-20
*Herbert Spohn Griffin 1921
*Richard Henry Spencer 1922-23
*Walter Hamill Davis 1924-25
*Kenneth Jewell Dunstan 1926-27
*Edwin Smith 1928-29
*Walter Garnet Price 1930-31
*Charles William Haentschel 1932-33
*Alexander Cowan 1934
*George Lawrence Gardiner 1935-36
*William Young Mills 1937-38
*Llewellyn Fred Stephens 1939-40
*John Morgan Empy 1941-42
*John MacDonald Burden 1943-44
*Reginald Van Every Conover 1945-46
*Frederick William Dean 1947-48
*Clarence McLeod Pitts 1949-50
*Alexander Geo. Noel Bradshaw 1951-52
*John Alex. MacDonald Taylor 1953-54
*John Loftus House 1955-56
*Maurice Arthur Searle 1957-58
*Bruce Harrison Smith 1959-60
Charles William Emmett 1961-62
*Fraser Earl Jeffrey Hay 1963-64
*James Elwood Girven 1965-66
*Stanley Portch 1967-68
*George Harold Shannon 1969
*Frederick Wm. Davis Welham 1970-71
*Leo John Gent 1972-73
*William Simpson Thomson 1974-75
*William Harold Sproule 1976-77
*Aube L Weisman 1978-79
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### **COMPANION SCRIBE EZRA**

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The financial year of Constituent Chapters ends on <u>December 31</u>° and Seribes Eara me to forward the Chapter's Per Capita dues and Returns to the Grand Seribe Eara on or before July 31° and January 31° Luch Chapter will forward its Financial Returns, semi-amusally, tradic Grand Seribe Eara on or before July 31° and January 31° in each year.

All Chapters MUST forward their Annual Returns to the Grand Scribe.

For on or before January 31" of each year. Chapters finling to comply with the loregoing Regulations, shall be deprived of the privilege of voting at the next annual Grand Chapter Convocation. The Grand Lies Principal may, at his discretion, summon the Chapter in 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 more may be no errors in completing the Grand Chapter Certificate Alm see that the age, occupation and place of residence are not omitted. Where deaths are included, the date of death as well as the Companion's rank should accompany the record, also state if a Communical 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.

### MASONIC CALENDAR

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

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

The Order of High Priesthood: dates from the year of the blessing of Abrahum 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.

Royal and Select Masters: dates from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A.D.), "In the year of the Deposit," and addit 1,000 to the common time, thusly, 2000 plus 1,000 equals A.D. 3000 Councils of Royal & Select Masters, hold Assemblies.

Knights Templar: commence their era with the organization of the Order, Anno Ordinis (A.O.), "In the year of the Order," and deduct 1,118 from the common time, thusly, 2000 less 1,118 equals A.O. 882. Preceptories of Knight Templars hold Assemblies.

Scottish Rite: date same as 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