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OF

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Held in Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre St. Catharines, Ontario Canada Thursday, Friday, Saturday April 6, 7, and 8, 2006

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#### **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 serve
	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-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The One Hundred and Forty-eighth 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

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

#### PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

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

#### GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED 2005

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. Dushan Surovy Grand Scribe Nehemiah R.Ex.Comp. Paraag Natwarlal Suchak Grand Principal Sojourner R.Ex.Comp. Barry Turnbull Grand Registrar V.Ex.Comp. Gary Paul Humes Grand Historian R.Ex.Comp. Robert E Todd Grand Archivist

#### GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS 2005

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R.Ex.Comp. Geoffrey Craig Perry	Grand Superintendent - District 1	
R.Ex.Comp. Robert Charles Wakefield	Grand Superintendent - District 2	
R.Ex.CompJohn Warren Reynolds	Grand Superintendent - District 3	
R.Ex.Comp. Howard Edwin Brown	Grand Superintendent - District 4	
R.Ex.Comp. Leroy Norton	Grand Superintendent - District 5	
R.Ex.Comp. David Pass	Grand Superintendent - District 6	
R.Ex.Comp. Ben J. Lam	Grand Superintendent - District 7	
R.Ex.Comp. James MacDonald	Grand Superintendent - District 8	
R.Ex.Comp. Leo Joseph Smith	Grand Superintendent - District 9	
R.Ex.Comp. Craig Stephen Robinson	Grand Superintendent - District 10	
R.Ex.Comp. Lloyd George Timson	Grand Superintendent - District 11	
R.Ex.Comp. Joseph Clifford Dove	Grand Superintendent - District 12	
R.Ex.Comp Lowell Johnston Blaney	Grand Superintendent - District 13	
R.Ex.Comp. Robert Norman Coutts	Grand Superintendent - District 14	
R.Ex.Comp. Donald George Jones	Grand Superintendent - District 15	

## GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HONOURARY

(\*Two Year Term # One Year Term)

\*R.Ex.Comp. John William Lidstone

#### ELECTED 2005

R.Ex.Comp. Mohammed Hassan Mohamdee

R.Ex.Comp. Michael Jon Bowman

R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk

R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Albert Mortlock

R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Charles Warner

#### **ELECTED 2004**

R.Ex.Comp. David W. Laskey

R.Ex.Comp. Brian Douglas Van Sickle

R.Ex.Comp. Thomas John King

R.Ex.Comp. Douglas Edwin Stitt

R.Ex.Comp. Roland P. Mandeville

#### APPOINTED 2005

R.Ex.Comp. David Edward Jacklin

R.Ex.Comp. Eric Howard Lakien

#### **APPOINTED 2004**

R.Ex.Comp. Walter Theodore Bulbeck

R.Ex.Comp. Donald John Gent

#### GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the One Hundred and Forty-eighth 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-eighth 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. Richard A Hryniw

British Columbia
Illinois
Michigan
Newfoundland
New Hampshire
New York
Nova Scotia
Ohio

Quebec

M.Ex.Comp. Joseph R Marshall, P.G.Z., G. Rep.
M.Ex.Comp. J Don Saterlee, P.G.H.P.G.,Rep.
R.Ex.Comp. Howard Little, Grand Scribe
R.Ex.Comp. Larry Moss, G.Rep.
M.Ex.Comp. Richard A Gilbert Sr., P.G.H.P., G.Rep.
M.Ex.Comp. Alan Morgan, G.H.P.

M.Ex.Comp. Ronald Tallon, G.H.P. M.Ex.Comp. Kermit Zimmerman, G.H.P.

M.Ex.Comp. Bertrand Poirier, G.Z.

Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario M. Ex. High Priest Peter D. Park, Grand President Royal and Select Masters of Ontario M.III.Comp. David P Hardie Sovereign Great Priory 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 Gary Laverne Atkinson, 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 Almighty and Supreme Lord we remember before you those of our Companions who have faithfully completed the work in the quarry and are now called on the sixth hour to receive their wages. May the labour of their hands and the sharing of their skills be pleasing in your sight and may their reward be a place of perfection in Your Holy and Eternal Temple.

We pray to you Most Holy One that we may master the good works that they have set before us and that like them we may be granted a place in Your heavenly realm when we have completed our earthly labours. Finally, we continue to offer our praise and obedience with thankful hearts for Your many blessings poured out upon us in great and unending abundance. Amen - So Mote It Be

My soul finds rest in God alone. My salvation comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation. He is my fortress. I will never be shaken. 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 and varied volumes of the Sacred Law we are continually reminded that the Supreme Being is not only the Great and Holy Architect of the Universe but is the very foundation of our existence.

As Royal Arch Masons we are continually admonished to build a structure grounded on brotherly love, belief and truth. We are also reminded that the edifice we erect requires diligence and dedicated labour.

It is in the act of labour that we become enlightened not only to our own talents but of the contributions of others and the need for harmony to accomplish the tasks set before us.

We become aware that we are but rough ashlars that have the potential of becoming perfect but only when we allow the chisel and mallet of the skilled craftsman to smooth our uneven surface. It is to those craftsmen that we dedicate this service. It is they that have provided the rock upon which we can build. Because of them we can construct a beacon that can provide a guiding light for all to follow. It is therefore litting that we should acknowledge and celebrate the light of those Companions who no longer labour by our side in the quarry by igniting a small vigil lamp in their memory. This small flame will burn both day and night during this Grand Chapter to remind us of the contribution made to Royal Arch Masonry by our departed Companions.

We light this lamp to the memory of those Companions who now labour in a distant place from which no workman returns. Companions, in memory of those who have passed before us and are now in the Grand Chapter above I would ask for a moment of silence.

M.Ex.Comp. Jackson called upon M.W.Bro. Gary L. Atkinson 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 J Jackson, Grand First Principal, Right Excellent Companion George H Gifford, Grand Second Principal, Right Excellent Companion Roland A Paddle, Grand Third Principal, Grand Chapter Officers, Past and Present, Reverend Sirs. My Companions all.

Most Excellent Companion Jackson, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you, for those very kind words of Welcome, to this the 148th Annual Communication of Grand Chapter. My thanks to you Most Excellent Sir for extending the Grand Honours to the Office of the Grand Master. To Very Excellent Companion Norm Dix, thank you for leading the Companions in a most capable and professional manner. And to you, my companions, for the manner in which you have responded.

This year as Grand Master, I have been encouraging the Brethren across our jurisdiction, to take a moment, step back and reflect on two items. The first one is our Personal Image. As Freemason's, we must project an image, that is acceptable and appealing; one that reinforces the fraternal nature of Freemasonry. Our Personal Image as Masons, is a continual work in progress through the teachings of the Ritual and the Volume of the Sacred Law. The second one, is True Charity. Freemasonry itself is not a charity, nor does it have as its main purpose, charitable giving. Charity is receiving and sharing. Be tolerant of our Brethren's ideas, suggestions and desire to improve the Craft. When it comes to your time to give, pass it forward not backward. My Companions regardless if we are serving in Craft Masonry or Royal Arch Masonry - we are all Masons.

I remind you to be aware of your Personal Image at all times, and to remember that Masonic Charity should be part of your life everyday!

Most Excellent Companion Jackson, before you conclude your tenure as Grand First Principal, I must tell you how much I have enjoyed our relationship over the years. Be it through the positions we hold within our Masonic family, or outside of our Fraternity, I can honestly say you are a true professional and you have raised the bar one notch higher with class and distinction.

To Right Excellent Companion Gifford, I look forward with much anticipation in working with you during the years ahead.

To Right Excellent Companion Leo Smith, General Chairman for this, the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication - to you and the members of your committee, we thank you for many hours of hard work to ensure this communication will be the success that it will be.

My Companions, if I could leave you with one thought...Freemasonry is kindness in the home...honesty in business...courtesy in society...fairness in work...pity and concern for the unfortunate...resistance towards the wicked...help for the weak...trust in the strong...forgiveness for the pertinent...love for one another and above all...reverence and love for the G.A.O.T.U. Freemasonry is many things, but most of all - Masonry is a way of life! 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 148th 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. Ben J Lam, 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, it is an honour to have you here for the 148th Grand Convocation. On behalf of District No. 7. I wish to extend my warmest welcome to everyone. Our district offers many historic sites and interesting places for sightseeing and shopping. To name a new - the Shaw Festival, Fort George, Queenston Heights, Niagara Falls, winery and vineyard tours, orchards, the well known Welland Canal and Dunnville on the Grand River. We hope you will take the time to visit some of these famous places and have an enjoyable stay. Thank you.

Right Excellent Companion Ben J. Lam, 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 147th Grand Convocation held in St Catharines, Ontario, on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of April and Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2005, having been printed and copies sent to all Chapters in the jurisdiction, that the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same now be confirmed. CARRIED.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Third Principal that V.Ex.Comp. William G Esplen be confirmed as Chairman of the Credentials Committee with power to form his own Committee as approved by the Grand First Principal. CARRIED.

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

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

Alabama
Alaska
Alberta
Argentina
Arizona
Arkansas
British Columbia and the Yukon
California
Colorado

Delaware
District of Columbia

Connecticut

Finland
Florida
France
Georgia
Germany
Greece
Idaho
Illinois
India
Indianna
Iowa
Ireland
Israel
Kansas
Kentucky

Louisiana Maine Manitoba Maryland Massachusetts Mexico

Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska Netherlands

Nevada

New Brunswick

Newfoundland & Labrador

Kenneth lowery Brian R Simpson Hugh A Kernohan Robert C Wakefield M Hassan Mohamdee Gerald Morris Wilson **B** Andrew Downes Richard A Hryniw Gary P Humes R. Frank Russell Robert S Wylie Douglas E Stitt Alan F Walker Michel Sastre Frederick Garvin Guenther H Gahs Bruce G Edwards Guy Deveau Melvyn J Duke F Douglas Draker Andrew McLelland T Bilardino Segui William J Boston Eric H Lakien Edwin Carr Brian E Keighley Robert J McMaster Gary McCormick Maurice E Jenkins David G Walker Michael J Bowman Harold G Hubbell Donald F Kline David Coulter Shavak R Madon P Raymond Borland

Larry Hostine

**Brian Stapley** 

William Klapatiuk

Ronald McClung

William Stanfield

Roland A Paddle

Vern E Young

New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New South Wales New York New Zealand North Carolina North Dakota Nova Scotia Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvannia Phillipines Ouebec Oueensland Rhode Island Saskatchewan Scotland South Africa South Australia South Carolina South Dakota Switzerland Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Victoria (Australia) Virginia Washington Western Australia West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming

Lowell J Blaney Thomas C Warner Robert E Todd E Roy Harrison Ronald T Stinson William H Woods Donald J Emerick J William Lidstone Richard Llackson Robert H McKelvie Shayne H Eldridge Alan A Foote Joseph Barich Sydney Edge Walter T Bulbeck Lloyd G Timson John E Gamble William G Esplen Edward W Elcombe Leslie Levitt Charles W Crow George H Gifford Michael John Moor James A Shaw Derek J Ward C Gordon Sinclair Edmund Goldthorpe Edward G Ounjian W Bruce Miller Dale Plant **Donald Gillis** John Post Harry D Turner James Napier Roland P Mandeville

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

M.Ex.Comp. Jackson called on the Grand Director of Ceremonies to lead in Grand Honours.

#### REPORT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

On behalf of the Distinguished Service Award Committee. I am pleased to announce the results of the review of the applications for the recognition of outstanding service to Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario. The following Companions of Royal Arch Masonry are to be honoured:

Companion John Bowen Sr. of Sussex-St Lawrence Chapter No. 59 Companion Robert Eric Grundy of Willson Chapter No. 64, Companion John Alexander (Jack) Robinson of St Frances Chapter No. 133

The dedication of these men to the service of their fellow Companions is greatly acknowledged and appreciated. For them we wish the Supreme Architect's richest blessing and many years to enjoy them.

Fraternally and sincerely submitted by 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 Gary L. Atkinson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Past Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Distinguished Guests and Companions. Welcome to our 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation in the city of St. Catharines.

Most Worshipful Brother Atkinson, 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 Sandy 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 in all your Masonic endeavours.

I extend my thanks to the Convocation Committee under the leadership of Right Excellent Companion Leo Smith, Grand Superintendent of District No. 9. 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. Right Excellent Sir, I thank you most sincerely for serving as Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter for my 2-year term. Your service to this Grand Chapter is to be commended.

**FRATERNAL RELATIONS:** The Grand First Principal and the Grand Scribe Ezra represent this Grand Chapter on the Ontario Masonic Leaders Committee, which is lead most capably by our Grand Master.

This committee has finally seen a banner promoting the Masonic Family produced and put to its intended use. I would encourage any Chapter or District that is planning on participating in a parade or other public event contact the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge to make use of this to promote Masonry. I also thank our Grand Master for giving dispensation to Craft Masons to attend Royal Arch Masonic Divine Services in their Craft regalia. However, I must ask that this practice stop as this is contrary to the Constitution of Grand Lodge, Section 278. Please bear with us in this endeavour and hopefully there will be an amendment proposed to the Grand Lodge Constitution. I believe that it is imperative that since we sit at a table together to promote all branches of Masonry that this anomaly be rectified to allow us to promote all branches of Masonry in this Province. In addition, at the last meeting of this Committee, held in February, it was brought to my attention that a member of Royal Arch Masonry had accepted an invitation to speak to a group of new candidates for the Shrine. Some people in attendance were taken aback by some of the comments this individual made in regards to the Shrine. We are all working together to promote Masonry and it is imperative that we work cooperatively with other groups to the betterment of Royal Arch Masonry in general and Masonry in particular. If an invitation is extended to participate in an event such as this where the speaker is being invited to talk about Royal Arch Masonry, these requests should be forwarded to the Grand Chapter office.

The office will then ensure that the Public Relations Committee is aware of and may supply a representative of Royal Arch Masonry so the presentation may be done in a manner appropriate to reflect the position of Grand Chapter.

PAST RANK: Companion Gordon Simmons has been a member of Hiawatha Chapter No. 252 since 1992. He has served as Chaplain of this Chapter for the last 7 years as well as being very active in other Masonic bodies and in his community. I recommend that Past First Principal rank be granted to this worthy Companion in keeping with Section 26 (w) (ii) of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

**CONDITION OF THE ORDER:** On Saturday April 9th, 2005, after Grand Chapter was called on for the day, I announced that I had received a complaint that an individual felt electioneering had taken place prior to the voting for the Grand Chapter Offices. I notified all present that I would establish a committee to investigate this allegation. The committee, after conducting their investigation, informed me in October that they were unable to find any evidence that electioneering had taken place. I thank the committee for their work in this matter and hereby discharge this committee. I believe that those involved in this incident were walking a very fine line and I would recommend that the section of the Constitution dealing with this subject be examined and clarified so all are aware of what is considered proper behaviour.

The following is an extract of my last years address; "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?", end of quote. Unfortunately this was not the end of concerns raised regarding the subject of electioneering. I was advised in December 2005, that an individual was approaching Past Principals in his District asking for their support in his bid to become Grand Superintendent of the District.

I immediately sent a letter to the individual concerned and advised him that he was not to let his name stand for the Office of Grand Superintendent and if his name was put forward at the District meeting, he was to decline such nomination.

An attempt was again 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 April 2005, I appointed an individual to mediate a situation in a Chapter where a person who had served as First Principal of his Chapter, had not been installed as the Immediate Past Principal and in addition had not received a Past Principals jewel. The mediator was unable to resolve the situation so in September 2005, I had a letter sent to the First Principal of the Chapter directing him to see that this situation was rectified at their October Convocation. I learned that the Chapter was not going to follow my direction and as a result I, along with the Grand Second Principal, attended the October meeting of this Chapter to ensure that this duty was performed.

There are procedures to follow when one does not agree with a directive from the Grand First Principal. A Chapter or individuals cannot simply choose to not follow procedure.

I am well aware that this is not the first time a Grand First Principal has had to direct a Chapter to take the action, which I directed. A similar incident occurred during the term of Most Excellent Companion G. Robert Jackson and he took the same action. Unfortunately, this did not resolve the problems in this Chapter and the First Principal was summoned to the Grand Chapter Office on March I, 2006. He was directed to bring the books and Charter for the Chapter to explain why the Chapter and its members should not be suspended. After a meaningful discussion, the First Principal agreed to hold a meeting with the parties who were causing dissent within the Chapter in an attempt to resolve the problems. The First Principal has met with the parties involved and I hope that this will now come to a final resolution. However, our Grand First Principal elect has indicated that he will continue to monitor this situation and will take any necessary action required to resolve the dispute amicably.

In May 2005, it became obvious that there was some confusion among the Grand Superintendents as to whom they were responsible in regards to their duties as a Grand Superintendent. They were reminded that they were responsible to the Grand First Principal, not the Grand Second or Grand Third Principal. They were also directed that the practice of having "Advisors" be stopped immediately. We are all aware that our Constitution changes from time to time and if we do not stay current with the changes, it becomes difficult to offer advice although it may be well intentioned. They were advised that any matters of which they were unsure were to be directed in writing to the Grand Chapter Office so they could be directed to the proper individual for a written response. If we all follow this simple procedure, there should be fewer opportunities for the dissemination of incorrect information. I also, by separate letter to the Grand Superintendents, reminded them to advertise the information sessions, which were to be held in September and October of 2005. Unfortunately, even with the support of the Grand Superintendents, these sessions were poorly attended with the exception of the session held in Ingersoll. As a result of the poor participation, our Grand Second Principal has indicated that these sessions will be suspended.

I hope that in the future we will have some way of informing potential Grand Chapter Officers of their roles and responsibilities so they can make a more informed choice when considering offering their services to Grand Chapter.

In addition, I directed the Grand Superintendents to remind the Companions of the new procedures to follow when nominating an individual for an elective Grand Chapter Office. This also did not appear to resolve the issues with this subject, as once again this year 3 nominations for elective offices were not accepted for one reason or another.

It also came to my attention that there was an increase in the promotion of the publication and use of unauthorized material in our Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Superintendents were again directed to advise the Chapters in their District that the Grand Executive Committee must approve anything relating to Royal Arch Masonry prior to its use in this Grand Jurisdiction. We must ensure that we do not inadvertently tarnish the name or reputation of Royal Arch Masonry in particular and Masonry in general.

Over the summer, a request was received from a Companion in one of our Districts asking that the Grand Council consider realigning the Districts. The Grand Council did review the concerns of this individual, but decided that there was no need to make any changes at that time. The Grand Superintendent of this District was apprised of our review and decision, as this request should have been directed through his office. Companions rest assured that this issue has been a subject for review by the Grand Council for the last several years and I am sure that it will continue to be so for quite some time to come.

The following paragraph is also reproduced from my last years address to this Grand Chapter. "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", end of quote. Once again this year we received information from Scribe Ezra's concerning the registration of candidates by E-mail. As a result on December 6, 2005, I sent a letter to each First Principal reminding them that this procedure was contrary to our Grand Chapter Constitution. There is a proper procedure to follow when submitting information to the Grand Chapter Office and this procedure is to be strictly observed by all Chapters. Our Grand Chapter Office does not have an E-mail address and correspondence should not be sent to our Grand Scribe Ezra's personal E-mail address. Also in this regard, I had struck an Ad-hoc Committee under the leadership of Right Excellent Companion Roland A. Paddle to investigate the subject of allowing the Chapters to send their Summons by E-mail. This Committee reported back indicating there is very little desire on the part of the Chapters to proceed with the implementation of this method of delivery of the Summons. I thank the Committee for its detailed investigation and support their decision.

Once again this year, the subject of a two-year term for the office of Grand Superintendent was raised in 2 Districts. On March 4, 2006. I along with the Grand Second Principal visited one of these Districts and spoke about this subject with the members present. The Constitution of Grand Chapter does not allow for an individual to be elected to a two-year term, as there is to be an annual election for this Office. However, there is nothing preventing a District from re-electing an individual for as many years as they wish.

In the other District, the Principals Association, which has no legal standing in Grand Chapter, was going to consider a motion from one of its Past Principals that their District change the term of the Office of Grand Superintendent to two years. The Grand Superintendent was contacted and advised that this motion was out of order, as the Principals Association does not have the authority to take this action and it is in contravention of our Constitution. I do not disagree with an individual serving a term as Grand Superintendent for two years, but we must follow the proper procedure and remember to follow the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

You are all well aware that it had been my hope to raise the funds in our Medical Research – Release a Miracle Fund to One Million Dollars by the end of my term. Unfortunately, this has not happened, but I have been encouraged by the work of several Companions in attempting to increase donations to this worthwhile cause, in particular Right Excellent Companion William Armstrong. Companions, I ask that you continue to consider making donations to the fund and I am sure that one day we will reach the bar that I have set. I am sure that the Medial Research Committee will continue to come up with ideas that will make my dream a reality.

This year there were no reminders sent to the Superintendents or Chapters to submit the year-end forms and financial returns by the end of January. It was felt that with the effort put forward by the Grand Council in the past, it would be sufficient and that the Chapters would submit the forms in the proper manner and at the proper time. How foolish I was to believe that the Chapters would do things properly this year. I regret to advise that 21 Chapters were denied the right to vote for not submitting their year-end reports or making their financial returns in the proper manner.

The First Principals of these Chapters were instructed to determine the reasons for noncompliance by their Chapter and report in writing to the Grand Chapter office the reason for the non-compliance. After reviewing the replies, 11 Chapters had their suspension lifted. However, 8 either chose not to respond or submit the appropriate paperwork and 2 Chapters were directed to return their Warrant, books and accounts to Grand Chapter. I had hoped that by giving the Chapters more options for returning the necessary information, that we would have fewer not more Chapters that failed to comply with the procedures. If the returns are not submitted, it is impossible to have accurate records at Grand Chapter. It became obvious to me upon reading the replies from the First Principals that some do not understand their roles and responsibilities relating to the operation of the Chapter. The First Principal is the individual in charge of the Chapter and after he has discussed the operation of the Chapter with the Officers and Members, we all are bound to support him to the best of our abilities. This does not mean that the First Principal should be dictatorial in running the Chapter, but a spirit of cooperation will ensure the harmonious operation of the Chapter and subsequently Grand Chapter. I am recommending that the Grand Superintendents keep a record of those Chapters, which do not attend his Course of Instruction and on his Official Visit to those Chapters, ensure they are instructed on those items that were covered at his Course of Instruction

The last item I will address is to remind the Companions that our Grand Chapter Office is only open on a part time basis and that when you have a question that needs clarification you should follow these simple procedures.

Any questions should be directed to the First Principal of the Chapter and if he is unable to respond satisfactorily, then he should either contact the Grand Superintendent or direct the Scribe Ezra to contact him on behalf of the Chapter. If this does not provide the necessary information, then the Grand Superintendent should contact the Grand Chapter Office. I would strongly recommend that all of this contact should be in writing, by mail or fax, as it makes it easier to respond to the request with the proper clarification. Our Grand Chapter Office does not have the resources to respond to every Companion in our Grand Jurisdiction so if we follow these simple steps, life should be easier for all concerned.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES: Once again this year our Committees have worked in an exemplary manner to ensure that those less fortunate receive the necessary financial support possible under their mandate. It is extremely important that a Chapter handles any requests for assistance for either Benevolence or Bursary in the most efficient method. The people applying for assistance are doing so because of a need and we should show compassion and expedite their request. The Chairman of the Bursary Committee will be speaking about the concerns his committee has regarding the delays in submitting applications for assistance to students. I thank the members of the Bursary. Benevolence and Medical Research - Release a Miracle Committees for their continued 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. However, I have some concerns with the manner in which some Superintendents have carried out their duties. You are the representative of the Grand First Principal in your District and it is important that you act accordingly at all times. A session is held on the Thursday prior to Grand Chapter for the Grand Superintendent elect and his Secretary but you cannot learn everything about this important role by simply attending this session.

Individuals interested in serving Grand Chapter as a Grand Superintendent should take an active role in their District by supporting any and all Grand Chapter Officers whenever possible. I hope you all will remember this year fondly for a long time and thank you for your efforts on behalf of Royal Arch Masonry.

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

Dispensations	86
25 year Past Principal Bars	28
50 year Past Principal Bars	0
50 year Royal Arch Jewels	30
60 year Pins	2
Past Principal Certificates	40

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: It was my pleasure to approve the request from Most Excellent Companion W. H. Lyons, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, for the appointment of Excellent Companion Michael Whiting, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario near the Grand Chapter of Michigan. In addition, I approved the request of Most Excellent Companion Robert Parsons, Grand First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Australia & Northern Territory to appoint Excellent Companion T. B. Adams as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Ontario near the Grand Chapter of South Australia & Northern Territory. I also had the pleasure of approving the request of Most Excellent Companion Robert G. Fitzgerald, the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut to appoint Companion Robert J. Knowles as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Ontario near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, Lastly, it was my pleasure to approve the request of Most Excellent Companion Gene Fricks, the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey to appoint Right Excellent Companion Richard C. Amme as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Ontario near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey. In addition, I am pleased to recommend as Grand Representatives for Sister Jurisdictions near our Grand Chapter pending receipt of Commissions, the following:

R Ex Comp Robert Charles Wakefield R Ex Comp M Hassan Mohamdee V Ex Comp Gary Humes R Ex Comp Michel Sastre R Ex Comp Robert J McMaster R Ex Comp Lowell Blaney R Ex Comp E Roy Harrison V Ex Comp William Harold Woods R Ex Comp Robert Hugh McKelvie R Ex Comp Lloyd George Timson M Ex Comp Edward W Elcombe Arizona
Arkansas
Connecticut
France
Louisiana
New Hampshire
New South Wales
New Zealand
Ohio
Queensland Australia

APPOINTMENTS: In keeping with our Constitution. Section 50, Subsection (e), I recommend Right Excellent Companion Douglas William Overy be conferred Honourary membership to the Grand Executive Committee. Right Excellent Companion Overy joined Keystone Chapter No. 35 in Whitby in March 1981 and served as First Principal in 1987, 1992 and 1993. He was elected and served as Grand Superintendent of District No. 10 in 1990. Since 1995 he has faithfully served as the Scribe Ezra of his Chapter and this past year assisted our Grand Second Principal in revising the Scribe Ezra's manual. I am confident that he will serve this Grand Chapter with the same enthusiasm that he has shown in his District and Chapter over the past several years.

AMALGAMATIONS AND DEDICATIONS: In my address last year, I advised that I had placed Manitou Chapter No. 27 under the direction of a Trustee in the person of Right Excellent Companion Eric Laiken. Under the guidance of Right Excellent Companion Laiken, this Chapter has made great strides. However, this Chapter was one of those not properly returned. Even though they have changed their meeting night, to accommodate the members' attendance and have received new applications for Advancement, there still are some issues that require attention.

I hereby recommend to our Grand First Principal elect, that he appoint another well-qualified Companion to assist this Chapter in resolving their outstanding issues. I also hereby advise, that this Chapter has been moved to District No. 4 which will result in strengthening both Manitou Chapter No. 27 and District No. 4.

On June 7, 2006. Grand Chapter assembled with the Officers and members of Chapter No. 130 in Port Elgin for the Dedication of the Chapter room. All in attendance had a very enjoyable evening and I wish the best to this Chapter in their new accommodation.

After discussion with the Grand Superintendent of District No. 14, Right Excellent Companion Norm Coutts, and the Grand Council, a letter was sent to the First Principal of Kirkland Chapter No. 251 advising him to surrender the Warrant, books and accounts of the Chapter to the Grand Superintendent at the District Meeting on March 4, 2006 in Espanola. The First Principal did not follow this directive and I contacted him by telephone on March 6, 2006 to determine why he had failed to follow this directive. After discussion with the First Principal, he was directed to ensure that the requested documentation be turned over to the Grand Superintendent on March 11, 2006 at the Official Visit to Abitibi Chapter No. 223. Even after this personal discussion with the First Principal, he failed to follow my direction. I then appointed a Grand Chapter Officer to attend this Chapter to obtain the Warrant, books and accounts at his earliest convenience and return these documents to Grand Chapter at this Convocation, which was accomplished.

This decision was not made lightly as we have been carefully watching this Chapter for some time. The last time this Chapter sent any returns to the Grand Chapter Office was in January 2004 and the last time a copy of their Summons was received was for October 2004. The last set of returns indicated there were 20 Dues Paying Members and 12 Life Members. The Grand Superintendent has been unable to attend this Chapter for an Official Visit for the last 2 years. The District had elected a member of this Chapter to be the Grand Superintendent and since the individual chosen was not an Installed Past Principal, his election was not confirmed. I recommend that our Grand First Principal elect direct the Grand Superintendent to hold another District Meeting in order that the District might select an eligible representative.

In addition, after discussion with the Grand Council and the Grand Superintendent of District No. 3, 1 directed the First Principal of Lucknow-Huron Chapter No. 30 to surrender their Warrant, books and accounts to Right Excellent Companion John Reynolds, The Grand Superintendent, at the District Meeting on March 18, 2006 in Mitchell. This Chapter followed the direction of the Grand First Principal and the Grand Chapter Office will contact each member of this Chapter, by letter, informing them of their options in order that they might affiliate with the Chapter of their choice. This Chapter has been struggling for some time and once again this year is one of the Chapters not properly returned.

Correspondence was received from King Cyrus Chapter No 232 dated February 21. 2006, requesting permission to move their meeting place from the York Masonic Temple in Toronto to Stouffville effective June 2006, which I have approved. This will result in the Chapter moving from District No. 8 to District No. 9 and will ensure the Chapter has a bright future.

**CELEBRATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:** On May 13 and 14, 2005, I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. I was thrilled to receive an honourary membership in the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

I wish them the best in their future endeavours to increase the presence of Masonry in la belle Provence. They currently only have 3 Districts and are struggling with the problems of membership and members willing to serve as Officers both in the Chapters and at the District level.

I was pleased to be present on June 14, 2005 at Shekinah Chapter No. 138 for the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Companion Douglas A Arnold. 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 individual. It was a great evening as most of his family was also present for the presentation.

My wife and I attended the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Grand Lodge in Toronto from July 21 to 23, 2005, where we had a most enjoyable time. The food was excellent and the entertainment was outstanding. Congratulations to all involved for putting on such an outstanding event. It should be noted that our Grand Second Principal has obtained the leadership of Companion Terry McLean, who chaired the celebrations at Grand Lodge, to chair the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Grand Chapter.

On July 28 and 29, 2005, I was in attendance at the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois and here also I was presented with an honorary membership in this Grand Chapter. I extend my thanks to Most Excellent Companion J Donald Saterlee for looking after me and ensuring that my time in Illinois was entertaining.

1 travelled to Midland on August 11, 2005 to attend the Kichikewana Chapter No. 167's summer barbecue. I thank the Officers and Members of this Chapter for the invitation and everyone who was in attendance had a great time and a great meal. This is a yearly event and I would encourage the Companions to attend this event whenever possible as you will be treated royally.

When my wife and I attended the Grand Chapter of Michigan from August 15 to 17, 2005, Most Excellent Companion Stanley Luykx again presented me with Honourary Membership in this body. I was informed that since I had been made an honourary member twice, my dues would be doubled. I extend my thanks to the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Michigan for this special honour.

On September 29, 2005, it was my pleasure to attend the Installation and Investiture of the Officers of Mount Sinai Chapter No. 212 in Richmond Hill where I was presented with an Honourary Life Membership. This was very special to me as I had been wearing the regalia of Most Excellent Companion Aube Wiseman who had been a dedicated member of this Chapter.

The Officers and members of St. John's Chapter No. 6 in Stoney Creek honoured me with a life membership at their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration held on October 21, 2005. My wife and 1 had a most enjoyable evening even though we did not stay for the dance held after the dinner. I extend my best wishes to this Chapter for continued success for the next 150 plus years.

St. John's – St George's Chapter No. 3, held a special evening in honour of Right Excellent Companion Robert Wakefield, Grand Superintendent of District No. 2 on October 26, 2005. It was made even more special with the attendance of Most Worshipful Brother Gary Atkinson, our Grand Master and Right Worshipful Brother Allan Petrisor, our Deputy Grand Master also in attendance. It was an evening I will never forget and I am sure it will remain a lasting memory for all others in attendance that evening.

Lattended the Installation and Investiture of Beaver Chapter No. 74 and Minnewawa Chapter #78 in Strathroy on January 12, 2006. I had affiliated with Beaver Chapter No. 74 some 4 years ago and on this evening I was honoured with a Life Membership.

On February 28, 2006, I attended Oxford-Harris Chapter No. 18 in Ingersoll for the presentation of a bursary cheque to my youngest daughter. In addition, I was at a loss for words when the Companions of this Chapter presented me with an Honourary Membership. I extend my sincere appreciation to this Chapter for this honour and I will cherish it for the rest of my life.

I had the distinct pleasure of attending District 15 on March 4, 2006 after their District Meeting in Dryden, Ontario. Right Excellent Companion George Gifford was also present and I hope the Companions of this District much success in the years ahead. The North has many unique issues and hopefully we were able to offer some worthwhile suggestions to assist them in keeping Royal Arch Masonry alive in their cold. snowy, unique corner of our Jurisdiction.

The next day, March 5, 2005, I was in attendance at a Nondenominational Vesper Service held in London under the leadership of our Grand Chaplain, Right Excellent Companion Richard Hryniw along with Craft Masons in their regalia.

CONCLUSION: Words alone cannot express the thanks to those Chapters and Grand Chapters who have made me one of their own. I will never forget the many kindnesses that have been extended to my wife and me over these past two years. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to every Member and Officer of Grand Chapter for working so diligently to promote Royal Arch Masonry. Your efforts are so greatly appreciated. To Right Excellent Companion George H. Gifford, Grand Second Principal, soon it will be your time to lead this Grand Chapter and I have no doubts that the leadership of this Grand Chapter is being left in capable hands. Right Excellent Companion Roland A. Paddle, Grand Third Principal, thank you for your dedication and attendance to all issues dealt with this past year. You will soon chair the Grand Executive Committee, and I look forward to your guidance in the years to come.

To both of you, thank you so very much for your support and encouragement, you have made these past two years very enjoyable. It is my hope that you will continue to have good health and safe travels. Right Excellent Companion Mel Duke. Grand Scribe Ezra, thank you does not seem like enough to say to someone who has always been there to offer his experience and wise counsel. You have made my term on the Grand Council not only enjoyable but a learning experience that I will always value highly. Please accept my best wishes for many continued years of faithful service and good health.

Finally to my family, especially my wife Wendy, thank you for your love and support over the last several years and I look forward to the future now that my tenure in Grand Chapter comes to an end.

Over these last 6 years, my family has allowed me to dedicate my time to an organization that 1 hold in great esteem. It appears that I will no longer have any excuse for dinner not to be ready when she gets home from work. I will now be able to spend more time with my entire family and I look forward to that with great anticipation.

Fraternally submitted.

Richard 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 2005-2006 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, J. William Lidstone, in compliance with Section 16(d)(ii) of the Constitution, and on behalf of the Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence Committee hereby give notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter I will move or cause to be moved that the current Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended as follows:

DUTIES - THE FIRST PRINCIPAL - Subsection 95(d) be deleted and replaced with "He will ensure that the Chapter Financial Returns and other year end reports are forwarded to Grand Chapter by Courier, Express Post, Priority Post by Canada Post, Registered Mail or Hand Delivered, to arrive on or before the Thirty-first day of January of the following year. Year end reports may also be forwarded by Facsimile Transmission (Fax) to arrive on or before close of business on the Thirty-first day of January of the following year."

DUTIES - THE SCRIBE EZRA - Subsection 99(d) be deleted and replaced with "He will ensure that the Chapter Financial Returns and other year end reports are forwarded to Grand Chapter by Courier, Express Post, Priority Post by Canada Post, Registered Mail, or Hand Delivered, to arrive on or before the Thirty-first day of January of the following year. Year end reports may also be forwarded by Facsimile Transmission (Fax) to arrive on or before close of business on the Thirty-first day of January of the following year."

Your Committee finds these amendments to be regular and in order.

2. I, George H. Gifford 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 Constitution of Grand Chapter:

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Subsection 18(g) delete the last sentence and replace with "The nomination paper containing the names of the 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 or a Black and White facsimile (50x70 millimetres) will be printed in the same order as the ballot paper." Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

**VOTING** - Subsection 20(q) delete and replace with "A chapter failing to file its Annual Returns and pay the prescribed assessments, as provided in this Constitution on or before the Thirty-first day of January in the following year shall have the current presiding officers (the First, Second, Third Principal and Proxy) deprived of the privileges of voting at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, including the District Meeting. Such Chapter shall be advised immediately of their being denied voting privileges." Nothing in this clause shall deprive a Past Principal in possession of a current Dues Card, of his vote at such. Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

#### DUTIES, POWERS AND RULES REGARDING THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL -

Subsection 26(y) delete and replace with "No later than Thirty (30) days preceeding the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, the Grand First Principal shall appoint a First Principal or a Past First Principal not being an active Grand Chapter Officer, as Chairman of the Credentials Committee."

Subsection 26(z) delete and replace with "No later than Thirty (30) days preceding the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, the Grand First Principal shall appoint a First Principal or a Past First Principal not being an active Grand Chapter Officer, as Chairman of the Scrutineers Committee." Your Committee finds these amendments to be regular and in order.

**THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS** - Subsection 29(e) delete and replace with "The Grand Superintendent will be elected by a majority of the eligible First, Second, Third and Past First Principals present."

Subsection 29(k) delete and replace with "Prior to the Fifteenth day of September, after his Installation, he must hold a Course of Instruction in relation to the Constitution and other Rulings of the last Grand Chapter Convocation for the Principals in his District and if unable to do so, he will notify the Grand First Principal who will appoint a competent Royal Arch Mason to instruct the Excellent Principals of such Chapter or Chapters."

Subsection 29(m) delete and replace with "He shall arrange for holding Chapters of Instruction, separate and distinct from Subsection (k), pertaining to the Work and Administration of the Chapter in his District and report to the Grand First Principal." Your Committee finds these amendments to be regular and in order.

**DUTIES OF THE GRAND SCRIBE EZRA** - Subsection 32(t) delete and replace with "Have charge of all jewels, furniture, clothing and paraphernalia of Grand Chapter during its recess." Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

MEMBERSHIP - JOINING A CHAPTER - Subsection 81(a) delete and replace with "A Brother who has been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Muster Mason and who is, and remains to be, in good standing in any Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Canada in the Province of Ontario A.F. & A.M. or within the Jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge, recognized and in fraternal communication with the first mentioned Grand Lodge, resident in Ontario for at least one year, is a fit person to be a Candidate for the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry." Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.

Since last reporting to the Grand First Principal and the Companions of Grand Chapter in 2005, your Committee has dealt with a number of issues brought to their attention pertaining to interpretations as per our mandate under the Constitution.

In addition 22 submissions from Constituent Chapters pertaining to amendments to their Chapter By-laws have been received, reviewed and recommendations made to the Grand First Principal for either approval, minor changes before receiving his approval, or not recommended for approval.

In September 2005, your Committee lost of of our most valued members in the person of Right Excellent Companion Norman E Byrne. We remember his wise counsel and contributions in our deliberations, and morn his departure.

All the above is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee V.Ex.Comp. Donald H. Mumby and R.Ex.Comp. J. William Lidstone as Committee 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 current Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

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#### 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.

Eighty-seven applications have been received this year, 81 have been approved, 1 was rejected and 1 was returned, with a total of \$27,950.00 being awarded to worthy students. There are 5 new applications pending, waiting to be sent to the 2006-07 Committee for their consideration.

To date there have been 27 - 1<sup>st</sup> year applications and 31 - 2<sup>nd</sup> year applications approved. This would indicate that there are a lot of new students entering college or university while just over ½ of the students are in the final stages of college or university education, soon to be the leaders of tomorrow.

The Committee has received applications from 14 of the 15 Districts this year with District No. 3 and District No. 10 being tied for the top spot, with each having 16 applications approved. District No. 12 follows close behind with 12 applications approved.

Once again there have been a few problems with application forms being incomplete or signatures missing but, there has been an improvement over last year. The information provided on these forms is considered *very critical* as in most cases this is the only way that we as a Committee can understand and verify the students' eligibility for our assistance. When an application has to be returned for correction or completion it causes a lengthy delay of the approval process. These types of mistakes are inevitable, 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, and remember, you should always double check the required information.

Having dealt with and while attempting to resolve the information problem there is another very disturbing problem that has been noticed even more this year than last.

The amount of time that it takes an application to be processed! Once an application has been submitted by the District, it takes this Committee about six weeks to process the application and get a cheque to the Grand Superintendent for presentation. Having said this it has been noted that in some cases it has taken 4 to 7 months from the date the applicant signs an application form until it reaches my desk - this is unacceptable! If this Committee can process upwards of 18 applications in six weeks why does it take some Chapters and Districts 4 to 7 months to process one or two?

Call these remarks harsh if you wish, but think of the students...for some their year will be finished by the time our money reaches them!...how fair is that? On the other hand thank you to the Chapters and Districts who get their applications filled out and submitted within a matter of a few weeks, your efforts are much appreciated by this Committee and the students. Remember the Students are the ones who will suffer from our negligence!

Because these long delays are unacceptable I have been taking a close look at the application process. trying to determine how this Committee can climinate some of the problem areas. This Committee's internal procedure and time frame have been reviewed and found to be acceptable and it was determined by the information on the applications submitted that the problem lies before and after this Committee deals with them. After consulting with the Grand First Principal, our findings were taken to the other members of Grand Council and the Grand Scribe Ezra. They have taken this Committee's comments and suggestions into consideration and have chosen to change the application form and its requirements in order to better facilitate a more streamlined application process and it will be implemented this year.

Packages containing new application forms and guidelines for bursary grants have been prepared for the new Grand Superintendents and they must be distributed to the District Chairmen respectively.

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), Raymond Borland, Daniel Knox, Kevin Hooper, Andrew McLelland, Barry Turnbull 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 receiving and reviewing the Annual Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters. Alberta, Arkansas, British Columbia/Yukon, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Ireland, Kansas, Maryland, Mexico, New Brunswick, Newfoundland/Labrador, New Jersey, New Zealand, Nevada, North Carolina, Nova Scotia, Oklahoma, Saskatchewan, South Africa, Victoria (Australia), Washington, Wester Australia and West Virginia.

While membership decreases continue in all jurisdictions, much effort is being directed into the following areas:

- Education and Training
- Cooperation with Concordant Bodies
- Fraternalism
- Family Involvement
- Community Involvement/Public Relations
- Change Organization Technological

As reported in their Proceedings, all Royal Arch Jurisdictions are actively involved in most if not all of these activities. Training of officers is of the highest priority to all, and much material has been prepared for this activity. Training is usually scheduled for Saturdays or evenings other than Chapter meeting nights. It is expected that once the officers are trained, they will lead the training of companions and masons.

Material for the enlightenment and education of companions has also become more readily available. Of interest, the Grand Chapter of Washington has included within its proceedings a "Monitor and Guide for Royal Arch Masons". This second edition offers guidance and information on all aspects of Royal Arch Masonry. For example, you will find information on the Necessity for the Royal Arch. Reception of Visitors Altar, Meetings, Parliamentary Procedures, Floor Work, Memorial Services, plus many other areas that are applicable to the Royal Arch.

A lot or progress has been made in developing closer and more cooperative positions with concordant bodies. Grand Lodges have been particularly welcoming of these overtures as seen by the reported establishment of ad-hoc committees to tackle recruitment, education and other mutual concerns. The immediate benefit has been the opportunity to educate masons on the York Rite.

The fraternal aspects of the order are getting much more attention these days with encouragement and reinforcement of the benefits to be derived. Visitation and teamwork lead to close bonds being formed.

Efforts are being made by some Jurisdictions to promote family involvement, since younger members are reluctant to share their limited free time away from their families.

Programs of interest to the whole family are being developed and implemented so that the families can share in rewarding experiences.

Similarly, community involvement can play a large role in retaining younger members especially. Grand Chapters are approving more and more local initiatives in this area. Such Masonic endeavours are to our advantage in providing self-satisfaction to our new companions and at the same time making the public aware of our involvement in community affairs.

While many changes have occurred, a number of Jurisdictions are actually promoting further organizational and technological changes to keep pace with the changing environment. In making the case for change, the Grand Orator of the Grand Chapter of Nevada quotes Franklin D. Roosevelt: "Wise and prudent men have long known that in a changing world, worthy institutions can be conserved only by adjusting them to changing times." Such are the areas of activity and the efforts being expended suggest that there is a lot of life left in our fraternity.

I would like to thank you, Most Excellent Sir, for the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter and also I would like to thank our Grand Scribe Ezra for his 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 148<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:

Once again, your Investment Committee is very pleased to report that our investment portfolio is in excellent health. Your Committee monitors the management of our three portfolios: the General Accound, which includes the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolence Fund, the Scholarship and Bursary Account, and the Medical Research Fund Account.

We are about to complete four years using the services of our current portfolio manager RBC Dominion Securities. Under the overall guidance of the Investment Policy approved by this Grand Executive, our portfolio has flourished. We are indeed fortunate to have a very talented Investment Advisor, Mr. Richard te Boekhorst. He is very familiar with our requirements, having been retained as the Investment manager of other Masonic bodies with sizeable portfolios, and similar investment objectives as our Grand Chapter.

Let me quote from our Investment Policy Statement:

Objectives: "The portfolio is to be constructed so as to maximize long-term capital and income growth, consistent with low-to-moderate risk. Within this overall objective the portfolio should seek to earn total annual returns in excess of the rate of inflation + 3% over the long term. Over the short term the portfolio should be sufficiently flexible to accommodate any capital withdrawals required."

Income Needs: "An income stream is required to cover operating expenses, as well as the funds necessary to fund the medical research and bursary programs of the Grand Chapter Charities. While the extend of the funds allocated to finance the medical research and bursary programs is at the discretion of the relevant Committees, [within approved guidelines] it is desirable to have an income stream at sufficient to maintain the present level of funding and to endeavour to increase the level of funds allocated for these purposes."

Our Policy Statement includes guidelines for the asset mix of our investment portfolio, which calls for the various components [cash, short term investments, fixed income instruments and equity investments] to fall within set proportions of the entire portfolio.

We are very pleased to report that our Investment Advisor has performed admirably within the Policy guidelines. Your Investment Committee is in regular contact with the Advisor and his staff, and receives regular detailed reports on the portfolio and all transactions.

Each of our investment portfolios continues to grow, within the defined risk profile, and earns a rate of return in excess of the objectives.

The average rate of return over the fiscal year ended February 28, 2006, is about 10.5%, comprising approximately 5.7% investment return (dividends, interest and distributions) and 4.8% capital growth. The market value of our total portfolio is in excess of \$1,700,000 having increased by about \$170,000 over the previous year.

Your Investment Committee recommends that Grand Chapter continue to retain the services of our current investment fund company, RBC Dominion Securities, downtown Hamilton branch, and our current advisor, Mr. Richard te Boekhorst.

Finally, on behalf of the other members of the Investment Committee, R.Ex.Comp. Shavak R. Madon and R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J. Duke, we are pleased to have had this opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Investment Committee, R.Ex.Comp. Eric H. Lakien, 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:

It is my privilege to present to you the financial statements of the Grand Chapter, the Medical Research Fund and the Scholarship and Bursary Funds for the year ended February 28, 2006.

Unfortunately, all three financial statements are unaudited. Our auditors appear reluctant to render professional services to our organization mainly because of our size. After considerable persuasion, both by the Grand Scribe Ezra and myself, a fee quote was finally given to us for the current year which was 50% more than in prior year. At the Grand Executive meeting held on March 11, 2006, the following motion was passed:

In the event that our auditors are not willing to perform the audit for the year ended February 28th, 2006, or for fiscal year 2007, for reason of fees or any other reasons, then the Grand Council together with the Grand Scribe Ezra and Grand Treasurer be permitted to appoint another qualified auditor to perform these functions.

We are in the process of receiving and reviewing proposals for the appointment of new auditors and you have the assurance of the Grand Council that the audited financial statements will be included in the 2006 Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The following are the highlights for the fiscal year 2006 before adjusting for any capital gain on sale of investments:

**The Grand Chapter:** The total revenue was \$120,200 compared to \$98,500 in 2005. Our expenses amounted to \$111,700 as against \$99,200 in the prior year. It should be pointed out that revenue included \$6,200 for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and a similar amount has been earmarked under expenses. We ended the year with excess of revenue over expenses of \$8,500.

The Scholarship and Bursary Fund: The total revenue was \$58,600 compared to \$51,600 in the prior year. We paid out bursaries of \$29,200 compared to \$24,000 in 2005. We ended the year with a surplus of \$27,700 after deducting for audit fees.

**The Medical Research Fund:** The total revenue was \$20,100 compared to \$42,900 in 2005. During the year we made grants of \$21,000 as against \$30,000 in the prior year. We ended the year with a deficit of \$2,400 after providing for audit fees.

**Investments:** The market value of our total investments at the Grand Chapter, the Scholarship and Bursary Funds and the Medical Research Fund amounted to \$1,730,900 compared to \$1,554,600 in the prior year. As in prior years we will not book the excess of market value over book value in the financial statements until the investments are realized.

General: 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. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of our Grand Scribe Ezra to stringently control the finances of the Grand Chapter and the two related funds.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the efforts and dedication of the Finance Committee and Investments Committee members.

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 ON SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The accompaiying summarized statement of Financial Position and Revenue, Expenses and Net Assets are derived from the complete financial statements of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario as at February 28, 2006, and for the year ended February 28, 2006. The fair summarization of the complete financial statement is the responsibility of the organization's management Out responsibility, in accordance with applicable Assurance guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report of the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with criteria described in the Guidelines referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all of the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the Grand Chapter's financial position, results of operation and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

Hamilton, Ontario June 2, 2006 Lepore and Company
Chartered Accountants

Audited copies of the financial statements as at and for the year ended February 28, 2006 may be obtained by contacting the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario at 361 King Street West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. Hamilton Ontario L8P 1B4

# THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2006

		2006	2005
Assets	Cod	¢ 25.490	£ 24 (52
	Cash Accrued investment income	\$ 35,489 5,834	\$ 34,652 13,383
	Investments	13.383	1,423
	Capital assets	433,023	392,288
	Inventory	335	335
	The circular section of the ci	333	333
		\$ 490,536	\$ 452,317
Liabili	ties		
	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,365	3,775
	Deferred revenue	1,340	2,100
		4,705	5,875
Net As	set	485.831	446,442
		\$490,536	\$ 452,317
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#### Expenses

Administration and fund raising	104,297	100,935
	104,297	100,935
Excess of revenue over expenses	39,388	6,773
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	446.442	439,668
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 485,831	\$ 446,442

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The accompanying summarized statement of Financial Position and Revenue, Expenses and Net Assets are derived from the complete financial statements of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - The Scholarship and Bursary Fund as at February 28, 2006, and for the year ended February 28, 2006 on which we expressed a reservation of opinion concerning the completeness of donation revenue because we were unable to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of that revenue. The fair summarization of the complete financial statement is the responsibility of the organization's management Our responsibility, in accordance with applicable Assurance guidelne of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report of the summarized financial statements.

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Hamilton, Ontario
June 2, 2006

Lepore and Company

Chartered Accountants

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## THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO THE SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY FUND SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2006

	2006	2005
Assets	f: 32.002	£ 12.554
Cash	\$ 32,082	\$ 12,554
Accrued investment income	6,039	1,103
Investments	572,156	559,649
	\$ 610,277	\$ 573,306
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 651	750
Net Asset	609,626	572,556
	\$ 610,277	\$ 573,306
	2006	2005
Revenue		
Investment income	\$ 36,751	\$ 44.846
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Investment income Donations  Expenses	\$ 36.751 30.269 67.020	\$ 44.846 6.705 51.551
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## AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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)

The accompanying summarized statement of Financial Position and Revenue, Expenses and Net Assets are derived from the complete financial statements of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - Medical Research Fund (Release A Miracle) as at February 28, 2006, and for the year ended February 28, 2006 on which we expressed a reservation of opinion concerning the completeness of donation revenue because we were unable to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of that revenue. The fair summarization of the complete financial statement is the responsibility of the organization's management Out responsibility, in accordance with applicable Assurance guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report of the summarized financial statements.

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Hamilton, Ontario

Lepore and Company

June 2, 2006

Chartered Accountants

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## THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO THE MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND (RELEASE A MIRACLE) SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2006

	2006	2005
Assets  Cash	\$ 502	\$ 14.876
Accrued investment income	4,811	436
Investments	479,842	450,507
	\$ 485.155	\$ 465,507

## Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 651	748
Net Asset	484,504	464,759
	\$ 485,155	\$ 465,507
SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF REVENUE YEAR ENDED FEBRUA		NET ASSETS
	2000	2003
Revenue		
Investment income	\$ 30,529	\$ 32,614
	\$ 30,529 10,868	\$ 32,614 10,300
Investment income	\$	•
Investment income Donations	\$ 10,868	10,300
Investment income Donations  Expenses	\$ 10,868	10,300
Investment income Donations	\$ 10,868	10,300

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

12,164

452,595

\$ 464,759

19.745

464,759

\$ 484,504

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:

Excess of revenue over expenses

NET ASSETS, beginning of year

NET ASSETS, end of year

At the time of presenting this report, the figures for the year ended February 28, 2006, have not been audited and particularly no recognition has been given to any gain or loss on sale of investments.

Our actual revenue for 2006 came to \$120,200 compared to the budget of \$114,100. Our expenses were \$111,700 against a budget of \$113,000. As a result we have a surplus of \$8,500 which compares favourably with a budgeted surplus of \$1,100.

For the fiscal year ending February 2007 we are projected a budgeted income of \$114,100 compared to budgeted expenses for \$118,000 resulting in a small budgeted deficit \$3,900. Our increases in expenses are just about in every category, particularly in the areas of office equipment and upgrade, audit, insurance and other office expenses. Our revenue base keeps going down due to drop in membership and as a result our projected per-capita dues are \$3.000 lower than the actual for 2006. We are hoping that the actual numbers for the year will reflect a smaller deficit, or even a small surplus. I am pleased to report that our receivables from various chapters were minimal at the year end, which was certainly not the case last year.

In two years our Grand Chapter will be celebrating its presence in Ontario for 150 years. Our Grand Council has approved a preliminary budget of \$15,000 and has also agreed to consider increasing the budget if required. This budget does not include the printing costs for any historical booklets.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the Finance Committee - R.Ex.Comp. Shavak Madon (Chair), 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

REVENUE

NEVENUE	
Per capita dues	90,000
150th Anniversary Assessment	6,000
Investment Income	15,000
Registration fees	2,500
Other income	600
Total revenue	114,100
EXPENSES	
Rent and parking	8,500
Office Expenses	17,000
Salaries and benefits	42,000
Benevolence	3,000
Travel	10,000
Annual Convocation	6,000
Printing Proceedings	3,000
Professional fees	6,000
Miscellaneous and instruction	1,300
Regalia refurbishing	1,500
Insurance	2,500

Jewel engraving	500
Council and committee expenses	500
Promotion and public relations	3,500
Office Equipment Upgrade	5,900
Jewel Purchase	800
Earmarked for 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	6,000
Total expenses	118,000
Excess / (Shortfall)	(3,900)

Note: No provision is mad for gain or loss on sale of investments.

## 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:

In 2008 we will be marking the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Chapter in Ontario. Committees and subcommittees have been struck and will be under the guidance of Chairman, Terry McLean, and will be meeting regularly to plan and coordinate activities to ensure a successful and memorable year.

Companions, seven of the fifteen Districts of Ontario have their own web site which has proven to be an invaluable tool for the interchange of news and information relating to Chapter activities and functions throughout our Jurisdiction and beyond. The Grand Chapter web site provides a wealth of information complete with LINKS to other Grand Masonic Bodies.

In the past year our membership has decreased by 341, with our Jurisdiction now consisting of 107 Chapters totalling 8129 Companions. Although indications are showing the memberships in our Craft Lodges improving, it only remains to be seen whether it will have a positive influence on our Royal Craft. *Hope without a Plan is merely a Wish.* We as a whole must not just HOPE that it does but coordinate PLANS to take advantage of this resurgence. Royal Arch Masons must continue to encourage all Master Masons into seeking further LIGHT in Masonry.

I again offer my sincere gratitude to Most Excellent Companion Richard J. Jackson and the Grand Council for allowing me the privilege and honour of serving our Grand Chapter and also a sincere thank you to Right Excellent Companion Melvyn J. Duke for his patience and support.

Respectfully submitted by V.Ex.Comp. Gary P. Hurnes. 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.

## 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:

Your Committee on Benevolence wishes to report that the period from April 2005 until the present four applications have been received and assistance was provided. Three applicants have encountered medical problems that have placed a financial burden on their families. One of our companions that we assisted has since passed away. The fourth was from a son-in-law of a Royal Areh Mason who has a wife on disability and a special needs daughter. He was in a low paying job and has decided to return to school to enable him to be a better provider for his family.

The Benevolence Committee also sent a letter to each Grand Superintendent on the essence of Benevolence, which we asked to be forwarded to the Chapters in their Districts. The Committee felt that they should play a more active role to get the message of the need for Benevolence to all of our Companions in our Jurisdiction.

Our term on this Committee is drawing to a close, and we would like to thank the Grand First Principal for allowing us to serve this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted by the Grand Chapter Benevolence Committee: R.Ex.Comps. Robert McMaster (Chairman), Aaron Orr, William Klapatiuk

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 COMMITTEE ON THE MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND RELEASE A MIRACLE

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 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 2006

During the summer months of 2005, a letter was sent to all Grand Superintendents to congratulate them on their preferment and encouraging them to promote the Grand Chapter Charities, especially "Release-a-Miracle" and to encourage the Companions in their Districts to start projects and raising funds for this extremely important commitment that has been made by the Royal Arch Masons within our Jurisdiction.

A brochure was designed and distributed to the Districts highlighting the History of the Fund, how the funds are raised and its objectives, together with general information on the programs that have been supported.

Over the past twenty-three years an amount in excess of seven hundred thousand (\$700,000) has been donated to medical research programs. Over the past few years there have been approximately 8 to 10 research areas selected and supported on a yearly basis. This year instead of spreading smaller amounts over a greater area, it was decided to concentrate larger amounts to more centralized projects. Those projects being selected are: Autism, Prostate Cancer and Arthritis.

I would respectfully request that the following projects be given our support:

a) Dr. Jeanette J.A. Holden, Director, Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Queen's	\$9,000.00
University for research into the genetics and epidemiology.	
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- b) Dr. Neil Fleshner, Head Division of Urology, University Health Network \$6,000.00 investigations into the relationship of dietary factors to prostate cancer.
- c) Dr. Edward Keystone, Director, Centre for Advanced Therapeutics \$6,000.00 Arthritis AARC Foundation, University Health Network conducting

research on new treatment modalities.

Total \$21.000.00

Our financial efforts in the past have been very commendable but, over the last few years we have seen a significant downturn in investment income. No longer do we enjoy the 8 to 10% return on investment and, in order to maintain our support at these levels, we need continued contributions to the principal of the Fund.

At our Annual Convocation in April 2005, the Grand First Principal, in his inaugural address, urged once again, that we concentrate our efforts in the fight against Autism. In order to make this a really meaningful contribution we would need to have a minimum of \$1,000,000 in our Medical Research Fund, a number that we have not yet reached. He appealed to all Royal Arch Masons to re-double our efforts, to donate to this worthwhile cause and most strongly encouraged us to do so. We trust that the companions will heed this call to help in this great undertaking.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: R.Ex.Comps. Joseph Edwards, Brett D. Kahler, E. Roy Harrison, Gary McCormick, Maurice Edward Jenkins, V.Ex.Comp. David Hardie and myself Desmond Washer, 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:

This report is submitted on behalf of the 15 District Grand Superintendents.

Communications: The summons is the life line of every Chapter, serving not only as a news letter for the shut ins and non resident companions but to raise special interest. Initially 9 Chapters from 7 districts failed to circulate notices to the Grand Council. Grand Superintendents have managed to reduce this number to four. Official visit notice boards provide Chapters information at the District level and these notices are necessary early in the year. District web sites are becoming more active and local use is to be encouraged.

Course of Instruction: Attendance in some Districts is still traditionally poor. Credit to the Grand Superintendents for designing progressive methods, encouraging interest with agendas, and issuing hand outs. This is the first important contact with the First Principals and Scribe Ezras to review and update proceedings and duties, and outline the program throughout the District.

Official Visits: Proper protocol was observed for all receptions. Quality of the work varied from reading parts to reciting exceptional work. Senior dedicated members set prime examples but most encouraging are enthusiastic new officers. Instructional, degree rehearsals, and educational mentoring program for junior members is our future. Officers occupying chairs of office for the first time is promising with strong progressive Chapters reporting 4 to 8 candidates on the official visit.

Reports: Official visit reports were generally submitted on time, with complete detail however, 23% did not meet the deadline, were incomplete, or failed to observe the proper guidelines. It is recommended that periodic review of procedures for all reports be conducted including due dates. This year 20% of Chapters did not meet the Annual Returns Constitutional deadline but within a week that number was reduced to 9%.

Long Range Planning: Several Chapters report open planning meetings to address membership problems and low interest to seek collective solutions. Positive results are expected.

Finances: Chapters are encouraged to address financial short falls by increased income and cost reduction to meet the challenge of today. Several discrepancies in accepting the Grand Chapter assessments were due to misunderstanding the 1991 Grand Convocation Proceedings that Commuted Life Memberships had been discontinued. Constituent Chapters are responsible for continued Grand Chapter annual fees on behalf of any succeeding life members.

Dedications: Chantry Chapter No. 130 was dedicated June 7. Unfortunately Keystone Chapter No. 72 dedication at Frankford is still outstanding and is the expected wish to be concluded in the near future.

District Divine Church Services: On October 23, District 11 held their first joint Divine Church service in St. Mary Magdalene Church, Napanee. This proved to be a most improved attendance with over 50 Masons present. clothed as Craft and Royal Arch Masons with their families. The event made news in the local community paper, Ontario Mason and District Ashlar. Several other Districts are taking this example and having joint services. District 1 Grand Superintendent attended an Annual Civic Service January 15 with the DDGM supporting joint attendance.

Masonic Family: October 26 the Craft and Royal Arch Leaders attended Chapter together at St. John's and St. George's Chapter No. 3 in London. A Royal Arch Masons Degree Team conferred the Master Masons Degree in Maple Leaf Lodge. Bath. Past Grand Master M.W.Bro. Donald H Mumby was present and participated. Companions support your Brethren and work together in unity.

Finally, a special thanks goes out to the District Grand Superintendents for your hard work representing this Grand Chapter and directing devoted contributions to presenting a positive image of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario. Share your experiences with your successor in the interest of continuous improvement.

Respectfully submitted by R.Ex.Comp. Roland Allen Paddle, Grand Third Principal

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

## 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 giving us the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter. This Committee has promoted Royal Arch Masonry to Brethren in the Craft by means of Open Houses, Master Masons Nights, while at the same time increasing our visibility by attending social functions within the Communities.

Open Houses - Outreach members V.Ex.Comps. Howard McCandless and John Richel and R.Ex.Comp. Donald Laycock visited the Lodges in Brampton Masonic Centre. Each Lodge was sent a letter, explaining the mission and asking for a date to make the Royal Arch presentation. At each Lodge the "Saga of the Holy Royal Arch" was presented. This was followed by a short talk about the history of Grand Chapter. The session ended with a question and answer period. At some Lodges this period was quite spirited. We found that the best place to make the presentation was in the Lodge room after they had finished the business of the evening and before closing.

If the presentation was at the end of the Lodge session and in the Lodge room, very few brethren left and there were little or no distractions. Feedback from other Chapters were requested. Another significant Master Mason's night was put on by Oakwood Chapter No. 233. Many thanks to the First Principal and the organizing committee for a wonderful evening. There were 25 Master Masons in attendance and the Chapter received a number of applications. The most recent Master Mason night was at Mount Sinai Chapter No. 212 where a few applications were received. These sessions indicate that we can be successful in attracting candidates by preparing a well planned and well advertised Master Mason Night.

In conjunction with the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee and other concordant bodies, another important open house and Master Mason Night is planned for the Brampton Temple in April 2006.

Ceremonials - A number of Shrine Ceremonials were attended by Committee Members during the year.

Grand Lodge - The RAM display again received many positive and favourable remarks at the open houses and at Grand Lodge Convocation in Toronto in July 2005. Once more I urge Chapters to contact the Chairman or Committee Members if they need to use the display. A voice mail or email is the easiest way to contact the members.

International Ploughing Match - Together with the other Masonic Bodies, the Royal Arch display was set up at the International Ploughing Match at Listowel in September 2005. Thanks to those members who helped in manning and transporting the display. In particular, the Companions of District 3 and especially of Bernard Chapter No. 146 in Listowel.

Web Site - The Events Section of the web site is available and should be used whenever possible by the Companions. The Grand Superintendents should encourage Chapters to use the web site at <a href="http://www.royalarchmasons.on.ca">http://www.royalarchmasons.on.ca</a> to advertise events and generally to find out what is happening in this Jurisdiction. Some (post event) pictures for the web site is encouraged. Remember pictures for our web site and display establishes both awareness and interest. Thanks to the Web Master for his co-operation, this site has already proven to be a valuable tool.

The Power Point Presentation on Royal Arch Masonry is rather old and is in the process of being updated.

Information and a mandate are essential for the Committee to function well. Those Companions who are not on the Committee and who have workable suggestions should not hesitate to convey them to the members of the Committee. 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 of this Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted by The Public Relations Committee: R.Ex.Comp. Roland Mandeville, Chairman; R.Ex.Comps.Thomas Warner, Douglas McGillivray, Thomas King, Brian Vansickle. Donald Laycock, Douglas Stitt, Paraag Suchak, Dushan Surovy

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 - 2005**

1-James Verncard Sherbino, Robert James Cripps, Wentworth Henry Smith 2-William Bruce Sixsmith, Norman Edmund Fair, William Charles Roberts 3-Woodrow Wilson Ward, James Cowey, Ralph Victor Baldwin, Eli Follett, Raymond Charles Hemming 6-Malcolm Bunting, William Roderick Beattie, Eric Ronald Deuxbery. Omar Frascr Bell, David V McKinnon 7-Duncan Anderson Lowden, Raymond Charles Hemming, Murray Everett Brant 8-Kenneth Vance, Peter William Parker, John David Jones, David George Lawrence 15-John Edward May, Albert Bruce Steele, Samuel J McCaughey 16-Edgar Allison Harris Shane, Roy Douglas Morrison, Claude Vickers, Helmut Richter. John David Odishaw 18-Roy Peter Broughton, Donald James Breckenridge, Michael Stewart Blake. Robert James Weidmark, William Herbert Beacham 19-John Gallaway. Cyril Bryron Smith 20-John Steer 22-James Whitley, Arnold Edward 23-Thomas Lorne Stackhouse, Edwin Arthur Morden 24-R Wellington Powell, Earl Robert Stoskopf, John Allison Yuill 28-Victor Claude Phipps, Thomas Herbert Murphy, Wilber Edgar McKinstry, Frederick Leslie Smale, William Henry Perryman, Murray Everett Brant 29-Frank Ramsey, Walter Jansky, Richard Harrington, James D Bye, George Clifford 31-John Spencer Stenning 34-John Frederick Coulter, John David Odishaw, Lorne Arthur Arkles, Charles R Fendley, Arnold William Andrews, Francios Xavier Jean Dupeyron, James Richard Lee 36-Clarence Ronald Payne. Milton Clair Beatty, Reginal James Chandler, Collins Hellier McBride, Philip Stirman Stephenson, Howard Frederick Warren, Anthony Joseph Buhlman, Floyd Walker 37-Leon Stanley Thompson, Elmo Lloyd Sleeman 40-Albert Kenneth Clement, Godfrey Randolph Matthews 41-William Herbert Beacham 46-William John Isaac 47-George Austin Forshee 53-John Gustin Ricc, Ross Smith McKellar, Park Hugh Cameron, Raymond Swartz 54-Robert Allan Connor, Thomas Frederick Longthorne, William Smale, Harold Edwin Stafford, George Arthur Lang. Woodrow Wilson Ward, John Thomas Taylor, Lloyd Ross Merchant, John Mulloch 55-Werner Joseph Weibe 56-Wilfred Knowles Trefry, Edmund Campbell Stevens, Mervyn James Elder. Arthur H Ross 59-Clifford Howard Musclow, Kenneth Clinton Fulford, Howard Frederick Warren, Alexander Skilling 61-Stanley Hirst Morton. Robert James Woolven Miller 63-James CD Cottrill 71-Roy William Sweetman, James Arnold Rundle, Gerald CAW Winterburn. John William (Jack) Murphy, Robert McNea, Russell Burl Clark 72-Orville Bernard Dowie, Ronald Clayton Greenfield 73-Jack Holmes, Clayton Wilbur Johnston, Frederick Henry Yardley 74-Gordon Teeple, Roy Charles McLean 75-Albert Charles Porter, Donald Maurice Lewis, Joseph Victor Games 76-Victor William Ozol 77-Melvin Sheldon Boomhour 79-David Kane Russell, David Lewis Niven 81-Leonard Simpson 82-Howard King, Alvin J Williams, Frederick Gronski 83-Andrew Farquhar, Marvin Deller 84-R Wellington Powell 88-George Austin Forshee90-Kenneth De Rura Griffith 91-Louis William Leroy Dixon, Melvin Sheldon Boomhour 94-G Kenneth Johnson, Robert Thomas Jokinen, Donald Murray Agnew 95-Robert Edwin Bryson, Ernest Jean Workman, William Basil Muncaster, Warren Otto Mulack 102-Max Weber. Arthur Harold Day 103-Russel Garnet Soule, Harry Anzac Marshall, Alfred McLellan Gregory 104-Edward Raymond Popplewell, George F Long 110-Douglas C Rowe, Gordon William Douglas 113-William Bruce Sixsmith 114-Verner A Schimmens 117-Elmer Lorne Moore 119-John Thomas Moore 131-Lorne Clifford Carson 133-John Richard Drew, William Henry Le Surf, James Gordon Mackay, Norman Bethune Orr, George Seymour Keir, Ronald Harvey Dorman, Phillip Louis Andre 134-Irvine Lloyd Fisher 138-Andrew Findlay Nisbet, lan Worrall Outerbridge, Donald Grennville Airhart, John Arthur Densem, Arthur Albert Parrott, Gaspar Frank Suma, Douglas A Baker 140-Frederick Gronski 146-Bertram Hastings.

Daniel McIntosh 150-Reginald Allan Brown, William John Deller, Marshall Milton McClelland 152-Thomas Yuill, Robert George Stamler 155-Donald William Ewen, Thomas Burton, Bruce Hossock 167-Eugene Ernest Robertson 168-Floyd Adams, Pieter Cornelius Wilmink 169-Donald Cameron MacGregor, Gordon Miller 184-Victor William Ozol, Donald McLean Gow 195-Edwin Bischoff, Melvin Sheldon Boomhour, Makato Umemura, Arthur H Ross 198-Robert David Rostance, Robert Henry Sargeant, Bryan James Rodd 205-Clayton Rennie Scott, Floyd Walker, Harry Ival Cyril Rigby, Allan Edward Jessop, James Morley, Roderick Alexander Scott, Charles Blakely Lawrence 212-Benjamin Walters, Cecil Z Halpern, Jerome G Stone, Joseph Rosenberg, Charles White, Sidney Lieberman, Louis William Leroy Dixon, L Edgar Marsden, Onni Lauri Koskinen 213-Leo Elionel Lefebvre 215-Bryan James Rodd 220-Makato Umemura 221-Boyce Howell, Duncan Anderson Lowden 222-Arthur Thomas Boden, John Cecil Gillespie, William Ronald Turnbull, Raymond Plumpton 223-Francis Brown 224-Pritam Nath Mehta 226-Connell Ivan Thompson, Vernon Wesley Campbell, Laurence John Mackie 230-Clifford M Lobban, Jack W Arnold, David H. Grightmire 232-Louis William Leroy Dixon 234-John Beverley Moody, Allan Robert Edmund, Joseph Victor Games 236-J William E Brown 246-Andrew Findlay Nisbet 247-Arthur Edward Snelgrove, James Peden, Peter Timothy De Actis, Robert Hugh Brownlee, Charles Gerald Oliver, Frank Leslie Johnson, Wilmer Frank Scott, Gordon Cornelius Alblas, Robert James Morris 248-Alexander Frederick Lampole, Raymond W Chenier, Stanley Lionel Munroe 249-Frederick Leslie Smale, William Henry Perryman 252-Delmar William Ellis. John Frederick Hyam, David Simcoe Jackson, Earl Reuben McMurter, Robert Flavelle Cook, Leonard Eugene La Fond 254-John Roy Pringle 255-Wilfred Archie Anderson, Phinease Laverne Pressey, Roy Bamford, William Frederick Sinden, H Russell Malcolm, Francis A Troyer, George Andrew Ronson 257-Laslo Karoy Somodi, Gordon John Wayne Lewis, Onni Lauri Koskinen 258-Robert David Rostance 260-Makato Umemura 262-Norman Edward Byrne 264-Arnold William Andrews, Donald Horn Paisley 267-Eric Ronald Deuxbery

## **DEMITTED - 2005**

1-John A Williams 2-William Eric Smith 3-Thomas Agustus Shields, Maxwell Stanley Hanna, Robert John Biggins, Mohammad J Hussein 7-Harry Thompson, Donald Rose, Douglas frederick MacLaurin, Fred Smith, Thomas Edward Thompson 8-Leonard F Wells, Keith L Bellamy, Frank T Mole, Henry Jackson, Mervyn J Richards, David Dara Hebert, Michael David Borgal 15-Donald K Brodie 16-Clarence Frederick Hamilton, Gerald Edward James, Layton Frederick Peck, David Dietrich, Elie George Chaiban, Robbie David, George Chaiban, Walter Enrich Konz 19-Sidney David Slepkov, Raymond Goldin, James Nicholson, David Arthur Kemp, Francis Marshall, Colin Albert Martin 20-Ted Girard, Glyn David Robertson 23-Alain Romeo St. Jacques 28-Gary Nicholas Zolumoff, Barclay Robert Crozier 29- John F Marotta 31-Garry Arnoldi Foster, Noxon Watters Foster, Vernon Striker, Robert Charles Furmidge 32-Paul Thomas Gribbons, Russel Samuel Abernethy, Colin James Readhead 34-Guy La Plante, Bernard Joseph Cook, Mark Ian Montague, David Ross Jackson, Darrin Fleming Clements 35-Norman Harry Edmondson, Edward H Maring, Frank Wiseman 36-Kenneth Charles Tyner, Raymond Henry Ward Clements, Dirk Visser, William Herbert Jones, John Robert Due 40-Robert Adamson Jr 44-Robert Alan Williams, William Robert Charlton, William John Vankoughnett, John W Rae 46-Harold Clarence Switzer, Glen Warren Mast, Homer L. Brown, John Riley Muir, David Cousins, Christopher Wright 47-William Skipper 54-John Wayne William Briggs 55-Darren Moore, Arthur Hillier Houston 61-George Cecil Jackson, Randolph Douglas Gauen, David Kirkpatrick 63-Norman Clarence Robinson 68-Bernard Allan Gaw 71-George William Milley 72-Hubert Watts, James Russell

73-Teunis Tony Bouw, James Arthur Titus 74-James Chapman, Darwood Braithwaite, Timothy Carson, Mark William Routley 79-Frank Besenthal, Mark Northwood 82-Thomas Anderson, John Edward Jordan, William Alexander Lindsey, Gordon John Gowers, Percival Alfred Pilatzke, Bernard Barten, Robert Albert Rydholm, Tony Torfe, John Hawkins, Peter George Lucas 90-George Henry Lee, William Stanley Trodd 94-Ross Jarvis McDonald, James Kenneth Angus 95-Frederick William Bright, Wah F Chung. Christopher Andrew Whyte 103-Stanley Yozkowski 104-Andrew M Bucknall. Robert Dunn, John Raymond Forrester 110-Robert Brian Chambers, Patrick James Downes 114-John Gordon Henshaw 117-Kenneth William G Holmes, Alfred Francis Pomeroy, William Henry Reaman, Werner Czurlok, Rene A Schuts, Walter Dragoljub Petrovic, Lewis Warrick Pilgrim119-Kevin Grant Kimball, Donald Whitham Sanderson 131-Harold Mervyn Pearce 133-Ronald John Morgan 138-Alexander James Watson 145-Matthew Alexander Clulow 148-Gerald WH Boone, Douglas Cameron, Roger Giroux 150-Robert David Robertson, Robert John Briars 152-Robert Wm Langhorne Greenhalgh, John Frederick Trenchard 167-Thomas Jankinson 175-Daniel Croskerry, Steven Dall 184-William James Secley, Keith Yeardley Lay, Jack Charles Chapman, Randy Morton Bartlett 195-Gordon Sinclair Good, Gary Alan Maycock, Wilford Wellington Adlam 205-John Munro-Cape, Arthur Devlin, Terry Bennell 210-Garnet William Robertson, Frank J Farrell, Thomas Hilliard Birtch 212-Douglas Phillips, Robert Bruce Grav 213-Patrick Liley 220-Terrance Horner, David Whitaker 221-Douglas McArthur 222-David Bertram Lyon 223-Frank Drapeau 230-John Campbell. Donald Rowe 232-Reginald King 233-Louis Quenet, Philip Axil Wilson 234-Bernard G Dunning, Robert Brayshaw, James Richard Brisbin, Frank L Wild, George Reid, Timothy Michael Somerville, Bradley Dwayne Harron 235-Edward Williamson Elcombe, Frank Ignatius Fernandes 247-Thomas John Bryan Hill 248-Vernon WJ St Denis 249-Garnet Wilburn Sager 252-Andrew Paul 254-Fred Robert Harris, Clayton Cummine, Jeffrey Frederick Schaub, Gary Bevilacqua 257-Herbert J Walker, Rudolph Paul Nester Mulack, Ronald R Towns, James C Jeffery 261-Donald Edwin Bruce Hall

## **SUSPENDED - 2005**

1-Murray Everett Binch, Edward William Melka, Daniel John Andrews 6-Thomas A. Standen 7-Gordon Ellis 8-Edwin William Martin, Kenneth Wager, Desmond Connolly, Anthony Read 16-George Edward Colton, Richard Alfred Blow 19-lan MacGlashan, Raymond M Shotter, Gary Bruce, Andrew James Dempsey 20-Dennis Alexander Callan, Shawn Edward Stannard 26-Lawrence John Atkinson, Colin Barry Holmes, Timothy James Bishop 28-Charles O'Reilly, John Andrew Deacon, William Gerald Campuey 31-Howard Philip Gorsline, Dennis Bain 35-Graham Walter McDougall 40-Frederick James Mollison 44-Thomas J McAllister 46-James Parker 47-Thomas Henry Stange 54-David Dumouchelle 55-Stephen Andrew Carter, Eric W Turner 61-James Allen De Vries 71-John R Collins, Peter L Lovric, Steve Riolo 72-Owen Fleming 75-Keith Robert Greig 79-John Albert Eby, Jack Robert Bell, Derrick Johnson, Mark Lewis Carter, Frederick Darren Smith, Cameron Durham, Allan A Cowan, Alan Connor, Jim Connelly, Jack Pender 90-Carl Philip Hansen 95-Patrick Spence McCuaig 104-Keith Robert Greig 110-Frederick Archie Smith, Anthony Olivero 117-William Reid Grassick, Robert Thomas Gregory 138-Steven Alan Prentice 152-Harley Clair Johnson 175-Steven Edward Wilson 205-George William Davison, Peter Donald Albert Graham 210-Paul Allard, James Allen De Vries 212-Russell MV Kastner, Shaun Robin Donsonby Carrique, Steven Patrick Clark, Danny Peter Clark, Henrich C Feistner 221-James Wilson Kent 232-James Geoffrey Dickson 252-John Horkits, Robert Haycock, Frederick Hall 254-Donald Dale Wesley, Denis R Wallin 255-Bruce Scott Wilcox, Moe Noormohamed 257-Eric Joseph Eagleson, Brian John Davis 261-Robert Gilbert 267-Owen Fleming

### **REINSTATED - 2005**

3-Wilfred S Coon 8-Michael David Borgal 16-Norman Thomas Cromey 28-Dennis Dmytro Urbanski 63-Brian Daniel Wylde 72-Bruce Benjamin Shaddock 77-Brian McAteer 95-Bruce Allan Noble 133-Wayne John Kenneth Garrett 150-Lawrence Joseph F Fletcher 232- John Burnett Darling 233-Marius William Girard 236-Charles Marvin Smith 252-Peter Barry Hendrie 261-Frederick James Dimmick

## **DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE 2006**

1-R Paddle 2-N Spink, T Corrin 3-R Saunders, CW Crow, R Wakefield, R Saunders 6-RE Kerr, G. Fairbairn, D Washer, N Throop 8-D Dainard, E DeBeaupre, TK Douglas 15-AD Payne 16-R Beaupre, H Mohamdee, WH Woods, B VanSickle 18-D Bender, M Bowman, J Sutherland 19-K Green, G Cornelius, W Klapatiuk, D Scyffert, D Laskey, J Cairns 20-R Stinson, D Pass, R Stinson 22-F Conklin, M Jenkins, W Bulbeck 23-A Cox, W Rowling 27-WR Oldham, S Connors 28-R Gifford, W Esplen, G Robbins, G Gifford, R McKelvie 29-JW Hart, JRD Wilson, C Frere, A Etling, R McMaster, J Hodgen, J Furedi, G Deavu, B Lam, J Barich, A Kofink, R Smallbone, D Barlow 31-K Campbell, D Gillis 32-B Turnbull 35-SC Smith, J Janacek, EG Ounjian, C Skilling, R MacCarl 36-J Hutchinson, TA Mortlock, TJ King, EL Shaw, VE Young 37-R Jenkins, C Robinson 40-W Marshall 53-G Atkinson 54-SC Edge 55-S Wheat, R Borland, M Horne, B Nehring, J Brown, A Brown 59-J Dove, G Todd 61-MW Channing, R Haufe, DR Jeschor, G Graves 64-J Elliott, S Penwarden, P Epp, B Douglas, J Weir 69-J Napier 73-DR Pardo 74-B Pollock, J Howden, R Hardy 75-J Hough, E Ramsbottom, A Smaller, N Ellis, E Evans, H Ford, B Moreau, B Rowney 77-P Park, C Shibley, K Lowery 79-1 Nichols, R Boal, J Chamberlain, A McLelland, G Robinson 81-TB Segui, H Johnston 83-J Dean, S Brass, B Edwards, D Clark, R Sharpe, L Miller 84-D Langridge 91-KB Bice 94-RF Hewitt, C Sudlow 95-JW McGill, GVG McEwen 103-M Millard, N Coutts, D Ball, J Grove 104-S Madon, P Suchak, E MacKenzie, D Warren, J Shaw, D Featherstone 110-V Dawson, W Armstrong J14-ER Poole 117-RSJ Daniels, D Beatty, J Fisher, WB Miller 130-R Devaul, F Richardson 131-C Stewart 134-L Parliament, H Kernohan 138-J MacDonald, R Young 148-L Blaney 150-R More, B Peck, L Reeves 152-D Jones 155-P Maley, G Stewart, R Ross, R Norsworthy 167- W Lidstone, AF Walker 168-J Parsons, FG Clarke 175-J MacPherson, W Stanfield 184-TO Jeacock, RJ Simpson, JH Perham, GA Faraday, KJ Hooper 195-WD Laycock, I Jess, R Phillips, RF Russell, G Gahs, R Mandeville 198-D Plant 205-B Stapley, D Valleau 212-EH Lakien, FH Khamis, JM Collier, LJ Smith, FK Bishop, TW Bliss, RJ Jackson 213-E Goldthorp 220-R Barker, W Holden, P Monkman, A Downes, M Duke, D Kline 222-LR Richardson, JR Marshall 224-R Todd, WG Birnie 230-A Penaflor, R Ardalic, W Schneiders, E Carr, G Carr 232-H Turner 233-R Beverley, D Surovy 234-TU Massena, R Taylor, L Norton 236-D Hill, F Toth, PMorris, A Sinanan 247-NH Dix, RA Hryniw 248-GJ Bonney 249-K Billett, E Gareau, R Thompson, K Fudge, G McCormick, K Bromley, M Griffiths 252-P Pinel, S Thomson 254-W Therrian 255-A Wittet 261-DP Hardie 262-T Warner 264-F Whitson

## 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:

Your Committee is pleased to report that no matters were brought before it this past year.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee. by myself 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

## 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 to the worthy Companion and other appointments that require the approval of Grand Chapter.

We note that questions and suggestions pertaining to the realigning of the Districts are still being received and are being considered by the Grand Council. We have the Grand First Principal's assurance that the matter will continue to be so, for quite some time to come. We note his support for Medical Research, the Release  $\Lambda$  Miracle Fund, and the need for continuing donations to that worthy cause.

We are saddened to learn that two Chapters had surrendered their Warrants, books and accounts. We have the hope that the Companions of those Chapters, which have been dissolved and are now considered "unaffiliated members", will be successful in affiliating with some other Chapter, as provided for in the Constitution. 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.Comp. J. William Lidstone and V.Ex.Comp. Donald H. Mumby.

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

## REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEER COMMITTEE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companion

The Committee of Scrutineers are pleased to report to results of the first ballot for the Office of Grand Third Principal. Most Excellent Sir there has been an election.

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford, Grand Second Principal seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Roland A Paddle that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings.

## PRESENTATION OF THE WILLIAM S THOMSON TROPHY

M.Ex.Comp. Jackson called upon the Grand Scribe Ezra to advise the Companions of the winner of the William S. Thomson Trophy, which is awarded to the Chapter with the greatest percentage increase in membership.

Second Runner Up Caledonia Chapter No 236 - 6.5%

First Runner Up Niagara Chapter No. 55 - 9.1 %

This years winner Seguin Chapter No. 261-22.2%

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

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.

## Statistical Report of Membership

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## GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON

At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8th, 2006 the Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from refreshment to labour.

## REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companion

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

Number of Chapters	8
Number of Chapters represented	0
Number of Chapters represented by proxy	5
Number of Chapters represented by Past Principals only	3
Number of Chapters not represented	0
Number of Delegates present	5
Total Number of Ballots	9
Spoiled Ballots	3
Number of Chapters Denied Vote	8

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. George H. Gifford, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Roland A. Paddle, Grand Third Principal 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 First Principal
Grand Second Principal
Grand Third Principal
Grand Scribe Nehemiah
Grand Principal Sojourner
Grand Registrar

R.Ex.Comp. George Herbert Gifford .R.Ex.Comp. Roland Allen Paddle R.Ex.Comp. Roland Philip Mandeville Ex.Comp. Richard James McSkimming No Nominations Ex.Comp. Richard Foster Hewitt

Grand Executive Committee members elected:

R.Ex.Comp. David Paul Hardie

R.Ex.Comp. Maurice Edward (Ted) Jenkins

R.Ex.Comp. Thomas John King

R.Ex.Comp. Paraag Natwarlal Suchak

R.Ex.Comp. Brian Douglas Van Sickle

M. Ev. Comp. George Herbert Gifford

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.

## **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. Leslie and Alan F Walker the newly elected officers were installed according to ancient custom. M.Ex.Comp. George Herbert Gifford then proceeded to announce the Appointed Officers of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Grand First Principal

M.Ex.Comp. George Herbert Gifford	Grand First Principal
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R.Ex.Comp. Roland Allen Paddle	Grand Second Principal
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R.Ex.Comp.Roland Patrick Mandeville	Grand Third Principal
36	Sapphire Crescent, Brampton ON L6Z 4M4
R.Ex.Comp. Arthur David Payne	Grand Superintendent - District 1
	382 Devine Street, Sarnia ON N7T 1V4
R.Ex.Comp. Douglas Ross Bender	Grand Superintendent - District 2
	ohn Davies Drive, Woodstock ON N4T 1N2
R.Ex.Comp. James Alexander Fisher	Grand Superintendent - District 3
	109 Golf Links Drive, Baden ON N3A 3N6
R.Ex.Comp. Howard Edwin ( <u>Ted</u> ) Brown	Grand Superintendent - District 4
	Clark, R. R. No. 1, Kincardine ON N2Z 2X3
R.Ex.Comp. Donald Robert John Clyde	Grand Superintendent - District 5
	R.R. No. 2, Ariss ON Nob 1B0
R.Ex.Comp. John Gordon Stewart	Grand Superintendent - District 6
	3-45 Arkledun Ave, Hamilton ON L8N 2H6
R.Ex.Comp. Paul Gerhard Ernst Epp	Grand Superintendent - District 7
	er Road, R. R. No. 5, Welland ON L3B 5N8
R.Ex.Comp. William Raymond Boal	Grand Superintendent - District 8
	00 Brentcliffe Road, Toronto ON M4G 3Y9
R.Ex.Comp Franklin Kordell Bishop.	Grand Superintendent - District 9
	132 Walton Drive, Aurora ON L4G 3K4
R.Ex.Comp. Colin Begbie Skilling	Grand Superintendent - District 10
	andview Street South, Oshawa ON L1H 7S2
R.Ex.Comp. William James Needham Throop	Grand Superintendent - District 11
	6 Plaza Square, Belleville ON K8N 4J3
R.Ex.Comp. Michael William Channing	Grand Superintendent - District 12
	56 Kingsford Court, Kanata ON K2K 1T7

R.Ex.Comp William Harold Woods	Grand Superintendent - District 13
6	709-1244 Donald Street, Ottawa ON K1J 8V6
R.Ex.Comp. Gordon Victor George McEwar	Grand Superintendent - District 14
	P.O. Box 369, Levak ON P0M 2C0
R.Ex.Comp. Willard Wayne Therrien	Grand Superintendent - District 15
906	North Campbell Street, Kenora ON P9N 4A5
R.Ex.Comp. David Alan Whiston	Grand Chaplain
	34 Crossley Drive, Port Hope ON L1A 3T3
R.Ex.Comp. Shavak Russy Madon	Grand Treasurer
	375 Poplar Drive, Oakville ON L6J 4E3
R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn James Duke	Grand Scribe Ezra
253-3060	Constitution Blvd., Mississauga ON L4Y 3X8
R.Ex.Comp. Richard James McSkimming	Grand Scribe Nehemiah
	14 McDonald Ave London ON N6G 1E1
R.Ex.Comp. George Ernest Robbins	Grand Principal Sojourner
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R.Ex.Comp. Richard Foster Hewitt	Grand Registrar
•	364 Cottingham Road, Omemee ON K0L 2W0

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## **ELECTED 2006**

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R.Ex.Comp. Thomas J King 2021 Selwyn S	Shores Dr., R.R. No.3, Lakefield ON K0L 2H0
R.Ex.Comp. Paraag Natwarlal Suchak	2072 Peak Place, Oakville ON L6H 5T1
R.Ex.Comp. Brian Douglas Van Sickle	19 Bearbrook Road, Gloucester ON K1B 3H4

## ELECTED 2005

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R.Ex.Comp. Mohammed Hassan Moha	mdee 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
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## APPOINTED 2006

R.Ex.Comp. Walter Theodore Bulbeck	1610 Grant Ave, Cornwall ON K6J 5J4
R.Ex.Comp. Harry <u>Daniel</u> Knox	245 Camile Crescent, Waterloo ON N2K 3B7

## APPOINTED 2005

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

## ASSISTANT OFFICERS - APPOINTED

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R.Ex.Comp. Richard Allen Hryniw	Assistant Grand Chaplain
•	R. R. 2 Lakeside, ON N0M 2G0
R.Ex.Comp Edmund Goldthorp	Grand Lecturer
	2C-129 Alice Street, Bracebridge ON PIL 1N1
V.Ex.Comp. Roy William Hardy	Grand Senior Sojourner
	1076 South Wenige Drive, London ON N5X 4G5
V.Ex.Comp. John Brown Davidson	Grand Junior Sojourner
V.Ex.Comp. John Brown Davidson	
V. For Course Ford soids Court Clarks	948 Nottinghill Ave, Kingston ON K7P 2B8
V.Ex.Comp. Frederick Grant Clarke	Grand Sword Bearer
	R.R. No. 1, Campbellford ON K0L 1L0
V.Ex.Comp. David Alexander Bedford	Grand Master of 4th Veil
2024 Meadowview Road, Peterborough ON K9L 1S4	
V.Ex.Comp. George Campbell	Grand Master of 3rd Veil
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V.Ex.Comp. Guy Henry Handsley	Grand Master of 2nd Veil
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V.Ex.Comp. Dean James Kelly	Grand Master of 1st Veil
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V.Ex.Comp. Norman Ross Boles	Grand Standard Bearer
	North Shore Blvd. West, Burlington ON L7T 1A1
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	14 Strathallan Drive, Courtice ON L1E 1X2
V.Ex.Comp. Robert Bruce Phillips	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
91 Alaskan Summit Court, Brampton ON L6R 1N9	
V.Ex.Comp. Peter George William Maley Grand Organist	
	12 Rosslyn Ave South, Hamilton ON L8M 3H8
V.Ex.Comp. Walter Lysenko	Grand Pursuivant
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V.Ex.Comp. Paul Pinel	Grand Steward
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V.Ex.Comp. Christopher Ross Hedges	Grand Steward
V.Ex. Comp. Christopher Ross Heages	R.R. No. 4, Markdale ON NOC 1H0
V.Ex.Comp. Rodney Bernard Taylor	Grand Steward
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V.Ex.Comp. Tim Corrin	Grand Steward
WB 6	99 Tragina Ave South, Hamilton ON L8K 2Z4
V.Ex.Comp. John Temporal Johnson	Grand Steward
	263 Yonge Blvd., Toronto ON M5M 3J1
V.Ex.Comp. David Joseph Taylor	Grand Steward
	152 Chapel Street, Cobourg ON K9A 1J3
V.Ex.Comp. David Bertram Lyon	Grand Steward
	97 Woodfield Drive, Ottawa ON K2G 0A1
V.Ex.Comp. Robert Bruce Campbell	Grand Steward
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2247 Courtland Drive, Burlington ON L7R 1S5

V.Ex.Comp. Warren <u>Errol</u> MacKenzie Grand Archivist
36 Pimlico Drive, Dundas ON L9H 6J5

## PAST RANK

Moved by M.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson, seconded by M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walkerthat Past Rank be granted to the Grand Chapter Officers of 2005 with the exception of the Grand Superintendent of District 1. CARRIED.

## GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

## Most Excellent Companion George Herbert Gifford

Right Excellent Companion Roland A. Paddle, Grand Second Principal, Right Excellent Companion Roland A. Mandeville, Grand Third Principal. Excellent Companion and Most Worshipful Brother Gary L. Atkinson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Most Excellent the Past Grand First Principals, Distinguished East and Companions.

Standing here this morning, as your newest Grand First Principal, is a dream fulfilled. It took three tries before I was able to begin the journey that brought me to this point in my Masonic life. I mention this for those who encouraged and stood by me through those experiences. There were times when I wondered if I was doing the right thing. When I was about to give up there were those who encouraged me to try one more time. I'm glad I listened and took one more try.

Over the years there were many great Masons who attempted and lost never to try again. I often wonder what kind of contributions they would have made should they have become our Leaders. Some became leaders of other Masonic Orders and made great contributions and changes to a number of the Concordant Bodies of the York Rite of freemasonry as well as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. These Brethren and Companions are to be congratulated and admired for the time, energy, and concern that they have displayed to the whole family of Masonry. It is only through such commitments that we can hope to extend the Tenets and Principals of freemasonry into the future in order for others to find the happiness and comfort of being in the presence of so many like minded individuals.

To the Installing Board under the direction of Most Excellent Companion Alan F. Walker and Most Excellent Companion Leslie Levitt I extend my heartfelt thanks. These two Most Excellent Companions have been long time friends and I am pleased and proud to have had them organize and participate on this very special occasion.

It was also very pleasing to have Most Excellent Companion Donald Satterlee, Past Grand High Priest of Illinois take part once again in the Installation Ceremonies. A special highlight was having Right Excellent Companion Robert H. McKelvie, my brother Very Excellent Companion Gary H. Gifford, and my son Excellent Companion Richard G. Gifford invest me with apron and sash. To all those on the Board and the Companions in attendance, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I must at this time thank all the Companions of Pentalpha Chapter No. 28 in Oshawa for their unfailing support and encouragement. Especially Right Excellent Companion Robert H. McKelvie who never hesitated to encourage me and always signed my nomination papers. Also I thank all the Principals throughout the Province who placed their trust and faith in electing me to the position of Grand Third Principal and starting the process which has now placed me in the position of Grand First Principal. I pledge to you my Companions that I will make every attempt to fulfill this office with the dignity and compassion you expect. I will also make every attempt to be present at any Chapter or function that you may request.

Congratulations are in order to our Immediate Past Grand First Principal - Most Excellent Companion Richard J. Jackson, on his having completed a successful term of office. To Richard and his wife Wendy I thank you for the friendship, courtesies and considerations which have been extended over the past two years.

I must also at this time thank all those who found the time to act as chairmen and members of the various Committees of this Grand Chapter. It is only through the efforts and commitments made by the individuals such as yourself that this Grand Chapter can hope to function in a manner acceptable to all the Companions of this great jurisdiction. As my term of office as President of the Grand Executive Committee now draws to an end, your term as a member of the various Committees also comes to an end.

Your support and friendship during this period will be long remembered. It is hoped that all the excellent work which has been started will be continued in the future, by those teams which have been selected by myself and Right Excellent Companion Roland A. Paddle. The names of the chairmen and members of the various committees will be available at the conclusion of this Grand Convocation from the Grand Scribe Ezra's desk.

Over the last four years we have had a few issues which have caused great consternation to the organization. Some are ongoing and out of our hands. Others were addressed and dealt with to the satisfaction of those involved. Realignment of Districts no longer seems to be the issue it was. Most of the Companions seem to have put this issue behind them and are now focusing on strengthening their respective Chapters.

Over the last few months the Summonses seem to be showing a positive influx of new candidates, hopefully this will continue into the future. As I have previously stated, if each and every one of us were to replace ourselves in our Lodges, Chapters and the other Masonic families that we belong to, we would see growth as never before.

Two years ago it was decided that our Medical Research Committee should make a concentrated effort in the fight against Autism. We currently have approximately \$456,000 in the Medical Research Fund and it was felt two years ago that we needed to have a minimum of \$1,000,000 in the Medical Research Fund to make a regular and sustainable contribution. (Our Medical Research Committee has donated \$21,000 in the past year \$9,000 of which has been donated to this cause). Therefore if is my wish to continue to support this worthwhile effort on behalf of those suffering from a very sad and unfortunate illness. Companions the Capital amount of this fund is not unrealistic and is very attainable. With a mere \$70.00 donation from each and every Royal Arch Mason in this Province over the next two years we would be able to attain our goals. This can only happen with your continued support and contributions.

The Grand Council of this Grand Chapter will continue to meet on a regular basis in order to act on any and all matters which should arise between our Grand Convocations. Adherence to the Grand Chapter Constitution is of the utmost importance and must and will be upheld. We will continue to be available to any Chapter or Companion. In order to set up a meeting an appointment is necessary through the Grand Scribe Ezra's office. All of your issues, concerns and questions are important to this Grand Council and it will become user friendly at all costs. All correspondence and requests from the Chapters must come through the proper channels as outlined in the Constitution. In some cases this is not happening. If the Grand Chapter Office has no record of the requests, problems or questions it has no way of knowing if this correspondence has been properly addressed to the satisfaction of those involved.

As of May 2006, we will be publishing and mailing to all Chapters, the Grand Executive, all current - elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officers and Past Grand First Principals a regular bi-monthly (May, Sept, Nov, Jan & March) bulletin - The Soapbox - which will be composed of messages, rants and raves of the Grand Council and will include the Grand First Principal's Itinerary.

To the new Grand Second Principal, Roland A. Paddle and the new Grand Third Principal, Roland P. Mandeville congratulations and best wishes in your term of office. Both of you will now undertake new responsibilities in this Grand Chapter, Right Excellent Companion Roland A. Paddle as the President of the Grand Executive Committee and Right Excellent Companion Roland P. Mandeville as the apprentice who will have two years to learn the ropes. I also extend congratulations to all the other Companions who have been elected or appointed for the coming year to a Grand Chapter Office. Without a doubt each of you will bring something of benefit to the table of Royal Arch Masonry.

Finally, to my many friends thank you for your encouragement and support. To my family and especially my wife Carol for her constant care and affection "I love you".

P.S. You only have the remote for 24 more months then I'm taking it back.

If you're not part of the Team then you're part of the Problem

#### BIOGRAPHY

Born - Smiths Falls Ontario - September 7, 1944

Member of the United Church of Canada

Educated - Durham Region Public and Secondary School System

Married - Carol Ann Henry January 18, 1963 -two children and five grandchildren

Employed - General Motors of Canada Oshawa - started December 15, 1961, on the Boys Line in the Radiator Department: Retired January 1, 1998 as a Prod., Mfg. & Mat. Manager's Clerk from the A/C Delco Battery Plant, Oshawa

Civic - Co-ordinator of the United Way Campaign in the Battery Plant for 10 years; General Chairman of the G.M.C. Fabrication Division 1989 United Way Campaign; Co-ordinated the Battery Plant Campaigns for the Terry Fox Run, Rick Hanson - Man in Motion and the Oshawa General Hospital Expansion and Cancer Wing

#### Masonic -

Craft Masonry: Temple Lodge No 649 - Initiated Sept 18, 1979 - Life Member - Sept 21, 1982: Chairman School of Instruction 1981-88; Ontario District DDGM's co-chairman of Education 1994-95; Life Member - P.Masters, Masters and Wardens Assoc. 1992; Installed Wor.Master Temple Lodge No 649 Jan 18, 1994; Founding Contributor to the Establishment of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland & Labrador 1997

Capitular Masonry: Pentalpha Chapter No 28, Oshawa ON - Initiated Oct 7, 1980; Installed 1st Principal Jan 6, 1987; Life Member 1987; Treasurer Pentalpha Chapter 1989-99; District No 10 Chairman of Education 1990-91

Principal's Association - Ontario District: Life Member March 24, 1986; Elected President March 28, 1991: Elected Grand Superintendent March 27, 1992

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario: Grand Superintendent Ontario District No 10 April 16, 1992; Appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of South Carolina 1995; Elected Honorary Life Member Grand Chapter of South Carolina 1997; Elected Member of the Grand Executive 1997; Elected Grand Third Principal 2002; Elected Grand Second Principal 2004; Elected Grand First Principal 2006

Cryptic Rite: Hiram Council No 24 Royal & Select Masters. Peterborough ON; Royal Master 1987; Life Member 1988; Installed as Thrice Illustrious Master 1993

Kawartha Lakes Lodge, Royal Ark Mariners, Peterborough ON: Royal Ark Mariner Nov 23, 1988: Life Member 1988; Installed Wor.Commander 1993

Grand Council Royal & Select Master of ON: Order of the Silver Trowel 1995; Grand Inspector General District A 1995; Honorary Life Member Royal & Select Masters of South Carolina 1997; Appointed Grand Rep Supreme Grand Council Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada 1997; Elected Honorary Life Member Grand Council R&S Masters of New Hampshire 1998; Appointed member of the Grand Executive 1999; Appointed Special Liaison 2005

Chivalric Orders- St John the Almoner Perceptory Oshawa ON; Order of the Red Cross May 28, 1981; Life Member 1985; Installed Presiding Preceptor Jan 25, 1996; Elected Honorary

Life Member Grand Commandery of South Carolina 1997: Appointed Chairman Knight Templar Advancement Toronto District No 3 1999

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada: Appointed Grand Guard Gander Newfoundland 1999; Invested Provincial Grand Prior Saskatoon. Sask 2000

Red Cross of Constantine- Moore Conclave No 15. Peterborough ON: Red Cross of Constantine March 6, 1993; Appendant Orders 1993; Installed Most Puissant Sovereign December 3, 2005

York Rite College - Quinte College No 53 Belleville ON; Admitted Feb 26, 1993; Life Member 1996; Order of the Purple Cross & Assoc Regent 1998; Installed Governor 1999

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests - Kene Tabernacle No 118, Belleville ON (under the constitution of Great Briton and Tabernacles Overseas); Admitted Aug 29, 1994; Life Member 1994; Installed Very Eminent High Priest 2004

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests - Emmaus Tabernacle No 47 Hamilton ON (under the Constitution of the USA); Admitted April 8, 2000; 5th Pillar 2005

Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario - Salem Council No 3. Colborne, ON - Admitted May 14, 1993; Life Member 1993; Installed President 1998

Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood of Ontario - Appointed Grand Sentinel 1997; Appointed Grand Herald 1998; Appointed Grand Conductor 1999; Elected Grand Chaplain 2000; Elected Grand V.Pres. 2001; Elected Grand President 2002

Knight York Cross of Honor - Trent Priory No 74, Peterborough, ON - Dubbed August 30, 1997; Life Member 1997; Received one Quadrant as Prov. Prior 2001

Council of Allied Masonic Degrees - Kawartha Council No 143, Peterborough, ON - Admitted May 11, 1995; Elected & Invested Venerable Master 2002; Order of Cork 2004; Order of the Bath 2004; Red Branch of Erie 2004

Order of the Secret Monitor - Toronto Conclave No 3, Thornhill, ON - Inducted May 20, 2000: Invested as Guide 2005

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite - Received 14<sup>th</sup> Degree Peterborough Lodge of Perfection 1990; Received 18<sup>th</sup> Degree Peterborough Lodge of Perfection 1990; Received 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Moore Sov. Consistory, Hamilton ON 1991

Oshawa Scottish Rite Club - Director 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001; Elected President January 20, 1999

Ancient and Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine - Rameses Temple. Toronto ON - Created a Noble Nov 21, 1981; Member of the Oshawa Shrine Club Sept 16, 1981



Most Excellent Companion George Herbert Gifford

#### THANKS

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Roland A Paddle, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Roland P Mandeville 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 148th Convocation being completed Grand Chapter was closed at 10:45 a.m. in ample form.

Melvyn J Duke, Grand Scribe Ezra

## STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER

GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - President R.Ex.Comp. Roland A. Paddle Vice President R.Ex.Comp. Roland P. Mandeville, Committee members - as per constitution.

CONSTITUTION, LAWS & JURISPRUDENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. J. William Lidstone, Committee member V.Ex.Comp. Donald H. Mumby, Grant H. Armstrong.

FRATERNAL DEAD - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. David A. Whiston, Committee member R.Ex.Comp.Richard Allen Hryniw,

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. Harry D. Turner. Committee members - M.Ex.Comps. John W. McGill, Richard J. Jackson.

## STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BENEVOLENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp., Hugh A. Kernohan, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. William Klapatiuk, Aaron R. Orr, Thomas A. Mortlock

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Roland P. Mandeville, 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. M Hassan Mohamdee, William Armstrong, David Hardie, Gary McCormick, E Jenkins, V.Ex.Comp. Gary Humes.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Robert J. McMaster, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. Dushan Surovy, Thomas A. King, Brian D. Van Sickle, Thomas Warner, Douglas J. McGillivray, Douglas E. Stitt., Paraag Suchak, James Macdonald, Donald G. Jones.

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 1899-1915	Edward W. Elcombe 1988-94
*Henry Thomas Smith 1916-28	Melvyn James Duke 1994-
*Edwin Smith 1929-49	·
*Deceased	

## HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS AND OTHERS THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

IN THE PROVINCE OF UNITARIO	
*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	
*Augustus Toplady Freed, P.G.Z	1920
*Sir John Morison Gibson, P.G.Z	
*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	

## LIVING PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

1961-62 Charles W Emmett	1508-2000 Islington Avenue, Toronto ON M9P 3S7
1982-83 Gordon H Stuart	506 Comanche Road Mississauga ON L5H 1W2
1984085 Edward W Elcombe	65 Cuffley Crescent North Downsview ON M3K 1Y1
1988-89 Leslie Levitt	7 Hillcrest Court Hamilton ON L8P 2X7
1990-91 Donald F Kline	889 Hollowtree Crescent Mississauga ON L4Y 2V3
1994-95 Alan F Walker	2 Blackcombe Drive R. R. No. 2 Coldwater ON L0K 1E0
1996-97 R Frank Russell	12 Kingsview Boulevard Brampton ON L6Y 1C3
1998-99 Harry D Turner	2390 Red Maple Avenue. RR 1 Jordan Station ON L0R 1S0
2000-01 John W McGill	1838 Millwood Crescent, Sudbury ON P3E 2T1
2004-05 Richard J Jackson	R.R. No. 8, St. Thomas ON N5P 3T3

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

*William Mercer Wilson 1857	*Frederick Weir Harcourt 1911-12
*Thompson Wilson 1858	*Daniel Frazer MacWatt 1913-14
*Thomas Douglas Harrington 1858-60	*William S R Murch 1915-16
*John Charles Franck 1861-62	*Arthur Stirling Gorrell 1917-18
*Thomas Douglas Harrington 1863-71	*William Nisbet Ponton 1919-20
*Samual Bickerton Harmon 1872	*Herbert Spohn Griffin 1921
*Charles Davis MacDonnell 1873	*Richard Henry Spencer 1922-23
*James Seymour	*Walter Hamill Davis 1924-25
*Lawrence H Henderson 1875-76	*Kenneth Jewell Dunstan 1926-27
*Frederick Joseph Menet 1877-78	*Edwin Smith 1928-29
*Daniel Spry 1879-80	*Walter Garnet Price 1930-31
*Donald Ross 1881-82	*Charles William Haentschel 1932-33
*Henry MacPherson 1883-84	*Alexander Cowan 1934
*Thomas Sargant 1885-86	*George Lawrence Gardiner 1935-36
*Robert Hendry Jr 1887	*William Young Mills 1937-38
*Richard Beecher Hungerford . 1888-89	*Llewellyn Fred Stephens 1939-40
*John James Mason 1890-91	*John Morgan Empy 1941-42
*John Elly Harding 1892-93	*John MacDonald Burden 1943-44
*John Ross Robertson 1894-95	*Reginald Van Every Conover . 1945-46
*Michael Walsh 1896-98	*Frederick William Dean 1947-48
*William Gilzean Reid 1899-1900	*Clarence McLeod Pitts 1949-50
*William Gibson 1901-02	*Alexander Geo. Noel Bradshaw 1951-52
*Abraham Shaw 1903-04	*John Alex. MacDonald Taylor 1953-54
*William Roaf 1905-06	*John Loftus House 1955-56
*John Leslie 1907-08	*Maurice Arthur Searle 1957-58
*George Moore 1909-10	*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
*Frederick Scott 1980-81
Gordon Harold Stuart 1982-83
Edward W Elcombe 1984-85
*Albert A Mortlock 1986-87
Leslie Levitt
Donald F Kline 1990-91
Alan F Walker 1994-95
R Frank Russell 1996-97
Harry D Turner 1998-99
John W McGill 2000-01
*Melvin Sheldon Boomhour 2002-03
Richard J Jackson2004-05
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## **COMPANION SCRIBE EZRA**

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

The financial year of Constituent Chapters ends on <u>December 31<sup>st</sup></u> and Scribes Ezra are to forward the Chapter's Per Capita dues and Returns to the Grand Scribe Ezra on or <u>before July 31<sup>st</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup></u> Each Chapter will forward its Financial Returns, semi-annually, to the Grand Scribe 1-zra on or <u>before July 31<sup>st</sup> and Junuary 31<sup>st</sup></u> in each year

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

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

Royal Arch Masons: date from the year the second Temple was commenced by Zerubbabell, Anno Inventionis (A.1.), "In the year of Discovery," and add 530 to the common time, thus, 2000 plus 530 equals A.1. 2530. Royal Arch Chapters hold Annual Convocations.

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

Royal and Select Masters: dates from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A.D.), "In the year of the Deposit," and adds 1,000 to the common time, thus, 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, thus, 2000 less 1.118 equals A.O. 882. Preceptories of Knight Γemplars 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, thus, 2000 plus 3,760 equals A M , 5760. After each September add another year. Consistories of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite hold Rendezvous or Reunions.