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Held in Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre  
St. Catharines, Ontario Canada  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
April 2, 3 and 4, 2008

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Grand First Principal  
119 Central Park Blvd S  
Oshawa, Ontario  
L1H 5W6

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Grand Scribe Ezra  
361 King Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario  
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## **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 Biography:**

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; appointed Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario July 20, 2006

Capitular Masonry: Pentalpha Chapter No 28, Oshawa ON - Initiated Oct 7, 1980; Installed 1<sup>st</sup> 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; Grand Third Principal 2002; Grand Second Principal 2004; Grand First Principal 2006. Elected Honorary Life Member McCallum Chapter No. 29 Dunnville 2006; Palestine Chapter No. 249 Bowmanville 2006; Grand Chapter of Quebec Montreal 2006; Grand Chapter of Connecticut Rocky Hill 2006; Grand Chapter of Michigan Grand Rapids 2006; Grand Chapter of Ohio Mason 2006; Oshawa Scottish Rite Club 2006; Grand Chapter of New York Albany 2007; Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia Truro 2007; Grand Chapter of Vermont Colchester 2007

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; Appointed member of the Grand Executive 2006

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 1993; Appendant Orders 1993; Installed Most Puissant Sovereign December 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; 7<sup>th</sup> Pillar 2007

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 Aug 1997; Life Member 1997; Received one Quadrant as Prov Prior 2001; Appointed Orator 2007

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 - 14<sup>th</sup> Degree Peterborough 1990; 18<sup>th</sup> Degree Peterborough 1990; 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Moore Sov Consistory, Hamilton 1991

Oshawa Scottish Rite Club - Director 1997-98, 2000-01; Elected President January 1999

Ancient 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**

# THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The One Hundred and Fiftieth 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

M.Ex.Comp. George Herbert Gifford	Grand First Principal
R.Ex.Comp. Roland Allen Paddle	Grand Second Principal
R.Ex.Comp. Roland Patrick Mandeville	Grand Third Principal

## PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

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

## GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED 2007

R.Ex.Comp. David Alan Whiston	Grand Chaplain
R.Ex.Comp. Shavak Russy Madon	Grand Treasurer
M.Ex.Comp. Richard James Jackson	Grand Scribe Ezra
R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn James Duke	Grand Scribe Ezra Emeritus
R.Ex.Comp. Warren <u>Errol</u> MacKenzie	Grand Scribe Nehemiah
R.Ex.Comp. Sean Thomas Fuller	Grand Principal Sojourner
R.Ex.Comp. Richard Foster Hewitt	Grand Registrar
V.Ex.Comp. Gary Paul Humes	Grand Historian
V.Ex.Comp. Tim Corrin	Grand Archivist

## GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS 2007

R.Ex.Comp. Bradley Wayne Archer	Grand Superintendent - District 1
R.Ex.Comp. John Keith Howden	Grand Superintendent - District 2
R.Ex.Comp. William Merton Malmo	Grand Superintendent - District 3
R.Ex.Comp. Ronald <u>Larry</u> Richardson	Grand Superintendent - District 4
R.Ex.Comp. Ratko Ardalic	Grand Superintendent - District 5
R.Ex.Comp. Michael Joseph Kingsley	Grand Superintendent - District 6
R.Ex.Comp. Donald Seyffert	Grand Superintendent - District 7
R.Ex.Comp. David Ross Dainard	Grand Superintendent - District 8
R.Ex.Comp. Frank Richardson	Grand Superintendent - District 9
R.Ex.Comp. William Gary Esplen	Grand Superintendent - District 10
R.Ex.Comp. Wesley <u>Victor</u> Dawson	Grand Superintendent - District 11
R.Ex.Comp. David John Andrews	Grand Superintendent - District 12
R.Ex.Comp. John David <u>Andrew</u> Graham	Grand Superintendent - District 13
R.Ex.Comp. Kenneth Raymond Pierce	Grand Superintendent - District 14
R.Ex.Comp. Willard <u>Wayne</u> Therrien	Grand Superintendent - District 15



**GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HONOURARY**

(\*Two Year Term # One Year Term)

\*R.Ex.Comp. David Edward Jacklin  
#R.Ex.Comp. Douglas William Overy

**ELECTED 2007**

R.Ex.Comp. Michael Jon Bowman	R.Ex.Comp. Robert Joseph McMaster.
R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Albert Mortlock	R.Ex.Comp. Harry <u>Daniel</u> Knox
R.Ex.Comp. William <u>Gary</u> McCormick	

**ELECTED 2006**

R.Ex.Comp. David P Hardie	R.Ex.Comp. Maurice Edward (Ted) Jenkins
R.Ex.Comp. Thomas J King	R.Ex.Comp. Paraag Natwarlal Suchak
R.Ex.Comp. Brian Douglas Van Sickle	

**APPOINTED 2007**

R.Ex.Comp. J <u>William</u> Lidstone	R.Ex.Comp. William James <u>Needham</u> Throop
R.Ex.Copmp. Alan Donovan (1 Year)	

**APPOINTED 2006**

R.Ex.Comp. Walter Theodore Bulbeck (2 Years)

**GRAND CHAPTER OPENED**

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the One Hundred and Fiftieth 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 Fiftieth 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.

**Distinguished Guests - Introduced by R.Ex.Comp. Hugh A Kernohan**

Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario	M. Ex. High Priest Lionel Hanmer, Grand President
Sovereign Grati Priory	M.Em.Kt .Joseph R Marshall, P.G.Z., G. Rep.,S.G.M., of S.G.P.
Royal and Select Masters of Ontario	M.Ill.Comp. Bryan Cunningham
Michigan	M.Ex.Comp. Paul D Williams, G.H. P.
New Hampshire	M.Ex.Comp. Roger Douillette Sr, P.G.H. P.
New York	M.Ex.Comp. Jeffrey Williamson, Grand Scribe
Ohio	M.Ex.Comp. Kermit Zimmerman, P.G.H.P..
Virginia	M.Ex.Comp. Edward Burton, P.G.P, G.Rep.
Newfoundland	R.Ex.Comp. Larry Moss,G.S. G.Rep.
Quebec	M.Ex.Comp. William Cornet, Grand First Principal
Manitoba	M.Ex.Comp. Lawrence McInnes, Grand First Principal
Saskatchewan	M.Ex.Comp. Robert Turner, Grand First Principal
British Columbia	M.Ex.Comp. George Tillotson, Grand First Principal



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 Allan J Petrisor, 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 Gifford. Following Grand Honours he was escorted to his seat on the dias by the Grand First Principal.

### **INVOCATION**

The Grand Chaplain, R.Ex.Comp. David A Whiston 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**

Companions, in all ages it has been the custom of the people of God to honour the memory of their dead. Let us do so with prayer, the word of God – with meditation, and a moment of silence.

Prayer: Most Almighty and Supreme Lord we will 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. Finally, we continue to offer our praise and obedience with thankful hearts to Your many blessings poured out upon us in great and unending abundance. Amen - So Mote It Be.

Scriptures: [Job Chapter 22, verses 26-29 - KJV] For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. [27] Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thou vows. [28] Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. [29] When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

To honour the memory of our Companions whose light no longer shines by our side we have in our presence a small lamp, which flame will burn both day and night during this Grand Chapter meeting. The light will remind us of all - humble and exalted alike, civilian and military, family and those who started as strangers and fast became friends.

We remember all throughout the full 150 years of Grand Chapter here, as in this, another fitting time, we rise and dedicate a moment of silence to those who are in the Grand Chapter above.

M.Ex.Comp. Gifford called upon M.W.Bro. Allan J Petrisor to bring greetings from The

## GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

Most Excellent Companion George H. Gifford, Grand First Principal, Right Excellent Companion Roland A. Paddle, Grand Second Principal, Right Excellent Companion Roland P. Mandeville, Grand Third Principal, Ex.Comp. and R.W.Bro. Raymond SJ Daniels, Deputy GM of ON, Grand Chapter Officers, Reverend Sirs, and Companions

I thank you R.Ex.Comp. Hugh Kernohan for your kind words of welcome and for the Grand Honours extended to the Office of The Grand Master. I thank you V.Ex.Comp. Richard Gifford for leading the Grand Honours and you my companions for your gracious response.

I thank you Most Excellent Sir for the opportunity of addressing this body of Royal Arch Masons at this annual Grand Chapter Convocation which marks the culmination of your 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebrations. I bring you the most sincere fraternal greetings on behalf of myself and the brethren of The Grand Lodge AF and AM of Canada in the Province of Ontario. *(I'd also like to welcome in our midst the Deputy Grand Master of the GL of Newfoundland Labrador, R.W.Bro. Larry Moss).*

My wife Mary and I are so looking forward to the evening's gala variety show and banquet and listening once again to the soothing sounds of John McDermott. We are delighted to be with you and thank you for the many courtesies and hospitality extended towards us, this weekend.

I, too, do want to express my appreciation for the more than capable way your chairman, Comp. Terry McLean, whom we know as R.W.Bro. Terry McLean, Member of the Board and Member of our Management committee, and his committee have put together this whole year of celebration.

Recently we were honoured to have been able to take part in the placing of the 150<sup>th</sup> Commemorative stone at the Grand Lodge building, and Grand Chapter Office in Hamilton when so many companions were able to be present to witness the event. At that time I mentioned how intertwined the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter were right from the time of M.W.Bro. Wm Mercer Wilson who was first Grand Master of our Grand Lodge and First Grand First Principal of our Grand Chapter. My research assistant V.Ex.Comp. John Sutherland of my Chapter, Oxford-Harris No. 18 in Ingersoll, tells me that in fact there were 12 Grand First Principals who went on to serve as Grand Master in this Province and two out of Province.

Most Ex.Comp. Gifford, I have enjoyed my travels with you over the course of this year in Craft Lodge settings and have appreciated your willing participation as one of the Leaders of the Family of Freemasonry. Mary and I have enjoyed the company of both you and your wife Carol when we have been together. I look forward to working with your successor.

You know companions, this year we initiated three new projects.... one being MasoniChip, a child identification program offering a sense of security to parents whose children could go missing...it touches a sensitive spot as it concerns children's welfare and as a result it has taken off like wildfire with four hotspots around Ontario under program director R.W.Bro. and Comp. Ray Dobbs of Woodstock. The side benefit to this program may be an increase

in public awareness of the Masons.

We put into place a Youth Initiatives Committee, V.W.Bro and Comp. Bill Atkinson Sr. as chairman, to liaise with Demolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls. This too has brought a lot of awareness to these groups and most recently the Deputy GM, the chairman and I attended a Provincial meeting where they initiated 17 youngsters into Demolay and conferred the Demolay Degree on 20 in total bringing their numbers up to 145 Demolay youth across Ontario. They ended the day with a very successful banquet and dancing with almost 200 in attendance. I am most pleased with the work of this committee in providing support to these youth groups.

My charity project being Prostate Cancer Research has allowed us the opportunity to bring awareness to this dreaded male problem and I might say that many are sympathetic to the cause as donations to Project number 2244 continues to be received. In addition to this, in my travels, I have been able to stress starting PSA screening early at least at age 40. It establishes a baseline for comparison as you age. It may save your life.

Brethren my theme for this year has been 'Masonry Making a Difference' especially in the following ways:

***In your own life....***by following the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth and practising those virtues which make a good man better such as....honesty in business, courtesy in society, dependability, fairness in work, concern for the less fortunate, respect for one another, acting charitably, being prudent and using sound judgement.

***In the lives of others...***by having due consideration and regard for others. As Masons we have an opportunity to truly make a difference....we can do so by adhering to the well known principle of Freemasonry....in becoming better husbands, better men, and better masons....If you live your life as a Mason should, then you will make a difference in the lives of others.

***In your Lodge...***by practising tolerance and showing equality with a natural kindness and a bond of fraternal love with all those who have shared the same experiences. This should be what keeps Masons coming out to Lodge.

***In your Community...***by being helpful, practising those principles of charity and forgiveness learned in lodge, and just being the good neighbour....kind, considerate and peaceful, conforming to lawful authorities. Be a part of your community.

***In conclusion,*** as has been so aptly stated on many occasions...Freemasonry is a way of life....enjoy it.

I wish you, R.Ex.Comp. Rolland Paddle, and your new officers all the best as you assume the leadership of this great organization tomorrow....and I will look forward to working with you at our leaders meetings.

May you and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario now go forward and embrace the future and continue to prosper in the years that lie ahead.



## 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
M.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson	2004-05

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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 us 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. Gordon H Stewart, I would call upon you for some remarks.

M.Ex.Comp. Stewart: 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. Gifford called upon R.Ex.Comp. Donald Seyffert, Grand Superintendent of District No. 7 to give the Address of Welcome.

### 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 indeed an honour to have you here for this, the 150<sup>th</sup> Grand Convocation. On behalf of District No. 7 I take at this time the opportunity to extend a hearty and most sincere welcome to everyone here. I've lived in this district all my life, and say to you it has some of the most interesting history behind it.

There are many beautiful naturally and hand made scenic places to visit. We have some of the finest vineyards and wineries in the world, many which have won International



Recognition for quality and taste. We have some of the best tender fruit that this country has to offer, grown right here with loving care.

We hope that you will take some time from your busy schedule to slow down and absorb some of the features and ambiance that this district has to offer and fully enjoy what I'm certain you will remember with fondness of your visit here. Thank you.

Right Excellent Companion Donald Seyffert, Grand Superintendent District No. 7

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVOCATION**

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Roland A Paddle, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp Roland P Mandeville, Grand Third Principal that the proceedings of the 149th Grand Convocation held in St Catharines, Ontario, on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April and Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2007, having been printed and copies sent to all Chapters in the jurisdiction, that the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same now be confirmed. CARRIED.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

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

Moved by the Grand Second Principal, seconded by the Grand Third Principal that R.Ex.Comp. James Patterson 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  
Connecticut  
Delaware  
District of Columbia  
Finland

Vern E Young  
Kenneth Lowery  
Brian R Simpson  
Hugh A Kernohan  
Robert C Wakefield  
M Hassan Mohamdee  
Douglas W Overy  
B Andrew Downes  
Richard A Hryniw  
Gary P Humes  
R. Frank Russell  
James Weir  
Douglas E Stitt

Florida  
 France  
 Georgia  
 Germany  
 Greece  
 Idaho  
 Illinois  
 India  
 Indiana  
 Iowa  
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 New Brunswick  
 Newfoundland & Labrador  
 New Hampshire  
 New Jersey  
 New Mexico  
 New South Wales  
 New York  
 New Zealand  
 North Carolina  
 North Dakota  
 Nova Scotia  
 Ohio  
 Oklahoma  
 Oregon  
 Pennsylvania  
 Phillipines  
 Quebec  
 Queensland  
 Rhode Island  
 Saskatchewan  
 Scotland  
 South Africa

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  
 Donald Gillis  
 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  
 William Klapatiuk  
 Ronald McClung  
 Brian Stapley  
 William Stanfield  
 Roland A Paddle  
 J William Lidstone  
 Thomas C Warner  
 Robert E Todd  
 E Roy Harrison  
 Ronald T Stinson  
 William H Woods  
 Donald J Emerick  
 Brian E Bond  
 Richard J Jackson  
 Robert H McKelvie  
 Shayne H Eldridge  
 Alan A Foote  
 George H Gifford  
 Sydney Edge  
 Walter T Bulbeck  
 Lloyd G Timson  
 John E Gamble  
 William G Esplen  
 Edward W Elcombe  
 Leslie Levitt

South Australia  
 South Carolina  
 South Dakota  
 Switzerland  
 Tennessee  
 Texas  
 Utah  
 Vermont  
 Victoria (Australia)  
 Virginia  
 Washington  
 Western Australia  
 West Virginia  
 Wisconsin  
 Wyoming

Charles W Crow  
 Lawrence M Halliday  
 M John Moor  
 James A Shaw  
 Derek J Ward  
 C Gordon Sinclair  
 Edmund Goldthorpe  
 Edward G Ounjian  
 W Bruce Miller  
 Dale Plant  
  
 John Post  
 Harry D Turner  
 G Henry Handsley  
 Roland P Mandeville

G.Z. To you Most Excellent, Right Excellent, Very Excellent and 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. Gifford 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 to be honoured:

Companion James Buist of The Hiram Chapter No. 2, Hamilton  
 Companion John Vernon Cann of Beaver Chapter No. 74, Strathroy

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 M.Ex.Comps. John McGill, Richard J Jackson and Harry D Turner, 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

## GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Excellent Companion and Most Worshipful Brother Allan J. Petrisor, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Distinguished Guests and Companions. It is an honor and a privilege for me to welcome you to the 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Worshipful Brother Allan J Petrisor, I would like to thank you for all the courtesies that have been extended, not only to myself, but also to this Grand Chapter, its Officers and members over the past months. I can assure you, that I speak for all Royal Arch Masons, when I state once again that the wishes and support of our Grand Lodge is of the utmost importance to each and every one of us and, we are ready to serve whenever requested. The attendance at this Convocation by you, Most Worshipful Sir and your wife Mary are greatly appreciated. Your leadership, dedication and commitment to Masonry are and will continue to be an inspiration to each and every mason in this province.

To the Convocation Committee under the leadership of R.Ex.Comp. Douglas Overy of Pentalpha Chapter No 28, Oshawa – the energy and efforts put forward on behalf of this Grand Chapter over the past two years has been greatly appreciated.

To the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee under the Chairmanship of Companion Terence McLean of Occident Chapter No 77, your hard work and attention to detail leading up to this special event have been very instrumental in its success and one of which our predecessors would have been proud. Thank you for all of your time and energy; they have also been greatly appreciated. Our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration has now arrived and our Chairman, Companion Terry McLean and his committee are to be congratulated and commended for their outstanding efforts in ensuring that this will be a memorable and successful event.

Ex.Comp. William Sanders – special thanks to you and the Companions of The St. Patrick Chapter No 145 for supplying the furniture, banners and implements for this Grand Chapter. I am sure that their presence will bring back a lot of fond memories of past Grand Convocations.

To the management and staff of the Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre – thank you for your assistance and guidance once again, in making this a special event.

**NECROLOGY:** Once again I would like to thank R.Ex.Comp. David Whiston, our Grand Chaplain, for a very moving and sincere ceremony of remembrance. I extend my personal condolences as well as those of this Grand Chapter to the families and friends of our departed Companions. They will be missed by the Companions of their various Chapters and Districts as well as the Companions with whom they have become acquainted in other jurisdictions.

**FRATERNAL RELATIONS:** The Ontario Masonic Leaders Committee under the guidance and chairmanship of our Grand Master continues to meet on a regular basis. As my term of office ends and our new Grand First Principal assumes the duties of sitting on this committee I wish for all those involved, harmony and wisdom in all their deliberations. The ideals and principals of Freemasonry within as well as without our great fraternity can only benefit from their continued efforts on our behalf. The chairman, our Grand Master, on all occasions encourages and listens to all suggestions and concerns prior to the making of any decisions.



**PAST RANK:** In accordance with a request from the Principals and Companions of Hiawatha Chapter No 252, I recommend Past First Principal rank be conferred on Comp. Gordon J Simmons. Reverend Gordon J Simmons has served masonry well and is held in high esteem in all branches of the order with which he is affiliated.

**CONDITIONS OF THE ORDER:** Once again as usual our Grand Council met immediately following the 149<sup>th</sup> Grand Convocation and by all reports we had a very successful Convocation. The attendance of 8 Past Grand First Principals was a very impressive show of support for this Grand Chapter. The warm-up to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by the Pipe and Drum Corp was very well received and a very moving experience by those in attendance.

On April 28, 2007 I directed the Grand Second Principal, Roland A Paddle to form two Committees as stated in my 2007 address:

- (1) The viability and interest in E-mailing the Chapter Summons
- (2) The viability in 2 a year term for Grand Superintendent for District No 15.

As you can see from the Summons, two Notices of Motion are being presented later at this Grand Convocation.

On January the 25<sup>th</sup> 2008, I directed R.Ex.Comp. Roland P Mandeville to contact the 15 Grand Superintendents and ask them to remind all the Chapters in their respective Districts to ensure they were properly returned by January 31, 2008, as outlined in the Constitution. This was done by the sending of 12 E-Mail and 15 Regular mail letters. As of February 1, 2008, we had 11 Chapters not properly returned and a letter of suspension was issued. The First Principals of the delinquent Chapters were given until February 20, 2008 to provide a written response as to why their respective Chapters were in violation of the Constitution. As of February 29, 2008, I am pleased to report that 8 Chapters and their respective First Principal's responded in an appropriate manner and the suspensions have been lifted. As no response was received the following Chapters, Alberton Chapter No 152; Abitibi Chapter No 223 and Tecumseh Chapter No 264, they were suspended and their three Principals and Proxies are denied the right to vote at this Grand Chapter.

I will state once again that over the last few years the Grand Council has made every attempt to have all Chapters returned by the proper date as outlined in the Constitution. All that we ask is that the forms are properly filled out showing their respective situations as of December 31<sup>st</sup> and the assessment paid. We could have had a near perfect return if the assessment which was issued in November had have been punctually paid and the forms properly submitted. This information is what is printed in the Proceedings and used for assessment purposes. Should a Chapter fail to send in the proper forms then we have no way of knowing who is or is not eligible to vote at our Grand Convocation.

There are currently 3 Chapters under Trusteeship in accordance with the Grand Chapter Constitution.

I have appointed R.Ex.Comp. Gordon McEwen as trustee to over see the workings and make recommendations on the viability of Northern Lights Chapter No 213 in Timmins. A report was received and the Chapter has requested another 12 months to try and turn this chapter around. It is therefore recommended that they be given this opportunity. V.Ex.Comp. Jon Bowman has been appointed trustee to oversee Tillsonburg Chapter No 255 and assist them in improving the quality of work and the streamlining of their operations.

R.Ex.Comp. John Howden has been appointed trustee to assist Minnewawa Chapter No 78 in alleviating internal issues which have come to the attention of the Grand Superintendent of District No. 2.

As their term of office expires at this Grand Convocation I would suggest that they be reappointed for a further term of office in order to have continuity and give them a chance to complete their commissions.

In addition, R.Ex.Comp. Needham Throop has been appointed as a representative to oversee and assist during the Amalgamation proceedings between Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No 1 in Kingston and Mount Sinai Chapter No 44 in Napanee.

While we are on this subject I feel that it is important that you know there are other Chapters in various stages of discussion regarding their well being and viability. I hope and pray that those concerned will be able to find a satisfactory solution to their respective problems.

Once again, any Special Dispensations which were previously issued to Chapters will be null and void at the completion of this Grand Convocation thereby requiring a new written request for continuance.

From the Nomination papers received on November 30, 2007 there were five nominations for elected office denied due to non-compliance with the Constitution.

Once again the Grand Chapter Office is only open on a part time basis and I would strongly recommend that all correspondence be sent in writing and by letter or fax. There are proper procedures to follow when corresponding with our Grand Chapter and these procedures are to be strictly followed by all Chapters.

The Grand Chapter Office does not have an email address and nothing concerning our Grand Chapter should be forwarded to the Grand Scribe Ezra's personal email address.

The Soapbox Newsletter, which is being sent to each Chapter and Grand Chapter Officer quarterly, has given the Grand Council a better opportunity to communicate with the companions and bring forward information on various subjects in a timely manner. This newsletter, once again, should be placed in an appropriate place in the anteroom where more Companions would be able to read its contents and not left in the pile of correspondence at the end of the meeting. The newsletter is also on the Grand Chapter website. The Grand Chapter website has been and continues to be a very good vehicle for the dissemination of information concerning, not only Grand Chapter information but, also gives the various Chapters in the Province a method of sharing by photos or written media, their special events.

Again this year, as well as in the past, our Grand Chapter Office in Hamilton was open to any and all Companions in the Province who wished to visit for whatever reason. All that was required was a letter stating when the visit was intended and all efforts would have been made to accommodate those Companions.

**CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:** A little more than a year ago, R.Ex.Comp. Maurice E. (Ted) Jenkins approached me with the idea of creating a Million Dollar Club. I am pleased to say as of the writing of this address that under his stewardship we have 106 members raising \$10,600 and a number of subscriptions which have given this endeavor a further \$7,400 giving us a total

of \$18,000. Congratulations to you R. Ex. Comp. Jenkins on a job well done and I hope that you will continue into the future with this excellent idea. These contributions as well as those of the various Chapters and Companions towards our goal of a \$1,000,000 Capital Fund will strengthen our ability to maintain our support of the Medical Research programs that have become so important to the Royal Arch Masons of this Province.

**GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS:** The District Superintendents on all occasions have attempted to perform their respective duties to the best of their skill and ability. I extend my personal thanks as well as that of all the Companions for a job well done.

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

Dispensations	93
Past Principal Certificates	45
25 year Past Principal Bars	15
50 year Past Principal Bars	0
50 Year Royal Arch Jewels	42
60 Year Pins	2

To the recipients of the various jewels, pins and certificates – Your commitment and dedication to Royal Arch Masonry is to be commended. May you be blessed with good health and continued happiness.

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

R. Ex. Comp. Donald Gillis - Ireland  
R. Ex. Comp. Lawrence Morrow Halliday – South Carolina  
R. Ex. Comp. Douglas Overy – British Columbia & Yukon  
V. Ex.Comp. Henry Hansley - Wisconsin  
M.Ex.Comp George Gifford - Pennsylvania

It was my pleasure to approve the request for Grand Representatives from the following Sister Jurisdictions:

Companion Nolito G. Rubiano of the Philippines

**APPOINTMENTS:** Immediately following the Installation Ceremonies at McCallum Chapter No 29 on May 28, 2007 I appointed Ex.Comp. Douglas Wilson a Grand Steward of this Grand Chapter and Invested V.Ex.Comp. Wilson with his Grand Chapter regalia. V.Ex.Comp. Wilson had previously served as Secretary to the Grand Superintendent R.Ex.Comp. Benjamin Lam of District No 5. Grand Chapter was unable to grant an appointment for services rendered due to the fact that V.Ex.Comp. Wilson had not yet served as a First Principal of a Chapter. Having now completed that requirement it was a distinct pleasure to have had the opportunity to grant the appointment and perform the investiture.

**AMALGAMATIONS AND DEDICATIONS:** The following Chapters have been amalgamated:



Presqui'le Chapter No 144 and St Marks Chapter No 26 on June 19, 2007 in Brighton, ON., forming Presqui'le-St Marks Chapter No 26

Pentalpha Chapter No 28 and Keystone Chapter No 35 on October 13, 2007 in Oshawa, ON., retaining the name and number Pentalpha Chapter No 28.

Quinte Friendship Moira Chapter No. 7 and Keystone Chapter No 72 on January 14, 2008 in Belleville, ON, retaining the name and number Quinte Friendship Moira Chapter No 7.

The Malone Lodge building in Sutton was Dedicated on September. 19, 2007 for the purposes of Royal Arch Masonry, in order that King Darius Chapter No 134 would have an appropriate meeting place.

The Bayport Lodge building in Victoria Harbour was Dedicated on March 10, 2008 for the purposes of Royal Arch Masonry, in order that Kitchikewana Chapter No 167 would have an appropriate meeting place.

Dedication of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Keystone took place on March 15, 2008 in Hamilton. It will have a permanent home in the foyer of the Grand Lodge building in Hamilton. Voluntary contributions of \$50.00 towards the cost of the Anniversary Keystone were made by the following Chapters: The Hiram No 2, St. John's & St. George's No 3, St. John's No 6, Oxford-Harris No 18, Mt. Moriah No 19, Brant-Mount Horab No 20, Pentalpha No 28, McCallum No 29, Victoria No 37, Palestine No 54, Georgian No 56, Wilson No 64, Enterprise No 67, Beaver No 74, St. Clair No 75, Tuscan No 95, Algonquin No 102, Ancaster No 155, The Hamilton No 175, Hugh Murray No 184, Ottawa No 222, King Cyrus No 232, Caledonia No 236, Tillsonburg No 255, Espanola No 257, Tecumseth No 264. Any Chapter that has not but would like to contribute to this project will have until April 30, 2008 to do so and they will be added to this list prior to the printing of the 2008 Proceedings.

**CELEBRATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:** During the following visits to other Grand jurisdictions I was accorded Honorary Life Membership. On all occasions my wife Carol and I were extended all possible courtesies. My visitation to these locations has not only allowed me to make new friends but has given me a greater understanding of the uniqueness of Royal Arch Masonry as practiced by other jurisdictions.

May 03 – 06, 2007- Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia – Truro N.S.

June 03 – 05, 2007 – Grand Chapter of Vermont – U.S.A.

St John's Chapter No 48 in Cobourg Ont. decided to surprise me with an Honorary Life Membership on March 15, 2008. This was unexpected but greatly appreciated and I thank all the Companions of this Chapter for the honor bestowed.

Three Chapters; Tuscan Chapter No 95 – Sudbury, Espanola Chapter No 257 – Espanola, and King Solomon's Chapter No 8 – Markham held special 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. All of these events were well attended and the special attention to detail and decorum was evident. I offer my special thanks to all those who worked so diligently on these events. I also managed to be present two of the three Distinguished Service Awards to Comp. Robert Rousseau of Palestine Chapter No 249 in Bowmanville and Comp. Ronald White of Keystone Chapter No 35 in Whitby. I also presented a 50 year Companions Jewel to Companion Raymond Hyslop, a member of St. Francis Chapter No 133 in Smith Falls, while attending the Grand



Convocation of Nova Scotia in Truro. I had the occasion to present three 50 year Companions Jewels on December 18, 2007 at Ancaster Chapter No 155 to three family members; Ex.Comp. George Calder, Ex.Comp. Shellard Calder and Ex.Comp. John Calder, along with another family member in attendance who had already received a 50 year jewel. This family has a total of more than 200 years of service to Royal Arch Masonry in the Ancaster area and from all reports given that evening this family was apparently instrumental with regards to the introduction of Masonry in that area. On February 05, 2008, I presented two 50 year Jewels at Mt. Sinai Chapter No 212 in Thornhill to R.Ex.Comp. Jack Wakeford and V.Ex.Comp. Richard (Dick) Gerring. It should be noted that this particular Chapter donated \$1000.00 on that particular evening toward the cost of the new portable keyboard which we are using for the first time at this Grand Convocation. I had the occasion to present two 50 year Jewels on March 27, 2008 at Midland Chapter No 94 in Lindsay to R.Ex.Comp. Andrew M. Skilling and Ex.Comp. William G. Garrod.

**CONCLUSION:** To all the various Chairman and Committees; at one point I was asked how I kept a handle on all the committees, my remarks at that time were that each and every Chairman was hand picked by myself and that they in turn hand picked their committee members, therefore my work was greatly reduced because I had the utmost confidence in my chairman knowing full well they in turn had under their direction the best companions they could find for the success of their various committees and projects. Their diligent work on the many projects on behalf of this Grand Chapter has been a resounding success.

An interesting concept was noted while reading the Report of the Grand Fraternal Correspondent (Glen L. Opp) of the Grand Chapter of Ohio in their 2007 Proceedings: "Brazil – This Grand Jurisdiction expects the total family to belong to the Masonic Bodies if a man petitions a Blue Lodge. That builds the Eastern Star and the Youth organizations considerably."

To R.Ex.Comp. Roland A Paddle, Grand Second Principal and R.Ex.Comp. Roland P Mandeville, Grand Third Principal, thank you both for your friendship and your assistance over the last two years it was greatly appreciated. Shortly both of you will be moving up to your new positions and I offer my assistance to both of you and the soon to be elected new Grand Third Principal.

To our Grand Scribe Ezra, M.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson, I offer thanks for your friendship and cooperation over the past several years. On all occasions you were there to offer advice and direction and may your tenure with this Grand Chapter as Grand Scribe Ezra continue for many years.

To our girl Friday – Marlene Victor, thank you for all that you have done for me over the last six years. You were always there when we needed you whether it was for coffee, setting up luncheons or your general secretarial skills, your assistance was always greatly appreciated. To the many Companions who were always present on my many journeys, I thank for your friendship and company. May the good Lord keep each and every one of you in the palm of his hand.

Finally to my wife Carol and family, thank you for your love, encouragement and support. To my wife Carol – you have had the remote for six years, now I'm going to take it back.

Fraternally submitted,

George H Gifford, 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 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AD HOC 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:

**Our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - The First Annual Convocation, after several special convocations, was held in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, Ontario, on Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 1858 with M.Ex.Comp. William Mercer Wilson presiding. Now 150 years later!

**How does one celebrate such an occasion like the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Chapter?**

Well of course there was the Annual Convocation in April 2007 where M.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford exclaimed ***“Let the celebration begin”*** and then entered the Pipe and Drums led by Comp. Peter Irwin and composed of a mixture of Companions to kick off the year’s events.

Besides the formal meeting there were a variety of celebratory activities throughout the year. Gatherings such as BBQ’s, Fish Fry’s, Picnics, White Oak Chapter laying a plaque in front of a White Oak tree, formal 150<sup>th</sup> dinners at King Solomon’s, Espanola and Tuscan Chapters and designing 150<sup>th</sup> key chains to mention a few. At the 150<sup>th</sup> display booths there were 150<sup>th</sup> memorabilia, 150<sup>th</sup> coins, placemats, pens, hats, and shirts for purchase by the Companions.

Our 150<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Portland Base bed Plaque was dedicated on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008, lead by M.Ex.Comp. George Gifford and over 70 in attendance including the Grand Master Ex.Comp. and M.W.Bro. Allan J Petrisor and other Masonic Leaders (including the Craft, Scottish Rite and Shriners) from the Family of Freemasonry. The stone used to manufacture this plaque historically was only used for a limited number of flooring projects including Buckingham Palace and Canterbury Cathedral. A special thank you to those Chapters/Districts who donated funds in support of this project.

Now with less than one day to go, our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration will soon become history. However, what a wonderful chapter still to be written!

The 150<sup>th</sup> Grand Convocation April 3-5, 2008, a Meet & Greet on the Thursday evening, early Friday morning before Grand Chapter is opened, companions, friends and ladies are invited to the closing presentations. Many 150<sup>th</sup> souvenir items will be available for purchase including a limited edition autographed Grand First Principals placemats and a commemorative DVD. Close to 400 companions and friends purchased tickets for the Gala Banquet where we will be entertained by the magnificent “Irish” Tenor John McDermott and friends as well as some special guests to provide a little magic and pomp and ceremony. To conclude our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a Sunrise Service will be conducted by the Rev. David Whiston on Saturday morning at 8 am followed by the Grand Chapter’s morning session.

I personally owe a great debt of gratitude to all the members of this 150 Anniversary Committee for their attendance, commitment, efforts, skills and success in organizing such a memorable celebration. They are and would they please stand to be recognized: M.Ex.Comps. George H Gifford, Grand First Principal; Richard J Jackson, Grand Scribe Ezra and past Grand First Principal; R.Ex.Comps. Roland Paddle, Grand Second Principal; Roland Manderville, Grand Third Principal; R.Ex.Comps. Melvyn Duke, Shavak Madon, Robert McMaster, Desmond Washer, Paraag Suchak, David Whiston; and V.Ex.Comp. Gary Humes.

And our Regional Ambassadors: R.Ex.Comps. Michael Bowman, Eric Lakien, David Wilde, Henry Handsley, Doug Wilson, Ray Boal, Don Jones, Doug Stitt, and Tom Mortlock.

And a special thank you to the Grand Executive led by M.Ex.Comp. George Gifford for affording me the honour to Chair this special committee.

**150 Years - What a happy time. When comes such another!**

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the 150<sup>th</sup> committee by Comp. Terry A McLean, Chairman 150<sup>th</sup> Committee Grand Chapter Anniversary

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the entire 150<sup>th</sup> Committee - Companion Terry McLean, Chairman

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

### **REPORT OF THE 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 2007-2008 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, R.Ex.Comp. Roland A Paddle give Notice that at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, I will move, or cause to be moved that the following sentence be added to RULES GOVERNING GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS Section 25 (a) "The full term of office for the Grand Superintendent of District 15 shall be two consecutive years", so that the Section shall read:

25 (a) Except as provided in Section POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF GRAND CHAPTER and in Section DUTIES, POWER AND RULES REGARDING THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL, herof, no Officer is entitled to Past Rank in any office in Grand Chapter, unless he has served a full term of office and expressly granted by Grand Chapter. The full term of



office for the Grand Superintendent of District 15 shall be two consecutive years.

**Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.**

*District 15 has only three Constituent Chapters in the District, and to travel to the Grand Convocation in central Ontario, Companions must drive to either Thunder Bay or Winnipeg, Manitoba, for air transportation back east, and then rent a vehicle to reach their destination. They are in a similar situation to the Companions in the Yukon District when they were under the umbrella of the Grand Chapter until 1958. The Constitution in that era dealt with the problem by only one sentence in the section dealing with Past Rank, and the Committee finds that solution to still be **regular and in order**.*

2. I, R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker will move or cause to be moved at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario; that whereas the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario; after extensive review and consultation amended its Constitution in July 2004, to permit the e-mailing of Lodge summons, and whereas Grand Chapter has conducted similar review and tests, that therefore Section 79 paragraph (a) of the Constitution be amended to read:

79 (a) The content of a Chapter Summons is confidential information and shall be mailed in a sealed envelope with return address or by authorized, secure electronic transmission via e-mail. Responsibility for contents sent in unsealed envelopes or unauthorized electronic transmission rests with the First Principal and Scribe Ezra.

**Your Committee finds this amendment to be regular and in order.**

*The following procedure is not part of the Constitution:*

*Conditions required for the issuing of Dispensation to a Chapter to transmit its Summons by secure electronic transmission via e-mail include:*

- (i) The Scribe E or the responsible companion of the Chapter has attended an appropriate seminar.*
- (ii) The Chapter will decide to use or not to use a password on the e-mail document.*
- (iii) The Scribe E has on record a signed "request form" or e-mail request from the Chapter member agreeing to receive the Chapter's Summons by e-mail and agreeing that it is the member's responsibility to keep the Scribe E informed of his current e-mail address.*
- (iv) The content of the e-mail summons is the same as that sent by post.*
- (v) Grand Chapter and the Grand Superintendent must receive their summons by regular surface post.*

*Requests from a Chapter for Dispensation from Grand Chapter to transmit its Summons by secure electronic transmission via e-mail must include agreement to the foregoing conditions.*

Since last reporting to the Grand First Principal and the Companions of Grand Chapter in 2007, your Committee has dealt with seven (7) issues brought to their attention pertaining to interpretations as per our mandate under the Constitution.

In addition fifteen (15) submissions from Constituent Chapters pertaining to Amendments to their 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.

Further, a diligent student of the Constitution (2006) brought to our attention a misprint in Section 92, undoubtedly caused by a word processor having a mind of its own. We have recommended that this misprint be corrected in the next printing of the Constitution.

All of the above is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee, V.Ex.Comps. Donald H Mumby, Grant H Armstrong and R.Ex.Comp. J William Lidstone as Committee 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

### **MOTIONS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION**

I, R.Ex.Comp. Roland A Paddle, hereby move that the sentence be added to RULES GOVERNING GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS Section 25(a) "The full term of office for the Grand Superintendent of District 15 shall be two consecutive years", so that the section shall read:

25(a) Except as provided in Section POWER AND AUTHORITY OF GRAND CHAPTER and in Section DUTIES, POWER AND RULES REGARDING THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL, hereof, no Officer is entitled to Past Rank in any office in Grand Chapter, unless he has served a full term of office and expressly granted by Grand Chapter. The full term of office for Grand Superintendent of District 15 shall be two consecutive years. CARRIED

I, R.Ex.Comp. David G Walker, hereby move that Section 79(a) of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

79(a) The content of a Chapter Summons is confidential information and shall be mailed in sealed envelopes with return address or by authorized, secure, electronic transmission via E-mail. Responsibility for contents sent in unsealed envelopes or unauthorized electronic transmission rests with the First Principal and Scribe Ezra. CARRIED

### **REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE**

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Scholarship and Bursary Committee would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter for the past 12 months. Now with our term almost complete, I am pleased to inform you of our activity over the past year.

This year 66 applications were received, 56 having been approved and 10 were rejected. A total of \$20,400.00 of our \$23,752.00 budget has been awarded.

This year 34 - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year 22 - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year applications approved. This would indicate that once again this year there are still a lot of new students beginning the early stages of college

or university education and leaves just under 40% of the applications received from students in the final stages of their education, poised to be the leaders of tomorrow.

As you know this committee has recently implemented a number of changes to our application process and forms as we continue our attempt to rectify the delay problems of the past. We feel reasonably comfortable with results to date, however there are always exceptions. This year a small portion of the applications refused were again due to delays. Please keep in mind that once an application reaches a certain point of delay the information it contains must be considered out of date and possibly inaccurate. At this point the application will be refused and a request that a new application with current information be re submitted. This tough decision of refusal has caused a few to view this committee as uncaring and callous towards these worthy students but, however difficult this decision was to make, we do have to answer to our government regulators.

Once again this year I ask that the instructions be read carefully when filling out the applications and stress that they are forwarded through the proper channels as soon as possible, hesitation causes delays. **Remember only the Students suffer from these delays!**

As in the past couple of years this Committee has worked to streamline the application process and this year is no exception. The changes that have been made this year are:

1) This committee will now have a cut off date by which applications are to be received in order for them to be processed within that current year. This means that applications shall begin to be received immediately following the Grand Convocation in April and will continue to be received up to and including the date of January 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the next annual convocation. Any applications received after this January 15<sup>th</sup> cut off date will be held until the Grand Convocation and at that time be passed along to the new Chairman and his committee for their consideration. This timing will allow all applications for that Masonic year to be received, processed and if approved the cheques to be issued by the end of February, Grand Chapter's fiscal year end. This plan will enable the committee to complete its year efficiently, within its government guidelines and with no carry over each year. Having no carry over is intended to make the transition to the incoming Scholarship & Bursary Chairman, committee and members and Grand Superintendents in April as easy and painless as possible.

2) This committee has decided that there is no longer any need for applications to be sent to Grand Chapter or the Grand Scribe Ezra for his inspection. Immediately following this 2008 convocation it is asked that all applications be sent directly to the Grand Chapter Scholarship & Bursary Chairman. This decision is considered as another step in streamlining our process and will save time and unnecessary postage.

3) The application form has been changed slightly in order to make it a bit more user friendly for both the applicant and sponsor as well as more efficient for this committee.

4) This committee has once again decided that only students who are continuing their education within the Province of Ontario shall be entitled to receive funding from this committee. It is felt that this decision would enable us to continue with the established and approved bursary qualifications.

5) Elimination of the \$250.00 bursary award for the first year immediately following High School. This was a suggested change that was not approved this year but is to be passed on

to the next committee for future consideration. The main intent of this idea would be as a cost cutting and student dedication measure. As we came close but did not surpass our budget this year it was our decision to leave this elimination consideration for future committees once their budgets are determined.

None of these new changes were taken lightly and a lot of consideration has gone into our decisions. The changes that we made are meant to enable us to effectively manage our set budgets and to better comply the Provincial Government regulations.

Once again packages containing new application forms & guidelines for bursary grants have been prepared for the new Grand Superintendents and for distribution to his District Chairman.

In conclusion I would like to thank the council for allowing me to chair this committee over the past couple of years. Thank you to all those who have made donations to the Scholarship & Bursary Fund. Your generous donations will allow us to continue to make a difference.

Thank you to my committee members both past and present. Your efforts and dedication have allowed this committee to assist and impress the generosity and fine qualities of Masonry upon the minds of hundreds of students.

We 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. We consider the money awarded to these worthy students an investment towards **OUR FUTURE**.

Finally, we the committee would like to congratulate this Grand Chapter on its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and hope our efforts will help to keep this Grand Chapter strong for another 150 years.

Respectfully submitted by: R.Ex.Comp. Michael Bowman (Chairman), R.Ex.Comps. Barry Turnbull, Daniel Knox, Colin Skilling and V.Ex.Comps. Tim Corrin, John Richel, Edward Toogood

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

### **REPORT OF THE 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 14 jurisdictions from Canada, the United States, Ireland, England, Scotland and Greece. Nine of these were made available on computer discs and this trend is expected to continue because of the high printing costs. The drop in the number of returns is regrettable and in the next year, this committee should try to re-establish our contacts.

Again, all jurisdictions report declining membership, albeit significantly reduced from previous years. Suspensions for non-payment of dues seems to be at an all-time low and



demits are also lower. Death, however appear to be on the rise because of the high average age of the members.

Chapter amalgamations and closures continue at somewhat lower rates than the past several years. To counter this trend, a few jurisdictions have adopted "six-member openings" and a reduction to four meetings per year. This would allow the smaller chapters to continue in active status.

There are reports of very successful recruitment drives, e.g., field days and established reward targets. Through these means, some chapters are again reporting increases to their membership rolls.

Further optimism is being expressed by reports of increasing membership in Craft Lodges. To take advantage of this trend, England is considering the establishment of a Royal Arch representative in each lodge as well as possibly even a Lodge Officer who would be responsible for promoting the Order to Master Masons.

All jurisdictions are very active in the development and introduction of training materials and programs for chapter use. Schools of instruction, officer development, guidelines for creative meetings, and award programs for recruiters are some areas being pursued. To facilitate member retention, guidelines for more interesting meetings and the meaningful participation of members are being undertaken; the object being to challenge the companion and to encourage continued participation.

Yes, there is a glimmer of hope but there is also a realization that there is no simple answer or panacea to deal with our issues. Much hard work is necessary, using all the aids at our disposal and these have increased significantly. In the final analysis, creative and dedicated officers and every companion must work together to make a difference.

I would like to thank you, Most Excellent Sir, for the opportunity to serve this, our Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted by; Walter T Bulbeck, Chairman, Fraternal Relations Committee

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 150<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:

It has been a difficult year for investment funds, in general however, your Investment Committee is pleased to report that our investment portfolio has held it's own admirably. Your committee monitors the management of our three portfolios; the General Account, which includes the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolence Fund, the Scholarship and Bursary Account and the Medical Research account.

Under the overall guidance of the investment policy approved by this Grand Executive, our investment advisors, RBC Dominion Securities have performed very well for our portfolio. Our very talented investment advisor and his staff are 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.

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 strive to maximize long-term capital and income growth consistent with low-to-moderate risk. It also has to produce an income stream to cover some operating expenses, as well as the funds necessary to sustain the medical research and bursary programs of the Grand Chapter Charities.

We are very pleased to report that our investment advisor has performed well within the policy guidelines, even facing this difficult market. 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 on our investments for the fiscal year ended February 29, 2008, continued to beat the market, at about 7.2% [actually better than the previous year of about 5.8%]. However, the market value of our investments dropped by about 1.9% compared to an increase of about 1.5% last year.

The market value of our total portfolio is just under \$2,000,000. Having increased by about \$65,000 over the previous year. The increase is made up of approximately \$135,000 investment return, \$35,000 decrease in market value, \$15,000 withdrawn from the General Investment Fund, and \$20,000 withdrawn from the Scholarship and Bursary Fund. These withdrawals however, are well under the investment return of these funds.

The Executive Committee has approved the Investment Committee's recommendation that Grand Chapter continue to retain the services of our current Investment Fund Committee, 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, M.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson and R.Ex.Comp. Shavak R Madon, 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, 2008.

The following are the highlights for the fiscal year 2008.

**The Grand Chapter:** The total revenue was \$120,800 compared to \$128,200 in 2007. Our expenses amounted to \$110,200 as against \$109,600 in the prior year. We ended the year excess of revenue over expenses of \$10,600 compared to \$18,600 in the prior year.

Over the past three years for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we have collected \$18,600 which includes miscellaneous donations and sale of merchandise. To date we have paid and accrued for expenses of \$20,900 and as a result the balance of \$2,300 is reflected on the balance sheet.

**The Scholarship and Bursary Fund:** The total revenue was \$41,600 compared to \$42,600 in the prior year. We paid out bursaries of \$20,600 compared to \$30,900 in 2007. We ended the year with a surplus of \$19,400 compared to \$10,000 in the prior year.

**The Medical Research Fund:** The total revenue was \$59,700 compared to \$134,900 in 2007. During the year we made grants of \$20,000 as against \$20,000 in the prior year. We ended the year with a surplus of \$38,000 compared to \$112,200 in the prior year. We were very fortunate to receive several substantial bequests in prior year and as a result, our donations amounted to \$24,100 compared to \$102,200 in 2007.

**Investments:** Under the new CICA pronouncements for Financial Instruments, all investments have to be reported at market value instead of cost. This change is to be done prospectively with no change to prior year figures. As a result, the investment figures for the three organizations were adjusted upwards by \$222,700 as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. The market value of our total investments at the Grand Chapter, the Scholarship & Bursary Fund and the Medical Research Fund amounted to \$1,958,800 compared to \$1,825,500 in prior year.

**General:** As in prior years, I met several times with the Grand Scribe Ezra and the Grand Council to discuss the financial affairs of Grand Chapter. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of our Grand Council and Grand Scribe Ezra to stringently control the finances of the Grand Chapter and the two related funds. I would like to thank the Grand Scribe Ezra for the fullest cooperation provided to me throughout the year.

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 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 as at February 28, 2008, and for the year ended February 28, 2007. The fair summarization of the complete financial statement is the responsibility of the organization's management. Our 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 Guideline 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 Lepore and Company  
March 12, 2008 Chartered Accountants

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**THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

	2008	2007
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 52,301	\$ 22,452
Accrued investment income	1,971	7,825
Investments	535,340	467,793
Capital assets	335	335
Prepaid expenses including 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Fund	8,246	-

Inventory	14,309	19,283
	\$ 612,502	\$ 517,688
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<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 18,700	4,215
Deferred revenue	11,558	-
150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund	-	5,820
	30,258	10,035
<b>Net Asset</b>	582,244	507,653
	\$612,502	\$ 517,688
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**SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND NET ASSETS**  
**YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Investment income	\$ 27,093	\$ 28,841
Dues and registration fees	89,674	91,987
Others	3,996	7,413
	120,763	128,241
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<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration and fund raising	110,192	109,597
Excess of revenue over expenses	10,571	18,644
<b>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</b>	507,653	479,631
Adjustment on Implementation of Financial Instruments Standards	64,020	
<b>FUNDS ADVANCED</b>	-	9,378
<b>NET ASSETS, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 582,244</b>	<b>\$ 507,653</b>

## AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

We have audited the statement of financial position of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - The Scholarship and Bursary Fund as at February 28, 2008, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the omission of the disclosure described in the preceding paragraph, and except for the effect of adjustments, if any which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of revenues referred to above, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at February 28, 2008 and the results of its operation for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Ontario

March 12, 2008

*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, 2008**



	2008	2007
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and short term investments	\$ 5,839	\$ 5,429
Cash on deposit at broker	245	171
Accrued interest receivable (Note 4)	-	5,765
Investments (Note 4)	715,417	609,810
	<b>\$ 721,501</b>	<b>\$ 621,175</b>

#### **Liabilities**

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,501	1,501
<b>Net Asset (Note 5)</b>	<b>720,000</b>	<b>619,674</b>
	<b>\$ 721,501</b>	<b>\$ 621,175</b>

### **SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

	2008	2007
<b>Revenue</b>		
Investment income (Note 6)	\$ 39,006	\$ 40,227
Donations	2,546	2,365
	<b>41,552</b>	<b>42,592</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration and fund raising	1,592	1,644
Grants, bursaries and donations	20,550	30,900
	<b>22,142</b>	<b>32,544</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>19,410</b>	<b>10,048</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</b>	<b>619,674</b>	<b>609,626</b>
<b>ADJUSTMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS STANDARDS (Note 3)</b>	<b>80,916</b>	
<b>NET ASSETS, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 720,000</b>	<b>\$ 619,674</b>

### **THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO THE SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY FUND NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION**

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Scholarship and Bursary Fund is a registered charity in Ontario, and is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act.

The object of the organization is to provide assistance in the form of bursaries to Royal Arch Masons' dependants of members, windows and orphans of members to complete their education at universities, community or technical colleges.

## **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Investments**

All investments are classified as held-for-trading. These investments are measured at fair value with gains and losses recognized in net income. Any unrealized holding gains and losses related to held-for-trading investments are included in net income. The quoted market price was used to estimate the fair value of the financial instruments held as investments.

## **3. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY**

The Organization has adopted the provisions of CICA Handbook Section 3855, Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement and Section 4400, Financial Statement Presentation by Not-for-Profit Organizations (in place of those in section 1530) which address the classification, recognition and measurement of financial instruments in the financial statements and the inclusion of unrealized investment holding income (gains, losses, interest and dividends). As a result of adopting these new standards, the Organization has recorded a non-cash charge of \$80,916 for the change in accounting for financial assets classified as held-for-trading and measured at fair value instead of cost. This charge is reported as a one-time cumulative effect of a change in accounting policy in opening accumulated net assets on March 1, 2007.

## **4. INVESTMENTS**

The current year investments are reported at fair market value, the actual book value (cost base) is \$634,787 (2007 - \$609,810). The comparative figures have not been restated to reflect the new auditing standards in accordance with the transitional provisions for CICA Handbook Section 3855. As a result, the comparative figures are stated at cost while the current figures are stated at market value. As well, accrued interest receivable for the current year is included in the fair value of the investments.

## **5. RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

The net assets restricted for scholarships and bursaries are externally restricted for purpose of providing educational assistance. These amounts are not available for other purposes without the approval of the membership.

## **6. INVESTMENT INCOME**

Investment income consists of realized capital gains on the sale of investments, realized interest and dividend income and unrealized investment gains and losses.

## **7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The financial statements of the organization include cash, receivables, payables and portfolio investments. The fair values of cash, receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts because of their short term to maturity. The fair value of investments are assumed to approximate quoted market value.

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

risk.

## **8. CHARITABLE STATUS**

For the fiscal year 2007, the fund has met the distribution quota requirements to maintain its status as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

## **9. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

Certain of the prior year's figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

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

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

We have audited the statement of financial position of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - Medical Research Fund as at February 28, 2008, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the omission of the disclosure described in the preceding paragraph, and except for the effect of adjustments, if any which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of revenues referred to above, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at February 28, 2008 and the results of its operation for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Ontario

March 12, 2008

*Lepore and Company*

Chartered Accountant

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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, 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 3,225	\$ 796
Accrued investment income	2,640	84,629
Accrued interest receivable (Note 4)	-	6,243
Investments	708,058	506,555
	<b>\$ 713,923</b>	<b>\$ 598,223</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,501	\$ 1,501
<b>Net Assets (Note 5)</b>	<b>712,422</b>	<b>596,722</b>
	<b>\$ 713,923</b>	<b>\$ 598,223</b>

**SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND NET ASSETS  
YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2007**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Investment income	\$ 35,562	\$ 32,646
Donations	24,126	102,240
	<b>59,688</b>	<b>134,886</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration and fund raising	1,703	2,668
Grants, bursaries and donations	20,000	20,000
	<b>21,703</b>	<b>22,668</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>37,985</b>	<b>112,218</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</b>	<b>596,722</b>	<b>484,504</b>

ADJUSTMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS STANDARDS (Note 3)	77,715	-
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 712,422	\$ 596,722

**THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND  
(Release a Miracle Fund)  
FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

# **1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Medical Research Fund (Release a Miracle Fund) is a registered charity in Ontario, and is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act.

The object of the organization is to provide funds for medical research upon receiving a valid request for assistance.

# **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNT POLICIES**

## **Investments**

All investments are classified as held-for-trading. These investments are measured at fair value with gains and losses recognized in net income. Any unrealized holding gains and losses related to held-for-trading investments are included in net income. The quote market price was used to estimate the fair value of the financial instruments held as investments.

# **3. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY**

The Organization has adopted the provisions of CICA Handbook Section 3855, Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement and Section 4400, Financial Statement Presentation by Not-for-Profit Organizations (in place of those in section 1530) which address the classification, recognition and measurement of financial instruments in the financial statements and the inclusion of unrealized investment holding income (gains, losses, interest and dividends). As a result of adopting these new standards, the Organization has recorded a non-cash charge of \$80,916 for the change in accounting for financial assets classified as held-for-trading and measured at fair value instead of cost. This charge is reported as a one-time cumulative effect of a change in accounting policy in opening accumulated net assets on March 1, 2007.

# **4. INVESTMENTS**

The current year investments are reported at fair market value, the actual book value (cost base) is \$629,258 (2007 - \$506,555). The comparative figures have not been restated to reflect the new auditing standards in accordance with the transitional provisions for CICA Handbook Section 3855. As a result, the comparative figures are stated at cost while the current figures are stated at market value. As well, accrued interest receivable for the current year is included in the fair value of the investments.

# **5. RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

The net assets restricted for scholarships and bursaries are externally restricted for purpose of

providing educational assistance. These amounts are not available for other purposes without the approval of the membership.

## **6. INVESTMENT INCOME**

Investment income consists of realized capital gains on the sale of investments, realized interest and dividend income and unrealized investment gains and losses.

## **7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The financial statements of the organization include cash, receivables, payables and portfolio investments. The fair values of cash, receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts because of their short term to maturity. The fair value of investments are assumed to approximate quoted market value.

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

## **8. CHARITABLE STATUS**

For the fiscal year 2007, the fund has met the distribution quota requirements to maintain its status as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

## **9. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

Certain of the prior year's figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

# **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Once again no recognition has been given to any gain or loss on sale of investments in the actual or budgeted figures in this report. This will of course be recognized in the audited financial statements.

Our actual revenue for 2008 came to \$102,900 compared to the budget of \$105,200. Our expenses were \$108,800 against a budget of \$118,800. As a result we have a deficit of \$5,900 (before recognizing capital gains of \$16,400) which compares with a budgeted deficit of \$13,600.

For the fiscal year ending February 2009 we are projecting a budgeted income of \$103,500 compared to budgeted expenses of \$115,700 resulting in a budgeted deficit of \$12,200. Our increase in expenses are particularly in the areas of office expenses and annual convocation. Our revenue base keeps going down due to a drop in membership and as a result our projected per-capita dues are \$2,400 lower than the actual for 2008. We are of course hoping that the actual results for the year will reflect a smaller deficit, or better still a surplus.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the Finance Committee - R.Ex.Comp.



Shavak R Madon (Chair), M.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson, R.Ex.Comps. Ronald T Stinson and Melvyn J 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  
2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR  
BUDGET**

**REVENUE**

Per capita dues	85,000
Registration Fees	2,100
Other Income	700
Interest & Investment Income	12,500
Net Sales	3,200
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>103,500</u></b>

**EXPENSES**

Rent and parking	9,800
Office expenses	18,000
Salaries & benefits	46,000
Benevolence	2,000
Travel	10,000
Annual Convocation	9,800
Printing Proceedings	3,000
Regalia Refurbishing	2,500
Insurance	2,500
Jewel purchase	500
Council & Committee	500
Public Relations	2,000
Office Equipment Upgrade	3,000
Jewel Engraving	600
Professional Fees	5,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>124,800</u></b>

**Excess / (Shortfall)** **(12,200)**

**Note: No provision is made for gain or loss on sale of investments. CARRIED**

**REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN**

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Chapters who contributed to the Commemorative Plaque and to those who held District

and Chapter celebrations throughout this past year - your efforts are very much appreciated by The Grand Council and your Grand Chapter. It was my pleasure to be part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and to witness the events of the year unfold through the participation of so many dedicated companions.

At 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Official Ceremony of the Dedication of the Commemorative Plaque took place in front of the Grand Lodge building in Hamilton with many Distinguished Masons participating, including our Grand Master, M. Wor.Bro. Allan J Petrisor along with The Grand Council and leaders from several branches of Freemasonry. I'm sure that there will be a number of photos on the Grand Chapter website for all to enjoy.

As of December 31, 2007, there are 102 Chapters compiling 7,546 Companions, a difference of minus 246 from the previous year. Companions applying for Demits has been a great concern and I am pleased to report a drop of 30% in that number, 91 fewer in 2007.

I offer my sincerest gratitude to M.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford and the Grand Council for affording me the honour and privilege to serve The Grand Chapter.

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

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

### **REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE**

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Once again there was only one application for benevolence consideration in 2007. It arrived amid some confusion in January of this year. It was from a companion suffering from spinal stenosis of 3 vertebrae. This condition has the vertebrae growing inward and squeezing the spinal cord causing severe pain. The companion was awaiting extensive surgery to solve the problems. This forced our companion out of work. He had some EI benefits and some welfare help but he has no medical benefits other than OHIP and no disability insurance. The nature of his job is such that it is contract work. Our companion was in desperate need and it was the unanimous decision of the committee to recommend to the Grand Council and the Grand Scribe Ezra that our companion receive a cheque for \$2,000.00 which would put his finances out of the red and grant him solvency. The Grand Chapter cheque came to me via registered mail and I sent it on to our companion by registered mail. An email acknowledging receipt of the cheque and expressing the sincere thanks of our companion and his wife was received.

Respectfully submitted by the Grand Chapter Benevolence Committee: R.Ex.Comp. Hugh Kernohan, Chairman; R.Ex.Comps. William Klapatiuk, Aaron Orr, Thomas Mortlock

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 February 2008.

During the summer months of 2007, correspondence 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 continue with projects in raising of funds for this extremely important commitment that has been made by the Royal Arch Masons within our Jurisdiction.

The brochure was amended, updated and distributed to the Districts through the Grand Superintendents highlighting the History, how funds are raised and its objectives together with general information on the programs that have been supported.

Over the past twenty-five years an amount in excess of seven hundred & sixty thousand (\$760,000) dollars has been donated to Medical Research projects. The projects that have been selected and continued this year, to ensure that our donations are concentrated and made the best use of are: Autism, Prostate Cancer, Arthritis and Alzheimers.

I would respectfully report that the following projects have been given our support for 2008:

- a) Dr. Jeanette J.A. Holden, Director, Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Queen's  
\$5,000.00  
University for research into the genetics and epidemiology.
- b) Dr. Neil Fleshner, Head Division of Urology, University Health Network  
\$5,000.00  
for investigations into the relationship of dietary factors to prostate cancer.
- c) Dr. Edward Keystone, Director, Centre for Advanced Therapeutics  
\$5,000.00  
in Arthritis AARC Foundation, University Health Network conducting  
research on new treatment modalities.
- d) Professor Peter St. George Hyslop, Director, Centre for Neurodegenerative  
\$5,000.00  
diseases University of Toronto. Advance studies of gene effects of Alzheimers.

This year has seen the \$1,000,000.00 (Million Dollar Club) project well under way. To date the donations have passed twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000.00) The companions, in return for a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will receive a special lapel pin and certificate enrolling him into the Club with 95% of the donation going to the Release-A-Miracle Fund. The goal is to have the capital of the fund reach a Million Dollars, which would ensure that the fund will continue to be a self sustaining contributor to our selected Research Projects.

We are still a long way from achieving the \$1,000,000.00 of capital investment. However, the



committee along with the current and incoming Grand Superintendents will strive to keep this project in the forefront of the District events. As we celebrate this year of our One Hundred and Fifty years of Royal Arch Masonry the committee would urge all districts to continue to be supportive of the Million Dollar Club project and strive to reach that magical figure of One Million Dollars of Capital Investment which would continue to enable us in contributing generous donations to respective Medical Research programs.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee: R.Ex.Comps. Gary McCormick, Maurice E Jenkins, William Armstrong, M Hassan Mohamdee, David Hardie, V.Ex.Comp. Gary P Humes 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.

The final reports from the Grand Superintendents were well completed and described the state of Royal Arch Masonry in each District in Ontario. Many topics were noted, however there is not sufficient time to really expand on every topic. Here is a short summary of the topics.

**Official Visits:** The interim and final reports from the Grand Superintendents were well done and reflected the state of Royal Arch Masonry in each District in Ontario. Many topics were discussed at the final meeting but there is not sufficient time here to really expand on every topic. The Official Visits reports were received generally on time. Proper protocol at official visits was observed for all receptions. The quality of work varied from excellent to officers reading from the ritual book. Proper instruction and rehearsal for degrees are important to impress the candidate and should be made mandatory.

**Course of Instruction:** Courses of Instruction were completed in all Districts. Attendance was generally good. The Grand Superintendents are to be congratulated on developing and delivering interesting courses with varying agendas and information. It is hoped that the content of the courses will be collated into a presentation and made available to the new Grand Superintendents.

**Membership:** The summonses indicated that many chapters had at least one candidate to advance. Furthermore, there were a number of Chapters who advanced multiple candidates, with a small number of Chapters advancing more than 4. Let us hope that we can keep the new candidates busy and interested. Although this influx of candidates augers well for the future of Royal Arch Masonry we must also consider demits, deaths, and amalgamations. It is recommended that new members are not forced into office chairs too quickly. Declining membership continues to be a problem in all the masonic bodies and Royal Arch Masonry is no exception. This problem leads to financial and leadership difficulties arising from time to

time particularly in weaker chapters. A struggling chapter does not attract new members. Officers need to be motivated and show some enthusiasm and leadership to have a successful chapter. Many of the companions recognize this, but need time to work on solutions. We need to maintain and support the older members in the role of mentors and advisors and prevent them from fading away, particularly those in ill health.

Communications: We all realize that the interest of companions is taken up in family events, work and other domestic activities. We therefore have to portray in the summonses that a Royal Arch meeting is worth the effort to attend. Summonses are the main media through which we can become involved in the Chapter. Each companion is entitled to get a summons to learn what is occurring in his District and Grand Chapter. The summons should therefore be appealing, eye-catching, have relevant information and delivered on time. It is difficult to find out what is happening in the chapter if the summonses are not properly structured and have little content.

The committee on e-mail use will be presenting their report to Grand Chapter at this convocation and we look forward to its recommendations. The web site should be expanded and made more accessible to companions.

The Royal Arch display was present at a number of public relation events. The mini displays are proving useful in master mason nights and open houses. I thank the Grand Superintendents and their Secretaries for the massive amount of work performed in the Districts. They have to travel far distances, make speeches, invest companions, distribute bursaries, and do many related ancillary actions in representing this Grand Chapter in the Province of Ontario. We wish them good luck and we look forward to meeting with them as they progress in York Rite masonry.

Respectfully submitted by R.Ex.Comp. Roland P Mandeville, 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. CARRIED

### **REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Our large display has only been used four times this year, starting off with a Master Masons night in Bowmanville, then the Poultry Fest in Smithville. The inquiries from the General Public tended to want to know more about what charities the different Masonic orders funded. This in mind we should have ample pamphlets not only telling about the Royal Arch but also explaining our charities. The two big events for the display and public relations were Grand Lodge in July at Toronto and The International Ploughing Match in September in Crosby. At Grand Lodge our 150<sup>th</sup> coin was available for the first time, and over a hundred were sold. The display at the International Ploughing Match had for the most part heavy visitation, with lots of questions being asked. R.Ex.Comp. Roland Paddle coordinated this event, and the committee wishes to thank him and his assistants for their work.

The large display is showing signs of wear, and we have been investigating its replacement. We do not have a supplier yet, and it is hoped that the next Public Relations committee will continue to seek out a suitable supplier.

The mini displays were in the hands of the district Superintendents at Grand Lodge. They have been used at a wide variety of functions across Ontario. Some of the functions are The Official Visits of the Grand Superintendents, Courses of Instruction, Master Mason nights, a Remembrance Day Service, and the Fergus Highland Games. The companions that used it at the Highland games felt that they should have used the large display. For large events, and if room is not an issue, then the large display should be considered. Not all of the Superintendents responded to my request for information about the mini display, and their input on how to make it better. Those that did, the responses were all positive, with one attributing the display to the signing of two applications. I wish to thank the companions who did respond.

This committee has recommended that each district have a Public Relations Chairman, who would report directly to the Grand Chapter Chairman. It was felt that by doing this we would have a clearer picture of how public relations was doing across the Province. This committee also feels that our promotional DVD, the Saga of the Holy Royal Arch should be updated or a suitable replacement found.

The Public Relations Committee would like to thank M.Ex.Comp. George H. Gifford for the trust that he has placed in our committee and we wish him well as he joins the ranks of a Past Grand First Principal.

Respectfully submitted by The Public Relations Committee: R.Ex.Comp. Robert J McMaster, Chairman; R.Ex.Comps. Thomas Warner, Douglas McGillivray, Thomas King, Brian Vansickle, Donald G Jones, Douglas E Stitt, Paraag Suchak, James Macdonald

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### **REPORT OF THE WEBMASTER**

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:

In 2007, an important change was made to the Grand Chapter website in line with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Grand Chapter. A new section was created to document all the festivities around the Grand Chapter's jurisdiction. The data collected in this section will be retained by the Grand Chapter as a historical artefact and I would like to ask all the Companions present to send me any details that have not been included from their celebrations at the earliest convenience.

On a general level - the visitors to our website have been growing steadily and I am pleased to report some more Chapters have taken the bold step of making a presence on the internet. This year, Mt. Sinai Chapter No. 212 created a very useful site, which is not only used by the members of their Chapter and District but also presents details of other districts within the



Greater Toronto area. It is my sincere hope that the incoming Grand Superintendents for 2008 promote the internet and make their district presence on the internet to join the six districts that already have district websites.

Over the last two years, I have been requesting Companions to send in photographs and event notification to the webmaster so that these events can be publicized on the Grand Chapter website. To help this happen, I have had some cards made that can be picked up by the Companions at the Royal Arch display booth. These cards have some instructions on submissions in addition to the website address of the Grand Chapter. It is hoped that Companions will pick up a card and start sending in submissions for the Grand Chapter website.

An additional feature of the website that has been added as of this Convocation is a section dedicated to various forms that are used by the Grand Chapter. Scribe Ezras, Grand Superintendents and Companions alike will be able to download the latest version of forms from the Grand Chapter website. It is important to also note that this section is going to simply augment the ways in which official forms can be obtained and is not meant to replace current means. In line with the Grand Lodge forms page, the Grand Chapter forms page can be accessed by going to the non-published link [www.royalarchmasons.on.ca/Forms](http://www.royalarchmasons.on.ca/Forms).

Finally, Most Excellent Sir, I want to express my thanks to you for once again giving me the opportunity to maintain our Grand Chapter website.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted by R.Ex.Comp. Paraag Suchak, Webmaster.

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 - 2007**

1-Clarence Hugh Harper, Herbert Lawrence Esford, Harold Robertson Gugins 2-Orville Kerr, George McFedries 3-Thomas Henry Cluff, Wilbur E Coon, Keith Garfield Hessel, Robert John Biggins, Ronald Richard Pincombe, Frederick Keith Hyatt 5- Alfred H Dahmer, Thomas Henry Cluff 6- Graham Andrew Tym, Thomas B Clark, Stanley Gerald Strickland 7-David Alexander Pierson, Henry Walter Burns, Robert Sydney Woodward, George Robert Ashman, Robert J Noyes, Clayton Vincent Kellar, Douglas James Preston 8-Mahlon Franklin Beach, Warren McWilliam, John Wilfred Curl, Clifton Duncan Cox 15-Donald Bodfield 16-Michael Rossiter Hughson 18-Bruce P Dolson, Robert Edward Mighton 19-Archie Gordon Williams 23- Brock B Smith, David John McArthur 28-Clarence George Armstrong, Harry Oliver Goulding, William John Tamblyn, Robert Sheldon Throop 29-James Wright, John McNeill Livingstone, John Furedi 30-Roderick Douglas MacDonald 31-Clarence Hugh Harper, Douglas E Palmer 32-Robert Whitfield, Donald Oliver Bowie, Samuel Alder, James Cowper, John Derrick Saulters 35-Tom Hadley Houghton 36-George Lawrence Henderson, Norman Henry Hewitt, Robert Ansell Clark Armstrong 37-Gerald Trew, Robert Cyerell Minaker, Philip Roy Gustar 40-Alton Beverly Roy, Alan Bruce Rilett 45-Robert A Smith 46-Charles Edward Schellengberger, Adam Bell, John Douglas Muir, Philop Furtney, Keith R Westlake, Lawrence Ralph Meades 47-Ross W Card 48-Robert A Smith, Donald James Hare 53-H Burton Johnson, Paul Ellerby Steadman 54-John Charles Savage, Nelson George Bowlby,

Albert Edward Thomson, Harold Gordon Medlyn, Oliver Allen, Merton Robinson Barrett, Edward Jones 55-George Keith Inglis, Paul Kent 56-William Frederick Grainger 59-Andrew C Burnham, Robert Edward Peters, George Edward Beach, Lloyd Hunter Smith, Herman George Snider, Arthur John Hill 61-Lloyd William Childs 62-Emery Arthur Kahn 63-Roderick Douglas MacDonald 64-Leonard Grime 65-Alton Beverly Roy 67-Johannes Wesselink 68-Stephen Archibald Kinnaird 71-Edward Stanley Cope, Donald Richard Costin, Marwood Alexander Fletcher, Douglas James Smith 72-Roy Alexander Taylor 73-Robert Lloyd Spence 74-Bruce Watchorn, James O Coole 75-Charles George Lewington, Robert Kenneth Moreau 77-William James Boston 78-Stuart Lasenby 79-John George Hallam, Melvin Thomas Smith, Emery Arthur Kahn 80-Marwood Alexander Fletcher 81-Thomas John Davies, Gerry Vanderrider, Michael Joseph Segui 82-Jack Albert Lindstrom, Floyd Morley Liebrock, Billy Berton Bangs, Robert Joseph Johnson, Daniel Pederson 88-Ross W Card 90-Edward Arthur Martinson 94-Robert John Mark 95-John Widdai Haddad, Vilho Frank Koivu, John Charles Hallows, William George Duval, David Alfred Salter, Victor William Simpson, Robert James Chatelain, Carl Heinz Frierich Scheunemann, Lawrence Penton 102-Henry James Coe, George Lawrence Henderson, John Edmund Edgar, Murray Davis, Harold Francis Bailey 103-George Lawrence Henderson, Harry Freeman, Beverly Clarence Harley, David Hamilton 104-William Tenhaaf, Jack Damon Wright, Robert Allen Morden, Frank Wrightson, Alexander Watson Ramsay, David Edward Jackson, Donald James McNair 114-Thomas Allen Poole, James Dowd, Leonard Hopkins, Hendrik Reitsma, Robert Alexander Rodgers 117-Leonard Snider, John A Hertel, Cecil Rayle Smith, James Alexander Fisher 119-Charles Henry Coomber 130-Roy Alexander Taylor, Richard John Warnica 131-Reginald Kreuger, Russel Raney 133-Graham Pineo Henniger, William John Orr, Gerald John Lewis 138-Henry Walter Clark, William James Boston, Robert Doherty 145-Robert Sidney Woodward 146-Alfred H Dahmer, Clarence North 147-Roderick Douglas MacDonald 150-Charles Byron Miller, Myles Stanford Feader, Samuel Malcolm Ellenor, Joseph William Carson Jr, Ross Erskine Wilson, Keith Cullen Plumb, George Nelson Henderson, Harold Austin Scott, James Albert Neve 152-Quentin Douglas McKay 167-Edward Bingham Kendall 168-Ralph Edward Seaton 169-Horace Arnold Jones 175-Thomas B Clark 184-Douglas Byron Conhiser, Kenneth Gilbert Hooper 195-Frank Major Spink, William James Boston, Glyndon Weaver, Frederick William Merrick, Malcolm K Moore, William Pratt, Ross Frederick Musson 198-William Clare Calverley 205-Allan C Jennison 210-Brian Gordon Jacobs 212- Harold Sayles, Ben Cohen, William James Boston 221-Samuel Alder, Wilfred C Weaver 222-George Keith Inglis, James Dowd, Edward Stanley Cope, Frank Joseph Lapointe, Lorne Hodgdon Davis, Claude Edward Meslage 223-Horace Arnold Jones, Michael Rogozynski 224-William George Mercer, John Wesley Harvey, Norman Richard P Young, Thomas Allan Poolton 226-Harold Ennis Buffam, Thomas Allen Poole, Charles Edwin Grainger 230-William Edward Hendry, Douglas Hurst 232-John Banks, Clarence J Earle, Clement Ashton Batson 233-William Walker Riddock, John Wilfred Curl 236-Kenneth McMoran Lang, Wilfred Allan McLeod 241-Alton Beverly Roy 248-Robert George Thomson, Henry Earnest Brittle 249-Roy Alexander Taylor, William John Tamblyn 251-George Lawrence Henderson 252-William Delos MacDonald, Douglas Keddy, William Lorne Ellis, Arthur Edward Gilkes, Thomas Neil Wilson 254-Quentin Douglas McKay, Reginald Field 255-Roderick Douglas MacDonald, P Harvey King, William Harvey Popham Jr 257-William C MacDougal 260-Frederick William Merrick 261-Richard John Warnica

#### DEMITTED - 2007

1-Mark Leslie Kennedy, William James Detlor 3-Michael John Sargent, David Richard Schram 6- David J Lyle, Neil Ronald, Terry Leigh Turner, Reginald Lawrence Hinkley, David Gibson Jr 7- Douglas Edward Rutledge, Robert Coolahan, Michael Winstanley 8-William



Wilson Hainon, David C Mead, John Wilfred Curl, Leonard Donald Devauld 15-Johan Willem Loeff 16-Stuart John Daws-Knowles, Melville Walker, Brian Hutton 19-John Ralph Harvey Tribe, Kenneth Green, John Kenneth Lowery 22-Edwin Alexander Barnard 23-Dennis George Thomas MacNeill 26-Clifford Borden Calman, Bernard C Coles, Robert Sharp McLean, Michael Charles Gorrell 28-Frank Manos, John Richard Hamilton, Robert Allen Gummer 29-Alex Pearce, James Nicholson 31-Garnet Dean Ackerman, John Spencer Stenning 32-Frederick Thomas Bowditch, Peter Despard Christian 34-James Stewart Folliot 35-Charles Cooper Livingston 36-William Albert Wyeth, Lloyd Augustus Simmons, Ivan Cecil MacCourt 37-Dana Andrew Lamont 44-James David Pollard 48-Lynn Allen Warner 53-Richard Deichert 59-Daniel Harold Clayton Bruce 63-David Wallace Mohns, John McLaughlin 64-Douglas George Henry Wetherup, John Chesniak, Michael McNaughton, David Thomas O'Neill 68-W Gordon Wells 71-Guenther Rolf Sax, B Patrick Chatier 73-Jeffrey Warren Stokes, Daniel Duncan Grey 74-Fred Hoffner 75-Robert Bruce Campbell 79-Gordon Charles Rae, Daryl Evan Konkin 81-Ross Lundy Harrison 82-Floyd Morley Liebrock, John Huntley Sperrino, John Peter Hastie, Elmer Oscar Swanson, Stanley Best, Tigus Olesky 83-John Grant Oswald, John Edward Herridge 90-John Vivian Robinson 94-Leonard Garnet McAllister, Barry Thomas Butler, Jason Buckley, Robert Glen Webster 95-Ewart Francis Marston, Robert Donald Shaw, Murray Keith Pierce, Glenn Andrew Smith, Daniel Walter Schroeder 102-Glen Eric Vine 103-Douglas Roy Groves, James Diamond 104-Gordon Morrison Stewart, George Edward Clarke, William Alfred Cowell, Donald Anthony Borland, Maurice Edward Collins, Ian Watt, Willard Price, Allan Joseph Place, Allan Jones, Stephen David Wynn, William Henshall, Robert James McDougall, Harry Troughton, Kenneth W Thornton, Robert Cameron Charlton, Eric Ainslie Sigvaldason, Ian Miller Donald, Peter S Lesser, Phil Corness, John Patrick Selnes, J Eric Selnes, Wilfred John Lewis 114-Murray Gerald Bowen, Neil Gordon Briscoe, Robert A Hogaboam, Walter Enrich Konz 117-Alex Klass 133-Ronald Lloyd Bothwell, Dwayne Lee Struthers 134-John Huntley Sperrino, Lee Alex Smith, Stanley Smith, Bill Storry, Guy Hall, Edward Thomas Moore 138-Lloyd Bordon Jones, Isaac Seyton McCullagh, Theodor Betke, Alexander Shute, Randy Gordon Brockie 144-Richard Lackey 145-Peter A Burkholder 148-Walter P Muir 150-Donald Andrew Paquette, Leslie Jack Nevill, Michael A Bird, John David Conley, Paul Charles Kannegieser, James Arthur Sealey, James Richmond Neely 155-Mark Strongman 167-Egon Blei, Lawrence Brandridge, Lloyd Cecil Carr 175- Gordon Wilfred Skinner, Frank Rysanek, Ronald Leslie Pfander 195-Gilbert Beardmore, Alexander Harper, Glen William Gillies 210-Allan Hubley, Kenneth J Tuckwood 212-Norman Albert Bell, Donald K Dockrill 220-Guy Kinzett 221-David Albert Bint 222-Orville James Parker, Reginald Joseph Boyles, Dennis James Toth, Noel Zbigniew Gondek 223-Norman Edgar Ruttan 232-Michael Henville 233-Al A Numminen, Albert Lloyd George Craig, Mark Anthony Wilson, Andrew Mugford 234-Jack Murrell, Earl Wesley Merrill, Ernest Charles Pearce, Donald Colin Sutherland, Donald Ian Fraser Marshall 236-Harold Clegg, Richard Thomas Eyre, Scott Eric Johnson 249-Ross Andrew Sharp, Clarence Leavens Stevenson 255-Harold Alexander Warwick, John David Pettinger, Lindsay Mark Luciani 261-William George Easley 262- Russell Dean 264-Kenneth Charles Elsie

#### SUSPENDED - 2007

3-Frank Eric Malin, Blake Garfield Hudson 6-Michael Biljetina 7-Royce Hamer 15-Richard Edward Last 16-Brian Hutton 19-Laurence E Aiello, John Anthony Monks 23-Albert Sauve 28-Dean Whitney, Roderick Joseph Craig, Frank N Geypens 29-Steven Perpich 32-A James Bailey 35-George Edward Khouri 37-Kelly Steeves 40-Allen LeRoy Young 47-Joseph Alexander Hannon 54-Eric Dolansky, Robert Parham Langlois 55-Paul Kent, Derek Scudamore 61-George Roth Shaw 67-James Alfred Clark, Mark John Brunarski 71-William



H Bates, Branco Budimir, Frank Leslie Foster, Barry Gordon Rafferty 73-Ivan Roy Dawson, Stewart Hugh Johnston, David Dalglish Simpson, Charles Robert Vinter, Warren Edward Jeffrey, James Leonard Giffin, Philip James Brush, James Percy Shillington, Michael Lorne Genge 79-John W Hyre III, Brian Bailey, Clifford McKee 80-William H Bates 81-Donald George Walters, Jason Fragiskatos, Steven John Kavanaugh, Frederick Laverne Franklin, Donald Wayne Hill 82-John T Gault, Richard Anderson 84-Bruce Douglas Raymond 90-John Horace Bowack 94-William Denis Lowry 103-Donald J Wilson, Stephen Kocsis 104-Francesco Maccianti, Brent Lovell, Douglas James Scott, Percival R Greenidge, Andrew Peters 117-Warren Lamb 119-Murray Frank Reid, Chris Labatte, John David Royce Penner 133-James William John Kerruish, Robert Gordon Witham 138-Sean Kenneth Conacher 150-Donald Andrew Paquette, Ron Miller McLeod 155-Allan Trinidad, Gregory Brisco 167-George Blake, Murray John Moore 168-Glenn Saltern 175-Istvan Horvath 198-Glen Earl Canning 212-Joseph Douglas Kirschbaum 220-Robert Livings, Gabriele Spolentini, Angelo Balsamo, James M Long 230-Brian Leonard Hadley, Abir (Tony) Saab, Edward Stepko, James William Thomson 233-Peter Klissarov, Roy Dobrijevic 236-Arnold Glen Corlis, Morley E Teskey, Samuel Nicklas Robert Katerenchuk 249-George Edward Khouri, Anthony Kevin Morrison 252-Samuel Nicklas Robert Katerenchuk 253-Albert Sauve 255-Mark Kupczik

#### **REINSTATED - 2007**

6-David M Ward 8-Barry Andres Taylor 19-Wayne Neil Bullock 28-Robert Allan Gummer 32-John Alexander Kroezen 36-Barry Edward Maddock, Yousif Andieas Al-Haddid 37-Kelly Steeves 48- Leslie Day 55-Derek Scudamore 59-Paul Richard Kirkland 63-Leslie Hallam 64-Allan Barry Douglas 75-Robert Bruce Campbell 79-Bruce Murray Grimbleby, Allan A Cowan 104-Gerald Francis Parker 119-Chris Labatte 130-Lorne Attenborough 150-Frederick Gordon Clement 167-Jack Moore 212-Charles Edwin Drew 222-John Matthew Forster 223-Juris Grasis, Richard Robert Kallio 233-Peter Klissarov 252-Cameron Douglas Constable 257-Robert Bruce Campbell 264-Joseph Ingloss

#### **DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE 2007**

1-John Schaeffer, Edward Toogood, David Holton, Roland Paddle 3-Edward Davy, Charles Crow, Robert Wakefield 6-George Fairbairn, Desmond Washer, Richard Jackson 8-Douglas Kennedy, David Dainard, Paul Skazin, Eugene DeBeauprs 15-Arthur Payne 16-H Mohamdee 18-Doug Bender, Mike Bowman, John Sutherland, Richard McSkimmings 19-David Cornelius, Gary Cornelius, Donald Seyffert, James Cairns, William Klapatiuk, Harry Turner 20-Ronald Stinson, Thomas Warner 22-Maurice Jenkins, Walter Bulbeck 23-William Rowling 27-William Oldham, Stanley Connors 28-Brian James, George Day, Richard Gifford, William Esplen, George Robbins, George Gifford, Robert McKelvie 29-Douglas Wilson, Christopher Frere, John Hart, Robert McMaster, Joseph Hodgen, Guy Deavu, Ben Lam, Arthur Etling 31-Kenneth Campbell, David Mercer, Donald King, Donald Gillis 32-H D Knox, D. Kaufman 34-Michael Coyle, Rodney Purdy 35-Joseph Janacek, Colin Skilling, George Campbell, Douglas Overy 36-Tom King, Robert Keay, Tom Mortlock, James Hutchinsonson 37-David Whiston 40-William Marshall, Donald Clyde 44-Carman Sararas, Lloyd Timson, Leslie Wilbraham 53-Gary Atkinson 54-William C Lang, Grant Hughson, Robert Heil, Morley Brown, Sydney Edge 55-Bradley Kempston, McAllister Horne, Thomas Cochrane, Sidney Wheat, James Brown, Alex Brown 59-Max Farrelly, Ralph Miller 61-Rod Haufe, John Brummell, Michael Channing, Ed Denbeigh 63-Ted Brown 64-Sean Fuller, Scott Penwarden, Paul Epp, Barry Douglas 68-Andrew Graham 74-William Pollock, John Howden, Roy Hardy,

Wallace Green, Richard Collier, Paul Brown 75-Ed Ramsbottom, John Hough, Nick Ellis, Ed Evans, Hank Ford, Bob Moreau 77-Kenneth Lowery, Peter Park, Bruce Edwards 79-R Boal, A McLelland, R Harrison 81-John Smith, W Alan Wittet, Bil Segui 84-Denis Langridge 94-Richard Hewitt 95-J W McGill, GVG McEwen, BS Cunningham 104-Gary Humes, Errol MacKenzie, Paraag Suchak, Shavak Madon, E. David Warren, James Shaw 110-Victor Dawson, William Armstrong, Paul Jolliffe 114-Edward R Poole 117-Raymond SJ Daniels, George Napper, W Bruce Miller, Thomas R Brown 130-Keith Stiles, Ray Devaul, Larry Richardson 131-Charles Stewart 138-James MacDonald Jr, JV Mathers 148-Robert Humble, Andrew Ciastek 150-Brian Peck 155-Steven Stewart, Robert Norsworthy 168-John Parsons, Frederick G Clarke 175-William Stanfield 184-KJ Hooper, Thomas Jeacock, JH Perham, GA Faraday 195-W Donald Laycock, Rogelio Jose, Robert B Phillips, Phillip Watson, R Frank Russell, Guenther Gahs, Ian Jess 198-Frank Richardson, Bill Easley, Dale Plant 212-Donald C Mabley, Eric H Lakien, Robert J Robinson, John M Collier 220-Robert Barker, Patrick Monkman, Melvyn Duke, Gordon Sinclair, Donald Kline, Alan Donovan 222-M John Moor 224-Robert Todd, William Birnie 230-Raivo Tahiste, Andres Penaflor, Ratko Ardalic 233-Peter Scott, Raymond Beverley, Rod Taylor, Thomas Massena, Leroy Norton 236-Ron McClung, Dennis Hill, Frank Toth, J Peter Morris, Glen Harvey, R. Bivens 248-Gary Humenuk, G James Bonney 249-Gary McCormick, Oswald Mathurin, Kevin Fudge, Kenneth Bromley, Farncomb LeGreesley, Rae Abernethy, Meiron Griffiths, Michael Cahill 252-Stephen Thomson 255-Max Meharg 257-G Henry Handsley, Kenneth R Pierce 261-David P Hardie, Walter Lysenko, Edmund Goldthorp

### **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:

The Committee had one appeal to deal with this year relating to the service of nomination papers. A companion seeking a Grand Chapter office had sent in his nomination by ordinary mail. The Constitution clearly states that the nomination must be either sent to Grand Chapter by registered mail or hand delivered to the Grand Chapter office within the prescribed time. Accordingly, the appeal was dismissed.

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 to this our 150<sup>th</sup> Convocation, had the opportunity to review that Address. We concur with his decision with respect to Past Rank to

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

Your Committee joins the Grand First Principal and all Companions of this Grand Chapter in expressing our appreciation to Companion Terry McLean and his 150<sup>th</sup> Convocation Committee for their outstanding efforts in ensuring that this will be a memorable and successful Convocation.

We note the Grand First Principal's concern with Chapters that fail to be properly returned in accordance with the Constitution and that on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008, three Chapter remained not properly returned.

We note that three (3) Chapters are under Trusteeship as provided for in the Constitution. We further note that a number of Chapters have amalgamated and others are either in the process or in various stages of discussion.

The dedication of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Keystone on March 15, 2008, is noted as well as the voluntary contributions of many Chapters to the cost of the Keystone.

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.Comps. Grant H Armstrong and Donald H Mumby.

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 ARCHIVIST**

A nil report was submitted.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE WILLIAM S THOMSON TROPHY**

M.Ex.Comp. Gifford 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 - Maple-Granite Chapter No. 61 - 7.5 %

First Runner Up - Seguin Chapter No. 261 - 14.9 %

This year's winner - Golden Chapter No. 90 - with 17.9 %

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

### **GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF**

At 3:15 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

No.	Chapter Name	Memb 2006	Reg 2007	Comm 2007	Memb 2007	Advanced	Reinst	Affil	Died	Susp	Demit	Prev Yr Adj
1	Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui	57	49	9	58	5	0	0	2	0	2	0
2	The Hiram	67	49	17	66	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
3	St. John's	152	93	50	143	2	0	0	6	2	2	-1
6	St. John's	110	65	44	109	5	1	0	1	1	5	0
7	Quinte Friendship Moira	100	59	31	90	1	0	0	7	1	3	0
8	King Solomon's	103	88	14	102	7	1	0	4	0	4	-1
15	Wawanosh	74	39	32	71	1	0	0	1	1	1	-1
16	Carlton	112	74	33	107	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
18	Oxford - Harris	115	76	41	117	3	0	0	2	0	0	1
19	Mount Moriah	104	68	34	102	3	1	0	1	2	3	0
20	Brant - Mount Horeb	45	39	8	47	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Grenville	36	33	3	36	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
23	Regal - Ezra	42	30	9	39	0	0	1	2	1	1	0
24	Tecumseh	70	51	19	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Presqu'ile- St. Mark's	40	57	12	69	0	0	33	0	0	4	0
27	Manitou	38	32	6	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Pentalpha	101	126	31	157	4	1	62	4	3	2	-2
29	MacCallum	85	76	6	82	1	0	2	3	1	2	0
31	Prince Edward	85	75	10	85	2	0	1	2	0	2	1
32	Cambridge	77	66	5	71	0	1	0	5	0	2	0
34	Signet	103	53	51	104	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
35	Keystone	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-62
36	Corinthian	119	93	25	118	2	2	0	2	0	3	0
37	Victoria	61	51	6	57	1	1	0	3	1	1	-1
40	Guelph	73	52	23	75	5	0	0	2	1	0	0
44	Mount Sinai	34	26	8	34	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
46	South Perth	85	69	12	81	1	0	0	6	0	0	1

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47	53	47	6	53	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
48	35	35	1	36	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
53	65	35	27	62	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
54	136	30	99	129	2	0	0	7	2	0	0	0
55	45	34	8	42	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	-1
56	70	55	18	73	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
59	93	76	11	87	0	1	0	6	0	1	0	0
61	53	53	4	57	5	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
63	49	45	5	50	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	0
64	73	66	7	73	4	1	0	1	0	4	0	0
67	39	28	9	37	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
68	45	44	2	46	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
71	124	88	30	118	4	0	0	4	4	2	0	0
72	36	32	4	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
73	105	79	14	93	0	0	0	1	9	2	0	0
74	64	58	5	63	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
75	56	55	1	56	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
77	71	61	9	70	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
78	52	39	12	51	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
79	108	84	20	104	2	1	1	3	3	2	0	0
81	80	67	5	72	1	0	0	3	5	1	0	0
82	96	69	17	86	3	0	0	5	2	6	0	0
83	56	50	4	54	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
84	36	29	6	35	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
90	39	46	0	46	9	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
91	90	66	25	91	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
94	84	71	9	80	2	0	0	1	1	4	0	0
95	154	91	57	148	6	0	0	8	0	5	1	0
102	83	76	2	78	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	0
103	96	74	14	88	1	0	0	4	2	2	-1	0
104	74	91	15	106	5	1	60	7	5	22	0	0
110	25	24	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
114	81	70	2	72	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	0

117	Kitchener	91	68	21	89	4	0	0	4	1	1	0
119	King Cyrus	90	64	25	89	3	1	0	1	3	0	-1
130	Chantry	48	43	7	50	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
131	Amabel	49	39	8	47	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
133	St. Francis	76	60	9	69	0	0	0	3	2	2	0
134	King Darius	32	18	10	28	2	0	0	0	0	6	0
138	Shekinah	86	49	29	78	1	0	0	3	1	5	0
144	Presqu'ile	33	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	-31
145	The St. Patrick	67	45	23	68	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
146	Bernard	38	38	0	38	1	0	0	2	0	0	1
148	St. John's	34	35	0	35	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
150	St Andrew - London	197	112	61	173	2	0	0	8	7	7	-9
152	Alberton	61	53	6	59	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1
155	Ancaster	40	38	1	39	2	0	0	0	2	1	0
167	Kichikewana	69	45	24	69	2	1	1	1	2	3	2
168	Ionic	57	48	8	56	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
169	Temiskaming	32	31	0	31	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
175	The Hamilton	47	41	4	45	1	0	0	0	1	3	1
184	Hugh Murray	56	52	2	54	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
195	Orion	193	60	95	155	2	0	0	7	0	3	0
198	Couchiching	77	62	18	80	4	0	1	1	1	0	0
205	Victoria	119	91	27	118	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
210	Kitchener	42	38	3	41	2	0	0	1	0	2	0
212	Mount Sinai	317	149	169	318	8	1	0	3	1	2	-2
213	Northern Lights	31	23	9	32	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
220	Lebanon	75	55	17	72	2	0	0	0	4	1	0
221	Durham	35	32	2	34	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
222	Ottawa	90	71	13	84	3	1	0	4	0	4	-2
223	Abitibi	32	32	1	33	0	2	2	2	0	1	0
224	Keystone	71	39	29	68	0	0	1	4	0	0	0
226	Prince of Wales	64	16	46	62	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
230	Port Credit	65	61	5	66	7	0	0	2	4	0	0
232	King Cyrus	59	49	13	62	7	0	0	3	0	1	0



233	Oakwood	49	38	10	48	6	1	0	1	2	4	-1
234	Halton	62	59	1	60	3	0	0	0	0	5	0
236	Caledonia	46	35	5	40	1	0	1	2	3	3	0
248	Dochert	44	41	1	42	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
249	Palestine	47	40	3	43	1	0	1	2	2	2	0
252	Hiawatha	163	79	80	159	2	1	0	5	1	0	-1
254	Golden Star	94	64	31	95	3	0	0	1	0	0	-1
255	Tilsonburg	57	33	18	51	0	0	1	3	1	3	0
257	Espanola	69	65	8	73	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
261	Seguin	67	73	4	77	13	0	0	1	0	1	-1
262	King David	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-61
264	Tecumseth	73	30	41	71	0	1	1	0	0	1	-3
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## GRAND SECRETARY

## GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON

At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 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 report:

Number of Chapters .....	104
Number of Chapters represented .....	74
Number of Chapters represented by proxy .....	35
Number of Chapters represented by Past Principals only .....	44
Number of Chapters not represented .....	17
Number of Delegates present .....	223
Total Number of Ballots .....	376
Spoiled Ballots .....	0
Number of Chapters Denied Vote .....	3

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

### 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	R. Ex. Comp. Roland Allen Paddle
Grand Second Principal	R. Ex. Comp. Roland Patrick Mandeville
Grand Third Principal	R. Ex. Comp. Michael Jon Bowman
Grand Scribe Nehemiah	V. Ex. Comp. Roderick George Haufe
Grand Principal Sojourner	Ex. Comp. Randolph Colin Thompson
Grand Registrar	Ex. Comp. Edward ( <u>Ted</u> ) George Toogood

Grand Executive Committee members elected:

R.Ex.Comp. Michael William Channing	V.Ex.Comp. Guy <u>Henry</u> Handsley
R.Ex.Comp. Maurice Edward ( <u>Ted</u> ) Jenkins	R.Ex.Comp. Arthur David Payne
R.Ex.Comp. Brian Douglas Van Sickle	

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

## OFFICERS INSTALLED

M.Ex.Comp. Gifford 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. R Frank Russell, the newly elected officers were installed according to ancient custom. M.Ex.Comp. Roland Allen Paddle then proceeded to announce the Appointed Officers of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

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## **PAST RANK**

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Roland P Mandevill, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Michael J Bowman that Past Rank be granted to the Grand Chapter Officers of 2007. CARRIED.

## **GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

### **Most Excellent Companion Roland Allen Paddle**

R.Ex.Comp. Roland P Mandeville, Grand Second Principal, R.Ex.Comp. Michael J Bowman Grand Third Principal, the Most Wor.Bro. and Ex.Comp. Alan J Petrisor, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Most Excellent Companions, the Past Grand First Principals, Distinguished East and my Companions.

Today is the summit of a very rewarding experience in my Masonic journey through Capitular Masonry. In 2002 this particular day was a dream in any Companion's mind, but in 2004 it was you, my Companions that made this dream a reality. An initiation, in 1972, into The Ancient St. John's Lodge No 3 was the beginning then later delivering the final charge to the Entered Apprentice the door was opened and in 1980 as a Past Master, the Holy Royal Arch was the next step where advancement culminated as First Principal of Chapter No. 1 in 1989. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 70 years will have passed when in Kingston the Grand Convocation was hosted by the last Grand First Principal of Chapter No. 1, M.Ex.Comp. William Y Mills. This was also the birth date of your current Grand First Principal and it is an honour to share a part of this rich heritage.

To Districts 11 and 12, the Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No 1, and Sussex St Lawrence No 59, thank you my Companions for the encouragement and may your expectations be met.

As an honorary member of the Grand Chapter of Newfoundland and Labrador, I thank R.Ex.Comp. Larry Moss, Grand King for your participation and presence in the last several Grand Convocations in Ontario.

To M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell, I extend my appreciation for the professional manner you conducted the installation ceremony and to the board of Past Grand First Principals, thank you for your participation and attendance. To each Past Grand First Principal, we acknowledge that your leadership and example has elevated this Grand Chapter to the respected position it is today in harmony with that strong Canadian Heritage we enjoy.

M.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford, on behalf of the Companions, Officers and Members of the Grand Executive, we express our special congratulations for your professional leadership during your tenure and most importantly to this the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, a first class event. Your selection of a professional team led by Comp. Terry McLean will leave a valuable impression on the Companions of the future. To R.Ex.Comp. Doug Overly, you deserve special recognition for the excellent manner you managed the Grand Convocation over the past two years. I am sure your experience will be an asset to the incoming Chairman, R.Ex.Comp. Doug Stitt. One sad point, M.Ex.Comp. Gifford, the journey from Oshawa to Hamilton will not be the same over the next two years without your conversation and maybe the wrong turn over the Burlington Skyway will become more frequent. The friendship we



developed over the last four years will be treasured.

To the members of the Grand Executive Committee, it has been a pleasure working with you over the past two years and now that my term as President is complete, I thank you for your sincere efforts in contributing to the success of this Grand Chapter. To R.Ex.Comp. Roland Mandeville, Grand Second Principal, and President of the Grand Executive Committee, may you enjoy a similar satisfaction and success in your new challenges ahead and find enthusiasm with a number of new members sharing the duties. To the Grand Third Principal R.Ex.Comp. Michael Bowman, welcome to the Grand Council and your role as Chairman of the Condition of Capitular Masonry. I look forward to working with you and I am sure you will find this an interesting introduction to the Grand Council and become accustomed to the similarities and differences throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. All elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officers; welcome to the team and may the Grand Executive Committee Chairmen facilitate each respective committee with positive leadership. The Council and particularly our Grand Scribe Ezra, M.Ex.Comp. Richard Jackson along with the office staff are excited to have received a generous donation of a reconditioned, multi featured photo copy machine to replace the current antiquated unit. Our appreciation goes out to R.Ex.Comp. Michael Bowman and V.Ex.Comp. Jon Bowman for their generous contribution which will save considerable time and improve communication efficiency.

To R.Ex.Comp. Shavak Madon, our Grand Treasurer, thank you for accepting this Office and I look forward to the continuation of the professional manner in which you handle our accounts.

It has been a trend over that past several years to find that fewer Past Principals are being nominated to the various Grand Chapter Offices and unfortunately, again this year, the Committee found no choice but to reject several nominations due to Constitutional practices not being observed. Read the Constitution and do not assume anything. Limited Chapter recommendations for Grand Chapter appointments of worthy Past Principals is leaving positions vacant. This presents a difficult task for the Grand Council to hunt for individuals to fill these Offices. This is an invitation for each Chapter to exercise input into your Grand Chapter by your choice of appointments.

The Distinguished Service Award does not get the attention we expect it to receive. There are many Companions who have no interest in advancing through the Principal chairs but make regular contributions to the work within the Chapter. To each Chapter, examine your membership for these Companions and submit the proper recommendation designed for that purpose.

"The Good Old Days?", that's history but today we are moving into the fast, modern world of technology which keeps everyone scrambling to keep up. To encourage participation, two Ad Hoc Committees have been developed to find better ways of doing business and plan for the future.

First, a Computer Resources Committee, chaired by R.Ex.Comp. Paraag Suchak, with the power to add is mandated to look into Office Computer programs, availability of communication forms on the web site and complete the electronic mailing of the Chapter Summons. The members of this Committee bring years of experience in this field and a positive direction is expected.

Second, a Long Range Planning Committee chaired by R.Ex.Comp. Robert McMaster has been formed to look into the future of the structure of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction.

The Committee members have been selected from all parts of the Province with the option to add as required and they will gather facts and analyze information on priority topics and recommend action to the Grand Executive for consideration. How many times has it been said that Masonry moves slow, but the importance of steady steps builds a sound road of progress.

The focus of Royal Arch Charities has been aimed at Medical Research over the past 4 years and although below target, positive results have occurred. However, students of today are feeling the financial burden of high tuition fees and expensive books and for this reason I recommend the Scholarship and Bursary Fund receive more attention since the pay out has been considerably higher than total contributions to the Fund over the past several years. Keep the little envelope for Royal Arch Charities handy and use these for Memorial Contributions free from telemarketing lists. Remember our future leaders of Canadian economy and support the Scholarship and Bursary Fund to help a student.

Communication tools are important to keep all Companions informed of jurisdiction wide activities. As a result, the Soap Box will be sent to each Chapter and posted on the Grand Chapter Web Site as a tool to distribute information. Guidelines have been adopted to reduce the repetitive information.

In an effort to maintain assistance to Chapters experiencing difficulties and return to positive activities, the following Chapters will have their trustees reappointed; Minnewawa Chapter No 78., R. Ex. Comp. John Howden; Northern Lights Chapter No 213, R.Ex.Comp. Gordon McEwan; Tillsonburg Chapter No 255., V.Ex.Comp. Jon Bowman.

The following Chapters are in the process of exploring Amalgamation, Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No 1 Kingston and Mt. Sinai Chapter No 44 Napanee with R.Ex.Comp. Needham Throop reappointed as a representative chairman. There is never a rush to complete this process but it is more important to be thorough and accurate in the design of an agreement for the future success of Royal Arch Masonry.

The amalgamation process of Golden Chapter No 90 and Alberton Chapter No 152 is now complete and appreciation goes to R.Ex.Comp. Wayne Therrien for his contribution in maintaining a positive process. The ceremony is scheduled for April 23, 2008 at 8:00PM in Kenora at Golden Chapter No 90. A good visitation would express your support to this amalgamated Chapter and I have made arrangements to be present and conduct the ceremony.

To my wife Marjorie, over the past 45 years in sharing our lives, you have tried and failed to change this farm boy who insists on laying his boots on their side. I treasure your watchful eye over my health and appreciate the support you show behind the scenes by subtle hints like "Remember us at home".

Finally my companions we have some of the most beautiful lectures portrayed in the Masonic ritual. Observe and practice those important tenants and principals taught throughout the various portions of the work. Listen to the voice and "Walk the talk." There is a lot of work for everyone to do out there, help your Chapters, share your experience and have fun.

## BIOGRAPHY

### PERSONAL

**Born:** April 20, 1938, Gananoque, raised on a dairy farm Highway #2 St. Lawrence River

**Education (Formal:)** Elementary one room country school Pittserry SS#5 Pittsburgh Gananoque Secondary School and Frontenac Secondary School, Collins Bay, Ontario Fire College Gravenhurst

**Married:** Marjorie V. Fertig R.N. Gananoque January 25, 1963, four daughters, six grandchildren

**Residence:** 1675 Shore Road, Highway #2 East, Kingston

**Occupation:** Retired in 1994 from Aluminum Company of Canada, Kingston, Works Production Supervisor, quality control 34 years service. Member, Workplace Occupational Health and Safety committee. Industrial Accident First Aid responder. Retired in 2005 from volunteer fire service as Fire Captain with Kingston Fire and Rescue 36 years service specialized training in First Aid, CPR and Defibulator Instructor. Auto Crash Extrication and farm rescue training. Acting District Chief 2 years Station No. 1. Present: School Bus driver, driver Instructor, Stock Transportation 11 years service.

**Community Service:** Coach Pittsburgh Township Recreation minor softball 8 years, Member of Parks Committee 2 years. Past president and secretary Pittsburgh Township Firefighters Association, Past president of Eastern Ontario Auto Extrication Competition.

**Faith:** Member of Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Gananoque, People's Warden 2007

### MASONIC CAREER

#### **Craft Lodge**

1972 Initiated, Passed and Raised The Ancient St. John's Lodge No. 3 Kingston

1979 Elected and Installed Wor. Master The Ancient St. John's Lodge No. 3

1989 - 2004 Elected Treasurer of The Ancient St. John's Lodge No. 3

1993 Senior Deacon, Bicentennial degree team The Ancient St. John's Lodge No. 3

1994 Appointed Grand Steward Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario

January 21, 2003 Commuted Life Member The Ancient St. John's Lodge No 3

#### **Capitular Masonry**

1981 Exalted to the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem

1989 Installed First Principal, Ancient. Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1

1989 Anointed, Consecrated, and set apart, to the Holy Order of High Priesthood

1990 Life Member of Adoniram Council No. 2

1992 Appointed Grand Steward, of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

1993 - 2004 Elected Scribe Ezra Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1

1997 Secretary Treasurer Bicentennial Committee Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No 1

1997 Elected and Invested Grand Superintendent St. Lawrence District No. 12

1999 Appointed Honourary member of the Grand Executive of Grand Chapter

2001 General Chairman 143<sup>rd</sup> Grand Chapter Convocation Kingston

2001 Constituted and appointed Grand Representative of Newfoundland to Ontario

2002 Honourary Member of the Grand Chapter of Newfoundland and Labrador

2003 Paid up Life Member Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1

2004 Elected as Grand Third Principal, Grand Chapter St. Catharines

2005 Affiliated Sussex St. Lawrence Chapter No. 59 Brockville

2006 Elected as Grand Second Principal, Grand Chapter St. Catharines



2008 Elected as Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter St. Catharines

**Cryptic Rite Masonry**

1989 Royal and Select Masters Frontenac Council No. 26 Kingston

1989 St. Lawrence Lodge No. 23 Royal Arc Mariners Kingston

1999 Thrice Illustrious Master, Frontenac Council No. 26

1999 Worshipful Commander Noah St. Lawrence Lodge No. 23

2005 Grand Steward Grand Council

2006 Ontario Council Thrice Illustrious Masters Order of the Silver Trowel

**Chivalric Masonry**

1998 Consecrated Hugh de Payens Preceptory K.T. No. 1

2003 Presiding Preceptor

**Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite**

2005 Kingston lodge of Perfection Kingston

2006 14 Degree

2006 15 Degree Kingston Chapter of Rose Croix

2007 18 Degree Kingston

2007 Moore Sovereign Consistory Hamilton 32 degree

**Knights of Red Cross of Constantine**

1990 Lactanian Conclave No. 35 Kingston

2002 MPS Lactanian Conclave No. 35

**York Rite Sovereign College**

2002 St. Aidan's No. 68 Ottawa

**Knights of the York Cross of Honour**

2003 Trent Priory No. 74 Peterborough

**A.A.O.N.M.S.**

2004 Tunis Temple No. 179 Ottawa

2005 Unit: Provost Corp.

2004 1000 Islands Shrine Club Gananoque



**Most Excellent Companion Roland Allen Paddle**

## **THANKS**

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Roland P Mandevill, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Michael J Bowman, 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 2007 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 150th Convocation being completed Grand Chapter was closed at 11:30 a.m. in ample form.

Richard J Jackson, Grand Scribe Ezra

## **STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER**

GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - President R.Ex.Comp. Roland P. Mandeville, Vice President R.Ex.Comp. Michael J. Bowman, Committee members - as per constitution.

CONSTITUTION, LAWS & JURISPRUDENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. J. William Lidstone, Committee members - Eric Laiken, V.Ex.Comps. Donald Mumby, Grant Armstrong.

FRATERNAL DEAD - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. M John Moor, Committee members R.Ex.Comp. Richard Hryniw, David Hardie.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. G Henry Handsley.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. David Jacklin, Committee members - R.Ex.Comp. Clark Brooks, V.Ex.Comp. Gary Atkinson.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - Chairman M.Ex.Comp. John McGill, Committee members - M.Ex.Comps. Richard Jackson, Goerge Gifford.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

BENEVOLENCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp., Hugh Kernohan, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. Michael Channing, Thomas Mortlock, Kevin Hooper.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Michael J. Bowman, Committee members 15 Grand Superintendents.

FINANCE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Ronald Stinson, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Richard Jackson, R.Ex.Comp. Shavak Madon.



INVESTMENTS - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. David Pass, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Richard Jackson, R.Ex.Comp. Shavak Madon.

MEDICAL RESEARCH - RELEASE A MIRACLE - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Edward (Ted) Jenkins, Committee members R.Ex.Comps. Hassan Mohamdee, Colin Skilling, David Hardie, Dennis Langridge, V.Ex.Comp. Doug Wilson Comp. Brian Bigelo.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Daniel Knox, Committee members - See Grand Chapter website.

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Barry Turnbull (179 Hahn Avenue, Cambridge ON N3C 3B2), Committee members - R.Ex.Comps., Arthur Payne, Brian Van Sickle, Edward (Ted) Toogood, Kenneth Pierce, Gary McCormick, V.Ex.Comp. Brian Stapley.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

COMPUTER RESOURCES - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Paraag Suchack, Committee members - R.Ex.Comps. Brian Bond, David Walker, Eric Lalien.

LONG RANGE PLANNING - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Robert McMaster, Committee members - M.Ex.Comp. Richard Jackson, R.Ex.Comps. Needham Throop, Frank Richardson, Roderick Haufe, Robert Wakefield, Ted Brown, David Dainard.

### **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 . . . . .	1994-2007
*Edwin Smith . . . . .	1929-49	Richard James Jackson . . . . .	2007-
*Deceased			

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

*Henry Robertson P.G.Z. . . . .	1888
*Kivas Tully, P.G.Z. . . . .	1891
*Hugh Murray, P.G.Z. . . . .	1903
*Harry Holgate Watson, P.G.Z. . . . .	1909
*Elias Talbot Malone, P.G.Z. . . . .	1919
*Augustus Toplady Freed, P.G.Z. . . . .	1920
*Sir John Morison Gibson, P.G.Z. . . . .	1922
*Roderick B Dargavel, P.G.Z. . . . .	1923

*Melville S Gooderham, P.G.Z. ....	1957
*The Rt.Hon. Earl of Galloway, Scotland, P.G.Z. ....	1958
*Sir George Boag, England, Past Grand Superintendent. ....	1958
*William H Sweeting, Victoria, Australia, Past Grand Principal Sojourner. ....	1958
*Reginald J Lewis, P.G.Z. ....	1964
* The Rt.Hon. Earl of Elgin & Kincardine, P.G.Z. ....	1975
* Deceased	

### **LIVING PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS**

1961-62 Charles W Emmett	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
2006-07 George H Gifford	119 Central Park Blvd S, Oshawa ON L1H 5W6

### **GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS**

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

*William Mercer Wilson .....	1857	*William Gibson .....	1901-02
*Thompson Wilson .....	1858	*Abraham Shaw .....	1903-04
*Thomas Douglas Harrington ..	1858-60	*William Roaf. ....	1905-06
*John Charles Franck .....	1861-62	*John Leslie . ....	1907-08
*Thomas Douglas Harrington ..	1863-71	*George Moore .....	1909-10
*Samual Bickerton Harmon .....	1872	*Frederick Weir Harcourt .....	1911-12
*Charles Davis MacDonnell .....	1873	*Daniel Frazer MacWatt .....	1913-14
*James Seymour .....	1874	*William S R Murch .....	1915-16
*Lawrence H Henderson .....	1875-76	*Arthur Stirling Gorrell .....	1917-18
*Frederick Joseph Menet .....	1877-78	*William Nisbet Ponton .....	1919-20
*Daniel Spry .....	1879-80	*Herbert Spohn Griffin .....	1921
*Donald Ross .....	1881-82	*Richard Henry Spencer .....	1922-23
*Henry MacPherson .....	1883-84	*Walter Hamill Davis .....	1924-25
*Thomas Sargant .....	1885-86	*Kenneth Jewell Dunstan .....	1926-27
*Robert Hendry Jr .....	1887	*Edwin Smith .....	1928-29
*Richard Beecher Hungerford .	1888-89	*Walter Garnet Price .....	1930-31
*John James Mason .....	1890-91	*Charles William Haentschel ..	1932-33
*John Elly Harding .....	1892-93	*Alexander Cowan .....	1934
*John Ross Robertson .....	1894-95	*George Lawrence Gardiner ...	1935-36
*Michael Walsh .....	1896-98	*William Young Mills .....	1937-38
*William Gilzean Reid .....	1899-1900	*Llewellyn Fred Stephens ....	1939-40

*John Morgan Empy . . . . .	1941-42
*John MacDonald Burden . . . .	1943-44
*Reginald Van Every Conover .	1945-46
*Frederick William Dean . . . .	1947-48
*Clarence McLeod Pitts . . . . .	1949-50
*Alexander Geo. Noel Bradshaw	1951-52
*John Alex. MacDonald Taylor	1953-54
*John Loftus House . . . . .	1955-56
*Maurice Arthur Searle . . . . .	1957-58
*Bruce Harrison Smith . . . . .	1959-60
Charles William Emmett . . . . .	1961-62
*Fraser Earl Jeffrey Hay. . . . .	1963-64
*James Elwood Girven . . . . .	1965-66
*Stanley Portch . . . . .	1967-68
*George Harold Shannon . . . . .	1969
*Frederick Wm. Davis Welham	1970-71
*Leo John Gent . . . . .	1972-73
*William Simpson Thomson . .	1974-75
*William Harold Sproule . . . .	1976-77
*Aube L Weisman . . . . .	1978-79
*Frederick Scott . . . . .	1980-81
Gordon Harold Stuart . . . . .	1982-83
Edward W Elcombe . . . . .	1984-85
*Albert A Mortlock . . . . .	1986-87
Leslie Levitt . . . . .	1988-89
Donald F Kline . . . . .	1990-91
*G Robert Jackson . . . . .	1992-93
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 Jackson . . . . .	2004-05
George H Gifford . . . . .	2006-07



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## COMPANION SCRIBE EZRA

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

## MASONIC CALENDAR

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

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

**The Order of High Priesthood:** dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, King of Salem, *Anno Benedictum (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 Anointed High Priests hold Conventions.

**Royal and Select Masters:** dates from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, *Anno Depositionis (A.D.)*, "In the year of the Deposit," and adds 1,000 to the common time, 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 Templars hold Assemblies.

**Scottish Rite:** date same as Ancient Craft, except the use of the Jewish chronology, *Anno Mundi (A.M.)*, "In the year of the World," and add 3,760 to the common time, 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*.