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OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONSON OF CANADA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

2002
PROCEEDINGS
ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
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BIOGRAPHY

John William McGill

Personal:
Born - Toronto, Ontario, January 24th, 1926
Educated in the Whitby Board of Education Public and Secondary Schools
Married to the late Shirley Eckford, August 1952, deceased April 3rd, 1990
Two (2) children, a daughter and a son
Two (2) Grandchildren
Moved to Sudbury, October, 1948
Member, Knox Presbyterian Church, Sudbury

Business:
Cochrane Dunlop Wholesale Hardware, 1948
International Nickel, 1951
Retired, 1986

Masonic Symbolic:
1948 Initiated Composite Lodge No. 30, Whitby
1949 Passed and Raised Sudbury Lodge No. 658, Sudbury
1959 Charter Member Bethel Lodge No. 699
1965 Worshipful Master Bethel Lodge No. 699
1971 District Deputy Grand Master Nipissing West District
1987 Life Member Composite Lodge No. 30, Whitby
1988 Life Member Bethel Lodge No. 699, Sudbury

Capitular Masonry:
1968 Exalted Tuscan Chapter No. 95, Sudbury
1985 Life Member Tuscan Chapter No. 95
1990 First Principal Tuscan Chapter No. 95
1994 Grand Superintendent New Ontario District No. 15
1995 Elected Grand Executive Committee
1995 Appointed Grand Representative, Grand Chapter of Rhode Island
1996 Elected Grand Third Principal
1998 Elected Grand Second Principal
1998 President Grand Executive Committee by virtue of office
2000 Appointed Grand Representative, Grand Chapter of Scotland
2000 Elected Grand First Principal

Knights Templar:
1968 Member Mavar Preceptory No. 65, Sudbury
1968 Life Member Mavar Preceptory No. 65
1985 Presiding Preceptor Mavar Preceptory No. 65
1986 Grand Appointment
1989 Elected Grand Council
1993-95 Chairman Committee on New Preceptories (Canadian)
1993 Presiding Preceptor, Mavar Preceptory No. 65
Most Excellent Companion John William McGill
Shrine:
1968 Member Rameses Temple, Toronto
1970 President Sudbury Club Oriental Band
1977 President Sudbury Shrine Club
1977 Life member The Glorious Order Hillbilly Degree Clan No. 1, Kentucky, Clan No. 8, Ohio, Clan No. 13, North Carolina, Clan No. 24, Tennessee and Clan No. 46, Toronto

Cryptic Rite Royal and Select Masters:
1973 Charter member Alpha Council No. 23, Royal & Select Masters
1977 Royal Ark Council
1978 Thrice Illustrious Master Alpha Council No. 23
1978 Worshipful Commander Noah Royal Ark Mariners
1979 Appointed Grand Steward, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Ontario
1987 Order of the Silver Trowel
1987 Life member Alpha Council No. 23
1999 Charter member Abitibi Council U.D.

Order of High Priesthood:
1990 Charter life member Unity Council No. 4, Midland
1999 Charter member Elam Council, Espanola
2001 President Elam Council No. 5
2001 Honourary Grand President

York Rite College:
1987 Charter life member Excalibur College No. 101
2001 York Rite Purple Cross

Red Cross of Constantine:
1993 Member Northern Light Conclave No. 20, Sault Ste. Marie

Allied Masonic Degree
1998 Order Secret Monitor Toronto Conclave No. 3

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite:
1951 North Bay Lodge of Perfection
1987 Spry Chapter of Rose Croix
1987 Barrie Consistory
1990 Sudbury Lodge of Perfection

Sundry:
Knights of the York Cross Honour:
1992 Trent Priory No. 74, Peterborough

Eastern Star:
1980 Algoma Chapter No. 139, Sudbury
1986 Worthy Patron Algoma Chapter No. 139
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
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The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held at the St. Catharines Ramada Parkway Inn & Convention, St. Catharines, Ontario on April 11th and 12th, 2002

M.Ex.Comp. John W McGill
R.Ex.Comp. M Sheldon Boomhour
R.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson

Grand First Principal
Grand Second Principal
Grand Third Principal

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M.Ex.Comp. Charles W Emmett
M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart
M.Ex.Comp. Albert A Mortlock
M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline
M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker
M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner

M.Ex.Comp. Aube L Weisman
M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe
M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt
M.Ex.Comp. G Robert Jackson
M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
ELECTED AND APPOINTED 2001

R.Ex.Comp. David P Hardie
R.Ex.Comp. B Andrew Downes
R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J Duke
R.Ex.Comp. George William Hurley
R.Ex.Comp. Leslie Orrin Dawley
R.Ex.Comp. Leslie William Boyce Brown
R.Ex.Comp. William Stanfield
R.Ex.Comp. Robert E Todd

Grand Chaplain
Grand Treasurer
Grand Scribe Ezra
Grand Scribe Nehemiah
Grand Principal Sojourner
Grand Registrar
Grand Historian
Grand Archivist

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS 2001

R.Ex.Comp. Donald Herbert Winterton
R.Ex.Comp. William R. Moore
R.Ex.Comp. Joseph Winnett Lewis
R.Ex.Comp. Charles Lloyd Miller
R.Ex.Comp. Douglas John Downey
R.Ex.Comp. Oliver Gerritt Zordgrager
R.Ex.Comp. Robert Joseph McMaster
R.Ex.Comp. Brian Ernest Bond
R.Ex.Comp. Robert George White
R.Ex.Comp. Robert Hugh McKelvie
R.Ex.Comp. Andrew Allan
R.Ex.Comp. Thomas Alexander Smith
R.Ex.Comp. G. James Bonney
R.Ex.Comp. Jerry Joseph Ossachuk
R.Ex.Comp. Alexander Sandy Glasgow
R.Ex.Comp. Ernest Douglas Nash

St. Clair District No. 1
London District No. 2
Wilson District No. 3
Wellington District No. 4
Hamilton District No. 5
Huron District No. 6
Niagara District No. 7
Toronto District No. 8
Georgian District No. 9
Ontario District No. 10
Prince Edward District No. 11
St. Lawrence District No. 12
Ottawa District No. 13
Algoma District No. 14
New Ontario District No. 15
Temiskaming District No. 16
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - HONOURARY
R.Ex.Comp. Norman E Byrne
R.Ex.Comp. Norman D McComb
R.Ex.Comp. Dennis Langridge
R.Ex.Comp. Derek J Ward

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ELECTED (2001)
R.Ex.Comp. William Klpatiuk
R.Ex.Comp. Eugene de Beapre
R.Ex.Comp. Donald R Winkworth
R.Ex.Comp. William G Birnie
R.Ex.Comp. Gordon J Carr

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - ELECTED (2000)
R.Ex.Comp. D Kenneth Bromley
R.Ex.Comp. David W Laskey
R.Ex.Comp. Gordon E Cross
R.Ex.Comp. W Bruce Miller

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - (APPOINTED 2001)
V.Ex.Comp. Michael J Bowman
V.Ex.Comp. George B Fairbairn

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - (APPOINTED 2000)
R.Ex.Comp. Grant B Parsons
R.Ex.Comp. R Arthur Etling

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario was opened in Ample Form at 9:00 a.m.

The Grand First Principal announced that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing and properly vouched for, would now be welcomed. After admitting all Companions, the Grand First Principal welcomed all present at the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Convocation.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

The Grand Director of Ceremonies was directed to retire and present the Grand Superintendents whom the Grand First Principal warmly welcomed, thanked for their service during the past year and accorded Grand Honours before assuming their designated place in the convocation.

Distinguished Guests - Introduced by V.Ex.Comp. Leslie O Dawley

Quebec: M.Ex.Comp. Charles A Braun, G.Z.
Illinois: M.Ex.Comp. J Donald Saterlee, G.H.P.
Ohio: M.Ex.Comp. Alan Hart, G.H.P.
Order of the High Priesthood: M.Ex. Grand High Priest Ralph Boone, Grand President
Royal and Select Masters of Ontario: M.Ill.Comp. Thomas Janes. M.I.G.M.
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada: M.Em.Kt. Larry Hostine, Supreme Grand Master
The Grand First Principal greeted the Distinguished Guests individually as they were presented and welcomed them warmly. They were then escorted to their seats by the Grand Second and Grand Third Principals. Grand Honours were accorded the guests led by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Most Worshipful Brother Terence Shand, 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. McGill. 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 Hardie, 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

led by R.Ex.Comp. David P Hardie

Opening Hymn: Abide with Me.

The Collect: O God, the maker and redeemer of all, grant us, and all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your passion and mercy; that in the last day when you gather all things into heaven, we may, with them, enjoy the fullness of your promises. We ask this in your ineffable name. Amen

Reading of Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:35-57a

Homily: A Matter of Changed Form.

Some years ago I met a woman who told me that her 14 year old daughter had as a class assignment been asked to write a letter to God in thanks for something with which she had been blessed. She wrote thanking God for death. Her mom told me that she was absolutely aghast at her daughter’s letter. Why could she, let alone anyone be thankful for death? After all death is an end of living, a sad affair, a morbid situation filled with loss, mourning and grief. The daughter’s reply was that without death there could be no life. Death is the beginning of a new cycle and a regeneration of newness without which we would stagnate. This was from a 14 year old girl! Paul would have smiled with great wonderment at such wisdom and perhaps have used her to help show others what faith was all about.

It was to the detractors of the resurrection that Paul wrote this passage as a means of showing that death was not an end but a beginning. It was a beginning of a new life, not as we know it but as a new life in a spiritual form in the presence of our Creator.
To see and understand this concept requires faith in God’s wisdom and an ability to see beyond our earthly sphere. To illustrate his concept, Paul uses the example of the seed which when buried or killed grows into a tree. The seed has to give up its present form in order to become something else. Yet it is the same. The tree and the seed are the same even though they differ in their form. Most of us will be quick to realize this as many of us are avid outdoors men who love fishing, hunting or just hiking in the bush, and like most who engage in outdoor sports, we understand the way of God’s creation that in death there is life and in life there is death. It is a matter of changing forms. The seed becomes a tree depending on what it is intended. It could be a fir, a maple an oak. In the same way our earthly beings become spiritual beings. Each one of us is but a seed of the spiritual essence, which will be realized in dying and growing into the heavenly being living in eternal life.

This occurs through faith and the acceptance of God’s promise in everlasting life to all who come to believe. The faith we need is not one of profound theological perplexity but one of simplicity. It is a faith, which like Abraham, Moses or Isaiah says: “I believe.” Each of our departed companions believed. They may not have been of the same religion or denomination; they may not necessarily have gone to church or to a synagogue or mosque every Sabbath but they believed and in that belief trusted that God would reward life well spent here with a place in the immortal mansion not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Each believed enough that in his daily living he sought the welfare of his community, helping in the various community projects and being active as masons.

The body is only mortal coming from the dust and must with time decay returning to the dust. Yet the spirit is immortal and must return to God who gave it. It is a cycle, which God gave us to insure always that there would be new life and that the spirit would return to the Creator in due course. We are thankful to God for the lives of our companions and rejoice in the return of their spirits to our heavenly Maker. Thus we also say Thank You God for death and the opportunity in death to be raised to everlasting life in the glorious company of all the companions of former toils. Amen.

Closing Prayer: Father of all, we pray to you for those of our companions with whom we have toiled but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetually shine on them: and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace.

M.Ex.Comp. McGill then called upon Most Worshipful Brother Terence Shand to bring greetings from The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

GRAND MASTER’S REMARKS

M.Ex.Comp. John W McGill, Grand First Principal, Distinguished Guests and Companions.

It is a distinct pleasure to have been afforded an opportunity to attend this the 144th annual convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario and to address this august body.
I thank you Most Excellent Sir, for the courtesies extended to Lyn and myself. We look forward to an enjoyable visit with your membership and their guests, many of whom are already well known to us. The date change of this convocation and the conflicts of my existing schedule, dictates that I must leave later today to attend to other Masonic duties. I have asked M.W.Bro. Durward Greenwood, to represent me during my absence and he has graciously consented to do so.

I bring fraternal greetings of some 63,000 Freemasons, that comprises The Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. I extend our sincere best wishes for, what I am confident will be, an enjoyable, productive and harmonious convocation.

To our ‘Out of Town’ visitors, I welcome you to St. Catharines whose history dates back to approximately 1790 and whose Brock University boasts one of the largest Masonic libraries in North America. With a population of almost 130,000, St. Catharines has now become the dominant centre of the Niagara Peninsula. Although it has grown commercially and industrially, it has not abandoned its agricultural roots.

The Niagara Escarpment provides a natural shelter for soils that are particularly conducive to fruit growing. These two factors, plus a climate favourable to fruit production, have led the development of the fruit lands to such an extent that they are one of the most productive agricultural areas, not only in Ontario and Canada, but in the world.

When I commenced my tenure as Grand Master of this great province of ours, I did so in a spirit of mutual co-operation between craft Masonry and the concordant bodies.

We in Ontario are fortunate to have regular meetings with the leaders of: York and Scottish Rites, the Potentates of Mocha, Rameses and Tunis Temples, together with, Sovereign Great Priory and Craft Masonry.

As Masonic leaders, we recognize the independent nature and identities of each body - at the same time - acknowledging, that we are one Masonic family - committed to strengthening family ties - and - in the true spirit of Masonic principles, combine our thoughts and plans to constructively build in a manner that promotes Amity and Support to our mutual benefit.

Last July, I chose the theme: ‘Back to Basics’ (not by any means original, but one I believe to be appropriate in 2002). We can look back with pride upon past achievements, enjoy a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment with the present, but are now charged with the responsibility of leading our Craft into the future.

So what’s next?

Let’s re-focus and concentrate on; why we join our fraternity, what its philosophy teaches (a life of exemplary moral conduct, kindness at home, honesty at work, courtesy in society, integrity, community service, concern for absent members, caring for infirm members and for our members widows). In order for Royal Arch Masonry to survive, Craft Masonry, needs to survive and indeed thrive.
At our respective meetings we must work together to instill; Pride of membership, Pride in the ability to memorize our ritual, Pride in the precision of the mechanics of a degree, Pride in the ‘esprit de corps’ of the officer line at lodge or chapter, by not missing a meeting or practice - and - Pride in the ability to be part of a team that makes an evening at lodge or at chapter one not to be missed.

Companions; There is nothing within the teachings of our respective bodies that inhibits growth, it is up to EACH OF US to skilfully manage our organizations so as to realize their full potential.

Let each of us take up the challenge to build ‘Together’, Masonic bodies that continue to exemplify personal growth through; increased self esteem, education, fellowship, leadership skills, and service.

I conclude my remarks with the words of an unknown author that might capsulize our responsibility in this regard:

We are building this road of Masonry with other ones in mind, 
We do not build for you and me we build for all mankind

So as we build, remember men, build not for now but build for then, and other ones who come this way will praise the road we build today.

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. Aube L Weisman 1978-79
M.Ex.Comp. Gordon H Stuart 1982-83
M.Ex.Comp. Edward W Elcombe 1984-85
M.Ex.Comp. Albert A Mortlock 1986-87
M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt 1988-89
M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline 1990-91
M.Ex.Comp. G Robert Jackson 1992-93
M.Ex.Comp. Alan F Walker 1994-95
M.Ex.Comp. R Frank Russell 1996-97

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 144th Annual Convocation, here in the City of St. Catharines.
We thank you for your individual contributions to our Grand Chapter during your terms as Grand First Principals and let we who follow in your footsteps today and in the years to come see that this great organization continues to move ahead.

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

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

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

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

M.Ex.Comp. McGill called upon R.Ex.Comp. Robert J McMaster, Grand Superintendent of Niagara District No. 7 to give the:

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

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

Most Excellent Sir, Distinguished Guests and Companions: On behalf of the Companions of Niagara District No. 7, I extend a warm and sincere welcome to you our visitors. It is a pleasure and an honour to have this 144th Convocation of the Grand Chapter held here in the City of St. Catharines. I would like to recognize R.Ex.Comp. B. Nehring and his Committees for their hard work, extensive planning and their commitment to this Grand Convocation. We would invite you our guest to enjoy this great region including the wonders of Niagara Falls. We also have our two historical forts, Old Fort Erie and Fort George that once protected our border. This region has a vast area of farm land that lends its hand to the many cottage wine industries of Ontario which have been distinguished by winning many awards.

Companions we are at trying times for our craft, our membership seems to have stagnated but we can be inspired by the quality of Companions at this Grand Convocation. Take that inspiration and promote Royal Arch Masonry across this great province.

Please have a fruitful and enjoyable visit. Travel home in safety and return to enjoy our region again.

Robert J McMaster, Grand Superintendent Niagara District No. 7.
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONVOCATION

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Sheldon Boomhour, Grand Second Principal, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. Richard Jackson, Grand Third Principal that the proceedings of the 143rd Grand Convocation held in Kingston, Ontario, on Friday the 8th of April and Saturday the 9th of April 2001, 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. Guenther H Gaahs 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. Guenther H Gaahs 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.

COUNTRY OF JURISDICTION

Alabama
Alaska
Alberta
Argentina
Arizona
Arkansas
British Columbia
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Finland
Florida
France
Georgia
Germany
Greece
Idaho

REPRESENTATIVE

Verne E Young
Harry S Smith
Albert A Mortlock
Lawrence Halliday
Donald Attridge
John V Lawer
M Sheldon Boomhour
B Andrew Downes
Bert A Mennie
David W Laskey
R Frank Russell
Robert S Wylie
E Roy Harrison
Alan F Walker
Russell H Sills
Frederick C Garvin
Guenther H Gaahs
Sandy Glasgow
Guy G Deavu
G.Z. To you Most Excellent, Right Excellent and Very Excellent Companions, I welcome you all to this convocation and feel that you are all carrying out your duties as a Grand Representative to the satisfaction of our Grand Chapter.

M.Ex.Comp. McGill 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 are to be so honoured:

Companion Len Gallant  Pentalpha Chapter No. 28 Oshawa
Companion Fred Mears  St. John’s Chapter No. 48, Cobourg
Companion Olivi Niemi  McCallum - Grimsby Chapter No. 29, Dunnville

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. Harry D Turner, R Frank Russell and Leslie Levitt, Chairman

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

M.Ex.Comp. McGill then requested M.Ex.Comp. Harry D Turner to assume the Sceptre.
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS

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

It is my personal privilege to extend to each of you fraternal greetings, and welcome you to this 144th Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. It has also been my privilege this morning to greet and receive our Past Grand First Principals, representatives from our concordant bodies, visitors from our sister provinces and the United States of America.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge and welcome Excellent Companion and Most Worshipful Brother Terrance Shand, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the province of Ontario. Most Worshipful Sir, may I extend to you on behalf of this Grand Convocation a most sincere and warm welcome. Let me assure you Most Worshipful Sir, that this Grand Chapter pledges its loyalty and allegiance to you. Most Worshipful Sir, one glance at your itinerary, indicates you not only have a heavy task, but a great responsibility during your term in office. May the Supreme Being give you strength, good health, and wisdom and may you continue to enjoy life at its best.

As we meet here in the City of St. Catharines, hosted by the Chapters of Niagara District No. 7, I would thank R.Ex.Comp. Bernard Nehring, his Committee and the Ladies of the District for working so hard to make this 144th Convocation so successful. We at Grand Chapter thank you all. I would also like to thank, R.Ex.Comp. Nielson, his committee, and the members of the Chapters in District No. 2, for their sincere efforts in hosting this Convocation. Unfortunately, their proposals far exceeded the financial constraints placed upon Grand Chapter at our last convocation in Kingston. We were obliged to seek a new location-that location being here in the city of St. Catharines.

Companions two years ago I was elected and installed as Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter. The period is rapidly approaching when the election of my successor will take place and he will be installed as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. I would now like to take this opportunity of offering to you all my cordial thanks for the fraternal kindness and support I received at all hands, which has rendered my term, not as one of labour and dull routine, but one of pleasure, and I hope advantages to Royal Arch Masonry. I trust now the service I have rendered as Grand First Principal has been apparent-I have served our Grand Chapter to the best of my ability and in all cases of concern, have acted according to the constitution, with judgement and reason, and have endeavoured to maintain the traditions of our Grand Chapter. I leave this Office of Grand First Principal in hopes that I have met with your approval and in full expectation of continuing to serve our Grand Chapter if and when called upon in the future.

NECROLOGY: The report of our Grand Chaplain on the Fraternal Dead brings sadness to us all, that death has silently closed the door of life for many of our friends and Companions. They have departed from us and passed through the valley of the shadow of death from which no one returns. They were Companions who have served us well with honour and dignity.

BENEVOLENC: Our chairman of the Benevolence Committee, R.Ex.Comp. Denis Langridge will present his report during this convocation and will move that it be adopted. Masonry teaches that the greatest art of all has been said the art of living.
It is also said to be the art of giving. In our Grand Chapter we stress the need for donations from our Chapters for the Benevolence fund which provides for our members and dependents who are in need. So this is an opportunity for us to show true kindness and mercy by donating to this worthy cause.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS: Companions, it has been said that consciousness of duty is a great reward. It may be so, but service rendered with no acknowledgement is irksome to all of us. However, this is not the case with our Superintendents who have over the last year carried out their duties with distinction, courtesy, and tact and to advance the best interest of our Grand Chapter in every possible way. These qualities have earned for you all admiration and respect throughout your respective districts. May I wish for you all good health and happiness, and may the chapters in your districts continue to have the benefits of your wise counsel in the years to come.

PAST RANK: I received a request on the 6th day of November, 2001 from Carleton Chapter No. 16 that a member of Carleton Chapter No. 16 be granted Past Principal Rank. The Companion and R.W.Bro. Donald Herbert Mumby was elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario. A request was also received from St. John’s Chapter No. 103 on the 12th day of February, 2002, to grant Past Rank to Excellent Companion John H. Williams, First Principal of St. John’s Chapter No. 103 prior to his tragic drowning on January 27th, 2002, on Lake Nipissing, North Bay, Ontario. I would therefore, recommend Past First Principal Rank be conferred on these two worthy and dedicated Masons.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: Our Grand Representatives in most cases are continuing to keep in touch with their counter parts around the world by mail and internet. These contacts are most important and will help to improve relationships with other Grand Bodies. May I thank you all for your commitment as Grand Representatives in the interest of our Grand Chapter and Royal Arch Masonry.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS AND CERTIFICATES: Over the past twelve months many of our veteran members have been presented with Bars and Jewels in recognition of long service. Companions, it is not near as important how many years a fellow has lived as to how many other folks have been right glad he has.

25 year Past Principal Bars 39
50 year Past Principal Bars 3
50 year Royal Arch Jewel 30
Past Principal’s Certificates 48

It has been an age old custom for our Grand Chapter to recognize those Companions, and in appreciation of their long service to Royal Arch Masonry, may you wear those tokens with pleasure-possibly also with pride on all Royal Arch occasions. I thank you for all you have done, the ideals you have upheld, the principles and tenets you have exemplified, and I have every confidence that your interests and contributions to your Chapters will never cease.

DISPENSATION: During the last twelve months there have been 69 dispensations granted. The majority were for changes in meeting nights and for social events when hosting the ladies to dinner receptions. It is always a pleasant duty to grant dispensation for special functions throughout the districts. But remember that dispensation must be obtained through our Grand Chapter prior to holding special events and meeting night changes.
ANNIVERSARIES: During the last year your Grand First Principal accompanied by Past Grand and Present Grand Chapter Officers (and Ladies) attended the 125th Anniversary Celebration of Occident Chapter No. 77, District 8, held in the Shrine Temple on February 16th, 2002. Occident Chapter was constituted in the year 1876 and has continued to move ahead being recognized as an efficient and prosperous Chapter. I congratulate the Officers and Members of this 125 year old Chapter and wish for them continued success in the years to come.

APPOINTMENTS: For dedicated service rendered to our Grand Chapter in accordance with the Constitution, Section 50, Subsection (e) I would recommend that Honourary Memberships in the Grand Executive be conferred on R.Ex.Comp. L. Ian Montague, R.Ex.Comp. Walter Bulbeck and V.Ex.Comp. George W. White.

AMALGAMATIONS: During the last twelve months your Grand First Principal accompanied by Officers of the Grand Chapter conducted the amalgamation ceremony of Huron Chapter No. 30 and Lucknow Chapter No. 147 in the City of Goderich. I congratulate Huron Chapter and Lucknow Chapters on their amalgamation and wish for them much success and happiness in the years to come and may your amalgamated Chapters continue to exist until time shall be no more.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Our Public Relations Chairman, R.Ex.Comp. Donald Kelly has had the opportunity to visit many interesting places over the last twelve months. With committee members in the areas of Thunder Bay, Kapuskasing, Sudbury, London, Hamilton, Toronto, and Kingston, even with these far flung workers the primary activities of this committee has been in the southern areas. Our chairman, R.Ex.Comp. Kelly is disappointed in the lack of interest to the importance of the Public Relations Committee. Letters sent to Chapters were not given any reading, and web site messages went unanswered. Our chairman will endeavour to visit Chapters over the next year and speak directly to the companions. Grand Chapter has continued over the last year to insert our message “Curious about the Holy Royal Arch” in the “Ontario Mason” magazine with good results being reported.

VISITATIONS: Over the last year I was able to visit many of the Chapters in our vast jurisdiction. On all visits I was cordially and warmly welcomed. During the year I represented our Grand Chapter at the following Grand Convocations within and outside our Jurisdiction. 

May 11th - 77th Annual Convention, High Priesthood of Ontario - Ottawa
May 19th-20th Grand Assembly, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters - London
July 26th-28th 45th General Assembly, York Rite Sovereign College - Rochester, Minnesota, U.S.A.
Aug. 23rd-24th 66th Annual Assembly, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada - Chatham
Aug. 25th-28th 117th Annual Assembly, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada - Chatham
Sept. 12th-14th 127th Annual Session, Supreme Council 33 Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada - London

SPECIAL RECEPTIONS: During the past year, I was honoured at two special receptions.
May 23rd - 24th Temiskaming District No. 16, Jan. 29th Toronto District No. 8
I thank the Chapters for their receptions, for their kind welcome, for their great courtesy and for their generous hospitality which was shown to me on these special occasions.

HONOURS: During the past year I have received the following honours:
May 12, 2001 Made Honourary Most Excellent Grand President, Order of the High Priesthood of Ontario, Ottawa
July 28, 2001 York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Order of the Purple Cross, Rochester, Minnesota, U.S.A.

CONCLUSION: Two years ago, I was installed as Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter. I stated at that time, I was fully aware of my own limitations and would have no intentions of competing with any of my predecessors. Over the last eight years, as a member of the Grand Body, I have made many new and wonderful friendships which are now among my most cherished possessions. As I go forward to a Past Rank to serve under new leadership, I can only visualize our beloved Grand Chapter going forward to great achievements in the years to come.

Companions, the 143rd Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter held in the City of Kingston is now History, but from the events that took place, it will not be forgotten. This, to me, as Grand First Principal and in the opinion of all our Past Grand First Principals this was the most embarrassing and regrettable situation in the history of our Grand Chapter, whose reputation, near and far, has always been above reproach. Unfortunately, this has changed. Over the last year, we have seen our Constitution be subjected to attack and a great deal of criticism. With this in mind, let us focus on the advice and words of wisdom given by Most Excellent Companion Bert Mortlock, a highly respected Mason, on the occasion of presenting a new Constitution to the Grand Executive Committee in 1992. I quote, “As Past Grand First Principal it is very important that we protect the Landmarks, Laws, Rules and Regulations of our Constitution.” These words of wisdom from M.Ex.Comp. Mortlock has guided R.Ex.Comp. Ian Montague, R.Ex.Comp. Norman Byrne and V.Ex.Comp. John Lawer our Committee on the Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence over the last year. I thank you all for serving on this most important committee.

Over the last 6 years, we have seen an alarming increase in Chapters failing to send in their Annual Returns on or before the thirty-first day of January. This count has ranged from 55-65 Chapters late with their returns, resulting in many deserving Companions from these Chapters unable to seek a Grand Chapter Office or exercise their right to vote. At the closing of the Grand Convocation in 2001, your Grand First Principal advised all Chapters that their returns must be sent in by registered mail. Some Chapters voiced concern that this registration cost would be a drain on their finances. It is my opinion the registration fee of returns outweighs the cost of some four dollars. As of the writing of this address only three Chapters have failed to send in their returns prior to closing date of January 31st, 2002. I am also pleased to report that no Chapters published in theirsummons the names of Companions seeking Grand Chapter Office. In other years, we have seen as many as seven to a low of three.

As our Grand Chapter looks ahead to another year with newly elected and appointed Officers, I am confident that our Grand Council-elect possesses all the necessary qualifications to advance in Office. I know they will serve the Grand Chapter well, discharging their duties to the satisfaction of all. I wish them well.
To our Grand Scribe and office staff, I thank you for your assistance over the last two years. Companions, as we move ahead in this world and Royal Arch Masonry, let us act toward each other strictly upon the square, be a loyal citizen of the land, seek the highest ideals, direct our actions in harmonious relations with all men, and enable us to prove to the whole world the happy and beneficial effects of our Ancient and Honourable Institution.

John W McGill

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION,
LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent 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 to present this Committee report for the year 2001-2002 covering administration under its mandate over the above period, together with other matters with which the Committee was required to deal with under Article 59 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

I would also make it abundantly clear to all Companions, that the responsibilities of this Committee are taken very seriously, and our Grand Chapter is extremely fortunate to have on this Committee, two very distinguished Lawyers and Masons, in the persons of V.Ex.Comp. Norman E. Byrne QC, and V.Ex.Comp. John V. Lawer QC, providing legal skills that ensure the Constitution is adhered to in all respects. Our decisions will not appease everyone, however, they will maintain and protect the Landmarks, Laws, Rules and Regulations of our Grand Chapter as presented in the Constitution.

Your Committee’s first duties were to determine, within these bounds, the legality of the appeal presented at the Grand Chapter Convocation April, 2001. Your Committee found after a very thorough review, that there were a number of Articles with which the Rules and Regulations of our Constitution were not upheld, thus making the appeal unconstitutional.

We would also draw to the attention of the Officers of this Grand Chapter, all Companions within the Grand Jurisdiction, and in particular, the First Principals and Scribe Ezra’s of the Chapters that Article 84(a) states that the contents of the Chapter Summons are confidential and should be mailed in sealed envelopes with return address. Responsibility for contents sent in unsealed envelopes rests with the First Principal and Scribe Ezra. Article 84(e) clarifies the responsibilities due to an interruption in Postal Service. Therefore, with this article clarified, the use of the Internet to send summonses is unconstitutional and should cease.
In the last Masonic year your Committee has received and reviewed applications from eighteen (18) Chapters to amend their respective by-laws. After a thorough review of the material received from the Grand Scribe Ezra your Committee approved fourteen (14) of the applications, returned two (2) for re-submission, and a further two (2) for additional material. Your Committee has received and reviewed several notices of motion to amend the Constitution, and as required by the Committee’s mandate, we now report as follows:

1. The amendments to the Constitution proposed by R.Ex.Comp. Gordon E. Cross to Article 109 and 110, have been examined by your Committee, and your Committee finds that the amendment to Article 109, to be virtually the same amendments as were proposed last year at the convocation of Grand Chapter (2001). The proposed wording of Section 109 (d) indicates that the by-laws of the newly amalgamated Chapter MUST be the by-laws (presumably in existence) of one of the amalgamating Chapters. As stated last year, the by-laws for the newly amalgamated Chapter would ONLY be chosen or formulated AFTER the completion of the amalgamation, and then should be the choice of the Companions forming the newly amalgamated Chapter.

We also agree with the last Committee report that the proposed amendments to Article 109, dealing with amalgamation of Chapters, is contrary to the basic legal principles that a body or entity must be first formed in its basic form and THEN it has capacity to regulate its conduct and affairs by creating by-laws accordingly and therefore, your Committee finds this proposed amendment not to be regular or in order.

The proposed amendment to Article 110 once again makes a decision for the Grand First Principal. As stated last year when a Companion is elected to this office of leadership by the Companions of Royal Arch, he does not have the right to delegate that power to someone else, as he himself, (the Grand First Principal) is, in effect, delegated by Royal Arch Companions to carry out the administration and management of Grand Chapter. Accordingly, your Committee finds this proposed amendment not to be regular or otherwise in order.

2. The amendments to the Constitution proposed by R.Ex.Comp. Alan M. Tibbets, Article 18(i) and Article 18(j), to rescind these Articles (relating to the publishing of names of a Companion and resulting disqualification of that companion) in their entirety, have been examined by your Committee. Your Committee finds that those seeking election to Grand Chapter Office have through tradition, continued to visit throughout our districts, serving on various Committees, illustrating to the Companions the value of their work, and leadership qualities. To now open this system to the publishing of a Companion’s name in a summons, indicating his desire for an elective office, does not conform to Constitutional harmony and Ancient Landmarks of the Royal Craft and are not regular or otherwise in order. therefore not acceptable for presentation to Grand Chapter.

3. M.Ex.Comp. G. Robert Jackson has proposed an amendment to Article 28(c) to include (for a minimum of 3 years) service on the Grand Executive to be eligible for nomination to the office of Grand Third Principal. Your Committee finds the proposed amendments to be regular and in order.
4. The proposed amendment to the Constitution, by V.Ex.Comp. Richard J. Warnica to Article 20(r) has been examined by your Committee, and your Committee finds the proposed amendment to Article 20(r) with respect to filing of Chapter Annual Returns and payment of prescribed assessments, requires someone, presumably the Grand Scribe Ezra, to request, presumably of the errant Chapter or one of its Officers, to explain why the return was not filed.

The Constitution of Grand Chapter makes it abundantly clear that ALL Chapters have a responsibility to complete and file Annual Returns, and forward the same to the Grand Scribe Ezra, by a fixed date, i.e. January 31st, in each year. It is clearly up to the individual Chapter to ensure that such return is filed, and filed on time. The Constitution of Grand Chapter would appear to be abundantly clear and not uncertain or confusing. The proposed amendment then provides “and no adequate explanation having been brought forth”, that then, at some uncertain time, the Grand Scribe Ezra is to advise that specific Chapter of its consequences of its failure to file.

The Constitution of Grand Chapter very clearly requires the Returns to be filed by January 31st. It should not cast any additional duties on the Grand Scribe Ezra to plead, to advise, or in any other way encourage the Chapter to file its Returns or adjudicate on the reason why the Return was not filed. The Constitution of Grand Chapter (at the end of Article 20(q) already requires the Grand Scribe Ezra to advise the errant Chapter of their failure to file. Article 20(r) provides that if an errant Chapter has corrected its failure to file a Return and/or pay the assessments, THEN the Grand First Principal may, and it is discretionary, and such decision is given only after his due and serious consideration, lift the denial of voting privileges of all Principals (Past and Present). Your Committee is of the opinion that the Chapter must file its Returns by a fixed date, well known in advance, namely January 31st in any particular year, and has until the end of the following month to correct its failure, and if that is not done, the Principals, Past and Present, of that Chapter, are denied voting privileges. Reasonable opportunity is also in place in the Article as presently worded and, accordingly, the Committee is of the opinion that the amendment proposed is not regular or otherwise in order.

5. R.Ex.Comp. Bernard L. Nehring has proposed an amendment to Article 113(m) relating to the wearing of Military, or Civil Orders, decorations, medals and the traditional Poppy. Your Committee has examined this proposed amendment and as these items are not a regular part of Masonic regalia, their inclusion would not be regular or in order.

6. M.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner has proposed an amendment to Article 55 to revoke the Standing Committee status of the following Committee’s: Constitution review, Archives, History and Printing. Your Committee finds the proposed amendment regular and in order.

7. M.Ex.Comp. Harry D. Turner has proposed an amendment to Article 50(i) (i) to have Committees meet after the opening remarks at the Grand Executive Meeting and in Article 50 (i) (ii) the Grand Executive Meeting to reconvene in 90 minutes to receive reports of the Committees. Your Committee finds the proposed amendment to be regular and in order.

8. Ex.Comp. Bruce Edwards has proposed an amendment to Article 14 (m) to clarify the insignia on the aprons of R.Ex. and V.Ex. Companions. Your Committee finds the proposed amendment to be regular and in order.
9. R.Ex.Comp. David G. Walker has proposed amendments to Article 101 and Article 105, to have the Annual Returns of the Constituent Chapters forwarded to Grand Chapter by Registered Mail or Hand Delivered. Your Committee finds these amendments to be regular and in order.

10. R.Ex.Comp. David G. Walker has proposed an amendment to Article 76 (c) to increase the annual dues to Grand Chapter. Your Committee finds the proposed amendment to be regular and in order.

We your Committee are proud to extend to the Companions of those Chapters’ who presented amendments, our most sincere appreciation for the manner and detailed preparation of the required documents, certainly an indication of their dedication to their respective Chapters.

As chairman of your Committee, I extend to the other members of the Committee, V.Ex.Comp. Norman E. Byrne and V.Ex.Comp. John V. Lawer, my most sincere thanks and appreciation for their very kind and dedicated assistance, with special note for their distinguished legal backgrounds, which is extremely helpful to ensure that we maintain a clear understanding process of the Laws, Rules and Regulations of our Constitution. In addition we wish to thank R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn J. Duke, our Grand Scribe Ezra, for his assistance and the many courtesies extended to the Committee during the past year.

All of which is submitted on behalf of the Committee: V.Ex.Comp. Norman E. Byrne, V.Ex.Comp. John V. Lawer, R.Ex.Comp. L. Ian Montague, Chairman

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

REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We would like to thank the Grand Chapter and Royal Arch Masons throughout the Province for assisting the Scholarship and Bursary Fund Committee in carrying on its task of assisting students in post secondary education. Your assistance is often the vital link to making it possible for the recognition of dreams for these students.

To date, the Bursary Committee considered thirty-four applications for bursaries representing requests for fifteen first year, fourteen second year, two third year and three fourth year post secondary programs amounting to $8,550.00. Recommending these applications were District 1-1, District 4-3, District 5-2, District 6-8, District 7-1, District 8-7, District 10-4, District 12-4, District 13-3, and District 15-1. Two of these applications were referred to their Chapters for consideration of further support by the Chapter and by the Grand Chapter Benevolence Fund.
Programs of studies include a wide range of professions and skills: teacher, lawyer, social worker, film & television production, nurse, physiotherapist, archaeologist, doctor, marketing, music, fashion arts, veterinarian, physiotherapist, kinesiologist, human resource management. The institutions include many Community Colleges and the Universities of McMaster, Waterloo, Guelph, Toronto and Nippising.

We also had the opportunity for the fifth year to award the University of Toronto Medical School a Bursary of $1,000.00. Next year the funds will be used for applicants proposed by individual Chapters.

With the addition of a $100,000.00 bequest, the Committee feels that rising costs of housing, books and tuition warrant an increase in the amount of bursaries. Therefore, pursuant to Section 52 (b) (ii) of the Constitution, the Bursary Committee will award bursaries for years one, two, three and four as follows: $250.00, $350.00, $450.00 and $450.00 respectively beginning in the new Masonic year of 2002. As an added bonus, in March of 2002 we had a marvellous donation of $150,000.00 to the Scholarship and Bursary Fund.

We thank the Grand Superintendents for their assistance and ask that they forward to the Committee any notes of thanks, in addition to photographs of the presentations. We thank the Grand First Principal for the opportunity of serving Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Ontario assisting these students who represent the future for all of us. To the Members of the Committee, “Thank you. Your dedication is exceptional.”


Moved by the Grand Second Principal, and seconded by R.Ex.Comp. W. Bruce Miller, that this report be approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter, to thank all of the Grand Reps, as well as our Grand Scribe “E” and his staff for assistance and continuing service. To date I have received twenty-seven (27) reports which is the lowest in years. It would appear that other jurisdictions are having problems with communicating. Membership continues to decline, but the rate appears to be slowing. I assume that this is because most Grand Chapters have some program with Grand Lodges and other associated bodies. Keep up the good work. It is interesting to note that many Grand Chapters refer to us as Grand Chapter of Ontario instead of Canada.

CONNECTICUT: Developing relationship with Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter HRAM of Connecticut.
IOWA: Most Excellent Grand High Priest Alvin Malmer Jr. died in office.

INDIANA: Indicates that no reports received from any Grand Chapter. Proceedings do not show who are representatives to Grand Chapters.

MAINE: Celebrated 38 years “Hands Across the Border” at Woodstock, New Brunswick. This Grand Chapter celebrating 175th Anniversary. No report or fraternal correspondence.

MARYLAND: Note that our Grand Rep of Maryland has been absent for the last three years.

NOVA SCOTIA: Life Membership Fund has been liquidated and many have been refunded their money where possible. Committee on Fraternal Relations received no communication of Grand Representatives, information on deaths, recommendations for appointments or commission for Grand Representative.

SCOTLAND: Candidates survey re age, distance from Chapter. Why did you want to be a Royal Arch Mason, etc. have produced some interesting and, yes, some startling information.

VIRGINIA: Report on Fraternal Relations is one of the most comprehensive and informative report read this year. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

WASHINGTON: Have granted recognition of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter HRAM of Washington in conjunction with Grand Lodge of Washington.

WEST VIRGINIA: Goals are extremely important but only if they can be measured and if someone has the responsibility of working on the goals. First time report received from Tennessee and the Philippines.

I would like to end this report by paraphrasing the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Matthew Griffin from Connecticut. “Not every Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction (Cons.) is strong, not everyone has a full officer line. This is not news. We have the potential to do better, and if requested, your Grand Chapter will assist. I still feel that we can do so much more for ourselves if we put a public face on our work. I am not asking that we open our degrees, but, open our doors to the community where we live. If no one knows our presence, none will be aware of what good we do, nor mourn our passing. This is not an appeal to improve your Chapter, only allow what we do to be known. Speak with honest pride in our Fraternity, our Chapters and our Companions. Say only what is true, factual and correct. It will be enough.”

Sincerely and fraternally submitted by B. Donald Lamont, Chairman, Fraternal Correspondence.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal and seconded by the Grand Third Principal that this report be received by and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

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:

As Chairman of the Grievances and Appeals Committee I have been kept apprized of several pieces of communication from a Companion of Prince Edward District No. 11 regarding an Excellent Companion that had been nominated for an Appointed Grand Chapter Rank prior to our 2001 Grand Convocation in Kingston. The Grand First Principal did not include the nominee in his list of Appointments.

The granting, or not granting of an Appointed Grand Chapter Rank on a properly nominated Excellent Companion by a Grand First Principal is NOT subject to grievance. Further, in the opinion of this Chairman, this entire text from day one to the present is not regular and is not in order.

To support this opinion I would refer you to our year 2000 edition of the Constitution:-

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS
AND GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

18(a) None but Past First Principals who reside within this jurisdiction are eligible for any office in this Grand Chapter except by request for, and granting of, a dispensation under section. DUTIES, POWERS AND RULES REGARDING THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL. everyone elected or appointed to office in Grand Chapter must, during his term of office, be a subscribing, honorary or life member of a Constituent Chapter duly returned.

DUTIES, POWER AND RULES REGARDING
THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

26(a) The Grand First Principal will, as soon as possible after his installation, appoint the Grand Chapter Officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Constitution. Should there be no nomination for an elected office the Grand First Principal will appoint a Past First Principal at the next Annual Convocation immediately prior to the Investiture of the Elected and Appointed Officers within the Installation of Grand Chapter Officers except the Grand Second Principal and/or the Grand Third Principal.

All nominations for an Appointed Grand Chapter Rank, when received in the Grand Chapter office are placed in a file until they are delivered to the Grand First Principal. On reviewing the nomination forms, the Grand First Principal MUST satisfy himself that the nominee is constitutionally eligible to be considered to receive an appointment, as per Section 18(a). The Grand First Principal then lists his appointments from the nominations that meet the requirements of our Constitution.

In the incident brought to our attention the Excellent Companion’s Chapter was not 'duly returned' thereby disqualifying the nominee from being considered for an Appointed Grand Chapter Rank.

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A second issue brought to this Chairman’s attention, again from Prince Edward District No. 11, was the rejection of a nomination form by the three members of the Special Committee of Scrutineers. Again, I would refer you to our Constitution:

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS
AND GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

18(b) Candidates who are eligible for any elective office requiring nomination may be nominated by any member of Grand Chapter.

18(c) Nominations for the Office of Grand First Principal, Grand Second Principal, Grand Third Principal, Grand Scribe Nehemiah, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Registrar and for the Grand Executive Committee, must be made in writing giving the full name and Royal Arch Masonic Designation of the Nominee, together with the name and number of his Chapter, District, post office address and the Office or Committee for which he is nominated.

18(d) The Nomination must be signed by the proposer who will give his own full name, post office address, Royal Arch Masonic rank and the name and number of his Chapter. It shall be signed also by the Nominee to signify his willingness to accept the nomination.

A nomination paper was received by the Special Committee of Scrutineers, and, although not on a Grand Chapter form, was considered by the Committee. On viewing the nomination paper the Committee found it to be defective as the information contained in the paper did not wholly meet the Constitutional requirements of Section 18(c), was declared invalid and rejected.

The Grand Scribe Ezra then called on the members of our Laws and Jurisprudence Committee to review the nomination paper in question, and the decision of the Special Committee of Scrutineers.

The decision of the Special Committee of Scrutineers to reject the defective nomination paper was supported and upheld. Therefore the nominee named in the defective nomination paper is not eligible to seek an elective office during our 144th Grand Convocation.

Companions, there are approximately nine thousand members on the rolls of our Grand Chapter. From the newest Mark Master Mason to the senior Past Grand First Principal, but, we have only one Constitution and the content of our Constitution applies to all Companions equally. It is not to be circumvented or bent to avoid compliance. A Grand First Principal must ensure that he, and all Companions of this jurisdiction abide by and work in accordance to our Constitution. At every step in our Masonic journey we are asked to take an obligation, part of which is to, and I quote “....endeavour to exact obedience to the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter, as well as conformity to the established rites and ceremonies...”.

Companions that is the information from the Committee of Grievances and Appeals.

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 ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

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 and Companions:

Our most recent addition to the Archives is a folder of memorabilia from Occident Chapter No. 77's One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. If you have any old records, books, or regalia that you want to dispose of, please contact us before you get rid of it. If your Chapter needs regalia, please contact us and we will assist you if possible.


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 PRINTING COMMITTEE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

This Committee has completed work on a form that will combine five Grand Chapter forms into one and this has been submitted to the Grand Chapter for their consideration.

We have compiled many of the Grand Chapter forms into various computer formats and although all of the forms have not been completed at this time, we would gladly submit those completed, to Grand Chapter if and when they feel they are needed.

We wish to express our enjoyment at being given the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter, and to express our willingness to serve our Grand Chapter at any time in the future.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted R.Ex.Comp. Bill Reynolds and R.Ex.Comp. Glen Harvey, Chairman

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

GREETINGS EXTENDED FROM ATTENDING COMPANIONS

During the 144th 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:

Background: The Grand Executive, in early July, directed the Investment Committee to investigate investment council alternatives. This was mainly due to a 62.5% increase in management fees from our present investment council, Scotia Cassels. Two options were pursued: Nesbitt Burns who manages the Masonic Foundation, and RBC Investments who manages funds for several of the Hamilton Scottish Rite bodies.

At the Grand Executive Committee meeting of November 3, 2001, the Investment Committee presented that the following criteria was being used in our evaluation:

- Costs. Management and commission fees.
- Risk. The discretionary power of our investment council as well as the bond/equity ratio.
- Obligations. The projected obligations of the funds, particularly with respect to Grand Chapter. (Of course, this translates into performance of our investment council).
- Personal Attention. The personal attention expected from our council and the flexibility to change our investment criteria as our situation changes.

Criteria Assessment

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<td>High. 3% on fixed income and 2% on equity portion. Est. $10,530/year.</td>
<td>Low. ¼ to ½% on equity transactions. No fees for fixed income. Est. $980 to $1,400/year.</td>
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<td>Low. Actual 1-year return of -4.05% and 2-year return of 4.95%.</td>
<td>Data not requested due to high cost. Masonic Foundation is 100% fixed income.</td>
<td>High. Actual 1-year returns are positive for 3 Hamilton Scottish Rite bodies.</td>
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Recommendation: Based on this criteria and assessment, RBC Securities is the best option. Of the three investment councils evaluated, they incur the lowest cost, have demonstrated consistent and strong performance and will provide a high level of personal attention.

In order to move forward, the Executive Committee should be aware of the following:
- The recommended option will take more time of the Investment Committee, estimated at one meeting per month.
- It is important to have a focal point resource, due to the more frequent contact.
- It is important to communicate to the Investment Council the financial commitments of the Grand Chapter annually.
- The Investment Committee should establish an up-to-date investment plan.

Summary of Grand Chapter Accounts
At Year Ended February 28, 2002

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<td>392,199</td>
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<td>Medical Fund</td>
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<td>482,228</td>
<td>21,448</td>
<td>18,252</td>
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<td>Bursary Fund</td>
<td>330,773</td>
<td>330,773</td>
<td>14,872</td>
<td>14,343</td>
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<td>Combined</td>
<td>1,205,200</td>
<td>1,205,200</td>
<td>53,345</td>
<td>49,618</td>
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Note: Market values do not include accrued interest, but include all investment income, realized capital gains and unrealized capital gains due to price appreciation of securities.

Consolidated Asset Reconciliation

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<td>Opening Market Value (March 1, 2001)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contributions</td>
<td>$ 40,000</td>
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<td>Withdrawals</td>
<td>$(25,000)</td>
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<td>Management Fees (incl. G.S.T.)</td>
<td>$(6,962)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Income Received on Investments</td>
<td>$ 53,465</td>
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<td>Capital Appreciation on Investments</td>
<td>$(40,032)</td>
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<td>Closing Market Value (February 28, 2002)</td>
<td>$1,205,200</td>
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During your fiscal year the following money was contributed/withdrawn
- $40,000 was received into the Medical Research Fund on Sept 21, 2001
- $25,000 was withdrawn from the General Fund on February 25, 2002
- Management fees from General Fund - $2,383; Medical Research Fund - $2,672:
  Bursary Fund - $1,907

Respectfully and fraternally submitted, George Fairbairn, Chairman of the Investment Committee

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 GRAND TREASURER

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I submit this report with enthusiasm and high hopes for a bright financial future. It has been an enjoyable year but certainly an eventful one on all worldly accounts, which has had many interesting effects on the financial markets.

The Grand Treasurer works predominantly with three individuals:

1. Grand Scribe Ezra, who operates the Grand Chapter Office in a most efficient manner. I have met with him on various occasions, reconciled the bank statements, and statements from our investment councillor.

2. Chairman of Finance, R.Ex.Comp. David Walker, who has prepared the future budget of our Operations, (and keeps us within due bounds in our current budget). Many thanks to him for his dedication in performing his duties.

3. Chairman of Investments, V.Ex.Comp. George Fairbairn, who heads the committee who is liaison between Grand Chapter and its investment councillor, Mr. Arthur Skeat of Scotia Cassels.

The reports of these committees will fill in the details of their activities. I thank Grand Chapter for the opportunity to have served in this capacity of Grand Treasurer.


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

PRESENTATIONS

R.Ex.Comp. Bert Mennie presented two cheques on behalf of the York Rite Charitable Foundation in support of the Medical Research Fund and the Scholarship and Bursary Fund.

R.Ex.Comp. William Armstrong presented a cheque on behalf of Ontario District No. 10 for the Medical Research Fund - Release A Miracle.

The Grand First Principal thanked each for the gifts which received a sounding round of applause.
AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the statement of operations of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario as at February 28, 2002 and the statements of operations and changes in the net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at February 28, 2002 and the results of its operations and the changes in cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada
March 28, 2002

Grant Thornton L.L.P.
Chartered Accountants
## The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario Statement of Financial Position

**February 28**

### Assets

#### Current

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Cash and short term investments</td>
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<td>Cash on hand at broker</td>
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<td>Accounts and interest receivable</td>
<td>1,389</td>
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<td>Inventory for resale &amp; rewards</td>
<td>6,185</td>
<td>10,499</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current Assets</strong></td>
<td>51,975</td>
<td>55,639</td>
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<td>Fixed assets (Note 3)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Fixed Assets</strong></td>
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<td>55,974</td>
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<td>Investments (Note 4)</td>
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<td>395,588</td>
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<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td>$434,272</td>
<td>$451,562</td>
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### Liabilities

#### Current

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<td>Payables and accruals</td>
<td>$4,386</td>
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<td><strong>Total Liabilities</strong></td>
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### Net Assets

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<th>2002</th>
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<td>Net Assets restricted for Commuted Membership (Note 5)</td>
<td>260,536</td>
<td>259,491</td>
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<td>Net Assets restricted for Benevolence (Note 5)</td>
<td>56,009</td>
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<td>Unrestricted net assets</td>
<td>113,341</td>
<td>132,945</td>
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<td><strong>Total Net Assets</strong></td>
<td>429,886</td>
<td>448,445</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets</strong></td>
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<td>$451,561</td>
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### Related entities (Note 6)

On behalf of the Grand Chapter

*John W McGill*  
Grand First Principal

*Melvyn James Duke*  
Grand Scribe Ezra

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.
The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario  
Statements of Operations  
Year Ended February 28  

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<tr>
<th>Revenue</th>
<th>2002</th>
<th>2001</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dues - per capita</td>
<td>$ 71,330</td>
<td>$ 74,990</td>
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<td>Interest and dividends from Commuted Fund</td>
<td>13,433</td>
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<td>Sales of publications and other products</td>
<td>6,038</td>
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<td>Interest and dividend income</td>
<td>3,388</td>
<td>4,850</td>
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<td>Income and dividend from V. T. B. F.</td>
<td>2,878</td>
<td>2,327</td>
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<td>Capital gain on investments</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Registration fees</td>
<td>2,420</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
<td>740</td>
<td>780</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenue</strong></td>
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<td><strong>100,920</strong></td>
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<td>Office supplies and expenses</td>
<td>20,029</td>
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<td>Salaries and benefits</td>
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<td>36,600</td>
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<td>Benevolence</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
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<td>Cost of goods sold including awards</td>
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<td>Annual Convocation proceedings</td>
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<td>Keystone publication</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous and instruction</td>
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<td>Regalia refurbishing</td>
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<td>Jewels and engraving</td>
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<td>Council and Committee expenses</td>
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<td>Promotion and public relations</td>
<td>4,312</td>
<td>3,770</td>
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<td>Capital loss on Investments - General Fund</td>
<td>23,140</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
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<td><strong>92,202</strong></td>
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Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses  

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<td>2001</td>
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### Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended February 28, 2002

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<th>Fund</th>
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<td>Balance, beginning of year</td>
<td>$258,491</td>
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<td>$448,445</td>
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<td>(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(19,605)</td>
<td>8,718</td>
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<td>Internally imposed restrictions</td>
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<td>-</td>
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<td>Surrendered charters</td>
<td>1,045</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1,045</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shares in York Masonic Temple Limited</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Balance end of year</td>
<td>260,536</td>
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<td>113,341</td>
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### Statement of Cash Flows

February 28

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<td>Operating</td>
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<td>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses</td>
<td>$(19,605)</td>
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<td>Change in non-cash operating working capital</td>
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<td>Accounts receivable</td>
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<td>Inventory</td>
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<td>Payables and accruals</td>
<td>1,270</td>
<td>(875)</td>
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<td>(13,334)</td>
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<td>Financing</td>
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<td>Surrendered charters</td>
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<td>Investing</td>
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<td>Proceeds on sale of investments, net of investment purchases</td>
<td>13,626</td>
<td>(70,627)</td>
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<td>Net increase in cash and short term investments</td>
<td>1,337</td>
<td>(59,732)</td>
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<td>Beginning of year</td>
<td>43,064</td>
<td>102,726</td>
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<td>End of year</td>
<td>$44,401</td>
<td>$43,064</td>
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1 Nature of Operations: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario is a not-for-profit organization which serves as the central administrative body for Masonic Chapters in the Province of Ontario. The organization is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Inventories: Inventories of supplies for sale and for use are valued at cost.

Fixed Assets: Fixed assets are stated at acquisition cost. New additions are not depreciated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles but are charged to expenditure in the year of acquisition. The cost of additions is then added to the accumulated cost of fixed assets in the records and to accumulated depreciation.

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

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

3 Fixed Assets

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<td>$36,744</td>
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<tr>
<td>Library</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td>Regalia</td>
<td>2,413</td>
<td>2,338</td>
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<td>$39,417</td>
<td>$39,082</td>
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<td>$335</td>
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4 Financial Instruments: The financial instruments of the organization include cash, receivables, payables and portfolio investments. The fair market values of cash, receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts because of their short term maturity. The fair values of investments are assumed to approximate quoted values. Market value of the investment portfolio is $383,241 (2001 - $334,531).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Neither the Scholarship and Bursary Fund nor the Medical Research Fund have been consolidated in the Grand Chapter financial statements. Financial summaries of these unconsolidated entities as at February 29, 2002 and 2001 and for the years then ended are as follows:

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

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<th>Financial position</th>
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<td>Total revenues</td>
<td>$9,395</td>
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<td>Total expenses</td>
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<td>Excess of revenue over expenses</td>
<td>$(2,470)</td>
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<td>Decrease in cash</td>
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The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario 
- Medical Research Fund

Financial position

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<td>Total liabilities</td>
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<td>Total net assets</td>
<td>$483,336</td>
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Results of operations

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<td>Total revenues</td>
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<td>Total expenses</td>
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<td>Excess of revenue over expenses</td>
<td>40,088</td>
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Cash flows

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<td>Decrease in cash</td>
<td>$(22,238)</td>
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AUDITOR’S REPORT

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

We have audited the statement of operations of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - Medical Research Fund (Release A Miracle Fund) as at February 28, 2002 and the statements of operations and changes in the net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, except for the omission of the disclosure described in the preceding paragraph and except for the effect of adjustments, if any, we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of revenues referred to above, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at February 28, 2002 and the results of its operations and the changes in cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada
March 17, 2002

Grant Thornton L I P
Chartered Accountants
The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario
Medical Research Fund (Release a Miracle Fund) - Statement of Financial Position

February 28

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On behalf of the Grand Chapter

*John W McGill*
Grand First Principal

*Melvyn James Duke*
Grand Scribe Ezra

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Purpose of the organization: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Medical Research Fund (Release A Miracle Fund) is a registered charity in Ontario, and is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act. The object of the organization is to provide funds for medical research upon receiving a valid request for assistance.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies: Investments: Dividends are recorded as revenue when received. Interest on investments is recognized as income when it becomes due. Premiums or discounts on investments are expensed or recognized as income when incurred.

3 Restricted net assets: The net assets of the organization are externally restricted for the purposes of providing support for medical research. These amounts are not available for other purposes without the approval of the membership.

4 Financial instruments: The financial statements of the organization include cash, receivables, payables and portfolio investments. The fair values of cash, receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts because of their short term to maturity. The fair values of investments are assumed to approximate quoted market values. Portfolio investments are placed in well capitalized, high quality corporate and government securities. The organization does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest and foreign currency risk.

The organization has no significant concentration of credit risk.

5 Charitable status: For the fiscal year 2002, the fund has met the distribution quota requirement to maintain its status as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada).
AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the statement of operations of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario - The Scholarship and Bursary Fund as at February 28, 2002 and the statements of operations and changes in the net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organizations management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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, 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, 2002 and the results of its operations and the changes in cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Hamilton, Canada
March 17, 2002

Grant Thornton L.L.P.
Chartered Accountants
The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada In the Province of Ontario
The Scholarship and Bursary Fund
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Assets
Current
- Cash and short-term investments $ 895 $ 4,719
- Cash on deposit at broker 4,391 15,953
Investments (market value 2002- $326,090; 2001 - $313,385) 328,676 315,690

$ 333,962 $ 336,362

Liabilities
Current
- Payables and accruals $ 1,135 $ 1,065

Net Assets
- Net assets restricted for Scholarships and bursaries (Note 3) 332,827 335,297

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

1 Purpose of the organization. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario Scholarship and Bursary Fund is a registered charity in Ontario, and is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act. The object of the organization is to provide assistance in the form of bursaries to Royal Arch Masons’ dependants of members, widows and orphans of members to complete their education at universities, community or technical colleges.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies: Income from Investments: Dividends are recorded as revenue when received. Interest on investments is recognized as income when it becomes due. Premiums or discounts on investments are expensed or recognized as income when incurred.

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

4 Financial instruments: The financial statements of the organization include cash, receivables, payables and portfolio investments. The fair values of cash, receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their carrying amounts because of their short term to maturity. The fair values of investments are assumed to approximate quoted market values. Portfolio investments are placed in well capitalized, high quality corporate and government securities. The organization does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest and foreign currency risk. The organization has no significant concentration of credit risk.

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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Finance Committee has reviewed the Financial Statement comparing actual to the Budget Estimates approved by Grand Chapter last April. We are satisfied that they present to financial operations of our Grand Chapter during the last fiscal year.

Last year saw an increase in “Office Equipment and Expense of $905.00 or 5.8% over budget, principally due to increased printing and postage activity. We also see the increasing cost of maintaining Grand Chapter’s regalia in acceptable condition ($203.00 or 20%). This is the second consecutive year that this line exceeded budget. Our investment revenue appears to continue to decline and we have experienced a substantial increase in the Management Fees, thereby reducing our net return even further. The most difficult issue, however, is our decreasing membership. Our membership on which we received per/capita, shows as:
Totalled 6998 7133 7499 7742 8137 8378 total reduction 1380
A reduction of 3.42% 4.88% 3.14% 3.17% 1.73% 2.88% 16.47% in five years
A 5 year average reduction of 3.29%.

We are budgeting in Draft 1, Revenue for this year of $89,840.00 and Expenses of $92,903.00. A budgeted deficit of $3,063. We estimate that the expenditures are appropriate and the receipts, while showing a deficit, are conservatively reliable. In consequence of the foregoing, the Finance Committee will bring forth its Notice of Motion to increase the Annual Per/Capita by $1.00 effective on approval by Grand Chapter in April. If this increase in Per/Capita is approved we will present Draft 2 with $96,729.00 Revenue; a budgeted surplus of $3,827.00. The third alternative is to amend the proposed motion, to increase the Per/Capita by $0.50 instead of $1.00 resulting in Revenue of $93,285.00 and a Surplus of $382.00, closest to a balanced budget.


Moved by the Grand Second Principal seconded by R.Ex.Comp. David Walker that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Moved by David G Walker, seconded by the Grand Treasurer that: In accordance with Section 56 of the Constitution, the estimate of receipts and expenditures on account of the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year of March 1, 2002 to February 28, 2003, be received and adopted. CARRIED.
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONs OF CANADA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR
BUDGET

REVENUE
Registration fees 2500
Per capita dues 75,779
Dispensations and Warrants 700
Constitutions, Rituals & Jewels -
Investment Income - General Fund 2,748
Interest from Commuted Fund 12,824
Interest from V.T.B.F. 2,748
Donations - Benevolence -
Capital gain on Investments -
Other income -
Total revenue 97,299

EXPENSES
Remuneration Grand Scribe Ezra 20,600
Office salaries and wages 12,978
Library Assistance 4,000
Rent and parking 8,412
Office Expenses 16,700
Office equipment purchases 1,000
Convocation 3,000
Executive Committee 250
Regalia refurbishing 1,200
Printing Proceedings 3,200
Grand Council expense 250
Promotion (web site) 1,200
Constitutions, Rituals & Jewels -
Travel 10,000
Audit 2,200
Investment Management 1,100
Insurance 1,200
Jewels and engraving 250
Communications 1,500
Loss on Sale of Investments -
Benevolence 2,748
Miscellaneous and instruction 1,200
Transfer to Commuted Fund 1,000
Purchase supplies for inventory -
Total expenses 93,988

Excess / (Shortfall) 3,311
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:

Allow me to start by sincerely thanking you, Most Excellent Companion John W McGill, our Grand First Principal, for your confidence in me by reappointing me as Grand Historian. It is a great honour and I will continue to serve this Grand Jurisdiction in any way I can. Since our last Grand Convocation, in Kingston, historically it has been a quiet year. There have been a number of anniversaries, amalgamations, and special events which will be reported on elsewhere in “The Proceedings”.

I think the most important event was the decision by this Grand Chapter to keep abreast of the times by entering the new world of communications. To this end a Web-site, for this Grand Chapter, was established on the Internet. From a humble beginning it has developed into a site we can all be proud of. Many companions have assisted in this development and we thank them, but I would be remiss if I did not mention the name of Excellent Companion Geoff Allen our web-master, who has spent many hours dedicated to this project. Now we have been on line for one year and I can report that we have had upward of 4,000 visitors, many of them international and their comments have all been one of praise.


Moved by the Grand Second Principal seconded by the Grand Historian 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:

Your Committee on Benevolence wishes to report that for the period from April 2001 up to the present time no applications for benevolence were received. During the past two years Royal Arch Masons, have, through their Chapters and Lodges donated generously to the “Help-to-Hear” campaign of the Grand Lodge. This year the Grand Master’s theme is “Back to Basics” so let us turn our thoughts to donating to the Royal Arch Charities of “Release a Miracle” which gives support to medical research and the Royal Arch Bursary Fund which provides bursaries to undergraduate Royal Arch Masons children and to the University of Toronto medical students.

When we think of benevolence, we think of financial assistance, we think of applications processed and approved by the Committee on Benevolence. We think of the District Chairmen, we think of the Chapter Committees and we think all is well and all are looked after. However like everything else, unless we are involved as individuals nothing happens.
So through a lack of time, through a moment of carelessness or through simple forgetfulness, we fail to seize the opportunity of practising benevolence and charity. Benevolence is not only financial support, but moral support to the sick and shut-ins, and if you are visiting, be the living expression of God’s kindness, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your greeting to children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, give always a happy smile. Give them not only your care, but also your heart.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee, R.Ex.Comps. George Chambers, Derek Ward, Jarvis Weir and Denis Langridge, 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 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:

The Medical Research Fund/Release A Miracle Committee has again been active in seeking out and funding medical research projects within the Province of Ontario.

We, your committee on the Medical Research Fund have had another good year. There was a donation from the Estate of Violet Waddling as well as the donations made by other individuals and constituent Chapters. This February we again supported a total of eight research projects as outlined below. This February we again received a donation from District 10 of $1,500.00.

The total funds dispersed this year have been $34,500.00 among eight projects as follows:

1. John Robarts Institute $5000.00
2. Dr. B. Gallie (HSC) $5000.00
3. Help-2-Hear (Grand Lodge) $5000.00
4. Dr. J. Dennis (Mount Sinai) $2500.00
5. Prof. Dr. Yendt (Kingston) $3000.00
6. Cryptic Rite Charitable Foundation $5000.00
7. Hotel-Dieu Hospital $5000.00
8. Dr. P. Szatmari (Autism) $4000.00

Total $34,500.00

Over the last three years I have had the honour of chairing this committee and have been pleased to have had such wonderful companions with whom to share this undertaking. My personal thanks to them and to our Grand Scribe Ezra, R.Ex.Comp. Melvyn Duke.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It is with great pleasure that I present, on behalf of the 16 Grand Superintendents, the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

In the past we have heard this committee report that Capitular Masonry is in excellent condition but no or few details were provided to substantiate these statements. Companions have often requested examples so they can judge for themselves the condition of Royal Arch Masonry. I hope that this report will provide some specific examples that will satisfy the Companions.

I have been extremely pleased to see how Chapters are addressing the issue of low attendance at their meetings. They have established phone committees to contact and arrange transportation for members and offer instruction to those not familiar with how to enter a Chapter meeting. They also are having education and instruction for the members instead of just having a business meeting and encouraging the members to attend and take pride in their Chapter.

After Grand Chapter in April 2001, I started keeping track of the number of applications that each Chapter published in their Notice. I did this for my own information but I must share the good news with everyone that there have been just under 200 applications received so far and I have not received all of the March Notices. In addition, I do not receive a copy of each Chapter's Notice so there possibly are more of which I am unaware. We need to ensure these new members are kept active not just by having them take part in the Degree work, but also asking them for their ideas on how to improve our Chapter's. We must just not make them feel that they and their ideas are important, but we must ensure that this actually happens. Remember that your actions speak louder than your words.

Yes we do have problems in some Chapters and Districts, which are not receiving applications and members are not attending. I encourage the Grand Superintendents to talk with one another and share ideas that are working such as I have discussed. If we all work together, we can revitalize royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction and shows Masons everywhere why we are proud to be a Royal Arch Mason.

Moved by the Grand Second Principal and seconded by myself, 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:

During the past year I have endeavoured to accomplish the following goals:

(1) Develop a library of photographs for display purposes at Convocations, Master Mason nights, etc. This has not been successful, and I will continue in the new year to work on this.

(2) To find a source of repair for older films in order to develop a master video source from which the Saga of the Royal Arch can be purchased by Chapters and individuals. I was fortunate to meet with people at Medallion in downtown Toronto. Medallion is a specialist in repair of older damaged film such as the ones on the Saga held at Grand Chapter. We have been fortunate to save one film, and the repair was for free. From this film a master Video is available, and an initial pair of videos are in our possession. Except for minor graining in the first two minutes, the 27 minute Video is nearly pristine. These are available to all from Grand Chapter or myself. I have already requests for these.

(3) Cleaning and repair of our display is under way. More care must be made in its handling and storage, particularly with the photos. The P.R. committee will undertake this immediately.

(4) My project in 2002 is to increase and have hands on in Master Masons nights. The videos should be of great help.

Fraternally, Don Kelly P.R. 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.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

DEATHS - 2001

Willi Koslowksi, C Murray Beach. James: Ross Smith, 24-William James Edwards, 26-
Donald Nelson Brant, 27-Alvin Hart Archer, Thomas William Spooner, 28-Kenneth Donald
Essery, Joseph Miles Stoughton, Jack Gordon MaGee, Edward Russell Flutter, Paul William
John McNeil, 29-J Ewart Cass, James Wood, 30-Raymond George Fisher, John Polson Kane,
Mark William Raithby, 31-Keith Van Dusen, Frank Dinner, 32-Kenneth Rolf Cation, William
Erle Knill, 34-Lloyd F Churchill, Marmaduke Louis Pearson, Edwin John Myers, Ross Elmer
Wallwin, 36-Eric William Edmonson, John Burgess Somerville, Angus Alexander Munro;
James Ross Kimble, 37-Bert Wilson, Carl Ross Train, Frank Brodie Scott, James Alex
McGlashan, Arthur Boyd Finnie, 40-Paul Wittaker Mercer, Frederick John Ing, 44-William
George Fingland, William Ramsay, Alfred Orr, 46-David Eeley, John S Puttock, 47-Hugh
Matheson Dunlop, 48-George Angelos Cortesis, Frank Brodie Scott, 54-Uisdean Campbell
Sutherland, Theodore Seburn, David Shaw McPherson, 57-William G Pilling, Carl A Young,
59-Gordon MacKellar, Howard Reynolds, William Robert Rowsome, Roy Marsaw, 61-
George Alexander Docker, 62-Henri Jean Bartkowiak, 63- Kenneth Malcolm Johnston,
George Burton Urguhart, 64-Donald WilliamNeill, Earl Ewart Secord, 66-Charles Walkom,
67- Clarence McClennaghan, 71-Carlylefeatherstone, George Archie Erwin, Harold George
Carter, James Lappage, Willard H Darst Jr, John Durkee Atchison, Edward Raymond
Bennett, 73-Donald Leroie, Harold Ernest Ashton, Hugh Matheson Dunlop, 74-William
Leroy Fleming, Stephen Hatfield, 77- Arthur Clarence Linter, Allen H Sacret, 79-Norman
Tapscott, Bruce Findlay, 81-John Cameron Tribe, Ernest Richard Hewitt, 82-Michael Zale,
Walter Eugene Bilinsky, 83-William Gordon Gibson, John Robert Whitten, George Hawkins,
84-Alexander Adam Roberson, Norman Spence Scott, James A Mair, 90-Howard Bruce
Myles, Peter Roy Hughes, Frank Paul Thorgrimson, 91-Irving Frederick Danhower, 95-Frank
James Shedler, Robert Vaughan Keffer, Alfred Steer, Ernest Norman Carscallen, Clifford
Henry Beaumont, Alexander Gerald Lacelle, Charles Raymond Robbins, Maurice Carlyle
Coulter, 102-Clifford I Matheson, 103-John Clayton Ferguson, James Robert McMillin,
Spyros D Loukidelis, Albert Grady, 104- Donald Kitchener Sutherland, William Edwyn
Davis, 110-Sydney Charles Merchant, 113-John James MacLeod, John Alex Duncan, Gordon
Wagner Thom, 114-Herbert John Harvey, 117-Newton Milne, 131-Reginald Williamson,
Bruno Pruetz, Samuel Lorne Rutherford, 133-James Emerson Stitt, Donald Ross Brundige,
James McGowan, Donald Joseph Bennett, Lenard John Whyte, Austin Bertram Tetley, 134-
Clausen Robert White, Floyd Break, 138-John Dickie Fraser, Philip C Payne, Glen Leroy
Benness, John Kerfoot, William John Oakley, 144-James Buck 145-Alan Douglas Martin,
Frank C Ferguson, Maurice Easey, 146-Melville G Beatty, John David Brown, John D
Dewbury, 148- Alan Robert Todd, 150-George Hotham, Arthur Wilson Burgess, John Albert
Ross Attwood, Jack Proudfoot, Donald Gordon Cookson, Charles Hessey, Ernest James
Hepworth, Thomas Shaw Muir, 152-Harold Meredith Cotton, Joseph Michael Hodge,
Russell Tryon, 167-William Crippin, John Rutherford Wilson, Arthur Vincent Bennett,
Harold Herbert E Plewman, Walter Mackenzie Perrin, Richard Philip Meech, Elwood E
Tucker, 168-Lester Henson, John Roy Barnum, Keith Frederick Tompkins, 169-Donald
Alexander Fraser, Victor Robert O Praskey, 175-James Stewart Callaghan, Earl McGillivray,
184-John Sherk, 195-John Robert Whitten, Colin A Campbell, William Lindsay Black, 198-
Glenwood Stanley Coates, John Allan Doyle, Aberdeen Clarence McQuay, Leonard F
Pickering, Kenneth Norman Bennison, George A N McLean, Bernard Howell Einarson, 205-
Cecil E A Smith, Charles Russell Denby, Gerald Harvey Kerr, Ronald B Livingstone, John
Bell Standing, 210-Albert F Allen, 212-Reuben Shore, Solomon C Bond, Eric Exton, Henry
Shorser, Louis Hermant, Samuel Edwards, Allan Perlmutter, Arthur Clarence Linter, 213-
Charles Cochrane Cunningham, 218-Lorne Besley, James Gracie Fleming, John Robert

DEMITTED - 2001


SUSPENDED - 2001


REINSTATED - 2001


DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE 2002

MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Moved by Robert G. Jackson that Section 28 (c) be replaced with the following: “Only a Companion who has served as a member of the Grand Executive Committee of this Grand Chapter for a minimum of three (3) years, shall be entitled to have his name published as a candidate for the office of Grand Third Principal as prescribed within this Constitution.”

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Moved by Harry D. Turner that Section 55 be amended to revoke the Standing Committee status of the following Committee’s: “Constitution Review, Archives, History and Printing.”

CARRIED.

Section 50 (i) (ii) be replaced with following: “the Grand Executive Meeting will reconvene in ninety (90) minutes to receive reports of the Committees.”

CARRIED.

Moved by Bruce G. Edwards that Section 114 (m) paragraph “For all elected officers, within a laurel wreath, and for appointed officers, within a circle.” be replaced with “For Right Excellent Companions, within a laurel wreath, and for Very Excellent Companions, within a circle.”

CARRIED.

Moved by David G. Walker that Section 101 (d) be amended to read: “He will ensure that the Chapter Annual Returns and other year end reports are forwarded to Grand Chapter, by Registered Mail or Hand Delivered, to arrive on or before the Thirty-first day of January of the following year.”

CARRIED.

Section 105 be amended by inserting after para (c), a new paragraph and re-lettering the subsequent paragraphs (d) to (m) as (e) to (n). The new paragraph to read as follows: “(d) He will forward the Chapter Annual Returns and other year-end reports to Grand Chapter, by Registered Mail or Hand Delivered, to arrive on or before the Thirty-first day of January of the following year.”

CARRIED.

Section 76 (c) the final paragraph be amended to read: “For every member of the Chapter, payable semi-annually on the Thirtieth of June and the Thirty-first of December each year: Effective April 30, 2002 - $5.50.”

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15 Wawanosh ............ Sarnia 81 Aylmer ................. Aylmer
53 Bruce-Sombra ......... Petrolia 150 The St Andrew - London. London
54 Palestine ......... St Thomas 214 Vimy ................. Oil Springs
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104 White Oak ............ Oakville
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224 Keystone ............ Hamilton
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63 Havelock ............ Kincardine
66 The Elliot-Malloch .... Hensall

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29 McCallum-Grimsby . Dunnville
55 Niagara .... Niagara-on-the-Lake
57 King Hiram .... Port Colborne

64 Wellson ............ Welland
76 Mount Nebo ............ Niagara Falls
184 Hugh Murray ............ Fort Erie

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79 Orient .............. Scarborough
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145 The St. Patrick .... Newmarket
205 Victoria ............ Thornhill
220 Lebanon ............ Etobicoke
232 King Cyrus ............ Toronto
235 Aurora ............ Aurora
265 Brampton ............ Brampton

77 Occident ............ Mississauga
91 Toronto Antiquity .... Toronto
138 Shekinah ............ Toronto
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REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEER COMMITTEE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee of Scrutineers begs to report that there has not been an Election for the Office of Grand Third Principal and that the name of R.Ex.Comp. Roland S Paddle has been removed from the next ballot.
GRAND CHAPTER CALLED OFF

At 2:55 p.m., the Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from labour to refreshment until 8:30 a.m. in the morrow.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED ON

At 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9th, 2002 the Grand First Principal directed the Grand Principal Sojourner to call the Grand Chapter from refreshment to labour.

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINEER COMMITTEE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee of Scrutineers take great pleasure in presenting the results of the elections held at this Grand Chapter.

The results of the ballot were:
Grand First Principal: R.Ex.Comp. Melvin Sheldon Boomhour
Grand Second Principal: R.Ex.Comp. Richard James Jackson
Grand Third Principal: R.Ex.Comp. George H. Gifford
Grand Scribe Nehemiah: R.Ex.Comp. Bruce Gordon Edwards
Grand Principal Sojourner: No nomination
Grand Registrar: R.Ex.Comp. Philip Raymond Borland


Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Guenther H Gahs and seconded by R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED
REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The Committee on Credentials take great pleasure in presenting the following report.

- Number of Chapters: 119
- Number of Chapters represented by Officers: 40
- Number of Chapters represented by proxy: 33
- Number of Chapters represented by Past Principals only: 79
- Number of Chapters not represented: 20
- Total number of Delegates present: 248
- Total number of Ballots: 441
- Spoiled ballots: 22
- Total number of Chapters denied vote: 3

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Guenther H Gahs and seconded by R.Ex.Comp. William Klapatiuk that this report be received and approved for printing in the proceedings. CARRIED.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS
ADDRESS

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;

We, the Special Committee on the Grand First Principal’s address having received and reviewed the address of Most Excellent Companion John W. McGill, take this opportunity to congratulate him on his efforts to lead this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons during the past year.

We join with our Grand First Principal in his welcome to you, the Companions of this Grand Chapter, to the distinguished guests from Sister Grand jurisdictions and representatives of other Concordant Masonic Bodies, to this our 144th Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, being held in the Garden City, the City of St. Catharines.

We are pleased to join M. Ex. Comp. John W. McGill’s acknowledgment and pledge of support to Excellent Companion and Most Worshipful Brother Terence Shand, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and his office. We wish for you, Most Worshipful Sir, continued good health and safe traveling as you continue to serve your high and important office.

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We, the Past Grand First Principals present, are pleased for the kind words of appreciation extended to us, and we accept the responsibility when properly called on, to labour for the benefit of our Grand Chapter. Our Committee joins with the Grand First Principal, and the Companions, in paying a final tribute to those of our jurisdiction, and of Sister jurisdictions who have passed to the Grand Chapter Above. We give thanks to the Great Jehovah for the privilege of having known them and pray for their Eternal Rest.

Our Committee endorses the congratulations extended by M. Ex. Comp. McGill to the ladies and Companions of Niagara District No. 7, under the chairmanship of Right Excellent Companion Bernard Nehring, for accepting the responsibility to host this 144th Grand Convocation. Further, our Committee joins with M. Ex. Comp. McGill to thank Right Excellent Companion Sven Nielsen and the Companions of London District No. 2 in their untiring efforts on behalf of this Grand Chapter to try and negotiate, at a reasonable cost, a meeting place for our Convocation. These efforts proved to be in vain, with the result of having to search out other accommodations.

We join with you, Most Excellent Sir, and commend R. Ex. Comp. Denis Langridge and his Committee in administering our Benevolence Fund. We also agree with your decision to confer Past First Principal rank on Companion and Right Worshipful Brother Donald Herbert Mumby who holds the office of Deputy Grand Master of The Grand Lodge AF, & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario. We support M. Ex. Comp. McGill in his recommendation that Past Rank be granted, posthumously, to the late Excellent Companion John H. Williams, who was First Principal of St. John's Chapter No. 103 in North Bay at the time of his death. His passing was reported in February and we express our condolences to the family, friends and fellow Companions of Ex.Comp. Williams in his tragic and untimely death by drowning in January of this year.

We endorse the expression of appreciation extended to the Grand Superintendents in their having represented our Grand First Principal during this past year, and thank them for their interest, for their dedication and for their attendance at many official functions.

Most Excellent Sir we express our congratulations to you in representing this Grand Chapter during your travels in the United States of America and your visits to attend special receptions throughout Ontario.

This Committee endorses the many important aspects of Royal Arch Masonry and the efforts of the Public Relations Committee and trust that your endeavours will prove to be well received by the Companions in the ensuing year. We congratulate the Companions who have taken the positive step of amalgamating their Chapters, and wish for them a successful future in Capitular Masonry. Our sincere thanks and congratulations to the many Companions who serve on the various Committees of this Grand Chapter, your tireless work and your dedication is appreciated, Thank You!

The presentation of Long Service Jewels, a Service Bar or a Certificate to the 120 Companions within our jurisdiction, we extend our congratulations and our gratitude for your dedication and service to this Grand Chapter. We support the conferring of Honourary Membership to the Grand Executive Committee of R.Ex.Comp. L Ian Montague, R.Ex.Comp. Walter Bulbeck and V.Ex.Comp. George W. White.
This Committee supports M.Ex.Comp. McGill's decision to uphold our Constitution and congratulate him on his actions and the success of almost all of our Chapters being properly returned, and for not having to suspend a Companion's nomination for elective office due to misguided written support of a nominee. These results are encouraging for future operations of our Grand Chapter.

We recognize the contributions given to our Grand Chapter by R.Ex.Comp. M. Sheldon Boomhour, Grand Second Principal and R.Ex.Comp. Richard J. Jackson, Grand Third Principal and all Grand Chapter officers and Committee members. We also offer congratulations to our Grand Scribe Ezra, R. Ex. Comp. Melvyn J. Duke, and the office staff for their dedication, for a job well done on behalf of this Grand Chapter.

Most Excellent Companion John W. McGill, this Committee extends to you our thanks and congratulations for the service you rendered in serving the office of Grand First Principal during the past twenty four months. We, who have served this office before you, know the path is not always smooth, that many demands and decisions are necessary, but not always favourable. You have applied yourself to work in the best interest of the Companions and for our Grand Chapter. In approximately two or three hours you will celebrate by joining the ranks of a Past Grand First Principal and we know you're looking forward to that event. May the Great Jehovah continue to grant you good health, happiness and may you and Margaret enjoy many safe travels in your future endeavours.


Moved by M. Ex. Comp. Harry D. Turner seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Leslie Levitt that this report, and thereby the Grand First Principal's address be received by Grand Chapter and approved for printing in the Proceedings. CARRIED.

PRESENTATION OF THE WILLIAM S THOMSON TROPHY

M.Ex.Comp. McGill called upon the Grand Scribe Ezra to advise the Companions of the winner of the William S Thomson Trophy. White Oak Chapter No. 104 was announced as the Chapter with the greatest percentage increase in membership.

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

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M.Ex.Comp. McGill announced that the time had arrived for the Ceremony of Installation and Investiture of Officers of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. The newly elected officers were installed according to ancient custom. M.Ex.Comp. Melvin Sheldon Boomhour 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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R.Ex.Comp. Douglas Ferris Clark
R.Ex.Comp. Leslie Charles Yule
R.Ex.Comp. Wilbert Alfred Freeman
R.Ex.Comp. William David James Weir
R.Ex.Comp. W Donald Laycock
R.Ex.Comp. Richard John Warnica
R.Ex.Comp. Eric Llewellyn Shaw
R.Ex.Comp. Gerald Morris Wilson
R.Ex.Comp. Douglas Alfred Dale
R.Ex.Comp John Allan Jordan
R.Ex.Comp. Wakefield Allan Schofield
R.Ex.Comp. Jacob James Burghout
R.Ex.Comp. Edmund Goldthorp
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R.Ex.Comp. Robert Everton Todd

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Grand Archivist

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL’S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Most Excellent Companion Melvin Sheldon Boomhour

Right Excellent Companion Richard J. Jackson Grand Second Principal, Right Excellent Companion George H. Gifford, Grand Third Principal, V.Ex.Comp. and Master Most Worshipful Brother Derward I. Greenwood, Most Excellent the Past Grand First Principals, Distinguished Guests and my Companions:

We are this day standing on the threshold of an era of rebuilding, regrouping, rededication. You have all heard the rhetoric about “RE” everything. We are standing this day at the end of a period of unrest and complaining. We have learned from our experiences. We have paid attention to the lessons and we know this great organization cannot survive if we continue to pursue self-indulgent causes or if we forget the Constitution, Customs, Usage and Landmarks established by our founding fathers.

At the same time, we must think outside of the envelope, outside of the box, to use common clichés, for ideas on how to do the business of Grand Chapter, how to grow stronger and advance our Royal Arch presence both in the world at large and within Masonry.

Remember, we must be here for the good of Royal Arch Masonry, for one another and not for our need to feed an over zealous ego. We must stop thinking selfishly and of what prestige we can bring to, “ME”.

Most Excellent Companion John W. McGill, thank you for arranging such a fine array of Distinguished Companions to assist you in the installation and investiture of our Grand Chapter Officers. Your efforts are much appreciated.

My wife, Susan Hurn, cannot be in here to hear this but to her I extend my eternal love and heart felt appreciation for her encouragement when things were difficult and constant support all of the time.

Rather than risk missing someone important to me if I try to name names, you all know who you are, just be assured that I also know each and everyone of you that planted the seed, each and everyone of you that opened doors and gave me opportunities, each and everyone of you that have given me advice and guidance. You have allowed me to be here today. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have my love, my admiration, my respect and my appreciation.

Where are we heading? Well, you will find that there are a few familiar names missing from the line up of Officers and Committee Chairmen.
We appreciate all of the work and effort that these hard working, highly valued Companions have contributed to our Grand Chapter over the Years and we are sure that they will contribute much more. However, wherever possible we have assigned only those that have been elected or appointed to the line up of officers as Committee Chairmen and to the Grand Executive Committee’s Sub-Committees as Chairmen with a couple of exceptions. We considered anyone serving longer than three years on, or as Chair of any committee, in danger of beginning to feel ownership of the committee thus clouding his perspective to complete the task in an appropriate manner. This coming year we will be introducing new programs with the betterment of Grand Chapter in view.

Your Grand Council will start the year with an all-afternoon meeting along with the Grand Scribe Ezra today. Thereafter, we will meet as often as we are able to discuss and deal with the business associated with the operation of our Grand Chapter and once each month we will be available at the Grand Chapter office to meet with anyone that has a concern to be dealt with. Please contact the Grand Chapter Office.

This year we will be emphasizing teamwork. Grand Chapter Offices and Chairmanships are for completing the work of Grand Chapter on behalf of Royal Arch Masonry. No individual can accomplish this great feat, it takes all of us and it takes teamwork. It takes everyone to be in pursuit of the same goal, that being the betterment or advancement of Royal Arch Masonry. For those Companions considering participation on the Team, we will be introducing a course of instruction, to be completed at home, teaching what is expected of you and what you can expect, if you seek office. In conjunction with the course of instruction, we will be in three or four centres to have one-day workshop sessions. Being elected or appointed to any of these jobs will no longer be “just a method to gain a title”. If you seek office and are successful, you are expected to be a participant in the work at hand as part of the Team.

There will be announcements as the year progresses about other ideas and projects now being worked on. My thanks are extended to all Chairmen and members of the various Committees that have been working so diligently this year.

As you are undoubtedly aware with the end of my tenure as President of the Grand Executive Committee, so has your commitment to the various committees come to an end. In addition to my thanks, let me express my appreciation by telling you that the work you have started has been well done. The work has not been completed, but the new President of the Grand Executive Committee will choose his own team to continue what you have started.

My congratulations are extended to R.Ex.Comp. Richard J. Jackson our new Grand Second Principal and President of the Grand Executive Committee and R.Ex.Comp. George Gifford, our new Grand Third Principal who now has perhaps the hardest task of all ahead of him, that of learning the job.

We congratulate all of the newly elected and appointed Grand Chapter Officers. welcome to the team. The new officers of Grand Chapter are asked to stay for a few minutes at the closing of this Convocation for a very short meeting.

R.Ex.Comp. Richard Jackson has asked me to invite all of the Chairmen of the Grand Executive Committee Sub Committees to stay for a meeting with him. (A list is being made available at the close of this Convocation.)
My Companions, your Grand Executive Team will continue to work to protect Royal Arch Masonry from any and all that endeavour to tear down our beloved Masonic Body by self serving and selfish pursuits. Your Grand Executive Team will protect and uphold our Grand Chapter Constitution, ancient customs, usages and protect the Landmarks of Royal Arch Masonry all of which were established by our forefathers.

Now, lets have a good time! Remember, Be A Team Member!

Sheldon Boomhour, Grand First Principal

BIOGRAPHY

Melvin Sheldon Boomhour

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

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

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

Member Toronto Lodge of Perfection and Rose Croix
Moore Sovereign Consistory 32° 1977
Exalted Peel Chapter No. 95, Brampton 1978
Life member Brampton Chapter U.D. 1980
First Principal Brampton Chapter No. 265, 1982
Member Toronto Antiquity Chapter No. 91, Toronto
First Principal Toronto Antiquity Chapter No. 91, 1986
Honourary Member Occident Chapter No. 77, Mississauga
Grand Superintendent Toronto District 8a, 1993
Appointed Grand Executive Committee of Grand Chapter 1996
Elected Grand Third Principal 1998
Elected Grand Second Principal 200
Elected Grand First Principal 2002

Member of a number of appendant York Rite Bodies
Most Excellent Companion Melvin Sheldon Boomhour
PAST RANK

Moved by M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt, seconded by M.Ex.Comp. Donald F Kline that Past Rank be granted to the Grand Chapter Officers of 2001. CARRIED.

THANKS

Moved by R.Ex.Comp. Richard J Jackson, seconded by R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford 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 2002 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 144th Convocation being completed Grand Chapter was closed at 11:00 a.m. in ample form.

Melvyn J Duke
Grand Scribe Ezra

FUTURE CONVOCATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER

April 10, 11,12 and 13, 2002
Quality Hotel and Conference Centre
327 Ontario Street  St Catharines
2003 - St. Catharines Ontario
2004 - St. Catharines Ontario
2005 - St. Catharines Ontario

STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER

GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - President: R.Ex.Comp Richard J Jackson,, Vice President R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford, Vice-President, Committee members - as per constitution

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

FRATERNAL DEAD - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. Gary R. Parker, Committee member R.Ex.Comp. Peter Barrow

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

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

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - Chairman M.Ex.Comp. Leslie Levitt, Committee members - M.Ex.Comps. R Frank Russell, Harry D. Turner

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BENEVOLENCE - Chairman V.Ex.Comp. Michael J. Bowman, Committee member R.Ex.Comps. Robert J. McMaster, Douglas J. Downey

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY - Chairman R.Ex.Comp. George H Gifford, Committee members 16 Grand Superintendents


INVESTMENTS - Chairman R. Ex.Comp. P Raymond Borland, Committee members V.Ex.Comp Thomas G. Janes, William G. Esplen


LIVING PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

1961-62 Charles W Emmett
1978-79 Aube L Weisman
1982-83 Gordon H Stuart
1984085 Edward W Elcombe
1986-87 Albert A Mortlock
1988-89 Leslie Levitt
1990-91 Donald F Kline
1992-93 G Robert Jackson
1994-95 Alan F Walker
1996-97 R Frank Russell
1998-99 Harry D Turner
2000-2001 John W McGill

27 Colwood Drive Islington ON M9A 4E5
645 Castlefield Ave, Room 517, Toronto ON M5N 3A5
506 Comanche Road Mississauga ON L5H 1W2
65 Cuffley Crescent North Downsview ON M3K 1Y1
748 Hopkins Avenue Peterborough ON K9J 4Y5
7 Hillcrest Court Hamilton ON L8P 2X7
889 Hollowtree Crescent Mississauga ON L4Y 2V3
8 Luton Crescent St. Thomas ON N5R 5K1
2 Blackcombe Drive R. R. No. 2 Coldwater ON LOK 1E0
12 Kingsview Boulevard Brampton ON L6Y 1C3
2390 Red Maple Avenue, RR 1 Jordan Station ON LOR 150
1838 Millwood Crescent, Sudbury ON P3E 2T1
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
*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

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

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

*Frederick J. Johnson ........................................... 1949-59
*Maurice A. Searle ................................................ 1960-61
*Robert J. Hamilton ................................................ 1962-69
*Frederick C. Conley ............................................. 1969-78
*Robert Thornton Rigby ........................................... 1978-88
Edward W. Elcombe ................................................ 1988-94
Melvyn James Duke ................................................ 1994-
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IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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

*Charles William Haentschel ........... 1932-33
*Alexander Cowan ..................... 1934
*George Lawrence Gardiner ............ 1935-36
*William Young Mills .................. 1937-38
*Llewellyn Fred Stephens .............. 1939-40
*John Morgan Empy .................... 1941-42
*John MacDonald Burden .............. 1943-44
*Reginald Van Every Conover .......... 1945-46
*Frederick William Dean .............. 1947-48
*Clarence McLeod Pitts ............... 1949-50
*Alexander Geo. Noel Bradshaw ........ 1951-52
*John Alex. MacDonald Taylor .......... 1953-54
*John Loftus House .................... 1955-56
*Maurice Arthur Searle ............... 1957-58
*Bruce Harrison Smith ................. 1959-60
Charles William Emmett ............... 1961-62
*Fraser Earl Jeffrey Hay ............. 1963-64
*James Elwood Girven ................. 1965-66
*Stanley Portch ....................... 1967-68
*George Harold Shannon ............... 1969
*Frederick Wm. Davis Welham .......... 1970-71
*Leo John Gent ....................... 1972-73
*William Simpson Thomson ............. 1974-75
*William Harold Sproule .............. 1976-77
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*Frederick Scott ..................... 1980-81
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John W McGill ....................... 2000-02

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COMPANION SCRIBE EZRA

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

All Chapters MUST forward their Annual Returns to the Grand Scribe Ezra on or before January 31st of each year. Chapters failing to comply with the foregoing Regulations, shall be deprived of the privilege of voting at the next annual Grand Chapter Convocation. The Grand 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.
Ancient Craft Masons: commence their era with the creation of the world, called it Anno Lucius (A.L.), "In the year of Light," and add 4000 to the common time, thus 2000 plus 4000 equals A.L. 6000. Lodges A.F. & A.M. hold Annual Communications.

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

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

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

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

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