



**GRAND COUNCIL of CRYPTIC RITE  
MASONS  
of  
WESTERN CANADA, R & S M**

**79<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS 2017  
Winnipeg, MB April 26 & 27, 2017**

**MIC Richard Laronde – Grand Master  
RIC Jerry W. Kopp – Grand Recorder**



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This assembly was held in the Holiday Inn South Pembina, Winnipeg MB on Wednesday **April 26** & Thursday **April 27, 2017**.

I, Right Illustrious Companion Jerry W. Kopp, Grand Recorder of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal & Select Masters do hereby attest the contents on the following pages are a true and accurate transcript of the **seventy-ninth** Grand Convocation held at Winnipeg, Manitoba on **April 26 – 27, 2017**



In testimony, whereof I have appended my official signature and affixed the seal of the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, R & S.M. at, Calgary, Alberta this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017

*Jerry W. Kopp*

(RIC Jerry W. Kopp – Grand Recorder)

## **MIC Richard Laronde, Grand Master 2016-2017**



### **Biography of**

### **Most Illustrious Companion Richard Laronde**

Richard David Laronde was born June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1957 in Brandon, Manitoba. He is the eldest of three children to Wilbert and Elsie Laronde. Other than four years spent in Vancouver, BC in his early years due to his father's military postings, he grew up in Brandon.

After graduating from Crocus Plains High School in 1975, he started working at the Brandon Mental Health Centre as a nursing assistant. Enjoying Psychiatry, he soon enrolled in the Brandon Mental Health Centre Psychiatric School of Nursing. He graduated from the two-year program in September 1979 with his Registered Psychiatric Nursing Degree.

On July 28, 1979 Richard married his childhood sweetheart since Grade three, Brenda Lee Fraser and together they raised two children. Jason was born in 1981 and Janelle was born in 1983.

While at the Brandon Mental Health Centre he worked in a number of areas and was promoted to Charge Nurse. He was involved in establishing a 100 bed Personal Care Home called Rideau Park in Brandon where he worked as a Charge Nurse for six and one-half years. Expanding his education, he completed a two-year certificate in Health Care Administration: Long Term Care from the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon in 1989.

A love of working with the elderly was responsible for Richard accepting a Community Mental Health Worker position in Psychogeriatrics in the Parkland Region of Manitoba and the family moved to Dauphin in 1995. Rural Dauphin remains home for Richard and Brenda to this day. All are welcome to stop by for a visit.

Their son Jason works for Apple. He and his wife Nadine lived with their sons Taylor and Oakley in Vernon, B.C.

Their daughter Janelle is a Licensed Practical Nurse. She and her husband Jay McIvor live with their sons Owen and Landon in Gilbert Plains, Manitoba.

Over the years, Scouting has been a large part of the Laronde Family. Richard and Brenda, also known as Akela and Raksha, were Cub leaders even after their children were grown and away from home.

Richard continues to work full time as a Community Mental Health Worker in Geriatrics. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing with friends and family in addition to his love of Masonry.

## **Masonic History**

### **Craft Lodge**

- Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Masons in Brandon June 8, 1994
- Cheat City Lodge #168 A.F. & A.M.
- Master Vermillion Lodge #68 A.F. & A.M. May 1998-1999
- Master Wheat City Lodge #168 A.F. & A. M. December 1999, 2006 & 2007
- Senior Grand Steward: Grand Lodge of Manitoba 2008-2009
- Vermillion Lodge #168 – Secretary 2009 – 2012
- Wheat City Lodge #168- Chaplain 2012
- International Peace Garden Lodge of Freemasons 2011
- DDGM Parkland Masonic district 2015 – 2016

## **Royal Arch**

- Holy Royal Arch: Rabboni #7 – Dauphin May 1997
- First Principal: Rabboni #7 – Dauphin 2005-2006
  
- Order of High Priesthood Manitoba April 2006
- Most Excellent President 2015-2016
  
- Numerous appointed positions in Grand Chapter of Manitoba
- Elected Position: Grand Principal Sojourner: 2007-2008
- Grand J: 2010-2011
- Grand H: 2011-2012
- Grand Z: 2012-2013
- Red Cross of Constantine: Grand Valley Conclave #36 – 2004
- Most Puissant Sovereign 2014

## **Cryptic Rite**

- Initiated Brand Council #10 Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada 2000
- Thrice Illustrious Master Brandon Council #10 – 2005-2006
- Royal Ark Mariner Lake Wahtapanah Lodge #13 Brandon Initiated May 2001
- Past Puissant Sovereign Noah
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- Grand Steward of Manitoba Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada 2009-2010
- Grand Principal Conductor of the Work 2015
- Deputy Grand Master 2015-2016
- Grand Master 2016-2017

## **Preceptory**

- Initiated Sovereign Great Priory of Canada: Brandon Preceptory #74 – June 2002
- Presiding Preceptor: Brandon Preceptory #74 – 2006-2007
- Provincial Grand Prior District #8 – 2013-2014

## **College**

- Manitoba Crocus York Rite College #89 February 2004
- Eminent Chancellor 2012-2013
- Deputy Governor 2013-2014
- Governor 2014-2016

## **KYCH – Knights of the Work Cross of Honour**

- Manitoba Priory #69 April 2008

- Prior 2015-2016

## **Ceremonial Opening – Wednesday April 26, 2017**

MIGM Richard Laronde and officers were invited into the Grand Council and he proceeded to declare “by the power in me vested by the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal and Select Masters, I declare this informal session duly opened in form”.

### **Greetings from Distinguished Guests**

The Grand Master directed the Grand Marshall -RIC Stan Payne to introduce the visitors to this informal opening. As each were presented at the Altar, the Grand Marshall then escorted the visitor to the awaiting Grand Line who greeted and welcomed them to the Session. The Grand Principal Conductor of the Work then escorted each to their chair located directly behind the Grand Council. Introductions were in the following order:

**The Government of Manitoba** – MLA Cliff Graydon

**Job’s Daughters** – Provincial Guardian Dana Homenick

**Order of the Eastern Star** – Worthy Grand Matron Hellen Hodge and husband Ron

**Order of the Eastern Star** – Worthy Grand Patron Paul Drewniak

**Daughters of the Nile** – Queen of the Nile Valarie Webster

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba** MEC Allan Hadley

**Potentate Khartum Shriners** – Illustrious Sir Chibu Uson

**York Rite College** – Grand Governor Manitoba Right Eminently Distinguished Brother David English

**Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite** Deputy Montana Illustrious Brother Gordon Greasely

**Royal Order of Scotland** – Prov Grand Master Sir A. Bruce Taylor

**Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada** –

**St. Thomas of Acon** – Costa Saskatchewan Chapel Worthy Brother Cliff Hartmeir

**Allied Masonic Degree** – Past Sovereign Grand Master Most Venerable Bro Prince Salvaraj and Senior Grand Warden Right Venerable Bro Jack Collenutt

**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon** Past Grand Z and Grand Recorder MEC Ken Overy.

**Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Ontario** Right Illustrious Companion Ron Johnson

**General Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of North Dakota** Right Puissant George Bauder – Deputy Grand Master North Central region and Past Grand Master of South Dakota



**Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of South Dakota** Grand Principal  
Conductor of the Work Right Illustrious Companion Herbert Cook

**The Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M.** Grand Master Most Worshipful  
Brother Stanley Barkley.

**\*\* Guests that brought greetings during the informal opening.**

### **Flag Ceremony**

**The Canadian, United State of North America and the four Western Canada Provincial flags were presented by the Job's International and a member of DeMolay. The national anthems of Canada and the United States of America were sung.**

## **Memorial Service Grand Chaplain – RIC Jack Hopper**

### **OPENING INVOCATION**

Dear Friends, each year we gather together with our companions from near and far to remember those who have passed from our fellowship into another, eternal fellowship. Today we gather to say farewell, and to Honour their memories before God, before one another and before their families.

We are thankful for the times we spent with them, for the gifts they offered through their lives and their works, and we are thankful that we had their company, even for a short time, here on earth. We know that they strove to do right and to be kind; to be helpful and a friend to humanity; to be true Freemasons. As we remember them, let us bow our heads in prayer:

### **PRAYER**

Prayer (of Remembrance)

O God, before whom the generations rise and pass away; we praise you for all of your servants who, having lived this life in faith, now live eternally with you. Especially we thank you for our companions whom we are remembering today. We praise you for the gift of their lives, for all in them that was good and kind; for the strong character, they had that allowed them to serve you faithfully. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

### **ROSE CEREMONY**

Laying of the Roses: After reading of the names of the departed a rose will be laid upon the Altar in accordance with the District designations.

### **Passed to the Grand Lodge Above**

|                     |                                 |                  |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|                     | <b>BC Interior</b>              |                  |
| <b>Zenith #16</b>   | IC Carl Edward Kickbush         | 2016 DEC 04      |
|                     | RIC Denis Samual Carrier        | 2016 AUG 25      |
| <b>Cascade #18</b>  | RIC Robert Arthur Shillito      | 2016 JUL 22      |
|                     | Comp Francis Douglas Pepper     | 2016 AUG 08      |
|                     | <b>BC Lower Mainland</b>        |                  |
| <b>Zabud #1</b>     | None to report                  |                  |
| <b>Zarthan #7</b>   | IC Donovan Tyers                | 2016 OCT 11      |
|                     | IC Cyril Davidson               | 2017 JAN 07      |
| <b>Zaphon #8</b>    | None to report                  |                  |
|                     | <b>BC Vancouver Island</b>      |                  |
| <b>Alpha #11</b>    | RIC David McEachern             | 2016 DEC 01      |
|                     | IC Lorne Hammett                | 2016 MAR 13      |
| <b>Acme #14</b>     | RIC Lionel Brownsey             | 2017 JAN 04      |
| <b>Adoniram #15</b> | None to Report                  |                  |
|                     | <b>Alberta</b>                  |                  |
| <b>Zadok #3</b>     | Comp Gene Oakes                 | 2016 AUG 09      |
| <b>Zohar #4</b>     | Ill Comp Allan Frado            | 2016 SEP 09      |
|                     | Comp Robert Juthner             | 2016 SEP 26      |
|                     | Comp Robert Pearson Margot      | No date provided |
|                     | Comp Augustine Odonsky          | 2016 AUG 14      |
|                     | Comp W.H. Parsons               | 2011 AUG 09      |
| <b>Alberta #5</b>   | VIC Ernest Benesch              | 2016 MAR 07      |
|                     | Comp Bert E.D. Baker            | 2016 NOV 25      |
|                     | <b>Manitoba</b>                 |                  |
| <b>Cyrus #2</b>     | None to Report                  |                  |
| <b>Brandon #10</b>  | Ill Comp Fredrick D. Fjeldsted  | 2016 OCT 20      |
|                     | Ill Comp Randal G. Vandermeulen | 2016 NOV 23      |
| <b>Portage #17</b>  | None to report                  |                  |

## Saskatchewan

**Saskatchewan #6**

Comp Donald Baird Low  
Comp John Murray McLaren

2016 JAN 03  
2016 OCT 19

**Zophiel #13**

None to Report

### **HYMN: AMAZING GRACE**

Gracious God, we thank you for your presence with us as we gather in your name. we thank you again for those companions that we have honoured today, and we ask you to bless their memories and bless their families. We also ask that you bless those of us who are left to carry on. May our work continue to reflect your will, and may it be a blessing to the world. Help us to do all that we can to make this world better for all your people, and help us to be worthy to follow our companions in the years to come. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who thought us to pray together with these words:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### **BENEDICTION**

And now,

May the Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift us his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

### **General**

Presentations of Cryptic Rite Charitable Foundation neck jewels with the presentation being made by RIC Gerald Tetzloff a director of the Foundation. Presentations made:

MIC Richard Laronde - Jewel #073  
MIC Robert Taylor – Jewel #74  
RIC Richard Trippel – Jewel #76  
RIC Jerry W. Kopp – Jewel #77

RIC Gerald Tetzloff thanked the Companions for their contribution and encouraged others to participate. He had explained the program in detail and referred the Companions to read the requirements and the purpose for contributions which is located to the Grand Council Website.

### **Informal Closing**

Grand Master thanked everyone for their attendance and looks forward to the session next day. He paid particular thanks to the Ladies for their attendance and

the Flag Ceremony Team. He then declared the Informal Opening closed and reminded the Companions the Formal Opening of the Assembly will be tomorrow morning at 8:30 AM

**Formal Opening  
Thursday April 27, 2017  
Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| No. of Councils represented:                  | 13 of 16  |
| Total No. of Companions registered:           | 48        |
| No. of Grand Council Officers registered:     | 20        |
| No. of Grand Representatives:                 | 15        |
| No. of Visitors in attendance                 | 4         |
| <b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE (<u>Preliminary</u>):</b> | <b>52</b> |

Attested: RIC Al Christoffersen

**Report Accepted**

**2016-2017 Grand Council Officers in attendance**

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Grand Master                   | MIC Richard Laronde |
| Immediate Past Grand Master    | MIC David Grange    |
| Deputy Grand Master            | RIC Robert Turner   |
| Grand Principle Cond of Work   | RIC Gerald Tetzloff |
| Grand Recorder                 | RIC Jerry W. Kopp   |
| GIG Manitoba                   | RIC Rick Porter     |
| GIG Saskatchewan               | RIC John Leyshon    |
| GIG Alberta                    | RIC Les Payne       |
| GIG Vancouver Island           | RIC Tony D'Eramo    |
| GIG BC Interior                | RIC Richard Trippel |
| Grand Chaplain                 | VIC Jack Hooper     |
| Grand Captain of the Guard     | RIC Leif Hansen     |
| Grand Conductor of the Work    | VIC Bert Chambers   |
| Grand Organist                 | RIC Marvyn Rogers   |
| Grand Marshal                  | RIC Stan Payne      |
| Grand Steward Manitoba         | VIC Neil MacMillian |
| Grand Steward Alberta          | VIC Doug Turigan    |
| Grand Steward BC Interior      | VIC Fred Meades     |
| Grand Stewart BC Vancouver Is. | VIC Jimmy Catala    |
| Grand Sentinel                 | RIC Dick Gutfriend  |

## **Minutes / Proceedings of 2016**

I, Jerry W. Kopp – Grand Recorder move that the minutes as contained in the 2016 Proceedings of this Grand Council be adopted as presented. Seconded by: RIC Leslie Payne      **MOTION CARRIED**

## **Grand Master's Address 2016-2017**

Companions, thank you all for making this a very special year. When I was installed in Chilliwack in what seems like yesterday, I pledged that my Officers and I would do our best to continue the tradition of service to Cryptic Rite. I believe we have tried our best and lived up to that promise. Personally, I know I am a better person as a result of the interactions with all of you throughout my travels. It is my hope, as I and my Officers leave our current positions, that Cryptic Rite Masonry in our jurisdiction is a little better than when we started. Ultimately, you all will be the judge of our efforts.

My theme this year was "Support York Rite"

I challenged my officers to promote and encourage that theme in their travels. On my visits, I distributed (with the help of the recorders) a DVD to each and every Companion in Western Canada. This seven-minute DVD provided good information on the four main bodies of York Rite; Craft Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Cryptic Rite Council and Sovereign Great Priory. I asked all Companions to take it home, look at it, and if they liked it, make a copy for themselves. (It is also available on the website and You Tube). I asked, however, to give the original DVD to someone not yet a member of Cryptic Rite such as a Royal Arch Masons or a Master Masons. We need to plant the seed, and when someone is ready to receive more light in Masonry, we can be there to provide that assistance.

Another goal of mine was to work with our Grand Webmaster (Jim White), new Grand Recorder (Jerry W. Kopp) and many others in helping to make our Website a better source of correct, current information, and a tool that is available to our members and future members.

Companions, the most rewarding part of this year was meeting many of you and your ladies during my travels. The many visits I made left my heart with a warm feeling that such dedicated men truly love our craft and deeply care for the future of Cryptic Rite. I have a number of special mementos from my Council visits, and will soon be able to take the time to read and enjoy them thoroughly. Please come to the hospitality suite to enjoy yourselves, meet new people and see these wonderful gifts I received. It is impossible to Thank You all for the courtesy and hospitality Brenda and I received, but please know you have a special place in our hearts. Our Website lists all of my visits and are accompanied by many pictures as

well. The hospitality room also has a slide show presentation of these photos for you to view.

To all who supported my efforts and readily gave council when called upon, I couldn't have done it without your help. You know who you are and I Thank You.

To my Officers and Committee members who so freely give of their time and talents, I and Grand Council Thank You. Without you we would not be a Grand Council. Often, we have differing opinions but that is what is great about an organization that allows everyone a voice.

I do need to single out the support of my home council (Brandon Council #10) and some of those characters that supported me over these past years. Some of them were even so supportive that they drove with me many miles and through the provinces in order to keep this Grand Master company. I don't know that they or I will be the same again! My thanks to Bert Chambers and Richard Allan Porter and also to their wives Anne and Peggy, who did not seem too upset to let them go with me for some reason. Thanks for your support and company. Again, it seems I always leave the most important to the last. Without the love and support of our ladies and family, I don't know how any of us would be able to do what we do in any of our Masonic orders. They seem to have a subtle and unique way of encouraging us, supporting us, and at the same time bring us down to reality when it is needed. To the love of my life, Brenda, Thank you. To my daughter Janelle, who always has the creativity and computer talent to make her father look smarter than he is, I love you and Thank You. Take Care, Richard Laronde.

**MOTION: RIC Gerald Tetzloff moved and seconded by RIC Leif Hansen that the Grand Master's Address be referred to the Grand Master's Address Committee. CARRIED**

### **Deputy Grand Master's Report 2016-2017**

Unfortunately, due to conflicts with other Masonic commitments that are coming to an end I was not able to visit any Councils, but my own this year where I took part in the degrees.

I was able to attend the Finance Committee meeting this year. I found it very informative, and it provided me with an opportunity to provide input for the upcoming year's finances. I recommend that the GDM attend this meeting in the upcoming years.

### **Grand Principal Conductor of the Work's Report**

RIC Gerald Tetzloff reported that he did represent the Grand Master at the 59<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the York Rite Sovereign College at Vancouver. I did not travel afar, visited basically the Councils within Alberta. I realize that the commitment of a

Grand Principal Conductor of the Work is not of the same magnitude as that of the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. I do however look forward to my years ahead and I am currently preparing for the years to come.

**Grand Council Executive Meeting**  
**April 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 Holiday Inn Winnipeg, MB**

1. Opening remarks by Chairman RIC Bob Turner
2. Invocation by RIC Jerry W. Kopp
3. Old Business
  - a. Broken Triangle Grand Council Seal
    - Seal finally meets the standards as outlined in the Constitution
    - Much of the credit for finalizing the approved design goes to MIC Don Russell and RIC Jim White
    - Image of seal displayed and endorsed by the Executive Committee
    - Many of the forms are already with the proposed seal
  - b. Adoniram Council #15
    - Follow up report on the Council's status
    - Informed that they have 12 Companions with 3 three new candidates and one affiliate
    - Looking very positive for the Council
  - c. Reminder per capita fee for 2017 is \$16.00
    - Reminder that per capita has increased for 2017
    - Approved at 2016 Grand Assembly
  - d. Web-site
    - Grand Master appreciated the amount work put into the website, thanks to Web-master
    - Website still lacks information for the benefit of the Companions
    - Information on the site should benefit both the Companions and non – companions
    - Future development will see the revised Constitution and Regulations on site
    - Constitution & Regulations for presentation can be printed from the website
    - Grand Council Office will eventually not stock Constitution & Regulations
    - PDF fillable forms
    - Grand Council proceedings are on the website
    - This past year many photographs were placed on the site
  - e. Regalia Standards on-going issue
    - Lengthy discussion took place – standards are not being followed
    - One supplier assured that our standards will be met, however recent purchases has noted non-compliance
    - Masonic regalia is a very small market and requires re-tooling manufacturing may not be as easy as one thinks
    - Some believe our needs can be met with no problem
    - This will be an ongoing problem
  - f. Constitution & Regulations

- Amendments being presented at this Assembly and once approved, all amendments will be incorporated into the Constitution and Regulations. The Constitution and Regulations will be available from the Website
4. New Business
    - a. GIG Reports – lack detail
      - Reports being filed too late; Grand Recorders needs them for compiling his report
      - Need important information so that the Grand Council can intervene before a Council is forced to go dark
      - A GIG commented that the timing of important events take place after the due date
      - Get whatever information to the Grand Recorder when it is available, other information can be forwarded later
      - Need to communicate with future GIGs to stay on top their reporting obligations
    - b. GIG reports – diary date of 28 FEB – self explanatory
    - c. Storage of old files – central location
      - Grand recorder has old files, what do we do with it
      - Item on the agenda to explore
      - Provincial Archives, however, one loses control of our records
      - Stored archives can be accessed for review but cannot be removed
      - Topic only for thought no action at this point
    - d. Membership data transfer to spreadsheets
      - Transferring from handwritten ledgers to spreadsheets
      - Handwritten information is not always readable
      - Some Companions are double or triple entered
      - Missing some records from 1938 to 1993
      - Unused Grand Council numbers, big gaps
  5. Additional topics
    - a. Registration fees
      - Fairness in the payment of \$20.00 fee by very few
      - Assembly is for all Companions
      - Grand Assembly costs should be shared by all
      - There is a feeling out there that they refuse to come to Assembly because of the registration fee
      - Suggestion that a \$2 to \$3 be added to the per capita for off-setting the costs of the Grand Assembly
      - It is important that if any action is taken, the membership needs to be informed and be sold on the idea of additional per capita charges
      - This has been an ongoing issue
      - Brought forward for thought process
    - b. Ritual print
      - Aging eyes not compatible with current print
      - Consider larger and darker print
      - There are many grammar and spelling errors
      - Ritual committee to address these issues



- Incoming Grand Master to address
- c. 25/50-year pins and jewels
  - No information available to the councils about these awards
  - Grand Recorder to communicate with Council recorder
- d. Grand Council elections
  - Constitutional requirements for elections
  - Provincial jurisdiction rotation for elections
  - Grand Recorder communicate in Sept with Recorders with respect to elections
- e. Honourium for Flag Presentations
  - Impressed with Job's Daughters on flag presentations

**MOTION**

**RIC Richard Porter moved and seconded by RIC Bob MacMillian that the local organizing committee for the Grand Assembly budget for an honourium for the youth bodies. CARRIED**

- f. Grand Council Assembly profits
  - Local organizing committee that results in excess funds, those funds should be donated to the Charitable Foundation
  - None of the profits should be back to the Grand Council
  - \$20 registration fees are applied to the local organizing committee to cover the costs of the annual assembly
- 6. Grand Master's Closing remarks
  - Thanked all for their attendance
  - Thanked his officers
  - Appreciates everyone's attendance
  - No reports will be read tomorrow – presenter available to answer questions
  - Motions will be addressed with the debates having a time limits
- 7. Meeting Adjournment at 4:15 PM

Jerry W. Kopp  
Grand Recorder

RIC Robert Turner  
Deputy Grand Master  
Chairman Grand Executive Committee

**MOTION: RIC Robert Turner moved and seconded by RIC Jerry W. Kopp that the Grand Council Executive Meeting be accepted. CARRIED**

**Grand Master** had RWBro David English bring greetings from York Rite College and RVBro Jack Collenutt – Senior Grand Warden brought greetings from the Allied Masonic Degrees.

**Condition of the Rite 2016-2017 of R & SM Western Canada**

## **BC Lower Mainland – GIG RIC Bryan Bechler**

I would like to thank MIC Richard Laronde for the opportunity to serve the Grand Council Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada—Royal & Select Masters as the Grand Inspector General—Lower Mainland District for the 2016-2017 year.

The Lower Mainland District comprises three Councils: Zarthan No. 7 (Langley), Zaphon No. 8 (North Vancouver) and Zabud No. 1 (Vancouver). I made official visits to all the Councils in my district and attended as many other meetings as was possible.

While the ritual work is an important aspect of Cryptic Rite Freemasonry, we must realize that companions today may not have the available time to memorize the work as they once did. We obviously want new candidates to get the full meaning of each of the degrees, but we are doing them a disservice if we read the ritual and read it poorly. My suggestion is if a Council is going to do a degree, the companions should read aloud the parts prior to the degree being presented to ensure the presenter can communicate the words and set a good pace, not rushing through the dialogue. Also, learning the proper way of pronouncing the more difficult words is something we all should be aware of.

Each Cryptic Rite Mason should work to not only promote Cryptic Rite Freemasonry, but should look for prospective new candidates. We all need to bring new people into the craft to replace ourselves. I would suggest the TIM's visit local Royal Arch Chapters and request a few minutes to talk about Cryptic Rite Freemasonry with the permission of the First Principal.

A common theme this year has been the lack of attendance at meetings. The Companions complain that members aren't coming out but nobody really knows why. During my visitations, I provided some ideas as to how the membership might be once again engaged. These included having a special presentation at a stated meeting (bringing in a youth group such as Jobs Daughters and DeMolay) to talk about what they're doing, putting on a Table Council (rituals are available at no cost from the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons, International website), and shrinking the Council. If we continue to do business as usual, we will slowly fade away.

It is disappointing to hear about companion Royal Arch Masons who've submitted their petitions to join the Cryptic Rite request a withdrawal of their petition and a return of their fees. This seems to be due to the lengthy period of time they have to wait for a Council to put on the Royal Master and Select Master degrees. A Council should be able to hold a special convocation in order to initiate these

companions into the Cryptic Rite, not make them wait for long periods of time until a degree team can be assembled and the degrees presented. The other suggestion would be for a Council to reach out to another Council in the district to request help in doing the degrees.

I would like to thank all the Councils in the Lower Mainland District for the opportunity to serve as the Grand Inspector General. It has been a busy year as well as a fulfilling one.

Respectfully submitted, I would like to thank MIC Richard Laronde for the opportunity to serve the Grand Council Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada—Royal & Select Masters as the Grand Inspector General—Lower Mainland District for the 2016-2017 year.

The Lower Mainland District comprises three Councils: Zarthan No. 7 (Langley), Zaphon No. 8 (North Vancouver) and Zabud No. 1 (Vancouver). I made official visits to all the Councils in my district and attended as many other meetings as was possible.

I would like to thank all the Councils in the Lower Mainland District for the opportunity to serve as the Grand Inspector General. It has been a busy year as well as a fulfilling one.

### **BC Vancouver Island – GIG RIC Tony D'Eramo**

It was a privilege and Honour to be elected to the position of Grand Inspector General Vancouver Island District for the year 2016-2017. I was extended the opportunity to be the installing Officer for the Installations of Officers for each of the Councils and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges in the District.

My visitations were as follows: Lonsdale Lodge Hall in North Vancouver for the Tri-Council SEM Degree, official visits to Alpha Council #11, Acme Council #14, Adoniram Council #15 and the Tri-Council on Vancouver Island, 14 visits in total.

On June 11, 2016, I was able to visit Lonsdale Lodge Hall in North Vancouver for the Tri-Council SEM Degree. It was my pleasure to accompany our Grand Master, MIC Richard Laronde on his official visit to their district and assist in their degree work. An excellent degree was conducted with the support of all three Councils.

A very successful Tri-Council meeting was held in Nanaimo at Morpeth Lodge Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> OCT 2016. An excellent degree was conducted as a result of the enthusiastic support of the three Councils. This was also the Official visit of MIC Richard Laronde, our Grand Master to Vancouver Island.

Each Council has an influx of new membership and I feel that the three Councils on Vancouver Island have a promising future. These Council Companions are hard-working and dedicated to their Craft. These men perform their duties to a level we all aspire to obtain. While their numbers may be low their spirits are high and there is a positive atmosphere within these Councils and a jovial companionship with their festive boards. These Companions travel to all other Councils on the island to help perform installations and degrees and are always there to assist and be counted upon when called.

Their comradery is par to none.

I thoroughly enjoyed my year serving as the Grand Inspector General of Vancouver Island and would like to thank the Companions of the District for their support and fellowship. I will cherish the memories I have collected this past term.

Anthony James D'Eramo – GIG Vancouver Island District

#### **Alpha Council No. 11**

Alpha Council membership is 31 Companions with an average attendance of 17. Their dues are \$45.00, Initiation \$50.00, Affiliations \$20.00 and rents \$60.00 per meeting. Their records are in excellent shape, up-to-date and precise. A financial review is conducted. The Companions travel to assist other Councils on Vancouver Island with degrees and installations. At the time of the GIG's Official visit there were 16 Companions present with 4 visitors.

#### **Acme Council No. 14**

Acme Council members is 28 Companions with an average attendance of 12. Their dues are \$40.00, Initiation \$125.00, Affiliation \$5.00 and rent \$75.00 per meeting. Their records are likewise in excellent condition, up-to-date and precise. Financial review is conducted. These Companions likewise travel to other Councils to assist in degrees and installation. The GIG's visit was well attended.

#### **Adoniram Council No. 15**

Adoniram Council has a membership of 12 with an average of 11 in attendance which computes to 91.6 %. Their dues are \$35.00, Initiation \$130.00, Affiliation \$25.00 and rent \$100 per meeting. Their records are excellent. Councils also travels and assists other Councils with degrees and installation.

#### **BC Interior – GIG RIC Richard Trippel**

RIC Trippel has submitted a very detailed report for his district which consists of two Councils, Zenith Council #16 in Kamloops and Cascade Council #18 in Creston, BC. RIC Trippel was well received on all his visits and had accompanied the Grand Master MIC Richard Laronde on his fraternal visits to the Councils. RIC Trippel faithfully brought the greetings of the Grand Master on each of his visits and promoted the Grand Assembly in Winnipeg, MB in April 2017.

One worthy observation made was this district has vast travel distance for the GIG as well for the Companions to their respective Council meetings. Weather and road conditions plays an integral part as to the success of a Council meeting, good roads good attendance, bad weather or roads reduced attendance.

RIC Richard Trippel found that all books and communications to be in order and up-to-date in both Councils. Opening & Closing and degree work was well done, with very little reference being made to the ritual during the degree work.

The GIG has played an important role in initiating and continuing discussion of an annual Joint Meeting between Zenith and Cascade Councils, with the central meeting location being at Kootenay Masonic Lodge Hall in Revelstoke, BC which is the most central. Both Councils give full approval to this initiative. The intent is to meet with the plans of making it an overnight night trip with social events and other Masonic events. RIC Trippel did not dominate or force the issue of holding this Joint Meeting, he felt that should be left to each of the Councils. He feels that both Councils need to buy-in or claim ownership and work on the project to ensure any longevity.

GIG Elect is VIC Albert H. Swityk from Cascade Council #18 and the Grand Stewart for the District is Ill Comp Glenn Akselson from Cascade Council #18.

### **Zenith Council #16 – Kamloops, BC**

- The Council was visited by an Associate Professor Dr. Ryofu Pussel, from Kyoto, Japan. Worthy to note that Kamloops is the sister city to Kyoto, Japan and as such Professor Pussel is the overseas exchange of the University Students Program. Guest Dr. Pussel felt he found a new home and will return each year.
- The Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council is quite efficient and well prepared.
- A memorial service was held for a well-known Companion Carl Kickbush who was an artisan woodworker. He was 97 years of age. Companion Gene Clever who was 100 years old. The Council read a wonderful letter from the Grand Master as to his Masonic accomplishments and commitment to the Council. Both Companions Kickbush and Clever were honorary life membership bestowed upon from within the Council
- GIG to convey message "Thank you Most Illustrious Companion Laronde from Zenith Council #16 for your words and this "Honour"

- Members of Zenith Council have offered to assist with SEM Degree in North Vancouver each June.
- BC Interior District continues to play an important role in the leadership of Cryptic Rite Masonry.
- Council attended Remembrance Day and honoured the Veterans in attendance

### **Cascade Council #18**

- Cascade Council is small and pays a lot for rent – rent increase dues to renovations and updates.
- Council keeps dues low because of the travel expenses by the Companions
- Help keeping dues low by producing and selling Masonic calendars which has meeting dates, along with local advertising. Production of the Calendars is low cost.
- Council also sells Cryptic Rite Cuff links, etc.
- Council not afraid to work
- Grand Master’s Visit was a complete success and was treated well above and beyond.

### **Alberta – GIG RIC Les Payne**

Annual Report of the Grand Inspector General of the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada R. & S.M. as of 2016 – 2017

My year was a rewarding one with the visits to the three Councils in Alberta.

### **Alberta Council #5**

This Council is still small, but the members are hard-working and trying to get new members.

The degree work in this Council is good and their records are up to date by a very good secretary. He keeps every brother up to date on all events and meetings.

The information of the Council is communicated by e-mail and notices for those that do not have e-mail are mailed.

### **Zadok Council # 3**

This Council, in a large city, has good membership with hard working Officers. The records are well kept.

The work presented in degrees is very well done.

They maintain a number of members in Council and Royal Ark.

### **Zohar Council # 4**

Zohar Council, in a large city, has good membership. Good work is performed by members of this Council. They maintain a good membership in Council as well as Royal Ark.

The records of this Council are well kept. It is a struggle to get the summary for 2015-16.

Overall the Councils in Alberta are doing well. The large cities have a better chance in maintaining membership. The Councils, in my view, are in very good condition. The outlook is strong for Alberta Councils.

It has been an honor to be your GIC. Thank you.

**Leslie Payne,  
GIC Alberta**

### **Saskatchewan – GIG RIC John Leyshon**

#### **Saskatchewan Council No. 6**

This Council has 35 Companions with an average of 11 Companions per meeting. The administration is excellent with the books in good order. Ritual work is done from memory but occasionally read, the obligation is most always done from memory and the floor work is done well. Annual dues are \$20.00, Initiation fees \$100.00 and affiliation fees \$10.00. Lodge Hall rental is \$60.26 per meeting. The Council is considered healthy and future prospects are good.

#### **Zophiel Council No. 13**

This Council had only 10 Companions during the GIG Interim Visit with many of the principal officers absent. Last minute adjustments had to be made for the installation of the officers and subsequently much of the ritual had to be read from the book. Zophiel Council was well represented at the District Meeting and one of their own was elected as GIG elect for 2017-2018. Congratulations to VIC Donald H. Onclin on his election.

### **Manitoba – GIG RIC Richard Porter**

Most Excellent Grand Master I am happy to submit my annual report for the year ending April 27, 2017.

I have made one official visit to each Council in my jurisdiction and one visit to each Council in the jurisdiction as a member of your suite as you made your official visits in Manitoba.

I have witnessed one degree the Royal Ark Mariner, on my official visits and one degree and an installation on your official visit to Cyrus Council.

I was received warmly on all my visits and two of my visits were completed on the dates specified. My final visit was postponed from January 9, 2017 until March 13, 2017. All visits were enjoyable and informative.

**Cyrus Council No. 2** is doing well and is having an upsurge in interest and several new members. I have no concerns for this council.

**Portage Council No. 17** has 3 new members and appears to be doing well but with only 15 members, many of whom take the winter in warmer climates, there can be problems holding meetings.

**Brandon Council No. 10** has a dedicated core of members but with only 15 members, 1 who lives in Saskatoon, 4 who live between 2 ½ and 4 hours away and one who works late and has some health problems we are hard pressed to have an actual meeting if any of the ones remaining can't attend. There is one or two persons interested but they will have to join Chapter first.

The district meeting was attended by only 10 companions and was very short. We will require many more members or we will soon run out of anyone who can be elected or appointed to District Office.

On a more positive note the companions are not yet ready to throw in the towel and are hopeful for growth and commitment.

### **Each Council input on the Condition of the Rite**

#### **Cyrus Council #2**

Cyrus Council continues to function relatively well due to a good quantity of candidates in the last two years. During the last two years, Cyrus has conferred degrees at each meeting.

At present, we have 27 regular, and one honorary member making a total of 28. During the last year we have had two demits. Our average attendance has been 15 members and one visitor over the last 5 meetings. This is mostly due to the 6 new candidates we recently gained. Next Monday we will confer the Royal Ark Mariner on the six new candidates. We have one Companion in the wings for the degrees.

Our rent is holding steady at \$880.00 because Kildonan Temple holds a "Bud/Spud" event each year to raise money for the temple costs. At present, we have a \$10,000 GIC and about \$3800.00 in a savings account. We still have a number of Companions who have not paid their 2017 dues. Our dues are \$35.00 and initiation fee \$90.00. We have been fortunate in that we have good supply of aprons to re-circulate.

We recently had a situation where the incoming Commander Noah had not yet sat in the TIM office which is a requirement. Although we could have asked for a dispensation this situation would have prevailed for the next three years and I



prevailed on the membership to hold most of the officers over this year so the situation would rectify itself.

The only concern I have is that most of the ritual work is ready by the long-term members and I look forward to the day when our, younger members start taking an active part in degree work. I am happy to report that the historical lecture and obligation is done from memory. Signed: VIC Stan Payne – Recorder.

### **Portage Council #17**

Activities of Portage Council #17, during the course of the year our numbers increased from 12 to 15 with new members receiving Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master degrees. We also had one affiliation.

We hosted the District Meeting in March 2016 for GIG Vic Bryll when he made his official visit.

The officers were installed and invested in November and we held our annual Remembrance Day Service at that time.

We were also pleased to receive and greet the Grand Master, Most Illustrious Richard Laronde on his official visit to our Council. We presented him with a book called "Abandoned Manitoba".

We are financially stable and with our relatively small numbers we sometimes struggle with attendance, but we are looking forward to finding some more new Companions in the near future.

### **Brandon Council #10**

Brandon Council had 3 meetings in 2016.

Our February meeting saw two companions receive the Super Excellent Master Degree.

At our November meeting, we were honoured to receive M. Ill. Comp. Richard David Laronde, the Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada and a member of our Council.

Our December meeting was the occasion of R. Ill. Comp. Rick Porter, the Grand Inspector General for Manitoba, official visit to our Council. As we only install our officers every two years the meeting was only for sociable purposes. R. Ill. C. Porter passed on information concerning the Grand Assembly.

Our number are small and we have trouble getting enough for a meeting many times but we have high hopes for the future.

RIC Richard Porter  
GIG Manitoba District

Grand Master invited Past Grand Master Prince D. Selvaraj of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada, who represented MV Bro Robert Turner – Grand Master and Right Eminent Knight Ted Yorke of represented the Sovereign Great Prior Gerald Rilley. of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada to bring greetings from their respective masonic concordant bodies.

### **Reception of Visitors**

Introduction of visitors that have not been previously recognized. The Grand Marshal introduced R Illustrious Knight Ted Yorke representing Sovereign Great Priory. Grand Master asked RIK Comp Ted Yorke to bring greetings on behalf of Sovereign Great Prior Gerald Riley.

### **Introduction of the Past Grand Masters**

GM: Most Illustrious Sirs, as your name is called please assemble at the Altar under the direction of the Grand Marshal. Grand Recorder please read the names of the Past Grand Masters.

Past Grand Masters assembled at the Altar they were:

**MIC Ron Beirnes – GM 2002**  
**MIC Robert Taylor – GM 2006**  
**MIC Donald Murray – GM 2014**  
**MIC David Grange – GM 2015**

The Grand Master then directed that Grand Honours be given nine times under the director of the Grand Marshal. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work then ascended, greeted and thanked each for their attendance. MIC Bob Taylor then spoke on behalf of the Past Grand Masters and thanked them for the warm welcome and extended full support to the future officers of the Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada R and SM. They also look forward to MIC Richard Laronde joining their ranks.

### **List of Past Grand Masters Extended Regrets**

|                          |                    |                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>1993 S.F. Tickner</b> | <b>Council #6</b>  | <b>Moose Jaw, SK</b> |
| <b>1997 D.H. Wilson</b>  | <b>Council #13</b> | <b>Saskatoon, SK</b> |

|                              |                    |                           |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>2003 G.R.E. Tillotson</b> | <b>Council #11</b> | <b>Comox, BC</b>          |
| <b>2007 L. Pickell</b>       | <b>Council #7</b>  | <b>Langley, BC</b>        |
| <b>2009 D. McDonald</b>      | <b>Council #13</b> | <b>Saskatoon, SK</b>      |
| <b>2010 D.B. Russell</b>     | <b>Council #3</b>  | <b>Calgary, AB</b>        |
| <b>2011 B.A. Richman</b>     | <b>Council #7</b>  | <b>Port Coquitlam, BC</b> |
| <b>2013 D. Appel</b>         | <b>Council #6</b>  | <b>Preeceville, SK</b>    |

**Introduction of the Grand Inspectors Generals**

**GM:** We will now have the reception of the Grand Inspectors General and as your name is called please advance to the Altar under the direction of the Grand Marshal.

Grand Recorder called out the names of the Grand Inspectors General and in attendance were:

**RIC Rick Porter – Manitoba District**  
**RIC John Leyshon – Saskatchewan District**  
**RIC Les Payne – Alberta District**  
**RIC Richard Trippel – BC Interior District**  
**RIC Anthony D’Eramo – BC Vancouver Island District.**

The Grand Master directed that they receive Grand Honours seven times under the direction of the Grand Marshal. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work then greeted the Grand Inspectors General at the Altar and thanked them for a good year and the support that they afforded the Grand Council.

The Grand Master called upon MEC Ken Overy - Grand Scribe and PGZ of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and Yukon to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand First Principal.

**Introduction of the Thrice Illustrious Masters**

The Grand Master called for the assembling of the serving Thrice Illustrious Masters at the Altar under the direction of the Grand Marshal. In attendance and representing their Council were:

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>IC Doug Scott</b>       | <b>Cyrus Council #2</b>    |
| <b>IC Wally Watts</b>      | <b>Zohar Council #4</b>    |
| <b>IC Bertram Chambers</b> | <b>Brandon Council #10</b> |
| <b>IC Peter Whitehead</b>  | <b>Acme Council #14</b>    |

**GM:** Thrice Illustrious Masters you are the back-bone of our Order & your dedication & zeal is much appreciated by all Companions. You are a most welcome sight at this Grand Assembly & I thank each for your attendance.

Grand Master asked the Grand Marshal to lead the assembly in Grand Honours 3X. Grand Master and Council then proceeded to the Altar, shook hands with each of

the TIMs and a private word with them and then directed the Grand Marshal to seat them.

Greetings were received from the MEC Allan Hadley – Grand First Principal of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba and RIC Ron Johnson – Grand Intendant General of Cryptic Rite Masons of Ontario.

After the morning Break the Grand Master called upon the Grand First Principal MEC Duncan Strachan to bring greetings from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

**Grand Treasurer’s Report**

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Bank Balance as of Feb. 28 – 2017     | \$10,117.92 |
| Investments                           | \$28,246.19 |
| Cost of operation in 2016 – 2017 year | \$7527.19   |

**2017 - 2018 Budget**

**RECEIPTS**

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Past TIM Degree       | \$280.00  |
| Life Membership       |           |
| Dispensations         | \$30.00   |
| RAM Cards             | \$150.00  |
| R & SM Certificates   | \$275.00  |
| Per Capita 540 @ \$16 | \$8640.00 |
| PTIM Certificates     | \$75.00   |
| Interest              | \$300.00  |
| Supplies to Councils  | \$600.00  |
| Grand Session         |           |
| Miscellaneous         | \$100.00  |
| Regalia               |           |

**TOTAL** **\$10,450.00**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Office Rent          | \$300.00  |
| Recorder Honourium   | \$1500.00 |
| GM Honourium         | \$3500.00 |
| G Trea Honourium     | \$300.00  |
| Regalia              | \$500.00  |
| Grand Proceedings    | \$1200.00 |
| Bank Charges         | \$60.00   |
| Phone Charges        | \$30.00   |
| Postage              | \$300.00  |
| Printing & Supplies  | \$900.00  |
| Office Supplies      | \$60.00   |
| Miscellaneous        | \$0.00    |
| Recorder Travel Exp  | \$400.00  |
| Host Council Advance | \$150.00  |

**TOTAL** **\$9200.00**

**Surplus      \$1250.00**

**MOTION**

**I, MIC Donald Murray – Chairman of the Finance Committee move that this Grand Assembly approve the 2017-2018 Budget as noted in the Grand Treasurer’s Report. CARRIED**

There was a profit of \$1,102.31 in the past year. This was due to holding expenditures to a minimum and that some of the regalia ordered was not received. There will be additional expenditures in the next year as endeavour to upgrade the Grand Officers

regalia and standardize what is used in this jurisdiction. This will use up this year's gain and some of the coming years.

Respectfully submitted; **D.B. Russell PGM**

**MEC Donald Murray** – Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the Grand Treasurer's Report on behalf of MIC Donald Russell. The Grand Master received the report with no questions being asked.

### **Report of the Grand Reporter**

This of course is my very first Grand Recorder's Report to this Grand Assembly and I trust that my first year has met with your approval. It is sometimes not easy taking over from another Grand Recorder simply because the thought process is not always the same, so therefore trial and error and common sense had to prevail. My objective is always to make things easier for the Councils and the Committees of Grand Council. This past year adjustments were made to the Annual Return Form with the completion of some required data and one example was to give the Councils their membership numbers from the previous year, this was noted to be a problem in the past as the numbers did not always align with the previous year's total. Councils were quite receptive to this change which in my opinion help the Grand Council Office in receiving the Annual Returns in a more-timely fashion. For example, on February 01, all returns should have been submitted, this year we can say that only one return had not been filed by this date, much improvement over the past years, when there were many still outstanding on that date.

It appears that Council Summons are being distributed to the Grand Inspector Generals, but not necessarily to the Grand Council Office, this includes the Office of the Grand Recorder. There are three Councils that have not forwarded their summons to the Grand Recorder's Office. The Constitution and Regulations requires that the summons be forwarded to the Office and Grand Council and we ask that all Councils keep this mind. It is important that we know what is going on in your Councils so that we can celebrate those special events or occasions.

The Grand Council Office is now in the process of taking all the hand-written registers and converting the required information to computerized spreadsheet. The spreadsheet for degree information has been completed from Grand Council Number 3077 to 4925. Missing are the assigned numbers from 01 to 3076 which is the starting point of the Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada R & SM dating back to 1938. This phenomenon does not only apply to the Grand Council Numbers but to the Registers for Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, Royal Arch Mariner Degrees, Silver Trowel Degrees and Life Membership Register. This will entail a great deal of work and research to find the missing numbers and their names associated with each of those numbers. "Ve w'll find them"

Plans are in place to replace all the certificates, with the hopes of bringing about a more colourful and pleasing and professional look to all our certificates, something that we can be proud of, not just another boring piece of paper. The only certificate that we have at the moment is the Royal Arch Mariners that is fairly presentable and even it can use doctoring up. We are pleased to announce that the Grand Council Seal has finally been corrected with the break in the triangle at the bottom left corner (Dexter). The seal is all blue and we hope that the Companions will approve the seal, but you will note that the area between the two triangles is solid blue and we trust this will not be an issue. All forms and Certificates have this past year had the correct seal and we trust that no seal from other jurisdiction will again be seen on any of this jurisdictions forms, letterhead or certificates. We must give MIC Donald Russell and RIC Jim Whyte – Grand Webmaster, the credit for this to happen. Thank you – Don & Jim, work well done.



**RSM WEST CANADA 2016 MEMBERSHIP**

| <b>COUNCIL</b> | <b>NO</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>ADM</b> | <b>AFFL</b> | <b>RES</b> | <b>WITHD</b> | <b>SUSP</b> | <b>DEATH</b> | <b>2016</b> |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Zabud          | 1         | 29          |            |             |            |              |             |              | 31          |
| Cyrus          | 2         | 28          | 2          |             |            | 2            |             |              | 28          |
| Zadok          | 3         | 81          | 1          |             |            | 3            | 3           | 1            | 75          |
| Zohar          | 4         | 96          | 13         |             | 8          | 6            | 3           | 6            | 102         |
| Alberta        | 5         | 33          | 1          |             | 1          | 1            |             | 2            | 31          |
| Sask           | 6         | 35          | 3          |             |            |              |             | 2            | 36          |
| Zarthan        | 7         | 34          | 2          |             |            |              |             | 1            | 35          |
| Zaphon         | 8         | 26          | 1          |             |            | 4            |             |              | 23          |
| Brandon        | 10        | 17          |            |             |            |              |             | 2            | 15          |
| Alpha          | 11        | 32          |            | 2           |            | 1            |             | 2            | 31          |
| Zophiel        | 13        | 40          |            |             |            |              | 1           |              | 39          |
| Acme           | 14        | 30          |            |             | 1          | 2            | 1           |              | 28          |
| Adoniram       | 15        | 16          |            |             |            | 2            |             |              | 14          |
| Zenith         | 16        | 37          | 2          |             |            | 1            |             | 2            | 36          |
| Portage        | 17        | 12          | 2          | 1           |            |              |             |              | 15          |
| Cascade        | 18        | 20          |            |             |            | 1            |             | 2            | 17          |
|                |           |             | 29         | 3           | 10         | 24           | 8           | 20           |             |
| <b>Total</b>   |           | <b>566</b>  |            |             |            |              |             |              | <b>556</b>  |

**RAM WEST CANADA 2016 MEMBERSHIP**

| <b>LODGE</b>   | <b>NO</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>ADM</b> | <b>AFFL</b> | <b>RES</b> | <b>WITHD</b> | <b>SUSP</b> | <b>DEATH</b> | <b>2016</b> |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Pacific Ocean  | 1         | 27          |            |             |            |              |             |              | 27          |
| Lk Winnipeg    | 4         | 23          |            |             |            | 2            |             |              | 21          |
| Bowhaven       | 3         | 70          | 1          |             |            | 3            | 2           | 1            | 65          |
| Alberta        | 2         | 82          |            |             |            | 4            | 1           | 3            | 74          |
| Ararat         | 5         | 32          |            |             |            |              |             | 2            | 30          |
| Saskatchewan   | 6         | 27          |            |             |            |              |             |              | 27          |
| Fraser River   | 7         | 26          |            |             |            |              |             | 1            | 25          |
| Capilano River | 8         | 26          |            |             |            | 4            |             |              | 22          |
| Lk Wahapanah   | 13        | 15          |            |             |            |              |             | 2            | 13          |
| Port Augusta   | 9         | 31          |            | 2           |            |              |             | 2            | 31          |

|                  |     |            |   |   |   |    |   |            |
|------------------|-----|------------|---|---|---|----|---|------------|
| Lk Manitou       | 11  | 36         | 2 |   |   |    |   | 38         |
| St. of Juan Fuca | 12  | 26         |   |   | 2 | 1  |   | 23         |
| Georgia Strait   | 17  | 11         |   | 1 |   |    |   | 12         |
| Thompson River   | 14  | 35         |   |   | 1 |    | 2 | 32         |
| Crescent Lake    | 14A | 11         |   |   |   |    |   | 11         |
| Moyie Lake       | 18  | 16         | 3 |   | 1 |    | 2 | 16         |
|                  |     |            | 6 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 4 | 15         |
| Total            |     | <b>496</b> |   |   |   |    |   | <b>467</b> |

### **REPORT OF WARRANTS & DISPENSATIONS**

During 2016/17, no warrants were issued for the formation of new Councils. Only one dispensation was issued during the year and it was to Alberta Council #5 moving the regular meeting date to another date, no change to the time or location.

### **VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

**There is concern that the Councils within this jurisdiction have not closely examined their own financial situations and as a Grand Council we need to make each Council aware of fee changes that have taken place over the past few years. Per Capita Fees were \$7.50 in 2013 and have since been increased to \$12.00 per Companion. Effective January 01, 2017 took further hike to \$16.00 per Companion, which was approved at the 2016 Annual Grand Assembly in Chilliwack, BC. The Grand Council must also examine its Financial situation to ensure that we can keep our Financial commitments and we likewise recommend to Councils to carefully examine their financial needs. Often overlooked, is not being able to cover the costs for insurance coverage, supplies, rent and repairs to equipment and/or regalia. This is extremely important and we therefore ask that you give some very consideration.**

Jerry W. Kopp – Grand Recorder

**Grand Master** received the Grand Reporter’s report with no questions being asked.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW (Audit) REPORT – 2016-2017**

I, /We have examined the accounts and financial records of the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, R & SM for the year 2016/2017 and found all in order. No discrepancies or irregularities were found.



Submitted by: RIC George Tapley & VIC Garth Border

No questions of the committee, the **Grand Master** received the report.

### **2016-2017 Report of the Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee had one meeting during the year at Bowmont Hall in Calgary. In attendance were the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Deputy Grand Master, VIC David Boone, Chairman of the Finance Committee MIC Don Murray, Financial Reviewer RIC George Tapley.

The Grand Treasurer has clearly stated that this past year expenditures were kept to a minimum and furthermore some of the ordered regalia has not arrived subsequently leaving us with a small profit of \$1102.31. He indicated that there will be additional expenditures for the upcoming years as the Grand Recorder has ordered, two (2) GIG aprons, ten (10) Collarettes, three (3) soft apron cases for PGM's aprons and one (1) Past GIG apron (Cost of this apron will be recovered). GIG aprons will be replaced over the next three years by replace two (2) each year. Ten (10) collarettes will replace the GIGs and Grand Stewarts and four Grand Council Officers. Ten (10) additional collarettes will ordered this coming fiscal year and replacing the remaining Grand Officers. This will no doubt will help making the Grand Council Officers more professional.

The Grand Recorder inherited a goodly supply of old aprons and collarettes with jewels, that do not meet the standards as prescribed in the Constitution and General Regulations. He is in the process of examining it very carefully, removing useable items, perhaps selling older aprons and collarettes that meet the standards at reasonable price and destroying aprons and collarettes that cannot be re-used. Now that the Grand Council has finally secured the proper Grand Council seal we hope that all materials, such as aprons, collarette jewels, letterhead and forms will have the correct seal. We hope that no foreign seals will ever again infiltrate our Grand Council.

The Finance Committee also examined fees charged for the various forms, rituals, regalia, dispensations, etc. and has found the need to increase some, as noted in the Grand Recorder's Report, primarily due postage, material and preparatory costs.

The trueness of the Grand Council's financial picture cannot really be established when Councils do not meet their financial obligations, it is important that the funds due to the Grand Council be forwarded prior to the end of the Fiscal year, which is Feb 28 each year. The Finance Committee thanks those Recorders for attending to their commitments in a timely manner.

Finally, the Grand Councils Budget which is attached to this report. You will note an increase in Revenue for 2017-2018 which is a result of the increase of the per capita from \$12.00 (2016 per capita fee) to \$16.00 (2017 Fee approved at the 2016 Grand Assembly). The projected Expenditure for the budget has increased approximately \$800.00, leaving the Grand Council with a surplus of \$1250.00. With this surplus, we hope to gain enough over the next four or five years to replenish borrowed amount from the Investment Accounts and also to bring up-to-date all Grand Council Officers regalia.

The Grand Recorder has purchased six (6) flag poles with standard tops, along with carrying case and has donated this to the Grand Council, this certainly will help provide a standardized flag display. In previous years, it has always been a struggle to get enough poles which resulted in odds & ends resulting in flags not being the same height.

Submitted by MIC Don Murray – Chairman and VIC David Boone. Thank you

### SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FROM THE GRAND RECORDER & PRICES

|  | OLD 2017             | NEW 2018        |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Annual Proceedings (1 copy & 1 disc to each Council – no charge)  | <b>\$7.50 =</b>      | <b>\$7.50</b>   |
| 2) R & SM Ceremony Ritual with Dramatic Interpolations               | <b>\$6.00 &gt;</b>   | <b>\$8.00</b>   |
| 3) Grand Council, opening, closing & installation                    | <b>\$3.00 &gt;</b>   | <b>\$5.00</b>   |
| 4) Ceremony of Elevation of Installation of Commander Noah           | <b>\$3.00 &gt;</b>   | <b>\$5.00</b>   |
| 5) Royal Ark Mariner Ceremony of Installation of Commander Noah      | <b>\$3.00 &gt;</b>   | <b>\$5.00</b>   |
| 6) Installation R & SM   | <b>\$3.00 &gt;</b>   | <b>\$5.00</b>   |
| 7) R & SM Dramas (1961 – red)  | <b>\$3.00 &gt;</b>   | <b>\$5.00</b>   |
| 8) CONSTITUTION, Rules & Regulations                                 | \$7.00 =             | \$7.00          |
| 9) Petition for degrees form   | n/c                  |                 |
| 10) Petition for Royal Ark Mariner                                   | n/c                  |                 |
| 11) Past TIM jewel (+ shipping)                                      | \$95.00 =            | \$95.00         |
| 12) 25-year, 50-year pins  | \$20.00 =            | \$20.00         |
| 13) 50-year jewel  | tba                  |                 |
| 13-a) Past GIG Collar & Jewel (not including mailing)                | \$75.00              | \$75.00         |
| 14) Order of the Silver Trowel (includes certificate & jewel)        | \$40.00 =            | \$40.00         |
| 14-a) Replacement jewel  | \$10.00 =            | \$10.00         |
| 15) Dispensation to form a new Council                               | \$25.00 =            | \$25.00         |
| 16) Dispensations other than No. 15                                  | <b>\$5.00 &gt;</b>   | <b>\$10.00</b>  |
| 17) Warrant of Constitution  | <b>\$50.00 &gt;</b>  | <b>\$100.00</b> |
| 18) Replacement Warrant  | <b>\$25.00 &gt;</b>  | <b>\$50.00</b>  |
| 19) Registration of NEW companion                                    | \$7.50 =             | \$7.50          |
| 20) Registration of AFFILIATED companion                             | <b>\$5.00 &gt;</b>   | <b>\$7.50</b>   |
| 21) Annual per capita fees (increase approved 2016 General Assembly) | <b>\$12.00 &gt;</b>  | <b>\$16.00</b>  |
| 22) Certificates (companion, TIM, etc.)                              | \$5.00 =             | \$5.00          |
| 23) Dispensation to form a new Royal Ark Mariner’s Lodge             | <b>\$25.00+ &gt;</b> | <b>\$50.00</b>  |
| 24) Dispensation (Other than 23)                                     | <b>\$5.00 &gt;</b>   | <b>\$10.00</b>  |
| 25) Registration NEW brother   | \$7.50 =             | \$7.50          |
| 26) Replacement certificate/card                                     | \$5.00 =             | \$5.00          |
| 27) Registration (Affiliation)                                       | <b>\$5.00 &gt;</b>   | <b>\$7.50</b>   |

+ is for printing costs

The Grand Council Finance Committee met on March 01, 2017 to discuss the above noted services and items that can only be obtained through the Grand Council Office. The concern was that printing costs in small amounts and postage has increased substantially and that the old prices can no longer continue at those prices without experiencing a loss. It was therefore decided that adjustments needed to be made to several of the services and items without a loss. **Above services and items highlighted in "RED" with an increase arrow > (from Old to New) be approved and implemented by the Grand Council Office.**

#### **MOTION**

**RIC Donald Murray moved and seconded by VIC David Boone that inventory/supplies sold be Grand Council as noted in red (showing an increase) be approved. No questions. Motion Carried**

#### **MOTION**

**I, MIC Donald Murray – Chairman of the Finance Committee move that the Finance Chairman's report be received and approved by this Grand Assembly. CARRIED**

#### **Nil reports**

- Report of Laws & Jurisprudence
- Report of Grievances and Appeals
- Report of the Grand Historian
- Report of the Ritual Committee

#### **Report of the Fraternal Relations and Foreign Correspondence**

Very few invitations were received from other jurisdictions. The Most Illustrious Grand Council Cryptic Masons of California has accepted RIC Richard Trippel as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of California near the Grand Council of Western Canada. The Certificate has been forwarded and can be presented RIC Richard Trippel at this Grand Assembly.

During the preparation of the 2016 Grand Assembly Proceedings that several Grand Representatives to this jurisdiction were no longer living and some had passed to the Grand Lodge Above over 15 years ago. I question on how many of the Grand Representatives that I do not know are still alive. Having past experience with the Grand Representative System, I found that many dedicated hours were spent to up-date the system to no avail. The Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons have decided to not continue with the program as it provides no value to the fraternity and many of the Companions/Brothers are not using it in the way it was intended. The Grand Lodge of Alberta has grand-fathered existing appointments, but will not make any recommendations for replacement. This Office intends to conduct a survey amongst the current appointees to determine if they are communicating with their counterpart and if they are finding any value to the program.

**Jerry W. Kopp**  
**Grand Recorder April 27, 2017**

**Grand Master** had RIC Richard Trippel approach the East and presented him the Warrant as the official representative to the State of California near the Grand Council of Western Canada.

The Grand Marshal RIC Stan Payne escorted and reintroduced the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M. The Grand Master of Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada asked the MWBro Stanley Barkley to proceed to the East and take up his chair that has been specially arranged for him.

### **Recognition of KYCH Members**

**Grand Master** gave the appropriate recognition to the Companions who are associated with the Knights of York Cross of Honour (KYCH). He asked them to stand and be recognized, which was about 65% of the room. He thanked them for their commitment to that invitational Masonic Body.

### **Report of Honours and Awards Committee**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and members of Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada.

We are pleased to report that we received a recommendation for the Grand Master's Award and to recommend to the Grand Master that he recognize the Worthy Companion for his continued work, dedication and support of our Order.

The Grand Master will make the presentations at the Grand Banquet at the upcoming Grand Council Session.

While it is gratifying to receive this recommendation, we must remind the Companions of this jurisdiction that there are two awards available. Namely the Grand Council Award and the Grand Master's Award. The Grand Master can present two (2) awards annual in each category.

We feel that there must be Companions in many Councils that are worthy of consideration and we look forward to receiving many recommendations in time for Grand Council 2018.

Sincerely

MIC Len Pickell – Chairman & MIC David Grange

### **Grand Master's Awards Presentation**

The Grand Master – MIC Richard Laronde presented two Grand Master Awards, the recipients being RIC Ken McKenzie from Zenith Council #16 and RIC Richard Porter from Brandon Council #10. RIC Ken McKenzie recorder for Zenith Council #16 was extremely proud to receive this award and stated that he will cherish this for the rest of his life. RIC Richard Porter, also the recorder for his Council, Brandon Council #10, was surprised when his name was announced for the second selection. RIC Richard Porter was very proud to have his wife, Peggy pin the Grand Master Award on his lapel. He was extremely proud of the fact that he was chosen and remarked that there are other perhaps more deserving than he. He will however cherish this ward.



**RIC Ken McKenzie  
Zenith Council #17**

**RIC Richard Porter & Wife Peggy  
Brandon Council #10**

**Grand Master** declared the Report of Honors and Awards as Received.

## Grand Representatives in Attendance

The following Companions who attended the assembly have registered as a Grand Representative for their respective jurisdiction:

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| CA - Ontario        | R. Beirnes        |
| Euro - Israel       | C. Hartimer       |
| USA - Arkansas      | N. Weller         |
| USA - California    | R. Trippel        |
| USA - Colorado      | A. Christoffersen |
| USA - Hawaii        | J. Catala         |
| USA - Indiana       | S. Payne          |
| USA - Kentucky      | D. Grange         |
| USA - Minnesota     | R. Turner         |
| USA - New Hampshire | M. Rogers         |
| USA - New Mexico    | B. Chambers       |
| USA - North Dakota  | J. Collenutt      |
| USA - Oklahoma      | K. MacKenzie      |
| USA - Pennsylvania  | E. Weiglet        |
| USA - Texas         | R. Trippel        |
| USA - Vermont       | R. Laronde        |

**Grand Master** the Grand Representatives for their attendance and asked those that have not registered to please register.

### **Report of the Regalia Committee**

The Regalia Committee Report of 2016 described the maintaining of a precise record of the various pieces of regalia difficult, only because it is spread throughout Western Canada. Quite frankly it is much worse than that, we find that the Grand Council office is possession of several Grand Council Aprons and Collarettes and Jewels that do not adhere to the Constitution and General Regulations. One has to ask how did we get to this sad state of affairs, was it the supplier who provided the illegal regalia or did we provide incorrect details to the supplier, whatever, we need to get back on track and start providing to our Grand Council Officers the proper regalia, so that we can look like a respectable unit when out visiting our Councils, we need to lead by example. Interesting **"A picture is worth a Thousand Words"**, we find that a current **Grand Inspector General and a Grand Stewart are wearing aprons that are designated as "Past" Grand Aprons (laurel leaf instead of the circle).**

The Grand Council Office has just recently ordered two new Grand Inspectors General aprons and 10 Collarettes from Canadian Masonic Supply Limited. This is the first order placed with this company and we trust that they will comply with our needs. We will be replacing the Alberta GIG aprons and one other and the

collarettes will be distributed to the six GIGs and the Grand Stewards. The intent is to order another 10 collarettes and hopefully replace another two or three GIG aprons next year. The Grand Council Office will be examining the condition of all Grand aprons at this year's Assembly.

The undernoted is an inventory that the Grand Council Office currently has in their possession, legal, illegal or otherwise:

- 2 Grand Masters Apron – illegal – no broken triangle on left base – poor to good condition
- 2 Past Grand Master Aprons – one legal and not legal – poor to good condition
- 1 Past Grand Master Aprons – with no triangle and trowel downward on 45 degrees – poor
- 4 Past Grand Master Aprons – with no triangle and trowel upwards - poor
- 3 Past Grand Master Aprons – with broken triangle and trowel downward 45 degrees – poor
  
- 1 Modified Past G.I.G. apron – with broken triangle (had crown at one time) – good – excellent
- 1 Conductor of the Council – no broken triangle – illegal – poor condition
- 1 Past Grand Marshal – poor condition
- 1 Past Grand Sentinel apron – good condition

MIC Ron Beirnes – Chairman  
RIC Jerry W. Kopp – Grand Recorder

No questions of the Chairman, the **Grand Master** received the report.

### **Final Report of the Credentials Committee**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| No. of Councils represented:              | 13 of 16  |
| Total No. of Companions registered:       | 60        |
| No. of Grand Council Officers registered: | 25        |
| No. of Grand Representatives:             | 15        |
| No. of Visitors in attendance             | 4         |
| <b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE (Final):</b>          | <b>64</b> |

Attested: RIC Al Christoffersen

**Report Received**

RIC Herb Cook – Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for Cryptic Rite Masons of South Dakota brought the greetings of his Grand Master.

At this point of the proceedings, Past Grand Officer certificates were presented to those officer in attendance. Grand Master and his officers congratulated each officer for their commitment that they made throughout this past year. The Grand Master was particularly pleased that the officers took the time to be in attendance. Grand Honours were given to the retiring officers.

## **Notice of Notice**

### **MOTION #01**

The Jurisprudence Committee moves that the term "Heraldic known as '**In the base Dexter**'" as noted in Article 4 and all other reference within the Constitution and Regulations be removed and replaced with the common terms such "**at the left end of the base**". Seconded by RIC Richard Porter.

### **MOTION TO AMEND**

RIC Les Payne moved and seconded by VIC Doug Turigan that the words "**When viewing from the front**" be added to the end of the sentence "of the base". Amendment to Motion Carried

### **AMENDED MOTION #01 TO READ**

Heraldic known as '**In the base Dexter**'" as noted in Article 4 and all other reference within the Constitution and Regulations be removed and replaced with the common terms such "**at the left end of the base, WHEN VIEWING FROM THE FRONT**". NO FURTHER DISCUSSION -  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION #02**

The Jurisprudence Committee moves that all reference within the Constitution and Regulations (Article 9.9.b.) to "**Audit or Auditors**" be replaced with the term "**Financial Review or Financial Reviewers**". Seconded by RIC John Leyshon. No Discussion -  
**MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION #03**

The Jurisprudence Committee moves that Article 9.9 of the Grand Council Committees add "**Regalia**" to the list, and adjust hereafter within the Constitution & regulations any further references to this Committee (Article 19.h). Seconded by RIC Richard Porter. No Discussion - **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION #04**



The Jurisprudence Committee moves that the word **"Shall"** be bonded by removed from Article 18.1.a and replaced with the word **"May"** be bonded. Seconded by RIC Leif Hansen. No discussion. **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION #05**

The Jurisprudence Committee moves that the word **"May"** be added to Article 18.2.m. and to read **"May be bonded"**, Seconded by RIC John J. Bjore. No discussion. **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION #06**

Jurisprudence Committee moves that Article 22.b. add to the list of jewels, a newly created jewel known at **"Grand Master Service Award"**, seconded by RIC Al Christoffersen. No Discussion **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION #7**

Jurisprudence Committee moves that Article 22.t. be amended by adding the word **"Collarette"** jewel which specifically identifies the type of jewel and the amendment apply to all references in the Constitution and regulations. **Seconded by IC Wally Watts. No Discussion** **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION #08**

The Jurisprudence Committee moves that a section be added to Article 22 identified as Article 22.y and to read as follows:

**"Pocket Jewels" shall be worn in the following order, from the center of the body outwards:**

- **Past Thrice Illustrious Master**
- **Order of the Silver Trowel**
- **Past Commander Noah**

Seconded by RIC Richard Gutfriend.

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION #08**

RIC George Tapley moved, seconded by RIC Richard Porter that the Motion be amended by adding the "Cryptic Rite Foundation Jewel"

No Discussion to the amendment. **Motion to amend CARRIED.**

**MOTION #08 as amended** – no further discussion. **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION #09**

The Jurisprudence Committee moves that a new section be added to Article 22 identified as Article 22.z and to read as follows: **"The Regalia of Grand**

**Council Officers, both elected and appointed, will be provided by Grand Council and passed on to their successors in office".** Seconded by RIC Eric Weigelt. No Discussion **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION #10**

The Jurisprudence Committee moved to include policy statements for **"The Grand Master's Service Award"** using the guidelines similar to the **"Grand Council Service Award"** as noted in Article 23.a. and re-organized the policy to clarify items with no intent to change the content. Seconded by RIC John J. Bjore. No Discussion **MOTION CARRIED**

**Historical Information of the existing policy and the incorporation of the Grand Master's Service Award.**

**Article 23** is broken into two categories, which #1 addresses the Grand Council Service Award and #2 addresses the Grand Master's Service Award.

**Article 23.a** is changed to Article 23.1.a. no change to content

**Article 23.b** is changed to Article 23.1.b. no change to content

**Article 23.c** is changed to Article 23.1.c. no change to content

**Article 23.d** is changed to Article 23.1.d. no change to content except bullets are used for each item of information required to fulfill the nomination requirements

**Article 23.e.** is changed to Article 23.1.e. no change to content

**Article 23.2.** relates to the **Grand Master's Service Award**

**Article 23.2.f.** same description as Article 23.1.a except it describes the Grand Master's Service Award

**Article 23.2.g.** basically the same as Article 23.1.b. with the exception the award can apply to anyone

**Article 23.2.h.** is a new section which states; **"the Grand Master shall notify the Grand Recorder of his selection prior to the last day of February"** – procedural only

**Article 23.2.i.** is new only in that the same information is required for a nominee of the Grand Master's Service Award – See Article 23.d. or the new proposed Article 23.1.d

**Article 23.f.** has been re-numbered to Article 23.2.j. no change to content

**Article 23.g.** has been re-numbered to Article 23.2.k. no change to content

**Article 23.h.** has been re-numbered to Article 23.2.l. no change to content

Motion by RIC Jerry W. Kopp – Grand Recorder seconded by VIC Douglas Turigan that the Grand Council Session accept the recommended re-numbering of the noted Articles. No Discussion **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION #11**

~~The Jurisprudence Committees moves that Article 42.d. approved by the Grand Council in Camrose, Alberta on May 12, 2011 repeal that article which stated, “**The petition shall be submitted to the Recorder of the Council who shall cause it be included in the first summons after receiving same. If within 30 days, no written objections from two or more companions are received the applicant will be initiated in the usual manner**”~~ THIS MOTION WAS REPEALED AND REPLACED BY MOTION #12, which was **CARRIED**

### **MOTION #12**

The Jurisprudence Committee moves that the repealed Article 42.d. be replaced with the former Articles.

**Article 42.e.** “Notification of intention to ballot on the Petition must be given in the Summons for the Regular Assembly at which the ballot will be taken, such notification to state the full name, residence, age and profession of the Petitioner together with the names of his Sponsors.

**Article 42.g.** “Should the Ballot prove favourable to the Petitioner, the Thrice Illustrious Master shall declare him eligible for membership in the Council and eligible to receive the Degrees of Royal Master, Select Master and Super Excellent Master”.

**Article 42.h.** “Should the Ballot prove unfavourable to the Petitioner, the Thrice Illustrious Master shall order a second Ballot, the results of which shall be final”.

Seconded by RIC Jack Collenutt. No discussion

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Grand Master called upon M. Ill. Companion George Bauder to bring greetings from the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of South Dakota

### **INTRODUCTION OF A NOTICE OF MOTION FOR 2018 SESSION**

**RIC Richard Trippel moves or causes to be moved that Article 9 – Jurisdiction. Re-naming British Columbia Interior District to BC Interior and Kootneys.**

MOTION was declared as out of order as this is a Constitutional amendment and it needs to be presented as a Notice of Motion and can only be addressed at the next Grand Assembly. RIC Richard Trippel accepted the observations.

### **Motion to grant Permanent Past Grand Rank**

**I, VIC Jerry Kopp move and seconded by MIC Don Russell, that the following officers of 2016-2017 be granted permanent rank as follows:**

#### **RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION**

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Richard Porter  | GIG Manitoba            |
| John Leyshon    | GIG Saskatchewan        |
| Leslie Payne    | GIG Alberta             |
| Richard Trippel | GIG BC Interior         |
| Bryan Bechler   | GIG BC Lower Mainland   |
| Tony D'Eramo    | GIG BC Vancouver Island |
| Donald Russell  | Past Grand Treasurer    |
| Jerry W. Kopp   | Past Grand Recorder     |

#### **VERY ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION**

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Jack Hooper       | Past Grand Chaplain                    |
| Leif Hansen       | Past Grand Captain of the Guard        |
| Bert Chambers     | Past Grand Conductor of Council        |
| Marvyn Rogers     | Past Grand Organist                    |
| Stanley Payne     | Past Grand Marshal                     |
| Neil MacMillian   | Past Grand Steward Manitoba            |
| Stewrt Hamill     | Past Grand Steward Saskatchewan        |
| Douglas Turigan   | Past Grand Steward Alberta             |
| Fred Meades       | Past Grand Steward BC Interior         |
| Zic Kowarsky      | Past Grand Steward BC Lower Mainland   |
| Jimmy Catala      | Past Grand Steward BC Vancouver Island |
| Richard Gutfriend | Past Grand Sentinel                    |
| Trevor Lambert    | Past Grand Historia                    |

**MOTION: Carried**

### **Election of Officers for 2017-2018**

**GM:** In accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of the Constitution, I will now conduct the election of officers for 2017-2018.

All nominated Companions have submitted their Nominations in the proper form by the due date of February 15, 2017. (Article 10(f) refers). All, have subsequently indicated their willingness to serve in the office too which they were nominated.

Since only one nomination was received for each elected office, namely:

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grand Master:                  | RIC Robert Turner (6)    |
| Deputy Grand Master:           | RIC Gerald Tetzloff (4)  |
| G. Principal Cond of the Work: | RIC Leslie Robinson (15) |
| Grand Treasurer:               | MIC Donald Russell (3)   |
| Grand Recorder:                | RIC Jerry W. Kopp (3)    |

**GM:** I, therefore declare each of the fore-going Companions elected by acclamation. Election results received and accepted by the assembly.

The following Grand Inspectors General have been duly elected in their respective Districts:

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Manitoba District:         | RIC Clifford C.P. Hardy |
| Saskatchewan District:     | RIC Donald Onclin       |
| Alberta District:          | RIC Ivan Arthur Hall    |
| BC Interior District:      | RIC Albert A. Swityk    |
| BC Mainland District:      | RIC George Heggie       |
| BC Vancouver Is. District: | RIC Doug Paugh          |

**GM:** In accordance with Article 10(j), I now call for nominations for financial reviewers:

**GRec:** I nominate RIC George Tapley (3) and MIC Ron Beirnes (3) to be the financial reviewers of the ensuring year.

**GM:** Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, I declare RIC George Tapley and MIC Ron Beirnes elected as Reviewers for 2017-2018.

**GM:** This concludes the elections for 2017-2018. The remaining officers are all appointed.

### **Report of the Grand Master's Address Committee**

Grand Master turned the gavel over the Deputy Grand Master so that the Grand Council can receive the report from the Grand Master's Address Committee. The Committee on the Grand Master's' Address supports the theme you chose to use "Support York rite". If the Councils use and support the DVD you have out, it should show positive results. You must be congratulated on getting our Website back on track. We are very lucky to have our Grand Recorder Jerry W. Kopp. We look forward to having you join the ranks of Past Illustrious Grand Masters for many years to come.

I, MIC Robert Taylor move and seconded by MIC Donald Russell that this report to received and accepted. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Officers Installation of 2017 – 2018 Grand Councils**

Installing Grand Master MIC David Grange; Installing Grand Marshal RIC Stan Payne and Installing Grand Chaplain VIC Jack Hooper. The following officers were installed/invested:

| <b>Office</b>               | <b>Name</b>         | <b>Installed/Invested</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Grand Master                | Robert Turner       | Yes                       |
| Deputy Grand Master         | Gerald Tetzloff     | Yes                       |
| G. Principal Conductor      | Leslie Robinson     | Yes                       |
| Grand Treasurer             | Donald Russell      | Yes                       |
| Grand Recorder              | Jerry W. Kopp       | Yes                       |
| GIG Manitoba                | Clifford C.P. Hardy | Yes                       |
| GIG Saskatchewan            | Donald Onclin       | Yes                       |
| GIG Alberta                 | Ivan Hall           | Yes                       |
| GIG BC Interior             | Albert Swityk       | Yes                       |
| GIG BC Mainland             | George Heggie       | No                        |
| GIG BC Van Island           | Doug Paugh          | No                        |
| Grand Chaplain              | William MacKay      | Yes                       |
| Grand Captain of the Guard  | Gordon Davey        | No                        |
| G Conductor of the Work     | Bob Turczyn         | No                        |
| Grand Organist              | Marvyn Rogers       | Yes                       |
| Grand Marshal               | David Boone         | Yes                       |
| Grand Stewart MB            | Jack Fryatt         | No                        |
| Grand Stewart SK            | Stan Petty          | No                        |
| Grand Stewart AB            | Tom Bremner         | No                        |
| Grand Stewart BC Interior   | Glenn Akelson       | Yes                       |
| Grand Stewart BC Mainland   | John Laing          | No                        |
| Grand Stewart BC Van Island | Tim Findlay         | No                        |
| Grand Sentinel              | Dennis Skuce        | No                        |
| Grand Historian             | Alan Goode          | No                        |

Proclamation made by the Installing Grand Marshal. The Grand Installing Officer thanked all for their cooperation.

## **Grand Council 2017-2018 Grand Council Committees**

Grand Recorder read out the following list:

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| <b>Grand Executive:</b>                       | All elected Officers (GM, DGM, GPCW, GTreasurer & GRecorder)     |
| <b>Financial Reviewers:</b>                   | George Tapley & Ron Beirnes                                      |
| <b>Finance:</b>                               | Don Murray & David Boone   |
| <b>Laws &amp; Jurisprudence:</b>              | Don Russell & George Tapley                                      |
| <b>Warrants &amp; Dispensations:</b>          | Grand Recorder Jerry W. Kopp                                     |
| <b>Grievance &amp; Appeals:</b>               | Leif Hansen & David Boone  |
| <b>Condition of the Rite:</b>                 | Gerald Tetzloff & Jerry W. Kopp                                  |
| <b>Honours &amp; Awards:</b>                  | Len Pickell & David Grange                                       |
| <b>Ritual:</b>                                | David Grange & Richard Gutfriend                                 |
| <b>Fraternal Dead:</b>                        | Grand Chaplain   |
| <b>Historian:</b>                             | Gr. Historian Al Goode   |
| <b>Fraternal Relations:</b>                   | Grand Recorder   |
| <b>GM Address:</b>                            | Past Grand Master Donald Russell & Assist.                       |
| <b>Website:</b>                               | Webmaster Jim Whyte  |
| <b>Grand Assembly 2018 &amp; Credentials:</b> |  |
|   | RIC Richard Gutfriend – Chairman<br>RIC John Bradley – Assistant |



**MIC Robert Turner – Inaugural Address**



## **Grand Master's Inaugural Address**

M III Past Grand Master, Distinguished Visitors, Grand Council Officers, Companions:  
Good afternoon.

I stand here today both honoured and humbled by your decision to elect me as your Grand Master. I promise I will do my best to uphold and maintain the dignity of this High Office following the bright example set by my predecessors.

I would like to thank M III Comp David Grange PMIGM and the team for the professional manner in which I was installed in this high office.

**To our Past Grand Masters:** Thank you for your support and attendance at our Grand Assembly. You are the foundation that keeps this organization going.

**To our Grand Deputy Master Rt III Comp Gerry Tetzloff and The Grand Principal Conductor of the Works Rt. III. Comp Les Robinson:** Congratulations. I look forward to working with you this year and know that your vast experience and knowledge will be an asset to this Grand Council.

**To all the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers:** Thank you for taking the responsibilities of this Grand Body.

**To the Grand Recorder R III Comp Jerry W. Kopp:** Thank you for your commitment and hard work. Your experience has been a great asset in making changes to the administration of this Grand Body. Thank you for continuing to do so as we move forward.

**To all the Members of Cryptic Councils:** Without you this Grand Council would not exist. Your presence here today shows your dedication to Cryptic Rite Masonry.

**To our Visiting Companions:** Your presence here today means so much to us. It is my hope that your visit was both pleasurable and profitable. Please take away our warm fraternal greetings.

**To My Companions:** During my Masonic journey one of the rewarding experiences I have encountered is the opportunity of visiting the Brethren from across Canada and the world.

This has allowed me to meet and kindle friendships with many great men who have similar values to mine. I have come to realize that I would not have ever met most, if not all of you, if it hadn't been for Masonry. I am proud to call you Brother, Companion and friend. We sometimes forget this important aspect of Masonry.

What drew me to Cryptic Rite? I learnt in the Craft that the Word was lost; the Royal Arch taught me that it was Recovered but something was missing. Then I was told that the Cryptic Rite would complete that story and I would find it was not lost but secured. We need to be letting the Royal Arch Companions know their journey is not complete without the Cryptic Rite.

## **Profit, Pleasure, Philanthropy and Personnel**

Ten years ago, I talked about the 4 P's.

### Profit

- We need quality in ritual work. While it would be nice to see a degree done by memory, if it is read it should not be read poorly! This gives the wrong impression to the Candidate.
- If you don't have a Candidate then exemplify the degree or the drama portion of it. This exemplification has been abandoned by some Councils.
- Education is not just having someone give a paper but having a discussion following about the contents. Education could also be a discussion pertaining to the lectures of the degree.

### Pleasure

- Our festive boards, Ladies nights, barbecues, companionship nights, visitations to other councils create great fellowship. As I read the GIG reports I learnt this is a large part of some councils.

### Philanthropy

- Please remember to support the Cryptic Rite Charitable Foundation.

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| Each of these P's have a place within our Councils and we must consider <b>*each*</b> of them equally in the marketing mix just like the sides of an equilateral triangle. By balancing these 3 P's we will achieve the fourth, which is Personnel. |
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### Personnel

- Retain Companions.
- Renew interest of Companions.
- Attract new Companions.

We are seeing a resurgence in the Craft. We cannot stand back and think the work is done. We must all keep working on marketing Masonry and, in the York Rite particularly,

Cryptic Rite. Only through our efforts and attitudes will we see positives results in the growth in membership.

I look forward to visiting with you during my travels this year.

Before we close, Companions, thank you again for taking the time to attend this Assembly. Have a safe trip home and I hope to see you in Saskatoon, May 23 and 24, 2018.

M III Comp Robert Turner  
Most Illustrious Grand Master

**Grand Council Assembly formally closed at 3:00 PM**

### **Grand Royal Arch Mariners**

Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners opened for the purpose of electing and appointing the officers for **2017-2018**. Installing Officer was MIC David Grange. The undernoted were elected, appointed, installed and invested into the noted office. Those that were not present for the investiture are **asterisk \***.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Grand Commander Noah:</b>    | <b>MIC Robert Turner</b>   |
| <b>Grand Senior Warden (J):</b> | <b>RIC Gerald Tetzloff</b> |
| <b>Grand Junior Warden (S):</b> | <b>RIC Les Robinson</b>    |
| Grand Treasurer:                | MIC Donald Russell         |
| Grand Recorder:                 | RIC Jerry W. Kopp          |
| Grand D of Ceremonies           | VIC David Boone            |
| Grand Senior Deacon:            | *VIC Gordon Davey          |
| Grand Junior Deacon:            | *VIC Robert Turczyn        |
| Grand Chaplain:                 | VIC William MacKay         |
| Grand Guardian:                 | VIC Glenn Akselson         |
| Grand Warder:                   | *VIC Dennis Skuce          |

The Ceremony of Installation and Investiture concluded at 2:30 PM.

### **Silver Trowel Ceremony**

The Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master (Silver Trowel) was convened under the direction of MIC Richard Laronde. The undernoted officers then assumed their offices and continued with the ceremony. The officers for the degree were as noted below:

Thrice Illustrious Master: MIC Donald Murray  
 Senior Warden: RIC Al Christoffersen  
 Junior Warden: RIC Leif Hansen  
 Recorder: RIC Jerry W. Kopp  
 King David: RIC John Maloney  
 Stewart: RIC Eric Weiglet  
 Sentinel: RIC Leif Hansen  
 Obligation: RIC Al Christoffersen  
 Prompter: RIC Richard Porter

Candidates: Douglas A. Scott - Cyrus Council #2  
 William Ronald Earl Smith - Portage Council #17  
 Peter John Whitehead - Acme Council #14  
 William Alexander Fraser MacKay - Saskatchewan Council #6  
 Walter (Wally) Watts - Zohar Council #4  
 Robert (Jack) John Fryatt - Cyrus Council #2  
 Gerald Tennant - Portage Council #17

### **Grand Representatives**

| <b>Grand Council to theirs</b> | <b>Jurisdiction</b> | <b>Counterpart from theirs</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| DB Russell                     | Canada East         | WJ Parsons                     |
| RO Beirnes                     | Canada Ontario      | DC Dockstader                  |
| J Gomersall                    | England             | PG Williams                    |
| AR Wenslar                     | Germany             | J Henderson                    |
| C Hartmier                     | Israel              | E. Ayalon                      |
|                                | Phillipine          | NVA Go                         |
| W Spek                         | Romania             |                                |
| D McDonald                     | Scotland            | ST Geddes                      |
| B Johnstone                    | South Australia     |                                |
| Neil Weller                    | USA - AK            |                                |
|                                | USA - AL            | BR Haller                      |
| G Kickbush                     | USA - AR            | AG Hodge                       |
| R Armitage                     | USA - AZ            | VJ Krone                       |
| R Trippel                      | USA - CA            | DJ Spencer                     |
| A Christoffersen               | USA - CO            | PD Dumont                      |
|                                | USA - CT            | ES Eby                         |
| G Onyemaobi                    | USA - DC            | K Acquah                       |
| H von Czarnowski               | USA - DE            | FR Smith                       |
| DS Carriere                    | USA - FL            | Mercer                         |
|                                | USA - GA            | DC Rickett                     |
| MP Raynor                      | USA - HI            |                                |
|                                | USA - IA            | AJ Hughes                      |
| E Wilson                       | USA - ID            | KW Gist                        |
| G Porter                       | USA - IL            | FJ Thompson                    |
| S. Payne                       | USA - IN            | RK Smith                       |
| R Johnson                      | USA - KS            | EF Cleaver                     |
| D Grange                       | USA - KY            | WG Thompson                    |
|                                | USA - LA            | WH Morris                      |

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|               | USA – MA | LH Cudworth, Jr |
|               | USA – MD | CB Morris       |
| A Hart        | USA – ME | MA Wiener       |
|               | USA – MI | MS Roberts      |
| R Turner      | USA – MN | DL Briggs       |
|               | USA – MO | ML Quesenberry  |
|               | USA – MS | L. Reeves       |
| L Pickell     | USA – MT |                 |
|               | USA – NC | J Mills         |
| K Colenutt    | USA – ND | DJ Eck          |
| D Lewis       | USA – NE | RL Williams     |
| M Rogers      | USA – NH | FH Heuss        |
|               | USA – NJ | KC Worrell      |
| B Chambers    | USA –NM  | RL Hauptert     |
| N Marsh       | USA – NV | De Cauch        |
| D McMillan    | USA – NY | LE Walker       |
| H Weaver      | USA – OH | JT Couch        |
| K McKenzie    | USA – OK | WL Keeling      |
| GW Eaton      | USA – OR | C Brooks        |
| E Weigelt     | USA – PA | KT Seay         |
| A Rollo       | USA – RI | JC Barsoum      |
|               | USA – SC | JF Gilliland    |
| K White       | USA – SD | R Lee           |
| P Devlin      | USA – TN | C Thames        |
| R Trippell    | USA – TX | DO Sutton       |
| R Shillito    | USA – UT | KE Nickols      |
|               | USA – VA |                 |
| R Laronde     | USA – VT | JR Campbell Jr. |
| JT Marshall   | USA – WA | BD Bechler      |
| GRE Tilloston | USA – WI | MD Nelson       |
|               | USA – WV |                 |
| RA Foskett    | USA – WY | G Buchholz      |

## PAST GRAND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, G. TREASURER & G. RECORDER

| Year | Assembly    | Grand Master     | D. Grand Master  | GPCond of Work   | G. Treasurer | G. Recorder  |
|------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1938 | Edmonton    | CA Hill*         | FJ Hand*         | GH McKay*        | CW Lilley*   | M<br>Downey* |
| 1939 | Winnipeg    | FJ Hand*         | Dr. S Fox*       | JE Ramard*       | CW Lilley*   | M<br>Downey* |
| 1940 | Calgary     | Dr. S Fox*       | JE Ramard*       | FB Reilly*       | CW Lilley*   | M<br>Downey* |
| 1941 | Vancouver   | JE Ramard*       | FB Reilly*       | H Sandilands*    | CW Lilley*   | M<br>Downey* |
| 1942 | Edmonton    | FB Reilly*       | H Sandilands*    | J France-Hughes* | CW Lilley*   | M<br>Downey* |
| 1943 | Regina      | H Sandilands*    | J France-Hughes* | JR Flan"         | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1944 | Edmonton    | J France-Hughes* | JR Flan*         | John McLeod*     | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1945 | Winnipeg    | JR Flan*         | John McLeod*     | Sam Harris*      | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1946 | Calgary     | John McLeod*     | Sam Harris*      | JO Clarke*       | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1947 | Vancouver   | Sam Harris*      | CW Lilley*       | A Crawford*      | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1948 | Calgary     | CW Lilley*       | JT Boyd*         | JW Verge*        | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1949 | Edmonton    | JT Boyd*         | HWB Bell*        | G Plasteras*     | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1950 | Regina      | HWB Bell*        | G Plasteras*     | F Brockbank*     | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1951 | Edmonton    | G. Plasteras*    | F Brockbank*     | WM Boyd*         | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1952 | Calgary     | F Brockbank*     | WM Boyd*         | EG Ellerton*     | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1953 | N Vancouver | EG Ellerton*     | AA Wilson*       | HE Bentley*      | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1954 | Calgary     | AA Wilson*       | HE Bentley*      | GH Lambert*      | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1955 | Moose Jaw   | HE Bentley*      | GH Lambert*      | DB Watt*         | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1956 | NWestminst  | GH Lambert*      | DB Watt*         | JL Innes*        | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1957 | Edmonton    | DB Watt          | JL Innes*        | JC Allen*        | Lamberton    | M<br>Downey* |
| 1958 | Vancouver   | JL Innes*        | JC Allen*        | Dr. ND Kennedy*  | A Peart*     | CW Lilley*   |
| 1959 | Edmonton    | JC Allen*        | Dr ND Kennedy*   | EV Bell*         | A Peart*     | CW Lilley*   |
| 1960 | Winnipeg    | Dr ND Kennedy*   | EV Bell*         | WG Scott*        | A Peart*     | CW Lilley*   |
| 1961 | Regina      | WG Scott*        | EV Bell*         | AC Woods*        | A Peart*     | CW Lilley*   |
| 1962 | Calgary     | EVBell*          | AC Woods*        | TP Crowther*     | A Peart*     | CW Lilley*   |
| 1963 | NWestminst  | AC Woods         | TP Crowther*     | WS Neate*        | WG Scott*    | CW Lilley*   |
| 1964 | Saskatoon   | TP Crowther*     | WS Neate*        | GC Russell*      | WG Scott*    | CW Lilley*   |
| 1965 | N Vancouver | WS Neate*        | GC Russell*      | JM Auchterionie  | GC Russell*  | CW Lilley*   |
| 1966 | Calgary     | LS Churchill*    | SE Greenburg*    | EO Burt*         | WG Scott*    | CW Lilley*   |

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| 1967 | Victoria    | SE Greenburg*   | EO Burt*        | CE Pollard*     | GG Kelso    | Churchill* |
| 1968 | Winnipeg    | EO Burt*        | CE Pollard*     | RF Hopkinson*   | GG Kelso    | Churchill* |
| 1969 | Yorkton     | CE Pollard*     | RF Hopkinson*   | AC Gunning*     | Andrews     | Churchill* |
| 1970 | N Vancouver | RF Hopkinson*   | AC Gunning*     | OP Thomas*      | Andrews     | Churchill* |
| 1971 | Regina      | AC Gunning*     | OP Thomas*      | WJ McGregor*    | Andrews     | Churchill* |
| 1972 | Calgary     | OP Thomas*      | WJ McGregor*    | LA Nygren*      | Andrews     | Churchill* |
| 1973 | Edmonton    | WJ McGregor*    | LA Nygren*      | RF Hopkinson*   | Andrews     | Churchill* |
| 1974 | Brandon     | LA Nygren*      | A Robinson*     | E Giese*        | Chamberlain | Churchill* |
| 1975 | NWestminst  | A Robinson*     | E Giese*        | Dr PJ Kendal*   | Chamberlain | Churchill* |
| 1976 | Regina      | E Giese*        | Dr. PJ Kendal*  | H Moglove*      | Chamberlain | Churchill* |
| 1977 | Victoria    | Dr PJ Kendal*   | H Moglove*      | GH Chamberlain* | RA Cutler*  | Churchill* |
| 1978 | Edmonton    | H Moglove*      | GH Chamberlain* | GG Cook*        | RA Cutler*  | Churchill* |
| 1979 | Winnipeg    | GH Chamberlain* | GG Cook*        | RF Hopkinson*   | RA Cutler*  | Churchill* |
| 1980 | Kamloops    | GG Cook*        | SFG Slater*     | JM Auchterionie | RA Cutler*  | Churchill* |

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| Year | Assembly      | Grand Master     | D. Grand Master  | GPCond of Work  | G. Treasurer | G. Recorder |
|------|---------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1981 | Saskatoon     | SFG Slater*      | JM Auchterionie* | WE Axon*        | RA Cutler*   | Churchill   |
| 1982 | Edmonton      | JM Auchterionie* | WE Axon*         | TW Price*       | RA Cutler*   | Churchill   |
| 1983 | Courtenay     | WE Axon*         | TW Price*        | R Harwood*      | RA Cutler*   | Churchill   |
| 1984 | Winnipeg      | TW Price*        | R Harwood*       | JM Bremner*     | RA Cutler*   | Churchill   |
| 1985 | Prince George | R Harwood*       | JM Bremner*      | CE Storie*      | RA Cutler*   | Churchill   |
| 1986 | Moose Jaw     | JM Bremner*      | CE Storie*       | SG Redgrave     | RA Cutler*   | Churchill   |
| 1987 | Edmonton      | CE Storie*       | SG Redgrave      | DA Orr*         | WH Young*    | Churchill   |
| 1988 | Winnipeg      | SG Redgrave      | DA Orr*          | Dr L McKercher* | Whiddon*     | KE White    |
| 1989 | Nanaimo       | DA Orr*          | Dr L McKercher*  | JC James*       | Whiddon*     | KE White    |
| 1990 | Yorkton       | Dr L. McKercher* | JC James*        | WD Jasper*      | Whiddon*     | KE White    |
| 1991 | Lethbridge    | JC James*        | WD Jasper*       | SF Tickner      | Whiddon*     | KE White    |
| 1992 | Winnipeg      | WD Jasper*       | SF Tickner       | D Neill*        | Whiddon*     | KE White    |
| 1993 | Parksville    | SF Tickner       | D Neill*         | W Schade*       | Whiddon*     | KE White    |
| 1994 | Cypress Hills | D Neill*         | W Schade*        | RA Cutler*      | Whiddon*     | KE White    |
| 1995 | Edmonton      | SF Johnson       | RA Cutler*       | DH Wilson       | Whiddon*     | KE White    |
| 1996 | Winnipeg      | RA Cutler*       | DH Wilson        | EF Zander*      | RO Beirnes   | DB Russell  |
| 1997 | Edmonton      | DH Wilson+       | EF Zander*       | NA Pow*         | RO Beirnes   | DB Russell  |
| 1998 | Moose Jaw     | EF Zander*       | NA Pow*          | M Glenn         | RL Costigan* | DB Russell  |
| 1999 | Edmonton      | NA Pow*          | M Glenn          | L Kingston+     | RL Costigan* | DB Russell  |
| 2000 | Winnipeg      | M Glenn          | L Kingston+      | RO Beirnes      | RL Costigan* | DB Russell  |
| 2001 | Cranbrook     | L Kingston+      | RO Beirnes       | G Tillotson     | RL Costigan* | DB Russell  |
| 2002 | Yorkton       | RO Beirnes       | G Tillotson      | G Ebel          | RL Costigan* | DB Russell  |
| 2003 | Camrose       | G Tillotson      | G Ebel           | JR Graham*      | WL Seifert   | DB Russell  |
| 2004 | Courtenay     | G Ebel           | JR Graham*       | R Taylor        | WL Seifert   | DB Russell  |
| 2005 | Winnipeg      | JR Graham*       | R Taylor         | L Pickell       | WL Seifert   | DB Russell  |

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| 2006 | Saskatoon  | R Taylor    | L Pickell   | LR McInnes* | WL Seifert  | DB Russell |
| 2007 | Camrose    | L Pickell   | LR McInnes* | D McDonald  | WL Seifert  | DB Russell |
| 2008 | Chilliwack | LR McInnes* | D McDonald  | DB Russell  | D McMillian | ER Wilson  |
| 2009 | Winnipeg   | D McDonald  | DB Russell  | B Richman   | D McMillian | ER Wilson  |
| 2010 | Saskatoon  | DB Russell  | B Richman   | W Cooper*   | D McMillian | ER Wilson  |
| 2011 | Camrose    | B Richman   | W Cooper*   | D Appel     | D McMillian | ER Wilson  |
| 2012 | Chilliwack | W Cooper*   | D Appel     | D Murray    | D McMillian | ER Wilson  |
| 2013 | Winnipeg   | D Appel     | D Murray    | D Grange    | D McMillian | ER Wilson  |
| 2014 | Regina     | D Murray    | D Grange    | D Beatty*   | D McMillian | ER Wilson  |
| 2015 | Camrose    | D Grange    | R Laronde   | R Turner    | D McMillian | ER Wilson  |
| 2016 | Chilliwack | R Laronde   | R Turner    | G. Tetzloff | DB Russell  | JW Kopp    |
| 2017 | Winnipeg   | R Turner    | G Tetzloff  | L Robinson  | DB Russell  | JW Kopp    |
| 2018 | Saskatoon  |             |             |             |             |            |
| 2019 | Camrose    |             |             |             |             |            |
| 2020 |            |             |             |             |             |            |
| 2021 |            |             |             |             |             |            |

### PAST GRAND INSPECTOR GENERALS

| Year | BC L MAINLAND | MAN             | ALTA        | SASK        | BC VAN ISLAND | BC INTERIOR |
|------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1938 | S. Harris     | W.J. Motherwell | J.W. Verge  |             |               |             |
| 1939 | JA Davies     | S.D. Cruden     | J.W. Verge  | L.S. Sifton |               |             |
| 1940 | HG Crumplin   | CF Kister       | WH Smith    | G Plasteras |               |             |
| 1941 | JS Wilson     | G MacAulay      | W Hill      | G Plasteras |               |             |
| 1942 | C Byrne       | JT Boyd         | F Mclunkie  | A Campbell  |               |             |
| 1943 | C Byrne       | A Crawford      | EA Shaw     | JO Clarke   |               |             |
| 1944 | RH Hilton     | AG Hall         | JE Durn     | FE Doull    |               |             |
| 1945 | C Byrne       | G MacAulay      | WH Green    | HM deRouche |               |             |
| 1946 | M Crompton    | JP Walker       | A Snowden   | F Kimberley |               |             |
| 1947 | JS Wilson     | GA Noble        | F Mayer     | F Kimberley |               |             |
| 1948 | F Brockbank   | GA Noble        | HW Bell     | FE Doull    |               |             |
| 1949 | F Brockbank   | JH Stenberg     | AH Avery    | FE Doull    |               |             |
| 1950 | DB Watt       | A Shanks        | A Peart     | AA Wilson   |               |             |
| 1951 | TS Bayne      | JM Davies       | JL Innes    | SC Atkinson |               |             |
| 1952 | EV Bell       | JM Davies       | GH Lambert  | HR Robinson |               |             |
| 1953 | DA Hatch      | SE Greenberg    | AL Williams | GE Stuhr    |               |             |
| 1954 | H Killam      | D Cookery       | A Anderson  | CM Buchanan |               |             |
| 1955 | TP Crowther   | GM Kruger       | CC Duthie   | LC Boyle    |               |             |
| 1956 | T Irwin       | JM Bain         | W Lord      | HR Robinson |               |             |
| 1957 | RO Cutler     | WS Neate        | WE Baker    | AC Woods    |               |             |
| 1958 | J Bennett     | CE Strange      | RJ Smith    | GL Cook     |               |             |



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|------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1959 | GM Gilcash    | CA Cabel    | CW Lester   | HR Nicholson |                 |
| 1960 | CF Williamson | WJ Wyburn   | EC Logan    | TJ Brown     |                 |
| 1961 | AC Brown      | H Purton    | J Farrugie  | R Best       |                 |
| 1962 | LS Churchill  | RA Cruthers | WH Houghton | EO Burt      | TF Isbister     |
| 1963 | CE Pollard    | AE Love     | H Bertles   | JW Hill      | TW Walker       |
| 1964 | HE Johnson    | L Mitchie   | HD Fawcett  | GG Botting   | WE Barracioughs |
| 1965 | JA Manzer     | PE Ross     | JK Cowan    | A Robinson   | GW Slater       |
| 1966 | GG Kelso      | FH Gibson   | EC Ross     | FR Hopkinson | J Aikens        |
| 1967 | A Gunderson   | EE Smith    | JA Atkinson | RC Carter    | M Morton        |
| 1968 | JA Hume       | WJ McGregor | OP Thomas   | HK Haldorson | H Henderson     |
| 1969 | PJ Bottaro    | W Wilson    | WJ Forsyth  | HD Gleave    | OK Webstad      |
| 1970 | JG Davidson   | EA McMullen | JM White    | H Be;;       | F Rowbottom     |
| 1971 | HB Shipley    | H Moglove   | J Mirtle    | SW Wilson    | JB Bradshaw     |
| 1972 | J Cameron     | AL Lamont   | HF Boag     | K Melstead   | P Johnson       |
| 1973 | J McBain      | HK Steinman | WJ Weberg   | R Kosak      | J Belt          |
| 1974 | WH Young      | WA Maguire  | D Neill     | GG Cook      | E Giese         |
| 1975 | P Pirie       | WE Axon     | JS McKergow | GA Phillips  | AA Piercy       |
| 1976 | TW Price      | HG McRae    | DR Gittens  | A Tingle     | RG Morse        |
| 1977 | H Tonkin      | W Schade    | G Whiddon   | RL Harwood   | H Carlson       |
| 1978 | R Webster     | FW Knox     | MAR Cliff   | LJ Conn      | W Pace          |
| 1979 | DJ Thornbury  | B Agerbak   | CW Knox     | E Fisher     | W Jackson       |
| 1980 | HS Lamb       | RG Johnson  | JM Bremner  | JP Brooks    | CC Walkey       |

| <b>Year</b> | <b>BC L MAINLAND</b> | <b>MAN</b>   | <b>ALTA</b>  | <b>SASK</b>  | <b>VAN ISLAND</b> | <b>BC INTERIOR</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1981        | M Chalmers           | NS Olson     | LA McKercher | FT Dowding   | BG Harvey         |                    |
| 1982        | RG Parker            | HA Brown     | JD Lee       | R Saunders   | WG Surgenor       |                    |
| 1983        | DB Prentice          | P Martin     | CH Weir      | B Mathewson  | WD Jasper         |                    |
| 1984        | SG Redgrave          | S Johnson    | SH Scott     | SH Brown     | B Hemmingway      |                    |
| 1985        | MC Nicholson         | LG Bromwell  | JE Flatt     | DM Montague  | RV Gray           | GH Coupland        |
| 1986        | AP Alexander         | PJ Webster   | J McMaster   | Fissel       | JE Dobell         | D Rankin           |
| 1987        | RW Fraser            | JC James     | B Quaintance | HE Morgan    | JA Rennie         | HE Caldwell        |
| 1988        | JF Willis            | RV Weir      | J McKee      | SF Tickner   | GA Yates          | RH Hodge           |
| 1989        | S Lentle             | NM Fairbairn | AI Swindells | HR Horn      | WW Isbister       | FJ Bird            |
| 1990        | VM Halverson         | JC Campbell  | E Tyler      | JA Hall      | BB Hetherington   | GC Bulloch         |
| 1991        | RMG McKenzie         | JHF MacKay   | R Phillips   | RA Foskett   | CM Jasper         | CM Jasper          |
| 1992        | JC Gordon            | HT Ross      | JM Dysdale   | KLA Kingston | DE Machan         | FT Melnick         |
| 1993        | A Gordon             | SA Elliott   | EL Boyd      | DH Wilson    | P Pitz            | OC Westrup         |
| 1994        | LG Pickell           | MS Cowie     | DB Russell   | WL Hobbs     | RV Cleaver        | RR Hodge           |
| 1995        | AH Jespersen         | RH Allen     | EF Zander    | RD Kondra    | AJ Pritchard      | BL Lundberg        |
| 1996        | LA Pelke             | GA Ebel      | JR Burke     | J Shepherd   | DBTurner          | DS Carriere        |
| 1997        | K Crick              | JG Ball      | E Creasy     | JR Tait      | JD Cleaver        | RA Shillito        |

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| 1998 | AE Porter    | RR Reid          | DH Murray     | H Valleyand | DL McEachern | R Bushby    |
| 1999 | WF Fooks     | NS Gudbjartson   | J Phillipotts | JR Graham   | G Tillotson  | A Laine     |
| 2000 | MP Raynor    | S Payne          | NP Wheat      | D McGilvory | T Hanna      | T Kuiperi   |
| 2001 | B Hoare      | G Taylor         | E Weigelt     | D McDonald  | F Merritt    | R Mercer    |
| 2002 | H Freeston   | A Christofferson | DT Clarke     | N Cook      | R Armitage   | R Sellwood  |
| 2003 | WB MacKinnon | G Feltham        | R Costigan    | D McKay     | C Crow       | R Johnson   |
| 2003 | AR Wenslar   | F Magert         |               |             |              |             |
| 2004 | AS Rollo     | J McLeod         | T Aspeslet    | G Elliott   | GH Gordon    | D Ogilvie   |
| 2005 | AM Ross      | L Hansen         | M Rogers      | D Gerle     | JC Whyte     | T Purves    |
| 2006 | JR Elton     | J Barratt        | L Dowdell     | D Gutfriend | LJ Brownsey  | H Ferster   |
| 2007 | H Chow       | R Church         | RJ MacDougall | T Howe      | A Bossons    | R McKay     |
| 2008 | K Forouhar   | D Beattie        | W Boone       | J Colenutt  | FT Lefley    | K McKenzie  |
| 2009 | D Grange     | T Yorke          | D Hongisto    | J Bradley   | K Ward       | G Sawchuk   |
| 2010 | A Hart       | C Hartmier       | J Maloney     | W Liepert   | D Leischner  | N MacDonald |
| 2011 | GW Eaton     | T Lambert        | G Tetzloff    | F Atchinson | John Kelly   | G Constable |
| 2012 | D Lewis      | Ivan Leblanc     | G Berard      | R Turner    | Joel Chiri   | G Kickbush  |
| 2013 | G Onyemaobi  | M Jardine        | C Stobbs      | D Elliott   | H Hayes      | B Stringer  |
| 2014 | J Gomersall  | J Bjore          | C Enerson     | D Haroldson | K Overy      | N Weller    |
| 2015 | T Brown      | V Bryll          | G Tapley      | M Miller    | R McLellan   | B Stringer  |
| 2016 | B Bechler    | R. Porter        | Les Payne     | J. Leyshon  | T D'Eramo    | R Trippel   |
| 2017 | G Heggie     | C C P Hardy      | Ivan Hall     | D Onclin    | D Paugh      | A Swityk    |
| 2018 |              |                  |               |             |              |             |
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