

**Grand Chapter Executive Meeting  
February 8, 2020 Lacombe Freemasons Hall, Lacombe, AB**

- 1. Meeting: Called to Order by Chairman REC Gerald Waldern – Grand H at 1:00 AM**
- 2. Regrets received: MECs Keng-Wei Chiew, Eric Weiglet, Richard Glasgow, David Hongisto, Norm Downs, Peter Devlin, Terry Drolet, and Donald Russell; RECs Kyle Burns, Brant Irwin, Barry Horner, Barry Hanna, Wes Johnson & Terry Gould; ECs Dave Rogers, Grant Molyneau**
- 3. There were approximately 45 Companions in attendance, some of the southern Alberta Companions were not able to travel due to an overnight snow-storm, which hindered travel.**
- 4. Opening Invocation by REC Jeff Knight, prayers for David Winfield’s family as he just passed to the Grand Chapter Above, just last night after a very brief illness, he was the GZ’s Grand Pursuivant. Also, prayers for EC Dave Rogers Z of Shekinah Chapter #4 – illness-Cancer of the Kidney. Moments silence was followed for all Companions who have passed to the Grand Chapter Above this past year.**
- 5. Chairman’s Remarks**
  - Introductions of those assembled.
  - Welcomed the Companions for attending
- 6. Grand Scribe E – Outlined the voting privileges at the Executive Meeting – Article 4.21**
- 7. Minutes of 2019 Grand Executive Meeting, printed in the proceedings and hand-out available.**

**MOTION: MEC Leif Hanson moved and seconded by VEC Kim Greenizen that the 2019 Grand Executive Meeting be adopted: CARRIED**

**A. Report of the Committee on Audit and Finance**

We are pleased to report that the Chapters’ who were behind in the per capita fees to Grand Chapter are now caught up. Currently we have only twelve Chapters who owe their 2019 Per Capita fees which are due on or before the February 28, 2020. The Grand Scribe E has been working hard to keep the Chapters up-to-date on their outstanding debts.

The budget for 2020 has been prepared with a slight increase, which is due to the Grand Scribe E receiving a 2.5% increase each year which was approved three years ago by the Grand Chapter Executive Committee and the Grand Convocation. All other reporting financial lines have not changed from that of 2019 Budget. In 2019 the actual expenses came in under the budgeted forecast, by \$912.52.

In the past two years the revenue has increased substantially with increase of approximately \$6000.00 in 2018 and approximately another \$7000.00 over last year. The Chapters are to be thanked for supporting the Grand Chapter’s initiative of volume sales for regalia with a mark-up of only 15%. The above numbers appear a great benefit, but the expenses for both years were likewise up a considerable amount, but at least we have shown a slight profit each year. There is no need at this point to increase the mark-up on goods sold or the per capita fees. We believe that we can once again stay with the proposed budget for 2020.

The financial records have been streamlined to a degree and further modification is expected, with the hopes of implementing a standard practice for the recording of information so that pressure can be taken away from both the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Scribe E and the Financial Reviewer.

The financial records have not been reviewed at this point and it will be completed before the Grand Chapter Annual Convocation.

Submitted by the Finance Committee  
 REC Donald Murray – Grand Treasurer  
 MEC Jerry W. Kopp – RE Grand Scribe E  
 REC Terry Gould – Finance Committee  
 REC Robert Taylor – Finance Committee

## EXPENDITURES 2019 & BUDGET FOR 2020

	Actual 2017	Actual 2018	Budget 2018	Actual 2019	Budget 2019	Budget 2020
<b>REVENUE</b>						
Per Capita	\$13,692.00	\$13,965.00	\$14,500.00	\$16,342.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Certificate						
Membership	\$764.00	\$735.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Life	0		\$15.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Past Principal	\$255.00	\$210.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Warrants & Dispen	\$570.00	\$285.00	\$300.00	\$255.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Affiliations	\$180.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Sales of Supplies	\$11,776.45	\$8,051.13	\$15,000.00	\$13,430.02	\$13,800.00	\$13,800.00
Rituals				\$4,496.00		
Init Fees/OHP	\$890.00	\$640.00	\$720	\$715.00	\$720.00	\$720.00
Interst Earned	\$1,249.57	\$1,498.87	\$1,275.00	\$1,823.88	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Spec. Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Convocation	\$8,599.36	\$10,926.56	\$8,500.00	\$11,998.18	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
KYCH & RCC meals	\$988.00	\$0.00	\$975.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Postage Recovered	\$111.29	\$85.94	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$39,075.67	\$36,522.50	\$42,460.00	\$49,060.08	\$41,195.00	\$41,195.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Grand Convocation	\$8,684.71	\$10,656.49	\$8,500.00	\$10,549.09	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Deposit Next Conv				\$7,600.00		
KYCH & RCC Meals	\$974.50	0	\$975.00		\$975.00	\$975.00
Travel Honourium					0	
Grand Z	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Grand H	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Grand J	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
G Dist Supt	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Office: Grand Treasurer	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Grand Scribe	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,303.75	\$6,303.75	\$6,461.34

Office Rent	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Postage/Telephone	\$190.34	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Office Supplies	\$281.63	\$345.57	\$1,400.00	\$2,077.14	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Supply Resale	\$12,333.91	\$3,186.68	\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Insurance	\$1,223.00	\$1,369.14	\$1,250.00	\$1,305.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Print General	\$1,097.51	\$186.90	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Bank Charges	\$17.06	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Inventory Adjustment	-\$1,981.28	\$3,878.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rituals				\$1,800.96		
General Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,661.94	\$100.00	\$1,844.55	\$100.00	\$100.00
OH Priesthood	\$586.90	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$826.09	\$700.00	\$700.00
RAM Website	\$189.00	\$531.00	\$225.00	\$2,908.50	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Dues General Grand	\$2,002.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GC Regalia New	\$529.20	\$0.00	\$3,250.00	\$7,187.53	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Regalia Repair	\$502.61	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Committee Expenses	\$147.05	\$205.43	\$250.00	\$244.95	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,278.14</b>	<b>\$34,521.38</b>	<b>\$42,260.00</b>	<b>\$48,147.56</b>	<b>\$41,388.75</b>	<b>\$41,546.34</b>
Revenue	\$39,075.67	\$36,522.50	\$42,460.00	\$49,060.08	\$41,195.00	\$41,195.00
Expenses	\$39,278.14	\$34,521.38	\$42,260.00	\$48,147.56	\$41,388.75	\$41,546.34
	-\$202.47	\$2,001.12	\$200.00	\$912.52	-\$193.75	-\$351.34

#### **MOTION**

**I, MEC Jerry W. Kopp – Grand Scribe E move and seconded by REC Larry Watson; that the 2020 Budget be approved. CARRIED**

#### **B. Report of the Grand Treasurer**

- Very brief report
- Cash on hand \$30012.00
- Investments \$101571.00
- Accounts receivable \$1948.75
- Total Revenue \$ 49060.00
- Total Expenses \$ 48147
- Net balance \$912.52
- No Questions report is received

#### **C. Report of the Grand Scribe E**

This is not the final Grand Scribe E's Report, it is only a brief outline of the activities.

We are pleased to announce that Hangingstone Chapter #40 has finally received their replacement Charter. We managed to locate a printing company in Calgary, who was able to reproduce a template in fillable PDF format from an existing Charter. The printing company was able to make all the fill-ins for us and print the Charter to its proper size, if there is such a thing.

The Grand Scribe E also had the same printing company reproduce the Past Grand First Principal's Certificate in fillable PDF format, which allows us to fill in the needed information and take it back to the printing company. Both the Charter and the PGZ Certificates at a reasonable price. The final certificate is an additional cost. The Grand Scribe E has possession of the memory stick for both the Certificates.

The Office of the Grand Scribe E has had a substantial increase to the Revenue to the approximate amount of \$49,000.00 and the Expenses were approximately \$48,000.00. This increase is mainly through the cooperation of the Chapters making their regalia purchases through the Grand Chapter Office. We have a couple of Chapters that are purchasing regalia elsewhere, and we need their cooperation to purchase from the Grand Chapter. Yes, you may get the regalia slightly cheaper, but the Grand Scribe has examined some of this regalia and can assure you that it is not of the same quality that can be procured through Canadian Masonic Supply. Canadian Masonic Supply has been cooperative and speedy in filling many of the Orders. They do however, have difficulty in obtaining the collar jewels from a reliable source. Also, some of the Grand Chapter Aprons need to be order an English Supplier, and this could take several weeks or even months.

You may have noticed that the Grand Chapter Web-site now has many of the Chapter and Grand Chapter forms on the website, so please use the Web to obtain your forms, as the Grand Chapter Office will no longer have a supply of forms available. Paperless is the route to go for this office.

The 2019 Annual Returns have almost all been submitted, there are some slow in coming. We need to remind the Chapters that these reports are due on January 31<sup>st</sup> and fees are to be submitted by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Each Chapter should have a budget set for their Chapter, which includes budgeting for the per capita fees, this helps avoiding the delay because the Chapter may have to get approval on the floor of the Chapter, which might be delayed to their next meeting which could a couple months away. Grand Chapter does not want to see any Chapter denied their voting privileges because they have failed to submit their Annual Return and Fees in a timely manner. It should also be noted that the late fees are subject to flat charge of 5% on the overdue account. (Article 1.49 & 1.50 of the Regulations)

With only two more Chapters to submit their Annual Returns, 2018 revealed that we have 943 Companions and so far in 2019 we have 965 Companions an increase of 22 Companions. We note that demits in 2018 were 43 vs 26 in 2019, suspensions 27 vs 8 and deaths 18 vs 15. Admissions, affiliations and restoration remain approximately the same. Thirteen Chapters have a gain in membership, one chapter with no change and seven Chapter experienced a loss.

#### MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS BY CHAPTER

### GRAND CHAPTER HRA 2019

#### MEMBERSHIP

Chapter	#	2018	ADM	AFFL	REST	DEMIT	SUSP	DEATH	2019
Alberta	1	87	5			1		2	89
North Star	2	59	2	1				2	60
Assinibioia	3	26	2					1	27
Shekinah	4	44		1		1		1	43
Golden West	5	31	4			2		1	32
Otuskwaw	9	74	9			3			80
Keystone	12	25	7	1					33
Capital City	13	72	3	2		1	1	1	74
Hillvue	15	21	2			3			20
Mt. Olivet	17	38				2		1	35
Norwood	18	37	3	1		2			39

Strathmore	21	64	5		1	3	2	63
Crescent	24	56			5			51
Harmony	26	27						27
Eheyeh	27	33	2					35
Edson	30	32	1	1	1	2	2	29
Parklands	31	24	3	1				28
Wapiti	34	25	2				1	26
Lebanon	38	24						24
Cold Lake	39	28	1		1		1	27
Hangingstone	40	57	3	1				61
Stoney	41	38	2	2	2	2	0	38
Mountianview	42	21	4		1			24
			60	9	2	26	8	15
		<b>943</b>						<b>965</b>

Grand Chapter regalia is nearly completion with respect to replacing well worn or illegal aprons, collars and Jewels. We need seven new aprons, four chain collars and five cloth collars, which will bring most of the regalia up-to-date.

## CONDITION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER APRONS AND COLLARS RATES 1 TO 5

	Apron	Condition	Legal	Replace	Collar	Condition	Legal	Replace	Sash	Replace
Grand First Principal					X Chain					
Grand Second Principal	X	New 2018	YES	No	X Chain	3	YES	No	4	NO
Grand Third Principal	X	New 2018	YES	NO	X Chain	5	Yes	No	4	NO
Grand Treasurer	X	5	YES	NO	X Chain	5	YES	NO	4	NO
Grand Scribe E					X Chain	3	YES	No	4	NO
	Apron	Condition	Legal	Replace	Collar	Condition	Legal	Replace	Sash	Replace
Dist #1 Supt	x	New 2018	YES	No	X Chain	4	yes	no	4	No
Dist #2 Supt		New 2018	YES	No	X Chain	4	yes	no	3	No
Dist #3 Supt	X	New 2018	YES	NO	X Chain	3	yes	no	4	No
Dist #4 Supt	X	3	Yes	No	X Chain	2	no	yes	3	No
	Apron	Condition	Legal	Replace	Collar	Condition	Legal	Replace	Sash	Replace
Grand Scribe N										
Grand Principal Sojourn	X	New 2018	YES	NO	X	new 2018	yes	no	4	no
Grand Historian	X	4	YES	NO	X	4	X	No	4	NO
Grand Chaplain	X	4	YES	NO	x	3	yes	no	4	no
Grand Sr. Sojourner	X	2	NO	YES	X	5	5	NO	3	NO
Grand Jr. Sojourner	X	3	YES	NO	X	4	yes	NO	5	no
Grand D of C	X	3	YES	NO	X	5	yes	NO	4	no
Grand Sword Bearer										
	Apron	Condition	Legal	Replace	Collar	Condition	Legal	Replace	Sash	Replace
Grand Registrar										
Grand Lecturers	X	1	YES	Yes	X	1	Yes	NO	2	Yes
Grand Organist										

<b>Grand Pursuivant</b>	X	5	yes	NO	X	5	yes	NO	5	NO
<b>Grand Piper</b>	X	New 2018	YES	NO	X	5	Yes	NO	5	No
<b>Grand Tyler (Sentinel)</b>										

#### D. Report of the Youth Endowment

A request was received through Lebanon Chapter #38 on February 18, 2019 on behalf of the **Ewashko** un-named family requesting assistance to finance a trip to Montreal for more training for one of Aidan's therapy programs - Advanced Biomechanical Rehabilitation. A donation of \$1000.00 was approved and was sent to the family to assist them to attend this course.

We also received a request to assist the Camrose and Area Children's Choir to assist them with their trip to Ottawa for Unisong 2019 which is a choral festival involving choirs from across the country performing at the National Arts Centre adjacent to Parliament Hill. A donation of \$1000.00 was approved.

Harmony Chapter #26 submitted a request to assist the Brooks Women's shelter which has a program where they house families suffering from abuse. Some of the children in these families need some extra special support. The Children's program does not receive funding from any levels of Government. A donation of \$1500.00 given to the shelter.

A request was also received Hanging Stone Chapter requesting assistance to purchase x-ray equipment for the Fort McMurray Hospital. A check for \$2000.00 was sent to the Northern Lights Health Foundation.

As well we donated \$1000.00 to the We Can Help program for the 2019 year.

#### 2019 Financial Report

Investment fund total is \$370,439.51

Donation fund carry over from 2019 is \$6,287.08

2020 interest to be added will be about \$7,200.00 which will give us \$13,487.08 for 2020.

Donations to the investment fund was \$10,797.64.

Interest received in 2019 was \$7,196.55.

We gave \$6,500.00 in donations in 2019.

#### Break down of Donations for 2019

Lebanon Chapter #38	\$1000.00
Camrose & Area Children's Choir	\$1000.00
Brooks & Area Women's Shelter	\$1500.00
Northern Lights Health Foundation	\$2000.00

We Can Help program

\$1000.00

I have put on a couple of presentations about the YEF last year and have request from Stoney Chapter to make a presentation about the YEF in March of this year. If any other Chapters or Districts would like a presentation about the YEF please let me know.

On behalf of the YEF committee Which consists of Eric Weigelt, Ken Mingo, Don Murray, and myself I would like to thank all the Chapters and Companions of Alberta for their generous support and commitment to the future of our youth in this province. I personally would also like to thank the members of the YEF committee for their support this year.

Bill Sheppard, Chairman

## **E. Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Constitution**

### **Jurisprudence Sub-Committee Report**

During the 2019 – 2020 year the Jurisprudence Sub-Committee has been requested to review the following:

1. Mountainview Chapter #42 By-laws
2. Notice of Motion to Limit term of the Grand Scribe “E” to 5 years
3. Notice of Motion to rescind the Motion approved in May 2019 regarding Part 3 “Chapters” Sections 3.85 and 3.86.

The Jurisprudence Sub-committee findings were as follows:

1. Mountainview Chapter #42 was requested to submit some additional supporting documentation and upon receipt the Sub-committee forwarded their recommendation that the Mountainview By-laws be approved.
2. Upon review of the proposed Notice of Motion to limit the term of the Scribe “E” it was found to be in order and due form.
3. The Stoney Chapter Notice of Motion to rescinding the Motion approved in May 2019 regarding Part 3 “Chapters Sections 3.85 and 3.86 upon completion of the review was found to be in order and the appropriate supporting documentation in place.

All three Submittals were forwarded to the Grand Executive

This is the 2019/2020 report of the Jurisprudence Sub-Committee.

A copy this report has been placed with the Grand Scribe “E”.

Respectfully

MEC Wally Watts

Chairman

Jurisprudence Sub-Committee

## **Constitution & Regulations Sub-Committee**

During the 2019 – 2020 year the **Constitution & Regulations** Sub-Committee has accomplished the following:

1. Draft of the Revised C&R Wording
2. Review of the draft C&R by the Chapters
3. Review and incorporation of the appropriate recommendations provided by the Chapters
4. Provided overview of the revised draft to the Grand Executive Committee for review

Key alterations to the C&R of 2015 were:

1. re-incorporation of some articles from the red book Constitution and Regulation dated May 10, 1969
2. Incorporation of the approved Motions from 2015 up to and including 2019
3. Incorporated the following modifications for review based on numerous sources of feedback from members and the C&R Sub-Committee:

### **Constitution**

- a. Adjusted the Definitions to clarify some of the terms to suit the interpretation of the C&R;
- b. Change vote requirement for Regulations from simple majority (50% + 1) to a 2/3 Majority;
- c. Updated the Jurisdictional description based on the boundary changes to the Territories;
- d. Moved the Grand Principle Sojourner to an appointed position;
- e. Modified the 5 appointees by the Grand Z to the Executive Committee from mandatory to optional appointment up to 5 per year at the Grand Z's discretion, without limiting the Grand Z's ability to appoint individuals (for the duration of his term) who would provide special skills to the Committee;
- f. time requirements for the Grand Scribe "E" to have the Preliminary report issued and the Grand Convocation Proceeding issued each year;
- g. time requirement for the Grand Scribe "E" to publish to each Chapter a copy of the Motions approved at each Annual Grand Convocation;
- h. Incorporation of Article VII Liability and Indemnification;

### **Regulations**

- i. Addition of ability for Grand Chapter to use electronic banking for deposits or internal transfer between Grand Chapter Accounts.

Next Steps

1. Incorporate any Motions passed at the 2020 Grand Convocation
2. Assemble finalized C&R book.
3. Provide overview of draft C&R at all 4 District meetings
4. Prepare and submit to the Grand Executive meeting in 2021 a Notice of Motion to be brought forward to the 2021 Grand Convocation for vote.
5. If accepted have the 2021 C&R placed on the Royal Arch Web Site

### **Recommendations**

In our reviews we have identified a number of items that do not really qualify to be in the Constitution and Regulations but are in our opinion too important to be lost in the archives.



The C&R Sub-committee is recommending the formation of a new standing sub-committee titled “Policies and Procedures” who would review the list we have assembled and as appropriate develop and maintain the necessary policies and procedures so that our membership may use them as a guide or manual for day to day issues that arise.

It would be our suggestion that the original documents and subsequent updates and additions would be under the authority of the Grand Executive to review, approve and place on the web site for the use of the membership without coming to the floor of Grand Chapter.

This is the 2019/2020 report of the Jurisprudence and Constitution Sub-Committee to the Grand Executive.

A copy of this report has been placed with the Grand Scribe “E”

Fraternally  
MEC Wally Watts - Chairman  
Constitution and Regulation Sub-Committee

Sub-committee Members: VEC Ken South, Comp. Robert Cantwell, and REC Wes Johnson

#### **F. Committee on the Work**

- Revised RAM Ritual published with some minor errors, corrected for next publication
- Chapter Installation Ritual reviewed and updated, ready for publication
- Grand Chapter Installation Ritual being reviewed
- Committee: REC Ken White, REC Barry Horner, VEC Ken South, VEC Jaime Wong, MEC David Boone and MEC Jerry W. Kopp – RE Grand Scribe E

#### **G. Notice of Motions – as noted in the Jurisprudence Report**

#### **H. Report of the Grand Historian**

- Grand Scribe E provided Red Deer Freemasons Hall with complete set of the Annual Proceedings.
- Acquired all papers related to the Act of Incorporation, including plans that brought it to proclamation in the Alberta Legislation.
- Act of Proclamation should be in place quite visible to the Companion.
- No questions.
- **FOR THE RECORD: The Act of Incorporation is on the Grand Chapter Website.**

#### **I. Report on the Regalia Committee – contained with the Grand Scribe E’s Report**

#### **J. Report of the Committee on the Royal Arch Website**

- No formal report
- The Constitution & Regulations have moved to the front of the Web-site for easy access

- Asked the Grand Superintendents to supply the date and location of the next district meetings to be placed on the web.
- No questions asked

#### **K. Reports of the Grand Lecturers**

- Northern Lecturer
  - Presentation of the Website
  - Speak about Royal Arch Masonry
  - Three types of presentations to Lodge about Royal Arch
  - Six points you need to know
  - Elevator speech on 6 points
  - Information can be accessed by Public
- Southern Lecturer
  - Has made 8 presentation in the south
  - Sharing of the Word, most common education presentation
  - Approaching pedestal
  - Introduction of new candidates to Chapter Officers and explaining of their role
  - Differences on the aprons worn throughout the Chapter
  - Floor-work within Chapter

#### **L. Report on the Future Convocation Committee**

- 2020 Convocation all in place
- GZ & Scribe E met with hotel, set up meals
- Main banquet will buffet style – cheaper and less work for the dietary needs
- Registration forms to be placed on the Website tomorrow
- Start planning 2021

#### **M. Report of the Committee on Library, Research & Education – nil report**

#### **N. Report of the Grand Chapter Membership Committee**

As Co-Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee I send you this very short report. This committee has not been as active as it was in previous years and for that I apologize. The need is always there, and we should not be sitting back looking at the successes of last year when there still is work to be done.

I am hoping to have a meeting of the members of the Committee to develop a presentation that can be used by possibly the GDS's to continue our momentum of last year. We found the MMM presentation to be very fruitful and I would encourage all Chapters that are looking for new members to make inquiry to the Lodges in your area to allow you to bring a short piece of education, about 15 minutes covering the journey of the Candidates to the overseers. This proved to be a great advertisement for Royal Arch Masonry. I would caution you that we still have some secrets and it is important to have the prospective candidate wanting more.

I wish you all the best in your growth in your Chapters and I know there are Brethren looking for “further Light in Masonry”.

Duncan Strachan

Co-Chair of Long-Range Planning and Membership.

## **O. Report of the Committee on Honours & Awards – nil report at the moment**

### **P. Grand Superintendent Brief Report**

- **District #1 – REC John Harper**

Most Excellent Grand First Principal and members of Grand Chapter. To date I have completed all my Official Visits of the Chapters in District #1, and have made Fraternal visits to Chapters in District #1. I was well received in the proper Royal Arch Degree cordially, hospitably which was most gratifying and appreciated. I find that Capitular Masonry is for the most part in good shape. There are many challenges but most can be overcome with some help and guidance.

#### **North Star #2**

Well run Chapter, great ritualists in this Chapter. Improvement in festive board would help with recruiting and retaining membership.

#### **Capital City #13**

Well run Chapter with great depths in its ranks for work and moving ahead in chairs. Festive boards could also be improved.

#### **Norwood #18**

This Chapter is improving from the last 2 years. Chapter has education at every meeting. Location seems to have made a positive difference. They have some financial concerns especially with 15 members not having paid their dues to a total of \$3000.00 (One year). They have 52 Companions. Member retention might help to have a festive board at Chapter & possibly their own bar to make some revenue, rather than at a restaurant (more costly) which makes the Chapter start too late and with a degree-meetings ending after 11:00 PM. This is too late for most Chapter Companions. There were 13 members present Nov 25, 2019. Started at 8:39 PM and closed at 11:15 PM.

#### **Edson #30**

Much improved Chapter, lots of hard work put in by the principal officers and all the Companions. Festive board was very good.

#### **Wapiti #34**

Needs some strong guidance from Principal Officers. Should be able to do opening and closing Chapter without a ritual book. A summons should also be sent to all members and current GDS, plus current District Secretary and Grand Chapter and out to each Companion every month. Festive Board when it got started very enjoyable.

### **Stoney #41**

A well-run Chapter with potential to grow. This being assisted by the growth in Meridian Lodge #129 and Baseline Lodge #198. "The best festive boards in the District"

The Annual District Meeting of District # 1, held September 28, 2019 in Meridian Lodge 4914-50 Ave. Stony Plain, Alberta.

Respectfully submitted & yours fraternally

REC John Harper – Grand District Superintendent District #1

- **District #2 – REC Hank Gerow**

Our District meeting was held in Camrose on October 26 2019. There was lots of food for lunch, we only had 16 Companions register.

VE Companion Danny Cox of Cold Lake Chapter #39 will be our next Grand District Superintendent.

I have the reports from all of the Chapters. I have to thank REC Comp Brad Edstrom for representing me in Hangingstone #40 and REC Jeff Knight for representing me in Cold Lake Chapter #39.

I am trying to get around the District as much as possible but, I have to be extremely careful with roads and weather. I can't work outside like I used to. Thank you for your trust in Me.  
REC Henk Gerow.

- **District #3 – REC Kurtis Frederick**

#### **Assiniboia #3**

Visits: 2

This Chapter is performing degrees and has good fellowship, they have a challenge with attendance and membership though. Without the help of visitors, they would find it difficult to open or perform any work. They did a set of degrees and added a few new Companions this year, affiliations and more member participation would help. The support of the district and Harmony Chapter has been and is crucial to maintaining this Chapter. The Companions who do attend are very close and work well together, the fellowship is obvious and always fun to visit.

#### **Otuskwon #9**

Visits: 6

This Chapter is one of the strongest in the district. They had some challenges as the current 'Z' in 2019 left the Craft last summer for personal reasons. With the assistance of the Past Z's the chapter was able to finish the year in strength with the Exaltation of 10 candidates over two RAM degrees. A joint installation with 2 other Chapters and a new leadership team will help them continue their success in 2020.

#### **Keystone #12**

Visits: 3

This Chapter has grown and continues to do excellent work, adding many new companions to their ranks. The work and fellowship of this Chapter shines with the dedication of its members. They support many events and degrees throughout the district, leading to a great success with visitors and their fellowship is of note.

#### **Strathmore #21**

Visits: 3

This Chapter is well supported by visitors and members alike. The strong bond they have with Eheyeh Chapter truly helps strengthen both chapters. The degrees, education and fellowship of this Chapter make for a very warm and enjoyable experience when visiting. Fun festive boards and a joint installation with Eheyeh Chapter see their Chapter room filled often to almost capacity.

#### **Harmony #26**

Visits: 2

This Chapter is very well supported by the district at their meetings. The leadership is held together by some key members and they are adding new Companions with their first degrees in a long time. Leadership roles are being worked on; the support of the district is essential to help this Chapter as they move forward. Good fellowship and education are the cornerstones of Harmony Chapter.

#### **Eheyeh #27**

Visits: 3

This Chapter has a strong leadership team and fun events to draw visitors from across the province. Their meetings are well run, the fellowship and the food are, of course always well done. Of note, of course is the Outdoor Field Day held in the fall which was a huge success with some 38 or so candidates for the MMM and MEM degrees, with close to 100 Companions in attendance.

#### **Mountain View #42**

Visits: 3

This Chapter has a very experienced leadership team and small but tight knit membership. This past year they added many new Companions which has kindled a lot of enthusiasm and participation by the members. Good education, fellowship and support to the district are the cornerstones of this Chapter.

#### **Overview**

All Chapters in District #3 are performing degrees with somewhere between 30 and 40 candidates being exalted in the Royal Arch Degree. All chapters are having education and festive boards. There is always room for improvement, however the leadership and strength of our many members have certainly made District #3 a pleasure to work with and be proud of.

- **District #4 – Rec Wayne King**

This past year as GDS District 4, has been both busy and rewarding. I have had the opportunity for both personal growth in Capitular Masonry and to contribute to the strength of thee District 4 Chapters. The year began attending Official visits with MEC Ponech to Chapters in District 3 and in District 4. The reception of MEC Rod Ponech, GZ of the Grand

Chapter of Alberta and his accompanying party, was in all cases, warm and reflected the strength and vibrancy of Capitular Masonry in the Province.

One singular highlight during the year was the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Re-consecration of Crescent Chapter #24 which occurred on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2019. The event combined the Re-consecration Ceremony at Bowmont Hall, followed by a Dinner/Dance held at the Shrine Centre. This, and in fact, all meetings attending by MEC Ponech were well attended by Royal Arch Companions with enthusiasm for the uplifting message delivered by MEC Ponech.

The strength of the Chapters of District 4, with one exception, continues to improve, evidenced by increased membership and strong participation in Chapter Meetings and activities. Four of the Chapters are benefiting from increased membership with the prospect of further petitions to come. Ritual presentation has improved as has the opportunity for inclusion of newer members in the Work of Royal Arch and its Community Outreach. I hope and expect this growth to continue.

Crescent Chapter has suffered of late from the lack of participation by its members in Chapter activities. During the last year the Chapter has been unable to Tyle on two occasions due to the lack of numbers. This has put a strain on both finances and proposed Chapter programs. I have expressed my concerns at the Grand Chapter Executive meeting held in Lacombe in February. As difficult as the issue is there is some hope for improvement in the near term which would return Crescent Chapter to increased health. This may come about either by amalgamation or by a physical move to a different location.

Shekinah Chapter #4 has 44 Companions with new members undergoing Degree work. At least 10% increase should be realized by the end of 2020. Ritual work is performed well and with enthusiasm leaving the candidate with an impression of having completed a positive step in his Masonic journey. Shekinah Chapter finances are sound leaving a firm foundation for increased Community Outreach. R & E continues to be a focus at all Chapter Meetings. Shekinah's Ex. Z in undergoing some medical challenges and his ability to attend meetings has been impacted lately but there is ample "bench strength" to carry the Chapter program.

Hillvue Chapter #15 is the smallest Chapter in the District but much larger in terms of its continued dedication to Capitular Masonry. Chapter growth, stagnant for many years at 23 members, has awakened this year with 3 new members and with prospects for more to come. Ritual work, anchored by the core companions, is excellent with no Ritual in sight except that of the D of C. Recent formation of a "Not for Profit Society" and access to Casino funding has permitted significant improvement in the state of the Masonic Hall and the outlook of all concordant bodies. The outlook for this Chapter is excellent.

Golden West Chapter #5 is a relatively small Chapter at 32 Companions but does the work of a much larger Chapter. Golden West frequently combines with the Bowmont Hall Chapters

to perform joint installations and to present Degrees. A recent meeting saw 7 candidates exalted to the HRA Degree. R & E is a principle focus at all Chapter meetings. Chapter finances are stretched but recent efforts are proving to be effective in resolving the matter. Ritual work is performed to an excellent standard.

Alberta #1 is the largest and most active Chapter in the District. Ritual work is performed in an excellent manner and Alberta #1 Companions are frequently seen assisting degrees in other Chapters as well as installations. R & E is provided not only at regular meetings but also at any other suitable occasions. Finances are sound and provide the opportunity for Community Outreach. Companions of Alberta #1 fulfill a leadership role with Royal Arch through Alberta.

In summary, Capitulary Masonry is on sound footing with every prospect for a vibrant future. Corrective action is in place wherever problems or weaknesses exist.

REC Wayne King, GDS District #4

#### **Q. Report of the Grand Third Principal's Report Interim**

Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions,

To date this has been a very exciting year. I have been able to visit a number of Chapters this year both individually and while accompanying MEC Rod Ponech on his official visits.

I attended the District No. 2 meeting in Camrose and the District No. 1 meeting in Stoney Plain this year, where I had the honour of representing the Grand "Z" who was unable to attend the meeting portion due to conflicting priorities.

I participated in the Re-Consecration Ceremony for Crescent Chapter in Calgary where there were many Companions and family in attendance. It was a great afternoon event and a great experience as a participant in the ritual of the Re-Consecration.

I have accompanied MEC Ponech on several visits and have enjoyed his company, his stories and his tutelage. The hospitality and kind courtesies extended to us have been overwhelming.

The plans for the Grand Convocation are shaping up nicely and we should have a wonderful time in Red Deer. Thank-you to all the past and present Grand Chapter officers who have assisted me throughout the year. Your guidance is much appreciated.

I look forward to the coming years and in particular visiting our sister jurisdictions to the East and West of us as well as internationally south of our borders.

Respectfully submitted,

REC Jeff Knight  
Grand Third Principal

#### **R. Report of the Grand Second Principal's Report Interim**

- February 2019 represented Grand FP at the George Washington Convocation in Grand Falls. A number of Companions from Alberta attended and it was an Event that I would encourage

our members to attend. This year I will represent our Grand FP and our Grand Chapter at the upcoming George Washington Convocation again in Great Falls, February 21 & 22. I am aware of a number of Alberta Companions that are planning on attending. The event starts off on Friday morning with York Rite College, KYCH in the afternoon followed by the York Rite Banquet that evening. Saturday is totally dedicated to the Royal Arch Degrees.

- In May, it was my honour to represent our Grand FP and Grand Chapter in Saskatchewan for Saskatchewan's Annual Convocation.
- In June represented our Grand FP and Grand Chapter at the Grand York Rite Bodies Annual Convocation in Montana. This includes Royal Arch, Cryptic Rite and Knights Templar.
- September attended that Annual Field Day put on by Eheyeh and Strathmore Chapters.
- Attended as much as possible with our Grand FP when making visits into Districts 3 & 4.
- Attended as much as possible with the Grand DS for Districts 3 & 4 on his official visits.
- Represented Grand FP at District 4.
- Enjoyed the comradeship and meeting our members at various Chapter Meetings both Regular and for installations.
- Attended and participated in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Crescent Chapter.
- Thank you to our Committee Members for your contribution to the better of our Grand Chapter.

#### **S. Grand First Principal's Address**

- Announced replacement for the late VEC David Winfield – replacement EC Jim Johnson
- EC Jim Johnson will act as Grand Pursuivant at the Grand Convocation
- Honours & Awards will consist of: MEC Strachan, MEC Gillies & REC Jack Drebit
- Looking at having three awards: Alberta awards, which already exists, replace General Grand Chapter Bronze Award and the same applies to the Sweat Heart Awards for the Ladies.
- REC Gerald Waldern will represent the GZ at the George Washington Memorial Ceremony

#### **T. Chairman's Closing Remarks**

- **Thanked everyone and wished them a safe travel home**

#### **U. Adjournment to FEB 13, 2021 Lacombe, AB**

#### **V. Adjourned motion by MEC Rod Ponech at 3:15 PM**