

**GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL
2014-2015**



MOST EXCELLENT COMP RICHARD ALLEN PORTER

MASONIC HISTORY OF RICHARD A. PORTER

Masonic Biography

Freemasonry:

February 23, 1971 initiated in King Edward Lodge No 93.
March 23, 1971 passed to the Fellowcraft degree.
April 27, 1971 raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.
December, 1978 Installed as Master of King Edward Lodge.
December, 1983 Affiliated with Brandon Lodge No. 19.
Secretary of Brandon Lodge No. 19 from 1984 through 2000. 2007 - present.
District Deputy Grand Master, Seventh Masonic District 1992 - 1993.
Affiliated with Wheat City Lodge No. 168 in 1992.
Joined International Peace Garden Lodge in 1993.
Master of Wheat City Lodge No. 168 in 1995
Junior Grand Warden of Manitoba 1997-1998.
Senior Grand Warden of Manitoba 1998 - 1999.
Deputy Grand Master of Manitoba 1999 - 2000.
Grand Master of Manitoba 2000 - 2001.

Royal Arch:

January 30, 1993 received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry in Devil's Lake, ND and joined Keystone Chapter No. 5.
Served as First Principal of Keystone Chapter No. 5 in 1996.
Scribe "E" of Keystone Chapter from 1997 - present.
Grand Third Principal Grand Chapter R.A.M. 2012 - 2013.
Grand Second Principal Grand Chapter R.A.M. 2013 - 2014.
Grand First Principal Grand Chapter R.A.M. 2014.

Cryptic Rite:

October 26, 2000 - Received the 3 degrees of Cryptic Rite and became a companion of Brandon Council No. 10
Served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Brandon Council No. 10 in 2005.
Recorder of Brandon Council No. 10 from 2006 - present.
Grand Steward of Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada R & S.M. 2008 - 2009.
Received the Installation Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master in April, 2009

Knights Templar:

June 10, 2006 joined Brandon Preceptory and Priory No. 74.

Served as Presiding Preceptor of Brandon Preceptory and Priory No. 74 in 2010 and 2011.

Registrar of Brandon Preceptory and Priory No. 74 from 2012 - present.

Secretary for Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, District 8, of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada for 2013-2014.

Served as Grand Master's Standard Bearer Sovereign Great Priory of Canada 2014-2015.

Red Cross of Constantine:

March 15, 2003 Installed as a Knight Companion of Red Cross of Constantine in Grand Valley Conclave No. 36.

May 31, 2003 received the Appendant Orders Red Cross of Constantine in Grand Valley Conclave No. 36.

Served as Most Puissant Sovereign of Grand Valley Conclave No. 36 in 2013.

Installed as Recorder of Grand Valley Conclave No. 36 in 2014.

Order of the High Priesthood:

April 24, 2009 joined the order.

York Rite Sovereign College:

February 18, 2012 joined Manitoba Crocus College No. 89.

Knights of the York Cross of Honour:

April, 2012 joined Manitoba Priory No. 69.

ATTENDANCE AT GRAND CONVOCATION

Prince Rupert Chapter #1	<p>Ex. Comp. J Fryatt 'P. Z." Comp. K. Cox "Scribe "E." R. Ex. Comp. C. Hartmier "S.S." M Ex Comp Cliff Hardy R Ex Comp A Hadley (Aff.) Comp. E. Mamrocha "2nd Veil" Comp S Spina</p>
Keystone Chapter #2	<p>Ex. W. Schellenberg "Z" M. Ex. Comp. A. Christoffersen "I. P. "Z" Ex. Comp. D. Atchison "Scribe.E." & Treasurer R. Ex. Comp. J. Whitfield "Scribe N" Comp. P. Arizanivic "J.S." R. Ex. Comp. J. Bjore R. Ex. Comp. L. Pritchard "O.G." V. Ex. Comp. R. Scharf</p>
Keystone Chapter #5	<p>R. Ex. Comp. Art Arbour "Z" R Ex Comp B Chambers "J" M Ex Comp R Porter "Scribe E." Comp. Shaun Oakley "P.S." V. Ex. Comp. Fred Fjeldsted "S.S." R Ex Comp C Hartmier "P. Z."</p>
Rabboni Chapter #7	<p>R Ex Comp F Toporowski "Scribe N" R Ex Comp J Chute "4th Veil" M Ex Comp R Laronde "1st Veil" R. Ex. Comp. R. Ashcroft "O.G." V. Ex. Comp. Fred Fjeldsted "P. Z."</p>
Pre-Cambrian Chapter #17	<p>Comp Brian Rountree R Ex Comp M Goble</p>
Red River Valley #21	<p>Ex Comp J Romu "J" M Ex Comp R McMillan "Scribe E" "Treasurer" M Ex Comp J Hooper "Scribe N" M Ex Comp G Dunn 'PZ' Comp K Cox "JS" M Ex Comp S Payne "Doc" M Ex Comp J Barratt "4th Veil" R Ex Comp J Duff "2nd Veil" R Ex Comp N McMillan "1st Veil" Ex Comp R Veley M Ex Comp V Bryll Comp H Dyck</p>

2014– 2015 PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND CHAPTER

The 92nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba opened in ceremonial form with the entrance of the Grand Council, M. Ex. Comp. R. Porter, R. Ex. Comp. N. McMillan and R. Ex. Comp. A. Hadley at the Royal Oak Inn, Brandon, Manitoba on Friday April 24, 2015.

M. Ex. Comp. R. Porter opened the assembly by welcoming all those in attendance. The Grand Council then formally received all our distinguished visitors.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

His Honor Rick Chrest	Mayor, City of Brandon
Ill. Sir. Brian Terin	Potentate, Khartum Shriners
Most Venerable Bro. Prince Selvaraj	Grand Master Allied Masonic Degrees
Sister Chris Porter	Associate Grand Matron Order of Eastern Star
Bro. Milt Goble	Associate Grand Patron Order of Eastern Star
Ill. Bro. Roz Iwanicki	Active Member Scottish Rite
Miss L Paganuran	Miss Manitoba, Job's Daughters
Bro. Dennis Lorteau	Associate Provincial Guardian, Job's Daughters
Miss Dana Homenick	Provincial Guardian, Job's Daughters
R. Ill. Comp. David English	Grand Intendent General, Red Cross of Constantine
Queen Barbara Green	Daughters of the Nile, Sphinx Temple #116
R. Ill. Kt. Rick Laronde	Principal Conductor of the Work Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the Cryptic Rite of Western Canada
M Ex Comp Louis Bartrand	General Grand High Priest –General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International
M W Bro Stano Spina	Grand Master Grand Lodge of Manitoba A. F. & A. M.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS

British Columbia Alberta	M Ex Comp J Gomersall	Grand "Z"
	M Ex Comp N Downs	Grand "Z"
	R Ex Comp J Bronius	
	R Ex Comp L Anderson	Grand Rep to Manitoba
Saskatchewan	R. Ex Comp K-W Chen	
	M Ex Comp L Hansen	Past Grand "Z" (MB)
	M Ex Comp H Armbruster	Grand "Z"
	M. Ex Comp R Turner	Past Grand "Z"
General Grand Chapter International	M Ex Comp J Colenutt	Past Grand "Z"
	M Ex Comp L E Bertrand	General Grand High Priest

RECEPTION / RECOGNITION OF CONCORDANT BODIES

The following groups were requested to stand and be recognized:

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| Red Cross of Constantine | York Rite College |
| Order of the High Priesthood | Knights York Cross of Honour (KYCH) |
| Cryptic Rite Masons | Preceptory |
| Allied Masonic Degrees | Order of Eastern Star |
| Order of the Secret Monitor | Knights Templar Priests |

FLAG PRESENTION

The Canadian Flag was presented by R. Ex. Comp Jim Whitfield

The American Flag was presented by M Ex Comp Louis E. Bartrand

O'CANADA

and

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Following the Flag Presentation, M Ex Comp Rick Porter asked everyone to stand and sing the National Anthems of Canada and of the United States.

INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

The following Past Grand First Principals were introduced by M Ex Comp James Barratt

M Ex Comp C Hardy	1989	M Ex Comp A Christoffersen	1999	M Ex Comp R McMillan	2006
M Ex Comp D English	1991	M Ex Comp L Hansen	2002	M Ex Comp V Bryll	2009
M Ex Comp J Barratt	1995	M Ex Comp J Hooper	2004	M. Ex Comp R. Laronde	2012
				M Ex Comp G. Dunn	2013

RECEPTION OF PHILANTHROPIC FUND DONATIONS

M. Ex. Comp. Porter explained that each year the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba makes a donation to a worthy charity. Chapters are allowed to nominate recipients and all Companions are allowed to vote on their choice of recipient from all the nominations received. Since 1984 we have donated over \$114,000.00 to over 28 different organizations.

I would ask all Chapter representatives with donations to assemble in the West with the three Principals and M. Ex. Comp. Jack Hooper Chairman of the Philanthropic Committee.

2015 GREETINGS FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

His Honor Mayor Rick Chrest brought greetings from the City of Brandon.

M W Bro Stano Spina, Grand Master, brought greetings from the members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

RECOGNITION OF THE FARTHEST TRAVELLED CHAPTER IN THE PROVINCE

M Ex Comp Rick Porter asked the Members and ladies of Pre-Cambrian Chapter No. 17 to assemble in the West. He thanked them for making the long journey from Central Manitoba.

Memorial Service Friday April 24th 2015.

Grand Chaplain – M Ex Comp C Hardy
Organist – M Ex Comp R McMillan

Opening Invocation

Let us pray.

Almighty and Merciful father, as we commence our Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, we wish to thank you for the presence of the many visitors, some of whom have travelled great distances to be with us. We ask that you grant them your guidance and protection in their travels that they may safely return to their loved ones. We thank you also for the presence of our ladies, our true and faithful companions and supporters.

And finally Heavenly Father, help us through this Convocation and at all times to show our love for our fellow man that we can best show our love for thee. Amen

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 this evening. 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 thank you that you provide an eternal resting place for them, and for all of us, when our labour is ended, and our work is done. We ask that you hold our companions in your safe-keeping until we meet again.

Gracious God, watch over all of us, as we continue to serve you and one another, and as we honour the lives of these men who have gone before us. We ask this in the name Christ Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

Rose Ceremony:

Representatives of each Chapter placed a red rose on the Alter in honour of their departed Companions. General Grand High Priest placed a rose in memory of all those departed Companions from other jurisdictions. The Grand First Principal placed a white rose in memory of all Royal Arch Family members who had departed.

Memorial Service.

My friends each year at this time we gather to remember our good and true companions who have gone from us to toil in the Heavenly vineyards of the Lord God. While we grieve that they are no longer with us, let us rejoice that they are in the loving embrace of the Almighty.

Let the words of St. John, Chapter 11, Verses 25 and 26 help us to put their loss in perspective as we read: "I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. "

Most Excellent Companion C Hardy then read out the names of our **Departed Companions:**

Prince Rupert Chapter #1:	Ronald Williams, Wally Roth
Keystone Chapter #2:	Nil
Keystone Chapter #5	Leslie Seymour Greves
Rabboni Chapter #7	Clark Davies, Norman Poulton, Donald Cronk, Robert Jones
Prince of Wales Chapter #11	Sherman Elliot
Pre-Cambrian Chapter #17:	William Charles Cooper, George Njegoyan
Red River Valley Chapter #21:	Geoff Stewart

Eulogy:

While we mourn over the loss in our own Jurisdiction of so many Companions near and dear to us all, and sympathize with their loved ones, let us pause for a moment and mourn with Sister Jurisdictions, their losses during the past year.

Let us observe a few moments of silence in their memory.

Hymn: Amazing Grace

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 your Peace. AMEN

CLOSING OF CEREMONIAL OPENING

M Ex Comp Rick Porter invited all guests to remain for a reception following the close and thanked everyone for their attendance.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

Morning session was opened in regular form at 9:00 AM by the Grand Council.

INVOCATION

By M Ex Comp C Hardy

RECEPTION OF OFFICE VISITORS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Official visitors from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and General Grand Chapter International were introduced and given Grand Honours.

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

No Scrutineers required.

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

The Canadian flag was presented by R. Ex. Comp Jim Whitfield and The American flag was presented M Ex Comp Louis Bartrand.

MINUTES OF THE 2014 SESSION

Motion: M. Ex. Comp. James Barratt and seconded by M Ex Comp Stan Payne

“To accept the 2014 proceedings as printed and circulated.”

Carried

M. Ex. Comp. Rick Porter turned the gavel over to R. W. Comp. Neil McMillan.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL 2014-2015 – M. EX. COMP. RICK PORTER

Grand 1st Principal's Remark's

Companions All,

My formal report will appear in the Proceedings. You all received notification of my official visits so none of the dates should surprise you.

I want to take this time to apologize for my lack of visits in late January and February of 2015. As most of you know I was laid up by a childhood illness that returns in our senior years as Shingles. From two days of headaches I progressed to blisters on the left side of my forehead. Unfortunately, this was accompanied by nerve pain from the center of my forehead to the nerves around the left eye and slightly below. In two weeks I lost 20 pounds. If it hadn't been for my wife forcing boost and toast on me I would probably have lost more weight.

I tell you this, not because I want your sympathy; your kindness and concern has already been expressed and appreciated. I speak of this now because I want all of you, who had Chicken Pox as children, to get the vaccine to prevent shingles. Without going on about the pain just let me say that I wouldn't wish Shingles on my worst enemy. And I would encourage you to get the shot.

Herewith follows my official report:

It has been an enjoyable year of Chapter visits and travel.

On May 9 & 10, 2014, two weeks after our Grand Convocation R. Ex. Comp Neil McMillan and I, together with our wives, travelled to Camrose, Alberta to attend the Grand Chapter of Alberta's annual Convocation and see M. Ex. Comp. Norm Downs install as their Grand First Principal.

May 28 & 29, 2014 saw us travelling to Regina, Saskatchewan to attend the Annual Grand Council of the Royal and Select Masters of the Cryptic Rite of Western Canada to witness the installation of R. Illustrious Comp. Donald Wayne Beattie as Grand Principal Conductor of the work and R. Ill. Comp. John Bjore as Grand Inspector General for Manitoba. We were accompanied by R. Ex. Companions Bert Chambers and Mason Jardine. Who knew, less than eight months later, we would say farewell to R. Ill. Comp. Beattie.

Following the Grand Council Meeting we attended the Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan on May 30 & 31, 2014. M. Ex. Comp. Heath Armbruster was installed as Grand First Principal. M. Ex. Comp. Rick Laronde and Brenda joined us on that trip.

I was privileged to represent you at the Grand Lodge of Manitoba on June 6 & 7, 2014 and to witness the installation of M. W. Bro. Stano Spina as Grand Master.

On June 17, 2014 I had the privilege of making my first Chapter visit to my Chapter, Keystone No. 5. A good time was had by all in attendance.

On August 24, 2014 our Grand Chapter was on hand to cook hamburgers and hot dogs for all who attended the Masonic Family Day at the Shrine Temple in Winnipeg. Your Grand Chapter Officers cooked up quite a storm and raised the munificent sum of \$79.00 for the Philanthropic Fund.

On September 11, 2014 I visited Keystone Chapter No. 2 and was well received and once again a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

September 14 to 25, 2014 Peg and I travelled west to visit family and friends and to attend the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon's annual convocation. On the way we had the privilege of presenting a 55 year medal in Freemasonry to Bro. Bill McAuley, a member of Wheat City Lodge 168 living in Calgary. R. Ex. Comp Lawrence Anderson helped with that presentation. Two years earlier I had presented Companion McAuley with his 50 year medal as a member of Royal Arch Masonry in Manitoba.

The Grand Chapter of B.C. and Yukon was a marvelous experience as it was held at a spa resort on Vancouver Island at Parkesville. It was a very relaxing locale and re-connecting with Manitoba Royal Arch masons and meeting new friends in B.C., including their new Grand First Principal M. Ex. Comp. Jeremy Gomersall was wonderful. It was very hard to leave.

Returning home I attended a Degree at Fil-Can Cabletow Lodge 186 on September 26, 2014 and the September 28 meeting of the Grand Executive.

Oct. 16, 2014 found us visiting Rabboni Chapter No. 7 on the first leg of our Northern Trip. All had a very tasty and enjoyable dinner prior to the meeting. The chapter does good work and it is always a pleasure to visit. The following day started with the usual never-ending breakfast at the country home of Rick and Brenda Laronde before heading north to Flin Flon.

On the afternoon of October 18, 2014 we had a good meeting with the Companions of Pre-Cambrian Chapter No. 17 and then joined them later in the evening for supper with their ladies and ours. We had breakfast early Sunday morning with some of the companions and then headed home.

October 23, 2014 found me visiting Prince Rupert Chapter No. 1. It was a very enjoyable meeting that saw degree work performed. It was nice to see growth in our chapters. The fellowship was also very enjoyable.

On October 27, 2014 I travelled to Starbuck to attend a meeting at Red River Valley Chapter No. 21. I was well received and enjoyed an interesting meeting.

On November 26, 2014 I made my last Official Visit to Prince Of Wales Chapter No. 11 in Selkirk. They are a dedicated bunch of Royal Arch Masons and we hope they will continue for years to come.

On March 24, 2014 we had our last Executive Committee meeting and finalized plans for the April Convocation.

On April 16, 17 and 18, I had the honor of visiting M. Ex. Companion Brian Van Sickle and the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Ontario. I was treated very well and would recommend their convocation to all of you.

I am grateful to those who visited with me on my travels and thank them and all of you for your continued support of Royal Arch Masonry. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

I am particularly thankful for the support I received from the Second and Third Grand Principals and the Grand Scribe "E".

Finally I must thank my wife Peggy. Without her love, support and understanding none of this would have been possible.

ACCEPTANCE OF GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Motion: R. Ex. Comp. Neil McMillan and R. Ex. Comp. A. Hadley
"That the Address of the Grand First Principal be accepted." **Carried**

M. Ex. Comp. R. Porter was then given Grand Honours.

R. Ex. Comp. Neil McMillan returned the gavel to M. Ex. Comp. Rick Porter.

PRESENTATION OF THE CARROTHERS MERIT SHIELD

M. Ex. Comp. R. Porter asked the Companions from Prince Rupert Chapter #1 to join him in the West for the presentation of the Carruthers Merit Shield.

The Carruthers Shield is presented to the Chapter with the highest year over year increase in membership.

All members of Prince Rupert Chapter No. 1 gathered in the west where the three Grand Principals presented them with the Shield.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

M. Ex. Comp. R. Porter stated that most of the Committee Reports have been printed and asked the Chairperson to just move and have a seconder. All reports need not be read.

REPORT OF FINANCE AND BUDGET

Report

REPORT TO GRAND CHAPTER CONVOCATION - 2014

The balances in the respective Accounts are as follows:

-Crocus Credit Union Brandon-----\$1,711.89
-Assiniboine Credit Union -Winnipeg-----\$10,421.36 Total -----\$12,133.25

The investment is at the Crocus Credit Union - Brandon

--GIC due October 9th, 2014----\$35,000.00---3% annual interest

--The previous investment of \$4,000,00 was retired on September 11th, 2013.

The Statement of Operations reflect the following:

- an increase in per capita of 1,359.00 ending at \$4,744.00 as planned.
- A drop In Convocation Fees of \$2,960.50. Hopefully this will increase before Convocation and reflects late responses.
- Convocation Costs in 2013 increased 42% ending at \$7,598.57. Hopefully we will return to lower Convocations Costs in 2014.

- Other expenses are planned and reflect the activity that was planned.

In 2013, we showed a profit of \$3,063.96 but after the increase in Convocation Costs were actually paid, the profit must be adjusted by \$2,250.66 to account for the increase in Convocation Costs, reflecting a more normal situation in 2013 of a small profit of \$813.30.

In 2014, we must consider that we cashed in a \$4,000.00 GIC and the cash balance is virtually the same in both years. This is reflected in the Balance Sheet as Current Assets were reduced from \$51,429.02 to \$47,133.25, a reduction of \$4,295.77.

As always with our organization, Prudence must always be exercised.

Respectfully submitted,
Victor Bryll

Balance sheet

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Manitoba

	April 9th, 2015	April 15 th , 2014
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash	8,486.43	12,133.25
Investments - term deposit 1		
Investments - term deposit 2	35,000.00	35,000.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 43,486.43	\$ 47,133.25
Fixed assets:		
Shares - Assiniboine Credit Union	5.00	5.00
Shares Crocus Credit Union	99.00	99.00
Net Fixed Assets	\$ 104.00	\$ 104.00
Total Assets	\$ 43,590.43	\$ 51,496.02
Liabilities and Owner's Equity		
Owner's equity:		
Opening Balance	51,496.02	44,648.83
Equity Change.	(7,905.59)	2,588.42
Total Owner's Equity	\$ 43,590.43	\$ 51,496.02
Total liabilities and Owner's Equity	\$ 43,590.43	\$ 51,496.02

Statement of Operations
For the Period April 9th, 2014 - April 8th, 2015
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Manitoba

INCOME

Interest Income	1,047.72	
Chapter Per Capita	3,121.00	
Convocation Fees	4,015.00	
Grand First Principal Project		1,366.00
Miscellaneous	69.30	
	9,619.02	

EXPENSES

Assistance - Grand First Principal	2,000.00
Assistance - Grand Secretary	2,000.00
Banner Costs	0.00
Convocation Costs – previous year	6,673.23
Deposit – Brandon Convocation	0.00
Engraving	0.00
Grand Chapter International – Dues	292.00
Grand First Principal Project	0.00
Printing and Copying	599.16
Regalia	977.45
Bank Charges and Interest	14.00
Total Expenses	12,555.84

Net Income before Adjustments **-2,936.82**

Net Income -Loss **-2,936.82**

Motion: M. Ex. Comp. Vic Bryll and M. Ex. Comp. James Barratt
 “That the report of the Finance Committee be accepted.” **Carried**

R. III. Comp. David N. English, Grand Intendant General, brought greetings from the Grand Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine and its sovereign Grand Master.

M. Ex. Comp. James Barratt, Grand Scribe "E", advised that the following committees have a "Nil Report" to submit to the Grand Convocation:

Laws and Jurisprudence

Grievances and Appeals

Custodian of the Work

Education

Royal Arch Research Assistance

Constitution and Revision

M. Ex. Comp. Jeremy Gomersall, Grand First Principal, brought fraternal greetings and congratulations on a successful year from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons British Columbia and Yukon.

ROYAL ARCH PHILANTHROPIC PROJECT

The Philanthropic Fund was created back in 1980, from which the INTERSEST ONLY would be donated to some worthwhile CHARITY, as decided by the Companions. I am happy to report that this fund has now grown to exceed \$160,000. The following Charities have received a donation from the Interest accumulated from this fund:

1984 Ronald McDonald House	\$1500.00	1985 Eastern Star Chalet	\$2400.00
1986 Camp at Ironwood Point	\$2500.00	1987 Eastern Star Chalet	\$2700.00
1988 Lennox Bell lodge	\$3000.00	1989 Birchbark Diabetic Clinic	\$3000.00
1990 Portage Personal Care	\$3200.00	1991 DASCH Community	\$3500.00
1992 Cancer Camp for Kids	\$3800.00	1993 Children's Wish Group	\$4000.00
1994 Speech and Hearing Clinic	\$4000.00	1995 Salvation Army Camp	\$4000.00
1996 Johnson Memorial Hospital	\$4000.00	1997 Birchbark Diabetic Clinic	\$4000.00
1998 RCMP Gifts for Kids	\$4000.00	1999 Manitoba Kidney Foundation	\$4000.00
2000 Children's wish foundation	\$4000.00	2001 Stroke Recovery Association	\$4000.00
2002 Manitoba Disabled Kids	\$4000.00	2003 Birchbark Diabetic Clinic	\$4000.00
2004 Variety Club for Kids	\$4000.00	2005 Big Brothers and Sisters, Brandon	\$4000.00
2006 Riding for the Disabled	\$3500.00	2007 Manitoba Special Olympics	\$3500.00
2008 Nova House for Women	\$4000.00	2009 King Edward School	\$4000.00
2010 Selkirk Food Bank	\$4000.00	2011 Canadian Cancer Society	\$4000.00
2012 DeMolay & Job's Daughters	\$4000.00	2013 Rainbow Walk Group	\$4400.00
2014 Camp Quality	\$4500.00		
Total Charitable Donations: \$113,500.00*			

PHILANTHROPIC PROJECT INVESTMENTS AS OF March 8th 2015

M. Ex. Comp. Jack Hooper, Committee Chairman

Term Deposit	Amount	Institution	Percentage	Maturity Date
Cash	4,047.32	Crocus	0.03%	not applicable
Surplus Shares	515.00	Crocus		
Shares	25.00	Crocus		
Term Deposit	5,000.00	Crocus	2.40%	16/02/2020
Term Deposit	20,000.00	Crocus	3.25%	23/03/2015
Term Deposit	6,000.00	Crocus	3.25%	19/04/2015
Term Deposit	20,000.00	Crocus	3.75%	26/07/2015
Term Deposit	10,000.00	Crocus	3.80%	14/01/2016
Term Deposit	26,118.93	Crocus	3.25%	29/03/2017
Term Deposit	11,177.35	Crocus	3.00%	12/11/2017
Term Deposit	30,000.00	Crocus	3.00%	13/07/2019
Term Deposit	10,000.00	Crocus	3.00%	12/02/2019
Term Deposit	14,000.00	Crocus	3.00%	29/04/2019
G.I. C.	4,000.00	Rice	4.70%	29/04/2019

Total Investments: **\$160,883.60**

Interest earned in this-period. **\$5,135.46**

Respectfully Submitted by M. Ex. Comp. Jack Hooper.

Motion: M. Ex. Comp. Jack Hooper and M. Ex. Comp. Stan Payne
 "That the Philanthropic Committee report be accepted."

Carried

Report of the Grand Historian 2014-2015

Most Excellent Companion Richard Porter, Distinguished Guests, Companions All.

During the past year we have lost another long-time Freemason and one of our most recent Grand First Principals

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION CHARLES WILLIAM COOPER

14 May 1936 - 30 September 2014

Most Excellent Comp "Bill" Cooper was born on 14 March 1936 in Kamloops BC. His working career was quite varied as I know he was a member of the Armed Forces and after he retired, drove a highway bus to and from Thompson, and his last job was as a security officer in Brandon.

Most Ex. Comp Cooper joined Freemasonry in Goose Bay Labrador on 25 April 1963. He was a very well-travelled Mason and from there, he became a member of Royal Arch Masonry in Fort Prince of Wales Chapter #20 in Churchill on 17 March 1966 and he joined Mount Carmel Preceptory on 22 June 1968.

When he moved to Brandon, he affiliated with Keystone Chapter 5 and from there, Most Excellent Companion Cooper served this Grand Chapter as Grand District Superintendent of District #2 in 2003. He was Grand Pursuivant in 2008 and then went on to become Grand J in 2009, Grand H in 2010 and Grand Z (Grand First Principal) in 2011. Not being one to sit back and watch from the side-lines, he became part of the Grand Line for Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada and became their Grand Master the following year in 2012. He enjoyed his travels throughout the jurisdictions and he was always friendly and easy to talk to, and he stood up for his ideals in the Craft.

Bill was also a stalwart member of the Preceptory, the Scottish Rite and was also a long time member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

In the spring of 2014, Most Excellent Companion Cooper moved to Trail BC to be with his family. I recall at his last Masonic meeting with us, he said that it was his pleasure to serve Freemasonry and to be associated with such a fine organization of men. He passed away on 30 September 2014 and is survived by his 3 children, 2 grand-children and 2 great- grand-children.

Although he was not a Grand First Principal, I would like to mention the long-time service of Right Excellent Companion Sherman Arvid Elliot, (16 February 1945 - 15 September 2014) and I think you will all agree that he was the ideal of a Freemason and was always ready and willing to pitch in and give assistance wherever required. Even with his debility for his last several years, he managed to exemplify the spirit of Masonry.

The road was long you travelled, far down life's long and winding lane,
The time you gave to all of us will in our hearts remain.

At journeys end you worked so hard, no more will there be pain so rest Companion in
God's great arms, until we meet again.

Respectfully submitted, M. Ex. Comp. Al Christoffersen

Motion: M. Ex. Comp. Al Christoffersen and M. Ex. Comp. Stan Payne

"That the Grand Historian's Report be adopted as presented."

Carried

M. Ex. Comp. Louis Bartrand, Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter International, brought greetings from the General Grand Chapter and spoke about the programs of the International Body.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MANTOBA, ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Grand Scribe "E" MEC James Barratt
 113-2145 Pembina Hwy,
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I appreciate the opportunity afforded me to be the Grand Scribe 'E' of the Royal Arch Masons for Manitoba. As I completed my Ninth year, I have enjoyed the journey very much.

With the First Grand Principal I was pleased to attend, some of the Chapters on his Official Visit Manitoba.

The following are the membership Statistics for Grand Chapter of Manitoba, Royal Arch Mason from 2014 to December 31,2014:

	#1	#2	#5	#7	#11	#17	#21
December 31,2014	65	30	27	31	78	51	23
Exalted Affiliated	4	1					
Restored							
Sub Total	69	31	27	31	78	51	23
Demitted			1		1		
Suspended					8		
Deceased	2		1	4	1	2	1
Membership [310]	67	30	25	27	68	50	22
Life Members [12]	5	3	4				
Dues Paying [277]	62	27	21	27	68	50	22
Net Loss for 2014 [22]							

The **Carruthers Merit Shield** was presented to **Prince Rupert Chapter #1**, who had the largest percentage increase.

In closing, it has been an enjoyable year, in which I have been pleased to work with our Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. Rick Porter.

Jim Barratt

Grand Scribe 'E'

Motion: M. Ex. Comp. Jim Barratt and M. Ex. Comp. Stan Payne

"That the Grand Scribe "E's" report be adopted as presented."

Carried

M. Ex. Comp. Norman Downs, Grand First Principal, brought fraternal greetings and congratulations on a successful year from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Alberta.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS, MANITOBA
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT DISTRICT #1 REPORT
2014-2015

All Chapters in the District have been visited during the year. Prince Rupert #1 and Prince of Wales #11 have been visited three or more times each while Red River #21, due to some unfortunate weather related cancellations, was only visited once.

I have also been in regular contact with many of the Companions of all three Chapters in the District and have been provided with comments and updates on the progress and experiences of Royal Arch Masonry in the 1ST Grand District in Manitoba.

All Chapters have maintained a strong standard and compliance with the ritual work and demonstrated a high level of precision in both opening and closing ceremonies as well as with the degree work I have had the pleasure to observe.

Companionship and comradely are well displayed in all Chapters and the participating Companions all appear to truly enjoy their experiences in Capitular Masonry.

As with all Masonic bodies, membership has been a common topic. I am pleased to inform that Red River Chapter and Prince of Wales have essentially been holding their own regards the number of members. Meetings at Red River Chapter seems to be well attended and while the participation rate at Prince of Wales is somewhat less, both of these Chapters have a dedicated core of Companions that are moving both Chapters in a positive direction.

Prince of Wales Chapter has been struggling of late} but I am encouraged with the interest and intentions of the Companions of this Chapter and there is every reason to be positive in our future expectations for Prince of Wales Chapter #11.

The bright star in Capitular Masonry in District #1 this year has been Prince Rupert Chapter #1. Prince Rupert's numbers have been climbing at an impressive rate and there has been such a large number of petitions and expressions of interest from Maser Masons that the Chapter has expressed some concern over accommodating the current and upcoming amount of anticipated degree work. I view this as a wonderful problem to have.

Prince Rupert has been holding an annual early spring information night at the East Kildonan Masonic Temple in Winnipeg. For the past two years the Chapter has been asking the Companions to let Master Masons know that they can continue their Masonic education through Capitular Masonry and the Chapter has circulated invitations to Craft Lodges for this event.

The outreach that I have seen has been both respectful and effective.

At each of the information nights Companions Victor Bryll and John Duff have attended to give a well done video presentation on Capitular Masonry. As welt connection with the Knights Templar and the Preceptory as well as other opportunities to expand one's Masonic knowledge, have been relayed to the attendees.

This year, Prince Rupert has received in excess of 20 petitions for initiation from the information night and in speaking with the Scribe "E" of Prince Rupert, it appears that another six to 10 Brothers have expressed an intent or have petitioned to initiate into Royal Arch Masonry.

Much of the reason for this success can be attributed to the dedication of Prince Rupert's Scribe "E", Companion Ken Cox and the other Companions of the Chapter. Companion Ken initiated the outreach information nights and many of the Companions have been only too willing to lend a hand and support the event.

I foresee the *event* continuing at Prince Rupert for the next many years to come. I would also encourage other Chapters in the province to make this event known to Master Masons in their Districts or perhaps consider holding a similar event in a location and date convenient to them.

A regular comment at the information night has been to indicate of the other Chapters in the province and the regular meeting nights associated with each. Though the event is hosted by Prince Rupert, an increase in membership of any Chapter in the province is viewed as a benefit to Royal Arch Masonry.

Part of this current success has to be attributed to a particular circumstance that may not be repeated to the same extent or in the same way in future years.

Manitoba Masonry has been graced with significant interest from our Philippine community over the last 10 or more years.

It may be that as interest and participation at the Craft Lodge level has matured with this segment of Manitoba society, many of these Brethren have reached a point in their Masonic careers where a natural interest in advancing their knowledge has developed.

This should not be taken as a "picking low hanging fruit" explanation for the significant up swell in membership and interest experienced at Prince Rupert, but rather as an indication that even though interest in Capitular Masonry will be rise and fall over time, a consistent willingness and openness to embrace the interest of the Master Masons in the province will strengthen Capitular Masonry and, I hope, the rest of the York Right Concordant bodies.

I would also encourage those among us involved in other York Right concordant bodies to make known the interesting histories and associations available to our Brethren wishing to continue to expand their involvement and Masonic knowledge.

Conclusion:

As this report is written, I am pleased to indicate that the situation of Royal Arch Masonry in the 1ST Grand District in Manitoba appears to be strong and it is experiencing positive growth.

The year has been enjoyable and brought positive personal growth, both within and without my Masonic affiliations. I recommend taking on the role of Grand Superintendent in any of the Grand Districts of Manitoba. For 2015-2016 I know that this position and Capitular Masonry will be ably served by Ex. Companion Richard Veley who is proud to call Red River Chapter #21 as his Royal Arch home.

I extend a hearty and earnest thank you to all of my fellow Royal Arch Companions for their assistance and support of the past year. I know that Royal Arch Masonry in Manitoba has been left the better for their dedication.

Respectfully Submitted with warm Fraternal Greetings;

R. Ex. Companion Jack Fryatt

Grand Superintendent District #1, 2014-2015

Motion: R. Ex. Comp. Jack Fryatt and R. Ex. Comp. Al Hadley

"That the District 1 Superintendent's report be accepted."

Carried

Report of the Grand Superintendent

District # 2 2014 - 2015

Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba

As Grand Superintendent of District #2, I have visited all the Chapters within the District, but was unable to accompany the Grand First Principle due to conflicting obligations.

In October of 2014 I made my Official visit to Keystone Chapter #2 at Portage La Prairie. The Chapter opened in form and put on the R.A Exaltation Degree on three candidates. The work was done in fine form. My main talk was to take advantage of the Presentation of the Royal Arch at regular Blue Lodge meetings. A light lunch was served after the meeting.

In November of 2014 I made my Official Visit to Rabboni Chapter #7 before they broke off for the winter months, at their regular meeting despite the snowy conditions. They had a very good turn out and opened in regular form. There was a very lively discussion as to their proposed project for the Philanthropic fund. We were served a light lunch after the Chapter closed.

On March of 2015 I made my Official Visit to Keystone Chapter #5. They had enough to fill the chairs. My message there was that in order to confer Degrees on candidates, we would need the assistance of all Chapters to put on a field day.

Following the Official Visit to Keystone #5 on March 17, 2015 The District two Annual Meeting was held. We now stand at 79 from 88 last year.

Lastly I would like to thank R. Ex. Comp Bert Chambers in his continued hard work as District Secretary and to all members of the Chapters for their continued support. It was a satisfying year.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Ex Comp. Art Arbour

Motion: R. Ex. Comp. Art Arbour and R. Ex. Comp. Al Hadley

“That the District 2 Superintendent’s report be accepted.”

Carried

REPORT OF THE REGALIA COMMITTEE

M. Ex. Companion Porter I am happy to present the report of the Regalia Committee for the year ending April 25, 2015.

At the Grand Executive Committee Meeting on September 28, 2014 approval was received to purchase new collar jewels for the 3 principal officers; they were in dis-repair and the Grand “J’s” jewel had actually broken.

A search of the usual sources being negative we found a supplier in Victoria, Australia:

Mr. John Hyatt
RRJ Products Pty. Ltd.
1 Peachwood Place, Croydon Hills,
Victoria 3136
P. O. Box 524
Ringwood, Victoria 3134

There were some delays in receiving these jewels, one being the death of John’s father. Our 3 principal officers now proudly wear these beautiful collar jewels.

Despite a personal phone call to John Hyatt directly by this writer; Mr. Hyatt refused to accept any payment for these jewels.

This gesture of goodwill from a mason in Australia again re-emphasizes what a great fraternity we have around the world.

If you need regalia in the future, please remember this and support John and thank him again on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba.

I still have a few old aprons to give away/dispose of and will bring them to the next Grand Executive meeting on September 27, 2015 in Portage la Prairie.

Any Grand Chapter Officer with missing, broken or poor condition regalia please contact me at 1-204-638-5482.

Motion: M. Ex. Comp. Richard Laronde and R. Ex. Comp. Randy Ashcroft
“That the Regalia Committee be adopted as presented.” **Carried**

REPORT OF THE GRAND REGISTRAR CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

M. Ex. Comp. Richard D. Laronde presented the following report::

Total Number of Companions from District #1	19
Total Number of Companions from District #2	18
Number of Companions from Grand First Principal's District	2
Total Number of Companions from Manitoba	39
Total Number of Distinguished Visitors	11
Total Registered Attendance	50
Total Number of Chapters represented	7/7

Respectfully submitted by M. Ex. Comp. Richard D. Laronde

Motion: M. Ex. Comp. Richard D. Laronde and R. Ex. Comp. Randy Ashcroft
"That the report of the Grand Registrar be accepted as presented." **Carried**

III. Bro. Al Hadley, Active Member, brought fraternal greetings from the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Freemasons of Manitoba.

R. Em. Kt. Comp. John L. Bjore, Provincial Grand Prior, brought greetings from the Sovereign Grand Master, M Em Kt Jerry Tetzlaff GCT and the companions of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2014 - 2015

Most Excellent Companion Porter, the Grand Executive held two meetings this past term, one on September 28, 2014 and the second on March 29, 2015 A copy of which follows this report. The work done by the members has been or will be presented in their annual reports so it is not my job to repeat it. I would like to thank all those companions who took part in and /or chaired the various committees; they have done excellent work.

At the same time I would like to let you all know that there was considerable discussion on the Philanthropic Fund; its purpose, the monies utilization and the possible capping of the funding drive. I am sure this particular committee will have a great deal of work to do in the coming year and the Grand Executive will have a great deal to discuss and hopefully we will reach an acceptable resolution.

Once again my heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Executive.

Respectfully submitted for information only R. Ex. Comp. Neil McMillan

GRAND EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Portage La Prairie - March 29th 2015

19 Companions from six of the seven Chapters attended. Regrets were received from the following: M. Ex. Comps. L. Hansen, R. Ex. Comp. C. Hartmier, S. Gwynn, J. Bjore and T. Yorke.

Our President, R. Ex. Comp. N. McMillan welcomed everyone. The Invocation was given by M. Ex. Comp. C. Hardy.

MINUTES of the last Executive Meeting of September 28, 2014 were moved by M. Ex. Comp. J. Barratt, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. R. Porter that they be accepted as printed and circulated.

Carried

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** - Nil reports from the following committees: Laws & Jurisprudence, Grievance & Appeals, Custodian of the Work, RARA, Education and Constitution and Revision.
2. **Nominations:** M. Ex. Comp A. Christoffersen read out the nominations for 2015 and 2016, Grand "Z" R. Ex. Comp. N. McMillan, Grand "H" R. Ex. Comp. A. Hadley, Grand "J" R. Ex. Comp. C. Hartmier, Grand Scribe "E" M. Ex. Comp. R. Porter and Grand Registrar M. Ex. Comp. R. Laronde.
3. **Philanthropic Project:** M. Ex. Comp. J. Hooper stated the committee will meet before the Convocation and at that time will bring a motion for the companions to vote on.
4. **Budget & Finance:** M. Ex. Comp. V. Bryll provided information on his committee.
5. **Condition of Capitular Masonry:** R. Ex. Comp. A. Hadley read out his report.
6. **Regalia:** M. Ex. Comp. R. Laronde reported on some old regalia that he had received and asked the companions to look at the items at the end of the meeting, and to take any that would be useful for their chapters.

Grand District Superintendents Report:

District #1: R Ex Comp. J. Fryatt gave a report on his District.

District #2: R. Ex. Comp. A. Arbour gave a report on his District.

New Business:

M. Ex. Comp. J. Barratt reported on the thank you letter from Camp Quality. He gave a list of visitors who will be attending our Convocation.

M. Ex. Comp. J. Barratt spoke on the Chapters year end. Keystone Chapter #5's report just arrived today. Prince of Wales has not submitted a report as yet. Given that the due date for reports is January 31, it is very disappointing that the reports come in so late, as it puts the position of this office so far behind schedule. He also was disappointed with the low registration for this Convocation.

M. Ex. Comp. A. Christoffersen spoke on the installation of officers at the Convocation.

Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. R. Porter reported on his year so far.

Recorded by Grand Scribe "E" M. Ex. Comp. James J. Barratt.

Report on Capitular Masonry

Most Excellent Sir, Companions all

In the preparation of this report I did not have the benefit of receipt of the reports from the two District Superintendents, although I know both have been diligent in the discharge of their duties. The report is therefore based on a review of past reports and an opinion on our current situation.

" ... it is obvious that the state of Capitular Masonry leaves much to be desired. While it is pleasant to note that our meeting places and regalia are in good order, our finances reasonable, the conferral of the degrees adequate, our officers for the most part dedicated and those members that do attend are very interested in the craft, the constantly declining membership and attendance has to indicate a lack of interest in the membership at large. The most serious indictment of our order is our inability to attract new members - particularly young men. Worse still those few we do attract we fail to keep involved "

Companions, those are not my words. That is a quotation from the REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY from the 1973 annual proceedings of Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, F .M. Orestes Chairman. I chose 1973 because that is the year I became a Royal Arch Mason. At that time we had 19 chapters in Manitoba (6 in Winnipeg) with just over 2,000 members. In the 2014 proceedings we show 7 chapters with about 300 members. This is not a desirable trend and if it isn't changed in time, I fear for the future. In his report on the condition of Capitular Masonry at the 2006 Annual communication, the late M. Ex. Comp. Lawrence McInnes predicted that "*if we continue to lose ... members per year, the last Royal Arch member will turn out the light in June 2014*". Fortunately that didn't happen. Over the years there have been many suggestions and recommendations made to strengthen our membership numbers and I have nothing new to offer.

On the bright side, Royal Arch Masonry in Manitoba is fortunate to have a nucleus of dedicated hard working members who keep Capitular Masonry alive and functioning. We need to continue to promote our order to the Craft Lodges, elect and install competent officers, perform excellent ritual work and keep what new members we attract engaged and interested.

The District Superintendents have carried out their duties with diligence and it is recommended that they be granted the title of Past Grand Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted by Allan J.L. Hadley, Chairman

Motion: R. Ex. Comp. Allan Hadley and R. Ex. Comp. Jack Fryatt
"That the report be received."

Carried

M. Ven. Brother Prince D. Salvaraj, Sovereign Grand Master, brought Fraternal greetings from the brethren of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

ELECTION OF GRAND OUTER GUARD

Nomination: M. Ex. Comp. Rick Laronde and R. Ex. Comp. Bert Chambers

“That R. Ex. Comp. Randy Ashcroft, Rabboni Chapter 7, be nominated for the position of Grand Outer Guard.” **Carried**

GENERAL BUSINESS

REPORTS FROM GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

M. Ex. Comp. Rick Porter invited any Grand Representatives to give reports if they wished. One or two did.

M. Ex. Comp. James Barratt suggested that it might be time for us to drop all or part of the Grand Representative system as there appear to be many problems.

M. Ex. Comp. Rick Laronde spoke in favour of retaining the system.

R. Ill. Comp. Rick Laronde, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, brought greetings from M. Ill. Comp. David Grange, Grand Master, Cryptic Rite Freemasons Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada.

CALL OFF FOR LUNCH

M. Ex. Comp. Porter called the meeting from labour to refreshment for lunch.

M. Ex. Comp. Porter called the meeting to resume following lunch.

M. Ex. Comp. Heath Armbruster, Grand First Principal, brought fraternal greetings from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Motion: R. Ex. Comp. N. McMillan and R. Ex. Comp. C. Hartmier

“That our first-time visitors receive Honorary Membership.” **Carried**

M Ex Comp R. Porter, R. Ex. Comp. N. McMillan and R. Ex. Comp. C. Hartmier presented cards to those Companions in the West.

M. Ex. Comp. Rick Porter thanked the Companions for allowing him to serve them as Grand First Principal; saying it has been a singular honour.

M. Ex. Comp. Porter asked M. Ex. Comp. Gary Dunn to assume the gavel and proceed with the Installation of Officers for 2015 - 2016.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014 - 2015

M. Ex. Comp. Gary Dunn and his team of Past Grand Principals installed the officers for the ensuing year. A list of officers installed is located elsewhere in these proceedings.

CLOSING REMARKS OF GRAND CHAPTER

Address of the Grand First Principal

Thank you to all the Companions of Manitoba Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons for honouring me with this position. Thank you also to my wife for accompanying me and supporting me in this work. Also, a big thank you to the Companions wives who have so welcomed my wife and helped her in organizing their work. Thank you to all the Companions who served as committee chairs and agreed to serve as appointed officers.

Starting next week I will be talking with our new Grand Scribe “E” to set up my official visits and confirming the dates for next year’s convocation. Thank you to Most Excellent Companion Jim Barratt for already booking the hotel for next year.

I will be visiting Alberta and Saskatchewan for their Grand Communications in May. If anyone can attend I welcome them to come. Last year was my first experience visiting outside the province and it was very enjoyable to meet companions from other provinces and states.

My theme this year is “What Freemasonry Brings To Us”. Our world becomes more demanding every day from increasing pressures in work, our families and our societies. Freemasonry provides a refuge where we can meet in peace, friendship and safety which provides a refreshment that helps us to deal with the pressures and stresses of our lives.

Thank you to all the visitors from other jurisdictions and from other Masonic groups in Manitoba for attending our communication. I look forward to meeting with you over the coming year and have a safe journey back to your homes.

MEC Neil McMillan

After all three Principal officers of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Mason of Manitoba and their officers were installed, appropriate remarks were provided by each of them, after which the Grand Convocation was closed in form. .

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S BANQUET

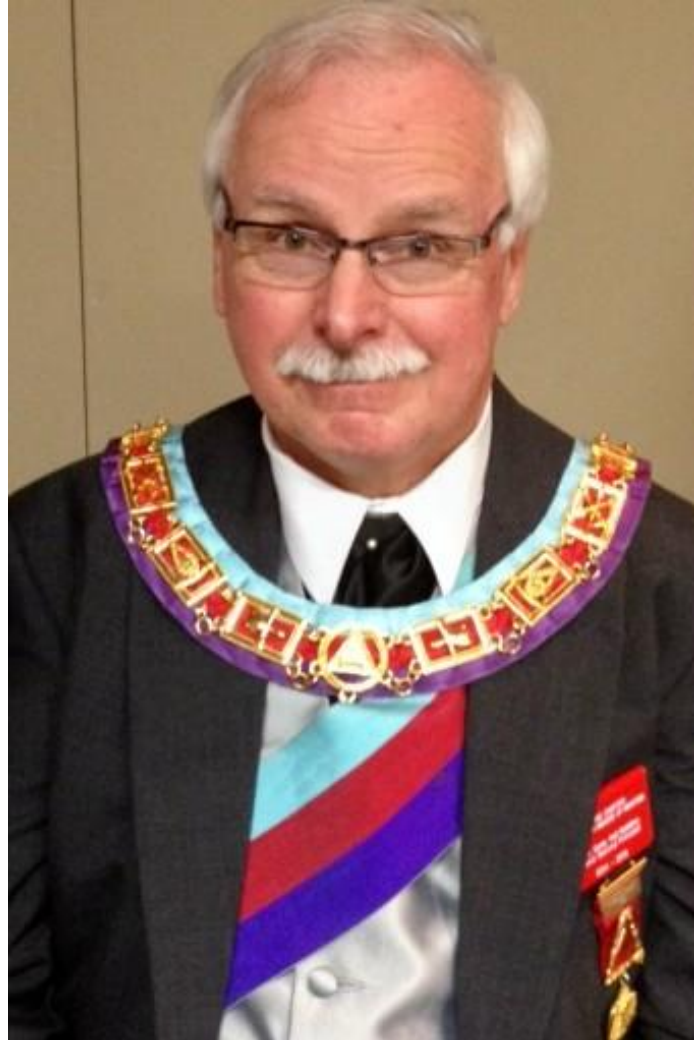
The immediate Past Grand First Principal M. Ex. Comp. Rick Porter and Lady Peggy received their guests at a wonderful banquet provided by the Royal Oak Inn.

All those in attendance enjoyed the entertainment and music by the Neelin High School Choir

M. Ex. Comp. Louis Bartrand, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter International, presented R. Ex. Comp Bert Chambers, Keystone Chapter #5 with the Bronze Medal and M. Ex. Comp. Victor Bryll with the "Ephraim Kirby" award from General Grand Chapter International for special past service to our Royal Craft. It is the second year in a row to be awarded in the jurisdiction.

M. Ex. Comp. Louis Bartrand then presented M. Ex. Comp. Rick Porter with his plaque, pin and permanent membership card in General Grand Chapter. He then helped M. Ex. Comp. Porter present a Sweetheart Medal to Lady Peggy.

**GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MANITOBA
2015-2016**



MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION NEIL MCMILLAN

HISTORY OF NEIL MCMILLAN BIOGRAPHY

Neil McMillan was born in Portage la Prairie and grew up on the family farm at MacDonald, northwest of Portage. He is the youngest child of Gordon and Mabel McMillan, attended high school in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba Vocational Centre (Brandon), Manitoba Institute of Technology and Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He worked at Manitoba Hydro from 1970 to 2004 doing electrical apparatus maintenance work and later research work in human resources.

Neil and Betty McMillan (nee Crowell) were married in 1973 and have two sons: Andrew and Paul and three grandsons. They have lived in the Charleswood area of Winnipeg since 1977. Their son Andrew works in Ottawa and Paul in Winnipeg.

Neil is a member of Charleswood Unite Church in Winnipeg and served terms on council as chair of the Christian Education and Building and Property committees. Other volunteer work is at the Scottish Pavilion at Folklorama and the Childrens' Hospital book sales.

MASONIC RESUME

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Grand Lodge of Manitoba

Initiated into Charleswood Lodge #163 in 1991
Worshipful Master 1996
Junior Grand Deacon of Grand Lodge 1996 - 97
Secretary Charleswood Lodge 1999 - 2003
Secretary Treasurer of First Masonic District 2001 – 2003
Secretary Charleswood – Red River Lodge 2003 – 2015
District Deputy Grand Master First Masonic District 2005 – 2006
Secretary Treasurer First Masonic District 2014 – 2015

York Rite Freemasonry

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba

Initiated into Red River Valley Chapter # 21 – 2000
First Principal Red River # 21 – 2007 & 2008
Appointed to fill in as Grand Outer Guard 2012 – 2013
Grand Third Principal 2013 – 2014
Grand Second Principal 2014 – 2015
Grand First Principal 2015 – 2016

Order of the High Priesthood

Member since 2007

Grand Council Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada Royal and Select Masters

Initiated into Cyrus Council # 2 – 2008
Thrice Illustrious Master 2014 – 2015

Grand Imperial Conclave Of Canada (Red Cross of Constantine)

Selkirk Conclave # 6

RECIPIENTS OF GENERAL GRAND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

1952	* R Ex Comp	H. Wilson #10	1984	* Comp	John Claney #11
1953	* V Ex Comp	J A Callander #6	1985	* Comp	Neil Simonsen #21
1954	* R Ex Comp	J W Priest #14	1986	* Ex Comp	Edward G Ashby #4
1955	* V Ex Comp	W G Thomas #8	1987	Comp	Bert Jolly #10
1956	* Comp	G S Adams	1988	* Comp	Pat O'Neal #17
1957	* R Ex Comp	J Allen #12	1989	* Comp	H. Patrick #11
1958	* R Ex Comp	A Saunderson #5	1990	* Comp	Menashe Mandel #11
1959	* Comp	Paul R. Jeske #9	1991	* Comp	John Boles #22
1960	* R Ex Comp	E C Tatton #5	1992	*R Ex Comp	Norman A. Poulton #7
1961	* R Ex Comp	W N Camerson #1	1993		
1962	* Comp	J Nelson Cotton #18	1994	* Comp	Harold McKay #21
1963	* Comp	W R Peebles #11	1995	*Comp	Andrew H. Young #2
1964	* V Ex Comp	J Alex Sundell #15	1996	Ex Comp	John Machowski #11
1965	* Comp	L W Powney #7	1997	Comp	Russell Yoe #1
1966	* R Ex Comp	Alex Bey #16	1998	*Ex Comp	Robert Griffith #22
1967	* R Ex Comp	Charles Gork #1	1999	Comp	Kenneth Mainer #10
1968	* Comp	A H Eaton #4	2000	*Comp	Joseph Saboraki #7
1969	* Comp	Norman Pollock #1	2001	Comp	George Hillier #17
1970	* V Ex Comp	Jack Lawson #18	2002	*Comp	Roy Watson #2
1971	* Comp	Jack Wilkins #1	2003	Comp	Lorne Cassin #7
1972	* R Ex Comp	William McCrory #5	2004	Comp	Bob Thorgason #11
1973	* Comp	James D. Alexander #14	2005	?	
1974	* Comp	F. Herbert Thompson #17	2006	*Comp	Bob Johnson #5
1975	* Comp	Charles V. Doner #11	2007	Comp	Russell Fey #11
1976	* V Ex Comp	E W Smale #2	2008	Ex Comp	Roderich March 35
1977	* R Ex Comp	James Berry #10	2009		Nil
1978	* Comp	Walter Forsythe #5	2010	R Ex Comp	Len Pritchard #2
1979	* R Ex Comp	Francis W. Knox #5	2011	*R Ex Comp	Ivan Leblanc #11
1980	* V Ex Comp	Frank C. McBurney #7	2012		Nil
1981	* Comp	Philip E. Maxted #8	2013	R Ex Comp	Ernie Smith #21
1982	* Comp	George Brown #6	2014	R Ex Comp	John Duff #21
1983	* Comp	Roger L. Pascoe #7	2015	R Ex Comp	Bert Chambers #5
	* Deceased			* Deceased	

HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MANITOBA ROYAL ARCH MASONS

1989 or Before

Ex Comp Ellingson, ND
 R Ex Comp P. Torgason, ND
 R Ex Comp R. Glaze, SK
 R Ex Comp J. A. Hall, SK
 M Ex Comp D. Briggs, MN

1990

R Ex Comp E. Hintze, SK
 R Ex Comp W. Hobbs, SK
 R Ex Comp F. B. Hammond, SK
 R Ex Comp M. M. Keriluk, SK
 R Ex Comp L. Kingston, SK
 M Ex Comp J. Korstad, MN

1991

M Ex Comp W. R. Selby, GGC
 M Ex Comp M. C. Lewis, AR
 R Ex Comp R. R. Andrews, MN
 R Ex Comp S. Morrill, MN
 R Ex Comp A. Ohrt, ND
 Ex Comp W. Lamont Manch, G.B.

M Ex Comp W.J. Parson, NS
 M Ex Comp A.O. Aspeslet, AB
 R Ex Comp J. A. Bell BC

1992

M Ex Comp S. Redgrave, BC
 R Ex Comp B. Brown, SK
 M Ex Comp N. Fiissel, SK
 M Ex Comp G. Anderson, MN
 M Ex Comp R.E. Sautherhagen, ND
 R Ex Comp L. Bruggemann, SD
 R Ex Comp R. Gieb, SD
 R Ex Comp J.M. Drysdale, AB
 R Ex Comp D. Neill, AB
 Comp J. Mciver, AB
 M Ex Comp D. Thompson, AB
 R Ex Comp L.S. Churchill, BC
 R Ex Comp W.D. Jasper, BC
 R Ex Comp S. L. Lentle, BC

1993

M Ex Comp G. Capps, GA
 M Ex Comp R. Munday, NS
 R Ex Comp G. Cook, SK
 R Ex Comp S. MacMillan, AB

1994

M Ex Comp R. Sachau, SD
 M Ex Comp C. Pregra, SD
 R Ex Comp P. Fairbridge, AB
 M Ex Comp W. Brown, AB
 M Ex Comp R. Porter, SK
 R Ex Comp W. Gordon, ND
 Ex Comp E. Blanco, AB
 Ex Comp D. Boone., AB

1995

R Ex Comp L. Payne, AB
 M Ex Comp G. Cross, SD
 M Ex Comp A. Todd, QC
 R Ex Comp R Krattet, IA
 M Ex Comp G. Cook, SK
 R Ex Comp R. Lillte, SK
 M Ex Comp T. Thomas, BC
 M Ex Comp D. Johnson, ND
 M Ex Comp Wm. Schoene Jr., GGC, NJ
 M Ex Comp C.T. Reynolds, VT
 M Ex Comp M. Sickels, IA

1997

M Ex Comp Donald Orr, SK
 M Ex Comp Alvin Edstrom, AB

1997 (continued)

R Ex Comp Leif Hansen, AB
 R Ex Comp Frank Morowski, BC
 M Ex Comp Richard Geib SD
 M Ex Comp Peter Kloskowski, MN
 M Ex Comp Robert Allen, IA
 M Ex Comp Robert Wunder, NE
 R Ex Comp Charles Baum, CO
 M Ex Comp Henry Greenwalt, NE
 M Ex Comp Larry Gray, IN

1998

M Ex Comp Dave Bruce, AB
 R Ex Comp Lyle Dowdell, AB
 M Ex Comp Brooklyn Anderson, SK
 R Ex Comp Bill Liepert, SK
 M Ex Comp Eugene Layo, SD
 M Ex Comp Leo Luettjohann, MN
 M Ex Comp Barnes Sharril, MN
 M Ex Comp Clinton Smith, IA

1999

M Ex Comp Wm. Baldwin, NL
 M Ex Comp Gerald Hiltz, SK.
 M Ex Comp Robert Anderson Jr., MN
 M Ex Comp Kevin Jones, MN
 Ex Comp Don Whittington, Colo

2000

V Ex Comp Bob Sellwood, BC
 R Ex Comp Glen Spencer, BC
 V Ex Comp Ted Kuiperi, BC
 V Ex Comp Hugh Ferster, BC
 R Ex Comp King Crick, BC
 M Ex Comp Harlan Petersen, SD
 M Ex Comp William Newell, MN

2001

M Ex Comp Stan Harbin, AB
 M Ex Comp Don McDonald, SK
 M Ex Comp Wm Kauten, IA
 M Ex Comp Doug Heath, IA
 M Ex Comp Jimmy Fischer, IA
 R Ex Comp Lawrence Anderson, AB

2002

M Ex Comp Stan Stone, SK
 M Ex Comp Don Russell, AB
 M Ex Comp Virgil Carmichael, ND
 M Ex Comp Robert Seiler, IA
 M Ex Comp Wayne Bowman, NB
 M Ex Comp Lawrence Hanson, MN

2003

M Ex Comp Len Pickell, BC/Yukon
 R Ex Comp H D Freeston, BC/Yukon
 R Ex Comp Ron Beirnes, AB
 M Ex Comp Doug Haroldson, SK
 R Ex Comp Charles Marston, MN
 M Ex Comp Ed Carson, ON

2004

R Ex Comp Howard Landon, AB
 M Ex Comp Bryce Dougan, AB
 M Ex Comp Charles Bird, WI
 R Ex Comp Don Gillies, AB
 M Ex Comp Peter Carnochan, SK

2005

R Ex Comp David Wilson, SK
 Comp Fred Maides, BC
 M Ex Comp Laren Lampi, MN
 M Ex Comp Kevin Jones, MN
 R Ex Comp Bob Turner, SK
 M Ex Comp Marvin Rogers, MN

2005 (continued)

M Ex Comp Davis Burgess, MT
 M Ex Comp Ronald Miles, MN
 M Ex Comp Emory Ferguson, AL
 R Ex Comp Michael Abbott, ON
 R Ex Comp Peter Park, ON
 Ex Comp Art Payne, ON

2006

M Ex Comp Ronald Miles, MN
 M Ex Comp Emory Ferguson, AL
 R Ex Comp Michael Abbott, ON
 R Ex Comp Peter Park, ON
 Ex Comp Art Payne, ON

2007

R Ex David Grange, BC/Yukon
 M Ex Comp Malcolm Johnson, BC/Yukon
 M Ex Comp Kenneth McKenzie, BC/Yukon
 R Ex Comp Jim Lore, AB
 R Ex Comp Robert Taylor, AB
 R Ex Comp Edmund Harrison, NY
 M Ex Larry Holmes, SD

2008

M Ex Comp Robert Turner, Sk
 M Ex Comp George Tillotson, BC
 M Ex Comp Eric Weigelt, AB
 M Ex Comp Charles Marston, MN
 M Ex Comp Roland Paddle, ON
 M Ex Comp Gerald Johnson, SD

2009

M Ex Comp Mike Petty, SK
 M Ex Comp Jim Dixon, IA
 R Ex Comp Eric Shaw, ON
 V Ex Comp James Wilson, AB
 Comp Dale Wilson, AB

2010

M Ex Comp Louis Bertrand, GG
 M Ex Comp Richard Glasgow, AB
 R Ex Comp Bill Stinson, AB
 M Ex John Leyshon, SK
 R Ex Comp William McKay, SK
 R Ex Comp Arnold Smith, SK
 M Ex Comp Rolland Mandeville, ON
 M Ex Comp Douglas Nygard, MN
 R Ex Comp Dexter Pehle, MN

2011

R Ex Comp W Watts, AB
 R Ex Comp S Hamill, SK

2012

R Ex Comp D Switzer, AB
 M Ex Comp B Fitzsimmons, SK
 R Ex Comp B Pizzey, SK
 R Ex Comp T Wieclawsk, SK
 M Ex Comp J Hodge, GG

2013

R Ex Comp G Onymaogi, BC
 V Ex Comp G Porter, BC
 R Ex Comp W Copeland, ON
 R Ex Comp A Skene, MB
 M Ex Comp T Harrison, NY
 M Ex Comp H Weaver, WA

2014

M Ex Comp J Parsons G G
 M Vn Comp P Salvaraj ON

2015

R Ex Comp N Downs AB
 M. Ex. Comp. Heath Armbruster SK

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SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1923**

YEAR	GRAND "Z"	GRAND "H"	GRAND "J"	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SCRIBE "E"
1923	*W D Lawrence #1	*F L Newman #2	*W G Fraser #4	* J J Jackson #1	* H F Moulden #11
1924	*F L Newman #2	*W G Fraser #4	*F W Brownell #1	"	"
1925	*W G Fraser #4	*F W Brownell #1	*R. Hawkins #7	"	"
1926	*F W Brownell #1	*R. Hawkins #7	*F E Simmons #10	"	"
1927	*R. Hawkins #7	*F E Simmons #10	*J C W Reid #6	"	* F W Bronell #1
1928	*F E Simmons #10	*J C W Reid #6	*W M Bentley #1	"	^ G Syme #4
1929	*J C W Reid #6	*W M Bentley #1	*S H Fahrni #4	"	"
1930	*W M Bentley #1	*S H Fahrni #4	*A Little #1	"	"
1931	*S H Fahrni #4	*A Little #1	*H L Adolph #5	"	"
1931	*A Little #1	*H L Adolph #5	*J F Dart #14	*F W Brownell #1	"
1933	*H L Adolph #5	*J F Dart #14	*J F Irwin #4	"	"
1934	*J F Dart #14	*J F Irwin #4	*T S Cook #10	"	"
1935	*J F Irwin #4	*T S Cook #10	*E T Johnson #3	"	"
1936	*T S Cook #10	*E T Johnson #3	*S D Cruden #9	"	"
1937	*E T Johnson #3	*S D Cruden #9	*C E Cole #2	"	"
1938	*S D Cruden #9	*C E Cole #2	*J J Sinclair #11	"	"
1939	*C E Cole #2	*J J Sinclair #11	*M Render #6	"	"
1940	*J J Sinclair #11	*J. Gardner, #7	*J T Boyd #9	"	* A Armstrong #1
1941	*J. Gardner, #7	*J T Boyd #9	*C J Hutchings #15	"	"
1942	*J T Boyd #9	*C J Hutchings #15	*J V Dillabough #12	"	"
1943	*C J Hutchings #15	*J V Dillabough #12	*R S Jones #17	"	"" T S Cook #10
1944	*J V Dillabough #12	*R S Jones #17	*B S Bailey #11	"	"
1945	*R S Jones #17	*B S Bailey #11	*W. Dalzell #2	"	"
1946	*B S Bailey #11	*W. Dalzell #2	*C F Lidster #1	"	"
1947	*W. Dalzell #2	*C F Lidster #1	*E E Grant #8	"	"
1948	*C F Lidster #1	*E E Grant #8	*E I Waller #14	"	"
1949	*E E Grant #8	*E I Waller #14	*W A Wybron #5	"	"
1950	*E I Waller #14	*W A Wybron #5	*J A Tisdale #12	"	"
1951	*W A Wybron #5	*J A Tisdale #12	*J C Bate #3	"	"
1952	*J A Tisdale #12	*J C Bate #3	*W M Boyd #9	"	"
1953	*J C Bate #3	*W Elliot #1	*W J McGregor #4	"	"
1954	*W Elliot #1	*W J McGregor #4	*A C Cabel #11	"	* C J Hutchings #15
1955	*W J McGregor #4	*A C Cabel #11	*A J West #17	"	"
1956	*A C Cabel #11	*A J West #17	*H Eakin #9	"	"
1957	*A J West #17	*H Eakin #9	*R A Carruthers #19	"	"
1958	*H Eakin #9	*R A Carruthers #19	*F C Nixon #1	"	"
1959	*R A Carruthers #19	*F C Nixon #1	A L Lamont #2	"	"
1960	*F C Nixon #1	A L Lamont #2	*S Bowman #9	"	"
1961	* A L Lamont #2	*S Bowman #9	*W A Maguire #6	"	"
1962	*S Bowman #9	*W A Maguire #6	*A E Jones #11	*W N Cameron #1	"
1963	*W A Maguire #6	*A E Jones #11	*J G White #4	"	"
1964	*A E Jones #11	*J G White #4	*S E Greenberg #9	"	"
1965	*J G White #4	*S E Greenberg #9	*W N Cotton #18	*J O Stebbing #9	"
1966	*S E Greenberg #9	* W N Cotton #18	*R Kerr #11	"	"
1967	* W N Cotton #18	*R Kerr #11	J Russell #8	"	"
1968	*R Kerr #11	J Russell #8	*C G Rilkoﬀ #12	*G D GaMBLe #12	"
1969	J Russell #8	*C G Rilkoﬀ #12	* R G Johnston #19, 5	"	"
1970	*C G Rilkoﬀ #12	* R G Johnston #19, 5	*B. Newhouse #1	"	"
1971	*R G Johnston #19, 5	*R W Alcock #12	^H L Hornbeck #18	"	"
1972	*R W Alcock #12	^H L Hornbeck #18	F M Orestes #1	"	"
1973	^H L Hornbeck #18	F M Orestes #1	R W Hooper #4	"	"
1974	F M Orestes #1	*C L Harvey #4	*G W Rattray #9	"	"
1975	*C L Harvey #4	*G W Rattray #9	*G A Winter #5	"	*E E Smith #12
1976	*G W Rattray #9	* P A Winter #5	*G D Gamble #12	R E Hamilton #12	*E E Smith #12
1977	*P A Winter #5	*G D Gamble #12	*N S Orton #2	"	"
1978	*G D Gamble #12	*N S Orton #2	* B Agerbak #14	"	"
1979	*N S Orton #2	* B Agerbak #14	* C E Storie #15	* R E Hamilton #12	"
1980	* B Agerbak #14	* C E Storie #15	*G W D Steenson #1	"	"
1981	* C E Storie #15	*G W D Steenson #1	*R W Hooper #22	"	* E E Smith #12
1982	*G W D Steenson #1	* R W Hooper #22	*J C James #15	*H T Ross #15	* C E Storie #15
1983	*R W Hooper #22	* J C James #15	*L G Bromwell #22	"	"
1984	*J C James #15	*L G Bromwell #22	*S F Johnson #2	"	"
1985	*L G Bromwell #22	* S F Johnson #2	*W Schade #10	"	*J C James #15
1986	*S F Johnson #2	*W Schade #10	* J Heinz #17	"	"
1987	*W Schade #10	*J Heinz #17	C C P Hardy #14	"	"

1988	*J Heinz #17	C C P Hardy #14	* M S Cowie #21	"	"
1989	C C P Hardy #14	*M S Cowie #21	D N English #22	"	"
1990	*M S Cowie #21	D N English #22	*G A Ebel #2	"	"
1991	D N English #22	*G A Ebel #2	*N A Pow #11, #21	"	"
1992	*G A Ebel #2	*N A Pow #11, #21	S J Payne #21	*J C James #5	D N English #22
1993	*N A Pow #11, #21	S J Payne #21	J J Barratt #21	"	"
1994	S J Payne #21	J J Barratt #21	* H T Ross #15	"	M S Cowie #21
1995	J J Barratt #21	* H T Ross #15	*P J Webster #5	"	S Payne #21
1996	*H T Ross #15	*P J Webster #5	D Holt #10	"	"
1997	*P J Webster #5	D Holt #1, #10	A Christoffersen #2	"	"
1998	D Holt, #1, 10	A Christoffersen #2	*Wm McKenzie #11	"	"
1999	A Christoffersen #5	*Wm. McKenzie #11	Geo. Taylor #11	"	"
2000	*Wm. McKenzie #11	Geo. Taylor #11	Leif Hansen #7	"	"
2001	Geo Taylor #11	Leif Hansen #7	*Geo Feltham #21	*J C James #1	"
2002	Leif Hansen #7	*Geo. Feltham #21	Jack Hooper #11	"	"
2003	*Geo Feltham #21	Jack Hooper #11	Trevor Lambert #2	"	"
2004	Jack Hooper #11	Trevor Lambert #2	Bob McMillan #21	"	Ted Yorke
2005	Trevor Lambert #2	Bob McMillan #21	*Lawrence McInnes#5	"	*J C James #1
2006	Bob McMillan#21	*Lawrence McInnes#5	Ron Church#5	Trevor Lambert #2	"James Barratt #21
2007	*Lawrence McInnes#5	Ron Church #5	Vic Bryll#21	"	"
2008	Ron Church #5	Vic Bryll #21	Dean Hawes #11	*J C James #1	"
2009	Vic Bryll, #21	Dean Hawes, #11	Bill Cooper, #17	"	"
2010	Dean Hawes, #11	Bill Cooper, #17	Richard Laronde #7	Victor Bryll, #21	"
2011	Bill Cooper #17	Richard Laronde #7	Gary Dunn #21	"	"
2012	Richard Laronde#7	Gary Dunn #21	Rick Porter #5	"	"
2013	Gary Dunn #21	Rick Porter #5	Neil McMillan #21	"	"
2014	Rick Porter #5	Neil McMillan #21	Al Hadley #1	"	"
2015	Neil McMillan #21	Al Hadley #1	Cliff Hartmier #1	"	Rick Porter #5

* Deceased

^ Demitted

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HISTORY OF ATTENDANCE AT GRAND CONVOCATION

YEAR	MANITOBA	VISITORS	TOTAL
2015	39	11	50
2014	68	7	75
2013	58	18	76
2012	53	11	64
2011	55	11	66
2010	56	14	70
2009	53	17	70
2008	52	13	65
2007	44	15	59
2006	50	12	62
2005	47	25	72
2004	55	15	70
2003	60	15	75
2002	71	14	85
2001	59	16	75
2000	68	19	87
1999	78	14	92
1998	68	10	78
1997	70	14	84
1996	57	19	76
1995	57	13	70
1994	58	11	69
1993	75	8	83
1992	59	20	79
1991	69	18	87
1990	65	14	79
1989	57	12	69
1988	54	9	63
1987	74	8	82
1986	64	10	74
1984	77	37	114
1983	84	13	97
1982	108	16	124
1981	92	14	106
1980	87	18	105

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2015 – 2016 ELECTED OFFICERS**

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