



## **Manitoba Council Order of High Priesthood**

### **Opening / President's Welcome:**

The Annual Meeting was held on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Masonic Hall located at 52 Tupper Street in the city of Portage la Prairie Manitoba.

The Council was opened in proper ritualistic form at 1:35 PM, by President MEP Allan Hadley presiding with the following officers:

Excellent Vice President EC John Bjore;

Excellent Chaplain by; EC Dennis Henney;

Excellent Secretary / Treasurer EC Cliff Hartmier PP;

Excellent Master of Ceremonies filled by EC Jack Fryatt;

Excellent Conductor EC Bob McMillan;

Excellent Herald filled by EC Jon Romu;

Excellent Steward filled by EC Doug Scott; and

Excellent Sentinel EC Nigel Osborn.

### **Regrets:**

No Regrets received.

### **Invocation:**

Delivered by EC John Bjore.

### **Introduction of First Time Visitors and Returning Honorary Members:**

EC Vic Bryll from the Saskatchewan Council Order of High Priesthood;

### **Ceremonial:**

The names of ECs Wilf Schellenberg, Doug Atkinson and Edward H. "Ted" Jones were read. It was M/S by EC Yorke PP and Chambers PP that the Companions be approved to receive the degree. **"CARRIED"**

The ceremony was conducted on ECs Wilf Schellenberg (174), Doug Atkinson (175), and Edward H. "Ted" Jones(176).

The Prologue was recited by the EC Rick Porter PP.

### **Memorial:**

No memorials were held.

### **Confirming of Minutes:**

It was moved and seconded by ECs Hartmier PP and Porter that the minutes of the April 2018 meeting be adopted as read.

**"CARRIED"**

**Accounts and Communications:**

EC Hartmier PP stated that the current balance is \$489.04 and is presented for information only.

No Communications were presented.

**Regular Business:**

It was moved and seconded by ECs Yorke PP and Bjore that the first time visitors receive honorary memberships. **“CARRIED”**.

EC Hartmier PP spoke about the fee structure which currently sits at \$75.00 for a candidate. The MEP decided to allow the next President to deal with it.

**Elections:**

It was moved and Seconded by ECs Christoffersen PP and Porter PP that EC John Bjore be elected to the position of President and the additional officers appointed as follows: **“CARRIED”**.

Most Excellent President	EC John Bjore
Excellent Vice President	EC Dennis Henney
Excellent Chaplain	EC Jack Fryatt
Excellent Secretary	EC Cliff Hartmier PP
Excellent Treasurer	EC Cliff Hartmier PP
Excellent Master of Ceremonies	EC Bob McMillan
Excellent Conductor	EC Jon Romu
Excellent Herald	EC Doug Scott
Excellent Steward	EC Nigel Osborn
Excellent Sentinel	EC Jim Whitfield

EC Hartmier PP spoke on the ideal of appointing a separate Companion for the Excellent Treasurer as not for the financial responsibilities but, for the ceremonies where the Treasurer has responsibilities in the ritual. It was decided to request a Companion to volunteer annually vice having someone appointed.

**Installation of Officers:**

The Ceremony for the Installation of Officers was conducted by the following: Installing Officer EC Al Christoffersen PP; Installing Chaplain EC Jack Hooper PP and; Installing Director of Ceremonies EC Bert Chambers PP.

**Good of the Order:**

MEP Hadley was presented with a Past President’s jewel by EC Al Christoffersen PP. The new MEP Bjore brought back for discussion the fee for a candidate. EC Hartmier spoke on the main costs of running the Council being the Candidates bibles and the Past President’s jewels. The last purchase for 6 bibles was \$150.53 US (207.87 Cdn). Also, the last purchase for 3 Past President’s jewels was \$199.13 Cdn. Considering the current candidates’ fee of \$75.00, it was suggested to either raised the cost for a candidate, or add a surcharge to the person assuming the President’s office. Considering that our bylaws do not allow for changes to the constitution without a Notice of Motion, EC Fryatt made the following: “I Jack Fryatt will cause to the move at the next annual meeting of Manitoba Council Order of High Priesthood, that the cost of a candidates joining fee be raised to \$100.00.

The duties and responsibilities of the afternoon completed, the Council was closed in ritualistic form at 3:30 PM by our new MEP John Bjore and the new Council Officers.

Fraternally,

Secretary / Treasurer  
EC Cliff Hartmier PP

Past Most Excellent Presidents

1983	Clifford C. Storie *	1984	John C. James *
1985	Stanley F. Johnson *	1986	Stanley F. Johnson *
1987	Nathanial M. "Nat" Fairbairn *	1988	Peter Martin * w
1989	Rod W. A. March	1990	Hugh T. Ross *
1991	Peter "Jack" Webster *	1992	Lloyd "George" Bromwell *
1993	Garnet W. "Hap" Reid *	1994	Clifford C. P. Hardy
1995	Gordon A. Ebel *	1996	Neil A. Pow *
1997	George A. Reid *	1998	John G. Ball *
1999	David N. English	2000	Alfred P. Christoffersen
2001	Robert H "Bob" Allen *	2002	Sherman A. Elliott *
2003	James J. Barratt	2004	Leonard Ciszewski *
2005	Stanley J. Payne	2006	Lawrence R. McInnes *
2007	George R. Taylor *	2008	Leif Hansen
2009	William B. McKenzie *	2010	Ivanhoe LeBlanc *
2011	Charles E "Ted" Yorke	2012	Jack Hooper
2013	Bertram R. Chambers	2014	Clifford C. Hartmier
2015	Leif Hansen	2016	Richard D. Laronde
2017	Richard A. Porter	2018	Ronald B. Church
2019	Allan J. L. Hadley		

\*.- Deceased / w-Withdrawn