

The Grand Council of
Royal and Select
Masters
Of Western Canada



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Twelfth Annual Assembly

HELD IN THE

CITY OF REGINA, CANADA

MAY 12th, 1950

In Memoriam



M.ILL. JOHN THOMAS BOYD
Grand Master 1949-50

Born
March 13th, 1885

Died
June 6th, 1950

Twelfth Annual Assembly Proceedings

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada met in Twelfth Annual Assembly in Masonic Temple, City of Regina, Saskatchewan, on Friday, May 12th, A.D. 1950, Anno Dep. 2950, commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

R. Ill. Comp. Harold W. B. Bell (3)	as Grand Master
M.Ill. Comp. J. Edgar Rannard (5)	as Grand Deputy Master
H.P11. Comp. George Plasteras (6)	Grand Prin. Con. of Work
M.Ill. Comp. Fred J. Hand (3)	as Grand Treasurer
M.Ill. Comp. MELVIN M. DOWNEY (4)	GRAND RECORDER
R. Ill. Comp. William Boyd (2)	as Grand Capt. of Guard
Ill. Comp. A. L. Williams (4)	as Grand Con. of Council
R.Ill. Comp Alfred Peart (4)	as Grand Chaplain
R.Ill. Comp. Stanley Atkinson (6)	as Grand Marshal
V.Ill. Comp. George Stead (6)	as Grand Sentinel

GRAND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Canada Eastern Jurisdiction	M. Ill. Co.mp. M. M. Downey
Florida	R. Ill. Comp. A. E. Miscampbell
Idaho	R. Ill. Comp. Harold Bentley
Indiana	R. Ill. Comp. H. M. P. de Roche
Iowa	M. Ill. Comp. Fred Hand
Maryland	R. Ill. Comp. George Plasteras
Michigan	R. Ill. Comp. Wm. Boyd
Missouri	R. Ill. Comp. Frank Kimberley
Montana	M. Ill. Comp. J. E. Rannard

THE FOLLOWING GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WROTE CONVEYING GREETINGS OF THEIR GRAND COUNCILS

Arkansas	M. Ill. Comp. John McLeod
Delaware	R.Ill. Comp. George Macaulay
England	M.Ill. Comp. J. France-Hughes
Georgia	M. Ill. Comp. J. T. Boyd
Illinois	R. Ill. Comp. D. Brand Watt
Maine	M. Ill. Co.mp. S. Harris
Massachusetts	R. Ill. Comp. G. E. Turner
Mississippi	M. Ill. Comp H. Sandilands
Nebraska	V. Ill. Comp. G. H. Lambert
Nevada	R. Ill. Comp. David Cotton
New Hampshire	R. Ill. Comp. Walter Hill
Ontario	M. Ill. Comp. Charles A. Hill
Scotland	R. Ill. Comp. E. G. Elierton
Vermont	R.Ill. Comp. R. M. Lambertson
Washington	M. Ill. Comp. John J. Miller

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Companions in attendance and entitled to seats and votes in Grand Council, viz:

ZABUD COUNCIL No. 1, Vancouver, B.C.

Alfred Peart, PTIM, (proxy)

CYRUS COUNCIL No. 2, Winnipeg Man.

William Boyd, Ben Bailey, P.T.I.M.'s

ZADOK COUNCIL No. 3, Calgary, Alberta

H. W. B. Bell, Fred J. Hand, Harold Bentley, P.T.I.M,'s

ZOHAR COUNCIL No. 4, Edmonton, Alberta

A.L. Williams, D.M., Alfred Peart, M. M. Downey, P.T,I,M,'s

ALBERTA COUNCIL No. 5, Lethbridge, Alberta

J. E. Rannard, M. M. Downey, P.T.I,M,'s

SASKATCHEWAN COUNCIL No. 6, Regina, Sask.

Harry Robinson, H. M. P. de Roche, A. A. Wilson, Geo. Plasteras, F.

Kimberly, E. Miscampbell, Stan Atkinson, George Stead, P.T.M.'s

MINUTES

It was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp. A. A. Wilson (6), seconded by M. Ill. Comp. J. E. Rannard (5), "That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Council at the Eleventh Annual Assembly held in the City of Edmonton on May 10th, 1949, and as appeared in the printed proceedings be taken as read and confirmed."

COMMUNICATIONS

Messages were received regretting their inability to be present from the following:

M.P. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of North Dakota, M. Ill. Comp. Sterley L. Miller, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Montana, R. Ill. Comp. Luther T. Hauberg Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Montana, M. Ill. Comp. Carl L. Swanson, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Washington, M. Ill. Comp. Andrew J. McCallum, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Oregon, M. Ill. Comp. Walter Oalwein, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Idaho, and M. Ill. Thomas L. Doss, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Tennessee

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M. Ill. Comp. Melvin M. Downey introduced M. P. Comp. John M. Littlefield, the Grand Master of the General Grand Council, who was accompanied by Ill. Comp. A. Peterson of Alaska. M. Ill. Comp. Fred J. Hand, introduced M. Ill. Comp. Albert G. Tverberg, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of North Dakota.

The above were extended a hearty welcome by M. Ill. Comp. Harold W. B. Bell, and later addressed Grand Council.

ADDRESS OF THE M. ILL. GRAND MASTER

To The Grand Officers and Illustrious Companions
of the Grand Council of Western Canada,, Royal And Select
Masters,

Greetings

The year is spent-Nineteen Hundred and Forty-nine has registered in history its accomplishments and failures, its joys and sorrows, its good and its bad.

The cold war, conflict and distress persists, but in the midst of suffering, peace and plenty has been our lot, for which our

humble prayers of grateful thanks ascend to the Throne of Grace where the Supreme Architect of the Universe governs with justice and equity to all.

Free Masonry has been granted yet another year to demonstrate its virtue and to extend its benign influence still further into our business, social and domestic life.

We meet today to learn what progress Cryptic Masonry has made within the confines of our Grand Jurisdiction, and to engage in that most pleasurable of all human experiences fellowship with our Masonic Brethren from far and near.

Today to this progressive, enterprising Capital city, Regina, men prominent in the councils of our Ancient Craft from widely separated parts of the United States and Canada assemble to consider our present structure and to plan for its further development.

We extend a welcoming hand to these distinguished Brethren from other Grand Bodies and Jurisdictions, we are honored by their presence which serves to further cement the various branches of Masonry into one unified whole, thereby enabling us to unitedly press forward towards that accepted Masonic goal, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of Saskatchewan Council No. 6, the appreciation of this Grand Council is - tendered for their courtesy and their consideration in accepting the work and responsibility of host Council on this occasion. Our youngest Council has shown somewhat of its moral strength by this voluntary action and it is our sincere hope that much benefit will accrue.

Might I express to you at this time, my deep appreciation of the honor you conferred on me one year ago in selecting me to lead you. It will ever be a matter of genuine regret to me, that my health throughout my tenure of office has not permitted me to be more active among you. For quite extended periods my physician has kept me confined to my room, not even permitting the least participation 'in business, social or Fraternal affairs. In fact, it is only by a very special indulgence that I am enabled to be present today, an opportunity for which I am very thankful indeed.

While it must be admitted at all times that the moral strength of an institution is not to be judged so much by 'its numbers as by its seriousness of purpose, you will be pleased to learn from the reports which will be submitted during the session, that our increase in membership during the past year has been greater than in recent years, and that the general health of the constituent Councils has also shown marked improvement. Every Council but one has made progress, with Zabud Council No. 1 of Vancouver leading the way. The activity of such Councils as Zabud No. 1, Zadok No. 3 and Saskatchewan No. 6 has been impressive, and it is hoped that this same enthusiastic fire will penetrate the other Councils during the coming year.

It is also pleasing to record that the Royal Ark Mariners which also comes under our jurisdiction has now a membership of more than half the number of the Council.

It has been the will of the Supreme Architect that certain of our numbers be called to higher duties. Their absence gives us much sorrow. Our sympathy is directed to the several constituent Councils affected, where friendships have thus been dissolved, happy fraternal relations, terminated. These things are difficult to overcome, but we hope and trust that those remaining will so intensify their efforts that the gloomy will be dispelled, that fresh inspiration may be drawn from the fine example of those departed Companions. The Committee on Necrology will deal at length on these regrettable but inescapable matters.

Foreign Representatives

On the recommendation of the Grand Masters of the Grand Jurisdictions, Illustrious Companion Edward O. Zapfe was appointed our representative near the Grand Council of Wisconsin, and Companion Rupert S. Asplund of Santa Fe to be our Representative near the Grand Council of Colorado. By reason of the passing of Right Illustrious Companion Neil B. MacTaggart it is recommended the Very Illustrious Companion J. Morgan Davies of Winnipeg be the Representative of the Grand Council of Wisconsin, near the Grand Council of Western Canada. It is further recommended that Illustrious Companion D. Brand Watt be the representative of the Grand Council of Illinois near this Grand Council.

Approval of By-laws,

Having found the same to be in order, I was pleased to approve the by-laws of Zabud Council No. 1 of Vancouver.

The outstanding Council meeting of the year which was brought to my notice was held by Saskatchewan Council No. 6.

On October 31st, this Council demonstrated to what extent enthusiasm and organization can attain when they conferred the three degrees of the Order in full dramatic form, on a large class of candidates.

The great amount of work required to accomplish such a thing can well be imagined, and too much praise cannot be accorded our Junior Council for this praiseworthy achievement. This Grand Council notes with much satisfaction that the unusual advancement of this young Council is based on a solid foundation. They have initiated into membership many of the prominent and most active Masonic Brethren in their district and it is confidently expected that their progress will continue.

Had it been at all possible, I would have attended this extended session, but my medical advisor would not permit it. I suggest that the photo taken of the cast of characters be printed in our next annual proceedings as an inspiration to other constituent Councils of this and other Jurisdictions.

In reading the few copies of the Annual Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions which I have received, I have been impressed by the lack of uniformity

in the percentage of Royal Arch Companions which constitute our membership. In one area it will be quite impressive, while in another it remains so small as to be almost negligible.

One not informed would almost be led to believe our Order was of recent origin and had not yet been introduced and developed extensively. From the records it appears that only about 6 per cent of the members of the Craft are to be found in our Councils, while some 20 per cent have enjoyed the experience of Royal Arch Masonry. In some regions these percentages are materially increased while in others the numbers are so small as to indicate a lack of interest and also a very regrettable lack of effort.

I am compelled to ask myself the question, Is there a lack of understanding and appreciation of the fine history of Cryptic Masonry?

Should there not be a much greater effort put forth by our members and by our governing bodies to bring our Order and all its Masonic worth to the attention of our Royal Arch Companions?

That there should continue to be a larger membership in the other Masonic bodies is evidence of a lack of interest within our own ranks. We do not have to extend our observation beyond the borders of our own Jurisdiction to be convinced that a condition prevails which should no longer be tolerated.

It is true that we have made substantial progress during recent years, but only comparatively. Our percentage of the members of the Capitular Rite which constitute us is still regrettably small, and should not satisfy us.

Am I fair in saying that perhaps we are unthinkingly depriving many of our Brethren of the benefit of the lessons to be learned in our work, and of the Masonic information revealed in the Cryptic Rite?

Should we not, as members of this Grand Council face up to our responsibilities. We control this work within our boundaries we dictate its policies, we do or we do not provide inspiration and leadership for the constituent councils.

Are we accepting this responsibility as a trust? We have much to offer, this section of the Ancient Craft reveals history and action almost essential to a good understanding of the circumstances which constitute the central theme of the Craft. Let us appreciate this and accept as a pressing duty the responsibility of so informing all Royal Arch Companions.

Our rightful place as a strong important branch of Free Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is a yet unoccupied, are we unduly modest? Our influence is comparatively weak, are we apologetic? What for? We have a right to be proud, but we must justify it.

Is it not time we talked, talked of Cryptic Masonry, that is our privilege, that is our sole method of bringing our Order out into the light.

Let us resolve in 1950 to bring to the knowledge of every Royal Arch Companion in our Grand Jurisdiction the pertinent facts of our Masonry of the Secret Vault; established as it has been in Canada for nearly one hundred years. its close association with the Royal Arch, its excellent work, clarifying as it does much that still remains obscure. Let us make a gesture towards establishing constituent Councils in every important centre throughout the west; let us make a determined effort to occupy that place in the Masonic sun that awaits us.

In closing I wish to express my thanks to the officers who have so capably conducted the business of the Grand Council and have been so helpful during the extended periods of physical indisposition I have experienced.

May the Supreme Architect continue to bless our undertaking, and to guide and support my successor during his term of office.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN T. BOYD
Grand Master

It was resolved on motion of M. Ill. Comp. J. E. Rannard (5) seconded by R. Ill. Comp. W. Boyd (2), "That the address of the M. Ill. Grand Master be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Regina, May 12th, 1950

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada.

Most Illustrious Sir and Companions:

At this hour, sacred in its nature, our minds revert to those who have passed on. It is with becoming grace that, amidst the pressure of business and lure of pleasure, we stop long enough to pay tribute to our honored and

worthy dead, a moment when we set aside all thoughts of this selfish and sordid existence and revert to the greater things of living and of life.

Our life is but a transient moment, a whisper on the road of Time; and existence of a moment, compared with Nature and Time immutable. It is but a short, short journey, for the average life itself comprehends but thirty-five hundred weeks of existence. It is a journey but for a day, and that journey begins in the glories of the light of the morn of childhood, continues with an impression of the noonday sun of youth and manhood, and ends a dark sombre closing of age, as the night shades fall. Comparative by a moment, a passing flash of time from the great unknown beginning to the great unknown ending: a step between two great eternities.

Sincere fraternal sympathy is expressed for those regular Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters throughout the world, which have lost by death illustrious and distinguished Companions of the Rite, some of whom occupied high official positions in the Rite and Regular Grand Bodies of Symbolic Freemasonry. While we know that in the course of human events, such losses, from time to time, are inevitable, nevertheless when they occur we feel them sorely, and seem never prepared to accept them fully without speculation as to why they should occur.

Freemasonry has always proven itself to be possessed of the strength and inherent power to live and grow, and to prosper and extend its influence even in the face of what appears irreparable loss by death and other vicissitudes and difficulties which confront it, from time to time. Loss by death of valuable and useful members is, as a matter of course, always deeply felt, yet there is always compensation in the fact that the lives and characters of such Masons serve to enhance appreciation of the virtues of Freemasonry in the lives and characters of those who succeed them.

Distinguished Dead reported from other Jurisdictions

Florida	Dr. F. William Schultz, P.G.M	March 18th, 1949
Iowa	Charles C. Mattson, P.G.M	September 12th, 1949
Louisiana	John Wm. Armstrong, P.G.M	April 22nd, 1949
	Frank J. Herman, P.G.M	October 7th, 1949
Maine	Fred C. Chalmers, P.G.M	November 29th, 1948
	Franklin P. Clark, P.G.M	December 31st, 1948
Maryland	Charles L. Merriken, P.G.M	December 27th, 1948
Minnesota	August Klagstad, P.G.M	March 7th, 1950
Mississippi	James Williams, P.G.M	April 15th, 1949
Montana	Matthew W. Kau, P.G.M	July 24th, 1949
Nebraska	Robert E. Bosworth, P.G.M	March 29th, 1949
	Luther B. Hoyt, P.G.Sen	December 10th, 1948
New Hampshire	John M. Stevens, P.G.M	December 5th, 1948
New York	A. Edward Krieger, P.G.M	December 30th, 1949
Oklahoma	Robert H. Phinney, P.G.M	December 12th, 1948
	Charles G. Wattson, P.G.M	September 12th, 1949
Ontario	Edwin Smith, P.G.M	September 8th, 1949
Texas	David C. McCord, P.G.M	August 11th, 1949
Vermont	George F. Foot, P.G.M	March 1st, 1950
Wisconsin	George C. Hoepfner, P.G.M	October 16th, 1949

Deaths in this jurisdiction;

Cyrus Council No. 2	R. Ill. Conrp. Neil B. MacTaggart, P.G.I.C, Comp. Robert J. Clark
Zadok Council No. 3	R. Ill. Comp. R. H. Wood
Zohar Council No. 4	V. Ill. Comp. William T. Coote
Alberta Council No. 5	Comps. James McMaster, John Ross and William Thresher
Saskatchewan Council No. 6 . .	Ill. Comp. Francis T. Parker

We will miss our Companions from our Councils. In the passing of R. Ill. Comp. Neil B. MacTaggart of Cyrus Council we have lost one of the oldest Cryptic Rite Masons in Western Canada. He served his council long and faithfully.

“Age is opportunity no less
Than youth itself, but in another dress.
And as the evening twilight fades away
The sky is filled with stars invisible by day.”

“The friends who leave us do not feel the sorrow of parting as we
feel it, who must stay. Lamenting day by day.
And knowing, when we wake up on the morrow, We shall not find
in its accustomed place
The one loved face.”

Zealously yours,
F.J. HAND
Chairman

It was resolved on motion of M. Ill. Comp. Fred J. Hand (3), seconded by R. Ill. Comp. A. A Wilson (6), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Council be assured to effected Council and Grand Councils."

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada. Herewith my Twelfth Annual Report as Grand Recorder of the Grand Council.

CASH RECEIPTS

May 1st 1949—Cash on hand in Bank	\$1,293.19
May 4th 1949—Zabud Council No. 1	12.00
June 9th 1949—Zadok Council No. 3	110.00
June 10th 1949—interest	7.49
June 30th 1949—Zabud Council No. 1	42.00
November 23rd 1949—Saskatchewan Council No. 6	25.70
December 12th 1949—Alberta Council No. 5	41.50
December 14th 1949—Interest	8.84
December 20th 1949—Zohar Council No. 4	42.80
December 20th 1949—Zabud Council No. 1	144.50
January 3rd 1950—Zabud Council No. 1	5.00
January 5th 1950—Cyrus Council No. 2	37.00
February 2nd 1950—Zadok Council No. 3	157.50
February 10th 1910—Zabud Council No. 1	25.00
February 13th 1950 Zohar Council No. 4	45.00
March 20th 1950—Zabud Council No. 1	4.00
March 27th 1950—Saskatchewan Council No. 6	165.20
	\$2,166.72

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

May 23rd 1949—Reliable Printing Co. Ltd.—Proceedings	75.06
May 23rd 1949—Grand Recorder, postage and express	10.00
May 23rd 1949—A. Carley, stenographer	15.00
August 3rd 1949—Dominion Regalia Co. Ltd.	183.44
December 15th 1949—George Sweeting, Warrants	25.00
January 3rd 1950—Grand Recorder, postage and express	15.00
January 13th 1950—Reliable Printing Co. Ltd., printing	119..29
February 1st 1950—Housez Ltd. cut	8.32
Feb. 21st 1950—Reliable Printing Co. Ltd. circulars	43.20
March 2nd 1950—Dominion Regalia Co. Ltd	145.28
March 24th 1950—Reliable Printing Co. Ltd., printing	20.25
	\$ 659.84

RECAPITULATION

Receipts:	
Balance from 1948-49	\$1,293.19
Dues 1949	315.00
Certificates	270.00
Copies of the Work	65.90
Royal Ark Mariners	135.00
Circulars	5.00
Affiliation	.50
Constitutions	22.00
Regalia	23.80
Warrant	20.00
Interest	16.33

		\$2,166.7
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Disbursements:		
Printing	\$ 257.80	
Cut for proceedings	8.32	
Postage, Express and exchange	25.00	
Regalia	328.72	
Stenographic assistance	15.00	
Warrants	25.00	
		\$ 659.84

STATISTICAL REPORT

Total Membership, December 31st 1948		426
Honored	82	
Affiliated	1	
Restored	1	
	- 84	
Died	8	
Dimitted	3	
Suspended	5	
	- 16	
Increase	-68	
Membership December 31st 1949		494

No.	Name of Council	Recorder	Membership
1—	Zabud	T. P. Crowther, 1074 Clyde Ave. W. Vancouver	99
2—	Cyrus	J. France-Hughes, P.O. Box 896 Winnipeg	44
3—	Zadok	F. J. Hand 1717 .28th Ave W. Calgary	155
4—	Zohar	C. W. Lilley, 11030 .81 st Ave. Edmonton	36
5—	Alberta	T. Bestwick, 621 .9th Ave. S. Lethbridge	71
6—	Saskatchewan	F. W. Kimberley, 9 Bartleman Apts, Regina	89
			494

ROYAL ARK MARINERS

1—	Pacific Ocean	Vancouver	85
2—	Alberta	Edmonton	15
3—	Bowhaven	Calgary	66
4—	Lake Winnipeg ...	Winnipeg	30
5—	Ararat	Lethbridge	67
6—	Saskatchewan	Regina	13
	Membership December 31st 1949		276

MELVIN M. DOWNEY
Grand Recorder

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companion of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada. Herewith my report as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council for the year ending March 31st, 1950.

RECEIPTS

May 1st 1949—Cash on hand in Bank	\$1,293.19
May 23rd 1949—Received from Grand Recorder	12.00

June 10th 1949—Interest	7.49
June 13th 1949—Received from Grand Recorder	110.00
July 11th 1949—Received from Grand Recorder	42.00
December 14th 1949—Received from Grand Recorder	67.20
December 14th 1949.—Interest	8.84
December 29th 1949—Received from Grand Recorder	187.30
February 10th 1950—Received from Grand Recorder	224.50
February 24th 1950—Received from Grand Recorder	45.00
March 24th 1950—Received from Grand Recorder	4.00
March 27th 1950—Received from Grand Recorder	165.20
	\$2,166.72

DISBURSEMENTS

May 23rd 1949—Reliable Printing Co. Ltd., proceedings	75.06
May 23rd 1949—A. Carley, stenographer	15.00
May 23rd 1949—Grand Recorder, postage and express	10.00
August 3rd 1949—Dominion Regalia Co. Ltd	183.44
December 15th 1949—George Sweeting, warrants	25.00
January 3rd 1950—Grand Recorder, postage and exchange	15.00
January 15th 1950—Reliable Printing Co. Ltd.	119.29
February 1st 1950—Housez Ltd. cut of G.M	8.32
February 21st 1950—Reliable Printing Co. Ltd., circulars	43.20
March 2nd 1950—Dominion Regalia Co. Ltd	145.28
March 24th 1950—Reliable Printing Co. Ltd	20.25
	\$ 659.84

Roy M. Lambertson
Grand Treasurer

We have audited the books and vouchers of the Grand Recorder, and the Grand Treasurer, and find the same to be well kept. Attached hereto are the reports, and they are certified to be correct.

EVERETT G. ELLERTON, Auditor

It was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp George Plasteras (6), seconded by R. Ill. Comp. Stan Atkinson (6), "That the reports of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, and the Auditor be received and adopted."

The reports of the Inspectors General, R. Ill. Comp. John H. Sternberg, Alfred A. Wilson, Alfred Peart, and Fred Brockbank having been read, were then referred to the Committee on the Condition of Cryptic Masonry.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CRYPTIC MASONRY

The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Western Canada.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee on the Condition of Cryptic Masonry in Western Canada report as follows:— The Financial Statement prepared by the Grand Treasurer, R. Ill. Companion R. M. Lambertson and certified by the Auditor, shows a revenue of \$2166.72 and disbursements of \$659.84. The disbursements were trebled, being \$219.29 in 1948. Our net balance is increased from \$1,293.19 at 1948 year end to \$1,506.88 when books were closed for 1949 year end. This is a happy situation and shows progress.

The Annual Statement of the Grand Recorder, M. Ill. Companion Melvin M. Downey shows 494 members at December 31st 1949. Same date of 1948 there were 426 members. An increase during 1949 of 68 as against and increase of 39 during 1948. We believe that the Officers of the several Councils, no doubt aided by the respective jurisdictional Grand Inspectors General, have really assumed the responsibilities of their offices and awakened the interest of Royal Arch Masons in Cryptic Rite Masonry, as the following reports show.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Zabud Council No. 1, Vancouver, R. Ill. Companion Fred Brockbank, G.I.G. (his second year in office), gives a splendid report of this Council's activities. Zabud has had the largest increase of any Council in Western Canada, showing 99 members as against 75 at the end of 1948. His talks on Cryptic Rite Masonry while visiting other Masonic Bodies, the continued interest and efforts of some of the Past T.I.M.'s and other officers, the International Fraternal relations and visitations with Bellingham Bay Council No. 16, Washington and the change to Monthly Meetings (except July and August) from Quarterly Meetings, have been instrumental in bringing about this splendid showing. He compliments the Recorder on his good work as books and finances are in splendid shape. The Pacific Ocean Royal Ark Mariners Lodge No. 1, have now 85 members as against 50 for the previous year, an increase of 35. This is the largest membership in Western Canada. He mentions New Westminster, Prince Rupert, Victoria and Nanaimo as possibilities for new Councils of the Cryptic Rite at some early date.

MANITOBA—Cyrus Council No. 2, Winnipeg, R. Ill. Companion John H. Sternberg reports an increase of 3 members. They now have 44 members as against 41 at end of previous year. No activity shown in Lake Winnipeg Royal Ark Mariners Lodge No. 4, which membership remains at 30. Gives credit to V. Ill. Companion Frank A. R. Shanks, Grand Steward for Council Membership increase. He regrets the retirement of the T.I.M. Ill. Companion Ben S. Bailey to Vancouver. A loss for Cyrus but no doubt a gain for Zabud. Five Bi-monthly Meetings held from September to May. Expresses optimism for increasing interest in Cryptic Rite Masonry in Manitoba, as a younger class of members are being honoured.

ALBERTA—Zadok Council No. 3, Calgary, R. Ill. Companion Alfred Peart, Alberta Council No. 4, G.I.G. reports he was unable to officially visit either Calgary or Lethbridge. Zadok Council show a membership increase of 19, having 155 members now as against 136 the previous year. Congratulates them on the enthusiasm of their officers and on their fraternal visitations to and from Councils in Montana. (Personally may I add that Zadok Council had 11 regular Meetings and one visitation to Cut Bank Council, Montana, and that one of the three Degrees was worked, in dramatic form at each Meeting. Interest in the Rite is very keen. Average attendance exceeds 40 members. Two meetings were held of Bowhaven Lodge No. 3, Royal Ark Mariners and membership shows an increase of 10, now 66 as against 56 for the previous year). Records and finances are in excellent shape.

Zohar Council No. 4, Edmonton. Doing good work and show an increase of 6, and now have 36 as against 30 for the previous year. Books and records of this Council are in excellent order. M. Ill. Companion C. W. Lilley is unstinting in his zeal and enthusiasm. No activity reported in Alberta No. 2, Royal Ark Mariners Lodge Membership standing at 15.

Alberta Council No. 5, Lethbridge shows a decrease in membership of 2 and shows 71 members as against 73 the previous year. An increase of 1 is shown in Ararat Lodge No. 5, Royal Ark Mariners. It now has 67 members as against 66 the previous year. Reports the Officers and members are keen and zealous and the books and records in good shape. No record of number of Meetings held in these Councils in Alberta reported by the G.I.G.

SASKATCHEWAN—Saskatchewan Council No. 6, Regina. R. Ill. Companion Alfred A. Wilson reports a splendid year for this Council having Honoured 23 new members during the year. Eight Meetings were held during the year and the work is well done in all three Degrees especially in view of the fact, he says—”for never having been done previously.”— There must have been some losses as the Grand Recorder’s Statistical Report shows a membership now of 89 as against 71 for the previous year. Finances are excellent and books and records are in good shape. He reports that there is considerable interest for a new Council either at Saskatoon or Prince Albert and that something will likely be done about this in the very near future. The Statistical Report also shows Saskatchewan Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 6, has 13 members. Find no previous report in The Grand Council Proceedings of Saskatchewan Lodge Royal Ark Mariners.

We would recommend that the rank of Past Grand Inspector General be conferred on the following:—Fred Brockbank (1), Vancouver, B.C. (He already has this rank); John H. Sternberg (2), Winnipeg, Manitoba; Alfred Peart (4), Edmonton, Alberta; and Alfred A. Wilson (6), Regina, Saskatchewan.

Fraternally submitted,

H. W. B. BELL,

Chairman

It was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp. H. W. B. Bell (3) seconded by R. Ill. Comp. E. Miscampbell (6), “That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Cryptic Rite Masonry be received and adopted.”

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Illustrious The Grand Council, Western Canada:

Your Committee on the address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master is impressed with his statement on the cold war and join with him in offering our humble prayers to the Throne of Grace for the many favours which are our lot.

Your Committee unite with the Grand Master in mourning for the distinguished and beloved dead who have been called to the Grand Council above during the year and sympathize with the bereaved relatives and friends.

Your Committee joins with the Grand Master in according a warm welcome to the distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions, realizing that their visit will promote and cement a closer friendship.

Your Committee notes the illness of the Grand Master during the year which militated against visitations and his regret is fully appreciated by the Committee.

Your Committee is pleased to learn of the excellent progress being made by the several Councils and that complete harmony prevails.

Your Committee is quite safe in saying they approve of the appointments made and the By-laws approved by the Grand Master.

Your Committee joins with the Grand Master in his tribute of praise to the officers who have so capably conducted the business of the Grand Council during the year as we know they are fully merited.

Fraternally submitted,
J. J. MILLER, P.G.M.
JOHN McLEOD, P.G.M.
FRED HAND, P.G.M.

It was resolved on motion of M. Ill. Comp. Fred Hand (3) seconded by M. Dl. Comp Jfl B. Rannard (5), "That the Report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Western Canada.

We, your Committee on Fraternal Relations, beg leave to submit the following:

We have before us the request of the Grand Council of New Mexico for fraternal recognition and the exchange of Grand Representatives.

The Grand Council of New Mexico was duly organized on April 9th, 1949, with four constituent councils. The organization was effected in compliance with the regulations of the General Grand Council of the United States, and has been officially recognized by the Most Puissant General Grand Master.

Your Committee recommends that the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada, hereby extends full fraternal recognition to the Grand Council of New Mexico; and that we extend hearty good wishes and greetings to them, and wish them success.

Proceeding from the various Grand Councils throughout the world have been received, but no review of their activities has been written.

Ill Comp. Edward O. Zapfe of Green Bay, Wisconsin, has been appointed our Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Wisconsin, R. Ill. Comp. D. Brand Watt of Zabud Council No. 1 has been nominated as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Illinois. R. Ill. Comp. J. Morgan Davies of Cyrus Council No. 2 has been nominated as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Tennessee. We regret the passing of R. Ill. Comp Neil MacTaggart who has been the Grand Representative of Tennessee since the formation of this Grand Council.

Zealously submitted,
J.E. RANNARD

Committee

It was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp. A. Peart (4), seconded by Ill. Comp. A. L. Williams (4), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations be received and adopted."

ZARTHAN COUNCIL U.D.

A Petition signed by twenty Companions to form a new Council to be named Zarthan Council, and to meet in the City of New Westminster, in the Province of British Columbia was received. The petition has the endorsement of Zabud Council No. 1 and is recommended by R. Ill. Comp. Fred Brockbank, the Inspector General of the District. It was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp. George Plasteras (6), seconded by Ill. Comp. Ben Bailey (2), "That we recommend to the incoming Grand Master that he issue a Dispensation to form the said Council."

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was received from Zabud Council No. 1 "That in Clause (c) under Constituent Councils on Page 9 of the Book of Constitution, there be added to the first sentence thereof, 'or to the Provincial Boundary, where this may intervene.'"

It was resolved on motion of M. Ill. Comp. Fred Hand (3), seconded by Ill. Comp A. L. Williams (4), "That the Motion be laid on the table and considered at the 1951 Annual Assembly."

MOTION

A request having been made by Saskatchewan Council No. 6 to have the rank of Past Thrice Illustrious Master conferred on Ill. Comp. Harry Robinson, and having been considered by the Executive Committee, it was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp. William Boyd (2), seconded by M. Ill. Comp. J. B. Rannard (5), "That the rank of Past Thrice Illustrious Master be conferred on Ill. Comp. Harry Robinson of Saskatchewan Council No. 6, for services rendered to the Cryptic Rite.

We were privileged to hear addresses from the following Distinguished Visitors:

M. Puissant Comp. John M. Littlefield, Grand Master of the General Grand Council, M. Ill. Comp Albert G. Tverberg, Past Master of the Grand Council of North Dakota, Ill. Comp. A. Peterson of Alaska, and M. Ill. Comp. Earl E. Dusenberg, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Iowa.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Election of Officers was then proceeded with, and the results, including the Grand Inspectors General, who had been elected previously, and whose election was confirmed by the Grand Master, were as follows:

R. Ill. Comp. Harold W. B. Bell (3)	Grand Master
R. Ill. Comp. George Plasteras (6)	Grand Deputy Master
R. Ill. Comp. Frederick Brockbank (1) Grand Prin. Con. of Work
R. Ill. Comp. Roy M. Lambertson (4)	Grand Treasurer
M. Ill. Comp MELVIN M. DOWNEY (4)	GRAND RECORDER
M. Ill. Comp Samuel Harris (5)	Grand Chaplain
R. Ill. Comp William Boyd (2)	Grand Capt. of the Guard
R. Ill. Comp Everett G. Ellerton (4)	Grand Con. of the Council
R. Ill. Comp Alfred A. Wilson (6)	Grand Marshal
Ill. Reginald E. Parton	Grand Sentinel

GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL

R. Ill. Comp.	D. Brand Watt	Vancouver
R. Ill. Comp	J.L. Innes R. Ill. Comp	Calgary

R. Ill. Comp Stanley C. Atkinson
R. Ill. Comp Frank A. R. Shanks

Regina
Winnipeg

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER

V. Ill. Comp. William G. Scott (4)	Grand Organist
V. Ill. Comp. Frank Morgan (1)	Grand Steward
V. Ill. Comp. James Frankland (4)	Grand Steward
V. Ill. Comp. Harry R. Robinson (6)	Grand Steward
V. Ill. Comp. J. Morgan Davies (2)	Grand Steward

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. Ill. Comps. Frank Kimberley (6), Waiter Hill (4), Harold Bentley (3), John Sternberg (2), Alfred Peart (4), V. Ill. Comp.. G. H. Lambert (5) and Ill. Comp. Earl V. Bell (1). All Elected Officers and Past Grand Masters

R. Ill. Comp George Plasteras, Chairman. The following were appointed airman of each of the Sub-Committees:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Ill. Comp. J. J. Miller;

CONDITION OF CRYPTIC MASONRY, R. Ill. Comp. George Plasteras;
JURISPRUDENCE, M. Ill. Comp. J. France Hughes;
FRATERNAL DEAD, M. Ill. Comp. Fred Hand;
FINANCE, M. Ill. Comp. J. E. Rannard;
CREDENTIALS, M. Ill. Comp. H. Sandilands;
GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS, M. Ill. Comp. Sam Harris;
FRATERNAL RELATIONS, M. Ill. Comp. Charles A. Hill.

INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS

The newly elected and appointed officers present were duly installed i M. P. Comp. John M. Littlefield, with M. Ill. Comp. Melvin M. Downey acting as Grand Marshal.

GRAND COUNCIL CLOSED

The business of Grand Council being ended, the Twelfth Annual Assembly was closed in AMPLE FORM at 11:15 o'clock with prayer by the Grand Chaplain

Melvin M. Downey
Grand Recorder



GRAND JURISDICTIONS

and Council	Grand Recorder		Grand Representative from Western Canada		Grand Representative to Western Canada	
Alabama	C.H. Stubinger	Montgomery	Chris C. Young	Birmingham	A. Snowden	Lethbridge
Arizona	H. A. Drachman	Box 2-9, Tucson	Arthur L. Miller	Phoenix	S. H. Middleton	Cardston
Arkansas	C. Eugene Smith	Little Rock	J U. Bunn	Oscela	John McLeod	Vancouver
California	C. H. Newell. M T	San Francisco	Claude E. Cole	Inglewood	H. H. Bordewick	Vancouver
Canada East	R. V. Harris	Halifax, N.S.	Reginald V. Harpri	Halifax	Melvin M. Downey	Edmonton
Colorado	Harry W. Bundy	Denver	I. C. Vanderbrok	Mant4-ester	Charles W. Lillley	Edmonton
Connecticut	L. G. Drescher	Box 575 Baltic	James Carswell	Wilmington	.7. S. Wilson	New Westminster
Delaware	11. M. Carpenter	264 Wilmington	Robert L. Kause	Washington	Gao. Macaulay	Winnipeg
District of Columbia..	... Otto B. Roepke	Takoma Park. Md.	K. M. Marshall	London	Robert J. Cave	Vancouver
England and Wales	Maj. Thos. C. Lumley-Smith	London	R. G. Reynolds	Miami Beach	.7. France-Hughes	Winnipeg
Florida	John B. Phelps	Miami	Elliot S. Radway	Atlanta	A. B. M. cantpbell ...	Regina
Gsorgia	W, J. Pepp, Jr	Macon	Walt, r Oelwein	Pocatello	Harold Bentley	Calgary
Idaho	Daniel F. lianks Box	2867. Boise	William Teal	Elgin	D. Brand Watt	Vancouver
Illinois	Charles W. Keys, M.T	Peoria	Frank C. ZaJeck Evansville	H. 84. P. de Roche	Melville
Indiana	Charles C. Thomas. MT.,	Marion	Harry Schoolcraft	Council Bluffs	Frederick J. Hand	Calgary
Iowa	Ross .7. Camblin	Atlantic	Glen T. Williams	Oswego	Joseph W. Verge	Calgary
Kansas ...	Elmer F. Srain. M.T	Topeka	.7.J. Johnstone	Irvine	L. H. Sprague	Winnipeg
Kentucky	C. K. McCaughey	Richmond	C.O. Shi*w	Alexander	Alex Anderson	Calgary
Louisiana	... Lee W. Harris . Box 404	Alexandria	Ben. .7. Hadley	Bar Harbour	Sam Harris	High Prairie
Maine	Covers E. Leach, M.T	Portland	Ellis S. White	Baltimore	Gao. Plasteras	Regina
Maryland	Cha~. H. Welden. M.T	Baltimore	Lowell T. MaeNutt	Auburndale	C. Ernest Turner	Winnipeg
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Michigan	Wm. C. Wheaton	Grand Rapids	D.B. Wagner	St. Paul	W. .7. Motheral	Winnipeg
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	M.T St. Paul	Samuel Minnie	Jackson	Henry Sandilands	Edmonton
Mississippi	Sid F. Curto~. M.T	Meridian	Bruce .7. Carl	Columbia	Frank Kimberley	Regina
Missouri	Ray V. Denslow	Trentt,n	Herbert S. Hosford	Somers	J. Edgar Rannard	Lethbridge
Montana	L. T. Hauberg	Box 806, Helena	Julius C. (,lauhoff	Omaha	Ceo. H. Lambert	Edmonton
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Nevada	George L. Swarts	Elko	0. Wesley Lyons	Rochester	Walter Hill	Edmonton
New Hampshire	J. Melvin Dresser	Concord	(has. K. Phillips	Hamminton	Mark Crompton	Vancouver
New Jersey	H. A. Putnam	Trenton	Rupert S. Asphmd	Santa Fe	FreO Brockbank	Vancouver
New Mexico	L. B. Johnson	Albuquerque	C.W. Grinnell	Medina	Stanley 0. Cruden	Winnipeg
New York	E. P. Waggoner	Buffalo	.7.C. Johnston	Charlotte	Archibald West	Edmonton
North Carolina	U. F. McKeel	Washington	Olafur W. Johnson	Rugby	Joseph R. Yorke	Regina
North Dakota	~Yulter L. Stockwell	M.T Fargo	Paul B. Reed	Columbia	F. W. McJunkin	Calgary
Ohio	Roaeoe R. Walcott	Columbus	Glenn B. Young. MT	Tulas	A. R. Higgins	Vancouver
Oklahoma	James A. Lathim	Muskogee	Frederick Plewes	London	Chss A. Hill	Winnip~
Ontario	W. J. Rrackner	Toronto	L. M. Martin	The Dallas	R. H. Hilton	Vancouver
Oregon	H. C. Richcardson	Portland	Chas B. Wolferts	Allentown	.7. Orville Clarke	Regina
Peonsylvania	S. Carbon Wolfe	Williamaport	Eari H. Williams	Edgewood	George H. Mackay	Vancouver
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Tenness,~	T. E. Doss	Box 216, Nashville	W. .7. Chesney	Colorado	it W. B. Bell	Calgary
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R.III. Grand Con. of Council—K Westminster Apts., Everett G. Ellerton
R. Ill. Grand Marshal—2723 Victoria Ave. Regina Alfred A. Wilson
Ill. Grand Sentinel—Edmonton Reginald E. Parton

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