

The Grand Council
of Western Canada
Royal and Select Masters



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

*Eighteenth Annual
Assembly*

HELD IN THE

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER
CANADA

MAY 26th, 1956



M. ILL. HAROLD E. BENTLEY
Grand Master 1955-1956

Eighteenth Annual Assembly Proceedings

The Grand Council of Western Canada, Royal and Select Masters, met in Eighteenth Annual Assembly in the Masonic Temple, City of New Westminster, British Columbia, on Saturday, May 26th, A.D. 1956, Anno Dep. 2956, commencing at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. Ill. Comp.	Harold E. Bentley (3)	Grand Master
R. 111. Comp.	George A. Lambert (5)	Grand Deputy Master
R. 111. Comp.	D. Brand Watt (1)	Grand Prin. Con. of Work
R. 111. Comp.	George Macauley (2)	as Grand Treasurer
M. 111. Comp.	Melvin M. Downey (4)	Grand Recorder
R. 111. Comp.	James L. Innes (3)	Grand Captain of Guard
R. 111. Comp.	Walter Lord (5)	as Grand Con. of Council
M. 111. Comp.	Charles W. Lilley (4)	as Grand Chaplain
R. 111. Comp.	Earl V. Bell (7)	as Grand Marshal
V. 111. Comp.	Thomas Irvine (1)	Grand Steward
111. Comp.	R. O. Cutler (7)	Grand Sentinel

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M. 111. Comp.	Charles W. Lilley (4)	Zohar Council, Edmonton
M. 111. Comp.	Melvin M. Downey (5)	Alberta Council, Lethbridge

GRAND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Arkansas	R. Ill. Comp. Harry Killam
Canada, Eastern	M. Ill. Comp. Melvin M. Downey
Colorado	M. Ill. Comp. Charles W. Lilley
Connecticut	Ill. Comp. R. O. Cutler
Idaho	M. Ill. Comp. Harold E. Bentley
Illinois	R. Ill. Comp. D. Brand Watt
Indiana	R. Ill. Comp. Adna C. Woods
Iowa	R. Ill. Comp. Theo. Crowther
Nebraska	R. Ill. Comp. Geo. W. Lambert
Oklahoma	R. Ill. Comp. Thomas Irvine
Rhode Island	R. Ill. Comp. Earl V. Bell
South Carolina	Ill. Comp. H. F. Rummer
Texas	R. Ill. Comp. James L. Innes

CORRESPONDENCE

Regrets for non-attendance and conveying greetings received from M. P. Comp. Thomas E. Doss and R. P. Comp. Ross J. Camblin from the General Grand Council; M. Ill. Comp. Harold S. Pond, North Dakota; M. Ill. Comp. Herbert F. Hosfeld, Montana; M. Ill. Comps. Joseph R. Yorke, North Dakota; J. France-Hughes, England; Fred J. Hand, Ontario; Everett G. Ellerton, Scotland; Alfred A. Wilson, Missouri; Sam Harris, Maine; R. Ill. Comps. James C. Alien, Kentucky; Frank Mayer, Wisconsin; Walter Hill, New Hampshire; Alex Anderson, Louisiana; Gordon M. Kruger, Winnipeg; and N. D. Kennedy, Regina.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The following Distinguished Visitors were received with the Grand Honors and later addressed Grand Council: M. Ill. Comp. Cale Dickey, Grand Master of North Dakota; M. Ill. Comp. Fred H. Forester, Grand Master of Oregon; M. Ill.

Comp. E. N. Gadbois, Grand Master of Washington; M. Ill. Comp. Andrew J. McCallum, Past Grand Master of Oregon.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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.
G. H. Williamson, T.I.M.; D. Brand Watt, Thomas Irvine, H. F. Kummer,
T. A. Dobson, H. J. Morris, D. A. Hatch, P.T.I.M.'S.
- CYRUS COUNCIL No. 2, Winnipeg, Man.
George Macauley, P.T.I.M.
- ZADOK COUNCIL No. 3, Calgary, Alberta
Harold E. Bentley and James L. Innes, P.T.I.M.'s.
- ZOHAR COUNCIL No. 4,, Edmonton, Alberta
Charles W. Lilley and Melvin M. Downey (proxy), P.T.I.M.'s.
- ALBERTA COUNCIL No. 5, Lethbridge, Alberta
Walter Lord, G. H. Lambert and M. M. Downey, P.T.I.M.'s.
- ZARTHAN COUNCIL No. 7, New Westminster, B.C.
Richard F. Butler, T.I.M.; Thomas Lord, I.D.M.; Peter J. Bottaro,
P.C. of W.; Harry Killam, Earl V. Bell, R. O. Cutler, J. C. Brown,
T. Davies and D. Brand Watt, P.T.I.M.'s.
- ZAPHON COUNCIL No. 8, North Vancouver, B.C.
John Benefit, T.I.M.; Leonard Churchill, P.C. of W.; Theo. P. Crowther
and Ernest Beaver, P.T.I.M.'s.
- MOOSE JAW COUNCIL No 9, Moose Jaw, Sask.
Adna C. Woods, P.T.I.M.
- ALPHA COUNCIL No. 11, Courtney, B.C.
Geln M. Gilcash, T.I.M.; Charles E. Renecker, P.T.I.M.

MINUTES

It was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp. Geo. H. Lambert (5), seconded by R. Ill. Comp. D. Brand Watt (1), "That the Proceedings of the Grand Council at the Seventeenth Annual Assembly, held in the City of Moose Jaw on the 16th day of May, 1955, and as appeared in the printed proceedings be taken as read, and adopted"

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS — AND DISPENSATIONS

To the Most Ill. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada:

Under the date of December 29th, 1955, the M. Ill. Grand Master issued a Dispensation for Alpha Council U.D. to meet in Courtney, B.C. A Warrant is recommended by the Inspector General of the District. We concur in the recommendation, and therefore recommend that Warrant No. 11 be issued to this Council and that it be named Alpha Council.

Fraternally submitted,
EARL V. BELL,
Chairman.

it was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp. Earl V. Bell (7), seconded by R. Ill. Comp. George Macauley (2), "That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted."

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada.

My Illustrious Companions:

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to extend a most cordial welcome to our Distinguished Guests, other Visitors and all members, to this our Eighteenth Annual Assembly of The Grand Council of Western Canada, Royal and Select Masters, assembled in this Royal City of New Westminster, British Columbia, and it is fitting that we should, each in his own way, seek the guidance and blessing of The Supreme Architect of The University on our deliberations, whereby all our thoughts, words and actions may benefit and enhance the wellbeing of our organization.

To those who are attending for the first time, it is my ardent desire that you take an active part in our proceedings. To those who have become regular in their attendance at these Grand Council Assemblies, I trust great spiritual satisfaction will be the result of renewing old acquaintances, in making new friends, and in helping to make this Assembly outstanding for that fraternal spirit which is the essence of our whole Masonic Organization, for our success is the culmination of the endeavors of all. Your enthusiasm is reflected in the progress and advancement of Cryptic Masonry.

We are in the enviable position of NOT being a prerequisite to any other branch for further advancement in Masonry, our whole endeavors are to advance our Masonic knowledge, to fill in some of the empty gaps, to further our friendships, and to complete the Circle of Perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. Here, in the Cryptic Rite, we have a wonderful opportunity of disseminating that knowledge which should be known by every Royal Arch Mason if he is to be able to fully realize the beauties and profound depths of Ancient Craft Masonry.

The studious Mason will reap a rich harvest in the ceremonies of the Cryptic Rite, and those priceless virtues, an insatiable desire for knowledge and an irrepresive longing after Truth are the stimulants that drive true Masons onward, forever pursuing, never overtaking, but always enlarging the endless horizon of good deeds, thoughts and actions toward fellow men.

Necrology

At each of our Annual Assemblies it is our bounden duty to acknowledge the truth of the mortality of mankind. There are none that escape the inexorable law of the passing of all material things, even life itself. Change and decay are the fruits of this world, but Faith and Hope in the blessed promises of the Supreme Architect are the guiding forces that spur on those who so live their lives on earth that they are able to answer

their final summons with fortitude, equanimity and trust in the all powerful and merciful goodness of our Creator.

We are grateful that our Grand Council has suffered no loss among its Officers.

Those of our Companions, and of other Grand Jurisdictions, who have passed to the Grand Council Above are deeply mourned and greatly missed by us and our deepest sympathy is extended to their families and friends. Further reference to their passing will be made later in our proceedings by the proper committee.

Visitations

The Grand Councils of the States of North Dakota and Oregon, also the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, sent me very kind invitations to be present at their Assemblies, but I was reluctantly compelled to forego these pleasures. However, I was represented at the Grand Council of Oregon by R. Ill. Companion D. Brand Watt, also at the Grand Chapter of Alberta by M. Ill. Companion M. M. Downey, and I am very grateful to them for so doing.

On May 17th, 1955, I was officially received as your Grand Master at, the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan in Moose Jaw and was delighted to be accompanied by M. Ill. Companions M. M. Downey, Charles W. Lilley and Everett G. Ellerton, also V. Ill. Companion A. C. Woods, Grand Steward.

We were graciously introduced by M. E. Companion Lorne Johnson, P.G.Z., and received all honors and courtesies. This was a double pleasure as I am an Honorary Past Grand First Principal of this Grand Chapter.

An invitation was received to attend the York Rite Festival of the State of Montana, U.S.A., at Miles City, which I was very pleased to be able to accept. Accompanied by M. Ill. Companion Charles W. Lilley, P.G.M., I was received into the Grand Council of the State of Montana and we were accorded all honors and very cordially received by the Grand Master, M. Ill. Companion Ben R. Draper, and the Companions.

At this Assembly, M. Ill. Companion Frank W. Osborne was elected as Grand Master for the ensuing year, which was very pleasing to us. as he is well known in our jurisdiction, especially Alberta, for his excellence in degree work and is held in very high esteem. I conveyed fraternal greetings and good wishes to them from our Grand Council.

In the afternoon the Order of the Silver Trowel was instituted under the auspices of the Grand Council of Montana and the degree was conferred on a large class of candidates of which I was privileged to be one. This degree is very inspiring and impressive and conveys really worthwhile lessons. The Montana Companions are to be congratulated on their splendid portrayal of the work, and in this connection I cannot help mentioning the outstanding work of M. Ill. Companion Sterley A. Miller. In the evening the Order of High Priesthood was conferred on a goodly number of Excellent

Companions by the Most Excellent President Earl S. Bardwell, in a very efficient and impressive manner.

On June 8th, 1955, the Annual Convocation of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Montana was held under the guidance of M. E. Companion Raymond V. Love, Grand High Priest, and here again I was received as your Grand Master, by him, with all honors and courtesies. I conveyed greetings and felicitations from our Grand Council and was accompanied by M. III. Companion Charles W. Lilley, P.G.M.

The hospitality shown to the visitors and their ladies was wonderful and we are all thrilled with our experience at this York Rite Festival. The Committees, especially those looking after the ladies, fully deserved all the praise they received for their splendid efforts on our behalf. It was very inspiring and satisfying to renew old friendships as well as to make new ones, and I shall always have worthwhile remembrances of my visits to Montana.

On May 21st, 1956, I attended the York Rite Festival of the State of Washington, U.S.A., at Wenatchee, and was received as your Grand Master at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar by the R. Em. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Ben Wood, being accorded all honors and courtesies. It was very gratifying to meet at this Annual Conclave the M. Em. Grand Commander of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, Knights Templar, M. Em. Knight W. A. De Lamata. who gave a most inspiring address to the fratres. I extended the greetings from our Grand Council, and addressed the Sir Knights. It was pleasing to have M. Ill. Comp. M. M. Downey elected to Honorary Membership.

On May 22nd, 1956, I was privileged to attend the Conclave of Evergreen State Priory No. 41, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, being accompanied by M. Ill. Comp. M. M. Downey, P.G.M., and our Grand Recorder, and Comp. Earl V. Bell. We were extended all honors and courtesies, and were graciously welcomed by the Prior, Charles E. Boughner. It is also very gratifying to report that M. Ill. Comp. M. M. Downey was given Honorary Membership in this Priory.

On May 23rd, The Grand Council of R. and S.M. of the State of Washington, U.S.A., was held at Wenatchee, which I attended. On this occasion I was accompanied by M. Ill. Comp. M. M. Downey, P.G.M., R. Ill. Companions Theo. Crowther, G.I.G for British Columbia, Earl V Bell, P.T.I.M. and A. C. Brown, P.T.I.M., and El Comps. E. Beavers, G. Gilcash, V. Richardson and C. Renecker. I was very graciously received and accorded all courtesies by the acting Grand Master, Earl M. Gadbois, who presided owing to the absence of the M. Ill. Grand Master, Charles E. Boughner, through sudden illness. I received Honorary Membership in this Grand Council and I was delighted with the attention and honors given. I conveyed greetings and good wishes from our Grand Council.

On May 14th. 1956, I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of Washington, held at Wenatchee and was received as your Grand Master by the M. Ex. Grand High Priest, C. M. Ward, with all honors and courtesies. I was again accompanied by M. Ill. Companion M. M. Downey, P.G.M., R. Ill. Theo. Crowther, G.I.G. for B.C., and many other Companions from Vancouver and New Westminster.

The hospitality and many kindnesses of the Washington Companions from all York Rite Bodies was outstanding and deeply appreciated by us all from Canada, including my wife and other ladies. I shall long remember this wonderful visit and the friendships I made with the Washington Companions at this York Rite Festival.

I wish at this time to express my thanks to R. Ill. Companion D. Brand Watt, our Principal Conductor of Work, for conveying the good wishes and greetings of our Grand Council, to the Grand Council of the State of Illinois, U.S.A.

My thanks also to the Grand Inspector General for British Columbia, R. Ill. Companion Theo. P. Crowther, for his good work in the formation and Institution of Alpha Council U.D., of Courtenay, B.C., on February 11th, 1956. I was disappointed at my inability to be present.

On November 19th, 1955. I paid an official visit to Pacific Ocean Lodge No. 1, Royal Ark Mariners, moored to Zabud Council No. 1 at Vancouver and was most cordially received by V. Ill. Companion Frank Morgan, who was acting Worshipful Commander Noah, as Ill. Companion Thomas Irvine was unavoidably absent. The Degree was conferred by 111. Companion R. J. Cave as W.C.N. It has become tradition for Ill. Companion R. J. Cave to confer this Degree, and Pacific Ocean Lodge No. 1 is very fortunate in being able to call on such a skilled and enthusiastic Companion. There were approximately 40 candidates from the three Lodges of Pacific Ocean Lodge No. 1, Eraser River Lodge No. 7, and Capilano River Lodge No. 8, and the whole of the Degree was very inspiring and efficiently conferred, after which we were entertained at an excellent banquet.

In the evening I was officially received into an Assembly of Zabud Council No. 1. Zarthan Council No. 7, and Zaphon Council No. 8, by the three Thrice Illustrious Masters, Ill. Companions H. J. Morris, L. S. Davies and Ernest Beaver respectively. In passing I should mention that Ill. Companion Ernest Beaver of Zaphon Council No. 8 is over 90 years young. The reception was very gracious and the Companions very enthusiastic and I was deeply touched by the sincerity displayed and the honors accorded to me. I was accompanied by R. Ill. Companion D. Brand Watt,

Grand Principal Conductor of Work; R. Ill. Companion T. P. Crowther, Grand Inspector General of British Columbia; V. Ill. Companion Thomas Irvine, Grand Steward; and R. Ill. Companion Harry Killam, P.G.I.G. This assembly was called for the purpose of conferring the Super Excellent

Master Degree, with Ill. Companion H. J. Morris presiding, assisted by officers and members of the other two Councils. There was a class of approximately 40 candidates, and here again the work was of a very high order and excellently executed, especially the dramatic work. I was given the privilege of addressing the Companions and again joining with them after the degree in light refreshments. I received such outstanding hospitality from Ill. Companion H. J. Morris and V. Ill. Companion Frank Morgan and his wife that I cannot refrain from mentioning the many kindnesses shown by them to both myself and my wife who accompanied me on this journey.

On November 26th, 1955, I went to Calgary for an Assembly of Zadok Council No. 3 and was officially received and accorded all honors as your Grand Master by Ill. Companion W. Houghton, T.I.M. As I am a member of this Council the occasion was unique and the Companions very gracious and enthusiastic. I was accompanied by M. Ill. Companion F. J. Hand, of Zadok Council No. 3; M. Ill. Companions Charles W. Lilley and Everett G. Ellerton, P.G. Masters; also R. Ill. Companion Geo. Lambert, Deputy Grand Master from Zohar Council No. 4, Edmonton; R. Ill. Companion W. Lord from Alberta Council No. 5, Lethbridge, who is also the Grand Inspector General for Alberta; M. Ill. Companion Frank Van Demark of Cutbank, Montana; Rt. Ill. Companion Walter Hill and R. Ill. Companion A. Anderson, P.G.I.G.; R. Ill. Companion James L. Innes, Grand Captain of the Guard, and V.Ill. Companion James Cleave, Grand Organist.

The Royal Master Degree was conferred by R. Ill. Companion James L. Innes presiding. The work was very efficient and well done, the dramatic portions being of a very high calibre. I was honored by being allowed to take part in the degree.

The Select Master Degree was then conferred by R. Ill. Companion A. Anderson and his officers who were called upon to do this work at very short notice. It had been arranged to have this degree exemplified by Cutbank Council No. 11 of Cutbank, Montana. However, these Companions were stormbound at Shelby, Montana, and unable to continue to Calgary, much to the disappointment of the Calgary Companions, and I am sure, to the Montana Companions as well. A splendid banquet followed and I gave the reply to the Grand Council.

In the evening, the Super Excellent Master Degree was conferred with myself presiding as Illustrious Master and putting on the ritualistic work. The dramatic portions were up to the usual high standard of Zadok Council and these Companions are to be commended on such zealous enthusiasm and efficiency. I again addressed the Companions.

It was very gratifying to meet with the Companions of Zohar Council No. 4 .Edmonton, and Alberta Council No. 5, Lethbridge, as well as those of my own Council Zadok No. 3, Calgary, together with those from Cutbank Council No. 11, Cutbank, Montana. Here again I received wonderful

hospitality from R. Ill. Companion J. L. Innes and his wife, and I wish to thank them for their kindness to myself and my wife who came with me.

Grand Representatives

The Grand Masters of the Grand Councils of Colorado and Michigan having recommended as Grand Representatives the following, it was a pleasure to commission them as such, near their respective Grand Councils:

To the Grand Council of Colorado—Ill. Comp. Clayton A .Astell of Denver.

To the Grand Council of Michigan—Ill. Comp. Dan W. Mather of St. Joseph.

I was also very pleased to recommend as Grand Representative near this Grand Council the following:

From the Grand Council of Ohio—R. Ill. Comp. Walter Lord of Blairmore, Alberta.

Dispensations

To Zabud Council No. 1 to ballot at an Emergent Assembly on September 6th, 1955.

To Zabud Council No. 1 to ballot at an Emergent Assembly on November 1st, 1955.

To Alpha Council U.D., Courtenay, Vancouver Island, B.C., to form a new Council.

Bylaws

Approved changes in Bylaws of Zabud Council No. 1 re: elections February 8th, 1956, also on April 19th, 1956, to change Article 12 from 50 cents to 75 cents.

Decisions

None requested, none given.

Cryptic Room George Washington Memorial

I am pleased to report that plans for this project have now become a reality. A sixteen man committee was formed, and contractors, architects and artists have been contacted. The cost is estimated at \$40,000.00 which means approximately fifteen cents from each Royal and Select Master. At our last Annual Assembly we voted our share for Western Canada and I am most happy that we have honorably discharged our moral obligation in this matter. Any Companion who wishes to make an individual contribution of \$1.00 or more will receive a pocket card, and his name will be placed in a permanent file in this room.

Membership

Our net increase in membership for the year 1955 was 66, making our total as at December 31st 1955. This increase should enthuse the membership with a desire to continue to work for the welfare of Cryptic Masonry as new members are essential to our wellbeing, always remembering that quality is necessary as well as quantity.

One of the greatest blessings in this world is to have real friends and I am proud to say that my Cryptic Rite Companions have proved themselves to be such, and I wish to thank you all for the help and many kindnesses shown. Especially is this so regarding our Grand Recorder. He has been most helpful and willing to co-operate in every way. He has readily given of his great store of Masonic knowledge and experience, and our Grand Council is to be congratulated on having such a worthy Companion for this important office. We all trust he will be spared for many years to continue his good work for our Grand Council and Masonry in general.

The improved financial position of our Grand Council is noted by, our Auditor, who, together with our Grand Treasurer, are to be commended for their faithful and efficient labors on our behalf.

To the Grand Inspectors General, I extend my sincere thanks for the zeal and energy they have displayed in their work and this Grand Council is indeed fortunate in having such enthusiastic and zealous Companions for these very important offices.

Recommendations

1. Whereas some of our Councils have granted life memberships, it is recommended that this procedure be governed by the Constitution, and that a Committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to make the proper addition to the Constitution at our next Annual Assembly.

2. Inasmuch as it is proper and necessary that some authorized standard of the work be declared, in order to preserve the ceremonies and insure uniformity and harmonious working of the Councils in this jurisdiction, it is recommended that a standing Committee of three members of Grand Council be appointed by the incoming Grand Master, to be known as "The Committee on the Work". This Committee shall make recommendations to the next Annual Assembly of Grand Council as to what shall be recognized as the authorized work, which recommendation shall be included in the Constitution and thereafter no changes shall be made, except by ruling of The Committee on the Work, which Committee ruling shall be subject to confirmation of the Grand Master and ratification by Grand Council. The Grand Recorder shall be one of the Committee, and shall act as Chairman.

3. That the section "Assemblies" on page three of the Constitution be amended by deleting the word "shall" in the first line and substituting therefore the word "may".

4. That section "Elections" on page four of the Constitution be amended by adding the word "place" in the twelfth line "arranged by the Grand Inspector General, and".

5. That section "Right Illustrious Grand Recorder" on page seven of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "of a Companion stenographer" in the third line and substituting therefor the word "necessary" also deleting the words "when duly passed" after the word "payment" in the sixth line and substituting the words "together with the presiding member of the Executive Committee".

6. That section "Constituent Councils" subsection (h) on page ten of the Constitution be amended by inserting after the word "observed" in the seventh line "He shall see that summonses of all Assemblies are sent to the Grand Master, Grand Recorder, and Grand Inspector General for his District at the same time that these summonses are sent to members of his Council".

Conclusion

If there is a member of our organization who can honestly say that being a Mason has made no difference in his thinking or actions, and general conduct through life, then Masonry has failed in its endeavors in his particular case. I do not believe that any man can become a Mason, especially a Cryptic Rite Mason, without experiencing some impact of its teachings on his daily life, and whether it is realized or is an unconscious result, the mental balance towards its cardinal teachings, must swing towards its virtues.

I say this to show that the more one knows of true Masonic teachings and philosophy, the better enabled one is, to live a properly balanced life as a real Mason. This, in turn, begets a higher and more lofty recognition of our fraternity, not only among our members, but also among those with whom we work and associate.

Whether we realize it or not, we are all continually being appraised by our fellow man, the more especially if we are known to be Masons. The only way we can be worthy of that honor, of being a Mason, is to be an informed one, and it is here that such portions of Ancient Craft Masonry as the Chapter and Cryptic Rite should be an integral part of our Masonic education. Therefore, do not rest while so many of our Royal Arch Companions are not more fully informed.

There is a tremendous power in the manner in which degrees are conferred, and here I wish to say that there seems to be a slight tendency in some Councils to deviate a little from the work, more particularly in the dramatic portions, and I have stressed that the work as authorized by Grand Council must be strictly adhered to. We cannot tamper with our ritual without due and proper consideration by competent authority.

The impact on the human mind of the spoken word, is either dull, listless and soon forgotten, or it can be vibrant and lasting, lifting the spirit

through the whole gamut of such intense feeling, that the very soul is stirred from the depths of despair, inaction and sorrow, to the heights of ambition, action and happiness. If your candidates receive their degrees in the proper manner, they will never forget or be apathetic towards Cryptic Masonry. The spirit moving force is there, all it needs is to be unforgettably presented.

We cannot be passive or negative in our Cryptic Masonry and expect success to come of itself. There is a great difference between intention and achievement, between motive and consequence, and between ignorance and knowledge. There is a very trite saying, that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Let us therefore shed all the Masonic Light, especially Cryptic Light, to all Companions possible, and make the knowledge it contains, something to be greatly desired by all Royal Arch Masons.

Did you ever stop to think what it would be like to live in a country where Freemasonry was not allowed, where people's consciences were moulded to believe there was no God, that kindness was a sign of weakness, where one seeking truth and righteousness was regarded as a moron, where one was not allowed freedom of speech, where hope of an after life was considered a nonsensical myth, where the State was all supreme and people only allowed to act and think according to State mandates? These and many more restrictions are paramount where no Freemasonry exists, yet we are prone to think that we do not have to exert ourselves to strengthen and forward the Masonic Fraternity at every possible chance.

The price of our Freemasonry is eternal vigilance, initiative and work in forwarding its teachings and precepts, for all Masonry is good, and those who realize this, and are willing to work for it, are the builders and keepers of our organization.

Let us see to it that Cryptic Masonry attains its proper place in the Masonic Fraternity, for it is something worthwhile.

I urge you to hold high the torch of Cryptic Masonry, and trust that when you leave this Assembly, you will be inspired to work assiduously for the advancement of our Masonic Organization, and may The Supreme Architect prosper your endeavors.

And now I shall soon be handing the trowel of authority to my worthy successor, and I bespeak for him and his officers the same kindly cooperation and helpfulness you have shown me, and pledge my support in any way I may be able to help.

No good can be done in the day that is past:
Tomorrow belongs to God. Today's golden
chances for good won't last,
We must shoulder the laborer's hod. Work
while our strength and today is here,
Tomorrow we may be gone. Let goodness
accomplished, kindness and cheer

Be our goal, ere today is done.

Zealously submitted,
HAROLD E. BENTLEY,
Grand Master.

It was resolved on motion of M. Ill. Comp. Charles W. Lilley (4), seconded by R. 111. Comp. George H. Lambert (5), "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

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

It is indeed fitting to pause in the midst of the busy scenes and activities of life, that we express a few words of love and appreciation for the labors and sterling worth of those who have gone this way before us, as one by one, they pass away, may each of us rededicate ourselves with increased devotion to those great duties required of us as men and as Masons, yet to be done in the short span of life before us.

It has been the pleasure and privilege of some of us to observe from time to time, the lives of many of these Companions, even from the time they first put forth the tender leaves of hope, and now we behold them cut down by the scythe of time, and gathered into the land where our fathers have gone before us.

"If a man die, shall he live again?"

Throughout the long years Masonry has answered "YES". It is our faith deeply grounded in Masonic teachings, that death is not the end. The seed buried in the earth, dies, but in dying it lives. And the night however dark, brings morning. It was James Martinau, the philosopher, who declared: "We do not believe in immortality because we have proved it, but we forever TRY to prove it because WE BELIEVE IT." The very soul of man cries "YES". Death is not the end of life. We live in love. Love never dies. Love is stronger than death. It cannot be destroyed. Robert Browning grounded his faith in immortality on the deathlessness of love. After the death of his beloved wife, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, he wrote:

"O thou soul of my soul! I shall clasp thee again,
And with God be the rest."

Distinguished Dead Reported from Other Jurisdictions

Alabama.....	Llewellyn R. Hillyes, P.G.M.....	Feb.25, 1956	
	Clarence E. Michaels, P.G.M.....	Mar.22,	1955
	Sidney G. Fullerton, P.G.M.	July21,	1955
Arkansas	Stephen A. Diehl, P.G.M.	June22,	1955
Colorado	Guy V. Stenberg, P.G.M.	Aug.28,	1955
	Frank Spicer, P.G.M.	Nov.11,	1955
Florida	Sumner R. Hall, P.G.M.	Jan.26,	1956
	Robert S. Hart, P.G.M.	Aug.28,	
Indiana	Fred J. Deitzer, P.G.M.	Jan.4,	1956
Iowa	John McDonald, P.G.M.....	Oct.4,	1955
Louisiana	Julian O. Mauffray, P.G.M.....	Oct.12,	1955
Maine	Benjamin L. Hadley, P.G.M.....	Dec.28,	1955

Mississippi.....	William A. Johns, P.G.M.	June7,	1955
Montana	D r . Robert Hathaway, P.G.M.	July15,	1955
Nebraska	William Pieper, P.G.M.....	Mar19,	1956
Ohio	Harvey M. Rein, P.G.M.	Dec.25,	1955
Oregon	R a l p h E. Sweeney, P.G.M.	Oct.14,	1955
South Carolina	Charles K. Ghreitzberk, P.G.M.....	Jan.22,	1956
Texas.....	A. J. Mann, P.G.M.	Sept.11,	1955
Wisconsin	Albert A. Rasmussen, P.G.M.....	Feb.26,	1956

Deaths in the Jurisdiction

- Zabud Council No. 1: Companion John William Jones.
- Cyprus Council No. 2: Companion Reuben Brewer.
- Zadok Council No. 3: Companions G. S. H. Collinson, F. J. Cowling and W. D. Busby.
- Saskatchewan Council No. 6: Ill. Companions Frederick E. Doull and Walter A. Clink, Companions Ralph C. Cook, Stuart Arthur, Charles E. Reid, Frank W. Laker, James A. Ayotte and V. E. Johnston.
- Zarthan Council No. 7: Companions George E. Barton, Thomas Bundy and Herbert C. Bennett.

May the good deeds of their lives be the means of preserving long a kindly memory of them among us who are left behind and as we bid them farewell ,may we remember:

"There is a word which couples life and death, Sweet as a love song, solemn as a knell, It breathes a blessing while it chokes the breath, And eyes smile tears, when lips repeat—FAREWELL." "We cannot always trace the onward course our ship must take, But looking backward, we behold afar its shining wake; Illuminated with God's Light of Love and so, we onward go, In perfect trust that He who holds the helm, THE COURSE MUST KNOW."

Respectfully submitted,
D. BRAND WATT,
Chairman.

It was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp. D. Brand Watt (1), seconded by R. Ill. Comp. David Hatch (1), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted, and the sympathy of Grand Council be assured to bereaved relatives, friends, Councils, and Grand Councils".

REPORTS OF THE INSPECTORS GENERAL

The Reports of the Grand Inspectors General for Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia Districts were presented and read and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Cryptic Masonry.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CRYPTIC RITE MASONRY

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:

Your Committee on the Condition of Cryptic Rite Masonry for the past year 1955 reports as follows: From the detailed reports of the Grand

Recorder we are pleased to report a continued net increase in our membership. The membership December 1952 was 757, with the 1953 increase of 115 making a membership December 31st, 1953, of 872. The increase in 1954 was 61, making a total membership December 1954 of 933. With an increase of 66 last year, our membership as at December 31st, 1955, was 999. The number honored in 1955 (71) was the lowest for a number of years. However, this was compensated for by the number of affiliations (29) and fewer demits. We note the addition of Alpha Council U.D. to the number of our Councils, and heartily commend those responsible for the formation of this Council. Generally speaking, the Grand Council shows a steady growth of approximately 6%. Therefore, we may look to the future with optimism but not complacency. In a study of our Grand Recorder's Report we find the Council with the most healthy growth to be Zarthan at New Westminster, with a membership of 40 in 1953 to 47 in 1954, an increase of about 15%, and a membership of 64 in 1955, another increase of 26%. Well done Zarthan Council No. 7.

Our membership in the Royal Ark Mariners has also shown a continued increase. The increase of 53 for 1955 is over the 35 for 1954, but we have not reached the 1953 increase of 64. We draw to your attention that some of the Councils have no Royal Ark Mariners Lodge moored to them. That some of the larger Councils have less than one-third of their membership as Royal Ark Mariners. However, Zabud Council No. 1, with Pacific Ocean No. 1 moored to them, can boast more than 100% of their Council being Royal Ark Mariners. Truly Pacific Ocean is calling its own. We commend them for their efforts in this inspiring degree. Cyrus No. 2 at Winnipeg, and Zohar at Edmonton have made no increase in the Council this year, but have made worthwhile gains in the Royal Ark Mariners, being 30% at Lake Winnipeg No. 4, and 11% at Alberta No. 2. Saskatchewan No. 6 at Regina appears to have suffered a setback in the Council, while remaining stationary in the Royal Ark Mariners. Such setbacks are to be expected in the course of all true life. However, set backs are soon overcome if the body be healthy. We extend to Saskatchewan No. 6 a wish for their speedy recovery and a return of their former zeal.

We have studied the Reports of the Grand Inspectors General and comment as follows: We note the visitations which they have reported to Councils south of the border and to other Councils within their own jurisdiction. We are happy to report this excellent state of affairs and to commend them for their support of this cementing of true and lasting international friendships. May they never be broken. We concur in their recommendations and we feel they have done their duty to the Grand Council to the best of their ability. The enthusiasm shown in the report for British Columbia is worthy of mention. The new Council, Alpha No. 11 at Courtney, B.C., on Vancouver Island, is planted as a tree in a fertile field. Who can say how much fruit it will bear? We look forward to the future of the Councils in British Columbia with optimism. We are fortunate that our

officers there are fired with enthusiasm and zeal. We are also glad to see it reported that the work of the B.C. Councils has been well done, that they look forward to the problems of the future with pride and zeal. Much credit is due to R. Ill. Comp. T. P. Crowther.

Very good prospects are reported by R. Ill. Comp. Walter Lord of the Alberta District. The 505 membership of Alberta is over half of the total membership of Grand Council. However, the members are scattered over the province far and wide. It could hardly be expected that the phenomenal rise of Zadok Council No. 3 at Calgary could be maintained indefinitely. An entrenching period is at hand. Let us consolidate our hard earned gains by careful husbandry. We have an impressive array of Masonic talent in Alberta which has been responsible for the growth of our Councils here. Let us not forget them, when we are considering the method of entrenching and consolidating. With their help we cannot flag nor fail.

The report of R. Ill. Comp. Gordon M. Kruger of Manitoba is appreciated¹. We note that 47% of the Manitoba members were present for the official visits, truly a very nice welcome percentage attendance. His report, while brief, was very comprehensive and that all is in good order. From the report we believe that the affairs of Grand Council in Manitoba and the constituent Councils are in good hands. The report certainly told us everything.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

	1953	1954	1955
January Membership ..	757	872	933
Honored	131	83	71
Affiliations	39	2	29
Restored	1	1	1
			----928
	----958		----1034
Died	17	14	16
Dimitted	32	6	14
Suspended	7	5	5
	----56	----25	----35
December Membership	----872	----933	----999
Increase	115	61	66
Royal Ark Mariners	518	553	606
Increase	64	35	53

	S.M.	R.A.M.	S.M.	R.A.M.	S.M.	R.A.M.
Zabud No. 1	111	180	124	201	137	218
..... Cyrus No 2	59	51	66	51	66	74
Zadok No. 3	313	103	322	103	335	107
Zohar No. 4	70	47	77	55	76	62
Alberta No. 5	88	91	94	91	94	91
.....	116	17	126	17	113	17
Saskatchewan No. 6	40	19	47	23	64	23
Zaphon No. 8	37	10	37	12	41	14
Moose Jaw- No. 9	16		16		21	
Brandon No. 10	22		24		27	
Alpha No. 11					25	
	872	518	933	553	999	606

Dues	467.10	407.50	506.35
Copies of Work	96.00	50.30	95.65
Constitutions	40.40	28.00	
Dispensations	4.00		3.00
Affiliations	6.00	3.00	4.00
Royal Ark Mariners	140.00	162.10	110.00
Warrants	65.00		40.00
Circulars	3.49		
Interest	2.18	4.29	6.09
	\$1,400.17	\$ 932.49	\$ 1,153.59

Statement of Assets

	1954	1955	1956
Dominion of Canada Bonds	3,500.00	3,500.00	4,000.00
Books Etc.....	190.00	185.00	225.00
Regalia	719.00	719.00	719.00
Cash in Bank	437.79	932.41	905.16
	\$ 4,846.79	5,336.41	5,849.16

A study of the above tables will give the Companions a good idea of the condition of our Cryptic Rite. Each item tells its own story of steady progress and continued interest.

The affairs of the Grand Council from a financial standpoint are sound and healthy, with increasing assets. While we have \$27.00 less in the Bank this year we have increased our assets by the increase in books and stationery and the purchase of a \$500.00 bond. From the above tables, we find that, with an increase in membership, an increase of

Councils and the ever present increased cost of living, we were able to conduct the" increased business of our Grand Council without any increase in disbursements. The increasing work pertaining to our records appears to be in excellent order. For all of this we are indebted to our Grand Recorder, assisted by our Grand Treasurer and Auditor. They are to be commended for a job well done. It is a lot of work. We are pleased that we can report a good healthy condition in general, which is manifested by the visits of members to other Councils. This happy state of affairs could not be brought about in the old times. In those days it took days and weeks to make such visitations. We cannot close our eyes to the fact that we must take on our shoulders the disadvantages of our times, as well as the advantages. For this reason your committee suggests that a committee be appointed to look into these matters which vitally affect our Council attendance and our future welfare. Finally, when we look at the fine body of Masons who have guided our Councils, and then our Grand Council, in the past, and witness the zeal with which they still work for our lasting friendship, we cannot but say our labors have not been in vain. All that remains is for these Council stalwarts to include all the Select Masters into their circle of friendship and pass on to the newcomers their zeal for true friendship. Thus their work will never die and our circle will steadily enlarge. For those who wish to go into more detail, comparative statements are shown for the last three years which will show at a glance the condition of Cryptic Rite Masonry which we have explained above.

Finally we cannot overlook the fact that our Grand Recorder's report shows the sum of \$150.00 as a disbursement for the National Memorial Cryptic Room. The estimated cost of this room is \$40,000.00. Individual contributions are solicited. Any companion donating \$1.00 or more will receive an appropriate pocket card and his name placed on a permanent file in this room. Send all contributions to Ross J. Camblin, Box 307, Atlantic, Iowa, U.S.A.

Zealously submitted,
G. H. LAMBERT,
Chairman.

It was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp. G. H. Lambert (5), seconded by R. Ill. Comp. James L. Innes (3), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Cryptic Rite Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

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

Herewith my Eighteenth Annual Report as Grand Recorder of the Grand Council.

Cash Receipts

March 1, 1955 — Cash on hand and in the bank	\$ 932.41
March 8, 1955 — Zohar Council No. 4	37.00
March 9, 1955 — Zabud Council No. 1	23.65
April 1, 1955 — Cyrus Council No. 2	10.00
April 28, 1955 — Bank Interest	2.34
May 7, 1955 — Zabud Council No. 1	5.00
May 8, 1955 — Alberta Council No. 5	69.50
Sept. 2, 1955 — Bond Coupons	105.00
Sept. 26, 1955 — Bank Interest	3.75
Dec. 9, 1955 — Zabud Council No. 1	158.00
Dec. 10, 1955 — Cyrus Council No. 2	42.00
Dec. 14, 1955 — Zaphon Council No. 8	7.00
Dec. 15, 1955 — Zaphon Council No. 8	3.00
Dec. 26, 1955 — Zohar Council No. 4	53.00
Dec. 29, 1955 — Alpha Council U.D.	25.00
Jan. 4, 1956 — Moose Jaw Council No. 9	21.00
Jan. 13, 1956 — Zadok Council No. 3	229.50
Jan. 13, 1956 — Zaphon Council No. 8	42.50
Jan. 14, 1956 — Moose Jaw Council No. 9	2.50
Jan. 20, 1956 — Brandon Council No. 10	13.50
Jan. 23, 1956 — Alberta Council No. 5	47.00
Feb. 5, 1956 — Moose Jaw Council No. 9	10.00
Feb. 10, 1956 — Zarthan Council No. 7	130.00
March 19, 1956 — Alpha Council U.D.	5.00
March 20, 1956 — Bond Coupons	52.50
March 24, 1956 — Saskatchewan Council No. 6	55.85

————— \$2,086.00

Cash Disbursements

March 28, 1955 — Reliable Printing Co. Ltd., Printing	7.15
May 5, 1955 — Grand Recorder, Postage	20.00
May 26, 1955 — Grand Recorder, 1954 Allowance	100.00
May 26, 1955 — General Grand Council, Dues	27.81
June 6, 1955 — McDermid Studio, Photo	6.33
June 23, 1955 — Imperial Bank, S.D.B.	5.00
June 25, 1955 — Reliable Printing Co. Ltd., Printing	145.00
July 15, 1955 — Grand Mark Lodge	17.27
Sept. 26, 1955 — Grand Recorder, 1955 Allowance	100.00
Dec. 14, 1955 — Grand Council of Ontario, Books	90.25
Dec. 18, 1955 — General Grand Council, Cryptic Room	150.00
March 19, 1956 — Grand Recorder, Postage	20.00
March 20, 1956 — Imperial Bank, Bond	491.83

\$1,180.84

905.16

\$2086.00

March 31, 1956 — Cash in bank

Recapitulation

Receipts:

Balance from 1954-55

932.41

Coupons from Bonds	157.50	
Copies of the Work	95.65	
Certificates	234.00	
Affiliations	4.00	
Bank Interest	6.09	
Royal Ark Mariners ...	110.00	
Warrants	40.00	
Dues	506.35	
		\$2,086.00

Disbursements:

Books	\$107.52	
Grand Recorder ,1954 Allowance	100.00	
Postage and Express	40.00	
Dominion of Canada Bond	491.83	
Safety Deposit Box	5.00	
General Grand Council	177.81	
Grand Recorder, 1955 Allowance	100.00	
Printing	158.68	
	1,180.00	
Cash in bank	905.16	\$2,086.00

Statistical Report

Total Membership, December 31, 1954	933
Honored	71
Affiliated	29
Restored	1
	101
Died	16
Dimitted	14
Suspended	35
Net Increase	66
Membership, December 31, 1955	999

Recorder		Membership
Zabud	Thomas R. Smaley, 3145 W. 12 Ave., Vancouver	137
2 Cyrus	..J. France-Hughes, 133 Campbell St., Winnipeg	66.
3 Zadok	L. E. McKay, 1401 - 3rd St. N.W., Calgary	335..
4 Zohar	C. W. Lilley, 11030-81st Ave., Edmonton ..	76
5 Alberta	James Lloyd, Blairmore, Alta. 94
6 Saskatchewan	Peter Mayer, 2641 Broder St., Regina..	.. 113
7 Zarthan	Harry Killam, 439 Ash St., New Westminster	64
8 Zaphon	..David A. Jay, 781 - 17th St., West Vancouver.....	41
9 Moose Jaw	H. R. Nickelson, 28 Avalon Court, Moose Jaw	21
10 Brandon	W. J. Cowie, 208 Lorne Ave. E., Brandon 27
11 Alpha	Wm. Duncanson, Box 490, Courtney	25

ROYAL ARK MARINERS

No.	Name of Council	Name of Council	Membership
1—	Pacific Ocean	Zabud No. 1	213
2—	Alberta	Zohar No. 4	62
3—	Bowhaven	Zadok No 3	107
4—	Lake Winnipeg	Cyrus No 2	74
5—	Arrarat	Alberta No 5	91
6—	Saskatchewan	Saskatchewan No 6	17
7—	Fraser River	Zarthan No 7	23
8—	Capilano River .	Zaphon No 8	<u>14</u>
			606
Increase		53

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Western Canada
Royal and Select Masters.

Herewith my report as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council for the year ending March 31st, 1956.

Receipts

March 1, 1955—Cash on Hand as per Bank Book ...	932.41
March 17, 1955—Received from Grand Recorder	60.65
April 21, 1955—Received from Grand Recorder	10.00
April 28, 1955—Bank Interest	2.34
May 9, 1955—Received from Grand Recorder	74.50
Sept. 2, 1955—Received from Grand Recorder	105.00
Sept. 26, 1955—Bank Interest	3.75
Dec. 13, 1955—Received from Grand Recorder	200.00
Jan. 6, 1956—Received from Grand Recorder	105.00
Jan. 31, 1956—Received from Grand Recorder	229.50
Jan. 31, 1956—Received from Grand Recorder	105.50
Feb. 10, 1956—Received from Grand Recorder	130.00
March 26, 1956—Received from Grand Recorder	123.35
	\$2,086.00

Disbursements

March 28, 1955—Reliable Printing Co. Ltd.	7.15	
May 5, 1955—Grand Recorder, Postage		20.00
May 26, 1955—Grand Recorder, 1954 Allowance	100.00	
May 26, 1955—Dues to General Grand Council	27.81	
June 6, 1955—McDermid Studio, Photo		6.33
June 23, 1955—Imperial Bank, S.D.B.		5.00
June 25, 1955—Reliable Printing Co. Ltd.	145.00	
July 15, 1955—Grand Mark Lodge, London, England Sept.		17.27
26, 1955—1955 Allowance for Grand Recorder ..		100.00
Dec. 14, 1955—Grand Council of Ontario	90.25	
Dec. 18, 1955—General Grand Council, Cryptic Room		150.00
March 19, 1956—Grand Recorder, Postage	20.00	
March 20, 1956—Imperial Bank, Bond		491.83

	1,180.94
March 31, 1956—Cash in Bank	905.16
	\$2,086.00

Dominion of Canada Bond E296025	1,000.00
Dominion of Canada Bond E537044	1,000.00
Dominion of Canada Bond B0334839	500.00
Dominion of Canada Bond B0334840	500.00
Dominion of Canada Bond B0340811500.00
Dominion of Canada Bond B0362157500.00
Cash in Bank	905.16
Regalia	719.00
Books, Stationery and Forms	225.00
	\$5,849.16

ROY M. LAMBERTSON,
Grand Treasurer.

I have audited the books and vouchers of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer, and find the same to be well kept. We note that our assets have increased very considerably. Attached hereto are the reports and they are certified to be correct.

WALTER HILL,
Auditor.

It was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp. Earl V. Bell (7), seconded by R. Ill. Comp. David Hatch (1), "That the reports of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer and Auditor be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

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

Your Committee has carefully reviewed the Most Illustrious Grand Master's address and wishes to congratulate him on the work accomplished during the year.

Your Committee wishes to unite with the Grand Master on his cordial welcome to all who attend and take an active part in the meeting with their discussions and constructive ideas.

Your Committee wishes to 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 sympathizes with the bereaved relatives and friends.

Your Committee concurs with the Grand Master on his visits to the various Councils, in and out of his jurisdiction, and feels that he had made a very good Ambassador, in bringing the Cryptic Rite to the forefront to all the Masonic Bodies of Freemasonry.

Your Committee concurs with the Grand Master on Dispensations, Bylaws, Grand Representatives, and feels that they have been well attended to".

Your Committee concurs with the Grand Master on Recommendations and believes that they are for the betterment of the Cryptic Rite.

Fraternally submitted,

F. J. HAND, Chairman.
C. W. LILLEY. M. M.
DOWNEY.

It was resolved on motion of M. Ill. Comp. Charles W. Lilley (4), seconded by R. Ill. Comp. D. Brand Watt (1), "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 and Officers of the
Grand Council of Western Canada.

M. 111. Sir and Companions:

The extended jurisdiction from east to west does not give us much opportunity to visit Grand Councils in the United States except those which are close to the border. On the Pacific Slope the Companions of Washington and Oregon meet with Western Canada Companions in Canada, and in the above named Grand Councils. Frequent visits are maintained and much pleasure and knowledge is obtained by the fraternizing of the leaders in Cryptic Masonry across the line.

The Alberta and Montana Companions meet from time to time, and degrees are conferred in the work of both jurisdictions. The contact points in Canada are the cities of Calgary and Lethbridge. In the case of Manitoba and the Dakotas the proximity of these jurisdictions enables the members to fraternize and visit. The Cryptic Rite has enough beauty and dignity to appreciate the differences in the work of all jurisdictions.

We in Western Canada appreciate the pleasure and knowledge we receive from the visits to and from the neighboring Grand Councils.

Fraternally submitted,
M. M. DOWNEY,
Chairman.

It was resolved on motion of the Grand Recorder, seconded by R. Ill. Comp. Theo. Crowther (8), -That the report on Fraternal Relations be received and adopted."

MOTIONS

It was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp. Theodore P. Crowther (8), seconded by R. Ill. Comp. Earl V. Bell (7), -M. Ill. Comp. Cale Dickey, Grand Master of the Grand Council of North Dakota; M. Ill. Comp. Earl N. Gadbois, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Washington; M. Ill. Comp. Fred H. Forster, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Oregon; and M. Ill. Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Oregon, M. Ill. Comp. Andrew J. McCallum, be elected Honorary Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Western Canada."

It was resolved on motion of R. Ill. Comp. D. Brand Watt (1), seconded by R. Ill. Comp. Harry Killam (7), -"That the rank of Past Thrice Illustrious Master be conferred on Comp. Charles E. Renecker of Alpha Council No. 11 for distinguished services rendered to Masonry, and the Cryptic Rite in British Columbia."

It was resolved on motion of M. Ill. Comp. Charles W. Lilley (4), seconded by R. Ill. Comp. James L. Innes (3), "That the thanks of this Grand Council be extended to Zarthan Council No. 7 for the splendid arrangements made for the meeting, and entertainment of Grand Council."

An invitation was received from Zohar Council No. 4 to hold the 1957 Grand Assembly in the city of Edmonton, Alberta. It was resolved on motion of M. Ill. Comp | Lilley (4), seconded by R. Ill. Comp. D. Brand Watt (1), "That the date and place of the 1957 Grand Assembly be left in the hands of the incoming Grand Master."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- R. Ill. Comp. George H. Lambert (5) Grand Master
- R. Ill. Comp. D. Brand Watt (1) Grand Deputy Master
- R. Ill. Comp. James L. Innes (3) Grand Prin. Con. of Work
- R. Ill. Comp. Roy M. Lambertson (4) Grand Treasurer
- M. Ill. Comp. Melvin M. Downey (4) Grand Recorder
- R. Ill. Comp. James C. Allen (2) Grand Capt. of the Guard
- R. Ill. Comp. Norman D. Kennedy, D.D. (6) ... Grand Con. of the Council
- R. Ill. Comp. Earl V. Bell (7) Grand Marshal
- Comp. J. L. Brownlee (4) Grand Sentinel

Grand Inspectors General

- R. Ill. Comp. Thomas Irvine (1) Vancouver, B.C.
- R. Ill. Comp. James M. Bain (10) Brandon, Man.
- R. Ill. Comp. Adna C. Woods (9) Moose Jaw, Sask.
- R. Ill. Comp. Eric Baker (4) Edmonton, Alta.

Executive Committee

R. Ill. Comps. Walter Hill (4), Theo. P. Crowther (8), Walter Lord (5), Alex Anderson (3), Levi C. Boyle (9), Gordon M. Kruger (2), Alfred Peart (4), Frank Mayer (4), All Past Grand Masters, and all elected Grand Officers.

The following were elected Chairmen of Sub-Committees:

- M. Ill. Comp. Fred Hand (3) Grand Master's Address
- R. Ill. Comp. D. Brand Watt (1) Condition of Cryptic Masonry
- M. Ill. Comp. Harold E. Bentley (3) Jurisprudence
- M. Ill. Comp. A. A. Wilson (6) Grievances and Appeals
- R. Ill. Comp. James L. Innes (3) Fraternal Dead
- R. Ill. Comp. Alfred Peart (4) Warrants and Dispensations
- R. Ill. Comp. Walter Hill (4) Finance
- R. Ill. Comp. Walter Lord (5) Credentials

Appointed by the Grand Master

- V. Ill. Comp. W. R. Roberts (3) Grand Organist
- V. Ill. Comp. R. O. Cutler (7) Grand Steward
- V. Ill. Comp. W. H. Houghton (3) Grand Steward
- V. Ill. Comp. Thomas Brown (6) Grand Steward
- V. Ill. Comp. William S. Neate (2) Grand Steward

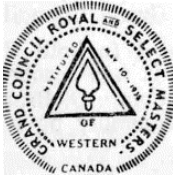
INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS

The newly elected and appointed officers present were duly installed and invested by M. Ill. Comp. M. M. Downey, assisted by M. Ill. Comp. Harold E. Bentley.

R. Ill. Comp. James L. Innes on behalf of Zadok Council presented a Past Grand Master's Apron to M. Ill. Comp. Harold E. Bentley . This was duly acknowledged by M. Ill. Comp. Harold E. Bentley.

The business of Grand Council being ended, the Eighteenth Annual Assembly was closed in Ample Form at 5:45 p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Melvin M Downey
Grand Recorder



GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Grand Council	Grand Recorder	Grand Representative from Western Canada	Grand Representative to Western Canada
Alabama.....	C. H. Stubinger.....	Montgomery	A. Snowden.....
Arizona.....	Jos. A. E. Ivey.....	Box 1488, Tucson	S. H. Middleton.....
Arkansas.....	C. D. Hill.....	2216 Little Rock	Macleod
California.....	C. H. Newell, M.T.....	San Francisco	New Westminster
Canada, East.....	R. V. Harris.....	Halifax, N.S.	Harry Killam.....
Colorado.....	Harry W. Bundy, M.T.....	Denver	H. H. Bordewick.....
Connecticut.....	L. G. Drescher.....	Box 575 Baltic	Vancouver
Delaware.....	M. M. Carpenter.....	264 Wilmington	Melvin M. Downey.....
District of Columbia.....	Otto B. Roepke.....	Takoma Park, Md.	Edmonton
England and Wales.....	Maj. Thos. G. Lumley-Smith.....	London	Charles W. Lilley.....
Florida.....	John B. Phelps.....	Miami	R. O. Cutler.....
Georgia.....	W. J. Penn, Jr.....	Macon	New Westminster
Idaho.....	R. w. Hopfgartan.....	Boise	Geo. Macaulay.....
Illinois.....	Charles W. Keys, M.T.....	Peoria	Winnipeg
Indiana.....	Charles C. Thomas, M.T.....	Marion	Robert J. Cave.....
Iowa.....	Ross J. Camblin.....	Atlantic	Vancouver
Kansas.....	A. H. Strickland.....	Topeka	J. France-Hughes.....
Kentucky.....	C. K. McCaughey.....	Richmond	A. E. Miscampbell.....
Louisiana.....	Lee W. Harris.....	Box 404, Alexandria	Regina
Maine.....	Earle D. Webster.....	Portland	St. James, Man.
Maryland.....	Geo. W. Brooks.....	Baltimore	Harold Bentley.....
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