



GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC RITE MASONS OF WESTERN CANADA, R & SM

Advanced Proceedings 2024

May 09th, 2024

Western Canada

Grand Master: MIC Jerry W. Kopp

Grand Recorder: RIC Kyle Burns

TABLE OF CONTENTS

A. Official Opening of the Grand Assembly	Page 3
B. Preliminary Credential Report	Page 6
C. Adoption of the 2023 Grand Assembly Proceedings	Page 6
D. Report of the Grand Master – no distributed	Page 6
1. Invite MIC Peter Crick to bring the Greetings	Page 7
E. Deputy Grand Master’s Report	Page 7
F. Report of the Grand Principal Conductor of Work	Page 4
1. Invite MEC James Carswell to bring the Greetings	
G. Report of the Grand Council Executive Committee	Page 4
H. Report of the Condition of the Rite	Page
1. Greetings Grand Imperial Conclave of CA	Page
I. Report of the Grand Treasurer	Page
J. Report of the Grand Recorder	Page
1. Greetings from York Rite Sovereign College	Page
K. Report of the Financial Review Committee	Page
L. Report of the Finance Committee	Page
a. Balance Sheet for 2023	Page
b. Budget 2024 – 2025 Subject to adjustments	Page
M. Laws & Jurisprudence Report – nil report	Page
N. Committee on the Work	Page
1. Sovereign Great Priory of Canada	Page
O. Grand Council Website Committee	Page
P. Honours & Awards Report	Page
Q. Grievance/Appeals Report	Page
R. Grand Historian’s Report	Page
S. Report of the Regalia Committee	Page
1. Invite MWBro Kyle Scott to bring the Greetings	Page
T. Final Credentials Report – Final after Assembly	Page

A. Official Opening of the Grand Assembly

Opening and Closing Ceremony Cryptic Rite Officers of the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada R & SM & Opening and Closing of Grand Royal Ark Mariner's Grand Lodge

2024

Formal Opening (Thursday Morning)

(Grand Council should be arranged as illustrated in the Manual. The Grand Officers in their respective chairs. MIC Grand Master gives (*) which is repeated by the RIC Deputy Grand Master and RIC Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. The MIC Grand Master gives (* * *) Everyone rises except the MIC Grand Master.)

GM: Illustrious Companions, assist me to open this Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal & Select Masters.

GM: VI Grand Captain of the Guard, (Wayne King) what is your first duty?

GCoG: To see the Council is properly guarded, MI Sir.

GM: Direct that duty to be done.

GCoG: Checks door etc & knocks (* ***) Sentinel (Don Gillies) responds with same.**

GCoG: The Council is properly guarded, MI Sir.

GM: RIC Grand Recorder, are the constitutional number of Representatives from constituent Councils present?

GREC: . . . from Constituent Councils are present, MI Sir.

GM: RIC Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, whom do you represent?

GCW: G.M.H.A., who beautified and adorned the same, MI Sir.

GM: RIC Deputy Master, whom do you represent?

DGM: H.K.T., who was chosen by the Most High to build the Temple at Jerusalem. MI Sir

GM: RI Deputy Grand Master whom does the Most Illustrious Grand Master represent?

DGM: S.K.I, whose wisdom was known throughout the World, MI Sir.

GM: **(Rises)** Companions Let us pray.

GCHAP: **(Proceeds to Altar and opens VOTSL at 1 Kings Chap 7 and prays: . . (VIC Bob Lemmens) Eternal and ever Blessed LORD, with humility we beseech Thee, to look down with an eye of favour upon this Grand Council. Bless, if it please Thee, the proceedings of this Grand Council. Grand that all our transactions may be carried out to Thy glory, and to our advancement in knowledge and virtue, to to Thy Great Name shall be ascribed eternal praise, world without end. Amen.**

ALL: So Mote It Be **(G Chap: (Bob Lemmens) then reads verses 48 - 51)**

GM: In the name of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, I declare the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, R & SM duly opened in Ample Form. Give **(*** ***)** which is repeated by DGM, GPCW, Gr Steward (Gerald

Waldern) and Gr Sentinel (Don Gillies). GM (*) and all are seated.

(The business of the Grand Council is now transacted.)

BUSINESS

Closing Ceremony of the Grand Council

GM: I shall now proceed to close.

GM: Give (* * *) All Rise except GM

GM: Illustrious Companions, assist me to close the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal and Select Masters.

GM: RI Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, having satisfactorily accomplished our labours, what remains to be done?

GPCW: and the Order, to the care of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, MI Sir.

GM: (Rises) Companions, let us pray.

GCHAP: (Goes to Altar) and seek to benefit mankind Amen.

ALL: So Mote It Be

GCHAP: Closes the VOTSL

GM: I declare this Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal and Select Masters duly closed in Ample Form.

GM: Gives (* ***) repeated by DGM, GPCW, G Steward & G Sentinel.**

GM: Gives (*) All disperse.

Grand Royal Ark Mariners

Opening Ceremony

GCN:(*) (Repeated by GSW. GJW, Grand Guardian and Grand Sentinel)

GCN: (* * *) (All rise)

GCN: I hereby declare this Most Worthy Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners of Western Canada duly opened for the purpose of installation and such other business that might properly be brought before it.

(VWorthy Gr. DoC (Chiew) places ▲ on the Porphyry Stone, apex to the East.)

GCN (*) (All seated)

GCN: Grand Scribe is there any business, other than the installation and elections, to come before the Lodge?

GCN: The Officers of the Royal & Select Masters having been duly elected and installed I will now proceed with the installation of the officers for this Grand Lodge.

**Closing of MW
Grand Royal Ark Mariner**

GCN: (* * *) (All Rise) Brethren, you will be in order, as our Very Worthy Grand Chaplain offers prayer.

GCHAP: and may we walk with thee all our journeying days. AMEN

ALL: So Mote It Be

GCN: The business for which this Most Worthy Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners of Western Canada was opened, having been completed, I now declare it closed.

(PGCN or designate – at pedestal) ... “May the Supreme Architect ever have us in his keeping”

All: So Mote It Be. (PGCN or designate removes ^ from Porphyry Stone)

GCN:(*) (The Brethren disperse)

B. Preliminary Credentials Report

- 1. Report by the Grand Registrar VIC Peter Devlin
- 2. Number of Council in attendance – Is it a majority? _____
- 3. Number of Companions present? _____
- 4. Number of Visitors present? _____
- 5. Number of Grand Officers Present? _____

C. Adoption of the 2023 Grand Assembly Proceedings

D. Report of the Grand Master – will be published in Proceedings

- 1. Report to be printed in the 2024 Grand Assembly Proceedings
- 2. Invite MIC Peter Crick to bring the Greetings of State of Victoria

E. Report of the Deputy Grand Master

Due to ill health and conflicting schedules with other commitments, I wasn't able to do much visiting apart from Councils within my District. I supported the GIG during his visits to the Councils and also accompanied the Grand Master on his visit to Zabud Council No. 1. I look forward to my year ahead and also to serving the Companions of this Jurisdiction.

Fraternally,

RIC Godfrey Onyemaobi
Deputy Grand Master

F. Report of the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

RIC Leif Hansen had travelled with the GM, on some of his Official Visits. Such was the case when he had his visit to Enoch Council in Dawson Creek, BC where I assisted in the installation of Officers. A great visit. I visited all the Councils in Alberta throughout the year and accompanied the GM on his official visits. On my visit to Alberta #5 I had assisted with the installation of Officers for the Council. Planning on a visit with the Grand master's in early May to Zenith Council in Kamloops, BC. I know that my visitation was limited this year but know that it will increase as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master.

It has been a momentous year and wish the best for all the Councils.

Respectfully submitted,

Leif Hansen, GPCW

Invite MEC James Carswell to bring the Greetings of Grand Chapter of Alberta

G. Report of the Grand Council Executive Committee

H. Report on the Condition of the Rite 2023 – 2024 R & SM Western Canada

To the Grand Council, Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal and Select Masters.

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions:

I am pleased to present a synopsis of the Cryptic Rite in Western Canada as contained within the reports of the Grand Inspector General for each District.

Vancouver Island District. RIC Ed La Marche - Grand Inspector General.

Adoniram Council No.15. February 9, 2024 - Installation of Officers:

The GIG made his official visit to this Council on February 9, 2024. The records were well kept as the Recorder ensures everything runs smoothly. The meeting was the Annual installation of officers. Opening was done according to the Ritual and the GIG was called upon to take charge and install the officers for the ensuing year, a duty he performed very well.

After the officers were installed, he brought fraternal greetings from the Grand Master and reviewed the Grand Master's message. He also spoke on the Cryptic Rite Charitable Foundation and its importance.

The GIG reports that the current state of Adoniram Council No. 15 is fair due to low membership and attendance. There are two potential candidates. He feels that the Grand Master's message which talks about the continuing Masonic journey in the York Rite bodies needs to be impressed upon the Master Masons of our Blue Lodges which in turn would grow our Chapters and in turn, grow our Councils.

Acme Council No.14. October 21, 2023

The Grand Master, MIC Jerry Kopp made his official visit to the Vancouver Island District in Nanaimo for the Tri-Council Super Excellent Master Degree. Acme Council No.14 opened the Council, Adoniram Council No.15 conducted the main parts of the ritual for the degree, assisted by both Acme, and Alpha Councils, and then Alpha Council No.11 closed the Council after the Grand Master's address.

The GIG has not had a chance to travel to attend Acme Council No.14 since the Tri-Council meeting in October, as they have not been able to conduct a meeting. They've had to cancel meetings because of not enough members for quorum due to many active members being sick around the same time.

Acme Council No.14 has not been able to conduct its installation as of yet this year and will not be able to before the Grand Council is conducted in May in Red Deer, Alberta.

From several phone conversations, the financial state of Acme Council No.14 is good.

Alpha Council No. 11.

Due to some mix-up, the GIG sent me the wrong report and as such I have none to present. Alpha Council seems to be doing well for the time being.

The incoming Grand Inspector General for this District is VIC Colin Hart.

BC Mainland District. RIC Karl Ellingsen – Grand Inspector General.

I made visits to the two Councils in my District.

Zarthan Council No. 8.

The Council is doing well though plagued by poor attendance based on the total number of members. This Council had most of the members of Zaphon Council join them after surrendering their warrant in 2023. The books are well kept and the average attendance is 16. The degree of SEM was conferred on one member. The degree was well done though most parts were read. The future looks bright for this Council. The incoming Grand Master for this Jurisdiction is also a member of this Council. The total membership for this Council is 37.

Zabud Council No. 1.

This Council is doing well. The books are well kept and attendance is great. The average attendance is 22. They have had lots of degree work in the past year as they welcomed seven new members into the Council. I was present during the annual installation of the officers of the Council and also the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge moored to the Council.

The Council is vibrant with great companionship amongst the members. My successor, VIC John Laing is a member of this Council. The total membership for this Council is 27.

BC Interior District. RIC David Dudley – Grand Inspector General.

No report was received from this District as of the time of this report. There are two Councils in this District, Zenith No. 16 and Cascade Council No. 18. The distance between both Councils is a lot but the enthusiasm of the Companions of the District is an example to be emulated. It's unknown if the GIG visited the Councils and who the incoming GIG is.

Manitoba District - RIC Allan Hadley – Grand Inspector General.**Cyrus Council No.2.**

The GIG belongs to this council and attends all regular meetings. His official visit was on March 18, 2024, when eleven candidates were received as Royal masters. Cyrus Council meets on the 3rd Monday in January, March, May, September and November at the East Kildonan Temple. January meetings are usually for the Lake Winnipeg Ark Mariners Lodge No. 4. Most officers attend with very few vacancies filled pro-term. The Council is in good hands and shows no cause for concern. Annual reports and returns to the Grand Council are sent in before the deadline. The Council received the Grand Master on his Official Visit on November 20, 2023, and he was ably accompanied by the GIG. The incoming GIG for the District, VIC Chibu Uson is from this Council.

Portage la Prairie Council No.17.

The GIG has tried getting information from the TIM (as they don't have a Recorder for now) regarding their meeting dates and if their annual returns and reports have been made to the Grand Council. No response was forthcoming. He is concerned about the future and viability of this Council and the moored Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, Crescent Lake No. 14.

The last recorded meeting was in May 2022 and no future meetings were planned or arranged. Membership is very low and several members live too far from the Council to attend regularly. This leads to an inability to form a quorum to open. Also, they have not had a Recorder since the death of Al Christoferson. The TIM has no access to their bank accounts as the authorized signatories are the now-deceased Recorder and another member who has Dementia. The TIM has been looking after the affairs of the Council and is becoming very frustrated and losing faith and commitment due to all the attendant issues. The GIG is at a loss as the Council needs help and he doesn't know what to do. There will be no official report and therefore no visitation report.

Brandon Council No.10

The GIG has sent a request to the Recorder to furnish him with information as to when they had their last meeting and when they plan to have the next one. Their last meeting was in June 2022 and the next meeting is scheduled for May 2024.

The Annual report/returns were sent to the Grand Recorder on January 21, 2024. The membership of this Council might be few but they are all dedicated and meet according to their stated schedule.

Alberta District. RIC Doug Turigan – Grand Inspector General

Zadok Council No.3 - Calgary

This Council has a very large membership. They are noted for work well done. The books and records are well-kept. The Royal Ark Mariner Degree was conferred on nine candidates. The GIG report was very favourable. Membership stands at 80 for this Council.

Zohar Council No.4 – Edmonton.

The Council has a very large membership and is well organized and run. Curiously, despite the large membership average attendance hovered at around 20. They had some companions in arrears and they are ensuring the outstanding dues are paid. The incoming GIG, VIC Brian Hall is from this Council. Membership stands at 91 Companions.

Alberta Council No.5 – Lethbridge.

This council is known for its good work and dedicated members. I inspected their books and records and all were well kept. There was no Degree work during this visit and I used the opportunity to impress on the Grand Masters message during the Grand Session in Saskatoon. I encouraged members to visit the Grand Council's website for more updated information. There are 37 Companions in this Council.

**Enoch Council No.20 - MIC. Jerry W. Kopp,
Grand Master - Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada R & SM**

This is the newest Council in this Jurisdiction. It is somewhat isolated and not assigned to a District. Due to this, it was agreed that it would be directly administered by the Grand Master. The Grand Master assesses the council's performance and makes his report to the Grand Assembly.

The Grand Master visited the Council in October 2023 and was well received. The Companions make the weekend meetings an exciting one as other masonic Bodies meet the same day, one after the other. This bodes well for the membership as they journey once and attend each of the meetings same trip. The Grand Master likes the idea of the combined effort and this should be considered by others.

He added that the Council is served by an enthusiastic Recorder who keeps accurate records and ensures there are no administrative concerns. He strongly advises that future Grand Masters should visit this Council.

Saskatchewan District. RIC Gordon Davey – Grand Inspector General.

Sask Council No. 6 & Sask. Lodge No. 6

As of the time of this report, I haven't received any report from the GIG for Saskatchewan District. There are two Councils in the District and both appear to be doing well. The Recorder for Sask. Council was able to provide me with the following information:

The Grand Master, MIC Jerry Kopp visited on September 29th and they conferred the Select Master degree. 17 members and 3 visitors attending. On October 30th, the GIG, RIC Gordon Davey visited and the SEM degree was conferred on candidates. 18 members present and 2 visitors. There are currently 27 members on their books.

NIL report or information for Zophiel Council No. 13 though it appears the GIG visited the Council. The incoming GIG is VIC Ken Martin.

General comments: In all the reports submitted by the Grand Inspector Generals, they expressed their pleasure and thanks for being allowed to serve the Grand Council for the past year. They were all well received by the various Councils and appropriate courtesies extended to them befitting their office by the Companions.

The Grand Inspector General's who submitted their reports carried out their duties as expected of them. I would like to give special thanks to those who sent copies of their report to me and suggest that subsequent Grand Inspector Generals submit copies of their reports to the Grand Deputy Master and Grand Historian. This helps them prepare their various reports.

Respectfully submitted,

RIC Godfrey Onyemaobi
Deputy Grand Master
and
RIC Grand Recorder.

Greetings from the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada

I. Report of the Grand Treasurer

J. Report of the Grand Recorder

Greetings from the York Rite Sovereign College RED Bro Don Gillies

K. Report of the Financial Review Committee 2023

L. Report of the Finance Committee

1. Budget 2024-2025

BUDGET 2024 - 2025

Receipts	Budget		Disbursements	Budget
TIM Degree	\$200.00		Office Rent	\$300.00
Life Membership	\$0.00		G Recorder Honourium	\$1,500.00
Dispensations	\$50.00		GM Honourium	\$3,500.00
RAM Cards	\$100.00		G Treasurers Honour.	\$300.00
R&SM Certificates	\$150.00		Regalia	\$500.00
Per Capita (450)	\$7,200.00	\$9,000.00	Grand Proceedings	\$200.00
Interest	\$0.00		Bank Charges	\$60.00

PTIM Certificates	\$75.00	Phone Charges	\$50.00
Supples to Councils	\$150.00	Postage	\$300.00
Grand Session	\$4,050.00	Print & Supplies	\$900.00
Regalia	\$250.00	Office Supplies	\$100.00
From L/M Account	\$0.00	Misc	\$0.00
G Session Reg Fee	\$1,100.00	Grand Session	\$5,050.00
		G Recorder Travel	\$400.00
		Host Council Advance	\$150.00
		To L/M Account	\$0.00
	\$13,325.00		\$13,310.00

Surplus/Loss \$15.00

ADJUSTED APRIL 08 2024

Increase to per capita from \$16.00 to \$20.00 & no registration charge of \$20.00 (Not fair to attendees)

M. Report of the Laws and Jurisprudence Committee – NIL REPORT

N. Committee on the Work

This Committee has had extraordinarily little involvement with any of the rituals maintained by the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada R & SM. The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons did however engage in a complete review of the Ceremony Ritual with Dramatic Interpolations as an Ad Hoc Committee. There were three separate committees, and each were assigned to review just one of the degrees. Many thanks go out to the appointed Companions who undertook this task, it was appreciated and long overdue. Once all information for correction is received, the corrections will be made, and the draft copy of the rituals will be carefully examined ensuring that all errors and omissions have not been overlooked. The Committee feels that once the ritual is published it will be a product that will be very user-friendly.

A reminder to All the Councils, that there are several smaller rituals used for Installations and the Royal Ark Mariner's Degree that have been forwarded to the Council Recorder several years ago. The Grand Recorder Office no longer has any of these rituals for sale, the Council Recorder can reproduce. These rituals will undergo another review in the near future but in the meantime should any concerns arise, please submit to the Grand Recorder who will assign the concerns to this Committee.

Fraternally yours,

MIC Jerry W. Kopp – Co-Chair
 RIC Richard Gutfriend – Co-Chair
 The Committee on the Work 2024

Greetings from Sovereign Great Priory of Canada

o. 2024 REPORT OF THE AD-HOC WEBSITE COMMITTEE

February 7, 2024

To the M. III. Grand Master, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada Royal and Select Masters:

The Website Committee Members are:

V.III. Comp. Terry Gould – Chairman; V.III. Comp. Jack Drebit - Webmaster; M.III. Comp. Cliff Hartmier, V. III. Comp. Dean Elliott, Rt. III. Comp. Jim Whyte, Comp. Matt Mozil;

During 2023, M. III. Comp. Grand Master Jerry W. Kopp's initiative to enhance and expand the Western Canada Cryptic Rite Website resulted in positive action and results. In order to expand and electronically enhance the Website to allow mobile device functionality, the existing Grand Webmaster Rt. III. Jim Whyte agreed to step aside and V. III. Comp. Jack Drebit from Edson, Alberta agreed to assume responsibility as Grand Webmaster. V. III. Comp. Drebit proceeded with sourcing new information and transferring data into a new web platform which included restructuring the folders and drop-down menus for available data. By mid-January 2024, the new framework for our Website was completed and we continue to work on adding new information and pictures when available.

The Website Committee was also reorganized, requiring representation/directors from each Province wherein they act as the eyes and ears gathering information and new material for the Website. Your new directors are:

- M. III. Cliff Hartmier, Manitoba,
- V.III. Comp. Dean Elliott, Saskatchewan,
- Comp. Matt Mozil, Alberta,
- presently vacant for BC Mainland which includes the NWT and the Yukon (a volunteer for this position is requested) ,
- Rt. III. Comp. Jim Whyte, Vancouver Island,

The Grand Master M. III. Comp. Jerry W. Kopp requested that the Committee prepare a guiding document outlining its terms of reference and duties for review by the Grand Council. This Terms of Reference and Duties document has been prepared and accepted by the Committee and is now attached and therefore formally submitted to the Grand Council. We await their review and final approval.

The Cryptic Rite Website now demonstrates as being a current, effective tool of the Grand Council and our membership in Western Canada plus advertising Cryptic Rite Masonry to the world. The Website now has a Google language toggle allowing for translation into many worldwide languages. The Website now conforms with industry standards with a new Privacy Statement and a Terms and Conditions document that can be accessed at the bottom of the

Home Page. The Committee is pleased to report our Grand Webmaster continues to operate very quickly with uploading new material and pictures when provided. Companions and Councils are encouraged to forward documents and JPEG pictures to your respective representatives who will forward the information to the Grand Webmaster.

The Website not only provides current information on all Councils and Grand Council business but continues to archive a digital historical record of Cryptic Rite Masonry in Western Canada. Key Website areas are:

- Downloadable fill-able/copying of our Grand Council forms
- A Historical record of the Grand Council's Annual Proceedings, (presently a work in progress)
- Grand Council Constitution and Regulations
- Cryptic Rite Charitable Foundation Inc. explanation and downloadable donation form
- A growing library of educational papers for study and sharing. All Companions are encouraged to source and forward relevant papers and educational information to the Grand Webmaster.
- An effective drop-down menu for each Province to locate a respective Council's contact information and the location of their meeting place. This process is mobile device friendly allowing Companions to use Google Maps to obtain directions to the meeting place on their phone or tablet.

The Committee recommends the Grand Council establishes a photographer who could provide consistent high-quality photography of events and Officer pictures. The Grand Inspector Generals are encouraged to take an active role with ensuring professional photos on their webpage are in place and that their respective Councils have current information. Each Council's webpage can be enhanced with as much information as they desire such as email/phone contact information along with fees for initiation and plans for upcoming meetings.

The fundamental purposes of our Website are to assist our Grand Council in Western Canada plus describing the message of Cryptic Rite Masonry in particular and York Rite Masonry in general. The Committee therefore requests all Companions of our jurisdiction to assist in this regard with providing material for addition to the Website. Together we can build a world class Website which can assist with attracting new Companions to our Order.

The Website Committee recommends an annual budget of \$600 paid annually to the Grand Webmaster in December of each year. This will pay the annual hard costs, (approx. \$300) and provide a modest allowance to the Webmaster for his work. We thank the Companions in our Jurisdiction for having had the opportunity to enhance, administer and maintain this wonderful resource.

Fraternally submitted,

V. Ill. Comp. Terry Gould
Chairman of the Website Committee

P. Honours and Awards Committee Report 2023-2024

The Committee is pleased to Support our Grand Masters Award choices this term. These two Gentlemen are a credit to our Fellow Cryptic Rite Masons in this jurisdiction and Masonry in General.

Unfortunately, there were No submissions from our Councils this year. We would like All Council Recorders and GIGs next year to make our Job Difficult by submitting names and Bio's of Worthy Companions for consideration next year.

Fraternally.

Richard Porter & Richard Laronde (Chairman)

Q. Grievance & Appeals Committee- nil report

R. Grand Historian's Report

Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Canada R & SM Grand Historian's Report 2023-2024
Grand Master Officers, Members and Visitors of the Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada, Royal and Select Masters.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Grand Inspector Generals who forwarded their reports to me. Unfortunately, I received 50% of the reports. Reminder to the incoming Grand Inspector Generals, the reports are to be forwarded to the Grand Recorder and the Grand Historian.

The good news is that some councils have recovered from COVID with good attendance and new members. I noted one of the councils had an attendance of 81% of their membership Bad news others are still have problems to the point of not holding meetings. Hopefully, they to will turn the corner.

Last year I stated, "The major consequence for the Cryptic Rite is now the lack of Candidates as the Craft and Royal Arch are slowly catching up on their degrees." Hopefully, this is now past, and the members of the Royal Arch are ready to further their Masonic journey.

I was reading the 2014 Report of Past Grand Historian Report RIC Trevor Lambert, 2by RIC Trevor Lambert on the subject of Council Recorders and the problems of death or burn out. It struck me we may still be in that situation in some Councils. I noted in a GIC report at one Council lost their recorder due to death and have not found a replacement. Also here are councils that have the same recorder for more than 20 years, or more. They may be burning out, but no one is stepping forward to replace them for assorted reasons. This position discussed is not learned overnight and the occupant of the position is especially important in the smooth functioning of the Council. I suggest all Councils develop a succession plan for their Recorders so that the transmission is smooth when the position becomes vacant.

Respectfully submitted.
M. Ill. Comp Robert Turner
Grand Historian

S. Report of the Regalia Committee 2023 – 2024

It is apparent that we need to restore the Regalia Committee. During the Grand Master's Visits through-out the jurisdiction, it was noted that Grand Officers are not wearing the correct regalia for their office. For instance, the Grand Inspector General for BC Lower Mainland was not wearing the correct regalia and when approached he indicated that, that was the regalia he was given. Within the last 10 years most of the Grand Inspector General's aprons were replaced with new one. It is not known what has happened nor do we know where this regalia has landed. In the event, that the Illustrious Companions were not aware, when installed or invested as a Grand Officers, the regalia belongs to the Grand Council and must be returned, and the successor is to installed or invested with same. Should any Grand Officer have retained the Grand Officer regalia you are duty bound to return it to the Grand Recorder.

It is recommended that Grand Council Executive re-introduce the Regalia Committee and re-examine the condition of the regalia by using the undernoted chart (last condition report in 2019 with the ratings) to help maintain the control of same. When using the undernoted chart, the regalia is to be rated from 1 to 5, with one being the worst and five new or excellent condition. The Regalia Committee are to work in conjunction with the Grand Recorder to maintain the condition of the regalia and report annually to the Grand Assembly.

Condition of Grand Officers Regalia

Grand Officer	Apron	Collar	Collar Jewel	Legal (Yes or No)	Replace Priority	Replace (Y or N)
Grand Master	5	4	4	Yes	0	No
D/Grand Master	3	4	4	Yes	3A	Yes Apron
GP of the Work	4	4	4	Yes	0	No
GIG Man	3	5	1	No - Collar Jewel	1J 4A	Yes - Collar Jewel
GIG Sask	5	5	1	No - Collar Jewel	1J	Yes - Collar Jewel
GIG Alta	5	5	3	Yes	0	No
GIG BC Inter/Koot	5	5	5	Yes	0	No
GIG BC Lwr Mnld	5	5	1	No - Collar Jewel	1J	Yes - Collar Jewel
GIG BC Van Island	5	5	5	Yes	0	No
Grand Treasurer	?	5	5	Inspect Apron	1A	Yes - Apron
Grand Recorder	5	3	4	Yes - inspect apron	0	Yes - Apron
Grand Chaplain	5	5	1	No - Collar Jewel	1J	Yes, Collar Jewel
G Captain of Guard	4	5	4	Yes	0	No
G Cond of Council	1	1	1	No - Apron, Jewel	1A 1C 1J	Yes - Apron Jewel
Grand Marshal	5	5	5	yes	0	No
Grand Organist	0	0	0		4	Yes - All
Grand Historian	0	0	0		4	Yes - All
G Stew Man	5	5	5	Yes	0	No
G Stew Sask	0	5	?	?	1A 1J	Yes - Apron + Collar

G Stew Alta	5	5	3	Yes	0	No
G Stew BC Int/Koot	4	5	0	No Collar Jewel	1J	Yes- Collar Jewel
G Stew BC Lwr Mnlid	0	5	0	No Apron + C Jewel	1A 1J	Yes – Apron + Jewel
G Stew BC Van Island	5	5	?	?	1J	Yes – Jewel
G Sentinel	0	4	4	No – Apron	1A	Yes - Apron
G Webmaster	0	0	0	0	0	Y – funds avail

Eleven current Grand Council Officers are in need of having regalia replaced. Five aprons, three collars and nine collar jewels. Cost breakdowns: four aprons at \$759.80, nine collar jewels at \$764.55 and three collars \$53.85 for total cost of \$1657.11 which includes GST.

In is recommended that the Finance Committee & Grand Recorder consider the cost amounts for this regalia in Budgetting Process for 2025-2026.

Jerry W. Kopp
Grand Council on behalf of Regalia Committee

1. Invite MWBro Kyle Scott to bring the Greetings of the Grand Lodge of AB

T. Final Credentials Report (To be prepared after the conclusion of the Assembly if possible, but like to hear an interim report)

- a. No. of Councils Represented _____
- b. Total number of Companions Registered _____
- c. No. of Grand Council Officers Registered _____
- d. No. of Visitors in Attendance _____
- e. Total attendance (Final) _____

Attested: VIC Peter Devlin – Grand Registrar