

**BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES MINUTES
Saturday April 30, 2021**

PLACE/TIME The Board of General Purposes meeting via ZOOM was held on the above date with twenty-seven members (27) and fourteen (14) visitors logged in.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs at 7:00 p.m., who thanked everyone who were able to attend this zoom meeting.

PRESENT Members attending were:

Chairman – Grand Scribe	R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs
Grand Secretary	M. E. Comp. Fred W. Richard
Grand High Priest	M. E. Comp. Robert G. MacDougall
Grand Scribe	R. E. Comp. William A. Lightfoot
Grand Treasurer	M. E. Comp. Lawrin C. Armstrong
Grand Archivist	R. E. Comp. Douglas J. Morton
Grand Historian	R. E. Comp. J. Murray Rusk
Grand Lecturer	R. E. Comp. Christopher R. Vessey
Grand Webmaster	

Past Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Companions:

James Fraser III	Fred W. Richard	About J. Caulier
Alan D. Jarvis	Gary C. Patterson	John R. Dollimount
Fred G. Donaldson	George R. O’Leary	Lawrin C. Armstrong
Donald R. MacKay	Terrence S. Read	Gerald A. Riley
Peter G. Outhouse	J. Hugh D. Palmer	
Charles E. E. Rutt	E. Carson Jackson	

District Grand Superintendent:

District No. 1	R. E. Comp. Michael G. C. Lutes
District No. 2	
District No. 3	R. E. Comp. Wilfred F. Baxter
District No. 5	

Elected Members:

Appointed Members:

E. Comp. James A. Luddington
E. Comp. Raymond C. Simmons

Others in Attendance:

R. E. Comp. James M. MacKenzie, (26) Grand Chaplain	
V. E. Comp. Robert Turner (17)	V. E. Comp. Freeman Stevens (17)
R. E. Comp. Edward Greenfield (1)	V. E. Comp. Murray Bissett (19)
V. E. Comp. Reg A. Jodrie (26)	R. E. Comp. Phil A. MacQueen (10)
E. Comp. Barry J. MacLean (4)	E. Comp. Larry A. Black (5)

V. E. Comp. Darcy O'Connell (17) E. Comp. Harry Flemming (17)
R. E. Comp. Michael H. Chapman (4) V. E. Comp. Geoffrey J. T. Mondoux (11)
M. E. Comp. John Braye (16) (GC of NL)

REGRETS Regrets were received from:
Grand Web Master, R. E. Comp. Christian P. Delorey

District Grand Superintendent
District # 5 R. E. Comp. David E. Haslam

Past Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Companions:
George I. H. Mason Philip H. Henderson
W. Marshall Black

WELCOME by CHAIRMAN The Chairman, R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked R. E. Comp. James M. MacKenzie, Grand Chaplain to lead us with an opening prayer.

MINUTES The minutes of the Board of General Purpose Meeting of February 13, 2021 were approved as circulated on a motion by by **M. E. Comp. Fred W. Richard, Grand Secretary**, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Alan D. Jarvis**.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

No Reported Business from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was sent/received.

Sent:

1. District # 3, District meeting, March 1, 2021.
2. Grand Historian, Request for information.
3. Grand High Priest – Edict, Chapter Officers.
4. Minutes of BGP Meeting February 21, 2021.
5. Sankey Lecture 2021, March 28, 2021
5. Grand High Priest, Easter message.
6. Summons, 151st Annual Convocation.
7. Passing of:
 - Companion Lorne F. Keizer, (11), February 1, 2021
 - Companion Francis “Frank” Cathcart, (10), March 3, 2021
 - Very Excellent Companion John W. Ford (6), March 15, 2021
 - Very Excellent Companion James A. “Bud” Weatherup, (27), March 25, 2021
 - Right Excellent Companion George H. Thomson, (16), April 16, 2021

Right Excellent Companion Samuel Karrel, (10), April 8, 2021

Received:

1. QE II Glaucoma Trust Fund Report for January 2021
Operations - \$35,473.29 Endowment - \$395,443.53
2. QE II Glaucoma Trust Fund Report for February 2021
Operations - \$35,473.29 Endowment - \$395,468.53
3. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire, 202nd Annual Convocation, May 8, 2021. (Virtually)
4. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, scaled down Installation of the Line Officers, June 5, 2021.
5. Grand Chapter of Vermont, Annual Convocation, June 12, 2021.
6. QE II, Quarterly Impact Update, spring 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Moved by **M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson**, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Alan D. Jarvis** that the following reports published in the Handout, May 1, 2021 be received and presented to the Annual Assembly for approval.

MOTION CARRIED

JURISPRUDENCE; BENEVOLENCE; GLAUCOMA; ARCHIVIST; FINANCE;

RITUAL /EDUCATION & GRAND LECTURER; FRATERNAL RELATIONS;

MEMBERSHIP/GRAND SCRIBE; WEB SITE; GRAND HISTORIAN;

INTERNAL RELATIONS; and GOLF TOURNAMENT.

(Note: Handout available upon request form the Grand Secretary)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATIONS GRAND SECRETARY AND GRAND TREASURER

Nominations for the Office of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were called for.

M. E. Comp. Gerald A. Riley nominated M. E. Comp. Fred W. Richard as Grand Secretary for 2021/2022 and M. E. Comp. E. Carson Jackson nominated M. E. Comp. Lawrin C. Armstrong as Grand Treasurer for 2021/2022. Both agreed to let their name stand for nomination.

APPOINTED MEMBERS BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The Chairman, R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs called for three volunteers as Appointed Members to the Board of General Purposes for 2021/2022.

The three volunteers were, R. E. Comp. Michael H. Chapman (4), V. E. Comp. Robert S. Turner (17) and E. Comp. James A. Luddington (26)

THANK-YOU

The Chairman, R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs indicated that it has been a very interesting year as Chairman of the Board and that he has enjoyed his time working with everybody

and loved being part of the Board of General Purposes. There are many dedicated members of our craft and many are here with thus this evening on zoom. He has learned a great deal over the past year and he thanked everyone for their support and indicated that he looks forward to working with everyone in the future.

CHANGE OF CHAIRPERSON R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs then turned over the Board of General Purposes to R. E. Comp. William “Bill” A. Lightfoot who thanked R. E. Comp. Szucs for his hard work and dedication to the board over the past year.

GRAND SECRETARY COMPUTER SYSTEM The Grand Secretary has reported that the Grand Chapter Computer system is starting to have various issues, slow, unable to open some files and freezing up on occasions. It is approximately 8-10 years old and he has had to have remote repairs done over the past year.

Moved by **M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson**, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Alan D. Jarvis** that the Board of General Purposes authorize the purchase of a New Computer System, including printer and back-up system. Cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 **MOTION CARRIED**

FINANCIAL UPDATE M. E. Comp. Lawrin C. Armstrong, Grand Treasurer, gave a up-to-date report of the Grand Chapter Finances. Current Account, \$17,827.01, Fund of Benevolence \$11,807.42, total \$29,634.4.

GLAUCOMA FUND M. E. Comp. Charles E. E. Rutt gave a update on the happenings of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Glaucoma Fund in particularly the Harold Weiland Project.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson reminded everyone about the scheduled Annual Communication tomorrow, Saturday, May 1, 2021 via zoom. Meeting begins at 1:30 pm, sign in any time after 1:00 pm. Dress code with Regalia as required.

CLOSING REMARKS
Greetings were given by our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, **Most Excellent Companion Robert G. MacDougal** who thanked everyone for their support, guidance and knowledge over the past couple of years. The support to him and his family during the difficult time was very much appreciated. Stay safe.

ADJOURNMENT With no other business required for the good of the craft, the meeting be adjourned, on a motion by **M. E. Comp. Alan D. Jarvis** at 7:55 pm, seconded by **R. E. Comp. Christopher R. Vessey**.

Approved at _____ on _____

By _____ Chairman _____

M. E. Comp. Fred W. Richard, Grand Secretary

Dates/locations of Board of General Purposes Meetings for 2021

Saturday, September 11, 2021, 9:45 am, Zoom TBA

Saturday, November 13, 2021, 9:45 am, Zoom TBA

Follow Up Required

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Eureka Chapter # 5 By-laws	Awaiting until Chapters re-open and will be working with Valley Chapter # 16. The District Grand Superintendent for District # 3, R. E. Comp. Wilfred F. Baxter to keep in touch.	TBA
Increase in Per Capita	No action at this time. Will revisit when Chapters re-open.	TBA
Rewriting/Updating our Constitution	The committee, chairman, M. E. Comp. J. Hugh D. Palmer to prepare a report for the February 13, 2021 Board Meeting.	???????