

**BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES MINUTES
Friday, May 3, 2019**

PLACE/TIME The meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held at the Best Western Glengarry, 150 Willow Street, Truro, NS on the above date with twenty-nine (29) members and five (5) visitors present.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, R. E. Comp. Robert G. MacDougall at 3:00 p.m., who thanked everyone for their attendance to this meeting.

PRESENT Members present were:

Chairman - Grand King	R. E. Comp. Robert G. MacDougall
Grand Secretary	M. E. Comp. Fred W. Richard
Grand High Priest	M. E. Comp. James Fraser III
Grand Scribe	R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs
Grand Treasurer	R. 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	R. E. Comp. Christian P. Delorey

Past Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Companions:

Fred G. Donaldson	George R. O’Leary	Tabor J. Caulier
Donald R. MacKay	Terence S. Read	Donald E. MacLean
Charles E. E. Rutt	J. Hugh D. Palmer	Lawrin C. Armstrong
Fred W. Richard	E. Carson Jackson	W. Job Parsons
Gary C. Patterson	T. Ronald Tallon	

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:

R. E. Comp. Michael H. Chapman
R. E. Comp. Robin C. Lawrie
R. E. Comp. William A. Lightfoot

Appointed Members:

R. E. Comp. A. William Stevens
V. E. Comp. Philip L. Roode

Others in Attendance:

M. E. Comp. Jim Davis (GHP, NF) M. E. Comp. Gerald Budden (PGHP, NF)
R. E. Comp. Wesley C. Palmer (12) V. E. Comp. Freeman G. Stevens (17)
E. Comp. Harry D. Flemming

REGRETS Regrets were received from:

Past Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Companions:

Alan D. Jarvis George I. H. Mason H. C. Lindsay Woodhams
Peter G. Outhouse John R. Dollimount Gerald A. Riley
Roy E. Lively Philip H. Henderson W. Marshall Black

District Grand Superintendent:

Elected Members:

Appointed Members:

R. E. Comp. Troy A. MacCulloch

WELCOME by CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, R. E. Comp. Robert G. MacDougall welcomed everyone to this attending. Prayer was given by M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson

MINUTES

The minutes of the Board of General Purpose Meeting of February 9, 2019 were approved as circulated on a motion by by **M. E. Comp. Fred W. Richard**, Grand Secretary, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Fred G. Donaldson**.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

M. E. Comp. W. Job Parsons expressed thanks for the Grand Chapter and the Grand Secretary in keeping him informed of the happenings of Grand Chapter.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received.

1. District Grand Superintendent, District # 1 – Update Website
2. District Grand Superintendent, District # 2 – Form for Recommending a Companion to the Office of District grand Superintendent.
3. QE II Trust Fund Report

-To January 31, 2019	Operations - \$85,064.82	Endowment - \$330,806.76
-To February 28, 2019	Operations - \$85,064.82	Endowment - \$332,454.69
-To March 31, 2019	Operations - \$50,557.70	Endowment - \$332,504.69
4. Grand Archivist Material – Reply from M. E. Comp. Terry Read.
5. Application By-law Change – Cornwallis Chapter # 26.
6. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia – Notice of Motion – Wearing of Royal Arch Companion Jewel in Craft Lodges.
7. District Grand Superintendent – District # 1 – R. E. Comp. Michael G. C. Lutes – Report of the “Condition of the Order” – Eliminating District Officers.

8. Annual Golf Tournament – Letter of Introduction – Pre Registration Form – Schedule – Special Notice to all Chapters.
9. Financial Statement Update to April 30, 2019 – Revenue \$13,068.14 – Expenses \$7,115.28 – Balances – Current Account \$12,343.92 – Fund of Benevolence \$11,259.92 – Total \$23,603.84
10. Report to the Board – Nomination Committee 2019/2020 – M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson.
11. Grand High Priest – Tentative Official Visit and Visitations 2019/2020.
12. Report of the 150th Anniversary Committee.

Moved by **M. E. Comp. Fred W. Richard**, Grand Secretary, seconded by **R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs, Grand Scribe**, that the correspondence be received, necessary action as required.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Reports were received and printed in the 2019 Handout for the Annual Communication. Moved by **M. E. Comp. Fred W. Richard**, Grand Secretary, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Fred G. Donaldson** that these reports be accepted as received.

MOTION CARRIED

JURISPRUDENCE:

The Jurisprudence Committee received two Notices of Motion – one re: Chairmanships of various Committees within our Grand Chapter and one re: the change of date for regular meetings of Cornwallis Chapter No. 26.

Both were found to be in order. However, the Committee had some concerns about the content of the Notice of Motion, re: Chairmanships – to which the Chairman shall speak at Grand Chapter in May.

T. Ronald Tallon, PGHP, Chair of Committee

BENEVOLENCE:

One request for matching funds was received from Alexandra Chapter #11 by your Benevolent Fund Committee and was approved. No others were received.
Donald E MacLean, PGHP Chairman Benevolent Fund Committee

GLAUCOMA:

The following is a report of the activities of the Glaucoma Committee since our last Grand Chapter Assembly in May of 2018. We, first of all, would like to express our thanks to the Grand High Priest for having had the opportunity to serve.

We have had, what we deem to be, a very successful year. The fund continues to grow and research continues to increase. The interest earned is being used for the purposes it was intended and lines of communication have been re-established with the Department of Ophthalmology – Dalhousie University, who administer the research and much more.

As of January 31st, 2019 the Endowment Fund has risen to \$330,806.76 while the accumulated interest account of \$85,064.82 for a total of \$415,871.58. A grant from the interest account in the amount of \$8,051.98 has been used to fund a research assistant for Doctor Vianna while another \$12,000.00 has been approved for equipment for Doctor Eadie. An actual expenditure will be made before the end of March.

In mid-May, Right Excellent Companion Michael Lutes and I met with Susan Smith, Administrator and Business Manager, Department of Ophthalmology and Doctor Marco Nicolela, Department Head, and the lines of communication we have been able to establish, have been excellent in nature. Susan has agreed to be our liaison with the QE II Foundation should the occasion arise where it is needed. In the course of the meeting we were informed by Susan that she was part of the original group who set up the fund with Most Excellent Companion Harald Weiland, Doctor Leblance and herself and was pleased to be able to once again become involved.

One of the highlights at our Annual Banquet last year, was a short video presentation by Doctor Jayme Vianna, a researcher with the Department who answered many questions. He was also impressed by those in attendance, with the questions asked and indicated that he would be pleased to return if asked to do so and it could fit in his busy schedule. At this year's Banquet, Doctor Brenna Eadie will be our guest speaker on a different topic of research.

We have been provided with a short video presentation, professionally done, for use in our travels throughout our chapters and fund raisers. Two copies have been available to the Grand Chapter of Newfoundland and Labrador who have joined us in this endeavor.

Items under discussion with Susan Smith are;

1. Center fold page in the 150th Anniversary Booklet. This will be completed by August 1st, 2019 to the Grand Secretary.

2. Pamphlets, under discussion, for use in Funeral Homes, Medical Centers and Doctors' Offices.

3. Open House for our members once the Research area has been remolded and reopened.

Communications;

It has been a long way back, when you become involved, you should always do so with an open mind. You most certainly are to find that things are not as they appear, having been able to converse with both the Research Department and the QE II Foundation, lacking on both sides, but not so anymore. Talking with Jennifer Keeping, QE II Foundation, found her to be exuberant in her praise of the Royal Arch for their hard work in maintaining the fund, and especially to the Grand Secretary for the manner in which he is handling the donations. She assures me that when thank-you letters are sent out that we will be acknowledged in thanking donors.

Finally, we wish to thank the Grand Secretary for his help and assistance, all our chapters who participate, all those individual who have taken part and especially Most Excellent Companion Hugh Palmer and Right Excellent Companion Michael Chapman who continue to arrange the Golf Tournament, our largest fundraiser event.

We wish the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, Royal Arch Masons the very best in their upcoming 150 Year celebrations. We assure you that we will assist where ever possible.

A short time ago, 2014-2015, when Most Excellent Companion Peter Outhouse was Most Excellent Grand High Priest, a discussion took place between us as to how we could increase the fund to \$250,000.00. It is now \$415,000.00 plus interest. "WOW".

OUR NEXT GOAL \$500,000.00.

**LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN
KEEP HARALD'S DREAM ALIVE**

**"ROYAL ARCH GLAUCOMA FUND
OUR CHARITY OF CHOICE"**

Sincerely and Fraternally, M. E. Comp. Charles E. E. Rutt, Chairman
R. E. Comp. Michael G. C. Lutes; M. E. Comp. Donald R. MacKay
M. E. Comp. Dr. Summolu (Sonny) Beckley, Grand Chapter of Newfoundland & Labrador and All District Grand Superintendents

FINANCE: Report received and distributed by the Grand Treasurer, M. E. Comp. Lawrin C. Armstrong. Moved by **M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson**, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Fred G. Donaldson**

MOTION CARRIED

Summary of Revenue and Expenses January 1 to April 30, 2019			
Opening Balances		General Account	\$ 6,315.06
		Fund of Benevolence	<u>\$ 11,355.92</u>
			\$ 17,650.98
Revenue	\$13,068.14	Expenses	\$7,115.28
Current Balances		General Account	\$12,343.92
		Fund of Benevolence	<u>\$11,259.92</u>
		Total	\$23,603.84

ARCHIVES:

It is with great pleasure that I submit my first report as Grand Archivist for this Grand Jurisdiction. Unlike most other Grand Chapter Officers, my appointment did not occur at the Annual Grand Chapter Convocation, but took place later in the calendar year 2018, with the actual installation not taking place until a few months later. As such, it has been a relatively short time period in which to execute a mandate. It has been a time of learning and exploration into the history of our Grand Chapter.

In general, it is the mandate of the Grand Archivist to see to the collection and preservation of records pertinent to the history of the Grand Chapter and its Constituent Chapters. In order to be able to do this, it is necessary to first establish what records are

outstanding and where they are located. The Grand Secretary has extensive holdings of recent Grand Chapter records, many of which I have had the opportunity to review as they were being utilized by our Grand Historian in his research toward updating the Grand Chapter for the upcoming 150th Anniversary. From these, I have obtained access to several hundred images and scanned files relating to Grand Chapter and Constituent Chapter histories. The next level of priority will be assigned to those records of individual Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

I have been registered as a researcher with both the Public Archives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. An on-line inquiry to Nova Scotia has not revealed much on the surface level as to Royal Arch Masonry so this will require an on-site visit when I next return to Halifax. The Prince Edward Island Archive's holdings are much more extensive on an initial search, especially in relation to older records of Alexandra Chapter No. 11. At the same time, I have inquired of the Grand Lodge Libraries of both Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Neither one seems to have much in the way of specific Royal Arch holdings other than some general texts. I have also been given a lead on some possible records of Mt. Akron Chapter No. 20 in Montague (1920-1943). I do have a digital copy of "An Initial Survey of Archival and Historical Material within the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and its Constituent Chapters – and including the Holdings of such material in the Provincial Archives in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island" prepared by Grand Archivist W. E. MacLennan in 2003. I will be working to confirm the data contained therein, and endeavour to update it as much as possible.

Because of the extensive schedules of the principals involved, it has not been practical in the limited time available to call a formal meeting of the Archives Committee. I intend to do this as soon as possible once the Committee has been brought up to full strength.

In closing, I wish to thank the Most Excellent High Priest, Most Excellent Companion James Fraser III for the appointment to the position of Grand Archivist for this Grand Jurisdiction, and I look forward to continuing to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely and fraternally,

R. E. Comp. Douglas J. Morton, Grand Archivist – Chair

R. E. Comp. J. Murray Rusk, Grand Historian

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

RITUAL & EDUCATION and GRAND LECTURER

As always, this report shall attempt to detail my service to this Grand Jurisdiction and chronicle the performance of the duties of my Office. It addresses the presentation of the Annual Grand Chapter School of Instruction, and will outline the attendance at the School, and the materials presented there. It includes the report as the Chair of the Committee on Ritual and Education, as before.

Introduction

I am pleased to have again been re-appointed to hold the Office of Grand Lecturer, and thank Most Excellent Companion James Fraser III, Grand High Priest, for his expression of confidence in my work by reappointing me to the position. My principal task remains the provision of a set of adequate training materials to be presented at the Grand Chapter

School of Instruction, so that the District Grand Superintendent and his assistant officers are well-informed about their tasks. I also provide other materials that might be utilized at the District Meetings and at other times in the Jurisdiction, and, of course, I normally lead the School of Instruction directly following our Grand Convocation.

In last year's report I indicated that document was to be adopted that would assist District Grand Superintendents in ensuing a proper succession of Office within their district. This will be discussed later in this report.

I also, with permission from the source, was able to modify the Fervency and Zeal document to conform to the custom and usage of our Jurisdiction. That was also submitted for approval.

It is my hope that my efforts on behalf of this Grand Chapter have continued to meet its approbation.

School of Instruction

This year's School of Instruction was an event held on the Sunday following the Grand Convocation, May 6, 2018 at the Best Western Glengarry Hotel in Truro, Nova Scotia. As always, District Grand Superintendents were summoned to attend, along with their subordinates, as well as other Grand Chapter Officers. It was emphasized at the preceding School of Instruction as to the importance of attending this event.

Unfortunately, and unexpectedly, my mother passed on April 30, 2018 - and as an only child, I immediately had duties to perform as regards her Will, her Estate, and her property; this made attendance at the Grand Convocation impossible for me.

As a result, I cannot in fairness accurately discuss the attendance at this School, as I was not there. On very short notice, Right Excellent Companion J. Murray Rusk, Grand Historian, stepped in and presented the School of Instruction (which he has faithfully attended for a number of years now.) It is my understanding that attendance was similar to previous years, and also that the School was, again, successful in its mandate. I am forever grateful to my stalwart Companion for stepping in and making the School not only possible, but a success.

Curriculum

The Curriculum of the school remains reasonably static – it is now a standard set of modules delivered for the purposes of educating the District Grand Superintendents *and their subordinate Officers*. I emphasize this latter group, as they are typically underrepresented or simply not present.

This year's School will feature a new item - an in-depth discussion of the newly-adopted "Selecting a Successful Successor" document, which provides guidance in the selection of the next District Grand Superintend to serve in a District, as well as that new DGS's subordinate officers. It is my fervent hope that this document will enable our DGSs to have all District Officer appointment suggestions approved well in advance of taking Office in the upcoming year, hat their subordinates will be with them at the Grand Convocation and School of Instruction in 2020. Such complete attendance would eliminate Such complete attendance would eliminate the requirement of the DGS to re-perform the School of Instruction for his officers which were absent, because none would be!

Summary – School of Instruction

Those present at the School continue to indicate it was a worthwhile endeavour.

I thank the Grand High Priest for his support in requiring the School of Instruction and for his faith in me in appointing me to serve as his Grand Lecturer and thus to organize this School. I furthermore thank the Board of General Purposes for approving the "Selecting a Successful Successor" document, which will be a tool to ensure the proper succession of District officers within our Grand Jurisdiction.

Fervency and Zeal

The Fervency and Zeal document provided by the Thirty-first Capitular District, Royal Arch Masons, State of New York, was adapted for use in our Grand Jurisdiction, and has received the approbation of the Board of General Purposes. It is now available for use in our District, and will be placed into the archive of material provided to those who attend the School of Instruction.

It is important to note that this is not intended to replace the "One Step Forward" or "4 by 4" lecture, but rather is supplied as an alternative; the OSF document has been presented many times, and this will give a new voice to the Royal Arch within Craft Lodges.

An Aside

On a side note, I observe with dismay that some propose eliminating the offices of District Assistant Grand Captain of the Host, District Assistant Grand Lecturer, and District Assistant Grand Secretary, citing that there are too many who hold Grand rank already, and this is creating more.

I have to state that I disagree; these offices, properly employed, are *working* offices. They are on a two-year term of service, as is that of the District Grand Superintendent. They contain duties that are mandated to be performed, and will lead to the betterment of the Companions who accept those appointments.

I would rather see the non-working offices (Grand Masters of the Veils, Tyler, etc.), which are used as a means of recognition of fervency and zeal, also placed on a two-year rotation time to adjust this imbalance. For example, a list of the appointed offices at the Very Excellent rank could be compiled, and these could be appointed on two-year rotations, with *half* the offices being appointed in any given year.

This will give any Grand High Priest ample ability to reward fervency and zeal, but will reduce the number of new Very Excellent Companions potentially created in any given year by almost half. For clarity, note that I am *not* proposing any such rotation structure for the offices held at the Right Excellent rank; those are all working offices, and are typically non-rotational and most certainly not reward-related.

This is not intended to limit the authority of the Grand High Priest, naturally, and is offered merely as a suggestion to solve, over time, the issue of Chapters being overfull with Grand rank holders.

Committee on Ritual and Education

There were no issues that required me to convene this Committee during this Royal Arch Year. It comprises the District Assistant Grand Lecturers as well as me, as Grand Lecturer, and normally confers when issues of ritual and/or education arise that require consultation on a wider basis.

Remedial and Procedural Educational Materials

I still have on my trestle board the development of educational materials regarding the proper delivery of the D.G. & S. of each of the degrees MMM through RAM, inclusive; the S. Work document is descriptive, but could be expanded upon – this material could be added to that Work, making things clearer for Masonically younger members. A document on how to address the East, considering which ranks may be present, and also the order of seating (occasions when the MEHP normally retains his seat vs. when the GHP takes the East), and information on how to properly approach the East when entering in a Grand Procession, should be given (which would cover what happens during the giving of Grand Honours in various locations) should also be created, to be used in more clearly illustrating and expanding upon the information given in the MoPG. Perhaps such a shorter document with these elements as a focus might meet with the approbation of the Board, but I hesitate to engage in such a project without some idea of its likelihood of adoption, should I do so.

I am currently trying to find out if the document produced by Most Excellent Companion George I. H. Mason, designed to help an incoming High Priest understand his role and duties, has been reviewed. I suspect it may have been overlooked, through no fault of any Officer. It derives information from the Work, the Chapter Installation Ritual, and of course, the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, to provide guidance to new High Priests.

It was felt that, sometimes, a Companion entering this role does not have a full scope of the requirements of that high station, as he really only hears them during ritual activities, and that having a due explanation and rationale may assist such a Companion to better assume those duties when he receives the title of Most Excellent High Priest. This material was originally produced for Alexandra Chapter No. 11, but that Chapter sees no reason why it would not be useful to all Chapters in this jurisdiction, and thus it was given to me, and I had forwarded it to the Board, for consideration in a more general application. Perhaps we can take a look at this document again, as I feel it is very relevant.

Conclusion

As you read this, any District whose DGS is completing his second term should already know who its new District Grand Superintendent, District Assistant Grand Captain of the Host, District Assistant Grand Lecturer and District Assistant Grand Secretary are; they ought to have been selected, affirmed by the incoming Grand High Priest, and indeed, they should be among you this very day, as you read this sitting in Grand Chapter (you *are* still reading the reports, right?) They should also be here tomorrow, during the next iteration of the School of Instruction; I know that the Selecting a Successful Successor document was provided to any District whose DGS's term was at an end, so hopefully that has made the job easier.

It has been my privilege and my pleasure to serve the Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion James Fraser III, and his Grand Chapter. I hope that, through my continued work, I have succeeded in promoting that friendship, unity, zeal and purity of heart that remain the defining characteristics of Royal Arch Masons.

Yours in fraternal service

Right Excellent Companion Christopher R. Vessey, PGS (Hon.) Grand Lecturer

FRATERNAL RELATIONS:

I was new to this committee in November 2018. I was not aware of the effort and hard work done by the previous committee.

There has not been a lot accomplished at the time this report is being written. I was not aware of the other committee members.

It is my hope to meet regularly with the other members of the committee after Grand Chapter.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted, R. E. Companion Michael Chapman, Chairman

GRAND SCRIBE & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction for electing me as your Grand Scribe. In my role as Grand Scribe, I have had the pleasure to represent the Grand Chapter officially and un-officially throughout the past year, which has given me the chance to re-ignite old friendships and make new ones. Due to other Masonic duties I was unable to attend all Chapters, However, I attended as many as possible.

As most of you are aware, membership in our jurisdiction is on the decline mostly due to deaths, demits and suspensions.

We do not have any control over the loss of Companions due to death, however, suspensions and demits we do have some control. I recommend that a senior member of the Chapter who knows the individuals intimately contact them and find out why they are not attending, and maybe we will be able to salvage, (bring back), their interest in Chapter. It may be as simple as offering a ride or just a phone call.

We must make our meetings more enjoyable by stimulating the interest of the Chapter members with Masonic or general lectures and presentations.

On a brighter side, in 2018 Chapters in our Jurisdiction exalted eight new Companions. In the first three months of 2019, we have exalted 17 new Companions and received three affiliations. On all my visits to Chapters, I have witnessed degree work. Except one Chapter who conferred a degree within a two-month period.

Membership is an important aspect in all organizations, all Companions must play an active role in increasing membership. The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia with Jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island has at its disposal many articles of literature for the perspective member,(4X\$ lecture, Fervency and Zeal and Mark Master Mason Preview Degree) all which are available to the membership and their Chapters.

I thank the Companions of this Jurisdiction for the privilege of being part of this wonderful institution, and I look forward to increasing my knowledge in Royal Arch Masonry.

Sincerely and Fraternally, R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs, Grand Scribe

WEB SITE:

The Grand Chapter Website continues to be a success. There have not been many changes over the past twelve months; however, the traffic to the website has been excellent.

Every month the website receives anywhere between 1500 and 2000 unique visitors. However, the number I find most interesting is the number of unique visitors, and page visits the website has had since the website first launched.

Since the website first launched in late 2017, the website has had 30,952 unique visitors at the time of this report. Those visitors have accumulated 82,476 page views. I number of the visitors originate outside of the jurisdictions from the websites of Grand Chapter websites.

I am so pleased that the website is being utilized and that it is seen as a resource for Companions of this Jurisdiction and maybe, Companions of other jurisdictions.

Respectfully Submitted, R. E. Comp. Christian P. Delorey Grand Web Master

GRAND HISTORIAN:

The work of the past few years is complete. It is my intention to have the “document” ready for the Annual Convocation and present it, to the secretary at the Board of General Purposes, as a thumb drive, for inclusion on our website – in the future.

The writing of the History of this Grand Chapter has been an honor and privilege.

I would like to thank the M. E. Grand High Priests who have placed their trust in me to complete this history; hopefully it will be found worthy and useful.

I would especially like to thank the Grand Secretaries, whom without which, there would be no history to write.

The following sections are included in the final document though.

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| Awards. | Grand High Priest |
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| Condition of the Order | Membership |
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| Chapters | Ritual and Education |
| District Grand Superintendents | Secretary |
| Finances | Travelling Gavel |
| Fraternal Relations | Travelling Triangle |
| Glaucoma Fund | |

Fraternally Submitted, R. E. Comp. J. Murray Rusk, Grand Historian

INTERNAL RELATIONS:

It is with much pleasure that I present this report on behalf of the Internal Relations Committee.

Though not yet listed in the Constitution as a standing committee, we hope this will be rectified when the review of the Constitution is complete.

The terms of this ad-hoc committee being previously agreed upon, consists of the Grand Secretary, the Grand WebMaster, and a Chairman, currently MEC Gary C Patterson, PGHP. It was agreed that we need to increase our communication with the Members of the

It was agreed that we need to increase our communication with the Members of the Jurisdiction in ways other than the usual communications sent via the Grand Secretary, to the Secretaries of the Constituent Chapters. Unfortunately some of these communications never reach the ears or eyes of Members who may not be present at the time of reading. We therefore are seeking ideas to increase communications with all our Members.

The ideal tool to do this is the Web Site, however, in conversation with many of our Members we find that much of the General Membership have not registered and/or do not access the site, and in some cases, know nothing about it at all. You will recall that on at least three attempts in the past, a newsletter was proposed for the Members to provide such communication, but failed due to a lack of input from our Chapters and Members. We therefore proposed a friendlier and more easily accessible mode of introducing electronic news to our Members and have established an Official Face Book Page with links to our website. The administration for Social Media would fall under the auspices of this Committee, meaning, that the Group would be Closed and Members would be invited or added at the discretion of the Committee, as well as items submitted for posting. It was hoped that the use of Social Media will create greater interest in what is going on within the Jurisdiction and possibly even create a closer bond between Chapters. As a secondary outcome, we hope that more Members will become comfortable with the use of the electronic media and start using our website on a more regular basis. Unfortunately, after a fair trial of approximately six (6) months, we are reporting a disappointing interaction with our Constituent Chapters, very little sharing of Chapter activity. We have received some individual posts, but, the aim of involving Chapters, and sharing Chapter news, has failed. The idea of the facebook page was to share Chapter news, calendar items, photos, and even a Chapter notice if desired. Social Media is with us today and a powerful used by many of our Members and we should therefor take advantage of it and exploit it for the benefit of the Craft.

Chapters need to buy in and share, and by doing so will open the door for more visitations by providing others the opportunity to see what other Chapters are doing, and possible learn through the experience of others, to promote and enhance their own welfare. To access the site search facebook; Royal Arch Masons of NS and PEI.

Companions, we believe we can benefit each other through communication on so many levels, but, we need to take that step to participate. We encourage all Chapters to visit both our Facebook Page and our Web Page, and discover the resources there to explore and to let others know of our plans and successes. Together we will be much stronger, and as many Chapters are discovering, together have much more fun. We are hesitant to scrap

this initiative and are willing to extend its use into the next Chapter year to allow you to discover its benefit.

Fraternally submitted for “The Good of the Craft”

M E C Gary C Patterson, Chairman; M E C Fred Richard, Grand Secretary;

R E C Christian Delorey, Grand WebMaster

GOLF TOURNAMENT:

The Annual Golf Tournament was played on June 16th 2018 at the River Oaks Golf North Course in Meagher’s Grant.

We had 22 players and entertained 32 persons at the BBQ. From these numbers and the other draws and the sponsorships, we had a profit of \$2326.00 to turn over to the glaucoma Research Foundation.

All the information and forms were in the hands of the Chapter Secretary’s and a couple of Lodge Secretary’s in April.

We had the Church Hall rented this year and our Ladies had a get together while we had some fun at the course. This year we had “our” chef Arnold Hatfield do the BBQ and the ladies again set up the rest of the food items. After the meal we had a 50/50 draw and then gave out the prizes.

I would like to thank the many helpers and especially our Ladies again this year for a job well done and hope that all had a great day.

Respectfully Submitted, M. E. Comp. J. Hugh Palmer Co-Chair

R. E. Comp. Michael Chapman Co-Chair

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

NOTICE OF MOTION - GRAND LODGE:

The “Notice of Motion” in reference to the wearing of the Royal Arch Mason Companion Jewel was discussed and agreed to by the members of the Board. The Grand Secretary to inform Grand Lodge of our decision.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Moved by **M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson**, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Fred G. Donaldson** that the Report to the Board of the Nominating Committee 2019/2020 be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ROYAL ARCH MASONS ANNUAL GOLD TOURNAMENT – UPDATE:

A verbal update report was given by the co-chair, M. E. Comp. J. Hugh D. Palmer in reference to the food choices specials.

NOMINATIONS FOR GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY:

Moved by **M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson**, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Fred G. Donaldson** that **M. E. Comp. Lawrin C. Armstrong** be recommended for reappointment as Grand Treasurer for 2019/2020 and **M. E. Comp. Fred W. Richard** be recommended for reappointment as Grand Secretary for 2019/2020.

MOTION CARRIED

YORK RITE COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA:

M. E. Comp. W. Job Parsons spoke briefly on the York Rite Sovereign College Charitable Foundation of Canada about requests for funding.

THANK-YOU:

The Chairman, R. E. Comp. Robert G. MacDougall thanked the members of the Board of General Purposes for all their assistance and participation during his term as Chairman of the Board. He indicated that it was a privilege to serve in this capacity.

He then turned the meeting and Gavel over to the incoming chairman, R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs and wished him all the best for a successful year.

R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs congratulated R. E. Comp. MacDougal on a job well done and wished his all the success for his term as Most Excellent Grand High priest.

CLOSING REMARKS

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. James Fraser III thanked everyone for attending the Board Meeting today and especially the committee chairman's and all the committees for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business required for the good of the craft, the meeting be adjourned, on a motion by R. E. Comp. Christopher R. Vessey, at 4:15 pm.

Approved at _____ on _____

By _____ Chairman

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

Dates/locations of Board of General Purposes Meetings for 2019

Saturday, September 14, 2019, 9:45 am, Tru-Fel Masonic Center, Bible Hill, NS
Saturday, November 9, 2019, 9:45 am, Tru-Fel Masonic Center, Bible Hill, NS

Follow Up Required

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Eureka Chapter # 5 By-laws	Jurisprudence Committee and M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson	May 4, 2019
Benevolence Fund "Terms of Reference"	???????????????? Any Suggestions would be appreciated	Soon
150 th Anniversary Up-date Report	Grand High Priest and Committee	May 4, 2019
Appreciation Letter R. E. Comp. Troy A. MacCulloch	Grand Secretary	February 2019