

**BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES MINUTES
Saturday, November 10, 2018**

PLACE/TIME The meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held at the Tru-Fel Masonic Center, 143 Pictou Road, Bible Hill, NS on the above date with twenty-five (25) members and eight (8) visitors present.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, R. E. Comp. Robert G. MacDougall at 9:45 a.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	
Grand Historian	
Grand Lecturer	Christopher R. Vessey

Past Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Companions:

Alan D. Jarvis	Fred W. Richard	John R. Dollimount
Fred G. Donaldson	Gary C. Patterson	Donald E. MacLean
Donald R. MacKay	Terence S. Read	Lawrin C. Armstrong
Peter G. Outhouse	J. Hugh D. Palmer	Gerald A. Riley
Charles E. E. Rutt	E. Carson Jackson	

District Grand Superintendent:

District No. 1 R. E. Comp. Michael G. C. Lutes
District No. 2 T. Harris MacKenzie
District No. 3
District No. 5

Elected Members:

R. E. Comp. Michael H. Chapman

Appointed Members:

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

Others in Attendance:

Comp. Joseph Tozer (4)	V. E. Comp. Freeman G. Stevens (17)
V. E. Comp. Murray F. Bissett (19)	Comp. Harvey D. Flemming (17)
E. Comp. William A. MacCulloch (14)	E. Comp. B. Vance MacLeod (14)
R. E. Comp. James F. D. Mitchell (14)	V. E. Comp. Granville D. Miller (8)

REGRETS Regrets were received from:

Past Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Companions:

George R. O’Leary	George I. H. Mason	H. C. Lindsay Woodhams
T. Ronald Tallon	Philip H. Henderson	W. Marshall Black
Roy E. Lively	W. Job Parsons	

District Grand Superintendent:

District No. 3	R. E. Comp. Wilfred F. Baxter
District No. 5	R. E. Comp. David E. Haslam

Elected Members:

R. E. Comp. Robin C. Lawrie	R. E. Comp. William A. Lightfoot
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Other Regrets: R. E. Comp. Christian P. Delorey, Grand Webmaster

WELCOME by CHAIRMAN The Chairman, R. E. Comp. Robert G. MacDougall welcomed everyone to this attending.

He asked all those who has served/is serving in the military to rise and indicate which branch of the service they served in.

A “Moment of Silence” was observed followed by the “Act of Remembrance” Prayer was given by M. E. Comp. Charles E. E. Rutt.

MINUTES The minutes of the Board of General Purpose Meeting of September 8, 2018 were approved, as corrected and as circulated, on a motion by **M. E. Comp.**

Fred W. Richard, Grand Secretary, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Alan D. Jarvis**

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

BY-LAWS - EUREKA CHAPTER #5 Reported by M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson that amendments to the By-Laws of Eureka Chapter # 5 is on **HOLD** pending the outcome of the “Notice of Motion” tabled at the Annual Communication of Grand Chapter 2018 reference section 53, “Lodge Meetings”. This Notice of Motion will be brought to the floor of The Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter 2019.

150TH ANNIVERSARY REPORT
M. E. Comp. Alan D. Jarvis.

The following report was presented by the Chairman,

Royal Arch 150th Anniversary Report

On October 16th the committee consisting of myself, Fred Richard, Lawrin Armstrong met in Truro to discuss the 150th anniversary and the following agenda is what we are proposing.

All celebrations are to be held here in Truro as it is a central location for all concerned, and the Tru –Fel Centre has been booked for October 12th. 2019

We would open Chapter at 3PM till 4PM, Church Service at 4.30PM. The Banquet at 6 for 6.30PM location to be at the Holliday Inn for about 125 Guests.

Have a 150th anniversary Jewel struck similar to the 125th but add a clasp to it showing the 150th bar. Inquiries have gone out for pricing.

The Travelling Triangle has been located and is supposed to be here today. A special program should be created for visitations.

A Souvenir advertising booklet to be produced and advertising to be sold to help pay the costs involved with the celebrations, MEPGHP Gary Patterson has agreed to take this project on if approved by the board.

The GHP to instruct the DGS to hold a special event in their district to celebrate this occasion.

The Grand Secretary has agreed to send a letter to all Chapters urging them to come up with ideas on things they would like to see done for this.

Noted that M. E. Comp. E. Carson Jackson is also a member of this committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received.

1. Change of email address for M. E. Comp. E. Carson Jackson.
2. QE II Annual Report 2017-2018.
3. M. E. Comp. George I. H. Mason, unable to continue as Grand Representative for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch masons of North Dakota, due to health matters.
4. M. E. Comp. George I. H. Mason, stepping aside as Chairman of Fraternal Relations Committee.
5. QE II Trust Fund Report

-To August 31, 2018	Operations - \$86,526.05	Endowment - \$321,364.15
-To September 30, 2018	Operations - \$89,826.25	Endowment - \$326,856.11
6. QE II, Newsletter, October 2018
7. Grand Historian, request to purchase the Grand Historian Apron, belonging to Grand Chapter.
8. Confirmation of Booking of Tru-Fel for 2019.
9. The UPS Store, receipt for printing of 2018 Annual Proceedings. (\$435.71)
10. Draping of Warrant – District Meeting.

Moved by **M. E. Comp. Charles E. E. Rutt**, seconded by **R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs** that the correspondence be received, action as required. **MOTION CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JURISPRUDENCE; Nothing to report.

BENEVOLENCE: Nothing to report at this time.

GLAUCOMA: The following report was presented at the meeting by the Chairman of the Glaucoma Committee, M. E. Comp. Charles E. E. Rutt.

The following is the report of the Glaucoma Committee for the board meeting on November 10th, 2018.

The committee has had ongoing communications with Susan Smith, the Business Administrator of the Ophthalmology Dept. regarding several Items and projects which we have been working on.

As everyone should be aware, the QE II has just completed its Major Fundraising Event. Now that it has been completed some of the Staff will once again be available to lend us a helping hand with the pamphlets we were working on for use in Funeral Homes, Doctors' Offices, etc.

Susan is still awaiting a decision from the QE II Foundation as to what Major Fundraising Projects we may be able to carry out.

We have discussed an open house at the research facility and it was decided that this could take place in the spring for our members after the reorganization of the facilities has taken place.

We had tentatively scheduled another meeting at the QE II with Susan and Dr. Nicoleta but unfortunately due to scheduling conflicts, this has been postponed and we hope to have this by mid-November.

Susan has advised us that Dr. Jayme Vianna now has a new Assistant and Dr. Brent Eady has joined them in research in the Field Testing Segment. As a result of this, Equity Lodge #106, has sponsored an application to the Masonic Foundation of N. S. Administered Funds to see if they might be able to assist with the purchasing of Equipment for this project. We thank the Lodge for their interest.

Renown-St. Andrew Chapter #19 will be holding their Annual Ladies Night Dinner on February 15th, 2019 at Brightwood Golf and Country Club and preliminary discussions have been briefly held with the Committee Chairman and High Priest as to how we might have a bit of time to carry out a couple of things we had in mind. Further discussions will have to take place.

Now that we have finally been able to make contact with the research department, and hope we will be able to continue, our next step will be to review the Website and bring it into the current century, it is so far out of date.

Reports from the QE II indicate that several members have taken advantage of the Direct Deposit Monthly Donation provisions and we now have approximately \$350.00 to \$400.00 in monthly Donations as well as what we are receiving through the Grand Secretary.

As of Sept. 30th, 2018, we now have \$326,856.11 in the investment fund and \$89,826.25 in the interest account. We still have the proceeds from the Golf Tournament to be included.

My Companions, you are to be congratulated for the efforts put forward to continue to make this truly Our Charity of Choice and in keeping Harald's Dream alive in the efforts to eradicate this Disease which affects so many.

Your Committee has been working to keep the lines of communication open with the QE II. Now that we have been successful, let us never lose our way again.

All District Grand Superintendents
 M. E. Comp. Donald Mackay
 R. E. Comp. Michael Lutes
 M. E. Comp. Charles Rutt, Chairman

FINANCE: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch masons of Nova Scotia, with jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island - Statement of Revenue and expenses, January 1 to October 31, 2018 was presented by **M. E. Comp. Lawrin C. Armstrong** and moved its adoption, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Gerald A. Riley.** **MOTION CARRIED**

Opening Balances	General Account	\$ 7,039.23
	Fund of Benevolence	<u>\$ 11,055.42</u>
		\$ 18,094.65
Revenue \$20,720.26	Expenses \$20,101.33	
Current Balances	General Account	\$ 7,377.66
	Fund of Benevolence	<u>\$11,335.92</u>
	Total	\$18,713.58

Questions were raised in reference to the use of the benevolence Fund. (See Section 32, para (2) of the Constitution of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia with jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island)

ARCHIVES: Report received and read.

This will be my first report to the Board of General Purposes as Grand Archivist for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia with Jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island. Unfortunately, because of timing circumstances, it has not yet been possible to be formally installed into this appointment.

Because I have not yet been installed, I have been reluctant to undertake any projects or to contact any of the individual Chapters to determine their holdings. Once the installation has taken place, it is my intent to call the Committee together (probably electronically, at first) to establish direction, and to develop a future plan. In the interim, I have been reviewing the Centennial History of the Grand Chapter (1969), and also some of the materials collected to date by the Grand Historian, Right excellent Companion J. Murray Rusk.

I wish to thank Most Excellent Companion James Fraser III for the appointment to this Grand Chapter position. I promise to do my best to fulfill your expectations of the Office of Grand Archivist. Should anyone wish to contact me, I may be best reached by email at dougmorton17@gmail.com or by phone / text at (902) 393-8366.

Fraternally,

Doug Morton
Charlottetown, PEI

The Grand High Priest was requested to have the Grand Archivist Installed in his Office as soon as possible.

RITUAL & EDUCATION and GRAND LECTURER The Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. Christopher R. Vessey presented the following report.

In November 2017, R. E. Comp. Michael Lutes brought forward to the Grand Chapter Board of General Purposes a document from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York known as the “Fervency and Zeal Program” in that Jurisdiction.

He saw it as a potential alternate to the “One Step Forward” or “4 by4” lecture, as it is known which has been in use in this Jurisdiction, and which has been presented many times. Most have heard that presentation, and it was thought that a new, fresh approach might be taken.

As requested, I reviewed the material, and while it is largely excellent, there are some references that apply to the source Jurisdiction’s work and some wording which I have reworked in the attached version.

It is my hope that use of this work here will stimulate new membership in the Royal Arch, for it is the source body for membership in Cryptic Rite as well as the Knights Templar, neither of which can succeed if the Royal Arch does not thrive.

I recommend adoption and use of the attached version (on file) titled “That Fervency and Zeal”

I have completed work on the program entitled “That Fervency and Zeal” to make it compliant with the source material used in our Jurisdiction, as well as the materials in our own Work.

I wish to acknowledge the assistance of M. E. Comp. George I. H. Mason as editor and proofreader; as you well know, his prowess with the written word is legendary.

I believe we now have a document that is fully usable in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Attached is a copy of the Fervency and Zeal (on file) document for review of the Board.

Fraternally,

R. E. Comp. Christopher R. Vessey, Grand Lecturer

Moved by **R. E. Comp. Christopher R. Vessey**, Grand Lecturer, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson** that the Fervency and Zeal document be adopted as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Moved by **R. E. Comp. Christopher R. Vessey**, Grand Lecturer, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Lawrin C. Armstrong** that “That Fervency and Zeal” program be put into use in this Jurisdiction. **MOTION CARRIED**

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: No Report. The Grand Secretary was instructed to canvas the Chapters to inquire if a Companion can be found that would be willing to take over the chairmanship of this committee.

A discussion ensued about the need for a Past Grand High Priest. Suggested that a “Notice of Motion” be made in reference to address the issue of the necessity of having a “Past Grand High Priest” serve as chairman. (See section 39, para (6) (a). The Grand Lecturer to prepare a Notice of Motion.

In the interim, R. E. Comp. Michael H. Chapman agreed to step in as chairman.

MEMBERSHIP: The following report was presented by the Chairman of the Membership Committee R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs, Grand Scribe.

Companion Chairman, M. Ex. Grand High Priest, M. Ex. Past Grand High Priests, Companions All.

Due to other Masonic commitments I was unable to travel as extensively as I would've liked. However, I was able to attend several Meetings in District One.

On the 25th of September the District Grand Superintendent Rt. Ex. Comp. Michael Lutes conducted his Official Visit to Renown St. Andrew's Chapter No. 19's Regular Meeting where two Brothers received their Mark Master Masons degree. (Two additional Brothers who were supposed to receive their degree did not attend due to conflicts in scheduling).

Renown St. Andrew's Chapter also held an emergent Meeting on Saturday the 13th of October to confer the Virtual Past Master's on three candidates two from Renown St. Andrew's and one from G. S. Wright Chapter.

On Tuesday the 16th of October I had the pleasure of accompanying the D.G.S. on his Official Visit to Royal Union Chapter No.1, where nine Companions received their Most Excellent Master's Degree (three from Renown St. Andrew's, three from G. S. Wright Chapter and three from Royal Union Chapter).

LaHave Chapter will be conferring a Mark Master Mason's Degree in November along with Renown St. Andrew's Chapter with two applicants for their November Meeting.

Royal Union Chapter will be conferring the Holy Royal Arch degree in two parts during the Months of November and December. So, if all goes well we should have nine new Companions before the New Year in District One.

It is nice to see the Chapters in District One working together to lighten up the work load, and get our Candidates through their degrees, along with promoting teamwork, and comradeship within the District.

R. E. Comp. Tony Szucs, Grand Scribe

WEB SITE: No Report.

GRAND HISTORIAN: Nil Report.

INTERNAL RELATIONS: The following report was received from the Chairman, **M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson** who moved that it be accepted, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Alan D. Jarvis**. **MOTION CARRIED**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Members of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia.

It is with much pleasure that I present this quarterly 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 Web Master, and a Chairman, currently M. E. Comp. Gary C Patterson, PGHP. This Committee did meet recently via Skype with two of the three Members in attendance. As a first step of moving forward, 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 do not access the site, and in some cases, some know nothing about it at all. You will recall the 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 propose a friendlier and more easily accessible mode of introducing electronic news to our Members. We propose establishing an Official Face Book Page linked to both Twitter and Instagram, each with links to our website. The administration for Social Media would fall under the auspices of this Committee, meaning, that the Groups would be "Closed" and Members would be invited or added at the discretion of the Committee, as well as items submitted for posting. We hope 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 more comfortable with the use of the electronic media, and start using our website on a more regular basis.

We the Committee ask for approval to open a closed account on Face Book for a trial period until our next Board Meeting in February. Success or failure of the project would then be determined.

Fraternally submitted

M. E. Comp. Fred Richard, Grand Secretary

R. E. Comp. Christian Delorey, Grand Web Master

M. E. Comp. Gary C Patterson, Chairman

(Note – The Face Book Page will be “The Royal Arch Masons of NS & PEI)

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The following report was presented by the co Chairman, M. E. Comp. J. Hugh Palmer.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia with Jurisdiction over Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The Annual Golf Tournament was played on June 16, 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 other draws and the sponsorships, we had a profit of \$2,326 to turn over to the Glaucoma Research Foundation.

All the information and forms were in the hands of the Chapter Secretaries and a couple of Lodge Secretaries 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 good time.

Respectfully Submitted

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

R. E. Comp. Michael H. Chapman, Co-Chair

It was noted that the numbers and players were both down from last year. It has been suggested to move to the Fox Hollow Golf Course in Shubenacadie which is a 18 Hole Course. Arrangements are pending with more information to follow in the New Year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONDITION OF THE ORDER, 2018 The Report of the Condition of the Order for 2018 was reviewed by the Chairman, M. E. Comp. Peter G. Outhouse.

DRAPING OF THE WARRANT Moved by **R. E. Comp. Michael G. C. Lutes**, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson** that the The “Draping of the Warrant” at District Meetings, be accepted and be added to the Manual of Procedure Guidelines.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

CONDITION OF THE ORDER, 2018 Moved by **M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson**, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Fred G. Donaldson** that this report be “**RE-PRESENTED**” in point-by-point form at the Board of General Purposes Meeting of February 9, 2019
MOTION CARRIED

Moved by **M. E. Comp. Lawrin C. Armstrong**, seconded by **R. E. Comp. Christopher R. Vessey** that in future years, the “Condition of the Order” always be presented in point-by-point format the first meeting (September) after the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter

MOTION CARRIED

TRAVELLING TRIANGLE The “Travelling Triangle” has been located and it is to be circulated during 2019 throughout every chapter within this jurisdiction beginning with Royal Union Chapter # 1.

M. E. Comp. Lawrin C. Armstrong will see that the case is repaired, the recording book is fixed up and the script is updated.

BENEVOLENCE FUND Questions were raised about the use of the monies in the Benevolence Fund. Appeared that no directions or guidelines are available.

Moved by **M. E. Comp. Gary C. Patterson**, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Fred G. Donaldson** that “terms of reference” be produced and distributed to all the chapters in this jurisdiction.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS The chairman’s of the several committees were once again reminded that ALL Reports Are To Be Received Prior To the Board Meeting, even Nil Reports.

CLOSING REMARKS The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. James Fraser III congratulated the chairman for a well-run-meeting.

He spoke briefly about the QE II Newsletter and the story of the importance of everyone having a “Proper Will”. Coming from a banking profession, he could not stress enough how important this is.

Mentioned was made of a companion from Chapter # 10, who had been a patient of the QE II Glaucoma Department and he indicated that he was a Royal Arch Mason. Many of the staff spoke very highly of our efforts with The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Glaucoma Fund.

ADJOURNMENT As there was no other business required for the good of the craft, the meeting be adjourned, on a motion by M. E. Comp. Fred G. Donaldson, at 11:58 am.

Approved at _____ on _____

By _____ Chairman

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

Dates/locations of Board of General Purposes Meetings for 2019

Saturday, February 9, 2019, 9:45 am, Tru-Fel Masonic Center, Bible Hill, NS

Friday, May 3, 2019, Time TBA, Best Western Glengarry Motel, Truro, NS

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
Condition of the Order (2018) Re-Presented Point-by-Point Form	M. E. Comp. Peter G. Outhouse	Feb 9, 2019
150 th Anniversary Preliminary Report	Grand High Priest and Committee	Nov 10, 2018