

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

**SUPREME
GRAND COUNCIL
EASTERN JURISDICTION OF CANADA
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS**

**ONE HUNDRED-FORTY SECOND
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**



**2009
PROCEEDINGS**



**MOST PUISSANT GRAND MASTER
JOHN RAMOND DOLLIMOUNT
2009-2010**

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John R. Dollimount

Masonic Record

Craft Masonry

Initiated Canam Lodge # 19 Stephenville, NL	May 1, 1978
Passed	Jan. 8, 1979
Raised	Mar. 5, 1979
Assistant Secretary	1979 - 1980
Secretary	1980 – 1983
Senior Deacon	1983 – 1984
Junior Warden	1984 – 1985
Senior Warden	1985 – 1986
Worshipful Master	1986 – 1987
IPM	1987 – 1988
Director of Ceremonies	1988 – 1989
Secretary	1989 – 1991
Treasurer	1991 – 2003
Appointed District Grand Standard Bearer	1992
Grand Pursuivant GRNL	1997
Senior Deacon GRNL	1998
District Grand Master Western District	1999
Founding Member Farnham Lodge of Research	2002
Senior Warden Farnham Lodge of Research	2002 – 2006
Affiliated Acacia Lodge # 39 Bridgewater	June 2005
Inner Guard Acacia Lodge	2006-2007
DDGM Lunenburg – Queens GLNS	2006 -2007
Affiliated Unity Lodge #4 Lunenburg	February 2008
Chair Long Range planning Committee GLNS	2008 – 2009
Chair Benevolent Committee GLNS	2008 –
Elected Director (3 yr term) Masonic Foundation NS	2008
Installed Master of Acacia Lodge # 39	January 2009

Capitular Masonry

Mark Master Mason Milley Chapter # 23 GRNS	Oct. 11, 1980
Virtue Past Master	Mar. 14, 1981
Most Excellent Master	Mar. 14, 1981
Exalted Holy Royal Arch	May 23, 1981
Affiliated Ouananiche Chapter # 5 GRNL	1994
MEHP Ouananiche Chapter	1994
Anointed High Priest	1995
Grand Master 1st Veil GRNL	1995
Grand Master 2nd Veil	1996
Grand Master 3rd Veil	1997
Grand Scribe	1998
Grand King	1999

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Grand High Priest	2000
Grand Representative Grand Chapter of Kansas	1996 –
Past Grand 1st Principal (Hon) GRNB	2000
Past Grand High Priest (Hon) GRNS	2003
Awarded Moses Monroe Distinguished Service Medallion	2002
Secretary Ouananiche Chapter	2001 – 2004
Conductor Order of High Priesthood GRNL	1998 – 2001
Vice President Order of High Priesthood GRNL	2001 – 2005
Secretary/Treasurer Assoc. of Canadian PGHP/PGZ	2003 – 2007
Affiliated LaHave Chapter # 17 Bridgewater	Sept. 19,2005
Secretary LaHave Chapter # 17	2006 - 2009
Honorary Member James Strong Chapter	Nov 2006
Grand Representative Grand Chapter of Alberta (NS)	2008

Cryptic Masonry

Admitted Royal and Select Master Central NL Council # 16	1997
Principal Conductor of the Work	1999
Deputy Master	2000
Thrice Illustrious Master	2001
Order of the Silver Trowel	2002
Super Excellent Master	2003
Royal Ark Marnier	2004
Recorder Central NL Council	2002 – 2004
Appointed to Grand Council Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada	2002
Elected to Grand Council	2003
Chairperson Elections Committee	2003 – 2005
Grand Chaplain	2004
Grand Director of Ceremonies	2005
Elected Grand Captain of the Guard	2006
Elected Grand Principal Conductor of the Work	2007
Elected Deputy Grand Master	2008
Elected Most Puissant Grand Master	2009
Installed as Grand Commander Noah	2009
Member Moran J.A. Wagner Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners	2005
Sentinel	2006
Stewart	2007
Installed as a Commander Noah	2007
Junior Deacon	2008
Member W.G. Young Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners	2006
Appointed Grand Representative to California	2007
Grand Junior Warden – Order of Silver Trowel	2005 - 2007
Grand Senior Warden – Order of Silver Trowel	2007-

Chivalric Orders

Created Sir Knight Viking Preceptory # 82	Oct. 1981
Proclaimed Knight of St. Paul/Malta	Mar. 1982

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Knight of the Temple	May, 1982
Preceptor Viking Preceptory	1998
Treasurer Viking Preceptory	2000 – 2004
Elected Grand Council SGP of Canada	2001
Re Elected Grand Council SGP	2002
Grand Executive Member SGP	2001 – 2003
Credentials Committee SGP	2002 – 2009
Restructuring SGP Task Force	2004
Membership Committee SGP	2004 – 2007
Provincial Grand Prior NL	2004 – 2006
Chair Grievances and Appeals SGP	2006 - 2009
Affiliated Mount Zion Preceptory # 73	Jan. 2006
Director Knights Templar Charitable Foundation	2008-

Constantine Masonry

Installed Knight Companion Redeemer Conclave #33	1995
Recorder Redeemer Conclave	1995 – 1997
Junior General	1997
Senior General	1998
Viceroy	1999
Most Puissant Sovereign	2000
Recorder	2001 - 2004
Appointed Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada Executive	2001
Grand Junior General	2002
Grand Senior General	2003 – 2005
Grand Viceroy	2005 - 2007
Grand Sovereign	2007 – 2009
Director Charitable Foundation	2005 -
Elected Honorary member The Rupert H. MacNeill Conclave # 30	2007

York Rite Sovereign College

Dubbed a Knight of York Terre Neuve College # 184	1998
Seneschal	1999
Preceptor	2000
Primate	2001
Elected Order of the Purple Cross	2001
Canadian Exemplar Order of Purple Cross Mobile, Alabama	2002
Chancellor	2002
Deputy Governor	2003
Governor	2004
Director Canadian Charitable Foundation	2005 -
Affiliated Nova Scotia College # 132	2005
Secretary Nova Scotia College	2006 - 2009
Appointed Deputy Grand Governor NS	2008

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Knight York Cross of Honor

Honored Newfoundland Priory # 64	2002
First Quadrant	2002
Herald	2002
Deputy Prior	2003
Prior	2004 –2006
Affiliated Eastern Canada Priory # 19	2005
Second Quadrant	2006

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

Admitted St. Andrews Tabernacle # 85	2002
Founding Member Beaumont Hamel Tabernacle	2003
3rd Pillar Beaumont Hamel Tabernacle	2003
5th Pillar Beaumont Hamel Tabernacle	2004
5th Pillar St. Andrews Tabernacle	2005
Conductor St. Andrews Tabernacle	2006
6th Pillar St. Andrews Tabernacle	2007
7th Pillar St. Andrews Tabernacle	2008
High Priest St. Andrew's Tabernacle	2009

Royal Order of Scotland

Invited Provincial Grand Lodge of Newfoundland	2002
Accepted Herald of Kilwinning	2003
Promoted Knight of the Rosy Cross	2003

Order of the Secret Monitor

Admitted Nova Scotia Conclave # 6	April 2005
Inducted Prince of the Order	Nov 2005
Elected as Abashia 2nd Degree	2006-2009
Member New Brunswick Conclave U.D.	2007

Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine

Created a Noble Mazol Temple	1997
Member Boot Shrine Club	1997
Permanent Contributing Member	1999
Member South Shore Shrine Club Bridgewater	2005
Affiliated Philae Temple	2006
Ambassador	2006 – 2009

Order of the Eastern Star

Member Mae Chapter # 38	2006
Warder	2006-2008

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Associate Patron	2008-2009
Worthy Patron	2009

ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIRST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Upon the entrance of the Most Puissant Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Council Officers, the One Hundred and Forty Second Annual Assembly of the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters, was opened in the Masonic Temple, in Quebec City, Quebec on May 16, 2009 at 9:00 am, IN FULL FORM by the Most Puissant Grand Master Richard C Thomas.

The following Grand Council Officers were at their Stations:

M Ill Comp Richard C Thomas (4,17)	Grand Master
Rt Ill Comp John R Dollimount (16)	Deputy Grand Master
Rt Ill Comp D B Hall (4) as	Grand PCW
V Ill Comp J Hugh Palmer (5)	Grand Capt of Guard
Rt Ill Comp Charles R. MacKinlay (19)	Grand Treasurer
M Ill Comp H C Lindsay Woodhams (20)	Grand Recorder
Rt Ill Comp Allan Marshall (4)	Grand Chaplain
	Grand Organist
V Ill Comp Robert R McConnell (4)	Grand Master of Cer
V Ill Comp Gary C Patterson (10) as	Grand C of Council
V Ill Comp Gene Guy Bernir (17)	Grand Steward
V Ill Comp James Taylor (3) as	Grand Sentinel

COMMITTEES

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

Registration:	Paul Arturi (with power to add)
Condition of the Order:	W Job Parsons, Chairman, G. B MacLellan, George O'Leary
Installation:	Fredrick H Healey assisted by Past Grand Masters
Scrutinizers:	N/A

The Registration Committee reported that there was a Constitutional number of Councils represented. There being a constitutional number of Councils present, the Grand Master proclaimed the One Hundred and Forty Second Annual Assembly legal to legislate the business of this Grand Council.

On Motion, of the Charles E E Rutt and seconded, by George R O'Leary, that the minutes of the One Hundred Forty First Annual Assemblies be accepted as printed. Carried.

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On Motion, Charles E. E. Rutt and seconded by John r Dollimount, that the Grand Master be authorized to change the Order of Business at his discretion. Carried.

Nominations

On Motion of the Grand Recorder, seconded by George R O'Leary that M Ill Comps Robert J Melanson, Maine and Bryan Cunningham, Ontario be made Honorary Past Grand Masters of this Jurisdiction. Carried.

Regrets

Regrets were received from: M. Wor. Comp. Opkar Sandhu, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Quebec, J. Douglas Welsh, Grand Historian, Graham Campbell, Sam Karrell, PGM (Hon), Darrell Thurber, PG-IG, Ralph McKay, Gordon Bragg, GI-GNS, J Wilber Layton, Robert M Johnson, PGM, James Amos, Robert W. Munday, PGM, Eric Ingraham, PG Chaplain, Kenneth C Crook, PGM (Hon), William J Smith, PG-IG (NL), Gerald W Budden, PGM., R MacDonald, William J Baldwin, PGM, William Marshall Black, PGM, Cecil E Decker, PGM and Philip H Henderson, PGM.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The Grand Master of Ceremonies retired and escorted M. Ill. Comp. Robert J Melanson, Grand Maser of the Grand Council of Maine, and M Ill Comp. Bryan S Cunningham, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ontario, to the Altar where they were greeted by the Grand Master, accorded the grand honors of masonry and escorted to the East.

RECEPTION OF CONCORDANT BODIES

York Rite Sovereign Collage of North America, Right Eminently Distinguished Brother Allan Marshall York Rite Sovereign Collage of North America.

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knight Templar, Most Em. Knight Walter Job Parsons, the Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada Knights Templar.

The Masonic and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, Most Ill Knight Companion John R. Dollimount, GCC, Grand Sovereign.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, Most Excellent Companion, Stafford Bellman, Grand First Principal.

FLAG CEREMONY

The Canadian, Commonwealth, United States of America, and Quebec flags were presented. The appropriate Anthems were sung.

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS

The following Past Grand Masters were presented at the altar:

PAST GRAND MASTERS

H C Lindsay Woodhams [03]	1977-78
Gerald A. Riley [10]	1995-96
Douglas Barrington Hall [04]	1996-97
Charles E. E. Rutt [14]	1999-00
Frederick A. Healey [01]	2003-04
Neil W. Astle [03]	2003[H]
Tabor "Ted" J. Caulier [03]	2004-05
Walter Job Parsons [16]	2005-06

The Grand Master Welcomed the Past Grand Masters and thanked them for their help and support during his year in office. Following Grand Honours, M. Ill. Comp. Gerald A Riley expressed the thanks of the Past Grand Masters and pledged their continued support to this Grand Council.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Recorder read the names of the Grand Representatives and those present presented themselves at the Altar. The Grand Master welcomed them and requested that they convey his warm personal greetings to the Grand Councils that they have the honour to represent. Following Grand Honours, M. Ill. Comp. Charles E Rutt, speaking on behalf of the Grand Representatives, thanked the Grand Master for his kind words.

RECEPTION OF INSPECTORS-GENERAL

The Grand Master welcomed the Inspectors General present, Gilles Chiniara (QC) and W H John Baird (NL) and thanked them for their work on behalf of Grand Council. He then conferred Past Grand Rank of Rt. Ill. Past Grand Inspector General on Maurice L Steeves (NB & PE) and Gordon T Bragg (NS).

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Members of the Supreme Grand Council Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters:

Distinguished East, Distinguished Visitors, our past Grand Masters, Grand Officers, Companions, friends, welcome to Quebec City and to our 142nd Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Council Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters.

Our host city Quebec is celebrating its 400th Anniversary of its founding and I earnestly hope that you will be able to find some time in your hectic schedules to tour parts of the city and to see how beautiful a place and what a national treasure it really is.

At this time I would like to thank the Officers and Companions of Reine de Saba Council No. 20 for hosting this meeting, for use of its Lodge Rooms, and for all of the dedication and hard work they have put in to ensuring that we have a successful meeting.

Last May you elected and installed me as your Grand Master, the highest rank that can be bestowed on any Companion in this Jurisdiction, a position of great honour for which I will always be eternally grateful.

During my term of office, I have had the opportunity to visit most of the Councils in our jurisdiction; unfortunately I was unable to get to Newfoundland as I had hoped. On my visits to each Council I was properly received in due and ancient form and given the courtesy of speaking openly and frankly with the Companions on Cryptic Rite Masonry, and discussing to what extent Grand Council could better serve its members. In general I found that any difficulties experienced between a Council and Grand Council were of a minor nature and that the Councils were supportative of the efforts of our Grand Council to help out wherever possible.

In my talks in the Councils I have tried to stress the theme that in order to have healthy Councils we must actively recruit new members from our ranks in the Chapters. We cannot assume that candidates will come knocking on our doors. I am firmly convinced that one of our most important duties and responsibilities as a Mason is to seek out men of good character and to induct them into our Lodges. If our Lodges are healthy then all other Masonic Bodies will benefit; if they are weak then everyone suffers. As we age, it becomes even more imperative that we should be actively searching and seeking out good people as our own replacement. In this way we will help to ensure that this Fraternity that we love so much will be left in safe hands when we are gone.

On a personal note I would like to thank our Inspector Generals for arranging my itineraries especially in PEI, NB and Nova Scotia. Both my Grand Master of

Ceremonies and I thoroughly enjoyed our trips to the Maritimes and with meeting all of the Companions who attended their Councils meetings. I can honestly say that the warmth, graciousness and hospitality of the Companions that we encountered in each and every Council that we visited is something that we both will carry in our hearts and memories for a lifetime.

I have also had the opportunity of representing your Grand Council at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Cryptic Councils of Vermont, New York, Ohio and at the Annual Convocations of Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and the Grand Chapters of Quebec and Nova Scotia. In each Grand Body I was warmly received. At the New York Grand Council Convocation I also had the great pleasure of meeting the Grand Master along with his delegation of 19 Officers of Great Britain, and Overseas Territories. Cryptic Rite Masonry in England began in the late 1800's when a group of Cryptic Rite Masons from New York who were living in London at the time formed the first UK Council under the auspices of the New York Grand Council. From these humble beginnings other Councils emerged and eventually a Grand Council of England was formed and which has now expanded to include a goodly number of overseas Councils in the Caribbean, India, Sri Lanka and other parts of the world. The primary reason why the England delegation was present at the New York Convocation was that the order of T.I.M. did not currently exist in England; and they wished to establish this order. In cooperation with the New York Grand Council they came en masse to Albany NY to obtain the degree and to pick up all of the necessary documentation, observe the ritual and costumes etc. such that they could introduce this degree throughout their Jurisdiction. I also had the pleasure of driving the English Grand Master to Montreal as he was to take a train to Toronto to visit his brother. During the drive we had a most wonderful conversation on the State of Cryptic Masonry and Masonry in general in our two countries along with other topics of mutual interest.

I had the honour and privilege of representing Grand Council at the dedication ceremony of the new Freemasons Hall in Halifax last fall. The Grand Director of Ceremonies gave My Master of Ceremonies and I an exhaustive tour of the new hall and offices of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia which we sincerely appreciated. The dedication ceremony which consisted of the laying of the cornerstone and a short service was beautifully performed by the Officers of the Grand Lodge. I was formally received by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and seated in the East, a position of great honour. I would like to thank the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, M. Wor. Bro. R. Lively, who is present today for reaching out the hand of friendship to all Masonic Bodies in Nova Scotia and inviting them to participate in this memorable ceremony. Grand Lodge could have rightly decided to have the ceremony on its own and this act of unselfish friendship to other Masonic Organizations augers well for the future relationship and co-operation of all Concordant Bodies in the Province.

As your Grand Master I have followed with great interest the work being performed by the Special Committee set up to review our Constitution and I am very impressed as to the depth of the teams' analysis and of the quality of the work and of the consultations that they are having. It is a long and arduous process to revise a Constitution as anyone who has worked on one of these review committees from any

Masonic body can attest to and I am convinced that when their work is completed hopefully by this time next year that we will indeed have a new Constitution that will help guide us through the 21st Century. I wish this Committee well in its endeavours and want to thank them for their dedication to this task.

I have established a special ad hoc Committee under the chairmanship of M. Ill. Comp. Fred Healy with regards to the establishment of a Grand Council Charity and charged the Committee with the following mandate:-

- 1.0 Examine the possible charities, by soliciting inputs from our Companions that we could support, enquire whether other Masonic bodies are supporting these charities and to recommend to our membership as to which charity we should adopt.
- 2.0 Examine as to how we should establish our Charity fund, and to provide for an initial capitalization of the fund as well as recommending the level of ongoing contributions to the fund.

I have every confidence that at our 2010 Annual Convocation that the Companions will have the opportunity to discuss and vote on a Motion establishing our charity and I would like to thank all of those Companions who have taken the time to provide their inputs as well as some passionate pleas for certain Charities.

At this time I would like to especially thank my travelling Companion our Grand Master of Ceremonies V. Ill Comp Robert McConnell. Robert accompanied me throughout the Maritimes as well as to other locations, provided me with help and guidance (especially on the golf courses) and acted as a close confidant. Thank you Robert.

Based on the Recommendations of the Advisory Board and Committees of Grand Council, as well as my own personal observations, it is a privilege and an honour for me to confirm that all of our Inspector Generals, having performed their duties to the satisfaction of Grand Council be now confirmed in the title of Rt. Ill. Comp. Thank you all for your efforts, your support of Grand Council and your support of me over the past year. May your successors in office enjoy their experience as much as you have enjoyed yours.

To all of those Companions who volunteered to serve on the various committees of Grand Council over the past year I extend my sincere appreciation and thanks.

My most memorable and emotional experience came about as I was travelling by car from Montreal to Toronto with my son to attend the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada Annual Convocation at which one of our own past Grand Masters M. Ill. Comp. W. Job Parsons was to be installed as the new Supreme Grand Master of that august body. Our trip up until we reached Trenton was rather uneventful and at the first highway overpass past Trenton we were both surprised to see over a hundred people waving flags, a fire truck with its ladders raised along with an Ontario Hydro truck with its boom fully extended. At the second overpass virtually the same thing

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occurred, it was full of people and then I saw the sign which explained it all, and the realization of what we were seeing hit home. On a large unfurled white banner were arranged red letters which simply said Thank You For Your Sacrifice, We support our troops, and I then realized that these people were waiting to pay their respects and homage to the funeral cortege which was a few minutes behind me bringing home to their final resting place members of our Armed Forces who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country. Without fail every single overpass from Trenton to Toronto had crowds, some large and some small. It is moments like these that makes one truly proud to be a Canadian and I and my son shall keep this memory alive for the rest of our lives.

To my successor in Office Rt. Ill Comp John Dollimount I hope that your time in office will be as rewarding as mine has been and I offer you all of my support and help whenever needed.

I could not in all conscience complete this address without expressing my sincere and deep appreciation for all of the valuable assistance and advice provided to me by our Past Grand Masters and especially to our Grand Recorder M. Ill. Comp. Lofty Woodhams whose work behind the scenes always kept me abreast of the happenings not only within Grand Council but within the Maritimes as well.

To the Companions assembled here today, thank you for coming, thank you for your support but most importantly thank you for the wonderful experiences and memories we now share.

M. Ill. Comp Richard Thomas
Supreme Grand Master
Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

To the Most Puissant Grand Master, Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters:

It was a great pleasure to be in attendance at the 141st Annual Assembly of the Supreme Grand Council held at Truro on May 2, 2008. To be installed as the Deputy Grand Master at the Assembly was a most satisfying and humbling experience. The year has been one filled with learning and many enjoyable experiences.

During the year I was fortunate to attend a number of Grand Convocations including: the Grand Chapters of Nova Scotia, the Grand Lodge of new Brunswick, the Grand Chapter of Newfoundland & Labrador, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland & Labrador, the York Rite College of North America, the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada as well as the Supreme grand Council of the Scottish Rite. Each of these provided great opportunities to meet fellow masons from across the country and to learn from their vast wealth of knowledge and experience.

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Within the jurisdiction I visited a number of the Councils and Lodges of Royal Ark Mariners, accompanied the Grand Inspector General on his visits whenever my cable tow allowed. It was a great privilege to be present along with the Most Puissant grand Master at the dedication and consecration of the new Freemasons Hall in Halifax.

The opportunity to serve the Order of the Silver Trowel as Senior Warden although not directly related to the office of Deputy Grand Master was truly a highlight as well as a great challenge to maintain the standard that had been set by my predecessor Companion George Mason.

As Deputy Grand Master it was my duty to Chair the Advisory Board. I wish to thank all the members for their support and as the report of the Advisory Board suggests I feel we successfully managed the affairs of this grand Council.

My sincere Thanks go to all the members of the various councils for your support and encouragement. A special Thank You to the Grand recorder for his assistance and advice over the year. I look forward with enthusiasm to the Annual Assembly in Quebec City and look forward to what I trust will be a year marked by profit and pleasure.

Fraternally Submitted
John Dollimount
Deputy Grand Master

Moved by the Deputy Grand Master, that his report be received and referred to the Committee on Condition of the Order. Seconded by M Ill Comp Frederick H Healey. Carried.

GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK

To the Supreme Grand Council Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada Royal and Select Masters:

If you will, let be begin this report by saying how very honoured I feel by being afforded the opportunity to serve the many Kt Companions of the Eastern Jurisdiction of Royal and Select Masters.

My duties have taken me to the Annual Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, where I had the honour to represent our Most Puissant Grand Master, Most Ill. Comp. Richard C. Thomas who because of other Masonic duties was unable to be in Charlottetown, PE at that time.

I visited my own Council “ Garden of the Gulf Council # 9 Charlottetown over the past year. I am the Principal Conductor of the Work in that body and I proudly represented the Grand Council on all occasions there.

I visited while, in the company of Rt. Ill. Comp. Maurice Steeves, Grand Inspector General, the Monckton Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, moored to Tantramar Council # 8 in Moncton NB.

I attended the November 7th 2008 Advisory Board held at the Wandlyn Inn, Amherst NS.

My term as Grand Principal of the Work is fast coming to a close; I would like to make a few observations. I assure the members of Grand Council as well as the membership at large, that these are observations and not any form of criticism of people, offices or the constitution, but simply my observations as experienced during my terms as acting Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

Firstly we have a very large jurisdiction with a lot of traveling involved to even cover it once a year. A great deal of this falls on the shoulders of the Grand Inspectors General who though not elected bears a large portion of this task.

Not counting the Grand Treasurer we have three [3] elected line officers in Grand Council. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and Grand Captain of the Guard. In consideration of the honour granted to the Companions so elected, I find it difficult to understand why more isn't required of the offices of the Grand Captain of the Guard and Grand Principal of the Work, since in a very short period of time these folks will be called upon to lead the Order. Is not the time spent in these offices, supposed to be periods of training for future leaders and advisors of the Order. My point is, with no assigned or expected duties for the first two line officers are we not losing a valuable service to the order, and a valuable skill enhancement time for the officers. Bear in mind Companions, when the Grand Principal of the Work is elected to the office of Deputy Grand Master he is expected to be knowledgeable in the operation and procedures of the order. He should also be well known to the membership who will be placing their trust in him for the next two years. Shouldn't these requirements be met in large measure during time served in the first two offices?

Again I wish to thank the Grand Council and the membership at large for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Rt. Ill. Comp. Robert MacDonald.
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
February 10, 2009

Moved, by the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, that his report be received and referred to the Committee on Condition of the Order. Seconded, by M Ill Comp George R O'Leary. Carried.

GRAND RECORDER

To the Supreme Grand Council of the Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters

I present this my twentieth report as your Grand Recorder.

The year has been very frustrating, not being able to print from my database we had to revert to the old way of preparing the Annual Returns. At time of writing there are several returns not completed and therefore no statically membership results. They will complete and publish in the proceedings .

Preliminary indications show a decline in demits and suspensions

My personal thanks and gratitude to Comp. Vessey for his continuing efforts on our behalf to make the database workable and as usual my thanks to Kim for her help and support.

Grand Council could not operate without the Recorders of the various Councils who are all dedicated and hard working, my thanks to all of them for making my job easy. We welcome Lawrence Pye of Son Shem Council No. 17 and Robert G. Rech of EBN Cochran Council No. 18. Grand council thanks Robert S. Turner of EBN Cochran Council No. 18 and Menes Azizi of Son Shem Council No. 17 for their outstanding work .

The Grand Recorder notes with regret the move of Son Shem Council No. 17 to Sherbrook Q.C. not the fact that it moved, but that Grand Council was not informed.

Fraternally submitted
H. C. L. “Lofty” Woodhams
Grand Recorder

Moved, by the Grand Recorder, that his report be received and tabled pending the report of the Auditor and passed to the Condition of the Order. Seconded, by M Ill Comp Gilles Chiniara. Carried.

Deaths, Suspensions, Demits, Admitted 2009

Deceased

Kenneth Fader(3,5)	Cheb/Rich & A Ben	04/01/08
J. Elliott Campbell(5,19)	Orient & Lion of Jud	02/20/08
Dr. E. E. I. Hancock(5)	Orient	07/26/08
John G. Palmer(5)	Orient	05/17/09
L. E. McClare(10)	Adoniram	11/11/08
L. E. R. Winchester(15)	A. Bentley	07/12/08
Peter von Possel(15)	A. Bentley	08/22/08
Helmut Mueller- Sparnburg (15)	A. Bentley	09/30/08
Edward Sumara (15)	A. Bentley	10/01/08

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Suspended:

Charles S. Smylie [5]	Christopher S. Atkinson [11]
J. R. Burnett [8]	B. W. Sutherland [15]
Wlodzimierz Sitkosky [17]	

Demits:

M. Stewart Williams [5]	F. E. Lipskey [10]
James Christopher Wood [6]	D. W. Hatt [10]
Robert Dunham [6]	Blair Arthur Williamson [15]
John Potter [6]	Walter Shestowsky [17]
L. A. Prosser [8]	George S. Milne [19]
P. C. Palmer [10]	Brett C. Archibald [19]

Admitted:

Frank Bowen [5]	P. A. Lewis [8]
David Condon [5]	Stuart Thomas Simpson [18]
William MacCulloch [5]	Patrick Harton [20]
James Fraser [5]	Bernard Lepage [20]

Affiliated:

Reinstated:

Edmund Arthur "Ted" Davis [15]

GRAND TREASURER

It was moved by the Grand Recorder on behalf of the Grand Treasurer, Cecil E. Decker that his report be received and tabled pending the report of the Auditor. This was seconded by M. Ill. Comp. Gerald A. Riley and carried.

To the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters:

As your Grand Treasurer, I hereby submit my report of the Receipts and Expenditures of Grand Council for the year ending December 31, 2007.

**SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL EASTERN JURISDICTION OF CANADA
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2008 - DECEMBER 31, 2008

Income

Assessment Council Dues	\$4330.00
Regalia supplies sold	\$3149.51
Interest TD bank	\$1221.61
Interest Scotiabank	\$0678.60

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Interest total	\$1900.21
Degree fees - T.I.M.	\$0420.00
Postage recovered	\$0058.83
Registrations	\$0027.00
Fees other	\$0020.00
Miscellaneous	\$0015.00
Total	\$9920.55
<u>Expense</u>	
Regalia supplies purchased	\$2509.22
Proceedings 2007-2008	\$1000.80
Grand Council expenses	\$0652.13
Office expense	\$0589.21
Honorariums	\$0500.00
Advance Rein de Saba convocation 2009	\$0500.00
Web site fees 2008-2009	\$0336.14
Postage	\$0246.01
Interest adjustment	\$0171.50
Tape recorder	\$0120.86
Regalia repair	\$0035.00
Telephone	\$0011.82
<u>Total</u>	\$6672.69
Excess of income(net)	\$3247.86
Deposit account TD Canada Trust Dec.31/07	\$10,199.32
Surplus of revenue 2008	\$03,247.86
<u>Sub total</u>	\$13,447.18
Deposit account TD Canada Trust Dec. 31/08	\$13,447.18
Transfer to Manulife Bank deposit account Dec. 29/08	\$10,000.00
Adjusted TD Canada Trust deposit account Dec. 31/08	\$03,447.18
Ledger account balance Dec. 31/08	\$03,447.18

Note:

MacKinlay,
Grand Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor's Report was presented by the Grand Recorder, who moved that the report of the Auditor be received and that the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer be lifted from the table, received, printed in the Proceedings and passed to the Committee on the Condition of the Order. This was duly seconded by Rt Ill Comp J Hugh Palmer and carried.

To the Most Puissant Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Supreme Grand Council Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters

I have examined the books of account of the Supreme Grand Council. I have applied such tests as are necessary and found them to be accurate and in good order.

I wish to commend the Grand Treasurer for the way in which his books are kept. It makes things very easy for the Auditor to check all accounts and transactions

I also wish to commend him for consolidating our various investment accounts. This makes it much easier to audit.

At this time I wish to give a hearty vote of thanks to M/III Companion Cecil Decker, who has been the Treasurer of Grand Council for many years. It has always been a pleasure to work with him

Sincerely and Fraternally
Gerald A. Riley - Auditor.

THE INSPECTORS GENERAL

NOVA SCOTIA

To the Most Puissant Grand Master, Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters.

It is with pleasure that I submit this my annual report, as Grand Inspector General of Nova Scotia 2008-2009.

I would first of all like to thank the Thrice Illustrious Masters of Austen Bentley Council Number 15 for recommending me for this office. I hope their confidence in me has not been in vain. I would also like to thank the companions of Austen Bentley Council #15 for their support and would like to extend an extra thank you to Rt III Comp. Kirk Whitman and Ill. Comp. Blair Hannam who drove or accompanied me on almost all of my official visits.

In the past year I visited all of the councils and two of the three Royal Ark Mariner Lodges. I would like to say that at each lodge and Council I was warmly received and I found the spirit of masonry alive and well.

On the positive side I found the books of the recorders and treasurers to be in excellent order and we are lucky that we have companions who take the time to keep the records of the Councils in such fine order. I found no fault in any of the councils in their record keeping and came away with some excellent tips for myself.

The Councils I visited were well attended, and many of the Councils have candidates lined up for the future. I was especially pleased to note that MacDougall Council # 7 in Cape Breton has a number of candidates in the offing and is experiencing a revival as a result.

However, there is some room for improvement. I would not be giving an honest report if I did not mention the following and I hope my companions will not take this appraisal as anything but an attempt to improve some of our weaknesses. I did see

good work being done and I will not pick apart individual councils many of whom are doing their level best to survive. Notwithstanding that, one of the tasks of the Grand Inspector General is to witness degrees. This was an area in which the Councils need to make some improvement. I know it is difficult to get excited about putting on a degree with out a "real candidate" but it is very difficult to witness the work of a Council if there is no degree work or if only one member is putting on "part" of the degree. Also, if the Council is going to take the time to put on a degree why not take the time and memorize the parts. Seeing a degree read from the ritual is not very inspiring. Our candidates are not, "new masons," and this is not the first impression we want to make on new members. Our ritual work is very beautiful and worthy . Let us give it the attention it deserves. It would be a positive sign if all the Councils in the 2009-10 year put on a complete degree(with out books) for the Grand Inspector General.

I would also like to comment on the Royal Ark Mariner Lodges. While the work is done earnestly , and the companions are sincere in their efforts, I wonder if holding just two meetings a year is very effective. One meeting is for election and installation and the other is for degree work. This does not seem to give the officers and members much time to appreciate their offices or the work.

I would like to thank all the companions of the Jurisdiction for their many kindnesses and hospitality.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted
Right Illustrious Companion Gordon T. Bragg
Grand Inspector General (NS)

NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

To the Most Puissant Grand Master, Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters

I hereby submit my report for my term as Grand Inspector General.

It is with both pleasure and concern that I make this report for this District:

- Pleasure because, it was an Honour to serve in this capacity and I most sincerely thank the Garden of the Gulf Council members for recommending me and the Most Puissant Grand Master and Grand Council for appointing me.

- Concern because of the lack of attendance of the members and the inactivity which is evident amongst some of our Councils.

My first visit was to Monckton Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, where I witnessed 6 companions receive the Royal Ark degree. These were companion Philip A, Lewis of Tantramar Council #8 and Companions Charles A, Bartlett, Garnet A. Rae, Robert R. Guptill, Gale A. Rae and David D. L. Skinner of York Council #11.

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In September, I accompanied the Grand Master on 3 Official visits in this District and returned to each Council in October on my Official Visits.

While we were received with respect, dignity and friendship on all visits, it is disappointing and embarrassing to report that on one of the Grand Master's visits and even one of my own, a Council could not be opened due to a lack of members in attendance.

On each of my visits, I stressed the Grand Master's message of "Replacing Yourself" and even went the further step of insisting this has to be done not only once, but twice, if the Councils are to continue to grow and prosper.

In addition, a message of making our meetings more meaningful and interesting is necessary, if we expect our current members who are not participating, to attend and stay active. The acquisition of new members would make for additional work but we must remember to ask them to participate. There is a very large pool of talent amongst our current members if we will only use it.

Attendance is a very real problem in our Councils but with some work and innovation we can turn this around. I suggested that each member decide whom they know best and are most comfortable talking to: thus making that person his "Buddy" and encourage him to come to the meetings, even if he has to be picked up. There may be a good reason why he is not attending, but you will never know until you contact him. This alone could double up the attendance records.

In November, it was my pleasure to Install the Officers of the Garden of the Gulf Council, a task which I have not done since vacating the TIM's chair of Adoniram Council #10 a number of years ago.

On a positive note, the enthusiasm and dedication is evident in those who do attend and they have a sincere desire to keep their Councils functioning. We are most grateful for their efforts.

Finally, I express, once again, my sincere thank you to all those who were responsible for allowing me to serve.
Respectfully submitted,

Rt. Ill. Comp. Maurice L. Steeves
Grand Inspector General, NB/PEI.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

To The Most Illustrious Grand Master and Grand Council Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters:

The highlight of my year was that of representing M. Ill. Comp. Richard Thomas and the Supreme Grand Council on the laying of the Corner Stone and Consecration Ceremony of our new Freemason's Hall as Masonic Park, Mount Pearl, NL on June

**PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND COUNCIL
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7, 2008. This is the new home of the lodges and other Masonic bodies including Eastern Council and St. David's Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in this area, as well as, the home of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador and the District Grand Lodge of Scotland for Newfoundland and Labrador, erected at a cost of approximately \$2.6 million dollars.

Eastern Council # 6

I have attended all three meetings of Eastern Council held since my appointment; the confidential reports of these meetings are attached. At the June meeting I brought greetings and best wishes for the summer on behalf of M. Ill. Comp. Thomas and the Grand Council, the October meeting was my official meeting at which time I brought the usual Christmas greetings, the R.M Degree was also confirmed on Robert Hudson. I attended the January 2009, meeting which was the installation of officers and brought congratulations on behalf of the Grand Council. Rt. Ill Comp. Lawrence G. Moss of Central Council No. 16 was present, he is also the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M of Newfoundland and Labrador at which time he brought greeting on behalf of both Masonic bodies. I would recommend PTIM Gerald Whalen for an appointment to Grand Council.

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Central Council # 16

The November 2008 meeting of Central Council was cancelled and rescheduled for December 13, 2008 at which I made my official visit. This was the installation of officers meeting. I brought both congratulations and Christmas greetings on behalf of M. Ill Comp. Thomas and the Grand Council, I would recommend PTIM Gordon Hickman for an appointment to Grand Council. A copy of my confidential report is enclosed.

St. David's Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners moved to Eastern Council No. 6.

There were three meetings of St. David's Lodge held since my appointment and I was present for all three. The meeting of May 29, 2008, had 10 members present, there was a favorable ballot held for Companion Wm Earle, who had already received his Royal Ark Mariners Degree. The November 27, 2008 meeting was my official visit, there were 9 members in attendance and there was an election of officers. At that time I brought official greetings, best wishes and season greetings. The installation of officers was held at the February 26, 2009, meeting, 10 members in attendance at which time I brought our congratulations. St. David's Lodge adheres to the authorized work and their financial affairs are all controlled and reported on by Eastern Council.

Membership and attendance in both councils seems to be an issue and if not rectified might result in the failure of the councils in the year to come. Shannon Chapter is in the process of completing the Royal Arch Degrees which would see them with approximately 25 new members. It is my intention this fall to do a presentation at one of their meetings with the hope of obtaining some new members for Eastern Council.

I trust this report meets with your approval and I wish to thank Grand Council for my appointment as Grand Inspector General.

Yours Fraternally,
Rt. Ill Comp. W. H. John Baird

QUEBEC

The Most Puissant Grand Master, Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal And Select Masters:

It is a pleasure and an honour to submit my first report as Grand Inspector General of Quebec. I wish to begin this report by thanking the Grand Master for the trust he has put in me. I further wish to thank all the brethren from the three councils in Quebec, who have provided me with all the help I required as a novice GIG. I extend a special thank you to the recorders from Victoria Council No. 4 and Son Shem No. 17 for their assistance and patience.

I did get the opportunity to visit all three councils in Quebec, although the fact that our GM is also from this province has somewhat complicated the schedule. In all three councils, I was received with due honours given to the office I hold, and all councils expressed their continued loyalty to Grand Council. What's more, quality of the work ranged from good to excellent in all three councils. Most striking, however, are the feelings of friendship and fraternal love that permeate all Quebec councils' work.

Victoria Council No. 4 is strong, with a solid core of active members. Their ritual work is always noteworthy. During my visit, this council passed a record number of seven Royal Arch Masons to the degree of Royal Master. Such an event bodes well for the future.

Son Shem No. 17 has moved to Lennoxville. Unfortunately, this move has not been without consequences. Some members from Montreal, who used to attend that council's meetings, now have some understandable difficulty in undertaking the more than two hours trip to the council's meeting hall. As such, Son Shem is currently struggling, and the number of active members is sometimes barely enough to get the quorum required for opening the Council. Still, the remaining brethren seem dedicated to the survival of Son Shem No. 17, glimpses of a bright horizon. I especially would like to recognize the dedication and zeal of R. Ill. Comp. Allan Marshall and Companion Larry Pie who have stepped up to take the mantles of Treasurer and Recorder pro tem of that Council, in very difficult circumstances. Son Shem Council is hoping to draw members from the adjacent U.S. states. In the meantime, I have encouraged members from Victoria No. 4 to attend (some of them already do) to the best of their abilities. I will ask the same of the companions from Quebec City.

Conseil Reine de Saba n°20 is going strong. This year, with the promise of Grand Council being held in Quebec, six new members have received the degree of Royal Master and will be elevated to the degree of Select Master in April. The brethren from Quebec City have taken unofficial steps to encourage members to go through the Cryptic rite before the chivalric degrees and the Ordre of the Temple, in their progression through the York Rite. This will ensure, hopefully, a constant pool of candidates during the upcoming years.

I conducted my official visit to Reine de Saba on December 8, 2008. However, since I am the recorder of that Council, I could not examine its books and records. This duty was performed in February 2009, by M. Ill. Comp. Douglas Hall who had been duly designated by our Grand Master. Hence, the 2009 report of the GIG (Quebec) for Reine de Saba Council bears both our signatures.

Companions from Reine de Saba Council No. 20 are very busy preparing the upcoming annual convocation of Grand Council. Their dedication to this task is praiseworthy. Unfortunately, contrary to expectations, and despite numerous reminders, few Companions have registered to attend Grand Council. As of April 2009, only 41 have done so. It is impossible to ascertain the reasons for the lack of enthusiasm for this year's Grand Council, although the economic situation might be partly to blame. Nonetheless, it is the hopes of all brethren from Quebec that this year's Grand Council be memorable.

In closing, I wish, once again, to thank all brethren from the Councils in Quebec for their help and warm welcome. I look forward to my second year as GIG of Quebec.

Fraternally submitted,
Gilles Chiniara
Grand Inspector General — Quebec

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service was conducted by Rt. Ill. Comp Allan Marshall.

READING OF NAMES

<u>Deceased</u>		
Kenneth Fader (3,15)	Cheb/Rich & A Bentley	04/01/08
J. Elliott Campbell (5,19)	Orient & Lion of Judah	02/20/08
Dr. E. E. I. Hancock (5)	Orient	07/26/08
John G. Palmer (5)	Orient	05/17/09
L. E. McClare (10)	Adoniram	11/11/08
L. E. R. Winchester (15)	A. Bentley	08/12/08
Peter von Pospel (15)	A. Bentley	08/22/08
Helmut Mueller-Sparnburg (15)	A. Bentley	09/30/09
Edward Sumara (15)	A. Bentley	10/01/08/

MINUTE OF SILENCE

COMMITTEE ON RITES AND CEREMONIES

No Report Received

ADVISORY BOARD

The regular dinner meeting of the Advisory Board was held at the Wandlyn Inn, Amherst, Nova Scotia on November 7, 2008. Considerable discussion took place on several items of interest and the meeting reached agreement on the following:

- (a) The Manual of Ceremonies have been received from the printer. It was agreed by motion that one copy be given to the Councils, the elected officers of Grand Council and the Inspectors General. Members interested in the Manual can purchase the same from the Grand Recorder at a cost of \$3.00.
- (b) The Ceremony for the Installation of the Grand Commander Noah is now complete and will be performed for the first time at the General Assembly in Quebec City on May 15, 2009.
- (c) The ad hoc committee to consolidate the constitution consisting of Ill. Companions Tallon and Mason with power to add has begun their work and we look forward to seeing this completed as time goes by.
- (d) The motion presented at the Grand Assembly in May 2008 regarding the composition and the functioning of the Jurisprudence Committee was deemed out of order and subsequently withdrawn. The composition of this committee will continue to be as outlined in article 1.15.01 of the constitution.
- (e) A committee consisting of M. Ill. Companions Healey, Riley and O'Leary was established to solicit suggestions and recommend an appropriate Charity for the Grand Council.
- (f) In the future the Annual Proceedings will be posted on the website. The Grand recorder is to inform the various Grand Councils of this decision.
- (g) Companion Vessey has been contacted to develop a much needed data base for Grand Council.

A general discussion took place on making the Inspector General for NB/PEI a two year term. This item was deferred to a future meeting of the Board.

The Grand Master reported on behalf of Rt. Ill. Companion Chiniara on the progress of planning for the 2009 Annual Assembly in Quebec City. Plans are progressing well and we look forward with anticipation to May 15-16.

I would like to express my Thanks to all members of the Advisory Board for their dedication, input and timely guidance over the year but especially to the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer for the manner in which they have handled our affairs. The affairs of the Grand Council are in good hands. I would also like to

assure M. Ill. Comp. Parsons that his gavel will be passed on to my successor where I am sure it will be put to proper use.

Fraternally Submitted
John Dollimont
Deputy Grand Master

ORDER OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

To the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters:

The Order of Thrice Illustrious Masters was held in the Best Western Glengarry Hotel in Truro on Thursday 1st^d May 2008 with the following officers present:

Thrice Illustrious Master	Terence S. Read.
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	John R. Dollimont.
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	Robert H. Meyer.
Thrice Illustrious Recorder	H. C. L. Woodhams.
Thrice Illustrious Chaplain	Hugh Palmer. Pro Tem.
Thrice Illustrious Stewart	Charles R. MacKinlay.
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Charles E. E. Rutt.

There were a total of 56 Companions in attendance and they were welcomed to the assembly by the Most Puissant Grand Master George R. O'Leary and myself.

The following officers were duly nominated and declared by the Most Puissant Grand Master to be duly elected by acclamation and installed for the year 2008 to 2009.

Thrice Illustrious Master	Terence S. Read.
Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden	John R. Dollimont
Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden	Robert Meyer
Thrice Illustrious Recorder	H. C. L. Woodhams.
Thrice Illustrious Chaplain	J. Hugh Palmer.
Thrice Illustrious Stewart	Charles R. MacKinlay.
Thrice Illustrious Sentinel	Charles E. E. Rutt.

The following Thrice Illustrious Companions were duly anointed and received the Order of Thrice Illustrious Master:

James Edward Taylor	Chebucto.Richardson No. 3.
William H. Gordon	Orient No. 5.
John Potter	Eastern No 6.
James Christopher Wood	Eastern No 6.
William R. Merriam	Tantramar No. 8.
David Bell	Garden of the Golf No. 9.
Floyd Bayne MacMillan	Adoniram No. 10.
Peter Townsend	The Austen Bently No. 15.
Gordon Hickman	Central Newfoundland No. 16

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Gerald Mayo	Central Newfoundland No. 16
James Bernard Dawe	E.B.N. Cochran No. 18
James L. Acker	Lion of Judah No. 19
Mark Osmond	Lion of Judah No. 19

The newly anointed Thrice Illustrious Masters were presented with their certificates and jewels by the The Most Puissant Grand Master, the Grand Recorder and myself.

Quebec City 16th May 2009
Respectively Submitted
Terence S. Read
Thrice Illustrious Master

GRAND HISTORIAN'S REPORT

No Report Received

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Most Puissant Grand Master and Companions of the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters:

To the Most Puissant Grand Master and Companions of the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal and Select Masters:

No requests for rulings were received by this Committee during the year

On behalf of the committee
Fraternally
W. Job Parsons, Chairman, P. M. I. G. M.
Springdale NL
12 April, 2009

CONDITION OF THE ORDER

To The Most Puissant Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Supreme Grand Council, Eastern Jurisdiction of Canada, Royal & Select Masters:

The committee has received the reports presented and have made the following observations.

**PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND COUNCIL
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We are pleased to find that the Inspector Generals of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island were received in a manner respecting their offices, and on each occasion, Degree Work was performed. However, more attention should be given to the quality of the Work. We concur with the observations of the Principal conductor of the Work, that the line officers should play a more active role in the affairs of General Council.

Our Deputy Grand Master has visited outside our Jurisdiction and we commend him on his travels and providing leadership to the Advisory Board.

Our Grand Treasurer has invested prudently in these difficult times and we compliment him for his dedicated service.

Our Grand Recorder has an overview of his Grand Council, Which if asked can provide information to any officer in order to enable his duties to be most enjoyable and affective. His detailed knowledge of this branch of Freemasonry is providing a guiding hand for the betterment of this Grand council.

The reports of the Grand Inspector Generals of Newfoundland, Labrador and Quebec were general the same as the other Grand Inspector General's reports. It seems that there is difficulty with attendance in most Councils in this Jurisdiction. We are pleased that most Councils have done Degree Work in this year. (Maybe a method of conveying something of interest at the meetings would pick up the attendance). It is a note of credit to their jurisdiction that they have decided to name a charity of support. We are also glad that the Grand Master had the foresight to have our Consti9tution overhauled and re-written.

The Grand Masters Report was received a little later than we would have liked, but we find it to have been very positive. We commend him on his efforts and his many hours on the road. We would strongly recommend that all committee Chairs and Line Officers, and Grand Inspector Generals have their reports to the Grand Recorder on time so that this Committee can function properly.

Finally, it seems that our Grand Council is able to maintain a firm footing and we strongly suggest that they pursue discussions with the Grand Officers of other Concordant Bodies to help get the "Muster Roll" of our Craft Lodge, since this is where we draw our membership. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Grand Council for the opportunity to serve on the Committee.

MIC Job Parsons, Chairman
MIC Barrie MacLellan
MIC George O'Leary

This report submitted by the chairman who moved that it be accepted and printed in the proceedings, seconded by George O'Leary. Carried.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The chairman of the Registration committee, Paul Arturi, presented the Committees report that indicated that eleven (11) councils present. The breakdown is as follows:

Thirty eight (38) Companions of the Jurisdiction of which, thirty four (34) were voting members and five (5) were non-voting members. There were four (4) visitors and twenty two (22) ladies for a Grand Total of Sixty Five (65) present.

Attending Grand Council

Saint John # 1: Fred Healey

Cheb/Rich. # 3: Carson Jackson, Charles E. Rutt, Jim Taylor

Victoria # 4: Robert McConnell, Brian J. Dillon, Richard Thomas, Hans Tanzzer, Stafford Bellman

Orient # 5: Robert Meyer, J. Hugh Palmer, Terry Read

Eastern # 6: John Baird

MacDougall # 7:

Tantramar # 8:

Adoniram # 10: Gary Charles Patterson, Gerald A. Riley

The York # 11:

The Austin Bentley # 15

Central Newfoundland # 16: John R. Dollimount, W. Job Parsons

Son Shem # 17: Douglas Hall, Jean-Guy Bernier, Allan H. Marshall

E. B. N. Cochran # 18: Bob Turner, Wayne Porter

Lion of Judah # 19: Charles R. MacKinlay, Neil W. Astle, Michael Chapman, George R. O'Leary

Reine De Saba # 20: Arthur Ward, Paul Arturi, Bernard LePage, Real Thibodeau, Patrick Harton, Claude Menard, Richard Robert, Gilles Thibodeau, Jacques McClish, Marcel Moisan, Gilles Chiniara, H. C. L. Woodhams

Grand Council of Maine: Bill Sawyer, Robert J. Melanson

Grand Council of Vermont: Palmer E. Martin

Grand Council of Ontario: Bryan Cunningham

Grand Lodge of Quebec: Donald C. Ross

**NOTICE OF MOTION
2008**

There were no notices of motion presented to Grand Council.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M Puissant Grand Master	John R Dollimount (16)
Dep. Grand Master	John Hugh Palmer (5)
Grand Prin. Cond, of Work	Roy Edward Lively (3)
Grand Cap of the Guard	Gary Charles Patterson (10)
Grand Treasurer	Charles R MacKinlay (19)

ELECTED TO ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Grand Master called for nominations for the Advisory Council, E. Carson Jackson and Terrance Reid were elected.

GRAND MASTER'S THANKS AND FAREWELL

The Grand Master expressed his thanks for the honour of serving this Grand Council as its Grand Master for the year 2008/2009 and to all those who had worked to make their Grand Assembly the success it was, especially the Registration Committee and the General Chairman.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of officers was carried out by M Ill Comp Frederick H Healey, assisted by M. Ill Comp. Gerald A. Riley as presenting officer and M. Ill. Comp Neil W Astle as chaplain. Those installed were as follows:

Most Puissant Grand Master	John Raymond Dollimount (16)
Deputy Grand Master	John Hugh Palmer (5)
Grand Prin Cond of Work	Roy Edward Lively (3)
Grand Captain of the Guard	Gary C Patterson (10)
Grand Treasurer	Charles R MacKinley (19)
Grand Recorder	HCL Woodhams (03, 04, 05, 17, 19, 20)

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Grand Inspector General (NL)	W H John Baird (6)
Grand Inspector General (NB&PE)	Murray D Stevens (1)
Grand Inspector General (QC)	Gilles Chiniara (20)
Grand Inspector General (NS)	Robert Sidney Turner (18)
Grand Historian	James Douglas Welsh (03.08)*
Grand Chaplain	Gerald Mayo (16)*
Grand Organist	George Parker Hill (10)*
Grand Master of Cer.	Wayne Arthur Porter (18)
Grand Cond. of the Coun.	Blair Hannam (15)
Grand Stewart	John Dillon (7)
Grand Stewart	Jacques McClish (20)
Grand Sentinel	James E Taylor (3)

*Not Installed

MONEY VOTE

Moved by the Grand Recorder, seconded by Gerald Riley that the expenses of this Grand Council be paid. Carried.

BANKING MOTION

Moved by the Grand Recorder and Seconded by Fredrick Healey that any two of the following be signing officers for the year 2009-2010: George R. O’Leary, Grand Recorder or Grand Treasurer. Carried

VOTE OF THANKS

Moved by the Grand Recorder and seconded by M. Ill. Comp. Gerald Riley that we extend our thanks to Reine de Saba Council for hosting this Grand Council. Carried by a hearty round of applause.

ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

The Grand Master announced that his appointments to the Advisory Council are:
Wayne Porter (18) & Glen Manthorne (8)

CLOSING

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the Most Puissant Grand Master John R Dollimount, closed the One Hundred and Forty Second Annual Assembly in Ample Form at 2:34 PM.

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PAST GRAND MASTERS (Living)

John H. Lingley [08]	1973-74
H. C. Lindsay Woodhams [03]	1977-78
W. Marshall Black [10]	1978-79
Cecil E. Decker [03]	1982-83
Charles H. Webber [08]	1984-85
William J. Baldwin [06]	1985-86
Carl R. Bagnell [09]	1989-90
Robert M. Johnston [01]	1990-91
Frederick B. Byrne [10]	1991-92
Gerald A. Riley [10]	1995-96
Douglas B. Hall [04]	1996-97
Robert W. Munday [03]	1997-98
Harald R. K. Weiland [18]	1998-99
Charles E. E. Rutt [14]	1999-00
Philip H. Henderson [09]	2000-01
Gerald W. Budden [04]	2001-02
Earle C. MacDonald [05]	2002-03
Frederick A. Healey [01]	2003-04
Neil W. Astle [03]	2003 [H]
Tabor “Ted” J. Caulier [03]	2004-05
Walter J. Parsons [16]	2005-06
Kenneth C. Crook [15]	2006 [H]
Gerald Barrie MacLellan [03]	2006-07
George R O’Leary	2007-08
Samuel Karrel	2008 [H]
Richard C Thomas	2008-09

PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS (Order of TIM)

W.M. Black (10) Hon	1968
*R. H. MacNeil (10)	1969-70-72
** D. Fisher (11)	1971
*C. P. J. Briggs (3)	1973
J. H. Lingley (8)	1974-75
*M. F. Eagles (8)	1976-77
*C. G. Lord (9)	1978
*F. C. Bean (11)	1979-80-81-82-87
H. C. L. Woodhams (3)	1983-84-85-88-89
*B. G. Boutilier (1)	1986
*G. A. Lewis (1)	1990-91-92-96-98
*C. E. Steeves (8)	1993
F. A. Healey (1)	1994
*I. D. Shiel (4)	1995-97
B. E. Crawford (14)	1999-05
T. S. Reid (5)	2006-
*Deceased	**Demitted

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

No	Year	Name	Council
1	1999	Stafford Bellman	Victoria #4
2	1999	*Edwin D. Walker	Chebucto #3
3	2000	Kenneth James Barrett	St John #1
4	2000	Samuel Karrel	MacDougall #7
5	2000	*Donald Frank MacKay	MacDougall#7
6	2000	Gerald David Laughlin	Garden of the Gulf #9
7	2001	John H. Lingley	Tantramar #8
8	2004	E. Kirk Whitman	Austin Bentley #15
9	2006	*James Worthylake	Lion of Judah #19

*Deceased

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2007

No. 1	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	Murray Stevens Roy C Carleton Graham Pelley Robert M. Johnston Fred Healey	No.3	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	E V Greenfield Peter Outhouse Wayne Hollis G. Barrie MacLellan Frederick E. Donaldson
No. 4	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	Hans Tanzers Douglas B. Hall Vincent Tate Stafford Bellman Paul Starnino	No. 5	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	Donald Duncan G. Parker Morris J Richard Morris Murray F. Gardner Terence S. Read
No.6	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	Derek Tuck John Baird William J Baldwin William J. Smith Albert Piercey	No. 7	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	Francis Cathcart Taylor MacKinnon David Murrant Donald R. MacKay Jack Wheeliker
No.8	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	William R. Merrian Glen M Manthorne Donald O Ropley John H. Lingley Charles H. Webber	No.9	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	David Bell Maurice Steeves M. Robert MacDonald David P. MacLean Michael Delaney
No.10	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	Reginald A Jodrie William Roy Haines Clyde Sands Horsnell James Sterling Amos David Harold Thompson	No.11	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	C. Michael Crofts Wayne N Bois David A Ritchie Gordon F. Thompson Laurie M Bishop

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No.17	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	Joel Bonn Robert Farnam Stafford Bellman Lawrence M Pye Allan H Marshall	No. 18	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	Ward "Bud" Rhyno Hayward Meisner Roland Buchanan Robert S. "Bob" Turner Robert G. Rech
No 19	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	James Rudderham Michael Chapman Graham Campbell George O Leary Charles R. MacKinley	No 20	TIM DM PCW Rec. Tres.	Claude Menard Jean-Guy Bernier Real Thibodeau Gilles Chiniara Paul Arturi