

Preliminary Report
113th
Annual Communication



The Grand Lodge of Alberta
A.F. & A.M.
2018

MWBro Gordon Berard, Grand Master
Bill Kostenuk, Grand Secretary

Agenda for the 113th Annual Communication
7, 8 and 9 June 2018
Pomeroy Hotel & Conference Centre, Grande Prairie, Alberta

Thursday, June 7th, 2018

17:30 h: 100th Anniversary Celebration Gala
(following joint re-consecration of Grande Prairie
Lodge No. 105 and Lake Saskatoon Lodge No.
106)

18:00 h: **Supper (Buffet) Open to all Freemasons &
guests with tickets**

Friday, June 8th, 2018

08:00 h: Registration/Balloting Opens
Under the direction of: Grand Registrar

08:00 h: Board of General Purposes Meeting
(members and invited observers only)

09:00 h: Formation of Grand Procession
Grand Lodge Procession

Reception of:

- Past Grand Masters
- Visiting Grand Lodges
- Concordant Bodies
- Special guests

Presentation of the Colours

Excuse non-Masonic guests

Opening of the 113th Annual Communication
(tyled)

- Motion of Loyalty
- Confirmation of the Proceedings of the
112th Annual Communication
- Service of Commemoration and
Thanksgiving - Grand Chaplain

10:00 h: **Business of Grand Lodge
Rules of Order**

Block A – Reports - Operations

- a) Jurisprudence
- b) DGM's Implementation
- c) Condition of Masonry
- d) Masonic Higher Education Bursary

Block B – Reports – Information

- e) Masonic Foundation of Alberta
- f) Grand Historian
- g) Grand Lodge Bulletin
- h) Lodge Officer Training
- i) Masonic Spring Workshop

Block C – Reports – Financial

- j) Grand Treasurer
- k) Finance Committee
- l) Auditor and Financial Statements
- m) Board of Benevolence

Block D – Reports – Administration

- n) Fraternal Relations
- o) Publication and Forms Committee
- p) Grand Secretary's Report
- q) Committee on the Work

Block E – Reports – Legislative

- r) Board of General Purposes

12:00 h: **Lunch**

13:00 h: **Resume Business of Grand Lodge**

15:20 h: Grand Secretary's Announcements
- Correspondence and regrets
- Recognition of Grand Representatives

17:00 h: Adjournment

18:00 h: Balloting and Registration suspended

Friday, June 8th, 2018 – EVENING PROGRAM

18:00 h: **GRAND LODGE BANQUET**

17:30 Reception, 18:45 Seating, 19:00 Dinner
Toastmaster: Junior Grand Warden

20:00 h: Presentation of Ross Shepherd Memorial Bursary

20:30 h: Entertainment

Saturday, June 9th, 2018

08:00 h: Balloting and Registration resumed

08:30 h: 113th Annual Communication reconvenes
Any reports not completed from Friday's session

10:00 h: **Balloting and Registration Close**
- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Report on the Elections
- Other Masonic Awards

10:30 h: Masonic Medal of Merit Awards

11:00 h: General and Unfinished Business
- Election of Grand Tyler

NOTICES OF MOTION

Any unfinished business of Grand Lodge will be tabled to next
Communication

11:45 h **Grand Master's Address**

12:00 h: **Lunch**

13:15 h: 113th Annual Communication Reconvenes
- Installation of the Grand Master and Investiture
of the Grand Lodge Officers for 2018/2019, under
the direction of **MWBro James Ratchford**

15:30 h: **Grand Lodge Closes**

15:45 h: 2018-2019 Officers' Pictures

17:30 h: Incoming Grand Master's evening – BBQ
Camp Tamarack – Dress Casual

Agenda & Locations are Subject to Change

**NOTE: There will be an enjoyable Ladies' Program
(details to be forwarded to the Lodge Secretaries)**

NOTE: Tuxedos to be worn by Grand Lodge Officers at the
Gala, Grand Lodge Banquet and Installation of the Grand
Master and Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers.

RULES OF ORDER

**as authorized by
Grand Master**

As our Grand Lodge defines only the Rules of Order as laid down in PART II, Chapter 1.C and leaves all other Rules of Order to the discretion of the Grand Master, he has determined that the following shall be the General Rules of Order, with the understanding that, should any question of order arise, the Grand Master shall have final and definitive say as to its disposition.

1. The Rules of Order as contained within PART II, Chapter 1.C of the Regulations shall be strictly adhered to. Any other Rule of order which can be verified within the Constitution shall take precedence over any Rule of Order listed below.
2. The Grand Master shall reserve the right to limit debate.
3. When a motion is made and seconded and the mover has spoken, the first next speaker must be opposed to that motion. Debate will alternate between those in favour of the motion, and those opposed.
4. Should the mover of any motion wish to speak a second time on the motion, other than to answer a question, the Grand Master shall advise him that such an action will end debate and ensure that all Brethren have been fairly heard.
5. Any Bro wishing to speak to a question shall rise, approach the nearest microphone and wait until he is recognized by the Chair before proceeding to speak. The Grand Master shall determine who is entitled to the floor. Once recognized, the speaker shall give his rank, name and Lodge number before addressing the meeting.
6. A "Motion to Table" any item shall be not debatable and shall require a majority vote to pass.
7. Amendments to any Notice of Motion must be given in writing with the mover's name and seconder's name, rank and Lodge number to the Grand Secretary immediately following their presentation. Only one "amendment" and one "amendment to the amendment" may be pending at one time to a main motion. Both must be germane to the motion to which they have been applied.
8. The Grand Master shall be entitled to debate on all subjects, on requesting the Deputy Grand Master to assume the gavel.
9. The Grand Pursuivant and the Grand Tyler shall ensure that no member enters or leaves the meeting during the taking of any vote on the floor.

BLOCK “A” REPORTS – OPERATIONS

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the prior Board of General Purposes Meeting on March 8th, there has been some changes in the Jurisprudence Committee, which remains busy given the volume of motions before Grand Lodge. Effective March 12, 2018, the Jurisprudence Committee members are the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Ken South, Wade Cox, Chris Batty, Les Saggars, Jim Carswell, Bill Kostenuk, James Ratchford and myself as Chairman, with observers Ken Cheel and Reg Karbonik.

The Committee was charged with following up on a variety of matters at the last Board of General Purposes Meeting, and we have subsequently met twice, on March 21st and on April 24th, the latter with members of the Finance Committee in attendance during part of that meeting for dealing with one motion as directed by the Board.

Before reporting on the current meetings, given the volume of work by the Jurisprudence Committee this year (4 very full meetings in 4 months), it would be helpful to reflect on key items that have been processed.

At our January 18th meeting, we considered and ruled on a number of proposed motions. The motion proposed by RW Bro. Gord Harris re Part II.1.g.4.d.e. and f. – the “financial disclosure motion” to amend the regulations, which is dealt with in detail below, was first considered at our January 18th meeting. As per our minutes: “Motion from Gord Harris discussed in depth. Sure of the intent but work needed on wording” (for clear intent). “Chairman to talk with Gord and receive a clear(er) motion from him.” This motion was brought forward to the March 8th BOGP Meeting, many interpretation issues that would require clarification were raised in the discussion, and the matter was referred back to the Jurisprudence Committee to consider with members of the Finance Committee to be in attendance (R.W. Bro. Girvan’s motion, as amended).

At the March 8th BOGP Meeting, the Committee was charged with reviewing on a prompt basis various Vision Committee motions that we had not formally considered in detail at our Committee’s March 6th Meeting. We scheduled the Committee to meet again on March 21st. All voting members of the Committee were in attendance. We found as follows:

MARCH 21, 2018 MEETING

Vision Committee members who are also members of the Jurisprudence Committee advised us that, in consultation of a number of Brothers following the recent Board of General Purposes (BOGP) Meeting, given a number of issues raised at the BOGP Meeting, the vision committee, while avoiding any substantive changes to its proposed motions, would be adding “transitional clauses” to certain motions requiring same – ie., should the proposed motion be passed at the 2018 Annual Communication, it may not be able to be put into immediate effect, and the Committee would be making such transitional recommendations for how best to implement the changes. Transitional clauses were prepared in consultation with the Grand Parliamentarian. These clauses were only added only to those motions that cannot be fully implemented with immediate effect (if passed at the Annual Communication). The Jurisprudence Committee agreed that these changes were not intended to be, and were not, substantive changes to the motions, and would assist in transition if put before the Annual Communication (as scheduled) and passed and would serve to address concerns raised at the March 8th Board Meeting.

The Constitutional amendment to I.I.K. Article 11 Boards and Committees, if adopted at the Annual Communication in 2018, will take time to implement due to the organizational changes involved. These organizational and managerial changes will take place in phases. The election of

voting members and I.1.K.1.f. shall be implemented through attrition over the subsequent three years. All other changes of this article are to go into immediate effect. This **transition clause** will appear in the Constitution from the date of adoption until the completion of the modification and this transition clause will automatically be deleted from the Constitution when the changes are fully implemented. And the estimated target date being at or before the annual communication in 2020.

Various transitional scenarios were discussed by the Committee, including a transitional clause to be added to the Grand Treasurer motion made by WBro. G. Chevrier, which had previously been passed by the Jurisprudence Committee as being regular. The motion itself would not change, but if passed at the upcoming Annual Communication, the Grand Treasurer elected at this year's annual communication would serve his one-year term and with the adoption of the amendment, would serve under the terms of the new position. The next Grand Treasurer would then be selected and appointed based upon the same process we use for the Grand Secretary as recommended in this motion (for the 2019 term).

Board of General Purposes Number of Meetings

II.1.G.2. Currently it reads that there be 4 regular meetings, the proposal is that it be 5 regular meetings. Be amended to read and the Board shall hold five regular meetings each year in the months of October, March, and May, immediately before ANNCOM. The change to add the 5th meeting to be held soon after the annual communication (the concept is to hold it within 30 days of the annual communication) is and on the first Thursday of July post-Annual Communication unless it is July 1 in which case the meeting shall be the second Thursday of July, the time and place to be set by the President of the BOGP in consultation with the Grand Master. Additional meetings may be called by the Pres. and/or the Grand Master. Any member of the Grand Lodge may attend the meeting if prior permission is obtained from the President of the Board.

Various transition scenarios were discussed. It was suggested that if this amendment passes for 2018, missing the July 2018 meeting (only, not for 2019 and beyond) would not count towards two consecutive missed meetings as censure, since some members may have already planned their vacations for this coming July.

This motion, with recommended transition clause, was found regular.

Board of General Purposes

As distributed, there is a change in the voting membership (to 15) and a change in the non-voting membership (not observers) to 21. There was a discussion of the difference between an observer (in attendance with no right to speak unless permitted by the Chair) to non-voting membership (the right to attend, to speak, to make motions, but not to vote).

All the voting members will have been elected, quorum will go down to seven.

The proposed transition would involve not excluding previously elected members, but that the total voting membership would adjust over time. This motion, with transition clause, was found regular.

MHEBC

It is proposed with immediate effect so no transition clause was added.

Discussion ensued as to whether certain issues raised would make the proposed amendments irregular. There was discussion that the MHEBC reports to the Board of General Purposes and, while it's a separate committee, must work within that framework, It was noted that certain provisions mentioned would be reinforced by the amendments, with the MHEBC to work in

consultation with the Finance Committee. The Committee ruled this proposal regular, with two members voting against.

Finance Committee Structure

This motion had a transition clause added which reads similar to the Board of General Purposes transition clause - commencing in 2018 and over the subsequent two years the membership would come into alignment with the new membership numbers. So for this committee, the Grand Master in 2018 would not make any appointments (it would already be fully staffed). If other proposed motions pass, the Vice Chairman will be the Grand Treasurer by virtue of office and his non-voting role on the Committee. The Grand Secretary is a non-voting member as well. Any two DDGMs elected by the DDGMs for a one-year term would also be members. The Finance Committee shall have a budget subcommittee. Quorum reduced to five.

There was a discussion on the budget subcommittee. The Committee found that the proposed budget subcommittee does not present the budget to the Board. It presents to the Finance Committee who in turn presents to the Board of General Purposes, so voting in the budget committee would not be relevant.

With respect to the proposed Investment Subcommittee, the Board of General Purposes will still have to make the final decision as to whether they support a change in the investment policy, whatever that might be (recommended, but not implemented by, the Investment Subcommittee), so again, it is a proposer of action, not a decision-making body.

The committee decided to have a member approach the mover of this motion, W.Bro. Chevrier, to suggest an amendment to the motion to say “shall manage and oversee the investments subject to approval by the Finance committee and the Board of General Purposes” for greater clarity.

This motion was approved as regular with one member of the Committee abstaining.

Jurisprudence Committee

The motion to amend the Jurisprudence Committee also had a transitional clause added which is very similar to the other committee membership transition clauses. The appointment of members shall be implemented through attrition through the subsequent three years. All other changes in this article should come into immediate effect. The Grand Master appoints the Chair of the Jurisprudence Committee from the Grand Lodge. Each Grand Master shall appoint one person for a two-year term except during the transition period. There was minimal discussion and this motion was ruled regular.

Communications Committee

This motion proposes that the Publications and Forms Committee and the Committee of the Grand Lodge Bulletin be folded into one Communications Committee with a mandate to develop, implement, and maintain a contemporary, comprehensive communications plan that supports the Craft in all aspects, activities, and interests. Discussion centred on the new transition clause, and the Chairman advised that the transition clause should clearly have the incoming Grand Master in 2018 appoint the first three members of this Committee (if the motion is approved) - one to serve for one year, one member to serve for two years, and one for the full three years. This is not been spelled out in the transition clause but the mover of the motion would be advised to update the transition clause. There was other discussions of issues faced by our communications arm, whether or not reorganized, but that was separate from any discussion on regularity or interpretation. The motion was ruled regular.

Grand Secretary

This motion took quite a bit of debate. All recommended changes are recommended to take place immediately, so no transitional clause was proposed. Issues were raised about whether the motion as written would cause problems with a variety of areas in the Constitution, given the role of the Grand Secretary, including his duties for the Annual Communication, for the BOGP and certain committees (eg. MHEBFC). There was a discussion about the role of the Grand Secretary and the intention of the changes – with changes to Grand Lodge Office staffing over the years also discussed.

The Committee recommended that the preamble of the Motion needs to be enhanced including information about Grand Lodge Office staffing and the demands upon the office of Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary is to advise the DDGM-elects regarding procedures, not the Committee Secretary, and that was agreed by the Committee members, and that clarification would be made to the motion.

Discussion then led to a recommendation that the motion proceed to Grand Lodge Communication, but be split, into two or even three subsections, so that some, if not all, of the recommended changes may be considered separately and ruled on, given the different impacts of some of the changes to the role of the Grand Secretary. The mover of the motion, W.Bro. Geoff Chevrier, would be approached about the recommended changes. This motion will be tabled until the next Jurisprudence Committee meeting and no final ruling was made (the Committee knew we would be meeting in April to deal with RW Bro. Harris' "Financial Disclosure Motion" so there would be another opportunity to review.

So, 6 of 7 motions ruled as regular, with the 7th to be brought back at our next meeting.

APRIL 24, 2018 MEETING

All Voting members but one, were in attendance for this meeting, and two members of the Finance Committee attended the early part of the meeting, by invitation of the Jurisprudence Committee and as per the direction given by the Board.

The main purpose of this meeting was to reconsider three motions that we and/or the BOGP had seen previously and had concerns with, being (1) RW Bro. Harris' "Financial Disclosure Motion", (2) MW Bro. Ratchford's "One Elected Office in Grand Lodge Motion", and (3) W. Bro. Chevrier's "Grand Secretary Changes Motion".

The Finance Committee members were accommodated by considering R.W. Bro. Harris' motion first. This motion, which has been nicknamed the "Financial Disclosure Meeting" is suggesting changes to the Regulations - II.1.G.4.d.e.f.

RW Bro. Harris suggested revised wording is as follows:

Whereas: Lodges and members under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Alberta require and are entitled to a full breakdown of the annual budget projection as per the regulations this budget projection must include line by line of all the income and expenses of The Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Be it resolved that:

- d. This detailed Budget projection shall include revenue and expense figures covering the operations of the Grand Lodge and the expenses of its Officers, It shall also include figures produced by the Grand Secretary estimating the total cost of staffing the Grand

Lodge office.

- e. The detailed Budget projection shall be electronically transmitted to the members of the Board of General Purposes 14 days prior to being discussed at its March meeting for consideration and confirmation where applicable prior to being forwarded to the Constituent Lodges. That section of the budget projection covering the total cost of staffing the Grand lodge office shall be determined by the Board and may not be specifically changed by the Annual Communication.2003
- f. An expanded Budget projection shall be forwarded to the Constituent Lodges for their study ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Communication. If a lodge or member within this Grand Jurisdiction requests a detailed budget it SHALL be made available to the lodge secretaries for distribution to members as required. Specific suggestions for changes may be forwarded by the lodges to the Finance Committee prior to the Annual Communication for consideration. This expanded budget projection SHALL include a summary sheet.

The Committee had invited both the President and the Vice-President of the Finance Committee to the meeting, who were in attendance to provide their input (in accord with the BOGP Motion of March 8th). Discussion focused on interpretation of the suggested revisions, and there were issues with “line by line” and “detailed Budget” vs. “expanded Budget”, as it is not clear how much detail this would entail. This was agreed, and it was also noted that information available to the general membership should not be more than what is available to members of the Board. The insertion of a deadline to distribute the Budget to the Board of 14 days was found regular, but more than the typical 7 days standard for providing materials to Masons prior to a Meeting. Potential improvements of defining the “Budget” (to be submitted to the Board Members, the “Supporting Details” available to Board Members and the “Board Approved Budget” were discussed so as to minimize confusion and improve interpretation, and it was assumed that many Lodges would be happy with the simple Board Approved Budget but should have the right to request the “Supporting Details” available to the Board. There was an issue of “indirect irregularity” occurring with respect to financial disclosure vis-à-vis Grand Lodge Office expenditures on salaries, but the Finance Committee was cautioned that this would be their issue to address when preparing the “Supporting Details”. As to level of voting required, the Committee discussed this in detail and decided that this suggested change to the regulations can be properly dealt with by the Board and need not go to the floor of Annual Communication, but for transition reasons, the Board should consider, if voting to pass the motion, that it should be made effective as of June 9, 2018 for the next masonic year.

Bros. Batty and the Chairman were charged with following up with Bro. Harris, the mover of the proposed Motion, with respect to amending some of the wording in his motion, and we have done so, culminating in a meeting this morning involving Bros. Harris, Batty and myself.

The issues raised by the Committee were reviewed. Bro. Harris pointed out that at the March 2017 BOGP Meeting (last year), the Board had approved a motion setting the timeline for the Finance Committee to provide the Budget to the Board at 14 days. Bro. Harris insisted that all materials distributed to the Board should be distributed to the Lodges (not just the Budget, with the Supporting Details upon request) and Bros. Batty and I saw no reason to deny that request, subject to the details of the Grand Lodge Office Staffing expenses to not be so shared, which Bro. Harris consented to (the Lodges not able to override the Board’s decision on those expenses as per the 2003 amendment). Wording was reviewed and the motion was revised. NOTE: The following is the wording proposed after consultation with Bro. Harris, as revised during further discussion at the BOGP Meeting, which included further input from Board members, primarily Bros. Bob Tkachuk and John Girvan. The motion, as revised and amended, is as follows:

Whereas: Lodges and members under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Alberta require and should be entitled to a breakdown of the annual budget projections to the detail available to members of the Board of General Purposes (other than details of Grand Lodge Office staffing costs, as per the regulations), This includes both the Budget as reviewed and approved by the Board as well as supporting details that are prepared by the Finance Committee and are available for review by members of the Board providing additional details of the income and expenses of The Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Be it resolved that:

- d. This detailed budget projection, which is prepared and determined by the Finance Committee for presentation to the Board of General Purposes shall include revenue and expense figures covering the operations of the Grand Lodge and the expenses of its Officers. It shall also include figures produced by the Grand Secretary estimating the total cost of staffing the Grand Lodge office. The format is typically that of a one-page document matching the line items of the financial statements (the “Budget”) as well as supporting details on multiple pages with a more detailed breakdown of many of the Budget line items (the “Supporting Details”).
- e. The Budget, together with the Supporting Details, shall be electronically transmitted to the members of the Board of General Purposes not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the March meeting of the Board for consideration and confirmation where applicable prior to being forwarded to the Constituent Lodges (the “Board Approved Budget”). That section of the Board Approved Budget covering the total cost of staffing the Grand Lodge Office shall be determined by the Board and may not be specifically changed by the Annual Communication.2003
- f. The Board Approved Budget (including the Supporting Details, but with the details of Grand Lodge Office staffing costs removed from the Supporting Details) shall be forwarded to the Constituent Lodges for their study not less than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Communication. If a Lodge or any member of a Lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction requests further details, the request shall be forwarded via the Lodge Secretary to the Grand Secretary. Specific suggestions for changes to the Board Approved Budget may be forwarded by any Lodge to the Grand Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Communication, to be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the Finance Committee for consideration.

NOTE: The above motion, passed by the Board of General Purposes on May 10, 2018, was deemed to come into effect June 9, 2018 for the following Masonic Year.

NOTE: It is recommended that the Supporting Details distributed to the Lodges (with the Budget) contain the following footnotes:

1. Grand Lodge Office staffing expenses are pooled, being fixed by the Board of General Purposes and cannot be changed by the Annual Communication.
2. Specific line items in these Supporting Details may not match the Board Approved Budget based on allocations

The next motion re-reviewed was M.W. Bro. Ratchford’s motion concerning the holding of two Grand Lodge Elected Offices at the same time. Upon review, it was decided that the Motion could be kept fairly simple – that it should not be interpreted as to bar any candidate holding one elected office from running for another, but would have to vacate one, with the Grand Master’s general powers to make appointments to fill vacancies being sufficient to address any resulting vacancies. The motion as updated by MW Bro. Ratchford was ruled regular and should proceed to the floor of the Annual Communication.

The final motion considered by the Committee as “old business” was W. Bro. Chevrier’s now separated motions to amend provisions of the Grand Secretary’s position. This had been considered as a single motion at our March 21, 2018 Committee Meeting and based on that discussion and advice provided to the mover of the motion, had been updated and segregated into three separate motions. The first motion deals with the Gr. Secretary’s duties as an Administrative Officer of Grand Lodge, with the duties of Grand Librarian removed (on the assumption that the motion to create the position of Grand Librarian is passed). The second motion focuses on the Grand Secretary’s participation on the Board of Benevolence. The Gr. Secretary remains a member, but that Board would elect a “recording secretary” from its membership (which could be the Gr. Secretary but need not be). The third motion addressed issues of the Grand Secretary’s participation on the MHEBFC – the Grand Secretary can fulfill his duties as recording secretary for this Committee without being a full member of the MHEBFC. It was noted that the Grand Master will retain the power to appoint the Gr. Secretary to be recording secretary of any Committee, and that the Grand Secretary’s duties as Secretary of the BOGP remain.

The Committee discussed and welcomed the changes, which resolved many of the issues raised in our March 21st meeting, no transition clauses would be needed for any of these motions passing, and we ruled the three separate motions regular (and ready to proceed to the floor of the Annual Communication).

Under New Business, I, as Chairman, made a proposal to the Committee based on my own thoughts and discussions with a number of experienced Brethren. I note that at many Grand Lodge Communications, Motions are, of course, subject to Amendment, or questions of interpretation are raised (whether or not amended), and this often leads to motions that are otherwise ready to be voted on, or with a minor, non-substantive (additional or modified wording) amendment, ready to be voted on, but given confusion, are referred back to the Jurisprudence Committee. Long before my participation on the Board and my appointment to this Committee, I found this to be frustrating, as at least one year would elapse before this matter would come back for a vote by our members.

I also noted that our Committee, if called upon in an appeal of the results of a Masonic Trial, will, under the regulations (II.5.Q.4), appoint a Board of Appeal consisting of three members of the Jurisprudence Committee to hear the appeal and make a ruling. It is my recommendation to the Jurisprudence Committee, which after debate advised that this should proceed to the Board of General Purpose for consideration and potential approval, that a similar “Board of Interpretation” be created for an Annual Communication, to be made up of members of the Jurisprudence Committee not otherwise engaged at Grand Lodge (eg. the GM, the DGM and the Gr. Secretary would not be available to serve), so that questions of interpretation arising from the floor that are beyond procedural questions (dealt with by the Grand Master in consultation with the Grand Parliamentarian) can be referred to this Board by the Grand Master for a ruling (suggested amended wording, ruling on irregularity, or advice that the matter will require additional review and should be tabled (eg. “sent back to Committee”). Most members of the Committee were amenable that this would serve a good purpose, especially as the upcoming (and recent) Grand Lodge Communication have a heavy number of motions to be considered, many of which are likely to be contentious, and that there was no bar to such a Board or Subcommittee in the C&R, and that it follows the parallel of a Board of Appeal. It was noted that the Grand Master has the general power to appoint a Special Committee under our regulations, specifically II.1.G.2.9. As to candidates that could serve on such a Special Committee, that should likely be called “the Jurisprudence Board of Interpretation”, the members of the Jurisprudence Committee that would be available for selection by the Grand Master given other duties of members at the Annual Communication would include six brothers - Brothers Batty, Ratchford, Carswell, South, Cox

and myself, although Bro. Cox, as President of our Board of General Purpose, would want a ruling on whether he would be conflicted given his duties on this Board.

As such, I will move that the formation of a Special Committee, being a “Jurisprudence Board of Interpretation” to be created by order of the Grand Master and to be made up of three members of the Jurisprudence Committee as appointed by the Grand Master, be authorized to attend at the Grand Lodge Communication and be grouped together during the Communication to consider matters referred to them by the Grand Master when motions concerning changes to the Constitution or Regulations are being discussed by the membership, so as to be available to exercise the general powers of the Jurisprudence Committee in making rulings on interpretation or regularity as motions are discussed, including the review of amendments to such motions, is hereby assented to by the Board of General Purpose.”

This concludes my report.

submitted by RW Bro. Kyle Scott, Chairman
for the Board of General Purposes Meeting of
May 10, 2018

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER’S IMPLENTATION PLAN

Creation of a sub committee to research the topic of:

Article II.1.G.12. d

In order to assist Masonic Brethren who may be adversely affected by the closure or amalgamation of Alberta Lodges due to reasons for such to happen.

I Right Worshipful Brother Kenn Culbertson Deputy Grand Master, will move to establish a Sub- Committee to examine, make recommendations as necessary to establish an Auxiliary Lodge of Alberta for the protection of Brethren in the jurisdiction who may be left without a lodge to satisfactorily affiliate with either through distance of travel or inability to attend. This may mean a Brother would become a member of this auxiliary lodge which he would pay Grand Lodge assessment only, which would give the brother the ability to visit, vote at Grand Lodge Communication and of having a Masonic Funeral without being a member of a working Alberta Lodge.

To ascertain if there is a need for a Masonic Club that being for a community that ceases to have a regular lodge but has Masonic members of the community who want to meet on a more informal basis while continuing as affiliated members in other community lodges in the jurisdiction.

Initiatives

To provide a letter from the Grand Master to all initiates shortly after their degree welcoming them into the craft.

I encourage the family and friends’ involvement in the festive board or after the initiation celebration following the degree, of course not in the tyled lodge or even lodge room.

Seek out from the jurisdiction the desire to have the option of electing a District Deputy Grand Master for a term of two years. The necessary changes to the regulations that which may needed

to provide that option. This will require changes to the regulations PART II Administration of Masonic Districts.

Legislation at the Grand Lodge Communication this years is such that the over twenty motions could and will create changes that will take time to implement these will be commenced immediately after Grand Lodge Communication.

At this time, it is understandable the committee assignments from the Board of General Purpose or among the willing members of the jurisdiction is impossible to plan.

Continue with the ongoing participation of the Lodge Secretaries use of the Grand Lodge Data Base. With the possibility of giving the access to the District Deputy Grand Masters of information in their own districts

Continue with the Chairman of the Publications and Forms Committees updating all forms and ceremonies to PDF and available on the Grand Lodge website.

To support the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee in completing the funding and establishment of at least two new yearly bursaries from individual contributors. I personally thank the committee for their efforts this year.

Dear Brother

Now that you have taken the obligation of initiation into Freemasonry, let me congratulate you on having made your own choice to be made a Mason.

Freemasonry offers something for every man, but the true satisfaction is in discovering its mysteries and privileges yourself. These are not given indiscriminately but are gained by merit. You will get more out of Freemasonry every time that you invest effort in it. The men you will engage with are now your Brothers and they will help you to work as part of the fraternal team that is your Lodge.

Family and your work must remain first in your life, but Freemasonry is a time for your own personal growth as a man and brother. However, Freemasonry also offers your family members opportunities to join in organizations that Masons support. For example, our significant others may join the Order of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the Nile. For our children, there are youth groups such as Job's Daughters (for girls 10 to 20) and the Order of DeMolay (for boys 12 to 21). Being a Freemason offers new and fulfilling family involvement, should that be your choice.

Your lodge can also provide you with home and sanctuary from the outside world, as everyone in lodge meets "on the level and by the square."

Freemasonry can be a wonderful, life-long journey—which you have just entered. My hope for you going forward is that you enjoy all that it may offer.

All the best to you in your future endeavours in our gentle Masonic craft and may the Great Architect of the Universe look down on you with favour.

Sincerely and fraternally,
MWBro. Kenn Culbertson
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta

CONDITION ON MASONRY REPORT

CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY IN THE JURISDICTION



Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Dashboard

ACTIVE LODGES

116

ACTIVE MASONS

5989

AVG MASONS / LODGE

21

Single Lodge Members

5655

Dual Lodge Members

280

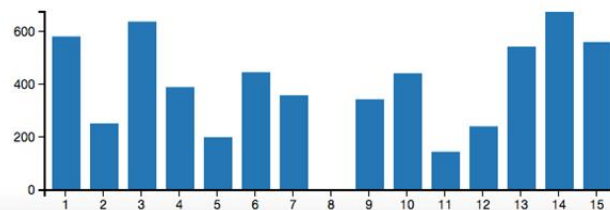
Life Members

54

MASONS



DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP





THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons

Condition of Freemasonry within the Jurisdiction

District Name

Alberta

Date

23/Apr/2018

	CRITERIA	EXCEEDS	MEETS	BELOW
101	Lodge Summons correct & informative	28	87	1
102	Officer Performance of their duties	14	92	9
103	Worshipful Master in control of the Lodge	25	88	3
104	Performance of Degree & Ritual Work	22	80	14
105	Masonic Education Program	21	72	23
106	Social Program/Functions	34	78	4
107	Officer Training/Mentoring	6	76	34
108	New Member & Candidate Mentoring	22	81	13
109	Festive Board	29	85	2
110	Condition of premises, regalia & furniture	19	94	1
111	Participation in District Meeting/Events	19	78	18
112	Inter-Lodge visiting	19	75	26
113	Overall Assessment of Health of Lodge	8	104	4
	TOTAL	266	1,090	152
	PERCENT OF TOTAL			

	CRITERIA	YES	NO
201	Historical Register	115	1
202	Financial Records current	115	1
203	Membership Records current	113	3
204	Minute Book	116	0
205	Candidate Selection - Seven Step or other	87	29
206	Semi-Annual Returns completed & filed on time	110	6
207	Grand Lodge Proceedings available	114	2
208	List of Masonic Lodges available	113	3
209	WM and/or Warden attending G. L. Communication	86	30
210	Lodge Officers have received Grand Lodge Training	30	86
	TOTAL	999	161
	PERCENT OF TOTAL		

	MEMBERSHIP	Total Members	Average Attendance	Percent Attendance
	Membership	5,757	1,523	26%

THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M. (2017)

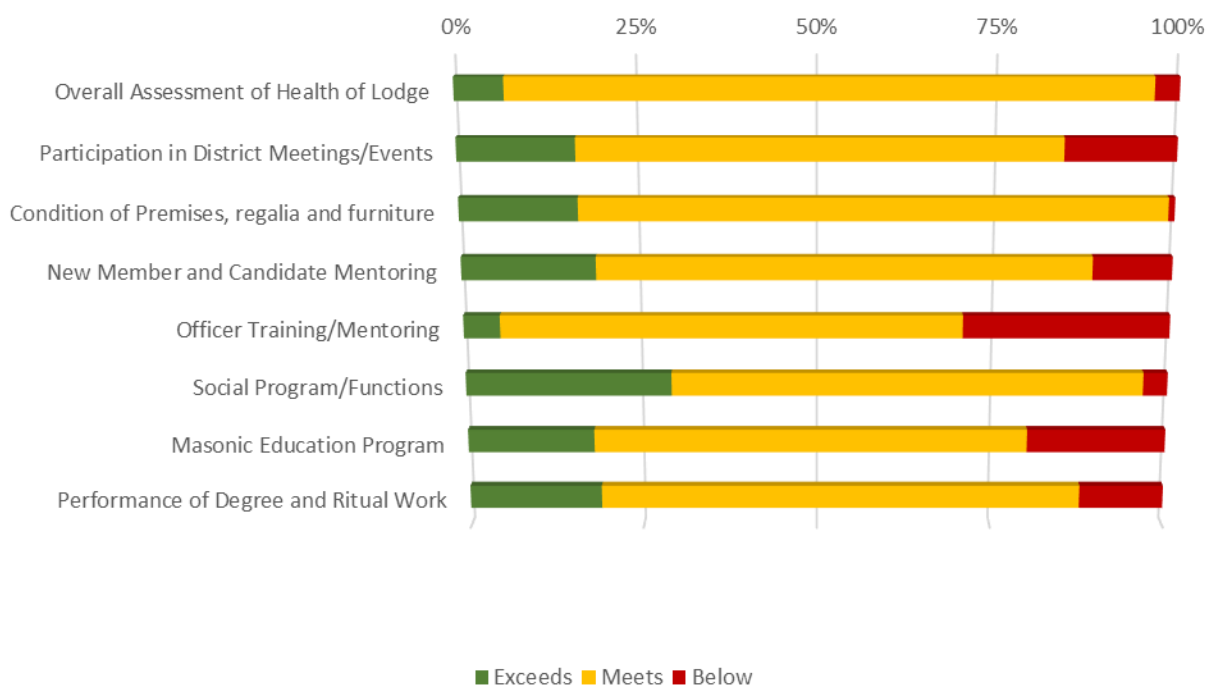


THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA Ancient Free & Accepted Masons

Condition of Freemasonry within the Jurisdiction Year: 2016-17

CRITERIA		10 = Excellent										Non Existant = 0			Sum
		10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0			
1	Financial Records Current	8	14	22	43	23	6	0	1	2	0	0	119		
2	Membership Record Current	10	12	20	44	25	4	1	3	0	0	0	119		
3	Minute Book	8	17	27	36	25	7	0	1	0	0	0	119		
4	Historical Register	2	6	26	34	13	15	15	3	1	3	1	119		
5	Semi-Annual Returns Completed & filed on time	26	7	10	44	21	6	2	2	1	0	0	119		
6	Semi - Annual Return	27	5	12	42	22	7	2	2	0	0	0	119		
7	Lodge Notice Correct & informative	8	12	20	39	20	15	5	0	0	0	0	119		
8	Grand Lodge Proceedings Available	24	4	11	36	34	4	0	0	0	0	6	119		
9	List of Masonic Lodges available	21	5	14	35	30	7	0	1	0	1	5	119		
10	Officer Performance of their Duties	5	22	11	36	24	13	5	3	0	0	0	119		
11	WM in Control of the Lodge	9	19	12	38	21	13	3	1	3	0	0	119		
12	Performance of Degree and Ritual Work	5	17	22	32	24	10	5	1	3	0	0	119		
13	Masonic Education Program	5	8	28	27	20	13	10	4	2	1	1	119		
14	Social Program	0	16	20	41	22	7	7	4	1	1	0	119		
15	Officer Training/Mentoring	1	7	13	29	33	16	12	7	1	0	0	119		
16	New Member & Candidate Mentoring	2	13	18	35	19	13	12	5	2	0	0	119		
17	Festive Board	2	19	17	46	23	7	2	1	1	0	1	119		
18	Social Functions	2	18	17	40	27	7	3	2	3	0	0	119		
19	Condition of Premises, Regalia & Furniture	7	13	14	37	32	9	5	1	1	0	0	119		
20	Participation in District Meeting/Events	0	6	14	24	29	14	16	9	4	3	0	119		
21	Attendance at Grand Lodge Communication	0	0	12	23	10	15	21	28	5	5	0	119		
22	Inter-Lodge Visiting	0	4	12	27	28	14	21	8	4	1	0	119		
23	Reputation of Lodge in the Community	2	23	22	27	26	12	3	1	1	0	2	119		
24	Overall Assessment of Health of Lodge	0	4	20	44	24	12	10	1	3	1	0	119		
		Exceeds Expectations					Meets Expectations				Below Expectations				
Totals		172	271	414	859	575	246	160	89	38	16	16			
Product		1720	2439	3312	6013	3450	1230	640	267	76	16	0			
Total Product		16163													
Number of Lodges Reporting		119													
Jurisdiction Average of those Reporting		161.0336													

Conditions of Masonry within the Jurisdiction



THROUGH THE ACTIONS OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE LODGE IN OUR JURISDICTION!

The summons have met or exceeded the District Deputy opinions on just what should be included in a summons. The remarks are that 24% exceed the expectations and 75% meet them. Only 1 has been mentioned to be deficient.

RECORDS OF LODGES

- 1 Lodge has not provided Historical Records to the DDGM.
- 3 Lodges have not provided Financial Records to the DDGM.
- 3 Lodges do not have current Membership Records.
- 2 Lodges do not have Grand Lodge Proceedings available to members.
- List of Lodges is available, but the newest version printed is from Grand Lodge is 2013. There is now an app available the is called "AMITY".

ATTENDANCE AT LODGES

- DDGMs have reported that attendance in individual lodges throughout the Alberta Jurisdiction have ranged between 18% and 28% which is historically within the range expected.
- Most lodges encourage inter lodge visitation. 96 of 116 recorded meeting or exceeding DDGM expectations.

LODGE OFFICER TRAINING

- A number of DDGMs have taken the initiative to organize Officer Training.

- During the upcoming year there will be encouragement for our DDGMs to organize Lodge Secretary training as there are many experienced secretaries that can be asked to pass on their knowledge in the individual districts.

CANDIDATE SELECTION

- 87 lodges are using some form of candidate selection process in their acceptance of applicants.
- The indication is that 29 lodges do not have a formalized system. This does not in any way suggest that the process used by these lodges is not proceeded with due regard to our ancient landmarks.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE

- Grand Lodge Office has been moved the process of completing all facets of the move including: Library, Conference Room and Museum area are ongoing.

FORMS AND PUBLICATION

- Grand Lodge forms have been being updated to a “fillable” PDF fillable format.
- The memory stick with the Constitution and Regulations is available from the Grand Secretary and has the ability to be updated from the Grand Lodge website.

GRAND SECRETARY

- The time to research the real-estate properties, building purchase, build out proposals, build out contract decisions, and supervision of such have distracted our Grand Secretary. As well as duties of recording secretary for the Vision Committee, and Executive Committee. By reducing the extra duties and with two years’ experience and the enthusiasm shown, we in our jurisdiction will be well served with RWBro. Kostenuk’s reappointment.

DISTRICT DEPUTY COMMENTS

- With the use of digital media, the variation of Historical records are becoming challenging. It is to have all the history available to the lodge. Improvements could be, with how to workshops: guest speakers on the importance and accuracy of historical information. Guidance from Grand Lodge could be made available.
- Many meetings are dull and repetitive, we need to capture the imagination of those who attend through interesting, informative, and educational speakers alas we have too few Masons with the expertise and knowledge to provide the same.
- Although no Lodge in the district is following the seven-step program there are parts of the program used by every Lodge. They just do not know that it is actually part of the program. It is also unfortunate that there is very little interest in participating completely in the seven-step program.
- Our Lodges in the district did not receive any Officer Training, and this is very evident in my official and fraternal visits to the different Lodges. The District is proud to report that they have contributed a substantial amount to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund.

- The Lodges in this District are small rural ones, and I may be biased, but the hospitality at these Lodges is amazing!
- It has been noticed attendance at the District Meeting has been in decline over the past few years. I would suggest that the current voting method, 1 Mason, 1 vote, is not having the desired effect of increasing attendance. In fact, it may be having just the opposite since it can lead to voting domination by the larger Lodges, or simply by the Lodge that happens to come out in force.
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- One of the challenges encountered were the difficulties getting to see financial records at the Official Visit. Another challenge is that a Lodge has had a change of Treasurer and there have been some hiccups in the transition. Visitation between Lodges could be improved.
- After reviewing the Opening and Closing Ritual Ceremonies, I need to speak with several Worshipful Masters, and Wardens regarding memory work and not reading from “The Work” but listen to the Director of Ceremonies.
- It is however incumbent on us, the members of Grand Lodge, to be there to offer advice when asked for, and to take, where necessary, the emotion out of the equation. Running a temple is now more than ever, a business and with the correct structure it will remain to be a Masonic home long into the future.
- The plants are not hiring the people that they were, and many people have left the industry to find something that is less feast or famine. The loss of people and jobs and the instability make things tougher on the resilient Masons.
- Education has been a focal point for most meetings of Lodges in the District. A wide variety of topics are presented and isn’t always Masonic in nature. This has also increased visitation across the District.
- The Lodges here are paying the bills, performing their work for the most part relatively well, bringing in new members at steady rate and all are meeting in Harmony.
- The District has Lodges that are well over 100 years old and they continue along with their younger counterparts to be thriving Dynamic Lodges.

- I believe all of the Lodges in this District are certainly moving forward and continue to be meeting on the level as would be expected of Lodges “in this Great District”
- The Masonic lodges continue to be very active regarding charitable activities, with an emphasis on health and education. The main emphasis continues to be the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund (MHEBF) which provided 300 bursaries worth \$305,000 to 60 students while receiving \$16,178 from nine lodges. Additional education support was provided directly to several schools as well as funding for school meal programs.
- There has been considerable emphasis on health and social related charitable activities such as: Men’s Shelter, Red Kettle Campaign, Lung Association, Prostate Man Van, Stollery Children’s Hospital, Leduc Community Hospital, Hope Mission, Stars, Ronald McDonald House and First Responders.
- Cultural activities also received attention through participation with local charities and events, manning the Masonic Hall at Fort Edmonton Park, as well as Heritage Park in Calgary and highway clean-up campaigns.
- Some of the smaller, local activities such as Ice Cream sales on Canada Day, Christmas Fund, or participation in the Shrine Calendar program allow us to contribute to the charitable objectives of Freemasonry.

**MOTION- I RWBRO. KENN CULBERTSON, SECONDED BY RW BRO. KEN CHEEL
MOVE THAT PDDGM RANK BE CONFERRED ON THE FOLLOWING:**

ALPHA DISTRICT	TERRY MURRAY
PALLISER DISTRICT	JOHN HAMILL
YELLOWHEAD DISTRICT	KARL KUSS
CENTRAL DISTRICT	ARMANDO UY
BATTLE RIVER DISTRICT	MITCHELL ELHARD
CALGARY-HIGHWOOD DISTRICT	DOUG BROWN JR.
CHINOOKARCH DISTRICT	TOM HOVAN
LAKELAND DISTRICT	JAMES FADDEN
NORTHERN LIGHTS DISTRICT	GERRY OFFIN
MIGHTY PEACE DISTRICT	STAN BERRY
DINOSAUR DISTRICT	LARRY MCKINLEY
PHOENIX DISTRICT	STEPHEN KENNARD
ATHABASCA DISTRICT	JAMES HUNT
BEAVERHILLS DISTRICT	KEN ROSAL

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY REPORT

Report to the Board of General Purposes

May 10, 2018

Red Deer

Don Stannard | Empire Lodge No. 63

Chairman MHEBF

The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee submits the following report:

1. Since the last Board of General Purposes meeting that was held March 8, 2018 in Red Deer, Alberta, the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee has met on April 26, 2018 in Calgary, Alberta at Freemasons Hall to review and approve the recommended applicants for the Masonic Higher Education Bursaries for the 2018 year. Note: incoming DDGM's will be notified of approved applicants for the Masonic Higher Education Bursaries for the 2018 year by the administration of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in order to contact them if they so choose to invite them to any local event or lodge meeting within their district for further congratulatory thoughts.

2. In accordance with the requirements of Part II.1.G.7.j, k and m of the Regulations for the Administration of Grand Lodge; financial statements have been received from Grand Lodge via Scotia McLeod and reviewed.

3. Previously at the Board of General Purposes Meeting held March 8, 2018 in Red Deer, Alberta, the MHEBF Committee recommended the approval of the specific totals of bursaries to be allocated from the donations tabulated as of Dec 31, 2017. Subsequently, the Finance Committee was notified March 4, 2018 via email and requested to support the provision of these bursaries. To date, the MHEBF Committee is awaiting confirmation from the Finance Committee for the following bursaries.

- Forty-Three (43) regular MHEBF bursaries of \$5,000 to total \$215,000.00. Funds to be used from the ATB Financial Account (2017 Donations) #07609-219, the General Fund Account #434-73522, and the Endowment Account #434-73307.

- Two (2) Lauraine Douchet Bursaries for Pharmacy and Medicine in the amount of \$7,975.36; each, as per donation slips #44611 from the Aqueduct Foundation in the amount of \$15,950.72

- Fifteen (15) bursaries for \$5,000 to support the Mathews Konschak Memorial Bursary for the Peace River District. Seventy-five thousand (\$75,000.00), to be withdrawn from the Mathews Konschak Trust Masonic Bursary Fund Endowment Account managed by RBC Wealth Management in New Westminster B.C. Account # 376-59679-1-8.

4. On June 23, 2018 in Edmonton, Alberta, the Freemasons of Alberta will be celebrating Alberta Masonic Day. In conjunction with that celebration, the MHEBF committee will be requesting incoming DDGM's contact recommended applicants for the Masonic Higher Education Bursaries for the 2018 year to be present if available and receive a certificate of notification of their bursary awarded to them. Furthermore, various MHEBF committee members will be on hand at these locations to discuss publicly the benefits of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund various bursaries and why we as Freemasons recognize, promote and support excellence in education for the benefit of humanity.

5. Donation receipts towards the Regular MHEBF have been received on a regular basis from the GL Office. As of March 31, 2018, the donation receipts total 80% of last year or approximately \$13,500.00

6. A student from the Peace River district will be selected over the next week to receive the Ross Sheppard Memorial Bursary of \$500.00 and to be the speaker representing the 2018 bursary recipients at Grand Lodge annual communications on Friday June 8, 2018 in Grand Prairie.

7. In closing, remember the MHEBF website www.MHEBF.com has all of the most recent and relevant information that will allow you to remind members to ***“Do the Good Act”***.

Fraternally,
VW Bro. Don Stannard
Empire Lodge No. 6

BLOCK “B” REPORTS – INFORMATION

MASONIC FOUNDATION OF ALBERTA REPORT

The Masonic Foundation of Alberta was established in 1991 to support Alberta Masonic Lodges with their charitable projects and focuses on charities that support children and families at risk and in need.

The Foundation has, in conjunction with Alberta’s Masonic Lodges, donated over \$1,120,000 to 120 registered Charities, in the intervening years.

The Foundation’s goal is to focus on children and families in need, and at risk, and is supportive of charitable projects selected by masonic lodges as being worthy of their support. The Foundation endeavours to provide funding assistance to all projects properly submitted by lodges, provided the donation is to a duly registered charity.

In 2017 the Foundation supported requests for matching funding from 11 Lodges, in 7 masonic districts, for a total donation of \$30,000, up 55% from the previous year. In addition, \$22,000 in unsolicited donations were made by means of the Christmas Wish List and to the “We Can Help” Program.

In total, donations of \$52,000 were made by the Foundation to Charities in 2017, up from \$26,000 in 2016.

Donations to the Foundation were up significantly in 2017 and enabled the Foundation to restore the Christmas Wish List funding to \$2,000 to each District.

Like other Masonic Charities, the Foundation received a very generous bequest from the estate of Mrs. Louise Costigan. In addition, a donation of marketable securities was received from a brother in Calgary. The Foundation also received generous donations from the Tuscan Benevolent Society, Al Shamal Provost Core, the Ionic Club; as well as from 30 Lodges, individual masons, and members of the public.

We continue to remind Districts that each year the Foundation makes “Christmas Wish List” funding available to them, to make unsolicited donations to any registered charity of their choice. Although there was a larger uptake of the funding in 2017, there are still districts who do not take advantage of this opportunity.

The bequest from Mrs. Costigan also reminds us that, for those wishing to further masonic charitable works, a bequest from a mason’s estate is, we trust, a worthy memorial. We thank you for your continued support and encourage lodges to seek out charities in their local communities that need assistance.

The guidelines and further information, as well as a list of the 120 Charities we have supported, are available on the Foundation’s website - www.masonicfoundationofalberta.ca.

W Bro. Alwyn Charles (Victoria Lodge #13)
President, Masonic Foundation of Alberta

GRAND HISTORIAN’S REPORT

The 112th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was held on June 9th and 10th, 2017 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in the City of Red Deer. During the course of the week-end, the 2016-2017 Masonic Year drew to a conclusion with: a memorial service honoring the dearly departed; the recognition of visitors and long-time Brethren; the reception of reports from the different Committees; the handling of numerous motions; the delivery of several speeches, and; the awarding of several Masonic Medals of Merit.

The Masonic year 2017-2018 commenced with the Installation of RW Bro Gordon Berard, Ph. D, as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Investiture of the Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers. MW Bro Berard delivered an inspiring Inaugural Speech entitled, “Embracing the Future and meeting its Challenges – We are a Progressive Science”.

The following are excerpts from his speech:

- The Grand Master thanked those members who stayed to witness the installation and those from his Lodge, and also MW Bro Chris Batty for a memorable ceremony, and MW Bro Brian Shimmons for placing him in the East. Additional thanks were extended to all who have committed to serve this year and those who are normally overlooked; as well as RW Bro Warren Gray, who had travelled from Portland, OR.
- This masonic year marks the duality of being both the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England, as well as the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Dominion of Canada. He remarked that the fact that we are still here is a testament to the resilience of the craft.
- Notwithstanding the resilience of the Craft, the Grand Master remarked that we cannot ignore the world around us and that we need to adapt, it is time to ‘reboot’ and move forward and embrace change and adapt; rather than be ‘run over’ and hope for the best.
- Changes involve adapting to societal changes to attract members with needs that differ from previous traditions; to use technological advances to streamline operations, improve communications and office training, and this streamlining of approval processes will provide better understanding of general needs and remove frustration.

- Some predictions will bring about societal changes that will see women dominating some areas and technology will replace up to 50% of current jobs creating more leisure time.
- In these predicted futures males will have more leisure time, focusing on building a better world for their children, searching for self worth and not necessarily being the major breadwinner, and Freemasonry offers an outlet, if we can adapt and meet the needs of this demographic.
- We need to take pride in our ritual to make a good impression on new members, and we have neglected the state of our infrastructure, even in the major cities for too long, and upgrades are badly needed.
- A Vision team has been established to look at our operations from top down. Our committees and Board are too heavy and need to be trimmed.
- Younger people use 'apps' for communication, and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and Montana have already done so. Millennials don't write cheques and are not interested in web pages. They use online tools instead, and the Grand Lodge of Alberta can now receive money through e-mail transfer; a practice also being adopted by many lodges.
- Training should be computer based, online and done at home, as is being done in the school system.
- The introduction of a Grand Lodge database will provide a tool for DDGM's to better assess the health of a lodge in their official visits, as well as leadership and quality of work.
- The constitution and regulations are in the process of being updated and placed online. The Grand Master noted that this can be distributed electronically and only a few printed copies need to be kept.
- The Grand Master concluded his address by stating that he sees a busy year ahead, and that his message is more about leadership rather than the members, which is a refreshing change

Following a proclamation by His Worship Mayor Nenshi of Calgary that 24th of June be Masonic Day in Calgary, the Province has also declared that day to be recognized as Alberta Masonic Day, making a province-wide event.

The Grand lodge records were badly out of date, the Grand Master remarked that the contact information for over half of the elected and appointed officers was incorrect. In keeping with the theme of his address, a database was created with all the current records, and access was granted to all Lodge Secretaries to keep this information current. In addition, a facility was put in place to issue dues cards to members electronically in Adobe portable document format (PDF), to replace the current method of a hand-written card. He also noted that at the Grand Lodge annual communication there was no mechanism in place to ensure that a member is fully paid up before voting.

During the year the Grand Lodge offices in Calgary were relocated from Freemason's Hall to a new facility at suite 210, 2816 11th St NE. This followed the increase in taxes imposed by the City of Calgary on the existing facility, which precipitated large increases in rent. Several

remedies are being sought for this issue, from designating the building as historic, to selling it altogether and moving to a new facility. Should this happen, the Grand Lodge offices would then become part of this effort.

The Grand Lodge website was reworked to become more eye appealing, and two important features were added; one, all the forms required for lodge operations are now stored on the site and can be downloaded and filled electronically. Secondly, the Grand Master and all Deputy District Grand Master's calendars are now visible on the site. This provides an extremely useful tool for lodges to plan official visits and request the attendance of the Grand Master for special occasions.

The Grand Master had a busy year attending Lodges and functions throughout Alberta, North America and the United Kingdom. He attended several conferences such as the 300th Anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England in London, two conferences of Grand Masters and the Tri-Jurisdictional roaming lodge in Montana. He also attended concordant bodies including Al Shamal and Al Azhar Shriners, Scottish Rite and Preceptory, the Order of the Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile as well as enjoying several Ladies' Night events.

A number of these events are detailed below:

June

9 – 10 112th Annual Grand Lodge Communication
14 - Incoming Grand Master's BBQ – Al Azhar Shrine
22 – Ft MacLeod Outdoor Lodge

July

8 to 13 - Imperial Shrine International
29 – BBQ in Millet

August

17 – Grand Imperial Conclave
18 to 19 Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada
24 – Grand Lodge office search

September

21-24 Tri-Jurisdictional Roaming outdoor lodge, Montana

October

11-13 Western Canada Grand Master's Conference
19 – Past Potentate's Dinner
20- Nov 1 300th Anniversary United Grand Lodge of England

November

3 – John Church Funeral
5 – Glenbow Lodge Vacant Chair
6 – Alpha district meeting
7 – Vulcan wild game dinner
10 – Strathcona #77
11 – Remembrance Day Ceremony at Al Azhar Shrine
13 – Lodge Renfrew
16 – King Solomon Lodge
18 – Job's Daughters
25 – Beaverhills District meeting
30 – Lodge visits in Ft Mc Murray area
18 - Carstairs #20 "Ocktoberfest"
23 - Chinookarch District "Annual Meeting"

December

1-3 Continuation of Ft McMurray visits
4 – Scottish Rite Installation
5 – Kenilworth Moose Dinner

11 – Larry Johnston Funeral
12 – Reconsecration of Scottish Rite of Perfection
15 – Brooks/Bassano Installation
18 – Jim Grace Funeral
18 – Zetland Lodge Robbie Burns night
20 – Q Ladies night
22 – Beacon Lodge Robbie Burns night
24 – Canada Lodge Robbie Burns night
25 – Acacia Lodge Robbie Burns night

February

1 – Westlock Beans night
3 – Al Azhar Potentate's evening
17-21 NA conference of Grand Masters
26 – Wally Seifert funeral
27 – Mt Lebanon 60 year bar

March

1 – Foothills-Kelvingrove visit
2 – Ross Langdon Funeral
3 -6 Yellowknife Lodge
8 – Drayton Valley Crazy Tie
13 - Patricia 91 Blarney Night
17 - Daughters of the Nile Installation
23 - King George Lodge
24 – York Rite College

April

3 - Corinthian Lodge
5 - Zetland Lodge
6 – 8 Masonic Spring Workshop, Kananaskis
9 – North Star Lodge
10 – Crossfield Lodge
12 – Ashlar Lodge
14 – Edgerton 102 Reconsecration
16 - Chinook Spitzie
26 – 29 Conference of Grand Masters of Canada

May

7 – Zetland Lodge
9 – Renfrew Installation
9 - Alpine Shrine Club Ladies night
13 – Onoway amalgamation
15 – Cypress Preceptory Installation
17 – Preceptory Christmas observation

January

1 – Grand Master's Levy
6 – Phoenix district meeting
9 – Rockyford Lodge

2 – Bow River Lodge
3 – Ivanhoe Lodge
5 – Dynamic Lodge reconsecration
7 – Mountain View Lodge
11 -13 Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
14 – 28 Al Azhar Potentate's trip

June

1 -3 Grand Lodge of Manitoba
7 - joint re-consecration of GP #105 and Sask. #106
8 – 10 113th Annual Communication Grande Prairie



District Deputy Grand Masters 2017-2018

VW Bro. Martin C. Alcock
Grand Historian

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

COMMITTEE ON THE ALBERTA FREEMASON

**Report for the Annual Communication
Grand Prairie, 8 - 9 June 2018**

The Committee reports as follows:

The current Editor's attempt to retire last year generated only five expressions of interest, all looking for more detailed information. However, the Editor has agreed to remain in that position although, depending on decisions made at this Communication, his role and responsibilities will change.

Fraternally,
RWBro George Tapley,
Chairman and Editor

LODGE OFFICER TRAINING NIL

MASONIC SPRING WORKSHOP REPORT

The 53rd annual Masonic Spring Workshop was held on the 6th, 7th and 8th of April 2018 at the Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge. The Masonic Spring Workshop was officially opened by M.W. Bro. Gordon Berard followed by the invocation which was given by Bro. Reverend Dave Prowse. Bro. Russ Phillips was honoured with a rousing round of applause for his 53 years of attendance at the Masonic Spring Workshop.

What we missed in numbers due to two competing events in Calgary and the weakened economy, we excelled in enthusiasm from the 141 Brethren and 50 wives in attendance. Our Keynote speaker was **Bro. Robert (Bob) L. D. Cooper**, the Curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland's Museum and Library. Bob is custodian of some of the oldest and most precious Masonic documents and artifacts found anywhere in the world. Bro. Bob's knowledge and speaking ability had the audience enthralled during both of his presentations.

The first Friday night's Keynote address titled "The Development of Freemasonry into a symbolic society and Saturday afternoon's session address titled "Early Speculative Freemasons" were met with great enthusiasm. At both of Bro. Bob Cooper's sessions there was no shortage of questions, especially from our newer members and first-time attendees.

The theme of this year's conference was "The Development of Freemasonry into a Symbolic Society". There were the two new streams this year, "Masonic Development" and "Lodge Management" which tied to our theme of the conference along with our usual streams of "History & Legend" and "Philosophy & Symbolism".

Masonic Development:

Bro. John Hayes - Back from the brink – The rebirth and resurrection of a Masonic Body

Bro. Garry Bonnell – Understanding the Masonic Gender Gap

Bro. Mitch Cammidge – Why the Heck Do We Do That!?!?

History & Legend:

Bro. Andy Pokolinski – Freemasons at the Battle of Gettysburg

Bro. Chris Batty – The Cable tow, Its use and Masonic Significance

Bro. Mehrdad Molaei – Sufism and Freemasonry

Philosophy & Symbolism:

Bro. David Roth – Metaphysics of Freemasonry

Bro. Bill Gratton – The place of the Master Mason

Bro. Tarek Hamida – The Numerological Staircase of Creation

Lodge Management:

Bro. Steve Kennard – Reenergizing the Lodge

Bro. Hugh Young – Communication – the Key to effective Freemasonry

Bro. Al Long – Lodge Management vs Management by Crisis

Sunday Morning Bro. Reverend Dave Prowse led us in an excellent inter-faith devotional service while Bro. Jamie Beckstead provided a first-rate job with the musical portion of the service. Both were well received and appreciated.

This year we held two "Back to the Spring Workshop" sessions, one sponsored by King George Lodge #59 in Calgary and one sponsored by Star of the West #34 in Leduc. These workshops featured speakers from the south doing presentations in the north and visa versa in the south. We thank the Lodges and presenters for their assistance, support, and cooperation.

Alberta can be proud as many of our featured speakers have said that we have one of the best, if not best, workshop in North America. The Masonic Spring Workshop would not be possible without the tireless team effort displayed by the Committee. I want to personally thank each and everyone for their diligence and dedication that they bring to the table.

The Masonic Spring Workshop Committee wishes to thank all those who supported the 2018 Workshop. The presenters, vendors and raffle donations without their efforts we would not exist. To the Pomeroy Hotel and staff for their help and assistance to meet our needs. In the day of rising costs, we want to give special thanks to all those who have helped sponsor the Masonic Spring Workshop. We are indebted to our major sponsors:

**Crescent Lodge #87,
Al Azhar Shrine
Saint John's Ambulance
Scottish Rite Valley of Calgary
Lodge Sir Robert Moray No. 1641**

The workshop is indebted to these sponsors for their generosity.
Wes Bush is next year's workshop Chairman and the theme for the workshop is:

Innovation and Change Our keynote speaker will be **Bro. Oscar Alleyne**

Brother Oscar Alleyne is a Past Master of Wappingers Lodge No.671 and the Past Commander in Chief of the Scottish Rite Valley of the Hudson, NY. He served as the first Grand Superintendent for the State of New York of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees USA.

He lectures internationally on historical, ritualistic, philosophical, leadership and other topics of Masonic interest and is a member of several Masonic research and invitational bodies. He is a Fellow of the Pennsylvania Lodge of Research, the Philalethes and Masonic Societies. He is the 2nd Vice President of the Board of the Masonic Society. He is also the Regional Treasurer for the Operatives USA.

He holds a Doctorate from the New York Medical College and is a Senior Advisor for Public Health programs at the National Association of County and City Health Officials in Washington, DC where he provides leadership and senior level management of a portfolio covering Infectious Disease and Informatics, Public Health Preparedness, Readiness, Resilience, Pandemic and Catastrophic Preparedness.

In conclusion the Spring Workshop was a success and those in attendance benefited from the excellent work of our presenters.

Respectfully submitted,
John Cameron – 2018 Masonic Spring Workshop Chairman

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

As your Grand Treasurer I have the opportunity to be in the Grand Lodge Office every week and can say the Grand Secretary and the Executive Secretary continue to improve as they have become more comfortable in their jobs. Both Bill and Nicole are dedicated employees and continue to spend numerous extra hours at their own expense to meet your demands and the stress of the new location.

The investment portfolio of Grand Lodge managed by the Marano Group of Scotia McLeod performs within our guidelines. Our meetings with the Marano Group give us the opportunity for

good communications, understanding and input. RW Bro Rick Nixon, chairman of our investment committee, has now spent time discussing and meeting with Mick Marano and has now a greater understanding of the investments and policies set by the Finance Committee to evaluate our investments for the best results.

Overall, the Grand Lodge remains financially sound, as we continue to exercise expense control on our new premises and the general operations of the Craft on your behalf.

The Benevolent and Bursary Accounts maintain their balance of funds by limiting its donations to donations and interest earned. The administrative cost of these accounts comes from your General Account. The Benevolent account puts very little expense on General Funds however the Bursary accounts for a good portion of the Executive Secretary's time throughout the year. Last year I recommend that a portion of these funds be allotted to help cover the time spent.

RW Grand Treasurer,
MW Bro John D. Hart

I, MW Bro John Hart cause to move, that at our 2019 Communication that Regulation Part 11.1.G.7.M which reads: Any expense of the Committee in administering the Masonic Higher Education Bursaries shall be changed to the Grand Lodge General Fund.

Be amended to read: Any expenses of the Committee in administering the Masonic Higher Education Bursaries and Funds shall be paid by the Masonic Higher Education Funds to the Grand Lodge General Fund.

I ask that the Jurisprudence Committee review this motion for acceptance and regularity.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The finance committee has met on a number of occasions over the last year. Mainly to do with the purchase of the new offices for the Grand Lodge. The full report was made in the Alberta Freemason April 2018 edition. At the Board of General Purposes meeting of March 8, 2018, it was reported that the build out of the units previously agreed to in the amount of \$200,000 was not sufficient and that this should be increased to \$240,000. This was approved at that meeting. The new offices are now essentially completed with the exception of the library. A request for proposal has been prepared and sent out to a number of contractors with a closing date of June 4, 2018.

We did hold an opening of the offices on May 6th. A number of members attended same. When the library is completed it is anticipated that a Grand Opening will take place. This is scheduled for the fall.

The Grand Lodge purchased the two condos which was reported to us that they had 3020 sq ft. When they were measured paint to paint it was determined that the offices actually contained 2516.75 sq. ft. A claim has been made in the amount of \$100,000. This has not been resolved to date.

A budget was prepared and presented to the Board of General purposes in March 2018 and was approved at that meeting. It will now be presented to the annual communications by VWBro Chris Keown.

We met with Jay Noden our auditor and reviewed the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017. They were found to be in order and were approved by the finance

committee and then Jay Noden presented same to the Board of General Purposes on May 10, 2018. They will now be presented to the 2018 Annual Communications of Grand Lodge.

We also met with Mick Marano of Scotia McLeod Financial and reviewed the accounts that he manages. The Capital Reserve Fund, Bursary Endowment Fund, Masonic Benevolent Fund, Grand Lodge operating Fund. Over a one-year term the funds earned 7.45%. Under the Statement of Investment Policy and Procedure and the rate of return under that policy the earnings would be 5.38%. They have earned an added value of 2.07% for the year. Over a five-year term they have an added value of 1.93% per year.

The Finance Committee had adopted a policy in 2002 that 5% of the operating fund Gross Revenue would be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund each year. This policy has been rescinded due to the fact that the 5% was not available. In order for that to continue we would have to increase the dues and the finance committee is not recommending any dues increase at this time.

I have a number of motions to present:

Motion #1

I, Robert Thachuk (183) move that the audited financial statements as presented by Jay Noden be approved.

Motion #2

I, Robert Thachuk (183) move that Jay C. Noden professional Corporation be appointed as auditors for the 2018 year.

Motion #3

I, Robert Thachuk (183) move that RWBro Bill Kostenuk be appointed as Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

Motion #4

I, Robert Thachuk (183) move that \$305,950.72 be allotted to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund.

Motion #5

I, Robert Thachuk (183) move that the budget as approved at the Board of General Purposes and presented by VWBro Chris Keown be approved.

Motion #6

The Finance Committee has reviewed our current regulations as they pertain to the Capital Reserve Fund. In addition, the current rules were reviewed as they relate to Non-Profit Organizations and to accumulation of funds under a Capital Reserve Fund. These are outlined under the Income Tax Act and IT-496R Interpretation bulletin. Since we have accumulated a substantial amount in this Capital Reserve Account and its use should be for a capital purchase it is Finance Committee as well as our Auditors opinion that it should be used for the purchase of the building. Thus, CRA would have no reason to revoke our Non-Profit Status or oppose the accumulation of funds. The fund would not show an accounts-receivable of a loan receivable from Grand Lodge. Therefore:

Current 11.1.D.6.d reads as follows:

The investments within the General Capital Reserve Fund may be used, as deemed necessary by the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee, through a process of borrowing funds from the

Capital Reserve Fund, for deposit into the Grand Lodge General Account. Such funds to be considered a line of credit which must be returned to the Capital Reserve Fund. All transactions must be approved and monitored by the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee.

I Robert Thachuk move that II.1.D.6.d be amended to read as follows:

The investments within the General Capital Reserve Fund may be used, as deemed necessary the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee. Any withdrawal from the fund should be deposited into the Grand Lodge General Account. All transactions must be approved and monitored by the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee.

VWBro Bob Thachuk
Chairman of Finance Committee

AUDITORS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017 and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified audit opinion.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons (continued)

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons derives revenue from public donations and other fundraising activities the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. Therefore, I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising revenue, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2017, current assets and net assets as at December 31, 2017.

Qualified Opinion

In my opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons as at December 31, 2017 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

St. Albert, Alberta
May 10, 2018

 J. C. Macdonald Prof Corp.
Chartered Accountant

THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2017

	General Fund	General Capital Reserve Fund	Masonic Benevolent Fund	Masonic Bursary Fund	2017	2016
ASSETS						
CURRENT						
Cash (Note 7)	\$ 10,236	\$ -	\$ 25,542	\$ 92,297	\$ 128,075	\$ 292,896
Memberships fees receivable	141,259	-	-	-	141,259	138,503
Accounts receivable	27,680	-	-	-	27,680	18,165
Donations receivable	-	-	-	16,338	16,338	22,443
GST recoverable	-	722	-	606	1,328	4,273
Lawyer trust account	13,534	-	-	-	13,534	-
Prepaid expenses	3,265	-	-	-	3,265	2,654
Inventory	77,184	-	-	-	77,184	73,385
Investments (Note 6)	106,986	37,000	-	228,089	372,075	237,812
Inter-fund receivable	-	4,062	364	201	4,627	33,494
	380,144	41,784	25,906	337,531	785,365	823,625
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 5)	634,011	-	-	-	634,011	8,260
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS (Note 6)	-	458,490	936,866	3,105,923	4,501,279	4,728,392
GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	-	623,216	-	-	623,216	34,783
LOANS RECEIVABLE	\$ 1,014,155	\$ 1,123,490	\$ 962,772	\$ 3,443,454	\$ 6,543,871	\$ 5,595,060


See notes to financial statements

THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2017

	General Fund	General Capital Reserve Fund	Masonic Benevolent Fund	Masonic Bursary Fund	2017	2016
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
CURRENT						
Accounts payable and accrued	\$ 21,857	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,857	\$ 21,066
Goods and services tax payable	6,740	-	-	-	6,740	-
Employee deductions payable	2,702	-	-	-	2,702	3,328
Inter-fund payable	4,627	-	-	-	4,627	33,494
	35,926	-	-	-	35,926	57,888
GENERAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND LOANS PAYABLE	623,216	-	-	-	623,216	34,783
	659,142	-	-	-	659,142	92,671
	355,013	1,123,490	962,772	3,443,454	5,884,729	5,502,389
NET ASSETS	\$ 1,014,155	\$ 1,123,490	\$ 962,772	\$ 3,443,454	\$ 6,543,871	\$ 5,595,060

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

 Wade Cox President, Board of General Purposes

 Grand Treasurer

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THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2017

	General Fund	General Capital Reserve Fund	Masonic Benevolent Fund	Masonic Bursary Fund	2017	2016
Net assets - beginning of year	\$ 329,542	\$ 1,056,411	\$ 916,525	\$ 3,199,911	\$ 5,502,389	\$ 5,030,135
Excess of revenues over expenses	25,471	67,079	46,247	243,543	382,340	472,254
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 355,013	\$ 1,123,490	\$ 962,772	\$ 3,443,454	\$ 5,884,729	\$ 5,502,389

See notes to financial statements

THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2017

	General Fund 2017	General Capital Reserve Fund 2017	Masonic Benevolent Fund 2017	Masonic Bursary Fund 2017	Total 2017	Total 2016
REVENUES						
Memberships fees	\$ 298,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 298,550	\$ 277,488
Donations	-	-	3,195	-	296,477	415,917
Books, regalia and supplies	74,290	-	-	-	74,290	92,983
Other fees and charges	21,239	-	-	-	21,239	17,820
Annual Communication	17,681	-	-	-	17,681	19,264
	411,760	-	3,195	293,282	708,237	823,472
EXPENSES						
Education bursaries	-	-	-	271,031	271,031	245,872
Wages and benefits	112,822	-	-	-	112,822	144,683
Rent and occupancy (Note 11)	48,000	-	-	-	48,000	28,800
Cost of books, regalia and supplies	46,089	-	-	-	46,089	90,794
Grand lodge officer	36,561	-	-	-	36,561	38,714
Conferences and visitations	32,762	-	-	-	32,762	23,689
Office and miscellaneous	29,989	-	145	1,354	31,488	30,340
Annual communication	28,955	-	-	-	28,955	39,627
Professional fees (Note 9)	25,415	-	-	-	25,415	15,388
Benevolent relief grants	-	-	20,547	-	20,547	90,460
Committee (Note 11)	9,221	-	-	-	9,221	12,249
Printing and postage	6,058	-	-	-	6,058	5,737
Insurance	3,639	-	-	-	3,639	3,448
Goods and services tax expense	2,487	251	-	220	2,958	-
Website	2,573	-	-	-	2,573	-
Amortization	2,334	-	-	-	2,334	3,083
	386,905	251	20,692	272,605	680,453	772,884
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenses from operations	24,855	(251)	(17,497)	20,677	27,784	50,588

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THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures (continued)
Year Ended December 31, 2017

	General Fund 2017	General Capital Reserve Fund 2017	Masonic Benevolent Fund 2017	Masonic Bursary Fund 2017	Total 2017	Total 2016
INVESTMENT INCOME						
Fair market value adjustment	\$ -	\$ (55,855)	\$ 40,654	\$ 148,504	\$ 133,303	\$ 265,576
Gain (loss) on sale of marketable securities	-	117,361	9,371	(9,811)	116,921	97,126
Investment income	616	5,824	13,719	84,173	104,332	115,396
Loss on sale of real estate	-	-	-	-	-	(56,432)
	616	67,330	63,744	222,866	354,556	421,666
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ 25,471	\$ 67,079	\$ 46,247	\$ 243,543	\$ 382,340	\$ 472,254

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THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2017

	General Fund	General Capital Reserve Fund	Masonic Benevolent Fund	Masonic Bursary Fund	2017	2016
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,719	\$ 292,863	\$ 302,582	\$ 397,214
Membership fees and Grand Lodge Bulletin	295,794	-	-	-	295,794	265,577
Investment income	616	123,184	23,091	50,619	197,510	212,522
Sale of books, regalia, supplies and other fees	103,695	-	-	-	103,695	130,916
Benevolent relief grants	-	-	(20,547)	-	(20,547)	(90,460)
Employee wages and benefits	(112,822)	-	-	-	(112,822)	(144,683)
Education bursaries	-	-	-	(271,031)	(271,031)	(245,872)
Suppliers and expense reimbursements	(279,725)	(501)	(146)	(1,574)	(281,946)	(285,163)
Inter-fund transfers	625,160	(625,160)	-	-	-	-
Cash flow from operating activities	632,718	(502,477)	12,117	70,877	213,235	240,051
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Purchase of capital assets	(628,085)	-	-	-	(628,085)	(1,599)
Sale proceeds from (Purchase of) investments, net	(616)	502,477	(23,091)	(228,741)	250,029	(385,520)
Proceeds from sale of land	-	-	-	-	-	226,568
Cash flow from (used by) investing activities	(628,701)	502,477	(23,091)	(228,741)	(378,056)	(160,551)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH						
Cash - beginning of year	4,017	-	(10,974)	(157,864)	(164,821)	79,500
	6,219	-	36,516	250,161	292,896	213,396
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 10,236	\$ -	\$ 25,542	\$ 92,297	\$ 128,075	\$ 292,896

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THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2017

1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons is incorporated under the Statutes of the Province of Alberta 1908, Chapter 22. Its purpose is to promote the practice of Freemasonry throughout the Province of Alberta and that part of the Northwest Territories lying west of the fourth meridian. As a not-for-profit organization it is exempt from income tax in accordance with Section 149 of the Income Tax Act.

The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act and as such is not subject to corporate income taxes and may issue charitable donation receipts. There are three types of bursaries issued by the Fund as follows:

The Masonic Higher Education Bursary was established in 1957 with the objective of helping Canadian citizens who are residents of the Province of Alberta pursue post secondary education. Candidates are assessed based on financial need and acceptance into a program of not less than two years in length at a recognized post secondary institution.

The Lauraine Douchet Masonic Bursary for Pharmacy and Medicine is awarded to recipients based on acceptance at a recognized institution for pharmacy or medicine, candidate's marks, financial need and an interest in humanity.

The Mathews Kenschak Trust Masonic Bursary is awarded to residents of the Peace River Regional District based on financial need and acceptance into a program of not less than two years in length at a recognized post secondary institution.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPPO).

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Financial instruments policy

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Foreign currency translation

Accounts in foreign currencies have been translated into Canadian dollars using the temporal method. Under this method, monetary assets have been translated at the year end exchange rate. Revenues have been translated at the average rates of exchange during the year.

Foreign exchange gains and losses on monetary assets are included in the determination of earnings.

Fund accounting

The Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

The General Fund accounts for the organization's program delivery and administrative activities. This fund reports unrestricted resources and restricted operating grants.

The General Capital Reserve Fund was established in 1988 and its use is governed by Regulations Part II.1.D.6.d. Funds loaned from the General Capital Reserve Fund are considered to be a non-interest bearing line of credit which must be returned to the General Capital Reserve Fund. Funds deemed to be surplus to the operational requirements of Grand Lodge may be deposited to the reserve. Income is earned primarily through investments.

The Masonic Benevolent Fund is restricted by constitution to provide financial assistance to Masons and/or their immediate families who are in need. Income is earned primarily through investments and donations.

The Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund is restricted by donors to provide education bursaries to post-secondary students located in Alberta and the Northwest Territories based on need and proven scholastic ability. Income is primarily earned through donations and investments.

Revenue recognition

Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Investment income is recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the year in which the revenue is earned.

Investments

Investments for which there are quoted prices in an active market are carried at fair value. Unrealized gains or losses are reported as part of net income. Investments for which there is not an active market are carried at amortized cost except when it is established that their value is impaired. Impairment losses, or reversal of previously recognized impairment losses, are reported as part of net income.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value with the cost being determined on a weighted average basis including freight.

Capital assets

Capital assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. Capital assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives on a declining balance basis at the following rates and methods:

Computer database software	30%	declining balance method
Computer equipment	30%	declining balance method
Furniture and fixtures	20%	declining balance method
Grand lodge officer regalia	20%	declining balance method
Leasehold improvements	20%	declining balance method

One half the amortization is recorded in the year of acquisition. No amortization is recorded in the year of disposal.

Capital assets acquired during the year but not placed into use are not amortized until they are placed into use. In the current year a condominium building was purchased with occupancy scheduled for April 2018.

Statement of cash flows

The statement of cash flows has been prepared using the direct method.

Contributed services

The operations of the organization depends on the contribution of time by volunteers. The fair value of donated services cannot be reasonably determined and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

4. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the organization's risk exposure and concentration as of December 31, 2017.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The organization is exposed to credit risk from constituent Masonic Lodges. In order to reduce its credit risk, the organization conducts regular reviews of accounts receivable. An allowance for doubtful accounts is established based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of specific accounts, historical trends and other information. There are a significant number of Masonic Lodges which minimized concentration of credit risk.

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4. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *(continued)*

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The organization is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its receipt of funds from donors, investment income and accounts payable.

(c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency rate risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

(d) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk to the organizations earnings that arise from fluctuations of foreign exchange rates and the degree of volatility of these rates. The organization is exposed to foreign currency exchange risk on cash and investments held in U.S. dollars. The organization does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to foreign currency risk.

(e) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the organization manages exposure through its normal operating, investing and financing activities. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its investments.

(f) Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The organization is exposed to other price risk through its investments.

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2017 Net book value	2016 Net book value
Condominium building under revocation	\$ 628,085	\$ -	\$ 628,085	\$ -
Computer database software	5,324	2,715	2,609	3,727
Computer equipment	33,171	31,005	2,166	3,094
Furniture and fixtures	26,684	25,533	1,151	1,439
Grand lodge officer regalia	39,147	39,147	-	-
Leasehold improvements	11,468	11,468	-	-
	<u>\$ 743,879</u>	<u>\$ 109,868</u>	<u>\$ 634,011</u>	<u>\$ 8,260</u>

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6. INVESTMENTS

	Cost	Market
General Fund		
Cash	\$ 160	\$ 160
Bank of Nova Scotia Investment Savings Account	53,531	53,531
Hollis Investment Savings Account	23,295	23,295
ATB Redeemable GIC bearing interest of 0.55% maturing December 14, 2018 (Note 10)	30,000	30,000
	<u>106,986</u>	<u>106,986</u>
General Capital Reserve Fund		
Cash	37,000	37,000
Scotia Private American Core-Plus Bond Pool	14,668	14,696
Scotia Private High Yield Income Pool	40,033	39,151
Scotia Private Income Pool	58,715	55,999
Scotia Private Canadian Value Pool	33,769	44,617
Scotia Private Canadian Growth Pool	43,273	59,409
Scotia Private Canadian Small Cap Pool	14,776	22,172
Scotia Private Canadian Mid Cap Pool	17,953	22,523
Scotia Private Emerging Markets Pool A Class	12,061	15,041
Scotia Private Global Real Estate Pool	28,678	34,490
Scotia Private U.S. Mid Cap Value Pool	21,325	25,371
Scotia Private U.S. Value Pool	20,839	26,062
Scotia Private U.S. Large Cap Growth Pool	16,575	32,056
Scotia Private International Equity Pool	42,861	51,740
Scotia Private International Small to Mid Cap Value Pool	8,641	15,163
	<u>411,167</u>	<u>495,490</u>
Masonic Benevolent Fund		
Scotia Private American Core-Plus Bond Pool	27,324	27,375
Scotia Private High Yield Income Pool	75,647	73,057
Scotia Private Income Pool	182,640	175,134
Scotia Private Canadian Value Pool	63,393	85,265
Scotia Private Canadian Growth Pool	79,469	113,263
Scotia Private Canadian Small Cap Pool	27,884	42,032
Scotia Private Canadian Mid Cap Pool	33,259	42,334
Scotia Private Emerging Markets Pool A Class	22,288	28,054
Scotia Private Global Real Estate Pool	56,050	65,229
Scotia Private U.S. Mid Cap Value Pool	40,813	48,480
Scotia Private U.S. Value Pool	40,358	48,829
Scotia Private U.S. Large Cap Growth Pool	32,771	61,343
Scotia Private International Equity Pool	81,263	97,737
Scotia Private International Small to Mid Cap Value Pool	16,555	28,734
	<u>779,714</u>	<u>936,866</u>

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6. INVESTMENTS (continued)

Masonic Bursary Fund - General

Cash	69	69
Scotia Private American Core-Plus Bond Pool	3,425	3,432
Scotia Private High Yield Income Pool	9,453	9,160
Scotia Private Income Pool	22,929	21,957
Scotia Private Canadian Value Pool	8,211	10,690
Scotia Private Canadian Growth Pool	10,393	14,200
Scotia Private Canadian Small Cap Pool	3,506	5,270
Scotia Private Canadian Mid Cap Pool	4,478	5,308
Scotia Private Emerging Markets Pool A Class	2,830	3,517
Scotia Private Global Real Estate Pool	6,987	8,178
Scotia Private U.S. Mid Cap Value Pool	5,112	6,078
Scotia Private U.S. Value Pool	4,889	6,122
Scotia Private U.S. Large Cap Growth Pool	3,951	7,691
Scotia Private International Equity Pool	10,233	12,254
Scotia Private International Small to Mid Cap Value Pool	2,031	3,603
Sun Life Financial Inc.	838	1,038
Pembina Pipeline Corp.	667	683
	100,002	119,250

Masonic Bursary Fund - Masonic Higher Education Bursary

Cash	103	103
Scotia Private American Core-Plus Bond Pool	32,083	32,146
Scotia Private High Yield Income Pool	83,339	85,791
Scotia Private Income Pool	210,311	205,658
Royal Bank of Canada	5,689	14,371
Scotia Private Canadian Value Pool	75,292	100,125
Scotia Private Canadian Growth Pool	98,491	133,004
Scotia Private Canadian Small Cap Pool	33,408	49,358
Scotia Private Canadian Mid Cap Pool	38,953	49,712
Scotia Private Emerging Markets Pool A Class	26,630	32,944
Scotia Private Global Real Estate Pool	63,358	76,598
Scotia Private U.S. Mid Cap Value Pool	48,376	56,929
Scotia Private U.S. Value Pool	45,120	57,339
Scotia Private U.S. Large Cap Growth Pool	39,343	72,036
Scotia Private International Equity Pool	95,009	114,771
Scotia Private International Small to Mid Cap Value Pool	19,644	33,742
	915,149	1,114,627

Masonic Bursary Fund - Mathews Korschak Trust Masonic Bursary (CDN\$)

Cash	108,735	108,735
Icici Bank Canada, 2.57%, Due May 1, 2018	100,000	101,704
Brookfield Asset Management Class A Preferred	36,026	36,416
Canadian Banc Corp. Preferred	27,466	27,093
Canadian General Investments Ltd. 3.75% Preferred	27,308	27,628
Dividend 15 Split Corp. 5.25% Preferred	27,491	27,547
Dividend 15 Split Corp. II 5.25% Preferred	27,500	27,391
Enbridge Inc. 4.4% Preferred Series 15	28,728	24,556

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6. INVESTMENTS (continued)		
Enbridge Inc. 4.4% Preferred Series 7	36,763	32,849
Husky Energy Inc. Preferred Series 5	27,335	27,467
Life & Banc Split Corp 4.75% Preferred	27,304	26,984
Manulife Financial Corp. 4.2% Preferred	38,928	36,455
Partners Value Split Corp Preferred Class AA	26,921	27,208
Royal Bank of Canada, Due July 20, 2021	23,500	36,500
Sun Life Financial Inc. Class A Series 10R	33,311	35,490
Altagas Ltd.	50,276	42,816
Bank of Montreal	47,726	63,171
Bank of Nova Scotia	50,039	62,625
BCE Inc.	28,559	33,873
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	45,139	57,961
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	37,130	50,894
Canadian Utilities Ltd.	20,096	20,912
Enbridge Inc.	38,212	37,460
Emera Inc.	20,108	20,671
Fortis Inc.	20,080	21,856
Inter Pipeline Ltd.	40,482	37,249
Manulife Financial Corp.	54,152	68,880
Prairiesky Royalty Ltd.	35,855	46,487
Pembina Pipeline Corp.	40,156	47,194
Royal Bank of Canada	45,930	62,414
Sun Life Financial Inc.	50,111	65,628
Telus Corporation	24,470	31,239
Transcanada Corporation	30,818	37,136
Toronto-Dominion Bank	44,630	61,940
Royal Bank of Canada Investment Savings	283,250	283,250
Astra Zeneca PLC	46,349	50,917
Apple Inc.	26,625	41,706
BP PLC	44,745	52,916
BT Group PLC	44,728	43,094
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	44,223	52,551
Vodafone Group PLC	50,083	52,024
Verizon Communications	23,592	28,682
	<u>1,884,880</u>	<u>2,079,569</u>
 Masonic Bursary Fund - John Andrew Fleming Estate		
Cash - CDN\$	17,378	17,378
Cash - US\$	3,188	3,188
	<u>20,566</u>	<u>20,566</u>
 The John Andrew Fleming Estate is subject to the provisions of a life estate and has been classified as a long term investment.		
	<u>\$ 4,218,464</u>	<u>\$ 4,873,354</u>

7. CASH

Cash represents amounts held in demand deposit accounts with Canadian Chartered banks.

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8. RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
General Capital Reserve Fund		
Accumulated excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 1,039,166	\$ 916,232
Accumulated net unrealized gain on investments	<u>84,324</u>	<u>140,179</u>
	<u>\$ 1,123,490</u>	<u>\$ 1,056,411</u>
 Masonic Benevolent Fund		
Accumulated excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 805,620	\$ 800,027
Accumulated net unrealized gain on investments	<u>157,152</u>	<u>116,498</u>
	<u>\$ 962,772</u>	<u>\$ 916,525</u>
 Masonic Bursary Fund		
Accumulated excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 3,030,040	\$ 2,934,354
Accumulated net unrealized gain on investments	<u>413,414</u>	<u>265,557</u>
	<u>\$ 3,443,454</u>	<u>\$ 3,199,911</u>

9. PROFESSIONAL FEES

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Annual audit fee	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
Training and consultation on investment accounting	6,000	-
Investment accounting fees	3,215	-
Bookkeeping fees	2,500	2,888
Legal	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 25,415</u>	<u>\$ 15,388</u>

10. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The organization has an ATB Mastercard with an approved limit of \$30,000. As at December 31 the balance was \$1,197 (2016 - \$NIL) and is reported as part of accounts payable and accrued. The account is secured by the ATB Redeemable GIC included in General Fund Investments.

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11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following is a summary of the organization's related party transactions:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Calgary Masonic Temple Ltd. (affiliated organization)		
Rent and occupancy	\$ <u>48,000</u>	\$ <u>28,800</u>
Red Deer Freemason Hall (affiliated organization)		
Committee expenses	\$ <u>1,200</u>	\$ <u>2,300</u>

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Report of the Board of Benevolence to the Grand Lodge of Alberta ANNCOM June 2018.

I am pleased to submit the following report of the activities of the Board of Benevolence for the 2017 / 2018 year. The Board has met in October 05 / 2017 and in January 22 / 2018. There were no meetings held in December 2017 or in April 2018 as there was not sufficient business to warrant calling of these meetings.

There have been three cases presented to the Board in year 2017. Including one resulting from Fort Mc Murray Fire Disaster. Also, a donation was made on behalf of the Brethren of Alberta to the Brethren of Puerto Rico in the amount of \$ 5,000.00 US. for Hurricane Disaster Relief. The total of all assistance in 2017 was \$ 20,547.00.

In January 2018 there were two cases for assistance presented to the Board. One of these was left over from prior Flood Disaster of 2013. The total of all assistance to date in 2018 is \$ 13,000.00. One case for assistance that was submitted was referred to the Lodge for reconsideration in six months' time if found to be still applicable.

All required reports to the Board of General Purposes c/w recommendations have been submitted at the regularly scheduled meetings.

RW Bro. W W Lowrie and MW Bro. Peter Dunlop have been elected to the positions of President & Vice President of the Board of Benevolence at the October 2017 meeting. MW Bro. John Cameron was appointed as Southern Superintendent for the Board.

Also noted a correction of the "North East Angle a Guide to Lodge Benevolence" by Bro. Robin Carson was to be posted on Alberta Masonic web site and printed for distribution to all Lodge Secretary's.

The financial position of the Board of Benevolence as of April 30 / 2018 is \$ 932,327.00 in Scotia McLeod Investments, plus \$25,541.64 in ATB Investment as of December 31 / 2017. The total of all funds is \$ 957,868.64.

I would again like to thank all the members of this Board for their assistance and participation in this year. Particularly RW Bro. Peter Roger - Northern Superintendent as he had the most activity in his area. It is only by the help of all members on a voluntary basis to accomplish the activities of the Board of Benevolence for the Brethren of Alberta. Of special note is the work of the Grand Secretary – RW Bro. Bill Kostenuk, as he is the first / last contact with all the work done by this Board of Benevolence.

Submitted, - MAY 15 / 2018
RW Bro. W W Lowrie
President Board of Benevolence

BLOCK "D" REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

The Committee reports as follows:

No communications have been received or issues raised that have an impact on The Grand Lodge of Alberta, although several requests for information have been answered.

Fraternally,
RWBro George Tapley,
Chairman

PUBLICATION AND FORMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Forms

This has been a busy year for the Committee as 45 forms were reviewed, modified and re-published to the Grand Lodge web site (<http://freemasons.ab.ca>). These forms that had general text data were converted to fillable PDFs that allowed for computer entry or hand-written entry; forms that required some calculation were converted to protected Excel spreadsheets. The forms now include a standard header and footer with page numbers and form name. The fonts have been standardized to use sans serif (e.g., Calibri) for standard text and serif (e.g., Times Roman) for data entry fields. Initial feedback indicates that the revised forms were well received and are easy to use.

The 25 year, 50 year, 60 year and 70 year membership certificates have been converted to 8 ½ x 11 size.

The working copy of all forms have been stored on the additional cloud-based data storage (SharePoint) site. This means that the data will be available and shared for subsequent Publications and Forms committees rather than be stored on individual microcomputers with sharing through copied CDs. The graphics associated with the forms are also stored in the SharePoint site.

There were several snags as the result of misunderstanding of how the forms are to be used. To ensure that the most current version of the forms is available, the forms are stored on the Grand Lodge web site; however, the forms are designed to be downloaded to a local computer and completed and printed there. If fillable PDFs are completed and printed in a browser (e.g., Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, etc.), the printed version may not print as expected.

The forms have been standardized to use Adobe PDFs and Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. If an Excel spreadsheet is completed in a browser, any attempt to save the spreadsheet data back to the web site will encounter a security violation. The spreadsheets are designed to be completed using Microsoft Excel; if other spreadsheet programs are used, the results may not be consistent. The largest change was made to forms 163.1, 163.2, and 163.3 (Condition of Freemasonry within the lodge, within the District and within the Jurisdiction). In addition to the change in scoring categories as requested by the Grand Master, automatic calculations were added for rolling up the scoring for the Districts. DDGMs were able to record the scores for each of the Lodges in their district and have the District scores calculated for them. Similarly, the Jurisdiction scores were calculated when the District scores were entered.

These changes represent the first small steps of a *digital transformation* that uses technology to assist the members, the Lodge secretaries, the DDGMs and the Grand Line. Care has been taken to allow for a transition to the use of revised forms—members have the option to complete most forms by hand, although the automated functions will assist the members (e.g., calculations are

included where reasonable). The implementation of Internet facilities allows for greater and faster sharing of information among the brethren. However, some lodges may be in physical locations that may not have the speed, reliability or capability of technology to allow overall and immediate adoption of new forms. The new techniques will be implemented carefully to assist these lodges until the technical capabilities are upgraded.

As we move forward, there is expected to be greater use of a secured database of lodge and member data (*GLAD*). Having a repository of current and historical data for the brethren and the lodges will allow for greater analysis of trends and potential remedial actions. As the database expands and functionality is added, it is expected that lodge secretaries will be able to enter data and have reports generated. This will allow the lodge secretary to maintain the control they currently have while making it easier to generate reports on a timely basis. The Masonic database is moving forward, listening to the requirements of secretaries and DDGMs.

Grand Lodge Manual

As a part of checking references in forms to the Constitution and Regulations, it appeared that there was not full consistency of the format of the documents. Although the Constitution and Regulations (C&R) are considered to be one document, there are multiple documents that make up a Grand Lodge Manual.

These documents are:

- Constitution
- Regulations
- Committee Operations
- Lodge Bylaws, Standard Code of Bylaws (revised 2015)
- Lodge Secretary's Guide
- DDGM's Guide (revised Sept 2017)
- Lodge Officers' Manual
- Reserved for Future Development
- Rulings (references to Grand Lodge Proceedings)
- Ceremonies

Work is currently underway to reformat these documents to 8 ½ x 11 (letter) sized paper with consistent headers, footers, page numbers and tables of contents. There is no intent to modify any of the text except for correcting typos. Each document will be published on its own onto the Grand Lodge web site. Where there is a recognized grouping of components (e.g., Constitution and Regulations), the two components will be grouped and published as one document, to preserve the standard way of using the documents.

Thanks to John Fraser for providing the details and samples of forms that provided the base for the work on forms. My thanks to the myriad members who provided guidance where my knowledge of Masonic procedure was lacking. What I lack in Masonic experience, I will make up in youthful exuberance!

This concludes my report.

Jack Edwards
Publications and Forms Committee

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

It has been a very busy year since the last Annual Communication.

Semi-annual returns: even though all the Constituent Lodges have filed their returns, five of them remain unpaid at the time of the writing of this report. These same Lodges are always late. We are constantly chasing them every six months. This is a waste of our time and resources. It is a sad situation.

E-transfer payments can be made to the Grand Lodge Office using info@freemasons.ab.ca A number of Lodges have used this convenience and the number is growing steadily.

Training is available from our webmaster, RWBro Stephen Schaff. He has offered his expertise at District meetings and District R&E sessions and District or area Lodge secretary training sessions. The boardroom at the new Grand Lodge Office will soon be available as well. Video-conferencing is certainly an option.

Website updates: We now have "How to Join", "7 Step Program", and the latest Constitution and Regulations. Up to the minute Google calendars are on the website as well for the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, and a number of District Deputy Grand Masters. Main page banner notices. Alberta Freemason.

Database: Dues cards were launched as a downloadable PDF for the 115 regular Lodges. It is encouraging to see the number of Lodge Secretaries who have switched to this platform. The Database continues to be updated and maintained. New features under the Secretary interface include:

- Dues page – for secretaries to manage lodge dues
- Secretary's Helper import – to update member contact info to help Grand Lodge stay up to date
- Forms – a forms page for secretaries to access common forms without having to find them on the Grand Lodge public website

IT

The network has been moved and upgraded with new network equipment that is faster and more robust, and designed to expand as needed for new uses in the new office space. All systems are up to date and running.

Application Registry: Secretaries can add potential candidates so that others can do a search to see if someone has applied and what the outcome was. It is an important tool to increase communication across the Jurisdiction so that we know who is applying to which Lodge and avoid having someone apply to a different Lodge after being rejected.

Invoice Tool: Secretaries can opt to use this tool to send invoices to their members and track down payments through the Grand Lodge database. They can enter the various levels of membership, e.g. non-resident or senior, and the price associated with each.

DDGM training was held on March 18th at Freemasons' Hall in Red Deer.

The 2017 proceedings did go out electronically to the constituent Lodges prior to April 01, actually it was March 25. The perfect bound printed copies were mailed out on April 24th.

The auditor came. Twice.

April 2nd saw the first Town Hall Meeting at Freemasons' Hall in Calgary as an information session to discuss the pending motions coming from the Grand Master's Vision Team at the Annual Communication.

The build out of the Grand Lodge Condo consumed much of my time. Leaving the existing premises after so many years posed some challenges as well. RWBro George Tapley and I met with a Glenbow Museum representative and made plans to archive many of our historical records.

On April 14th, Edgerton Lodge No. 102 was re-consecrated.

On April 19th was the second Town Hall Meeting, this time in Edmonton. The next one was held May 10th at 7pm in Red Deer at Freemasons' Hall.

April 25th was moving day as the next day I was off to Winnipeg for the Conference of Grand & District Grand Lodges of Canada. On April 27th the phones and computers were migrated. Many details to cover: shredding services, ADT, Culligan, Telus became Shaw, Canada Post, and the list went on and on.

We are no longer without multiple neighbours in the building as eight condos have been sold to date.

On May 5th was the re-consecration of Dynamic Lodge No. 96 in Holden.

On May 6th, we held our Open House at the new Grand Lodge Office even though it was not quite fully finished. The interior doors were delayed and the appliances were not installed as yet, but since it had been advertised for some time, we decided to open the doors to all. The Request for Proposal for the library and museum is pending and, when completed, we will have a grand opening TBA.

We do have a masonic trial forthcoming this month once I secure the venue and finalize the players involved. There are also two other pending unmasonic conduct files at this time.

Nicole McCoy continues to work tirelessly unpacking and sorting and filing at the new office. Many thanks to those who helped in the transition, particularly Kim Parkyn, Hugh Young, Duncan Strachan, Stephen Schaff, George Tapley, James Ratchford, Gordon Berard, Gordon Brewer, and Viola Teuling.

That concludes my report

Bill Kostenuk

Grand Secretary

COMMITTEE ON THE WORK

There were no formal requests received this past year, so there was really nothing to report, as no rulings were made.

Tony Lee

BLOCK “E” REPORTS – LEGISLATIVE

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES REPORT

2017/2018

The Board of General Purposes (herein known as the Board) met on four (4) occasions this masonic year ‘17/’18. The first three (3) meetings occurred in October of 2017, March of 2018 and May of 2018, with the last meeting to occur on June 8, 2018. The meetings were regularly scheduled in order to conduct the affairs of Grand Lodge, receive committee reports from the various committees of Grand Lodge and sub-committees appointed by the Grand Master and by the Board, and to hear motions brought forward to be presented to Grand Lodge Communication. Many of, if not all of these motions have been vetted by the Jurisprudence Committee as per the articles set out in our Constitution and Regulations.

As always, the first order of business in the first meeting is to elect a President and Vice-President from among those members of the Board who are constitutionally eligible for election. The incumbent President, W Bro Wade Cox was acclaimed as was the incumbent VP, RW Bro John Girvan.

The business of the Board has been extremely far-reaching, if not potentially ground-breaking this year. The Executive Committee also met several times in between regular Board meetings to ensure that matters needing the attention of the Jurisprudence Committee were dealt with in a timely manner. Even though every member of the Board clearly has the interests of the Craft in his heart, on occasion this year emotions ran high. While men have, and are entitled different points of view, everyone was encouraged to listen to the perspectives of others. Meetings were lengthy so as to allow the Board members an opportunity to express their views.

I find it difficult to convey just how vitally important the Grand Parliamentarian has been this year in unravelling and interpreting the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of our Constitution and Regulations, our Policies and Procedures and Robert’s Rules of Order. I am personally grateful to Grand Lodge for passing the motion last year so that Richard Ashby became an appointed officer and is now empowered.

There has been a myriad of motions cleared through the Board this year that are to be presented to GL Communication, any of which will enact change to the Constitution and Regulations, some of it substantial. Several motions will be made by the Chairmen of a few committees reporting to the Board. These motions are included in the reports of those Chairs and may be found in the Preliminary Proceedings.

Throughout the year, in each meeting, the Chairmen of the various committees made informative presentations about the workings of their committees and their suggestions about issues referred to them by the Board, brought back by them to the Board, and presented to the Board for adoption and referral to the Grand Lodge Communication in June for ratification or balloting. I wish to thank the Chairmen of these committees, and indeed the members of those committees for their dedication to the fraternity. The Chairmen of these various committees reported to the Board in May and their reports will be included in the GL Annual Communication Preliminary Proceedings.

The District Revitalization Committee was thanked for a job well-done in complying with all of the criteria presented to them, and in making a set of recommendations accordingly. Their motion had been withdrawn at the 2017 Communication, The Committee was discharged. Based on a report of a Finance Committee sub-committee, a decision was made to relocate the Grand Lodge office and purchase office space. That decision was approved by the Executive Committee in August 2017 and ratified by the Board in October 2017. The office was moved and opened in May 2018. I will be recommending ratification of that Board decision at Grand Lodge in June.

An informative presentation was made in March by a Grand Master's sub-committee called the Vision Team. That committee submitted many potential changes to the Constitution and Regulations (C&R). The Board was given an opportunity to ask for clarification on these issues and each motion was sent to the Jurisprudence Committee to prove regularity. Each of those motions will be presented separately at Grand Lodge Communication by members of that sub-committee.

Given the far-reaching effects of the motions to be brought forward by that sub-committee, the Board sub-committee that was struck last year to review and/or modernize the C&R has been dismissed and the matter has been referred back to Jurisprudence.

During the meeting in October 2017 it was also decided that the Grand Lodge Communication in June 2020 should be held in Edmonton. Further details will of course be forthcoming.

The Deputy Grand Master, RWBro Kenn Culbertson presented his report on the Condition of Freemasonry within the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Subsequent to his report it was recommended that each of the current District Deputy Grand Masters within our jurisdiction should be recognized with the rank of past District Deputy Grand master. On behalf of the Board, I shall so move at the Grand Communication.

The website has been populated with much information including updated forms for the use of lodge secretaries and DDGMs. Technology has improved our systems immensely. This has included but is not limited to: a mobile app and electronic membership cards.

The Board extends its thanks to its Vice-President for ensuring that the reports of the various DDGMs of the Districts within GL were presented succinctly and concisely while maintaining their major purpose as being informative about the happenings and the state of affairs within each district.

The Board wishes to express its gratitude to its members who will not return for the upcoming year as their terms have expired. Those brethren are RWBro Jack McBride, RWBro James Carswell and RWBro Glen Springsteel. Their dedication to the Craft is very much appreciated.

As a final motion from the Board, I will recommend that Grand Lodge ratify the remaining actions of its Board of General Purposes for the year 2017/2018 Grand Lodge.

Wade Cox, President

NOTICES OF MOTION

MOTION #01 WITHDRAWN

I, Gordon Berard, move the following:

PART I CONSTITUTION CHAPTER 1

Current wording:

ARTICLE 14 - VOTING POWERS

Where a member:

- a. is a voting member, and
- b. attends a Grand Lodge Communication, and
- c. duly registers his attendance on the form provided, he is entitled to vote on all matters arising at that Communication.

New wording:

ARTICLE 14 - VOTING POWERS

Where a member:

- a. is a Master Mason and
- b. attends a Grand Lodge Communication, and
- c. provides proof that his dues are current with a duly constituted Lodge in our Jurisdiction, and duly registers his attendance on the form provided, he is entitled to vote on all matters arising at that Communication.

MOTION #02

I, Gordon Berard, move the following:

Change to the Regulations II.1.G.4

To add an Investment Sub-Committee of Finance to look at the investments of Grand Lodge and make any recommendations to our articles of investment.

Add

II.1.G.4.d

The Chairman will appoint a sub-committee of three to four Masons from the Jurisdiction who have investment expertise.

1. Review the investment policy from time to time and make recommendations to the Finance Committee.
2. Meet with the investment advisors as deemed necessary and determine:
 - a. If the articles of investment are being followed
 - b. The best rate of return
 - c. Best practices are being followed

3. Give an annual report in writing by the end of February, with any recommendations, to the Finance Committee.

Renumber the other parts of II.1. G.4.e – h

MOTION #03

Constitution and Regulations - Amendments to the Regulations Rationale

Whereas: Transparency is an essential quality of good governance. It is essential that the work and duties of certain Committees and Boards are completely transparent and free from positional influence. This is especially important in making appointments to the Jurisprudence Committee.

These amendments are required to provide more oversight and transparency for the Craft in general through increasing the powers and duties of the elected members of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge in administering or governing the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Appointments to Committees, Special Committees or Boards are too important a task to be left to one office and the authority and accountability should be transferred to the Board of General Purposes.

The following amendment relieves the Grand Master from this responsibility and transfers them to Board of General Purposes as it oversees the various Committees under its Constitutional and Regulatory umbrella. In addition, they empower the individual committees to elect its own Chairman and Secretary and free the Grand Secretary for other duties required of by the Craft in general.

At its regular meeting held on February 2, 2017, the following were presented to the Brethren of Exemplar Lodge No. 175, it was moved the Notices of Motion be approved and forwarded to Grand Lodge. The motion was seconded and discussion by the Brethren followed. All motions were passed by a significant majority of the members present.

The Notice of Motion was sent to the Grand Secretary prior to the 90-day requirement and notice was received from the Jurisprudence Committee they had ruled a procedural error had occurred and advised the amendment should be routed through the District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) as per the Constitution.

At the regular meeting of Exemplar Lodge No. 175 held on April 6, 2017 the matter was brought forward as old business and the Worshipful Master directed that the proposed amendments be forwarded to the DDGM as advised by the Grand Secretary on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee. An alternate sponsor (a Past Master) was named by the Lodge as RW. Bro John Girvan would be in a conflict of interest being the Vice President of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes.

I, W. Bro. Iain Girvan on behalf of Exemplar Lodge No. 175 give Notice of Motion that I will move or cause to move the following amendments to the Regulations Part 11.1.6.G – Jurisprudence Committee:

Amendments to the Regulations Part 11.1.6.G. Jurisprudence Committee

Existing wording Part 11.1.6.G.a: The Committee shall consist of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary, plus six (a) appointed members.

Existing wording Part 11.1.6.G.b: Other members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Grand Master from the Board of General Purposes following the Annual Communication, two to be appointed each year for a three-year term. The Grand Master shall make appointments for the unexpired term of any vacancy.

Existing wording Part 11.1.6.G.c: Where the Grand Master is of the opinion that special expertise and abilities are required on the Committee, he may appoint two (2) additional members of this Grand Lodge following the Annual Communication for a one (1) year term.

Existing wording Part 11.1.6.G.d: The Grand Master shall, each year following the Annual Communication, select from among the members of the Committee a Chairman to serve for the ensuing year.

MOTION #04

Constitution and Regulations - Amendments to the Regulations Part II.1.G.6.f Rationale:

Whereas the current wording of Part II.1.G.6.f appears to be in conflict with Article 9 of the Constitution wherein Grand Lodge has vested in it the final power and authority to enact laws, rules and regulations. In the Constitution, Article 17 sets out the process whereby the Constitution and Regulations may be amended. Once a Lodge has approved a Notice of Motion to amend the Constitution it may proceed in one of two ways as specified by section 1.c.

Amendment of Constitution.

- 1 provide written 'Notice of Motion' at the Communication that such Motion will be presented at the next Communication, or
- 2 provide written 'Notice of Motion' to be served on the Grand Secretary not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Communication at which it is to be moved.

The next requirement in Article 17 that seems not to be followed is Section 3:

"Upon receipt of a Notice of Motion to amend the Constitution the Grand Secretary shall cause the same to be published in the Notice of that Communication." Which would suggest; there is no further review required, except by Grand Lodge in Communication. Nowhere is there any requirement in Article 17 of referring the amendment to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Only in Part II. 1. of the Regulations is there wording that refers to a Constitutional amendment being referred to the Jurisprudence Committee by the Board of General Purposes to consider if it is a Constitutional or regulation amendment which conflicts with the process outlined by Article 17, Amendment to the Constitution and therefore is in disrepute.

Existing wording of Part II.1.6.G.f: The Committee shall consider the regularity of proposed amendments to the Constitution and Regulations.

Resolution:

I, W. Bro Iain D. Girvan on behalf of Exemplar Lodge no. 175 will move or cause to be moved that the wording in Part II.1.G.6.f be amended by removing the words "Constitution and" and insert the following after the word Regulations "and if found irregular shall:

1. provide an explanation of their ruling within 7 days following their meeting; and

2. assist the Lodge to correct their regulation amendment(s)".

The proposed amendment to read:

"Part II.1.G.6.f The Committee shall consider the regularity of proposed amendments to the Regulations and if ruled irregular shall;

1. provide an explanation of their ruling within 7 days following their meeting; and
2. assist the Lodge to correct their regulation amendment(s)."

NOTE FROM THE Grand Secretary RWBro Bill Kostenuk: There are two motions that are dealing with the same Regulation II.1.G.6. Both cannot be adopted. If one is adopted, the second one will be automatically deleted as it would be in conflict.

MOTION #05

"The Finance Committee has reviewed our current regulations as they pertain to the Capital Reserve Fund. In addition, the current rules were reviewed as they relate to Non-Profit Organizations and to accumulation of funds under a Capital Reserve Fund, These are outlined under the Income Tax Act and IT-496R Interpretation Ouletln. Since we have accumulated a substantial amount in this Capital Reserve Account and its use should be for a capital purchase. It Is Finance Committee's and the Auditor's opinion that it should be used for the purchase of the building. Thus, CRA would have no reason to revoke our Non-Profit status or oppose the accumulation of funds, The fund would not show on accounts receivable of a loan receivable from Grand Lodge.

Therefore:

I, Robert Thachuk, move that II.1.D.6.d which currently reads:

"The Investments within the General Capital Reserve Fund may be used, as deemed necessary by the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee, through a process of borrowing funds from the Capital Reserve Fund, for deposit into the Grand Lodge General Account. Such funds to be considered a line of credit which must be returned to the Capital Reserve Fund. All transactions must be approved and monitored by the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee." 1999

be amended to read as follows:

"The Investments within the General Capital Reserve Fund may be used, as deemed necessary by the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee. Any withdrawal from the fund should be deposited into the Grand Lodge General Account. All transactions must be approved and monitored by the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee."

Seconded by Jack McBride. Carried.

MOTION #06

ELECTED POSITION

Whereas II.1.B.1 currently reads:

Nominations for any elective office shall be made by a member of Grand lodge on the prescribed form, which must be in the hands of the Grand Lodge office not later than 12 o'clock noon on the last working day of February.

WHEREAS it is undesirable and a possible conflict to have members elected to more than one elected position in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Therefore be it resolved that we add the following sub section to II.1.B.1

a. No member of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can hold more than one elected position at any one time.

Moved by MWBro Gordon Berard, Grand Master.

MOTION #07

Notice of Motion for Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Be it resolved that the current wording of Part II.4.G is not in the proper regulatory format. Words such as may, will and shall should be used rather than the current wording “be permitted”.

I, RW Bro John Girvan of the Board of General Purposes will move or cause to move that Lewis Jewel Part II,4.G. subsections 1 and 2: be amended by removing the words “be permitted to be worn” in subsection 1 and replace them with the words “may be worn” and in subsection 2 add the word “shall” after the words “The Lewis Jewel” the amended subsections to read:

1. The Lewis Jewel may be worn by a Mason , if at the time of his initiation, his father was a Mason in good standing (the initiate of a deceased father – in good standing at the time of his demise, would also qualify to receive the Jewel);
2. The Lewis Jewel shall be suspended by two chains, with two bars, the upper bar containing the name of the father and the date of his initiation and the lower bar containing the name of the Lewis (the son) and his date of initiation.

MOTION #08

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Whereas I.1.K – Article 11 –Boards and Committees currently reads:

I.1.K. - ARTICLE 11 - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. There shall be a Board of General Purposes comprised of the following members:
 - a. the Grand Master,
 - b. those Past Grand Masters resident in the Jurisdiction for a period not to exceed three (3) years following the completion of their term of office as Grand Master,
 - c. the Deputy Grand Master,
 - d. the District Deputy Grand Masters,
 - e. the Senior Grand Warden,
 - f. the Junior Grand Warden,
 - g. the Grand Treasurer,
 - h. the Grand Secretary,

- i. the Grand Registrar,
- j. fifteen (15) elected members,
- k. the President of the Board of Benevolence,
- l. the Chairman of the Committee on the Work,
- m. the Chairman of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee,
- n. the Chairman of Publication and Forms Committee, and
- o. four (4) members appointed by the Grand Master.

2.c. Elected members of the Board shall be elected by Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, five (5) of whom shall be elected each year. Elected members shall serve a term of three (3) years and no elected member of the Board shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. Any elected member of the Board who absents himself from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board without good and sufficient cause, as determined by the presiding officer of the Board, shall be deemed to be no longer a member of the Board.

e. At its first meeting following the Annual Communication, the Board shall elect a President and Vice President from among its non-appointed members. Current Grand Lodge Officers shall not be eligible for this election. The Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Board. A Recording Secretary may also be appointed from the members of the Board.

1. All Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen or Board Presidents shall hold office until a successor is elected or appointed in their stead.

2. A vacating Grand Lodge Committee Chairman or Board President may remain at the first meeting of his successor.

f. Where the President and Vice President are absent from any meeting of the Board, the Board shall elect a Chairman pro tempore from its members present.

g. Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

6. Except where otherwise specified in the Regulations, the Chairmen of the foregoing Boards and Committees shall be chosen annually by the Grand Master from the Board of General Purposes. 2003

Change to:

Preamble:

The proposed changes cause the GLA to operate under the leadership of individuals duly elected at an Annual Communication by the entire membership of this Grand Jurisdiction and who represent continuity on the Board and awareness of all the issues before the Board of General Purposes. In concert with other proposed changes to the C&R, this supports the development of operational knowledge, skills and leadership. These changes enable the BGP to act in a timely and responsive manner and maintains a reasonable and representative number of committee members. All non-voting members shall continue to be empowered to present and debate all points before the Board.

I, WB. Lorne Weaver, Member of the Grand Master's Vision Committee, move or will cause to be moved I.1.K. - ARTICLE 11 - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES be amended to read:

I.1.K. - ARTICLE 11 - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. There shall be a Board of General Purposes comprised of the following voting members:

- a. the Grand Master,
- b. the Immediate Past Grand Master
- c. the Deputy Grand Master,
- d. the Senior Grand Warden
- e. the Junior Grand Warden,
- f. nine (9) elected members,

2. The following will be non-voting members of the Board of General Purposes

- a. the Grand Treasurer,
- b. the Grand Secretary,
- c. the Grand Registrar,
- d. the President of the Board of Benevolence,
- e. the Chairman of the Committee on the Work,
- f. the Chairman of the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee,
- g. the Chairman of Publication and Forms Committee,
- h. the DDGM's.

(renumber all following sections)

3.c Elected members of the Board shall be elected by Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, three (3) of whom shall be elected each year. Elected members shall serve a term of three (3) years and no elected member of the Board shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. Any elected member of the Board who absents himself from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board without good and sufficient cause, as determined by the presiding officer of the Board, shall be deemed to be no longer a member of the Board.

e. At its first meeting following the Annual Communication, the Board shall elect a President and Vice President from among its non-appointed members. Current Grand Lodge Officers shall not be eligible for this election. (remove). The Grand Line officers are not eligible for this election. The Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Board. A Recording Secretary pro tempore may also (remove) be appointed from the members of the Board in the absence of the Grand Secretary.

1. All Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen or Board Presidents shall hold office until a successor is elected or appointed in their stead.

2. A vacating Grand Lodge Committee Chairman or Board President may remain at the first meeting of his successor.

f. Where the President and Vice President are absent from any meeting of the Board, the Board shall elect a Chairman pro tempore from its members present.

g. Seven (7) voting members shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

7. Except where otherwise specified in the Regulations, the Chairmen of the foregoing Boards and Committees shall be chosen annually by the Grand Master from this Grand Lodge.

The Constitutional amendment to I.I.K. - ARTICLE 11 - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES adopted at the Annual Communication in 2018, due to the organisational changes will take time to implement. These organizational and managerial changes will take place in phases. The election of voting members (I.I.K.1.f.) shall be implemented through attrition over the

subsequent three years. All other changes to this article are with immediate effect. This transition clause will appear in the Constitution from the date of adoption until the completion of the modifications, and this transition clause will automatically be deleted from the Constitution when the changes are fully implemented, the anticipated target date being at or before the Annual Communication in 2021.

MOTION #09

II.1.G.2. BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

a. The Board shall hold four (4) Regular meetings each year in the months of October, March, May and immediately before the Annual Communication, the date and time to be set by the President, in consultation with the Grand Master. Additional meetings may be called by the President and/or the Grand Master. Any member of Grand Lodge may attend a meeting if prior permission has been obtained from the President. 2003

Change to:

Preamble:

Currently, each year following the Annual Communication, the Board of General Purposes meets four (4) months after new members are elected to the Board, after motions have been carried, failed or referred back to the Board of General Purposes. This creates a significant delay in moving forward with the work of the GLA and issues before the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. It then leaves less than five (5) months to complete work and submit proposed actions and changes to the subsequent Annual Communication. Adding a meeting immediately post Annual Communication supports orientation, transition to a new leadership group and facilitates the work of GLA before the stipulated October meeting. The month of June is a full schedule for the newly installed Grand Line as they attend many other Grand Jurisdictions' Annual Communication. Setting a specific day for the first meeting provides certainty all members of the Board, new and old, to be prepared and plan schedules accordingly.

I, WB. Lorne Weaver, Member of the Grand Master's Vision Committee, move or will cause to be moved II.1.G.2. BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES be amended to read:

II.1.G.2. BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

a. The Board shall hold five (5) Regular meetings each year in the months of October, March, May, immediately before the Annual Communication and on the first Thursday of July post Annual Communication unless it is July 1 in which case the meeting shall be the second Thursday of July, the time and place to be set by the President, in consultation with the Grand Master. Additional meetings may be called by the President and/or the Grand Master. Any member of Grand Lodge may attend a meeting if prior permission has been obtained from the President.

The Constitutional amendment to II.1.G.2. BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES adopted at the Annual Communication in 2018, due to the organisational changes will take time to fully implement. These organizational and managerial changes will take place in phases in consultation with the Grand Master, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and the Jurisprudence Committee. There shall be no censure to members of the Board for missing the two consecutive meetings following Annual Communication 2018. All other changes to this article are with immediate effect. This transition clause will appear in the Constitution from the

date of adoption until the completion of the modifications, and this transition clause will automatically be deleted from the Constitution when the changes are fully implemented, the anticipated target date being at or before the Annual Communication in 2020.

MOTION #10

Whereas II.1.G.6. - JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE currently reads:

II.1.G.6. - JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

- a. The Committee shall consist of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, plus six (6) appointed members.
- b. Other members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Grand Master from the Board of General Purposes following the Annual Communication, two (2) to be appointed each year for a three (3) year term. The Grand Master shall make appointments for the unexpired term of any vacancy.
- c. Where the Grand Master is of the opinion that special expertise and abilities are required on the Committee, he may appoint two (2) additional members of this Grand Lodge following the Annual Communication for a one (1) year term.
- d. The Grand Master shall, each year following the Annual Communication, select from among the members of the Committee a Chairman to serve for the ensuing year.
- i. Six (6) members shall constitute a quorum of the Committee.

Change to:

Preamble

Currently, the Jurisprudence Committee may have up to 13 members. It is commonly recognized that committee processes and outcomes are more effective while employing a lower number of committee members. The changes support the needs of the GLA while retaining the ability for the Grand Master to select from this Grand Jurisdiction brethren who are skilled and knowledgeable in the important work of this committee. Ideally, committee members shall have a professional background in the legal system or contract administration and interpretation.

I, WB. Lorne Weaver, Member of the Grand Master's Vision Committee, move or will cause to be moved II.1.G.6. - JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE be amended to read:

II.1.G.6. JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

- a. The Committee shall consist of 5 voting members;
 1. Grand Master,
 2. Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, plus six (6) appointed members (remove)
 3. Chair of the Jurisprudence Committee appointed by the Grand Master from this Grand Lodge to serve for the ensuing year,

4. Two appointed members. The Grand Master shall appoint 1 person for a two-year (2) year term, in consultation with the President of the Board of General Purposes and the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, from the Board of General Purposes following the Annual Communication.

b. The Grand Secretary shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Committee.

c. Where the Grand Master is of the opinion that special expertise and abilities are required on the Committee, he may appoint two (2) additional non-voting members of this Grand Lodge following the Annual Communication for a one (1) year term.

d. The Grand Master shall, each year following the Annual Communication, select from among the members of the Committee a Chairman to serve for the ensuing year. (remove)

Renumber paragraphs g, h, i

h. Three (3) voting members shall constitute a quorum of the Committee.

The Constitutional amendment to II.1.G.6. JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE adopted at the Annual Communication in 2018, due to the organisational changes will take time to fully implement. These organizational and managerial changes will take place in phases in consultation with the Grand Master the Board of General Purposes, and the Jurisprudence Committee. The appointment of members (II.1.G.6.a.4) shall be implemented through attrition commencing 2018 and over the subsequent two years. All other changes to this article are with immediate effect. This transition clause will appear in the Constitution from the date of adoption until the completion of the modifications, and this transition clause will automatically be deleted from the Constitution when the changes are fully implemented, the anticipated target date being at or before the Annual Communication in 2020.

NOTE FROM THE Grand Secretary RWBro Bill Kostenuk: There are two motions that are dealing with the same Regulation II.1.G.6. Both cannot be adopted. If one is adopted, the second one will be automatically deleted as it would be in conflict.

MOTION #11

THE MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE

Whereas II.1.G.7 THE MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE currently reads:

II.1.G.7.i The Committee may award any number of bursaries but shall not exceed, in the aggregate, the finances available for the year.

Change to:

Preamble:

The Board of General Purposes (BGP) is responsible to the Grand Lodge and has exclusive jurisdiction in relation to all administrative matters of the Grand Lodge including all financial affairs of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The BGP may delegate any of its powers to one (1) or more Committees of the Board. The Finance Committee, subject to approval of the BGP, has the

overall responsibility for financial management of all funds held by the GLA. Coordination of all financial affairs is imperative to effective stewardship of all financial resources.

I, WB. Geoffrey Chevrier, Member of the Grand Master's Vision Committee, move or will cause to be moved II.1.G.7.i be amended to read:

II.1.G.7.i The Committee may award any number of bursaries but shall not exceed, in the aggregate, the finances available for the year. The finances available for the forthcoming year shall be determined in consultation and agreement with the Finance Committee no later than 30 days after fiscal year end.

MOTION #12

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Whereas II.1.G.4. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE currently reads:

II.1.G.4. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. The Committee shall consist of:

1. the Chairman - elected by and from the Board of General Purposes for a two (2) year term
2. the Grand Master
3. the Deputy Grand Master
4. the Senior Grand Warden (as an observer) the Junior Grand Warden (as an observer)
5. the Grand Treasurer
6. the Grand Secretary
7. six (6) members of the Board of General Purposes appointed by the Grand Master, two (2) each year for a three (3) year term

b. The Finance Committee shall meet quarterly and at such other time or times as the Chairman thereof may require or decide, for the transaction and dispatch of the business of Grand Lodge.

c. The Committee shall, either through a Budget Committee chaired by the Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee and including the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary and two (2) other members of the Finance Committee, or working as a whole, prepare an annual budget projection for the year commencing January 1st following its presentation to Grand Lodge.

1. This Budget projection shall include revenue and expense figures covering the operations of the Grand Lodge and the expenses of its Officers. It shall also include figures produced by the Grand Secretary estimating the total cost of staffing the Grand Lodge office.

2. The Budget projection shall be presented to the Board of General Purposes at or prior to its February meeting for consideration and confirmation where applicable prior to being forwarded to the Constituent Lodges. That section of the budget projection covering the total cost of staffing the Grand Lodge office shall be determined by the Board and may not be specifically changed by the Annual Communication. 2003

3. The Budget projection shall be forwarded to the Constituent Lodges for their study ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Communication. Specific suggestions for changes may be forwarded by the Lodges to the Finance Committee prior to the Annual Communication for consideration.

4. The Annual Communication may reject the whole or any part of the Budget Projection presented, other than that section on staffing which is noted in II.1.G.4.c. above, and, in doing so, delegate authority to the Board of General Purposes to approve a final Budget projection prior to the commencement of the Budget year involved.

5. The Committee shall administer the annual Budgets and present a progress report on the current Budget at each Annual Communication.

6. The Committee shall consider for approval all expenses exceeding those duly budgeted and, if approved, confirm such approvals at the next meeting of the Board of General Purposes.

d. The Committee shall, on behalf of and subject to the approval of the Board of General Purposes:

1. hire and terminate all paid Officers of Grand Lodge;
2. fix the remuneration and regulations for the superannuation and retirement or for such other termination of employment of such Officers subject to the Labour Laws of Alberta;
3. establish rules and regulations for the superannuation and retirement or for such other termination of employment of such Officers subject to the Labour Laws of Alberta;

e. The Committee shall consider and, if in agreement, transfer the necessary moneys from the Benevolence Capital Fund to the Relief Operating Fund upon a duly authorized request from the Board of Benevolence.

f. The Committee Chairman shall provide a written interim report to the Board of General Purposes at every regular meeting of that Board. 2003

g. Six (6) members shall constitute a quorum of the Committee.

Change to:

Preamble:

The administration of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge requires ever greater diligence and oversight to be timely and effective to improve the overall funds management and investment performance. The Grand Lodge of Alberta and its various activities, require careful coordination of all operations and endowment funds, budget preparations and investment management of all the funds.

I, WB. Geoffrey Chevrier, Member of the Grand Master's Vision Committee, move or will cause to be moved II.1.G.4. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE be amended to read:

II.1.G.4. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

a. The Committee shall consist of:

1. the Chairman - elected by and from the voting membership of the Board of General Purposes (BGP) for up to two (2) years (subject to maintaining membership on the BGP)
2. the Vice-Chairman, shall be the Grand Treasurer by virtue of his office and is a non-voting member.
3. the Grand Master
4. the Grand Secretary, as a non-voting member
5. the Deputy Grand Master

6. four (4) members of this Grand Lodge appointed by the Grand Master in consultation with the President of the Board of General Purposes and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, two (2) each year for a two (2) year term.

7. two (2) DDGM elected by the DDGMs for a one year term

b. The Finance Committee shall meet quarterly and at such other time or times as the Chairman thereof may require or decide, for the transaction and dispatch of the business of Grand Lodge.

c. The Committee shall have a Budget sub-committee consisting of:

1. the Grand Treasurer (Chairman)
2. the Grand Secretary
3. the Deputy Grand Master
4. the Senior Grand Warden
5. the Chairman of MHEBC
6. the President of the Board of Benevolence

d. 1. This Budget projection shall include revenue and expense figures covering all activities of the Grand Lodge of Alberta including the operations of Grand Lodge and the expenses of its Officers, the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund and the Benevolence Fund. It shall also include figures produced by the Grand Secretary estimating the total cost of staffing the Grand Lodge office.

2. The Budget projection shall be presented to the Board of General Purposes at or prior to its March meeting for consideration and confirmation where applicable prior to being forwarded to the Constituent Lodges. That section of the budget projection covering the total cost of staffing the Grand Lodge office shall be determined by the Board and may not be specifically changed by the Annual Communication. 2003

3. The Budget projection shall be forwarded to the Constituent Lodges for their study ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Communication. Specific suggestions for changes may be forwarded by the Lodges to the Finance Committee prior to the Annual Communication for consideration.

4. The Annual Communication may reject the whole or any part of the Budget Projection presented, other than that section on staffing which is noted in II.1.G.4.d. above, and, in doing so, delegate authority to the Board of General Purposes to approve a final Budget projection prior to the commencement of the Budget year involved.

5. The Committee shall administer the annual Budgets and present a progress report on the current Budget at each Annual Communication.

6. The Committee shall consider for approval all expenses exceeding those duly budgeted as per the Procurement Policy of Grand Lodge and, if approved, confirm such approvals at the next meeting of the Board of General Purposes.

e. The Committee shall, on behalf of and subject to the approval of the Board of General Purposes:

1. hire and terminate all paid Officers of Grand Lodge;
2. fix the remuneration and regulations for the superannuation and retirement or for such other termination of employment of such Officers subject to the Labour Laws of Alberta;
3. establish rules and regulations for the superannuation and retirement or for such other termination of employment of such Officers subject to the Labour Laws of Alberta;

f. The Committee shall have an Investment sub-committee which shall:

1. Consist of three (3) members from this Grand Lodge, appointed by the Finance Committee, one per year for a three (3) year term;

i. Appointees need financial management experience

ii. Shall not be in a conflict of interest managing GL funds,

2. Shall manage and oversee investments and annually review the Grand Lodge Statement of Investment Policy and Procedure (SIPP), subject to approval by the Finance Committee and the Board of General Purposes.

3. Report to the Finance Committee regarding the status of the GL investment portfolio including income generated over the prior twelve (12) months, an assessment of potential risks and opportunities and confirm the risk profile of the current portfolio prior to the Board of General Purposes meeting in March.

g. The Committee shall consider and, if in agreement, transfer the necessary moneys from the Benevolence Capital Fund to the Relief Operating Fund upon a duly authorized request from the Board of Benevolence.

h. The Committee Chairman shall provide a written interim report to the Board of General Purposes at every regular meeting of that Board. 2003

i. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum of the Finance Committee.

The Constitutional amendment to II.1.G.4. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE adopted at the Annual Communication in 2018, due to the organisational changes will take time to implement. These organizational and managerial changes will take place in phases in consultation with the Grand Master the Board of General Purposes, and the Jurisprudence Committee. The appointment of members (II.1.G.4.a.6.) shall be implemented through attrition commencing 2018 and over the subsequent two years. All other changes to this article are with immediate effect. This transition clause will appear in the Constitution from the date of adoption until the completion of the modifications, and this transition clause will automatically be deleted from the Constitution when the changes are fully implemented, the anticipated target date being before the Annual Communication in 2020.

MOTION #13

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas I.1.K.5 – Article 11– Committees currently reads:

a. There shall be the following Committees of the Board of General Purposes:

1. the Executive Committee
2. the Finance Committee
3. the Jurisprudence Committee
4. the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee
5. the Fraternal Relations Committee
6. the Committee on the Condition of Masonry
7. the Credentials Committee
8. the Deputy Grand Master's Implementation Committee
9. the Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin
10. the Masonic Medal of Merit Committee
11. the Publications and Forms Committee

b. The following Board and Committee are responsible and answerable to the Board of General Purposes for all administration and regulations:

1. the Board of Benevolence
2. the Committee on the Work

I, WB. Brian Wik, Member of the Grand Master's Vision Committee, move that I.1.K.5 – Article 11 - Committees be amended to read.

a. There shall be the following Committees of the Board of General Purposes:

1. the Executive Committee
2. the Finance Committee
3. the Jurisprudence Committee
4. the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee
5. the Fraternal Relations Committee
6. the Committee on the Condition of Masonry
7. the Credentials Committee
8. the Deputy Grand Master's Implementation Committee
- the Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin (delete)
9. the Masonic Medal of Merit Committee
- the Publications and Forms Committee (delete)
10. the Communications Committee (insert)

b. The following Board and Committee are responsible and answerable to the Board of General Purposes for all administration and regulations:

1. the Board of Benevolence
2. the Committee on the Work

The Constitutional amendment to I.1.K.5 – Article 11 - Committees adopted at the Annual Communication in 2018, due to the organisational changes will take time to implement. These organizational and managerial changes will take place in phases in consultation with the Grand Master and the Board of General Purposes. It is expected the members of the dissolved committees (Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin and Publications and Forms Committee) will meet with the newly formed Communications Committee following Annual Communication to ensure there is a smooth and orderly transition to a Communications Committee. This transition clause will appear in the Constitution from the date of adoption until the completion of the modifications, and this transition clause will automatically be deleted from the Constitution when the changes are fully implemented, the anticipated target date being before the Annual Communication in 2019.

Motion #14

Establishment of a Communications Committee

Preamble:

Where there is no cohesive internal or external communications plan that unifies the Grand Lodge of Alberta (GLA) communications to the members, to the lodges, or the public. Current GLA communication is not keeping pace with the changes in technology, web site development nor up with the type of information and communications that can be provided to the membership and the lodges. There does not appear to be any GLA processes or practices seeking information from any other GLA committees for substance for the such communications that may exist to the membership.

Additionally, the GLA does not have any mechanisms that can quickly garner feedback from members and lodges about what it is that they would like to see and/or read from Grand Lodge. A survey of other grand lodges indicated that two organizations do seek feedback from the members on GL programs or services.

The GLA presently has communications functions spread amongst two committees (Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin and Publications and Forms Committee) and random activities of the Grand Secretary. These two committees have the task of being producing various GLA materials and are supposed oversee Masonic literature and websites within the jurisdiction.

A recent survey of four other grand lodges found that two of them have Communications Committees. One of the jurisdictions indicated that its communications committee has two past masters who are professionals in the communications business.

Recommendation:

It is proposed that the Publications and Forms Committee and the Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin be folded into one Communications Committee with a mandate to develop, implement and maintain a contemporary comprehensive communications plan that supports the Craft in all aspects of its activities and interests.

I, WB. Brian Wik, Member of the Grand Master's Vision Committee, move that article II.1.G.13 (Committee on the Grand Lodge Bulletin) and II.1.G.15 (Publications and Forms Committee) be deleted and replaced by a Communications Committee.

1. The Committee shall consist of:

- a. The Junior Grand Warden,
- b. The Grand Secretary,
- c. A DDGM who shall be elected by the DDGMs each year for a one year term
- d. Five (5) brethren who ideally have experience in public relations, journalism, advertising, social media or marketing, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master in consultation with the Chairman of the Communications Committee and one of whom shall be the Editor of the Alberta Freemason.
- e. Three brethren appointed by the Grand Master from the membership of this Grand Lodge one (1) each year for a three (3) year term.

2. The Committee shall elect a Chairman at the first meeting following the Annual Communication.

The duties and responsibilities of the committee shall be to:

1. Develop an annual communications plan and/or editorial calendar for the GLA;
2. Gather information from the membership to identify story ideas and themes of interest;
3. Write and edit stories for various GLA communications vehicles, when required;
4. Develop, modify, maintain and approve all GLA forms in applications software supporting hardcopy and electronic media.

5. Ensure the GLA website is appropriately updated and GLA social media sites provided with suitable content;
6. Solicit from other GLA Committees ideas or information which can be used in GLA communications;
7. Attend quarterly meetings (in person or electronically) where ideas will be discussed and deliverables will be assigned;
8. Review and approve all masonic websites, social media sites or other electronic applications, literature which may be broadcast to the public or Craft within this Grand Jurisdiction ensuring compliance with the GLA Constitution and Regulations;
9. It is the responsibility of the Chairman to draw to the attention of the Grand Master and the Board of General Purposes, through the office of the Grand Secretary, any unapproved websites, social media sites, literature and forms which are being generated and circulated.
10. Produce a monthly Alberta Freemason publication in each month of the year except July and August;
 - a. The Alberta Freemason shall include materials submitted by the Brethren plus materials from the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master and his Officers.
 - b. The materials shall be of general interest to the Craft and shall include special events occurring in this Jurisdiction. There shall be no paid advertising in the Alberta Freemason.
 - c. The Editor, shall exercise writing skills and his overall knowledge of Freemasonry as a whole and in this Grand Jurisdiction in particular, plus knowledge of outside sources of publishable material to edit any and all material to be published.
 - d. All members of Lodges, based on the June Semi-Annual Returns, shall be provided with a copy of each month's Alberta Freemason with the cost incorporated in the Per Capita Fee.
11. The Communications Committee shall report annually at the May meeting of the Board of General Purposes.

The Committee may seek outside professional help in the design of a communications plan or the technical development communications media.

Reporting Relationship:

This committee reports directly to the Board of General Purposes.

Budget:

The Communications Committee shall present an annual budget request to the Finance Committee no later than January 31 of each year.

The Constitutional amendment to II.1.G.13, II.1.G.15 and the implementation of a comprehensive Communications Committee adopted at the Annual Communication in 2018, due to the organisational changes will take time to implement. For the inaugural year and per part 1.e, the Grand Master 2018-2019 shall appoint one (1) member for one year, one (1) member for two years and one (1) member for three years. The organization and establishment of Communication Committee and budget request should be completed by Annual Communication 2019. These organizational and managerial changes will take place in phases over the next three years in consultation with the Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes, and the

Jurisprudence Committee. This transition clause will appear in the Constitution from the date of adoption until the completion of the modifications, and this transition clause will automatically be deleted from the Constitution when the changes are fully implemented, the anticipated target date being before the Annual Communication in 2020.

MOTION #15

Grand Secretary (1 of 3)

Preamble:

The business of the GLA is evolved, notably, operating within today's readily changing and complex technical, legal and social environment and duties have already been moved to other brethren. At one time, there were 5 staff in the Grand Lodge office and 5 organizers for the Annual Communication along with numerous volunteer brethren assisting the Grand Secretary. While there are fewer Lodges and members, the pace of activity has greatly accelerated such that the Grand Secretary with 1 administrative assistant cannot meet all the expectations outlined in the C&R in a manner that satisfactorily addresses the needs of GL Officers, the members of the Craft or the public. Therefore, it is necessary to refocus the work of the Grand Secretary and realign some committee related duties.

I, WB. Geoffrey Chevrier, Member of the Grand Master's Vision Committee, move or cause to be moved the following article be amended to change the duties, role and responsibilities of the Grand Secretary as follow:

Currently reads:

II.1.F DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

1. The Grand Secretary:

a. shall be accountable to the Board of General Purposes for his conduct and actions;

b. shall ex officio serve as a member and resource person of all Boards and Committees existing or created within this Grand Lodge. He shall serve as Recording Secretary of those Boards and Committees only where it is not feasible to appoint a separate Recording Secretary, at the discretion of the Chairman;

r. shall act as Grand Librarian and take charge of the library of Grand Lodge, under such regulations as the Board of General Purposes may prescribe;

Change to:

II.1.F. DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

1. The Grand Secretary:

a. shall be accountable to the Board of General Purposes for his conduct and actions.

b. shall serve as the Secretary for Grand Lodge Communications, the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Master may appoint the Grand Secretary to act as the Recording Secretary of any other Grand Lodge committee or sub-committee.

r. shall act as Grand Librarian and take charge of the library of Grand Lodge, under such regulations as the Board of General Purposes may prescribe; (remove)

MOTION #16

Grand Secretary (2 of 3)

I, WB. Geoffrey Chevrier, Member of the Grand Master's Vision Committee, move or cause to be moved the following article be amended to change the duties, role and responsibilities of the Grand Secretary as follow:

Currently reads:

II.1.G.3. BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

a. The elected members of the Board shall consist of six (6) members, three (3) to be elected each year by Grand Lodge for a two (2) year term. The appointed members of the Board shall consist of two (2) members appointed by the Grand Master annually in consultation with the President of the Board. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

b. A member who is a Worshipful Master or a Past Master and resident in this Jurisdiction is eligible for election or appointment to the Board of Benevolence.

c. The Board, at its first meeting following the Grand Lodge Communication, shall elect a President and a Vice-President for the ensuing year and name the day and time for a regular quarterly meeting.

d. The Grand Secretary shall be Secretary of the Board.

e. Five (5) members of which a minimum of three (3) must be elected shall constitute a quorum.

f. The Board shall have the final decision in the determination of grants from the Relief Savings Account of Grand Lodge.

g. All petitions for assistance must be made on forms approved by the Board through a Constituent Lodge and be signed by the Worshipful Master or presiding Officer and the Secretary and have the Lodge seal affixed. Exceptions may be made to this rule on the unanimous consent of members at a Regular meeting of the Board.

1. For all petitions for Assistance, that shall exceed a twelve (12) month duration, the Lodge must prepare a new Petition for Assistance, prior to the anniversary date, on the forms approved and as defined in II.1.G.3.g. The Board of Benevolence, with the unanimous consent of the members present, may elect to continue or reject the application to the Petitioner.

h. All collections of moneys made within a tyld Lodge must be used for no other purpose than that of benevolence.

- i. Those eligible for grants shall be:
 - 1. a member of a Constituent Lodge in this Jurisdiction,
 - 2. a relative of a member of a Constituent Lodge in this Jurisdiction.
- j. The Board may from time to time and in any specific instance determine that an individual is a relative of such a member, and such determination shall be final and conclusive. Such determination may be made on humanitarian grounds and not necessarily legal grounds.
- k. Grants made by the Board are to be considered as supplementary aid to that given by the Lodge recommending the petition. The first responsibility rests with the Lodge.
- l. In cases of pressing need arising between meetings of the Board, interim grants may be made by the President, Vice-President and Grand Secretary, or any two (2) of them, and reported at the next meeting.
- m. Grants shall be payable by cheque as directed by the Board, and signed by the signing Officers of Grand Lodge.
- n. The Board of Benevolence, with the unanimous consent of the members present, may make grants to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund of Grand Lodge.
- o. Grants shall not be made for the purpose of:
 - 1. defraying funeral expenses, unless the Board shall have unanimously consented to the arrangement;
 - 2. making a loan to a Lodge.
- p. The Board may, if necessary, request the Finance Committee to transfer funds from the Benevolence Capital Fund to the Relief Operating Fund provided that:
 - 1. the Board of Benevolence is unanimous in the request.
 - 2. the money is to be used for Masonic benevolence and for no other purpose.
 - 3. the Grand Master gives his consent.
- q. The Board of Benevolence, while maintaining the confidentiality of the beneficiaries, shall report regularly to the Board of General Purposes as to:
 - 1. the amount of money disbursed in the previous quarter;
 - 2. the number of recipients;
 - 3. the general range of the grants;
 - 4. the general status, the number and the size of the petitions under consideration.
- r. The Board of Benevolence shall report annually to the Grand Lodge through the Board of General Purposes as to the disbursements from the Relief Funds, maintaining the confidentiality of the beneficiaries.
- s. The Board of Benevolence shall consider and make recommendations to the Board of General Purposes on all matters likely to promote and assist the cause of Masonic Benevolence and the relief of the poor and distressed.

Change to:

II.1.G.3. BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

- a. The elected members of the Board shall consist of six (6) members, three (3) to be elected each year by Grand Lodge for a two (2) year term. The appointed members of the Board shall consist of two (2) members appointed by the Grand Master annually in consultation with the President of the Board. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment.
- b. A member who is a Worshipful Master or a Past Master and resident in this Jurisdiction is eligible for election or appointment to the Board of Benevolence.
- c. The Board, at its first meeting following the Grand Lodge Communication, shall elect a President, and a (delete) Vice-President and a Recording Secretary, for the ensuing year and name the day and time for a regular quarterly meeting.
- d. The Grand Secretary shall be Secretary of the Board. (remove) and renumber the remaining clauses
- e. Five (5) members of which a minimum of three (3) must be elected shall constitute a quorum.
- f. The Board shall have the final decision in the determination of grants from the Relief Savings Account of Grand Lodge.
- g. All petitions for assistance must be made on forms approved by the Board through a Constituent Lodge and be signed by the Worshipful Master or presiding Officer and the Secretary and have the Lodge seal affixed. Exceptions may be made to this rule on the unanimous consent of members at a Regular meeting of the Board.
 - 1. For all petitions for Assistance, that shall exceed a twelve (12) month duration, the Lodge must prepare a new Petition for Assistance, prior to the anniversary date, on the forms approved and as defined in II.1.G.3.g. The Board of Benevolence, with the unanimous consent of the members present, may elect to continue or reject the application to the Petitioner.
- h. All collections of moneys made within a tyled Lodge must be used for no other purpose than that of benevolence.
- i. Those eligible for grants shall be
 - 1. a member of a Constituent Lodge in this Jurisdiction
 - 2. a relative of a member of a Constituent Lodge in this Jurisdiction.
- j. The Board may from time to time and in any specific instance determine that an individual is a relative of such a member, and such determination shall be final and conclusive. Such determination may be made on humanitarian grounds and not necessarily legal grounds.
- k. Grants made by the Board are to be considered as supplementary aid to that given by the Lodge recommending the petition. The first responsibility rests with the Lodge.
- l. In cases of pressing need arising between meetings of the Board, interim grants may be made by the President, Vice-President and Grand Secretary, or any two (2) of them, and reported at the next meeting.
- m. Grants shall be payable by cheque as directed by the Board, and signed by the signing Officers of Grand Lodge.
- n. The Board of Benevolence, with the unanimous consent of the members present, may make grants to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund of Grand Lodge.

o. Grants shall not be made for the purpose of:

1. defraying funeral expenses, unless the Board shall have unanimously consented to the arrangement;
2. making a loan to a Lodge.

p. The Board may, if necessary, request the Finance Committee to transfer funds from the Benevolence Capital Fund to the Relief Operating Fund provided that:

1. the Board of Benevolence is unanimous in the request.
2. the money is to be used for Masonic benevolence and for no other purpose.
3. the Grand Master gives his consent.

q. The Board of Benevolence, while maintaining the confidentiality of the beneficiaries, shall report regularly to the Board of General Purposes as to:

1. the amount of money disbursed in the previous quarter;
2. the number of recipients;
3. the general range of the grants;
4. the general status, the number and the size of the petitions under consideration.

r. The Board of Benevolence shall report annually to the Grand Lodge through the Board of General Purposes as to the disbursements from the Relief Funds, maintaining the confidentiality of the beneficiaries.

s. The Board of Benevolence shall consider and make recommendations to the Board of General Purposes on all matters likely to promote and assist the cause of Masonic Benevolence and the relief of the poor and distressed.

Motion #17

Grand Secretary (3 of 3)

Preamble

In addition to the preamble attached to motion 1 of 3, while the Grand Secretary may continue to provide administrative support to the MHEBF through the applicant interview and selection process, there is no necessity for the Grand Secretary to be an ex officio member of the MHEBF to provide this process support. Planned, organized, consistent business practices and effective communication from the Committee Chair will alleviate the Grand Secretary from attending this Committee's meetings.

Currently reads:

II.1.G.7 THE MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE

a. There shall be a Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee which shall consist of six (6) members elected by the Grand Lodge, with the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary as ex officio members.

Change to:

II.1.G.7 THE MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY COMMITTEE

a. There shall be a Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee which shall consist of six (6) members elected by the Grand Lodge, with the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master *and the Grand Secretary (remove)* as ex officio members.

Motion #18

GRAND TREASURER

Preamble:

The business aspect of the Grand Lodge of Alberta is evolved requiring considerable attention to the financial management of its assets. These assets include the operating fund, Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund and Benevolence Funds. The environment is constantly changing and complex requiring considerable time and skill to ensure all budgets, activities and reporting are both timely and in accordance with accepted standards and practices. This importance of this role has changed and requires technical knowledge and experience bring the maximum benefit to the GLA and its members. It is proposed the role of the Grand Treasurer be amended as outlined in the changes proposed in the following sections, articles and clauses of the Constitution and Regulations.

I, WB. Geoffrey Chevrier, member of the Grand Master's Vision Committee, move or cause to be moved the following articles be amended to change the duties, role and responsibilities of the Grand Treasurer as follow:

Whereas I.1.G. - ARTICLE 7 - ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS currently reads:

1. Pursuant to the Regulations, the Officers of Grand Lodge, except the Grand Master, shall:

- a. be elected or appointed annually,
- b. hold that office until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and installed or invested.

2. a. The following officers shall be elected by secret ballot at Grand Lodge:

1. the Deputy Grand Master
2. the Senior Grand Warden
3. the Junior Grand Warden
4. the Grand Treasurer

in accordance with the procedures specified in the Regulations.

b. The Deputy Grand Master shall automatically progress to the office of Grand Master, without further election, on the completion of the term of office of the incumbent and shall commence his planning immediately upon election to the office of Deputy Grand Master.

c. The Grand Tyler shall be elected by open vote of Grand Lodge.

3. A District Deputy Grand Master shall be elected by each Grand Lodge District in accordance with the procedures specified in the Regulations.

4. The Grand Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of General Purposes, subject to the confirmation of Grand Lodge.

And ...

I.1.H.7. – continued

8. Where the Grand Secretary:
- a. dies,
 - b. takes residency outside this Jurisdiction, or
 - c. in the decision of the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes confirmed by the Board of General Purposes, becomes incompetent by reason of physical or mental handicap, or
 - d. becomes incapable by reason of willful incapacitation, or 2002
 - e. becomes incapable by reason of deficiencies in skill, knowledge or attitude to perform the duties of his office, or
 - f. where the Grand Secretary resigns his office upon reasonable notice, or
 - g. is terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of any employment contract, should one arise in the future.
 - h. that office shall be deemed vacant and filled in the following manner:
 1. the Finance Committee shall appoint a temporary replacement, and
 2. the Finance Committee shall obtain the ratification of that appointment from the Board of General Purposes.
 3. A permanent Grand Secretary shall be obtained by the procedure set out in Part II. Chapter 1.G.2.g.

Change to:

I.1.G. - ARTICLE 7 - ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

1. Pursuant to the Regulations, the Officers of Grand Lodge, except the Grand Master, shall:
 - a. be elected or appointed annually,
 - b. hold that office until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and installed or invested.
2. a. The following officers shall be elected by secret ballot at Grand Lodge:
 1. the Deputy Grand Master
 2. the Senior Grand Warden
 3. the Junior Grand Warden
 4. the Grand Treasurer (remove)in accordance with the procedures specified in the Regulations.
- b. The Deputy Grand Master shall automatically progress to the office of Grand Master, without further election, on the completion of the term of office of the incumbent and shall commence his planning immediately upon election to the office of Deputy Grand Master
- c. The Grand Tyler shall be elected by open vote of Grand Lodge.
3. A District Deputy Grand Master shall be elected by each Grand Lodge District in accordance with the procedures specified in the Regulations.

4. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of General Purposes, subject to the confirmation of Grand Lodge.

I.1.H.8. – continued

Add

9. Where the Grand Treasurer:

- a. dies,
- b. takes residency outside this Jurisdiction, or
- c. in the decision of the Grand Master and the President of the Board of General Purposes confirmed by the Board of General Purposes, becomes incompetent by reason of physical or mental handicap, or
- d. becomes incapable by reason of willful incapacitation, or 2002
- e. becomes incapable by reason of deficiencies in skill, knowledge or attitude to perform the duties of his office, or
- f. where the Grand Treasurer resigns his office upon reasonable notice, or
- g. is terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of any employment contract, should one arise in the future
- h. that office shall be deemed vacant and filled in the following manner:
 1. the Finance Committee shall appoint a temporary replacement, and
 2. the Finance Committee shall obtain the ratification of that appointment from the Board of General Purposes.
 3. A permanent Grand Treasurer shall be obtained by the procedure set out in Part II. Chapter 1.G.2.g.

Renumber clause 9

10. Where any other Grand Lodge Officer:

- a. dies,
- b. takes residency outside this Jurisdiction, or
- c. in the decision of the Grand Master becomes incapable for any reason of performing the duties of his office, that office shall be deemed vacant and the Grand Master may appoint a qualified member to fill that office for the unexpired term or the period of incapacity or absence.

Whereas J. ARTICLE 10 – POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS currently reads:

I.1.J.7. The Grand Treasurer shall:

- a. superintend the financial affairs of Grand Lodge,
- b. carry out such other duties as the Grand Master delegates and instructs, or as required by the Regulations.

Change to:

I.1.J.7. The Grand Treasurer shall, within the confines of the Constitution, Regulations, Policies, and Budgets

- a. serve as the chief financial officer of Grand Lodge,
- b. act as Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee.

- c. carry out such other duties as the Grand Master delegates and instructs, or as required by the Regulations.

Whereas I.1.K – ARTICLE 11 – BOARDS AND COMMITTEES currently reads:

Currently reads:

I.1.K.4. Specific Powers of the Board of General Purposes

- a. For purposes of certainty, the Board of General Purposes shall have the following powers:
 1. authority to create and submit to Grand Lodge for approval an annual budget,
 2. to administer the annual budget after ratified by Grand Lodge,
 3. to confirm the appointment of a Grand Secretary subject to the confirmation of Grand Lodge,
 4. to fix, from time to time, the salaries paid to officers and employees of Grand Lodge, and to establish the terms of employment with regards to superannuation, retirement or any other termination of employment subject to the terms of the labour laws of the Province of Alberta and the approval of Grand Lodge.

Change to:

I.1.K.4. Specific Powers of the Board of General Purposes

- a. For purposes of certainty, the Board of General Purposes shall have the following powers:
 1. authority to create and submit to Grand Lodge for approval an annual budget,
 2. to administer the annual budget after ratified by Grand Lodge,
 3. to confirm the appointment of a Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer subject to the confirmation of Grand Lodge,
 4. to fix, from time to time, the salaries paid to officers and employees of Grand Lodge and to establish the terms of employment with regards to superannuation, retirement or any other termination of employment subject to the terms of the labour laws of the Province of Alberta and the approval of Grand Lodge.

Whereas II.1.G.2. BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES currently reads:

II.1.G.2.g. When replacing a Grand Secretary, the Board of General Purposes shall establish a Committee to search out and recommend the most qualified candidate. Without restricting the Committee, the following guidelines are established:

1. the successful candidate shall be a Past Master and a member of the Craft in good standing in a Lodge of this Jurisdiction.
2. all Lodges in the Jurisdiction shall be advised of the vacancy in office and the intention to fill that vacancy.
3. the hiring procedures to be used and the essential and/or desired qualifications will be advertised in the Grand Lodge Bulletin by the Committee.
4. should the Committee be satisfied that the Assistant Grand Secretary (if in place) would likely be the best qualified applicant, they may, without any further action recommend the Assistant Grand Secretary to the Board of General Purposes as the most qualified candidate.

h. The Board shall have power to appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary. He shall receive such compensation as the Finance Committee shall determine. He shall be under the direction of the Grand Secretary.

Change to:

II.1.G.2.g When replacing a Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer, the Board of General Purposes shall establish a Committee to search out and recommend the most qualified candidate. Without restricting the Committee, the following guidelines are established:

1. the successful candidate shall be a Past Master and a member of the Craft in good standing in a Lodge of this Jurisdiction.
2. all Lodges in the Jurisdiction shall be advised of the vacancy in office and the intention to fill that vacancy.
3. the hiring procedures to be used and the essential and/or desired qualifications will be advertised in the Grand Lodge Bulletin by the Committee.
4. should the Committee be satisfied that the Assistant Grand Secretary (if in place) or Assistant Grand Treasurer (if in place) would likely be the best qualified applicant, they may, without any further action recommend the Assistant Grand Secretary to the Board of General Purposes as the most qualified candidate.

h. The Board shall have power to appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary or Assistant Grand Treasurer. He shall receive such compensation as the Finance Committee shall determine. He shall be under the direction of the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer as the situation warrants.

The Constitutional amendment to I.1.G. - ARTICLE 7 - ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS and II.1.G.2.g. BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES adopted at the Annual Communication in 2018, due to the organisational changes will take time to implement. These organizational and managerial changes will take place in phases over the next two years. The Grand Treasurer elected at the Annual Communication in 2018 shall serve for the ensuing year. Effective immediately following the Annual Communication in 2019, the Grand Treasurer shall be appointed per II.1.G.2.g. All other changes to this article are with immediate effect. This transition clause will appear in the Constitution from the date of adoption until the completion of the completion of the modifications, and this transition clause will automatically be deleted from the Constitution when the changes are fully implemented, the anticipated target date being before the Annual Communication in 2020.

Motion #19

I, Gordon Berard, move that the following Regulations II.3.J.2.b.c.d.e. and II.3.J.5.d. be eliminated in their entirety:

b. If a member whose dues are in arrears applies for a Demit, the certificate of Demit shall state the amount of the member's indebtedness at the date the Demit was requested.

c. Should such indebtedness be paid in full within twelve (12) months, a clear Demit may be issued, or the member may again resume active membership, as he may desire.

d. If after expiration of twelve (12) months he should desire to pay such arrears and assume active membership in the same Lodge he must petition for affiliation in the ordinary manner. His petition must be accompanied by the amount of the arrears as well as the fee prescribed in the bylaws. 2009

e. Should e wish tp join another Lodge in this Jurisdiction, other than the one issuing the Demit, a petition for affiliation will be required. The Lodge accepting same will be responsible to the Lodge issuing the Demit for the amount of indebtedness shown on it.

3. a. A Demit shall date from the Lodge record when the same was granted and membership shall cease from and after that date.

c. If any Brother shall lose the certificate of his demission, the Secretary of the Lodge shall, upon satisfactory proof of such loss, furnish him another certificate with the original date ad fact of re-issuance, which shall be entered upon the record.

4. All annual dues of members of Constituent Lodges shall be due and payable in advance on the first (1st) day of January of each year.

5. a. The Lodge MAY suspend a member of a Constituent Lodge who owes the current years dues ipso facto, provided that a majority vote of the present members confirms suspension at the last regular meeting of the year. The Worshipful Master shall then immediately issue a suspension to take effect as of December 30 of the same year. 2017

b. A member of a Constituent Lodge, who, on the thirty-first (31st) day of December in any year owes dues for more than one (1) year shall be suspended, ipso facto, provided that by a majority vote of the members present at any Regular meeting of the Lodge before such suspension shall take effect, the Lodge may, on a recommendation of a Committee appointed by the Worshipful Master for that purpose, remit one (1) or more years of such dues.

c. Any member of any Lodge in this Jurisdiction holding membership in any other Lodge in this Jurisdiction who is suspended or expelled from either Lodge, is automatically suspended or expelled from the other Lodge.

d. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge may issue a marked Demit at the last Regular meeting of is Lodge prior to December 31, to be effective December 31, to a Brother who stands to be suspended for non-payment of dues on December 31, of that year. If dues are received before December 31, the Demit would not be issued, and the order would automatically be rescinded. A Brother with a marked demit cannot affiliate with another Lodge until such time as his indebtedness is cleared with the Lodge issuing the marked demit. A Brother who holds dual membership within the Jurisdiction at the time of issuance of such a Marked Demit must immediately attend to the indebtedness, prior to December 31 in the year of issuance and with the failure to do so the lodge to which he is affiliated must issue a Marked Demit clearly indicating the indebtedness to his other Lodge. 2015

Motion #20

To support MWB J. Ratchford's motion to add a Grand Librarian:

Preamble: Whereas: MW Bro Hugh Young has been the defacto Grand Librarian for the last 25 years and has decided it is time for him to step aside. He, MW Bro Young, has been appointed by all prior Grand Master to hold this position as the Librarian therefore has established an

accepted practice and custom by the craft that the Grand master of the day be able to appoint a Grand Librarian.

Motion: Be it resolved that: I MW bro James Ratchford move that the position of Grand Librarian be added to the list of Grand Lodge Officers. The position shall carry the Rank of “Very Worshipful”.

Add: under I.1.F.2.r and renumber the remainder s and t

I.F. ARTICLE 6 - COMPOSITION OF GRAND LODGE

2. The Officers of Grand Lodge, with their official Designation and order of precedence and rank are as follows:

the Most Worshipful the Grand Master
the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master
the Right Worshipful the District Deputy Grand Masters (order of historical precedence:
(see Part II.2. Appendix- 2)
the Right Worshipful the Senior Grand Warden
the Right Worshipful the Junior Grand Warden
the Right Worshipful the Grand Treasurer
the Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary
the Very Worshipful Grand Registrar
the Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain
the Very Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon
the Very Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon
the Very Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies
the Very Worshipful Grand Stewards (six in number)
the Very Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer 2003
the Very Worshipful Grand Organist 2015
the Very Worshipful Grand Pipers 2015
the Very Worshipful Grand Historian
the Very Worshipful Grand Librarian
the Very Worshipful Grand Pursuivant
the Very Worshipful Grand Tyler
Grand Parliamentarian 2017

I.J. ARTICLE 10 - POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Add under:

17. The Grand Librarian shall:
attend all Communications,
take charge of the library and Museum of Grand Lodge

Renumber the rest of the section; 18,19, 20 & 21.

Motion #21

GRAND PIPER

Constitution Amendment

1.1.H.8.2.3. This article currently excludes a Master Mason from being appointed the Grand Piper. The Grand Piper positions are very similar to the Grand Organist in stature and nature. Therefore, I RWBro. Kenn Culbertson DGM move that article I.1.H.8. paragraph 2 and 3 be amended with the insertion of of the words Grand Piper North and Grand Piper South.

H. ARTICLE 8 - QUALIFICATIONS FOR GRAND LODGE OFFICE

2. Where a Master Mason is a member of Grand Lodge, he is eligible for appointment as Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, or for election as Grand Tyler, with all rights and privileges attached thereto except the right to vote, unless otherwise qualified.

3. Where a Master Mason below the rank of Installed Master: a. is appointed Grand Chaplain or Grand Organist, Grand Standard Bearer or is elected Grand Tyler,

Motion to amend and add the words “Grand Piper” to I.H.2 and I.H.3 and to be read as follows

2. Where a Master Mason is a member of Grand Lodge, he is eligible for appointment as Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, Grand Piper North, Grand Piper South or for election as Grand Tyler, with all rights and privileges attached thereto except the right to vote, unless otherwise qualified.

3. Where a Master Mason below the rank of Installed Master: a. is appointed Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Piper North, Grand Piper South or is elected Grand Tyler.

Sincerely and Fraternally
RWBro. Kenn Culbertson
DGM GRA

Motion #22

I, RWBro Ken Cheel, move that:

The presence of Alberta Freemasons on various social networking sites is growing exponentially and it is drawing attention to the fraternity. By participating on sites such as Facebook, Tweeter, LinkedIn (and others), we should strive to make that attention as positive as possible. When we represent ourselves as members of the fraternity, we become someone's impression of Freemasonry. As such, it is important that we act accordingly and subscribe to the lessons we are all taught and the obligations we entered into as Masons, in terms of how we communicate and interact with Masons and non- Masons. As a reminder to all Brethren, these lessons can be found within the ritual:

- a. The Ideal of a Freemason located within the General Charge;
- b. The Charge to the Newly Initiated Freemason; and
- c. The Third Degree Obligation.

Freemasonry is a way of life and we need to portray these messages at all times, 24/7.
As a reminder, we should at all times:

- Conduct ourselves with courtesy, morality and integrity.

- Never use profanity or disparaging comments etc. when posting: including but not limited to, graphic, video, and audio recordings.
- Not identify any Freemason as a member of the Craft unless he has provided his consent, or has already identified himself as such.
- Never discuss, lodge notices, and information contained within Lodge notices beyond the time and place of meeting.
- Be aware that postings to social media/ internet/ email are a permeant record; therefore our conduct may influence the world's positive or negative opinion of the Craft.
- To ensure our fraternity represents itself to the high standards we believe in, we must regulate our actions through Brother-to-Brother intervention. As a Mason, you should advise a Brother if you feel that what he has posted is improper within the framework of our Grand Constitution, Regulations, and Edicts.
- No communication with other Grand Lodges for official reasons or Lodge business unless you are a member of that jurisdiction or are authorized by the Grand Master to do so. All official inter-jurisdictional communications is, by Masonic protocol, conducted through Grand Lodge offices.

Remember brethren, we are more than men, we are Masons.

Motion #23

In according to Article Pert 1 .1.Q.7.b .1 I am submitting the following amendment .

R.W.Bro. Gordon Harris

Whereas: Lodges and members under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Alberta require and should be entitled to a breakdown of the annual budget projections to the detail available to members of the Board of General Purposes (other than details of Grand Lodge Office staffing costs, as per the regulations), This includes both the Budget as reviewed and approved by the Board as well as supporting details that are prepared by the Finance Committee and are available for review by members of the Board providing additional details of the income and expenses of The Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Be it resolved that:

d. This detailed budget project ion, which is prepared and determined by the Finance Committee for presentation to the Board of General Purposes, shall include revenue and expense figures covering the operations of the Grand Lodge and the expenses of its Officers. It shall also include figures produced by the Grand Secretary estimating the total cost of staffing the Grand Lodge office. The format is typically that of a one page document matching the line items of the financial statements (the “Budget”) as well as supporting details on multiple pages with a more detailed breakdown of many of the Budget line items (the “Supporting Details”)

e. The Budget, together with the Supporting Details, shall be electronically transmitted to the members of the Board of General Purposes not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the March meeting of the Board for consideration and confirmation where applicable prior to being

forwarded to the Constituent Lodges (the “Board Approved Budget”). That section of the Board Approved Budget covering the total cost of staffing the Grand Lodge Office shall be determined by the Board and may not be specifically changed by the Annual Communication.2003

f. The Board Approved Budget (including the Supporting Details, but with the details of Grand Lodge Office staffing costs removed from the Supporting Details) shall be forwarded to the Constituent Lodges for their study not less than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Communication. If a Lodge or any member of a Lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction requests further details, the request shall be forwarded via the Lodge Secretary to the Grand Secretary. Specific suggestions for changes to the Board Approved Budget may be forwarded by any Lodge to the Grand Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Communication, to be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the Finance Committee for consideration.

NOTE: The above motion, passed by the Board of General Purposes on May 10, 2018, was deemed to come into effect June 9, 2018 for the following Masonic Year.

NOTE: It is recommended that the Supporting Details distributed to the Lodges (with the Budget) contain the following footnotes:

1. Grand Lodge Office staffing expenses are pooled, being fixed by the Board of General Purposes and cannot be changed by the Annual Communication.
2. Specific line items in these Supporting Details may not match the Board Approved Budget based on allocations

Motion #24

Requested amendment to the qualifications for the Lewis Jewel

Dear Sir and Brother,

In my report to the General Purpose meeting of October 4th 2017, I made the following statement “As I visit lodges I am astounded with the amount of our new brethren who have applied to join because their grandfather was a Freemason, their request to become part of this organization is due in some part to the family connection.”

To this end I request that the Grand Lodge consider the following changes to the resolution of Acadia Lodge No 11 Regulation II.4.G.1 & 2.

1. The Lewis Jewel be permitted to be worn by a Mason, if at the time of his Initiation his father was a Mason in good standing (the initiate of a deceased father-in good standing at the time of his demise-would also qualify to receive the jewel.)

Today we have many of our initiates and members whose grandfather on either side of his family were Masons. At this time the service of that Mason is lost. How better to solidify the connection of these brothers but to recognize, on his initiation, his link to his family member who was in part linked to this application? As his grandfather could have been from either the paternal or maternal side of the family, I have included in the proposed amendment narrative to cover this.

The amendment read as follows:

1. The Lewis Jewel be permitted to be worn by a Mason, if at the time of his Initiation his father or grandfather, either paternal or maternal, was a Mason in good standing (the initiate of a deceased father or grandfather-in good standing at the time of his demise-would also qualify to receive the jewel.)

Moved by RWBro. Steve Kennard, DDGM of Phoenix District.

Seconded by RWBro. Lew King, King George Lodge #59

Motion #25

Motion from RWBro. Kyle Scott, Jurisprudence Committee

I.1.M. Article 13.1.b – Quorum

Currently reads:

b. At least one (1) representative from each of fifty Constituent Lodges is in attendance; the Grand Master may open Grand Lodge and conduct the business of the Communication.

Be amended to read as follows:

b. **At least one (1) representative from not less than 50 Constituent Lodges** is in attendance, the Grand Master may open Grand Lodge and conduct the business of the Communication.

Motion #26

I, Robert Thachuk (183) move that the audited financial statements as presented by Jay Noden be approved.

Motion #27

I, Robert Thachuk (183) move that Jay C. Noden Professional Corporation be appointed as auditors for the 2018 year.

Motion #28

I, Robert Thachuk (183) move that RWBro Bill Kostenuk be appointed as Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

Motion #29

I, Robert Thachuk (183) move that \$305,000 be allotted to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary Fund and that a further \$55,000 be allotted to the Masonic Higher Education Bursary fund for the Peace River Area.

Motion #30

I, Robert Thachuk (183) move that the budget as approved at the Board of General Purposes and presented by VWBro Chris Keown be approved.

Motion #31

Motion by DGM RWBro Kenn Culbertson that PDDGM rank be conferred on the following:

**Alpha District
Palliser District
Yellowhead District
Central District
Battle River District
Calgary-Highwood District
Chinookarch District
Lakeland District
Northern Lights District
Mighty Peace District
Dinosaur District
Phoenix District
Athabasca District
Beaverhills District**

**RWBro Terry Murray
RWBro John Hamill
RWBro Karl Kuss
RWBro Armando Uy
RWBro Mitchell Elhard
RWBro Doug Brown Jr.
RWBro Tom Hovan
RWBro James Fadden
RWBro Gerry Offin
RWBro Stan Berry
RWBro Larry McKinley
RWBro Stephen Kennard
RWBro James Hunt
RWBro Kenneth Rosal**

Seconded.