

Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon.

I would like to thank all the companions for the warm welcome I have received during my visits to chapters in the Lower mainland, Vancouver Island and Washington State. When I am finished this year on the 8th Dec at Semiahmoo chapter I will have been to 11 chapters (some of which were joint visits) 5 installations, International night at Bellingham Bay and Affirmation day at Peace Arch Park. During my visits to Vancouver Island I was very pleased that so many of the Grand Line Officers were able to attend. On one of the visits I had 18 Grand Line Officers in my suite and it was only when I introduced them did I realize how many there was. In total 47 companions in attendance at this installation meeting. In all the meetings I have been well supported by Grand Chapter Officers and by many visiting companions. The Grand Superintendents have assisted me during those meetings in the district along with Superintendents from other districts. As I have said I want to enjoy my year as Grand 1st Principal and that has happened and I thank all the companions.

Next year my itinerary will change some time at the end of April and will be posted on the Web site. I had been asked by some companions during the previous year if I was going to have a trip to Ireland. Companion Johnny Forrest (Tartan tours) and I have arranged a tour from the 12th May 2010 to 26th May to Northern Ireland. The base for the tour will be Belfast with coach tours from there. We will be going to Scotland for the last days of the trip. Extended stay can be arranged or land package Only if required. Price for trip has changed to \$3,099 with \$200 deposit. Due to lower airfare.

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Thanks again companions for a wonderful start to my year.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

David & Libby Grange.