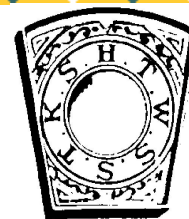


THE KEYSTONE



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Of British Columbia and Yukon

Grand First Principal



My Companions:

We have reached the half way point in the Grand Chapter year and I am pleased with your companionship and your enthusiasm as I travel throughout this Jurisdiction.

Many of my Grand Chapter Officers, especially my District Superintendents have embraced my theme “**STAND**

UP AND BE COUNTED”. In my travels I see and hear of many programs and activities that are bringing Royal Arch Companions back into the Chapters. To the 1st., 2nd and 3rd. Principals of the Chapters that are planning programs for the year, your efforts are greatly appreciated by myself, the Grand Line and I know by the members of your own Chapter.

I wish to congratulate those Districts and Chapters that are providing Masonic leadership in this Jurisdiction. The results are bearing fruit and in those Districts and Chapters that are active, membership is growing.

Today’s society is placing more and more demands on our time and energy and it is great to see Royal Arch Freemasons taking a active role in their Chapters and Craft Lodges. Remember to attend your Craft Lodge, this is where our new Companions will come from. Wear your Royal Arch jewel proudly on all occasions and “**Stand up and be counted**”.

The Grand Council are making long term plans for the advancement of Royal Arch Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction. We need your input. Mark your calendar and plan to attend the **SPRING BOARD** on **Saturday April 5th**. At Mission Chapter No. 28 in **Port Coquitlam**.

Registration forms are available on our web site or through your Chapter Scribe.

To those Companions I have not yet had the opportunity to meet, please take note of my itinerary in this Keystone and make an effort to come out and join us in an evening of fellowship. I look forward to meeting you.

DON’T FORGET the **CRUISE to ALASKA, June 2nd. To 9th. 2003** Space is limited, so book your cabin **TODAY**

Fraternally

M. Ex. Comp.
Norman K. Monro
Grand First Principal



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**Royal Arch
Freemasonry**

*is alive and well
in
British
Columbia
and
Yukon*

Thank you
for
**DOING YOUR
PART**

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Keystone of Life's Dinner

at Chongs

July 24th. 2003

\$27.50 per person

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Virtual Past Master's Degree

Saturday

April 26th. 2003

Lunch: 12:00 Noon, Travelers Inn

Degree: 2:00 p.m.

Victoria, B.C.

**All Companions of the Royal Arch
are invited to attend**

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Grand First Principal's Cruise

Holland America's Volendam

7 Night Alaska Cruise

June 2 - 9, 2003

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Mini-Suites with Verandah	\$2299
Outside Cabins	\$1669
Inside Cabins	\$1419
Port Charges & Taxes	\$ 276 (subject to change)

Terms and Conditions:

Deposit:

The initial deposit to confirm your reservation is \$200.00 per person. The deposit can be made by Visa, MasterCard or cheque payable to Cruise Holidays. A second deposit by cheque of \$300.00 per person is required by November 30, 2002.

Final Payment:

Final payment is due on March 15, 2003 and is payable by cheque only.

Cancellations:

December 1, 2002-March 15, 2003 \$500.00 per person

March 16-April 29, 2003 50% of fare

April 30-Sailing 100% of fare

Insurance:

We strongly recommend the purchase of cancellation insurance to protect your cruise investment. Ask us for details.

Changes:

An administration fee of \$100.00 will be assessed for any change made to a reservation after December 1, 2002.

Itinerary:

Holland American reserves the right to change the itinerary if necessary due to weather or other conditions.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS ITINERARY

Saturday March 1 Papyrus No. 27 (7) Powell River District/Installation
 Tuesday March 4 Columbia No. 1 (1) Victoria District
 Saturday March 15 Keystone No. 8 (11) Nanaimo Installation
 Monday March 17 Cariboo No. 43 (10) Quesnel Regular
 Wednesday March 19 Fort George No. 36 (10) Prince George Regular
 Tuesday March 25 Triple Tau No. 21 (9) Vancouver Regular
 Tuesday April 1 Rossland No. 4 (4) Trail District
 Thursday April 3 Penticton No. 22 (8) Penticton District

Saturday April 5 Mission Chapter No. 28

SPRING BOARD Port Coquitlam

Tuesday April 15 Kalum No. 37 (6) Terrace Regular
 Wednesday April 16 Kaien No. 13 Prince Rupert District
 Tuesday April 22 Kelowna No. 17 (8) Kelowna Regular
 Monday April 28 Yukon No. 38 Whitehorse District
 Saturday May 3 Georgian No. 39 Roberts Creek Installation
 May 9-10 *Grand Chapter of Alberta* Camrose, Alberta
 Tuesday May 13 Rocky Mountain No. 7 (5) Cranbrook District
 Wednesday May 14 Mt. Moriah No. 20 (5) Fernie Regular
 Monday May 19 *Grand Chapter of Washington* Kelso, Washington
 Monday May 26 *Grand Chapter of O.E.S.* Chilliwack
 Wednesday May 28 Mission No. 28 (2) Port Coquitlam Strawberry
 Monday June 2-9 *Alaska Cruise on M.S. Volendam*
 Tuesday June 17 Dawson Creek No. 41 (10) Dawson Creek Regular
June 19-21 Grand Lodge of B.C. & Yukon Dawson Creek
 Saturday July 19 Kootenay No. 3 (4) Kaslo Regular
 Wednesday August 13 136th Annual RAM Birthday Victoria 12:00 Noon

September 18 - 20, 2003

Grand Chapter of B.C. & Yukon
Chilliwack, B.C.

District #2
ROYAL ARCH
WIDOW'S
DEGREE

Friday March 28th, 2003

Eureka Lodge Hall
Langley

Refreshments: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Widow's Degree: 7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$20.00 per person

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First Chronicles

22:9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be **Solomon**, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.

22:10 He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

Signs you might be getting older

Statistics show that at the age of seventy, there are five women to every man. Isn't that an ironic time for a guy to get those odds?

Someone has described heaven as a family reunion that never ends. What could hell possibly be like? Home videos of the same reunion?

At my age, "getting a little action" means I don't need to take a laxative.

You're getting old when "getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.

Middle age is when it takes longer to rest than to get tired.



Saturday April 5, 2003
SPRING BOARD

Port Coquitlam

Plans for the future of
Royal Arch Freemasonry in British Columbia
 will be discussed.

Mark Your Calendar and Attend

Second Chronicles

2:3 And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, even so deal with me.

2:11 Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

2:12 Hiram said moreover, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

2:13 And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hiram my father's,

2:14 The son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.

2:15 Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants:

2:16 And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem.

If it's happening in B.C.
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Haggai

1:1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,

1:2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.

1:3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

1:4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

1:5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts;

1:12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD.

Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.
~ Sir Winston Churchill

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.
~ Bill Cosby

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

Aggeus (Haggai)

Aggeus, the tenth among the minor prophets of the Old Testament, is called in the Hebrew text, *Hággáy*, and in the Septuagint *Haggaios*, whence the Latin form Aggeus. The exact meaning of his name is uncertain. Many scholars consider it as an adjective signifying "the festive one" (born on feast-day), while others take it to be an abbreviated form of the noun *Hággíyyah*, "my feast is Yahweh", a Jewish proper name found in 1 Paralipomenon 6:15 (Vulgate: 1 Paralipomenon 6:30).

Great uncertainty prevails also concerning the prophet's personal life. The book which bears his name is very short, and contains no detailed information about its author. The few passages which speak of him refer simply to the occasion on which he had to deliver a divine message in Jerusalem, during the second year of the reign of the Persian King, Darius I (520 B.C.) And all that Jewish tradition tells of Aggeus does not seem to have much, if any, historical basis. It states that he was born in Chaldea during the Babylonian Captivity, was a young man when he came to Jerusalem with the returning exiles, and was buried in the Holy City among the priests. It also represents him as an angel in human form, as one of the men who were with Daniel when he saw the vision related in Daniel 10:7, as a member of the so-called Great Synagogue, as surviving until the entry of Alexander the Great into Jerusalem (331 B.C.), and even until the time of Jesus Christ

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It is wise to keep in mind that neither success nor failure is ever final. ~ Roger Babson

**Attend your Craft Lodge
and
wear your
Royal Arch Jewel**