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Grand First Principal



My Companions:

**“STAND UP
AND BE COUNTED”.**

This was my theme for the year and I am pleased to report that the Companions took my words to heart. The Companions in this Jurisdiction stood up and were counted. The Royal Arch

Freemasons have taken their place in Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction and are taking an active roll in their Chapters, their Lodges, their churches and their communities. As I plan for the Grand Chapter Communication I look back on the year as the highlight of my Masonic career. I had so many dedicated and hard working Freemasons/Companions and their ladies travel with me throughout the Province. I thank those that planned, attended and took part in all my visitations. I will carry that affection, and fraternally fellowship that you showed me, with me always.

It is now time to pass on the mantle of Grand First Principal to my successor, R.E.C. Basil R. Hobbs and his team. I know he has great things planned for Royal Arch Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction and you can show him your support by attending Grand Chapter and starting the next Grand Chapter Masonic

year with a renewed enthusiasm and revitalized energy that is indicative of Companions in this Province.

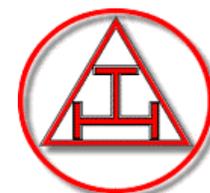
As your new line officers plan for the future of this Grand Chapter, I ask that you attend our Grand Chapter Communication and speak out, that we may continue to grow and prosper as we have done in the past.

Attend your Chapter and your Lodge and show that Royal Arch Freemasonry is alive and well in this Province.

Wear your Royal Arch jewel proudly on all occasions and **“Stand up and be counted”.**

Fraternally

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



**Royal Arch Masons of
British Columbia &
Yukon**

**85th Annual
Convocation**

September 18-19-20

**to be held in the
Conference Center**

Chilliwack, B.C.

**Headquarters Hotel is
the Rainbow Country
Inn**

**43971 Industrial Way,
Chilliwack, BC
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**For more information
see the Grand Chapter
web site**

<http://www.grandchapter-bc-yukon.ca>

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Grand Zerubbabel	M.E.C. Norman K. Monro
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Grand Joshua	R.E.C. George W. Eaton
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Grand Chapter

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I AM FREEMASONRY

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry. In my heart is wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my alters is the Book of Holy

Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. Bu signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man. My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter,

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Thank you
 for
DOING YOUR PART

find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain. I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans' cry, the widows tears, the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life. I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life. I Am Freemasonry.
 - Ray V. Denslow

GRAND CHAPTER CHARITIES

Royal Arch Masonic Bursary Fund

The Keystone of Life Foundation

The Royal Arch Masonic Homes Society

The Society of Royal Arch Masons

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75th. Anniversary of Tzouhalem Chapter #26

Saturday October 25, 2003

Meeting at 3PM in Temple Lodge, Duncan, BC

Social at 5PM

Supper at 6PM

Entertainment

Place: Eagles Hall, Boys Road, Duncan, BC

Cost \$20.00

Tickets: Arnie Krenz 748-3606

Don Leischner 245-7636

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