

**BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES MINUTES
Saturday November 8, 2014**

PLACE/TIME The meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held at Tru-Fel Masonic Center, 143 Pictou Road, Bible Hill, NS on the above date with twenty-two (22) members and three (3) visitors present.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, R. E. Comp. Donald R. MacKay at 9:52 a.m.

PRESENT Members present were:

Chairman - Grand King	R. E. Comp. Donald R. MacKay
Grand Secretary	M. E. Comp. Fred W. Richard
Assistant Grand Secretary	R. E. Comp. Charles R. J. MacKinlay
Grand High Priest	M. E. Comp. Peter G. Outhouse
Grand Scribe	R. E. Comp. Fred G. Donaldson
Grand Treasurer	
Grand Archivist	R. E. Comp. Peter G. Townsend
Grand Historian	R. E. Comp. J. Murray Rusk
Grand Lecturer	R. E. Comp. Christopher R. Vessey

Past Grand High Priests, Most Excellent Companions:

M. Robert "Bob" MacDonald	John R. Dollimount
Charles E. E. Rutt	Donald E. MacLean
Terence S. Read	H. C. Lindsay Woodhams
E. Carson Jackson	Gerald A. Riley

District Grand Superintendent:

District No. 1	R. E. Comp. Edward V. Greenfield
District No. 2	R. E. Comp. James F. D. Mitchell
District No. 3	R. E. Comp. L. J. Rocky Hendrickson
District No. 5	R. E. Comp. Donald R. Hardy

Elected Members:

V. E. Comp. Arthur Pearce

Appointed Members:

R. E. Comp. Wesley C. Palmer

Guests:

E. Comp. Graham D. Campbell (4)
V. E. Comp. Tony Szucs (2/19)

R. E. Comp. A. William Stevens (26)

REGRETS Regrets were received from:

Grand Treasurer – R. Ex. Comp. Timothy R. Outerbridge
Grand Chaplain – R. E. Comp. Michael G. C. Lutes

Past Grand High Priests:

Gary C Patterson	George I. H. Mason	Harald R. K. Weiland
James E. Taylor	G. Barrie MacLellan	W. Job Parsons
J. Hugh D. Palmer	Harris A. Pipes	Cecil E. Decker
T. Ronald Tallon	Earl C. MacDonald	Neil W. Astle
Tabor J. Caulier	W. Eric Ingaham	W. Marshall Black
Roy E. Lively	Philip H. Henderson	

Elected Members

R. E. Comp. Michael H. Chapman

Appointed Members:

Comp. Everal V. Armstrong

WELCOME The Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and called on everyone to stand and observe a “Moment of Silence” which was followed by “The Act of Remembrance”.

MINUTES The minutes of the Board Meeting of September 6, 2014 were approved as circulated on a motion by **R. E. Comp. Fred G. Donaldson, Grand Scribe**, seconded by **R. E. Comp. Edward V. Greenfield**.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

- The letter from R. E. Comp. Michael G. C. Lutes, Grand Chaplain, “Sequential Succession of Grand Officers” to be addressed under “Unfinished Business”
- Letter sent to The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia” of discontinuation of “Video Conferencing” effective January 1, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Victory Chapter No. 18, letter and bank draft of remaining funds. (\$153.26)
- Trust Fund Report QE II Foundation, Royal Arch Masons Glaucoma Fund August 31, 2014 and September 30, 2014.
- R. E. Comp. J. Murray Rusk, Grand Historian, planned activities and requested access to boxes, 21, 22 and 23.
- M. E. Comp. Lawrin C. Armstrong, invoice in amount of \$109.04 for Banker Boxes used for stowage of Grand Chapter Records.
- QE II Newsletter, October 2014.
- The UPS Store, New Glasgow, printing of 38 Copies of the 2014 Proceedings. \$431.25.
- The UPS Store, New Glasgow, printing of 50 copies of “The Constitution, updated to May 2014”. \$172.50
- St. Andrew’s Renown No. 2/19, change of number request and, if approved, forfeit the next appointment of the District Grand Superintendent. **(Copy of Letter Attached at the end of these minutes as Letter # 1)**

Moved by **M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Richard**, Grand Secretary, seconded by **M. Ex. Comp. Donald E. MacLean** that the correspondence be received, placed on file and that that requiring attention to be brought up under new business.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JURISPRUDENCE A Report of the Jurisprudence Committee was given as follows;

-After polling the members of the committee, I submit the following report.

1. As Croatia is in amity with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia we should approve their request to establish Masonic Relations and exchange Grand Representatives.

2. There seems to be some difficulty in obtaining Royal Arch Regalia exactly the same as we now have. It is the opinion of the committee that if the difficulty persists we should be able to look at other suppliers. I personally know that Dominion Regalia although being most expensive continues to provide the exact regalia that we require.

Gerald A. Riley, Chairman on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee.

Moved by **M. E. Comp. Gerald A. Riley**, seconded by **M. E. Comp. E. Carson Jackson** that the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BENEVOLENCE No report as indicated that there was nothing to report.

GLAUCOMA FUND No Report

FINANCE The Grand Treasurer Financial Report was circulated for the period ending October 20, 2014.

General Fund	Total Revenue	\$15,679.03
	Total Expenses	\$14,914.91
	Net Income	\$764.12
Current Assets	General Fund	\$11,436.12
	Fund of Benevolence	\$11,154.92

Moved by **M. E. Comp. Fred W. Richard**, Grand Secretary on behalf of the Grand Treasurer, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Charles E. E. Rutt**, that the Grand Treasurers Report, as circulated, be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

TRANSFER OF FUNDS Moved by **M. E. Comp. H. C. Lindsay Woodhams**, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Gerald A. Riley** that we transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from Fund of Benevolence to the Royal Arch Glaucoma Fund.

MOTION DEFEATED

ARCHIVES The Chairman, R. E. Comp. Peter Townsend G. Townsend presented his report for November 8, 2014 as follows;

“Since the last meeting and up until early October, when I had a heart problem, I had been concentrating more on files kept in the Annapolis Royal Temple, particularly after re-sighting a series of very old leather bound Minute Ledgers, albeit they were Craft Lodge Ledgers and had to drop the task to recuperate.

I digress for a moment, I am the historian for #33 Craft Lodge in Annapolis Royal and have recently found entries in a volume (1786 to 1820) connecting Annapolis Lodge (then # 25) holding their meetings in the Sinclair House. Digress more and I am also tying this in with a visit by a restoration specialist (Ann Shaftel) who visited the Sinclair House in the summer while I was away in the UK and uncovered some early Masonic iconography, all of which has taken me off course of late.

To compound matters my mac system has gone haywire with a Trojan and as quite a few of you know, is spewing out old emails from my mac lap and mac files. The damaged hard drives were replaced Monday and I believe I am ok now. Soon, if you get any short "Hello" bursts from me with no full signature, treat as hacked.

I am also reviewing an older (2004) edition of Guidelines for Chapter Secretaries and Archivists, together with standards for identifying and retention appraisal of Archives.

It would be of much value if the Archival Committee could meet, some place, some time, in the near future."

Fraternally,
R. E. Comp. Peter Townsend, PHP, PGPS
Grand Archivist

Moved by **R. E. Comp. Peter G. Townsend**, seconded by **M. E. Comp. Terence S. Read**, that the Grand Archivist report be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

RITUAL & EDUCATION and GRAND LECTURER The Chairman, R. Ex. Comp. Christopher R. Vessey presented his report for November 8, 2014 as follows;

"Unto the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, Most Excellent Companion Fred W. Richard, greetings and fraternal salutations.

I am tendering two reports, one from the Committee on Ritual and Education, and the other for the Grand Lecturer. I would, however, offer a suggestion that the Board consider consolidation of these two reports into one heading, going forward, being that of the Grand Lecturer. Then, the Grand lecturer would report on the Committee if and only if it was required to meet (physically or virtually) to conduct business. This would save an agenda item. I am unsure whether as a standing committee this can be done, but I would offer the suggestion nonetheless.

The Ritual and Education Committee has nothing to report.

The Grand Lecturer would tender the notion that District Grand Superintendents who are to complete their terms this coming May should begin the process of suggesting their successors now, in whatever manner a District might have in suggesting succession, so that these can be confirmed and that subordinate officers can be named and confirmed well in advance of the Grand Chapter Convocation. This way, all District Officers can attend the annual School of Instructions to learn the duties which they are expected to practice.

In the past, these nominations have been made very close to the date of the Grand Convocation, which means that only the District Grand Superintendents have been likely to attend. It is the considered opinion of this Grand Lecturer that such education is necessary for all District Grand Officers, and that we should time things sufficiently to permit this.

If this meets with the approbation of the Board, then the Grand Lecturer would work with the Grand Secretary to forward a letter before the end of the year to instruct the DGSs to begin the process of determining a successor (whilst emphasizing the qualities desired for that position.)”

Regards,

R. E. Comp. Christopher R. Vessey, Grand Lecturer (PGS Hon)

Moved by **R. E. Comp. Christopher R. Vessey**, Grand Lecturer, seconded by **R. E. Comp. Wesley C. Palmer**, that the report of the Ritual & Education Committee and Grand Lecturer be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

FRATERNAL RELATIONS The Grand High Priest has appointed M. E. Comp. Charles E. E. Rutt as chairman of this committee replacing M. E. Comp. James E. Taylor who stepped down due to ill health.

The Chairman, M. E. Comp. Charles E. E. Rutt gave a brief verbal report and indicated that work is in progress on the Grand Representative for the Grand Chapter of Florida.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE The Grand Scribe, R. E. Comp. Fred G. Donaldson, gave a verbal report on membership.

WEB SITE Moved by **M. E. Comp. Terence S. Read**, seconded by **R. E. Comp. Wesley C. Palmer** that we contract R. E. Comp. Robert H. Meyer to design a “New Grand Chapter Web-Site”. The cost will be \$1,000.00. (\$500.00 down payment and \$500.00 upon completion.)

The design will be somewhat similar to the present Cryptic Rite Web-Site. R. E. Comp. Meyer will work in conjunction with the Grand Secretary. It is expected to include some fillable forms

MOTION CARRIED

GRAND HISTORIAN The chairman, R. E. Comp. J. Murray Rusk gave a verbal report of his activities to date. He is presently investigating the contacts of boxes 21, 22 and 23.

PUBLIC RELATIONS No Report presented.

Reported by M. E. Comp. Charles E. E. Rutt, that lots of activities are happening with the Public Relation of Grand Chapter by M. E. Comp. Roy E. Lively. He spoke of the Seaside FM 105.9 activities and encouraged everyone to tune in on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am.

GOLF TOURNAMENT No Report presented and the Grand Secretary reported that he has not received any monies from the Royal Arch Annual Golf Tournament for forwarding to the QE II Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

ST. ANDREW’S RENOWN NO. 2/19 The letter from St. Andrew’s Renown Chapter No. 2/19, (Attached) will be forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee for their consideration and review and report back at the next Board of General purposes Meeting on February 14, 2015.

HOLY ROYAL ARCH DEGREE M. E. Comp. Charles E. E. Rutt raised a question of the necessity of “passing seven times” around the Chapter Room during the Annual Installation of Officers. He requested that the Ritual and Education Committee study the necessity of this practice and report back at our next meeting on February 14, 2015.

TRAVELLING TRIANGLE Reported by M. E. Comp. Gerald A. Riley that the “Travelling Triangle” is now in possession of LaHave Chapter No. 17, Bridgewater, NS.

GRAND CHAPTER CHAPTER M. E. Comp. Terence S. Read spoke of a possibility of forming a “Grand Chapter Chapter”. This would be for Companions whose Chapter has closed and surrendered their Charter.

Moved by **M. E. Comp. M. Robert “Bob” MacDonald**, seconded by **R. E. Comp. Donald R. Hardy**, that we study the feasibility of forming this type of Chapter.

MOTION CARRIED

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS M. E. Comp. Gerald A. Riley spoke on the “poor attendance” at some of the District Meetings, partly due to the fact that there is no communication between the various Coordinate Bodies for scheduling these meetings. He reported that Grand Lodge is scheduling a meeting with all the heads of the various Coordinate Bodies to discuss this situation. Meeting is scheduled for late November.

CLOSING REMARKS

GRAND HIGH PRIEST The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Peter G. Outhouse thanked everyone for attending the meeting today. He was pleased to see that the Chairman’s of the various committees are taking charge of their committees. He does note however that some committees are not submitting their reports in writing as has been requested.

He reminded everyone to keep aware to the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Glaucoma Fund and of our next milestone for 2019.

He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned on a motion by R. E. Comp. Fred G. Donaldson, Grand Scribe at 12:25 pm.

Approved at _____ on _____

By _____ Chairman

M. E. Comp. Fred W. Richard, Grand Secretary

Upcoming dates/locations of Board of General Purposes Meetings for 2015

Saturday, February 14, 2015, 9:45 am – Tru-Fel Masonic Center, Bible Hill, NS

Friday, May 1, 2015, 2:30 pm – Best Western Plus, Truro Trade and Convention Center

Saturday, September 12, 2015, 9:45 am – Tru-Fel Masonic Center, Bible Hill, NS

Saturday, November 14, 2015, 9:45 am – Tru-Fel Masonic Center, Bible Hill,

Letter # 1

2 November 2014

Mr. Fred Richard
692 Crowes Mills Road
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Dear M. E. Comp. Richard

At St. Andrew's Renown Chapter meeting held on September 2014, the Notice of motion to revert back to Renown Chapter No. 19 was removed from the table.

At this Meeting and after extensive debate on this issue the Companions of St. Andrew's Renown voted unanimously by those in attendance to rename St. Andrew's Renown Chapter No. 2/19 to "**Renown St. Andrew's Chapter No. 19**".

We understand that one of the concerns within District One is that St. Andrew's Renown Chapter 2/19 may have or will be appointed the District Grand Superintendent out of rotation (or twice) due to the numbering of our Chapter. With the approval of the Board of Jurisprudence this item of concern will be avoided in the future. St. Andrew's renown 2/19 or **Renown St. Andrew's Chapter No. 19** (if approved) will forfeit the next appointment of the District Grand Superintendent.

Please forward to the Board of Jurisprudence for their recommendation or approval.

Fraternally,

V. E. Comp. Tony Szucs
Secretary
St. Andrew's Renown 2/19