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|  | Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand  Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New Zealand  Grand Council of Cryptic Masonry of New Zealand |

**126th Annual Convocation – New Plymouth**

**2 – 4 March 2018**

The Business Session will take place in the Hobson Room, Devon Hotel,

330 Devon Street East, New Plymouth, Saturday 3 March commencing at 9.00am.

**Business Session Agenda**

The Business Session will be opened by M E Comp R B White, First Grand Principal.

**Agenda Item**

1. **Apologies for Absence:**
2. **Ratification of the Transactions** as published on pages 3-43 of the 125th Annual Convocation Book of Proceedings, 2017.
3. **In Memoriam –** deaths of Grand Chapter Officers as reported to 17/1/18
4. **Information Papers**
   1. Grand Representative Appointments
   2. Service (40 Year) Awards and 5 Year Bars
   3. Order of Meritorious Service
   4. First Grand Principal’s Awards 2017
5. **Reports to Grand Chapter**
6. First Grand Principal
7. DGZ
8. GH
9. GJ
10. Chairman Management Council
11. Grand Treasurer
    * 1. Report
      2. Presentation of Budget
      3. Setting of Administration Fee
      4. Appointment of Reviewer/Examiner for 2017-2018 Accounts
      5. Annual Accounts, Y/E June 2017
12. Grand Scribe Ezra
13. Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Committee
14. Centennial Award Scheme Committee – Address by Dr Peter Sergel, Director of the Hamilton Gardens (recipient of the 2018-19 Centennial Award).
15. **Election of:**
16. Centennial Award Committee Members
17. Jubilee Scholarship Committee Members
18. Grand Principals 2019-21 and Grand Chapter Officers 2018 – 21 (Listing attached)
19. **Proposed Amendments to the Constitution**
    * 1. From Management Council – role of Grand Lecturer and postnominal for those awarded a First Grand Principals Award as appended
      2. Other
20. **Reports** – Convocation 2019 Northern Division (Hamilton) and 2020 Southern Division (Blenheim); 2021 Central Division
21. **Further Business**
22. Collection for the Royal Arch Centennial Award Fund

The Business session will be closed.

**Agenda Item 3: In Memoriam** (as at 17 January 2018)

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| **Title** | **Name** | **Rank** | **Chapter** | **Date of Death** |
| Comp | E A Thorpe | OMS | Victoria # 4 | 31/07/15 |
| Comp | A W Burr | OMS | Auckland # 9 | 31/10/16 |
| V E Comp | G D Riach | PGChanc | Otaihape # 43 | 19/07/16 |
| V E Comp | D S Arbuckle | PGSwdB | Wanganui # 23 | 29/11/16 |
| R E Comp | H K Taylor | SGR | Rotorua # 44 | 02/02/17 |
| V E Comp | H T S Hoy | PGStdB | Waterloo Russell # 2 | 18/03/17 |
| V E Comp | E L E Gulliver | PGSoj | Carlyle # 74 | 25/04/17 |
| V E Comp | G M McDonald | GStdB | Timaru # 115 | 18/05/17 |
| R E Comp | D F Goodhue | PGSupt | Paritutu # 5 | 17/07/17 |
| R E Comp | A Hunt | PGSupt | Bedford # 39 | 15/08/17 |
| R E Comp | B W Olsen | SGR | Shirley # 86 | 01/09/17 |
| R E Comp | G S Ross | PGSupt | Maori # 28 | 10/10/17 |
| V E Comp | J D Sweeney | PGDC | Kawatiri # 21 | 12/10/17 |
| V E Comp | J T Barnes | PGO | Victory # 12 | 15/11/17 |
| R E Comp | R H Simmons | PGJ | Cromwell Coronation # 20 | 27/11/17 |
| R E Comp | D G Fail | SGR | Manawatu # 11 | 17/12/17 |
| R E Comp | K S Forne | PDGZ | St Augustine # 1 | 12/1/18 |

**Agenda Item 4: i) to iv)- Information Papers** (as at 17 January 2018)

**4. (i) Grand Representative Appointments:**

**At Home**

Kentucky R E Comp R B White (pending)

Hawaii R E Comp R B White (pending)

Washington R E Comp K J McQueen (pending)

Texas M E Comp G J Davies (pending)

Arizona R E Comp R M Bray (pending)

Idaho R E Comp P J Ivamy (pending)

Missouri R E Comp M St.J. Robertson (pending)

During the year the extant appointment of M E Companion N A Richardson, PGZ, as the representative for the Grand Chapter of Connecticut near our Grand Chapter was formally confirmed.

**Abroad**

Ireland R E Companion G R Brandon

Nebraska R E Companion F L Borden, Jr

**4. (ii) 40 Years’ Service Awards And 5-Year Bars**

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| **Number** | **Title** | **Name** | **Rank** | **Chapter** |
| 1510 | Comp | M G Rolton |  | Victory # 12 |
| 1511 | R E Comp | B R MacConnell | PGJ | Victoria # 4 |
| 1512 | Comp | T J Barker |  | Victoria # 4 |
| 1513 | E Comp | M W F Cumming |  | Wanganui # 23 |
| 1514 | V E Comp | E H Zinsli | PGSwdB | Wanganui # 23 |
| 1515 | V E Comp | J D Breton | GStdB | Wanganui # 23 |
| 1516 | V E Comp | D E Lyons | OMS, PZ | Howick # 101 |
| 1517 | R E Comp | J C Benfell | PGSupt | Celtic # 42 |
| 1518 | E Comp | W N Ingram |  | Peace # 98 |
| 1519 | V E Comp | I W Yallett | PGDC | Heretaunga # 38 |
| 1520 | M E Comp | E G Dryden | PGZ | Timaru # 15 |
| 1521 | R E Comp | M E Miller | PGSupt | Timaru # 15 |
| 1522 | R E Comp | A L Hart | GSE | Brooklyn # 24 |
| 1523 | V E Comp | N R A Canning | GStdB | Whangarei # 27 |
| 1524 | V E Comp | B R Purvis | PZ | Bay of Plenty # 57 |
| 1525 | R E Comp | R B Glover | SGR | Brooklyn # 24 |
| 1526 | E Comp | P W J Cain | OMS | Oroua # 49 |
| 1527 | R E Comp | J C A Francis | PGH | Manawatu # 11 |
| 1528 | M E Comp | G P Pengelly | PGZ | Wanganui # 23 |
| 1529 | E Comp | F W Wilson |  | St Andrew # 90 |
| 1530 | E Comp | T A Gallie |  | St Andrew # 90 |
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| **5 Year Bars** |  |  |  |  |
| 5th Bar (65 years) | R E Comp | W T Hone | PDGZ | Carlyle # 5 |
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| 4th Bar (60 years) | R E Comp | A H Pert | SGR | Kaipara – Mahurangi # 80 |
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| 3rd Bar (55 years) | R E Comp | C F Johnson | PDGZ | Wanganui # 23 |
|  | V E Comp | L Ford | PZ | Auckland # 9 |
|  | R E Comp | D C Davis | SGR | Manawatu # 11 |
|  | R E Comp | P Coleman | SGR | Kaipara – Mahurangi # 80 |
|  | V E Comp | T H Crane | PGO | Mt Maunganui # 103 |
|  | M E Comp | A E Wilson | PGZ | North Shore # 52 |
|  | R E Comp | H E Wimsett | SGR | Wellington # 62 |
|  | V E Comp | C R Stevens | PGSoj | McVilly # 85 |
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| 2nd Bar (50 years) | M E Comp | N A Richardson | PGZ | Otaihape # 43 |
|  | Comp | P G Riddell |  | Peace # 98 |
|  | R E Comp | A W Davies | PDGZ | Wanganui # 23 |
|  | R E Comp | A T Waters | PGH | Shirley # 86 |
|  | V E Comp | F C Andrew | PAsstGDC | Te Awamutu # 88 |
|  | R E Comp | L R Bartholomew | PGH | Manawatu # 11 |
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| 1st Bar (45 years) | E Comp | V E Anderson |  | Ara # 53 |
|  | Comp | T J Barker |  | Victoria # 4 |
|  | Comp | P G Riddell |  | Peace # 98 |
|  | R E Comp | W B Cleaver | PGSupt | Otaihape # 43 |
|  | V E Comp | G L Morow-Griffin | PZ | Horowhenua # 63 |
|  | V E Comp | F C Andrew | PAsstGDC | Te Awamutu # 88 |
|  | V E Comp | A C Kay | PZ | Te Awamutu # 88 |
|  | V E Comp | W R Johnson | PZ | Te Awamutu # 88 |
|  | V E Comp | D Marshall | PGSuptWk | Manawatu # 11 |
|  | R E Comp | L R Bartholomew | PGH | Manawatu # 11 |
|  | R E Comp | I M Hastie | SGR | Mt Maunganui # 103 |
|  | R E Comp | J H Wicks | SGR | St Andrew # 90 |
|  | E Comp | T A Gallie |  | St Andrew # 90 |
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**4. (iii) Order of Meritorious Service**

The current holders are:

2009 Comp P W Cain Oroua No 49

2011 V E Comp B S Goodall Victory No 12

2012 V E Comp I E Jonasen Shirley No 86

2012 V E Comp D E Lyons Howick No 101

**4. (iv) First Grand Principal’s Award**

The following awards were made during 2017

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| **Year** | **Name** | **Rank** | **Chapter** |
| 2017 | Laurence Reginald Chetham | PGSwdB | St Andrew #90 |
| 2017 | Thomas Edward Norris | PZ | Aurora # 109 |
| 2017 | Robert John Wright | PZ | Albert Edward #6 |
| 2017 | Raymond Barry Glover | SGR | Brooklyn 24 |
| 2017 | Robert Samuel Jaray | GSE | Brooklyn 24 |

**Agenda Item 5- Reports to Grand Chapter:**

* 1. **First Grand Principal**

I now know what it feels like to be a travelling salesman. The first twelve months in office as your First Grand Principal has been a wonderful experience, filled with joyful occasions, much travel, making many new friends, some sadness as we lose long time members, as I visit our Chapters and Councils throughout our wonderful country and in Australia.

During this past year I have visited 33 Chapters and Councils, attended 4 Installations in Australia, and attended 24 other meetings and visits of our other Constitutions. That all involved 30,000 kms in the car and numerous flights and in doing so I hope I have been able to promote the Royal Arch and keep lines of communication open to all Orders.

The highlight of the year for me was receiving our Grand Master at the Ara Chapter in Auckland on the 7th of October, this was a first for the Order. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Mark Winger, Grand Lodge Officers, Masters and Brethren of Auckland Lodges were formally received and then we had a very informative address given by RE Comp Dennis Waller PGLec. It was interesting to note that quite a number of our visitors were not Royal Arch Companions. A special thank you goes to VE Comp Roger Carson PZ for the organising and liaison work required to make this happen and to VE Comp Mark Fraser PGDC who was tasked by the Grand Master and myself to create Ceremonial Protocols for this and other occasions to come. Royal Arch and Grand Lodge were very happy with the outcome. Watch this space…… there will be more visits between the Orders.

In my visiting around the country, it is obvious the health of our Chapters is linked to the health of our Lodges. What can I say except to help your Lodges as much as you can with their “Speak Up” campaign and promote your Royal Arch Chapters. We are still less than 20 percent of the Craft Lodges numbers, so for us to survive we need that percentage to at least double.

The Chairman of the Management Council ME Comp Geoff Davies, Grand Scribe Ezra RE Comp Alan Hart and myself have had two very open and frank discussions with Grand Lodge during this past year about matters of interest to both Orders. I can also say that they have been of immense help in fostering better relations between us.

ME Comp Geoff Davies, as Chairman of the Management Council has done an excellent job in the managing and running of our Order. His experience and knowledge has been a great help to me and I thank him for his support and advice over the past 12 months.

Our Grand Scribe Ezra, RE Comp Alan Hart has done an outstanding job in his first year of office, his ability, knowledge and efficiency has seen a very smooth transition from RE Comp Robert Jaray PGH. He has the ability to keep us all on the right track, and often has problems solved before we realise there is one.

Similarly outstanding is RE Comp Jim Heron, Grand Treasurer, his job in keeping our financial records and accounts balanced. With the falling membership, and the rising costs associated with everything these days, this is not always an easy ask. We all owe him a big debt of gratitude for the hours he spends looking after our accounts.

My other Grand Principals’, RE Comp Jim Ingley, RE Comp Ken McQueen and RE Comp Denny Gordon, have been nothing short of excellent. You have supported me in the past year when I have visited your districts and served the Order with distinction. I look forward to another year renewing my friendship with you all.

The Grand Superintendents too have all served the Order and their respective Districts extremely well and I thank you all for your service to our fine Order.

During this past year, I have been able to seek advice from my previous Past First Grand Principal’s, and talked to them on many occasions. Their counsel, advice and hospitality has been of invaluable assistance to me and I look forward to spending more time in their company again this coming year.

This year has seen the new selection process for our First Grand Principal, and our other Grand Principals. We received eleven applicants for these Officers, and they were all of a very high calibre. This made the selection process very difficult for ME Comp Davies, ME Comp Borrell and myself, and after meeting in Wellington and further interviews, we will be proposing at the next Business Meeting, our selection of First Grand Principal Elect RE Comp Graham Redman, Depute First Grand Principal RE Comp Nigel Petrie, Grand Haggai RE Comp Phil Ivamy and Grand Jeshua RE Comp John Evered. To these Companions you have already served the Order with distinction, I congratulate you all and know that when the current Principal’s retire from office in Hamilton 2019, the Order will be in good hands.

In closing, I must make mention of the incredible support I receive from Chris. Without her support I would have found the job very difficult indeed. She has travelled with me the length and breadth of the country, accompanied me to Australia, and spend hours typing my reports, organising my travel and so much more. I can’t thank her enough.

Companions the Order is in your hands, and for us to make it through these difficult times we need to make a special effort.

I look forward to spending another year in your company and trust we can make this a successful year for our Order.

R Brian White

First Grand Principal 2017 - 2018

* 1. **Depute First Grand Principal**

As with last year there has been no alterations or revisions of the various rituals. No discussion at Management Council meetings has, at this time, signalled the need for any reconsiderations in the foreseeable future.

Chapters:

It is apparent that the Grand Superintendents are having some difficulty in putting teams together for installations. The use of past or sitting First Principals for minor offices, is becoming quite common. Some senior members are being asked to deliver more than one charge or are being asked to fill other vacant positions. A legacy of the fall in membership as well as the aging of senior Companions.

My general impression is that all or most of the Chapters, certainly in the Northern Division, are financially quite sound and there are some new members coming forward, but membership in most Chapters is still low and many are having to “re-cycle” Past Principals. In fact it is now somewhat unusual for most Chapters to have a full board at their installation.

The introduction of the “Pathway Ceremony” has proven to be quite successful as a means of introducing Craft members to the Royal Arch in order to increase their Masonic knowledge.

Grand Superintendents should be encouraged to assist Chapters to introduce Craft Masons to our Order by advertising and arranging meetings at suitable venues to present the “Pathway Ceremony”. A handpicked team, suitably rehearsed, should endeavour to make the presentation interesting and informative. Many Craft Masons apparently do not know or understand that Royal Arch Masonry is an extension of the Craft degrees.

On Sunday 9 July the GZ and I along with many others were present in Morrinsville for the unveiling of a plaque in memory of M E Comp Barry McLaggan. The plaque being unveiled by Mrs. Jill McLaggan and her son V E Comp Jim McLaggan. We were joined on the day by M W Bro Mark Winger, GM who along with M E Comp Brian White, GZ addressed the assembled company. Both were very well received. The plaque now hangs proudly in the Piako Lodge rooms as a fitting tribute to a much-respected man and Mason. The local Morrinsville News attended and later published details of the occasion along with appropriate photographs. Details of the meeting were published in a recent copy of “The Freemason.”

Many Royal Arch Masons were privileged to accompany ME Comp Brian White to the historic occasion of the reception of the Grand Master on Saturday 7 October. This meeting will live long in the memories of all who attended. Not only because of the very special nature of the meeting but also for the manner in which it was organized and the very dignified and enthusiastic manner in which the Grand Master approached the occasion and addressed the Companions.

Sadly, our membership continues fall as a result of natural attrition, resignations and the closure of Chapters. The pressure to maintain our Order will affect us all in some way or another.

Companions there has to be a way to encourage new members to join our Order.

THE CHALLENGE RESTS WITH YOU.

R E Comp J G W Ingley

Depute First Grand Principal

* 1. **Second Grand Principal**

Over the last 12 months in the Central Division, we have seen quite a drop in Membership, plus the loss of Waikaremoana Chapter and Paritutu Chapter on hold, many of the Chapters struggling to survive.

In the Hawkes Bay which had 5 Chapters, the Heretaunga Chapter would be the strongest in the District with 28 members. Victoria being the other with 25 members. Without their continuous support, the remaining Chapters might not have survived.

Hawkes Bay the previous year had 5 Chapters and 101 members; they now have 4 chapters and 79 members.

Ruapehu/Taranaki District is in a similar situation, with Wanganui Chapter having 21 members and Otaihape Chapter with 18 members, they are the backbone of the District. (Paritutu being on hold, with 11 members) the previous year the district had 6 Chapters and 83members, they now have 5 active chapters and 82 Members, including Paritutu.

Wellington on the other hand is in a fairly strong position with 8 Chapters, all with good membership, a total of 179 down from 182 the previous year.

I have to report that all 3 Grand Superintendents have been doing a superb job of keeping their respective Districts busy, and although times are changing right across Freemasonry, spirits are high, and the Companions are working hard to keep the membership up.

To summarise:

Over the division we have a membership of 340

In comparison, the Northern Division has 451

Southern has 285

(All figures have been taken from the book of Proceedings 2017)

(Note) Since the printing of the Book of Proceedings, other Chapters around the Country have closed, and it is estimated by Management Council that we have a total membership of around 950.

R E Comp K J McQueen

Second Grand Principal, GH

* 1. **Third Grand Principal**

**Marlborough Nelson Westland**

**Kawatiri No 21**

Struggling a bit but managing to keep going with the help of Nelson and Marlborough Chapters and a visit by our 1st Grand Principal has created renewed interest and I understand that they have 4 new candidates in the pipeline.

**Marlborough No 14**

They have been going well having completed a double Excellent Degree which you don’t see very often and the Chapter is in good heart.

**Victory No 12**

Going well but no candidates and everyone is keen

**Cryptic Councils**

**Marlborough Council No 14** Has had 2 candidates complete their degrees this year

**Victory No 12** Surviving but no candidates this year.

**Canterbury District**

**St Augustine No 1 19 members**

This Chapter has voted to remain on its own after a lot of discussion with the Shirley Chapter. Quite a few members belong to other Chapters and it is good to see them help out where possible. They have a candidate

**Albert Edward No 6 19 members**

This Chapter like many others has found things tough going but are hanging in there with the help of others. Work practices make it hard for some to attend meeting but the determination of some is to be commended Albert Edward have decided to take an educational role in Royal Arch.

**Timaru No 15 36 members**

This Chapter has been going along nicely and picking up some candidates and the work is always well done I understand they have had 4 candidates of late and they have plenty of experience in this Chapter.

**Rose & Thistle No 35 24 members**

This Chapter is going okay but there has been a problem with getting people into the 1st Principals Chair and many recycled Companions have done this many times.

In the coming year they have a very keen 2nd Principal waiting to step up.

R E Comp J O Soper kindly stepped in as 1st Principal this year and has been busy with 2 candidates.

**Shirley No 86 31 members**

This is the largest Chapter in the district but like many, have problems getting people along.

It was good to see over 20 of their members attend the visit of the 1st Grand Principal.

The Chapter has been busy and well run but needs more candidates

**Cryptic Councils**

**St Augustine** Surviving but like most councils’ lack of candidates and people to do the charges 14 members 1 candidate in the pipeline

**Timaru** Going okay but also lack of candidates does not help but the Companions are keen. Have 1 candidate and a joining member on the books

**Otago District**

**Celtic No 42**

This Chapter is still holding the fort in the Dunedin area with the closing of the Maori Chapter. I understand there were 6 members have indicated that they would join Celtic and this is good to hear. Celtic had a visit by the 1st Grand Principal and myself and it was a pleasure to be received by R E Comp W A Lowe Grand Superintendent of the Otago District

The Chapter is in good heart but like many, the average age is high.

**Cromwell Coronation No 20** 17 members

This Chapter like many others needs candidates and the present members are doing a good job of keeping things going. It is not easy with a small membership but with the support of Celtic long may it continue.

Cromwell also had a visit from the 1st Grand Principal which I was not able to attend, and I know he would have been well received

**Cromwell Cryptic –** 4 joining members from Celtic Cryptic Council

**Southland District**

**Southern Cross 3**

Going along okay but could do with more candidates. Companions are keen and hopefully the running of the Cryptic Council under the umbrella of both Chapters benefits them all.

**St Andrews No 90**

Like all Chapters could do with more members and they have members who, for many years have given great service in keeping things going and I know most Chapters have people like this. They are greatly appreciated by us all.

**Summary**

The Southern Division is in good heart with much the same problems such as age, lack of candidates and the change in work practices

I would like to thank the Grand Superintendents of the Division for the work that they have done for Royal Arch Masonry in the Districts and the Grand Chapter Officers for their support.

I would also like to thank our 1st Grand Principal M E Comp Brian White for his support by visiting the various Chapters around the South Island It was most appreciated by all.

R E Comp D I Gordon

Third Grand Principal, GJ

* 1. **Chairman, Management Council**

Management Council 2017-2019 met on three occasions in calendar year 2017 (since the Annual Convocation). The first of these meetings took place on Sunday March 5 in Christchurch immediately after Convocation, and the others were both held in Wellington, on Saturdays July 8 and December 9 respectively.

The Wellington meetings were in the Boardroom at Freemason House, which brings me to my first “thank you” in this report: to R W Bro Peter Benstead, President of the Board of General Purposes, for inviting us to use the building for that purpose, and for attending and participating in the first part of our July meeting; and to V E Comp Duane Williams, our Grand Scribe Nehemiah, who came in on our meeting days as part of his “day job” with Grand Lodge and provided invaluable assistance with access, organised lunch and helped considerably in many other ways.

The Management Council Briefs issued after the July and December meetings have kept all Companions apprised of our discussions and decisions but I would like to make particular mention of three matters.

* The 2017 year saw the first cycle of the new selection process for Grand Principals, and whilst this is not formally a matter for Management Council, the Chairman also chairs the selection panel, which includes the First Grand Principal, the most recent PGZ available to participate, and a suitably-qualified non-voting member to provide professional recruitment advice, in this case R W Bro Peter Benstead. I am happy to report that I am very confident that the new process has delivered what it is designed to do: the best possible leadership team for 2019-2021. I thank all those who applied for their willingness to make a considerable investment of their time and resources on behalf of the Order, and I congratulate the successful applicants for the four roles. Thank you also to my fellow panel members for their time and their dedication to achieving the best possible result.
* Attendees at the Future Leaders Seminar held in 2016 now comprise the Long Term Planning Group, as envisaged by Management Council. Their first task is to review our Strategic Plan and, to complement that document, develop a Communications Plan, both elements to be considered and ultimately adopted by Management Council. I have great confidence in the ability of this group to make a real contribution to the future of Royal Arch Freemasonry.
* In recent years R E Comp Ron Lane PGLec has made a significant contribution to the educational resource available to us all in the form of prologues and epilogues for our degrees. This has been a massive task which few Companions could have completed. We are very fortunate that he is willing and happy to invest so much of his time and energy in this project. Thank you, Ron.

In closing, I would first like to thank our new Grand Scribe Ezra, R E Comp Alan Hart, for his considerable efforts on our behalf, every week of the year. His professionalism combined with his wide Masonic experience is a tremendous asset to us.

Finally, thanks to all members of Management Council for your commitment to the best interests of the organisation, and the open, positive and collegial approach to our role which you bring to the table. I also especially thank our Grand Treasurer, R E Comp Jim Heron, for his usual outstanding management of our finances.

M E Comp G J Davies, P G Z

Chairman

* 1. **Grand Treasurer**

1. Grand Chapter
2. Jubilee Scholarship
3. Centennial
4. Budgets

Most Excellent and Companions, it is my pleasure to present the Royal Arch, Jubilee Scholarship Fund, and Centennial Fund financial statements for the year ended as at the 30th June 2017.

The accounts have all been reviewed by V E Comp Roger Sinclair CA, PGStdB whose unqualified review reports are attached.

**Grand Chapter**: There was an operating loss for the 2017 year of $2,880, compared to a budget surplus of $1,620, which is a decrease of $4,500. The main cause of this was the unbudgeted extra cost of the Web site which was upgraded to align with the Grand Lodge site. This does not take into account the $21,278 the Future Leaders Conference cost which was deemed to be capital expenditure and not part of the normal operating expenses.

Referring to the Balance Sheet, the Accumulated Funds decreased by $24,158, as a result of the year’s loss and the FLC, to $115,769. (LY $139,927).

The 2019 budget shows a small surplus of $4,800. The continual concern of the reducing membership necessitated a careful examination of the expenditure which has been done, and as a result it is **recommended** that the annual administration fee remain at $50.

**Jubilee Scholarship**: The Accounts show a deficit of $3018 as a result of the decrease in members contributions over grants paid which are based on the greater income the previous year. The Total Funds of the Trust decreased from $200,521 to $197,503 due to in part to the revenue deficit and the reduction in the Equity capital value. As at 30 November, excluding the current member contributions, the Equity capital increased to $201,435.

Contributions from members were $10,772. As a comparison the contributions for the last 5 years were:

2012 $19,226

2013 $16,969 + $4,126

2014 $13,456

2015 $15,282

2016 $13,434

Up to December 2017 the current years receipts are 50% up on last year which is good news. The funds available for grants in the 2017 year as per Clause 4 of the rules amount to $17,178 (Last year $19,278).

**Centennial Fund**: Grants made in the last year amount to $17,200. The available funds for grants now amount to $46,966. At the time of completing this report there is a further commitment for 2018 and 2019 of $26,000 in total for payments to Dr Peter Sergel for study and research for the continuing development of the theme sections of the Hamilton Gardens. Total funds at balance date were $428,230. (Last year $429,811). This reduction is partly due to the Capital fund with JB Were having a slight decrease in value, but it is pleasing to note that as at 30 November the value had increased to $439,544.

**Auditor**: In accordance with Rule 5.3 (c) of the Constitution and Laws I move the appointment of V E Comp R Sinclair, PGStdB, Chartered Accountant, as Reviewer for the 2017-2018 Accounts of Grand Chapter.

J M Heron JP, FCA

Grand Treasurer

**Annual Accounts as at 30th June 2017**

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| **Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand** | | |
| **PERFORMANCE REPORT** | | |
| **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2017** | | |
|  | THIS YEAR | LAST YEAR |
| **INCOME** | | |
| FEES X CHAPTER MEMBERS | 49,828 | 55,304 |
| OTHER INCOME | | |
| ADMIN RECOVERY | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| SALE OF GOODS ETC | 2,096 | 382 |
| CERTIFICATES | 2,061 | 2,013 |
| PATENTS OF OFFICE | 2,025 | 1,590 |
| INTEREST | 2,869 | 5,172 |
| PUBLICATIONS OTHER | 315 | 390 |
| RITUALS | 2,485 | 3,208 |
| SUNDRY | 48 | 65 |
| SILVER TROWEL/WHITE RIBBON | 1,650 | |
| TOTAL OTHER INCOME | 14,549 | 13,820 |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | **$64,377** | **$69,124** |
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| **EXPENDITURE** | | |
| ALLOWANCE GZ | 10,000 | 9,000 |
| AUDIT FEE | 400 | 400 |
| CONVOCATION | 8,056 | 8713 |
| EQUIPMENT EXP & REP | 238 | 0 |
| GIFTS SISTER CONSTITUTIONS | 54 | 0 |
| GRAND PRINCIPALS AWARDS | 78 | 0 |
| GZ/GSE SELECTION | 506 | 3614 |
| GRAND SUPT SEMINAR | 2,003 | 2694 |
| HONORARIUM GSE | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| HONORARIUM TREASURER | 2,000 | 1,400 |
| JEWELS-40 YR SERVICE ETC | 1,114 | 623 |
| MEETINGS MANAGEMENT COUNCIL | 6,162 | 5,872 |
| POSTAGE | 1,907 | 1,555 |
| PRINTING | 2,311 | 5,028 |
| PROMOTION OF GRAND CHAPTER | 1,548 | 1,448 |
| REGALIA REPAIRS ETC | 1,729 | 59 |
| REGALIA DEPRECIATION | 1,579 | 1,579 |
| SILVER TROWEL | 262 | 0 |
| STATIONERY | 1,228 | 954 |
| SUNDRY | 186 | 90 |
| TAXATION | 196 | 438 |
| TELEPHONE & TOLLS | 1,244 | 1,370 |
| TRAVEL GC OFFICERS | 557 | 1,321 |
| TRAVEL HEADS OF ORDERS MEETING | 943 | 0 |
| WEB SITE | 6,696 | 347 |
| WHITE RIBBON PROJECT | 1,260 | 726 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | **67,257** | **62,231** |
| **OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** | -2,880 | 6,893 |
| **NON-BUDGET ITEMS** | | |
| FUTURE LEADERS CONFERENCE | 21,278 | **,** |
| **SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) TO EQUITY** | **-$24,158** | **$6,893** |

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| **Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand** | | |
| **FINANCIAL REPORT** | | |
| **AS AT 30th JUNE 2017** | | |
| THIS YEAR | | LAST YEAR |
| **ASSETS** | | |
| WESTPAC BANK CHEQUE ACCOUNT | 4,696 | 4,595 |
| WESTPAC BANK SAVER ACCOUNTDEPOSIT | 7,545 | 5,982 |
| WESTPAC BANK DEPOSIT ACCOUNT | 81,932 | 99,178 |
| HEARTLANDS SAVINGS ACCOUNT | 2,363 | 2,312 |
| TOTAL CASH | 96,536 | 112,067 |
| EXPENSES PAID IN ADVANCE | 3,700 | 6,006 |
| CHAPTER ACCOUNTS IN ARFREARS | 1,125 | 5,135 |
| STOCK ON HAND | 12,226 | 13,019 |
| REGALIA AND EQIPMENT | 5,340 | 6,919 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | **118,927** | **143,146** |
| **LIABILITIES** | | |
| CREDITORS | 2,886 | 2,947 |
| DORMANT CHAPTERS FUNDS HELD FOR 5 YEARS | 272 | 272 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 3,158 | 3,219 |
| **NET ASSETS AS PER EQUITY** | **$115,769** | **$139,927** |
| ACCUMULATED FUNDS: | | |
| BALANCE AT START | 129,202 | 122,309 |
| SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | -24,158 | 6,893 |
| BALANCE AT END | **105,044** | **$129,202** |
| PLUS RESERVES: | | |
| REGALIA | 6,725 | 6,725 |
| TRAVEL HEADS OF ORDERS MEETING | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| **TOTAL EQUTY AS PER NET ASSETS** | **$115,769** | **$139,927** |
| Confirmed | | |

**INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER’S REVIEW REPORT**

**To the Members of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand**

**Report on the Financial Statements**

I have reviewed the financial statements of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand on pages 1 to 3, which comprise the statement of financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2017 and the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

***The Management Council’s* *Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

The Management Council is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and for such internal control as the Management Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Assurance Practitioner’s Responsibility***

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements. I conducted my review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (New Zealand) (ISRE (NZ)) 2400, *Review of Historical Financial Statements Performed by an Assurance Practitioner who is not the Auditor of the Entity*. NZ IRSE (NZ) 2400 requires me to conclude whether anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. This Standard also requires me to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

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The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Other than in my capacity as a Chapter member, I have no other relationship with, or interests in, the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand.

***Conclusion***

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial statements of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand at 30 June 2017, and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date, in accordance with the financial reporting framework.



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**R P Sinclair**

6 October 2017

Hastings, New Zealand

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| **THE ROYAL ARCH MASONIC CENTENNIAL AWARD FUND** | | | | | | | | | |
| **PERFORMANCE REPORT** | | | | | | | | | |
| **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2017** | | | | | | | | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | THIS YEAR | | LAST YEAR | |
| **INCOME** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | COLLECTIONS FROM MEMBERS | | |  |  | 413 |  | 524 |  |
|  | INTEREST | |  |  |  | 7877 |  | 16,121 |  |
|  | DIVIDENDS | |  |  |  | 9150 |  | 0 |  |
|  | VALUATION VARIATIONS | | |  |  | -1620 |  | 0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **$15,820** |  | **$16,645** |  |
| LESS | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | CHARITIES COMMISSION | | |  |  | 51 |  | 51 |  |
|  | ADMINISTRATION | | |  |  | 150 |  | 150 |  |
|  | AWARDEE TRAVEL | | |  |  | 0 |  | 211 |  |
|  | GRANTS GIVEN OUT | | |  |  | 17,200 |  | 17,200 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **$17,401** |  | **$17,612** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | | |  |  |  | **$(1,581)** |  | **$(967)** |  |
|  | TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND ACCOUNTS | | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Allocated to | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | CAPITAL FUND | |  |  |  | 8,619 |  | 8,222 |  |
|  | VALUATION RESERVE | | |  |  | -1,620 |  |  |  |
|  | AWARD FUND | |  |  |  | -8,580 |  | -9,189 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **$(1,581)** |  | **$(967)** |  |
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| **THE ROYAL ARCH MASONIC CENTENNIAL AWARD FUND** | | | | | | | | |
| **FINANCIAL POSITION** | | | | | | | | |
| **AS AT 30th JUNE 2017** | | | | | | | | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **CASH FUNDS** | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | WESTPAC CHEQUE ACCOUNT | | |  |  | 1560 |  | 986 |
|  | WESTPAC DEPOSIT 9 Months @ | | | 3.60% |  | 218,307 |  | 210,799 |
|  | (Due 27 October2017) | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | WESTPAC DEPOSIT | | |  |  | 0 |  | 17,193 |
|  | JBWERE | | Equity Investments | |  | 208,363 |  | 200,833 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | LESS CREDITOR | |  |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| **TOTAL FUNDS** | | |  |  |  | **$428,230** |  | **$429,811** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **REPRESENTED BY:** | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ROYAL ARCH CENTENNIAL AWARD FUND** | | | |  |  |  |  |  |
| **CAPITAL FUND** | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | OPENING BALANCE | | |  | 374,265 |  |  | 366,043 |
|  | TRANSFERRED FROM INCOME A/C | | |  | 8,619 |  |  | 8,222 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 382,884 |  | 374,265 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **VALUATION RESERVE** | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | OPENING BALANCE | | |  | 0 |  |  |  |
|  | TRANSFERRED FROM INCOME A/C | | |  | -1,620 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | -1,620 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **AWARD FUND** | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | OPENING BALANCE | | |  | 55,546 |  |  | 64,735 |
|  | TRANSFERRED FROM INCOME A/C | | |  | -8,580 |  |  | -9,189 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 46,966 |  | 55,546 |
|  | **TOTAL AS PER CASH FUNDS** | | |  |  | **$428,230** |  | **$429,811** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CONFIRMED | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |



**INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER’S REVIEW REPORT**

**To the Trustees of the Royal Arch Masonic Centennial Award Fund**

**Report on the Financial Statements**

I have reviewed the financial statements of the Royal Arch Masonic Centennial Award Fund on pages 2 to 7, which comprise the entity information, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2017 and the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

***The Trustees’* *Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

***Assurance Practitioner’s Responsibility***

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The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Other than in my capacity as a Chapter member, I have no other relationship with, or interests in, the Royal Arch Masonic Centennial Award Fund.

***Conclusion***

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial statements of the Royal Arch Masonic Centennial Award Fund do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Royal Arch Masonic Centennial Award Fund at 30 June 2017, and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date, in accordance with the financial reporting framework.



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**R P Sinclair**

6 October 2017

Hastings, New Zealand

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| **SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER of NEW ZEALAND** | | | | | | | | |
| **THE ROYAL ARCH JUBILEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** | | | | | | | | |
| **PERFORMANCE REPORT** | | | | | | | | |
| **FOR THE YEAR ENDED** | | | **30th June 2017** | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | THIS YEAR | LAST YEAR | |
| **INCOME** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | COLLECTIONS FROM MEMBERS | | |  |  | 10,772 | 13,434 |  |
|  | INTEREST | |  |  |  | 3,498 | 7,144 |  |
|  | DIVIDENDS | |  |  |  | 4,479 | 0 |  |
|  | VALUATION VARIATIONS | | |  |  | -1,716 | 0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **$17,033** | **$20,578** |  |
| LESS | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | CHARITIES COMMISSION | | |  |  | 51 | 51 |  |
|  | ADMINISTRATION | | |  |  | 850 | 850 |  |
|  | SUNDRY EXPENSES | | |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |
|  | GRANTS GIVEN OUT | | |  |  | 19,150 | 22,500 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | **$20,051** | **$23,401** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | | |  |  |  | **$(3,018)** | **$(2,823)** |  |
|  | APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS: | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | JUBILEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND | | | |  | -2,100 | -3,537 |  |
|  | VALUATION RESERVE | | |  |  | -1,716 | 0 |  |
|  | JUBILEE MEMORIAL CAPITAL FUND | | | |  | 798 | 714 |  |
|  | **TOTAL** | |  |  |  | **$(3,018)** | **$(2,823)** |  |
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| **THE ROYAL ARCH JUBILEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** | | | | | | | | |
| **FINANCIAL POSITION** | | | | | | | | |
|  | **AS AT** | | **30th June 2017** | |  |  |  |  |
| CASH FUNDS | | |  |  |  | This Year | Last Year |  |
|  | WESTPAC CHEQUE ACCOUNT | | |  |  | 2,064 | 1,341 |  |
|  | WESTPAC BONUS SAVER | | |  |  | 48 | 2,751 |  |
|  | WESTPAC DEPOSIT 9mths @ | | | 3.60% |  | 92,174 | 95,975 |  |
|  | (Due 13 October 2017) | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | JBWERE | |  |  |  | 103,217 | 100,454 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL CASH FUNDS** | | |  |  |  | **$197,503** | **$200,521** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| REPRESENTED BY: | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | JUBILEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | OPENING BALANCE | |  | 19,278 |  | 22,815 |  |
|  |  | APPROPRIATED FROM INCOME A/C | | | -2,100 |  | -3,537 |  |
|  |  | FUND/CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT | | | 0 |  | 0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 17,178 | 19,278 |  |
|  | VALUATION RESERVE | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | OPENING BALANCE | |  | 0 |  |  |  |
|  |  | TRANSFERRED FROM INCOME A/C | | | -1,716 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | -1,716 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | JUBILEE MEMORIAL CAPITAL FUND | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | OPENING BALANCE | |  | 181,243 |  | 180,529 |  |
|  |  | APPROPRIATED FROM INCOME A/C | | | 798 |  | 714 |  |
|  |  | FUND/CAPITAL ADJUSTMENT | | | 0 |  | 0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 182,041 | 181,243 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **TOTAL AS PER CASH FUNDS** | | |  |  | **$197,503** | **$200,521** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CONFIRMED | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |



**INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER’S REVIEW REPORT**

**To the Trustees of the Royal Arch Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**Report on the Financial Statements**

I have reviewed the financial statements of the Royal Arch Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund on pages 2 to 7, which comprise the entity information, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2017 and the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

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Other than in my capacity as a Chapter member, I have no other relationship with, or interests in, the Royal Arch Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund.

***Conclusion***

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial statements of the Royal Arch Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Royal Arch Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund at 30 June 2017, and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date, in accordance with the financial reporting framework.



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**R P Sinclair**

6 October 2017

Hastings, New Zealand

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| **SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER of NEW ZEALAND** | | | | | | |  |
| **BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019** | | | | | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** |
|  |  |  |  |  | ***ACTUAL*** | **EST TOTAL** | **BUDGET** |
| **INCOME** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ADMINISTRATION FEES | | |  | **49,828** | **51,900** | **47,500** |
|  | OTHER INCOME | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ADMIN RECOVERY | |  |  | 1,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
|  | SALE OF GOODS ETC | | |  | 2,096 | 700 | 1,000 |
|  | CERTIFICATES | |  |  | 2,061 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
|  | PATENTS OF OFFICE | | |  | 2,025 | 1,050 | 1,650 |
|  | INTEREST | |  |  | 2,869 | 3,000 | 2,500 |
|  | PUBLICATIONS OTHER | | |  | 315 | 300 | 300 |
|  | RITUALS |  |  |  | 2,485 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
|  | SUNDRY |  |  |  | 48 | 200 | 200 |
|  | SILVER TROWEL/WHITE RIBBON | | | | 1,650 | - | - |
|  | TOTAL OTHER INCOME | | |  | **14,549** | **12,250** | **12,650** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **TOTAL INCOME** | |  |  | **64,377** | **64,150** | **60,150** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **EXPENDITURE** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ALLOWANCE GZ | |  |  | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
|  | AUDIT/ REVIEW FEE | | |  | 400 | 400 | 400 |
|  | CONVOCATION | |  |  | 8,056 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
|  | EQUIPMENT EXP & REP | | |  | 238 | - | 300 |
|  | FIRST GRAND PRINCIPALS AWARDS | | | | 78 | 100 | 200 |
|  | GIFTS SISTER CONSTITUTIONS | | |  | 54 | - | - |
|  | GZ/GSE SELECTION | |  |  | 506 | 1,300 | - |
|  | GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS SEMINAR | | |  | 2,003 | - | - |
|  | HONORARIUM GSE | |  |  | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
|  | HONORARIUM TREASURER | | |  | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
|  | JEWELS-40 YR SERVICE ETC | | |  | 114 | 500 | 500 |
|  | MEETINGS MANAGEMENT COUNCIL | | | | 6,162 | 4,500 | 4,000 |
|  | POSTAGE |  |  |  | 1,907 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
|  | PRINTING | |  |  | 2,311 | 2,500 | 3,000 |
|  | PROMOTION OF GRAND CHAPTER | | | | 1,548 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
|  | REGALIA EXPENSES | |  |  | 1,729 | 250 | 500 |
|  | REGALIA DEPRECIATION | | |  | 1,579 | 1,600 | 1,600 |
|  | SILVER TROWEL | |  |  | 262 | - | - |
|  | STATIONERY | |  |  | 1,228 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
|  | SUNDRY |  |  |  | 186 | 200 | 200 |
|  | TAXATION | |  |  | 196 | 180 | 150 |
|  | TELEPHONE & TOLLS | | |  | 1,244 | 500 | 500 |
|  | TRAVEL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS | | |  | 557 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
|  | TRAVELHEADS OF ORDERS | | |  | 943 | - | - |
|  | WEB SITE | |  |  | 6,696 | 1,500 | 2,000 |
|  | WHITE RIBBON PROJECT | | |  | 1,260 | - | - |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | |  |  |  | **$ 67,257** | **$ 55,530** | **$ 55,350** |
| **OPERATING BUDGET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** | | | | | **($2,880)** | **$ 8,620** | **$ 4,800** |
| **NON-BUDGET ITEMS** | | |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | FUTURE LEADERS CONF | | |  | 21,278 | - | *-* |
| **TOTAL OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)** | | | |  | **($24,158)** | **$ 8,620** | **$4,800** |
|  | MEMBERSHIP | |  |  | 1,110 | 1,038 | 950 |
|  | PER MEMBER FEES |  |  |  | 45 | 50 | 50 |
|  | NET EXPENSES | |  |  | 47 | 42 | 45 |
|  | SURPLUS |  |  |  | (3) | 8 | 5 |

* 1. **Grand Scribe Ezra Report**

**Operational Management aspects**-

Firstly, I thank my predecessor R E Companion Robert Jaray, PGH, for his support over the transition. Equally to all Chapter Scribe Ezra’s and Council Recorders my personal thanks and appreciation for the work you do often without members being aware of the load you carry.

While it is disappointing that we continue to lose members and Chapters (plus one Council) it should be recognised that many remain dedicated to our Order and truly understand the philosophy and reason for our continuing existence as an Organisation. They are those of whom the words of the ritual remain true:

*Therefore, my Companions, if, in all these things, you have seen only a series of unmeaning rites, if the Spirit of Truth has not applied to your hearts the moral of these ceremonies, then indeed, we have laboured in vain and you have spent your strength for nought. But we are persuaded to believe better things of you. We trust you have entered into the spirit of these solemn ceremonies and understand the full import of these interesting symbols; that all the forms and ceremonies through which you have passed, from the moment you first trod the outer courts of the temple until your final reception within the veils, have impressed deeply upon your minds, the great and fundamental principles of our time-honoured institution, for then and only then, can you feel that friendship, that union, that zeal, that purity of heart, which should actuate everyone who would appropriate to himself the proud title of a workman who needs not to be ashamed*

**Membership and certificates** -

The base membership data shows a continued drop of in membership as while we attract new members older ones cease membership for a variety of reasons.

The answer lies in our own hands.

**Membership**

As at 30 June 2017 there were 52 active Royal Arch Chapters and 18 Cryptic Councils in existence. The returns received from several Chapters showed changes of starting membership numbers from the previous years ending figures which distorts the real picture of our membership. Equally the loss during the year of one Chapter without clear transferral of membership is regrettable.

For the first time in nearly 90 years the figure of our membership is below 1,000 and as stated by my predecessor last year, several Chapters are now at a membership threshold were their viability is marginal.

Since the end of the reporting year 2 further chapters have resolved to cease their separate existence.

Unfortunately, despite repeated requests several Chapters and one council failed to provide a return and their membership data was drawn from sources such as summonses and the database itself to create a pro forma report as advised previously and raised at Management Council.

Closure of Chapter during year: Unanimity of Papakura # 106 and Maori # 28 (after 1 July),

Closure of Cryptic Councils during year: Unanimity of Papakura # 106

**Membership as at 30 June**

\* denotes data adjusted from published last year

**Royal Arch Chapters excluding Dual Members**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2016** |  |  |  |  | **2017** |  |  |
| 1/7/15 |  |  | 1,131 |  | 1/7/16 |  |  | 1,055\* |
| Plus | New | 43 |  |  | Plus | New | 48 |  |
|  | Joined | 26 |  |  |  | Joined | 19 |  |
|  |  |  | 69 |  |  |  |  | 67 |
| Less | Resigned | 81 |  |  | Less | Resigned | 107 |  |
|  | Excluded | 10 |  |  |  | Excluded | 8 |  |
|  | Deceased | 23 |  |  |  | Deceased | 23 |  |
|  |  |  | 114 |  |  |  |  | 138 |
| **30/6/16** | **Total - net** |  | **1,086** |  | **30/6/17** | **Total - net** |  | **984** |
|  | Dual Members |  | 73 |  |  | Dual Members# |  | 60 |

# excludes Research Chapter # 93 – which had 82 members as at 30/6/17

**Cryptic Councils**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2016** |  |  |  |  | **2017** |  |  |
| 1/7/15 |  |  | 425 |  | 1/7/16 |  |  | 395\* |
| Plus | New | 40 | 40 |  | Plus | New | 21 |  |
|  | Joined |  |  |  |  | Joined | 33 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 54 |
| Less | Resigned | 31 |  |  | Less | Resigned | 22 |  |
|  | Excluded |  |  |  |  | Excluded | 2 |  |
|  | Deceased | 10 |  |  |  | Deceased | 15 |  |
|  |  |  | 41 |  |  |  |  | 39 |
| **30/6/16** | **Total** |  | **424** |  | **30/6/17** | **Total - net** |  | **410** |
|  | Dual Members |  |  |  |  | Dual Members |  | 29 |

(This reporting year it has been possible to record more data on Cryptic membership including dual members to give a more accurate indication of the state of the Councils. These were previously included in the total shown above for last year)

The full returns are appended at the end of this Agenda.

**Certificates issued by Grand Chapter:**

As part of my reporting to Management Council last year, I compiled the following summary which indicates partially the work of Chapters and Council. I suspect some still do not apply for certificates for members which they are entitled to have.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Certificate** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **Comment** |
| Mark MM | 0 | 0 | 2 | member had to withdraw |
| Royal Arch (inc. replacements) | 37 | 42 | 52 | $25 inclusive of registration, jewel, lapel badge, booklet etc. |
| Installed WMM | 16 | 15 | 14 | possibly recycle? |
| J | 31 | 31 | 32 | 54 chapters |
| H | 29 | 26 | 33 | ditto |
| Z | 32 | 31 | 31 | ditto |
| Red Cross | 1 | 20 | 6 | few doing degree |
| MEC | 0 | 9 | 3 | ditto |
| Ark Mariner | 17 | 15 | 14 | District working |
| WCN | 7 | 4 | 10 | ditto |
| Cryptic | 5 | 10 | 29 | catch-up |
| TIM | 7 | 7 | 22 | ditto |
| Subtotal $10 | **182** | **210** | **248** |  |
| Grand Chapter inc. HC | 19 | 30 | 10 | smaller number involved this rotation |
| HC additional | 5 | 2 | 4 |  |
| Subtotal $75 | 24 | 32 | 14 |  |
| GZ Award n/c | 1 | 8 | 5 |  |
| Other |  |  | 2 | Grand Representatives etc |
| Total certificates March year | **207** | **250** | **269** |  |

**Communications**

**Email** – reflecting societal changes virtually all communications are now via electronic medium. We have not yet considered use of social media such as Grand Lodge uses but it may come.

Can we ask members to update their records at Grand Lodge which in turn updates our section of the database?

**Website** [**www.royalarch.org.nz**](http://www.royalarch.org.nz)(Webmaster V E Comp D P Williams, GSN**)**

Requests for registration to log in to website continue to trickle in so we need to continue to push this

We continue to seek articles for the website to keep it up to date and informative as well as interesting for members (these can also be used by M E Comp Davies for the Royal Arch Chapter pages in New Zealand Freemason magazine).

Grand Convocation online registrations are based on the website.

The website continues to be hosted by Freemasons New Zealand at their cost and the pages in the Freemason are also provided with out to us. Grand Chapter values this demonstration of the support we receive from the Board of General Purposes.

More specific national database membership enquiries should be directed to GSE ([gse@royalarch.org.nz](mailto:gse@royalarch.org.nz)) or failing that GSN ([gsn@royalarch.org.nz](mailto:gsn@royalarch.org.nz)) . Website enquiries should continue to be sent to [webmaster@royalarch.org.nz](mailto:webmaster@royalarch.org.nz)

**Publications**

Members should acknowledge the work of the Chairman of Management Council, M E Companion Geoff Davies, IPGZ, who form many years has been responsible for the material carried without cost to us in the Freemason.

We are continuing to use the facility provided through the previous web site by R E Companion Gary Kerkin, PGJ, to send out the Management Council Brief after meetings and trust these remain of interest to members.

Brochures on the various degrees under the ambit of Grand Chapter are made available to Chapters and Councils with a hope they will utilise them locally to attract interest and potentially new members.

**Craft Divisional Conferences:**

While we are invited to participate in these it is acknowledged that the presentation and displays we provide reach only a small portion of Craft membership. But it is a start. As has been said before “think globally; act locally.”

Alan Hart, GSE

* 1. **Report of the Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Committee 2018**

This will be made at Convocation reporting on the applications received and awards granted following closure of the required processes to the end of February 2018. The financial aspects of the Fund are included in the Grand Treasurers Report q.v.

Alan Dean, PGSoj

Chairman

* 1. **Report of the Royal Arch Masonic Centennial Award Committee 2018**

As Chairman of the Centennial Award Committee, it is my pleasure to present the committee’s annual report. I wish to thank my fellow committee members, Most Excellent Companion Les Borrell, Past First Grand Principal, and Right Excellent Companion Graeme Martin, Grand Lecturer for their willingness to serve on this committee.

The award is made every two years and this year has been the first of a two-year cycle. In a departure from previous custom, the Management Council confirmed the committee’s nomination at its March 2017 meeting and this enabled the awardee to be announced at the Grand Convocation. This was part of an attempt by the Committee to make companions more aware of this award and the research that it supports. Subsequently a letter was sent to all chapters which gave a report by the previous awardee, Dr Robert Weinkove, on his research into a new class of vaccines for certain types of cancer, and information about the present awardee, Dr Peter Sergel, and his research into Garden history, design, and management. This information is now also available on the Royal Arch Website.

The next award will be given in 2019 and so this year the committee will need to select a nomination to put before the Management Council at its March meeting so that the awardee can be announced at the next Grand Convocation.

Most Excellent First Grand Principal, as my term on this committee has now expired, this is my last report as chairman and I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the support that I have received from committee members, Grand Scribes, and First Grand Principals past and present, as well as from Right Excellent Companion Jim Heron, Grand Treasurer. I thank the companions for their continued support of the award fund, and for the trust they placed in me by electing me to the committee; I have found the work both interesting and stimulating.

Most Excellent, I move that the report be adopted.

Geoffrey Coker, G Lec

Chairman of the Royal Arch Masonic Centennial Award Committee

**2018 – 19 Centennial Fund Award.**

**Dr Peter Sergel MNZM** has been involved with the Hamilton Gardens since 1978, and became Director in 1997. During this time, he has designed over 20 themed gardens including paradise, productive, fantasy, and landscaped gardens and is at present developing another group of gardens including a Picturesque Garden, which contains some Masonic symbolism, and illustrates 18th Century concepts through a depiction of Mozart’s opera, “the Magic Flute”. Peter Sergel’s book on garden design is published by Penguin. Under his leadership the Hamilton Gardens was named “International Garden of the year” in 2014.

Dr Sergel’s award is for his own professional development and he is applying it to field research overseas looking at historic gardens, and exploring new trends in public garden designs and management, as well as presenting a paper to the American Public Gardens Association Conference in Los Angeles.

Today he will talk to us about his plans for this study tour, and at the 2019 Grand Convocation he will report back on his findings. As the 2019 Grand Convocation is to be in Hamilton, it is hoped that those attending will have the opportunity to visit the Hamilton Gardens and experience some of the fruits of Dr Sergel’s work first hand.

<http://hamiltongardens.co.nz/about-us/>

**A Summary of the first 25 years of the Centennial Award.**

As this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Fund it may be of interest to members to see how it has progressed over this period.

R E Companion Ian Nathan records in the Centennial History of SGRACNZ 1892-1992 that the first suggestion of a Fund was in 1978 (at page 184) but masonic inertia seems apparent. It was proposed and carried at the 1983 Convocation "that a Centennial Fund be established." By the following Convocation the sum of $179.93 had been collected. R E Companion Nathan refers also to the discussions on suggestions for the aim of the fund in many ways based on the Craft's Chair of Geriatric and subsequently Paediatric Fellowships. However, reality prevailed.

By March 1985 only $794 had been collected. Hence a levy suggested initially in 1978 came to the fore again and it was agreed this should be $2 per year for each member but still without a stated aim for the fund being enunciated. The levy was formally approved at the 1986 Convocation at which time we had 5,527 members.

The following Convocation (7/3/87) saw R E Companion Alan Rushbrooke (then Chairman Supreme Committee and subsequently GZ) present the report of the Supreme committee as to the aim and objects of the Fund which in many ways remain as he set out. These were adopted at Convocation with some minor changes before the deeds were agreed. They are publicly available both on our web site and through the Charities Commission <https://www.register.charities.govt.nz/CharitiesRegister/> Legal name of the Charity: **The Royal Arch Masonic Centennial Award Fund** Registration number: CC38395

The levy of $2 each member each year was suggested as a base with the $12 over the 6 years remaining being a hoped-for minimum. The Convocation at Hamilton in March 1990 noted that the Medical Research Council was to be approached for suggestions of potential projects. By 31/10/89 (the then Balance date) the balance held for the fund had risen to $70,399 and at the Convocation at Palmerston North on 16 March 1991 the fund had reached $108,680 including $10,851 interest.

The first Grant of $20,662 including expenses was made in our financial year for 1993 at which time the balance of the fund stood at $158,477. Members should take pride in that including the current award a total of just over $200,000 will have been granted over the 25 years.

The first Grant as able to be announced at the Centennial Convocation at Palmerston North in 1992 and since then we have supported -12 awardees plus one shared set covering a wide range of research topics.

Full reports of the Centennial Fund Committee Chairmen and addresses by the recipients are recorded in the relevant Books of Proceeding and the following tabulation is only a summary:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Name** | **Field** |
| 1992 | Mr J Bartley | Otolaryngology |
| 1993 | Mr J Bartley | Otolaryngology |
| 1994 | Dr R Walker | Kidney failure |
| 1995 | Mrs D Care | Grass production |
| 1996 | Mrs D Care | Grass production |
| 1997 | Dr F Frizelle | Faecal incontinence |
| 1998 | Dr F Frizelle | Faecal incontinence |
| 1999 | nil |  |
| 2000 | Dr S de Grebe | Gene array |
| 2001 | Dr S de Grebe | Gene array |
| 2002 | No award made |  |
| 2003 | No award made |  |
| 2004 | Dr D Healey | Forensic dentistry |
| 2005 | Dr D Healey | Forensic dentistry |
| 2006 | Dr K Coppell | Diabetes |
| 2007 | Dr K Coppell (c/fwd) | Diabetes |
| 2008 | Prof J Dairymple-Alford | Parkinson’s |
| 2009 | Prof J Dairymple-Alford | Parkinson’s |
| 2010 | Dr J P Miller | life cycle analysis |
| 2011 | Dr C Anderson | soil nutrients |
| 2012 | Dr C Anderson | soil nutrients |
| 2013 | Ass Prof P Almond | Soil climate change |
| 2014 | Ass Prof P Almond | Soil climate change |
| 2015 | Dr R Weinkove | anti-cancer vaccines |
| 2016 | Dr R Weinkove | anti-cancer vaccines |

Grants are usually for 2 years but often are not taken up in the same fiscal year as may be shown in our accounts to when the award was made. Equally often the awardees institution may meet the costs of the research with the Fund reimbursing them at the conclusions.

While the levy was discontinued in 1993 several Chapters and individual members continued to contribute to the fund especially through the sale of the Centennial History and other Centennial items. We have been fortunate that our Grand Treasurer has (as recorded in many reports by the Chairmen of the Committee) been assiduous in his stewardship of the Fund leading to substantial interest returns over the years.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **30-Jun** | **Total since inception** | **Current year 2017** |
|  |  |  |
| Opening Balance | 0 | 429,811 |
| Total Income | **$605,336** | 15,820 |
| **Sub Total** | **$605,336** | **445,631** |
| Less |  |  |
| Grants Paid | $174,809 | 17,200 |
| Expenses | $2,297 | 201 |
|  | **$177,106** | **17,401** |
|  |  |  |
| Closing Balance | **$428,230** | **$428,230** |

**Agenda Item 6: Election of**

1. **Centennial Award Committee Members** (3 members)

R E Companion G O Coker, G Lec retires from the Committee after 5 years’ service including being currently its Chairman. His service is greatly appreciated by Grand Chapter and the recipients of the Awards.

Management Council recommends the election of the following:

M E Companion L V Borrell (current to 2020) and R E Companions G S Martin (current to 2022) and R J Lane.

1. **Jubilee Scholarship Committee Members** (max. 5 members)

Management Council recommends the election of the following:

V E Companion Alan Dean (current to 2019) as Chairman pro tem, R E Companion Tony Waters (current to 2020) together with R E Companions R S Jaray and G N Kerkin and Companion J R Mitchell.

1. **Grand Principals 2019 -21**

* **First Grand Principal**
* **Depute First Grand Principal**
* **Second Grand Principal GH**
* **Third Grand Principal GJ**

1. **Grand Chapter Officers 2018-21**

**Grand Principals Offices 2019 -21:**

Applications were called for the roles of Grand Principal’s on 1st July 2017 under the new provisions.

Following the process set out in the Book of Constitution, as amended in 2017, the following nominations for election will be formally moved by the First Grand Principal as provided under rule 7.2 (b) (vi) following which a secret ballot as prescribed in the Constitution will be held.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **First Grand Principal** | **National** | R E Comp G K Redman, PGLec |
| **Depute Grand Z** | Central | R E Comp N M Petrie PGSupt |
| **Grand Hagga**i | Southern | R E Comp P J Ivamy, PGLec |
| **Grand Jeshua** | Northern | R E Comp R J Evered, G Supt |

**Grand Chapter Rank 2018 – 2021**

The following is the list of Officers for 2018 – 21 together with Special Grand Rank and Honoris Causa as recommended by Management Council:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Central Division** |  |
| Grand Lecturer (GZ appointment - continuing for a 4th year) | R E Comp G O Coker, G Lec |
| Special Grand Rank (Wellington) | V E Comp M Oldcorn, PGStdB |
|  |  |
| **Hawkes Bay** |  |
| Grand Superintendent | V E Comp R P Sinclair, PGStdB |
| Grand Director of Ceremonies | V E Comp R Woodham-Hearst, GStdB |
| Grand Sword Bearer | V E Comp R M Braybrook, PZ |
| Grand Standard Bearer | V E Comp I M Hunt, PZ |
| Honoris Causa [PGSoj] | V E Comp P Jackson, PZ |
|  |  |
| **Ruapehu Taranaki** |  |
| Grand Superintendent | V E Comp G W Bennett, PGStdB |
| Grand Director of Ceremonies | V E Comp A T Dean, PGSoj |
| Grand Sword Bearer | V E Comp J D Breton, PGStdB |
| Grand Standard Bearer | V E Comp P J Oliver, PZ |
| Honoris Causa [PGSoj] | V E Comp E H Sutherland, PGSwdB |
|  |  |
| **Wellington** |  |
| Grand Director of Ceremonies | V E Comp E R Robinson, PGSwdB |
| Honoris Causa PGDC | V E Comp D A Egley PGSoj |
| **Rule 7.6** | V E Comp G P Houlihan |

**Additional appointments to Honoris Causa rank**

The following additional appointments to Honoris Causa rank were made during the year under the provisions of rule 12.1 (c) and are accordingly submitted for confirmation as provided therein:

R E Companion R S Jaray PGSE to be PGH

R E Companion K Kerkin PGLec to be PGJ

**Business Session March 2018**

**Agenda Item 7 – Schedule of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution**

**Agenda Item 7(a)-** Management Council proposes:

* + - 1. That Rule 8.6 **Grand Lecturer be amended to read as follows:**

A Grand Lecturer shall:

(a) Assist Companions and Royal Arch Chapters in his Division holding under Grand Chapter to understand the ethics, symbolism history and practice of Royal Arch Masonry, including, but not limited to, delivering such lectures or other educational or instructive talks or papers on such matters referred to above as needed at his sole discretion, but in all instances without power to give any direction to any Chapter or Principals concerning the functioning of the Chapter;

(b) Within the protocols of the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and not so as to conflict in any way with the actions undertaken by the former, to assist in promoting Royal Arch Masonry amongst Craft Masons;

(c) Make it known through Grand Superintendents that he will be available for such purposes as referred to above, in or outside Chapters, and be reasonably accessible at all times convenient to him;

(d) Be expected during each calendar year to visit and carry out his duties referred to in (a) above in at least six different Chapters in his Division;

(e) Submit a report to the First Grand Principal, through Grand Scribe Ezra, by the 1st November in each year of the duties carried out through that year.

**Explanation**: Over the past few years Grand Lecturers have frequently found that Chapters are unwilling to avail themselves of their traditional services to such an extent that they have been unable to deliver the required six different lectures each year. Equally, the concept of a lecture in a masonic context has changed to meet members expectations of advancing their masonic knowledge. More recently Grand Chapter has introduced the new Pathways Ceremony which is to be under the ambit of the Grand Lecturers and as such has to date proved a highly effective format for expanding Craft members initial understanding of our Order.

* + - 1. That Rule 12.3 **First Grand Principal’s Award be amended to read as follows:**

**First Grand Principal’s Award**

(a) The First Grand Principal may confer an award of merit known as “First Grand Principal’s Award”, to any person or organisation. The First Grand Principal’s Award is a mark of exemplary service to a Chapter or to the cause of Royal Arch Masonry.

(b) Applications giving full supporting details can be submitted by any Companion through the Grand Superintendent of the District to the Grand Scribe Ezra for consideration by the First Grand Principal, who shall in his sole discretion determine whether or not to make such an award

(c) Grand Chapter shall be advised of all awards made during the year.

(i) The letters “GZA” shall be appended after the name of each recipient in all Royal Arch matters;

(ii) A certificate and lapel badge in the form approved by the Management Council shall be issued to all recipients of the award;

(iii) The award is not a Grand rank and does not confer any of the privileges afforded to Grand Chapter officers as herein described.

**Explanation**: Since the Award was instituted in 2002 many worthy and distinguished Companions of all ranks have had their services recognised by the then First Grand Principal. Initially this was by way of a certificate which is presented framed. In 2013 a small unique lapel pin was also introduced. However, as has been pointed out, in many ways this award is analogous to the Roll of Honour conferred in the Craft which as with the Order of Service to Masonry in the Craft and the Order of Meritorious Service for our Order entitle the recipient to use an appropriate post-nominal on relevant occasions.

**Jubilee Scholarship Fund Contributions: Chapters**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **No** | **Chapter** | **Members** | **$ Total** | **$ per capita** |
| 1 | St Augustine | 19 | $140.00 | $7.37 |
| 2 | Waterloo-Russell | 26 | $85.00 | $3.27 |
| 3 | Southern Cross | 13 | $180.00 | $13.85 |
| 4 | Victoria | 22 | $252.00 | $11.45 |
| 5 | Paritutu | 10 | $200.00 | $20.00 |
| 6 | Albert Edward | 19 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 9 | The Auckland | 24 | $192.00 | $8.00 |
| 10 | Wairarapa | 26 | $216.00 | $8.31 |
| 11 | Manawatu | 12 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 12 | Victory | 40 | $152.00 | $3.80 |
| 14 | Marlborough | 30 | $154.00 | $5.13 |
| 15 | Timaru | 36 | $465.00 | $12.92 |
| 17 | Ohinemuri | 18 | $766.00 | $42.56 |
| 20 | Cromwell Coronation | 16 | $38.00 | $2.38 |
| 21 | Kawatiri | 18 | $89.00 | $4.94 |
| 22 | Waikato | 20 | $289.00 | $14.45 |
| 23 | Wanganui | 23 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 24 | Brooklyn | 21 | $88.00 | $4.19 |
| 27 | Whangarei | 18 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 28 | Maori | 15 | $77.00 | $5.13 |
| 30 | Rawhiti | 12 | $69.00 | $5.75 |
| 35 | Rose & Thistle | 24 | $110.00 | $4.58 |
| 38 | Heretaunga | 26 | $69.00 | $2.65 |
| 39 | Bedford | 14 | $113.00 | $8.07 |
| 42 | Celtic | 15 | $107.00 | $7.13 |
| 43 | Otaihape | 16 | $76.00 | $4.75 |
| 44 | Rotorua | 16 | $102.00 | $6.38 |
| 48 | Piako | 18 | $478.00 | $26.56 |
| 49 | Oroua | 15 | $56.00 | $3.73 |
| 52 | North Shore | 23 | $125.00 | $5.43 |
| 53 | Ara | 38 | $814.00 | $21.42 |
| 57 | Bay of Plenty | 16 | $187.00 | $11.69 |
| 61 | William Ferguson Massey | 20 | $200.00 | $10.00 |
| 62 | Wellington | 24 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 63 | Horowhenua | 13 | $52.00 | $4.00 |
| 69 | Karangahape | 28 | $162.00 | $5.79 |
| 71 | Hokianga | 20 | $70.00 | $3.50 |
| 72 | Waitemata | 20 | $203.00 | $10.15 |
| 74 | Carlyle | 9 | $100.00 | $11.11 |
| **No** | **Chapter** | **Members** | **$ Total** | **$ per capita** |
| 76 | Waikaremoana | 13 | $66.00 | $5.08 |
| 80 | Kaipara-Mahurangi | 17 | $420.00 | $24.71 |
| 85 | McVilly | 20 | $102.00 | $5.10 |
| 86 | Shirley | 31 | $607.00 | $19.58 |
| 88 | Te Awamutu | 22 | $91.00 | $4.14 |
| 90 | St Andrew | 14 | $50.00 | $3.57 |
| 92 | Tutanekai-Hinemoa | 20 | $92.00 | $4.60 |
| 93 | Research Ch of NZ | 0 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 97 | Tawhiri | 15 | $88.00 | $5.87 |
| 98 | Peace | 34 | $545.00 | $16.03 |
| 101 | Howick | 17 | $98.00 | $5.76 |
| 103 | Mount Maunganui | 30 | $1,549.00 | $51.63 |
| 106 | Unanimity of Papakura | 0 | $125.00 | 0 |
| 109 | Aurora | 18 | $104.00 | $5.78 |
| **53** | **Total** | **1,044** | **$10,413.00** |  |
|  | per chapter |  |  | $196.47 |
|  | per member |  |  | $9.97 |

**Councils:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **No.** | **Council** | **Members** | **$ Total** | **$ per capita** |
| 1 | St Augustine | 15 | $0.00 | 0 |
| 3 | Southern Cross | 10 | $25.00 | $2.50 |
| 11 | Manawatu | 31 | $109.00 | $3.52 |
| 12 | Victory | 23 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 14 | Marlborough | 19 | $98.00 | $5.16 |
| 15 | Timaru | 21 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 20 | Cromwell Coronation | 18 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 22 | Waikato | 34 | $73.00 | $2.15 |
| 32 | Taku-Hoa | 10 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 38 | Heretaunga | 43 | $30.00 | $0.70 |
| 44 | Rotorua | 20 | $86.00 | $4.30 |
| 51 | Russell | 38 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 52 | North Shore | 12 | $87.00 | $7.25 |
| 53 | The Ara | 54 | $207.00 | $3.83 |
| 65 | Bay of Islands | 16 | $76.00 | $4.75 |
| 80 | Mahurangi | 14 | $135.00 | $9.64 |
| 106 | Unanimity | 11 | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 108 | Hutt Valley | 21 | $161.00 | $7.67 |
| 18 | Total | 410 | $1,087.00 |  |
|  | per council |  |  | $60.39 |
|  | per member |  |  | $2.65 |

**Membership – by Division/District**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **30-Jun-17** | | | **30-Jun-16** | | |
|  | **Member** | **Dual** | **Total** | **Member** | **Dual** | **Total** |
| **Northland District** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whangarei No 27 | 16 | 2 | 18 | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| Bay of Islands No 65 (Dormant) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |  | 14 |
| Hokianga No 71 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 16 | 1 | 17 |
| Kaipara-Mahurangi No 80 | 16 | 1 | 17 | 17 | 1 | 18 |
| **Number of Chapters - 3** | **52** | **3** | 55 | **63** | **4** | **67** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Auckland District** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Auckland No 9 | 22 | 2 | 24 | 22 | 2 | 24 |
| North Shore No 52 | 23 | 0 | 23 | 26 |  | 26 |
| Ara No 53 | 38 | 0 | 38 | 36 | 1 | 37 |
| William Ferguson Massey No 61 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 22 |  | 22 |
| Karangahape No 69 | 28 | 0 | 28 | 30 |  | 30 |
| Waitemata No 72 | 19 | 1 | 20 | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| Research Chapter No 93 | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |  |
| Chapter of Peace No 98 | 34 | 0 | 34 | 31 | 2 | 33 |
| Howick No 101 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 21 |  | 21 |
| Unanimity of Papakura No 106 (dormant) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 1 | 25 |
| **Number of Chapters - 9** | **201** | **3** | 204 | **230** | **7** | **237** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Hauraki District** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ohinemuri No 17 | 15 | 3 | 18 | 15 | 3 | 18 |
| Waikato No 22 | 19 | 1 | 20 | 24 | 1 | 25 |
| Rotorua No 44 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 23 |  | 23 |
| Piako No 48 | 15 | 3 | 18 | 15 | 5 | 20 |
| Bay of Plenty No 57 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 15 |  | 15 |
| Te Awamutu No 88 | 22 | 0 | 22 | 23 |  | 23 |
| Tawhiri No 97 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 15 |  | 15 |
| Mt Maunganui No 103 | 29 | 1 | 30 | 28 | 1 | 29 |
| **Number of Chapters - 8** | **147** | **8** | 155 | **158** | **10** | **168** |
| **Northern Division - 3 Districts, 20 Chapters** | **400** | **14** | **414** | **451** | **21** | **472** |

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|  | **30-Jun-17** | | | **30-Jun-16** | | |
|  | **Member** | **Dual** | **Total** | **Member** | **Dual** | **Total** |
| **Hawkes Bay District** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Victoria No 4 | 21 | 1 | 22 | 24 | 1 | 25 |
| Rawhiti No 30 | 8 | 4 | 12 | 11 | 4 | 15 |
| Heretaunga No 38 | 24 | 2 | 26 | 26 | 2 | 28 |
| Bedford No 39 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 9 | 8 | 17 |
| Waikaremoana No 76 | 9 | 4 | 13 | 9 | 4 | 13 |
| **Number of Chapters - 5** | **69** | **18** | **87** | **79** | **19** | **98** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Ruapehu/Taranaki District** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paritutu No 5 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 11 | 1 | 12 |
| Manawatu No 11 | 11 | 1 | 12 | 15 |  | 15 |
| Wanganui No 23 | 23 | 0 | 23 | 20 | 1 | 21 |
| Otaihape No 43 | 15 | 1 | 16 | 17 | 1 | 18 |
| Oroua No 49 | 13 | 2 | 15 | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| Carlyle No 74 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| **Number of Chapters - 6** | **78** | **7** | 85 | **82** | **7** | **89** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Wellington District** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Waterloo-Russell No 2 | 24 | 2 | 26 | 38 | 1 | 39 |
| Wairarapa No 10 | 24 | 2 | 26 | 25 | 2 | 27 |
| Brooklyn No 24 | 19 | 2 | 21 | 26 | 4 | 30 |
| Wellington No 62 | 22 | 2 | 24 | 23 | 2 | 25 |
| Horowhenua No 63 | 12 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 1 | 12 |
| McVilly No 85 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 19 | 1 | 20 |
| Tutanekai-Hinemoa No 92 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 20 |  | 20 |
| Aurora No 109 | 18 | 0 | 18 | 17 |  | 17 |
| **Number of Chapters - 8** | **159** | **9** | 168 | **179** | **11** | **190** |
| **Central Division - 3 Districts, 19 Chapters** | **306** | **34** | **340** | **340** | **37** | **377** |
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|  | **30-Jun-17** | | | **30-Jun-16** | | |
|  | **Member** | **Dual** | **Total** | **Member** | **Dual** | **Total** |
| **Nelson/Marlborough/Westland** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Victory No 12 | 40 | 0 | 40 | 43 |  | 43 |
| Marlborough No 14 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 29 |  | 29 |
| Kawatiri No 21 | 17 | 1 | 18 | 19 | 1 | 20 |
| **Number of Chapters - 3** | **87** | **1** | **88** | **91** | **1** | **92** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Canterbury District** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| St. Augustine No 1 | 18 | 1 | 19 | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| Albert Edward No 6 | 10 | 9 | 19 | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| Timaru No 15 | 36 | 0 | 36 | 33 |  | 33 |
| Rose & Thistle No 35 | 24 | 0 | 24 | 25 |  | 25 |
| Shirley No 86 | 31 | 0 | 31 | 30 |  | 30 |
| **Number of Chapters - 5** | **119** | **10** | 129 | **116** | **11** | **127** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Otago District** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cromwell Coronation No 20 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 17 |  | 17 |
| Maori No 28 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 19 | 1 | 20 |
| Celtic No 42 | 14 | 1 | 15 | 13 | 2 | 15 |
| **Number of Chapters - 3** | **45** | **1** | 46 | **49** | **3** | **52** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Southland District** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Southern Cross No 3 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 14 |  | 14 |
| St Andrew No 90 | 14 | 0 | 14 | 15 |  | 15 |
| **Number of Chapters - 2** | **27** | **0** | 27 | **29** |  | **29** |
| **Southern Division - 4 Districts, 13 Chapters** | **278** | **12** | **290** | **285** | **15** | **300** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **National 3 Divisions, 53 Chapters** | **984** | **60** | **1,044** | **1,076** | **73** | **1,149** |

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|  | **Chapter #** | **Actual 30 June 2016** | **New Members** | **Joined or Affiliated** | **TOTAL GAIN** | **Deceased** | **Resigned** | **Struck Off** | **TOTAL LOSS** | 30 June 2017 Fee Paying Members | **Dual Members** | **TOTAL** |
| St Augustine | **1** | **18** | **1** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **1** | **18** | **1** | **19** |
| Waterloo Russell\* | **2** | **37** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **9** | **3** | **14** | **24** | **2** | **26** |
| Southern Cross | 3 | 14 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 1 | 0 | 0 | **1** | **13** | **0** | **13** |
| Victoria | 4 | 24 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 1 | 2 | 0 | **3** | **21** | **1** | **22** |
| Paritutu\* | 5 | 11 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 3 | 0 | **3** | **8** | **2** | **10** |
| Albert Edward | 6 | 10 | 1 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **10** | **9** | **19** |
| The Auckland | 9 | 22 | 2 | 0 | **2** | 0 | 1 | 1 | **2** | **22** | **2** | **24** |
| Wairarapa | 10 | 25 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **24** | **2** | **26** |
| Manawatu | 11 | 15 | 1 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 3 | 2 | **5** | **11** | **1** | **12** |
| Victory | 12 | 43 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 3 | 0 | **3** | **40** | **0** | **40** |
| Marlborough | 14 | 29 | 4 | 0 | **4** | 0 | 3 | 0 | **3** | **30** | **0** | **30** |
| Timaru | 15 | 33 | 3 | 1 | **4** | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **36** | **0** | **36** |
| Ohinemuri | 17 | 15 | 1 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **15** | **3** | **18** |
| Cromwell Coronation | 20 | 17 | 1 | 0 | **1** | 1 | 1 | 0 | **2** | **16** | **0** | **16** |
| Kawatiri | 21 | 19 | 2 | 0 | **2** | 1 | 2 | 1 | **4** | **17** | **1** | **18** |
| Waikato | 22 | 24 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 1 | 4 | 0 | **5** | **19** | **1** | **20** |
| Wanganui | 23 | 20 | 3 | 1 | **4** | 1 | 0 | 0 | **1** | **23** | **0** | **23** |
| Brooklyn \* | 24 | 20 | 3 | 1 | **4** | 1 | 4 | 0 | **5** | **19** | **2** | **21** |
| Whangarei | 27 | 16 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **16** | **2** | **18** |
| Maori | 28 | 19 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 2 | 2 | 0 | **4** | **15** | **0** | **15** |
| Rawhiti | 30 | 11 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 1 | 2 | 0 | **3** | **8** | **4** | **12** |
| Rose & Thistle | 35 | 25 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **24** | **0** | **24** |
| Heretaunga\* | 38 | 25 | 1 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 2 | 0 | **2** | **24** | **2** | **26** |
| Bedford | 39 | 9 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 2 | 0 | 0 | **2** | **7** | **7** | **14** |
| Celtic \* (pro forma) | 42 | 14 | 0 | 1 | **1** | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **14** | **1** | **15** |
| Otaihape | 43 | 17 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 1 | 1 | 0 | **2** | **15** | **1** | **16** |
|  | **Chapter** | **Actual 30 June 2016** | **New Members** | **Joined or Affiliated** | **TOTAL GAIN** | **Deceased** | **Resigned** | **Struck Off** | **TOTAL LOSS** | 30 June 2017 Fee Paying Members | **Dual Members** | **TOTAL** |
| Rotorua\* (pro forma) | 44 | 21 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 5 | 0 | **5** | **16** | **0** | **16** |
| Piako | 48 | 15 | 0 | 1 | **1** | 0 | 0 | 1 | **1** | **15** | **3** | **18** |
| Oroua | 49 | 10 | 1 | 2 | **3** | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **13** | **2** | **15** |
| North Shore | 52 | 26 | 3 | 0 | **3** | 2 | 4 | 0 | **6** | **23** | **0** | **23** |
| Ara | 53 | 36 | 3 | 1 | **4** | 0 | 2 | 0 | **2** | **38** | **0** | **38** |
| Bay of Plenty | 57 | 15 | 1 | 1 | **2** | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **16** | **0** | **16** |
| Wm Ferguson Massey | 61 | 22 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 2 | 0 | 0 | **2** | **20** | **0** | **20** |
| Wellington | 62 | 23 | 1 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 2 | 0 | **2** | **22** | **2** | **24** |
| Horowhenua | 63 | 11 | 2 | 1 | **3** | 0 | 2 | 0 | **2** | **12** | **1** | **13** |
| Karangahape | 69 | 30 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 2 | 0 | **2** | **28** | **0** | **28** |
| Hokianga | 71 | 16 | 2 | 2 | **4** | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **20** | **0** | **20** |
| Waitemata\* | 72 | 19 | 1 | 0 | **1** | 1 | 0 | 0 | **1** | **19** | **1** | **20** |
| Carlyle | 74 | 9 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **8** | **1** | **9** |
| Waikaremoana | 76 | 9 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **9** | **4** | **13** |
| Kaipara – Mahurangi | 80 | 17 | 1 | 2 | **3** | 2 | 2 | 0 | **4** | **16** | **1** | **17** |
| McVilly | 85 | 19 | 1 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **20** | **0** | **20** |
| Shirley | 86 | 30 | 1 | 1 | **2** | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **31** | **0** | **31** |
| Te Awamutu | 88 | 23 | 0 | 1 | **1** | 0 | 2 | 0 | **2** | **22** | **0** | **22** |
| St Andrew | 90 | 15 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **14** | **0** | **14** |
| Tutanekai-Hinemoa | 92 | 20 | 3 | 0 | **3** | 0 | 3 | 0 | **3** | **20** | **0** | **20** |
| Tawhiri | 97 | 15 | 0 | 1 | **1** | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **15** | **0** | **15** |
| Chapter of Peace\* | 98 | 32 | 3 | 0 | **3** | 1 | 0 | 0 | **1** | **34** | **0** | **34** |
| Howick | 101 | 21 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 4 | 0 | **4** | **17** | **0** | **17** |
| Mt Maunganui | 103 | 28 | 1 | 1 | **2** | 0 | 1 | 0 | **1** | **29** | **1** | **30** |
|  | **Chapter** | **Actual 30 June 2016** | **New Members** | **Joined or Affiliated** | **TOTAL GAIN** | **Deceased** | **Resigned** | **Struck Off** | **TOTAL LOSS** | 30 June 2017 Fee Paying Members | **Dual Members** | **TOTAL** |
| Unanimity of Papakura (pro forma) | 106 | 24 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 24 | 0 | **24** | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| Aurora | 109 | 17 | 1 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **18** | **0** | **18** |
| Transition | 110 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| **TOTALS** | **53** | **1,055\*** | **48** | **19** | **67** | **23** | **107** | **8** | **138** | **984** | **60** | **1,044** |
| Research | 93 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0** | **82** | **82** |
| \*- adjusted data |  | 1,086 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 984 |  | 1,159 |
| Variance from reported last year |  | 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 105 |
| Loss from reported |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 102 |  |  |
| **net loss** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 71 |  |  |