

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER

NORTH ISLAND NEW ZEALAND

under the

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND



**E. COMP B.J. WESTHEAD, M E GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
E. COMP R.H. FRICKER, PGSWDB. DEPUTY GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
E. COMP J.A. HUME, PGSTDB. SECOND DISTRICT GRAND PRINCIPAL
E. COMP G.J. MCKANDRY, PGSTDB. THIRD DISTRICT GRAND PRINCIPAL**

**Minutes of the annual Convocation
of the
District Grand Royal Arch Chapter, North Island, New Zealand.
Holden at the Ellerslie Masonic Centre, 9A Robert Street, Auckland
on
Saturday, the 5th day of May, 2012 at 11.15 a.m.**

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ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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Present:

E Comp B.J. Westhead	M E Grand Superintendent
E Comp J.A. Hume <i>PGStdB</i>	Second District Grand Principal
E Comp G.J. McKandry <i>PGStdB</i>	Third District Grand Principal
E Comp R.H. Fricker <i>PGSwdB</i>	Deputy Grand Superintendent
E Comp P.B. Gudsell	Past Grand Superintendent
E Comp G.D. Kane <i>P3rdDGP</i>	Past Grand Sojourner
E Comp E.R. Hughes	Past Grand Standard Bearer
E Comp M.T. Bartlam	President, District Committee of General Purposes
E Comp B. McMurtrie <i>PAGSoj P3rdDGP</i>	District Grand Scribe E
E Comp K.J. Langton	Past District Grand Scribe E
E Comp S.G. Allport	Past District Grand Scribe E
E Comp J.B. Walworth <i>PGStdB Z C1930</i>	District Grand Scribe N
E Comp G.A. Gault	Past District Grand Scribe N
E Comp E.F. Monks	Past District Grand Scribe N
E Comp M.A. Chopping	Past District Grand Scribe N
E Comp C.A. Holst	Past District Grand Scribe N
E Comp W.T. Andrew	Past District Grand Scribe N
E Comp D. Roberts	Past District Grand Scribe N
E Comp B.M.R. Smith	District Grand Treasurer
E Comp D.C. Rosieur	Past District Grand Registrar
E Comp J.B. Vanstone	Past District Grand Registrar
E Comp G.W. Abbott <i>PDGTreas</i>	District Grand Director of Ceremonies
E Comp B.L. Keiller	Past District Grand Director of Ceremonies
E Comp M.F. Turner <i>J C2180</i>	District Grand Sword Bearer
E Comp R.N. Clay	Past District Grand Sword Bearer
E Comp P.J. Lenihan	Past District Grand Sword Bearer
E Comp R.M. McKillop <i>MNZM VRD</i>	Past District Grand Sword Bearer
E Comp R.L. Teague	Past District Grand Sword Bearer
E Comp I. Dingwall <i>PDGDC</i>	District Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
E Comp J.E.J. Housham	Past District Grand Sojourner
E Comp J.C. Woodage	Past District Grand Sojourner
E Comp R.A.deL. Everest	Past District Grand Sojourner
E Comp G.E. Arnel	District First Assistant Grand Sojourner
E Comp E.A.C. James	Past District First Assistant Grand Sojourner
E Comp T.L.A. Stent	Past District First Assistant Grand Sojourner
E Comp A.J.M. Macdonald	District Second Assistant Grand Sojourner
E Comp D.M. Lawrence	Past District Second Assistant Grand Sojourner
E Comp R.L. Cross	Past District Second Assistant Grand Sojourner
E Comp M.L. Puckett	Past District Second Assistant Grand Sojourner
E Comp G.R.S. Wilson	District Grand Standard Bearer
E Comp K.E.W. Staton	Past District Grand Standard Bearer
Comp R.F. Prothero <i>C 2300</i>	as District Grand Organist
E Comp T.H. Hallen	District Grand Janitor
E Comp W.F. Hartley <i>PDGStdB (SA Northern)</i>	Z C1188
E Comp R. Pemberton	Z C1338
E Comp A. Gofton	Z C1530
E Comp D.E. Scollick	Z C1801
E Comp W.D. Maday <i>PDGGSN</i>	Z C2072
E Comp M.I. Crawford	Z C2073
E Comp G.N. Martin	H C2073
E Comp G. Forber	H C2221
E Comp T. van der Nest	J C1188
E Comp S.R. Hammerton	J C2072
E Comp P. Parris	PZ C1338

E Comp D.M. Turner	PZ C1801
E Comp F.G. Henley	PZ C2072
E Comp F.A. Khan	PZ C2221
Also in attendance	
Comp M.J. Cameron	C 1188
Comp S.W. Wood	C 1188
Comp J.L. Bau	C 1338
E Comp R.R. Agnew <i>PZ C454 IC</i>	C 1930
Comp R.R. Wilson	C 1930
Comp B. Beattie	C 2073
Comp K.J. Thompson	C 2180
Comp J.A.J.D. Karaka-Hazledene	C 2221
Comp D.M. Sendrove	C 2221
Comp T.R. Stansfield	C 2221
E Comp T.A. Stanbridge	PZ C 61 NZC

OPENING

District Grand Chapter was opened in form at 11.15 A.M.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the Annual Convocation of District Grand Chapter held at the Masonic Centre, Barton Street, Hamilton on Saturday 7th May 2011, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from the following:- E.Comp's. I.E.Whale; D.J.Ackerley; G.A.Anderson; R.B.Bovey; T.C.Brandon; J.P.Brooks; R.Catlin; E.B.Clarke; F.C.Crossan; R.S.Devlin; K.G.Edmonds; J.C.Elliott; R.R.Goldston; C.B.Graham; G.S.Halewood; C.N.Hardy; R.B.Hayes; M.J.Jensen; R.H.Johnstone; N.Kirk; D.P.Laery; D.J.M.Miller; G.S.Moser; B.L.Poole; A.Renton-Green; G.Rogerson; S.R.Sanson; A.Schenke; D.A.Stuck; R.H.Swinbourne; I.V.Tantrum; D.M.Wilding; R.M.Wilson.

ROLL OF CHAPTERS

The District Grand Scribe E called the roll of Chapters:-

Chapter	Number	Represented by:
Alexandra Chapter	1188	First Principal
Auckland Chapter	1338	First Principal
Eden Chapter	1530	First Principal
Sir Donald McLean Chapter	1646	Past First Principal
United Manawatu Chapter	1721	Past First Principal
St. George Chapter	1801	First Principal
Opotiki Chapter	1930	First Principal
Zealandia Chapter	2072	First Principal
Duke of Albany Chapter	2073	First Principal
Chapter of Harmony	2180	Second Principal
Te Awamutu Chapter	2221	Second Principal
Aorangi Chapter	2300	Past First Principal

OBITUARIES.

The District Grand Scribe E read the names of those members whose death had been advised since the last Convocation.

Name	Rank	Chapter	No.	Date
E.Comp G.A. Brackebush	PDGStdB	Duke of Albany	2073	31/05/11
E.Comp C.W. Lashmar	PDGSE	Auckland	1338	23/10/11
E.Comp D.J. Cuthell	PDGStdB	Auckland	1338	18/12/11
E.Comp A.H. Burrows	PDGSoj	Duke of Albany	2073	01/01/12
E.Comp H.W. Meyer	PDGSN	Aorangi	2300	29/01/12
E.Comp R.M. Collins	PGSupt	Te Awamutu	2221	12/04/12

E.COMP. B.J. WESTHEAD: "It is always sad when we lose any of senior members who will be sorely missed, but I must make especial mention of our Past Grand Superintendent E.Comp Ross Collins who led this District Grand Chapter so well for 17 years. I would now ask you to stand for a moments silence in memory of our departed Companions."

COMMUNICATIONS FROM SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The District Grand Scribe E reported that since the last Convocation of this District he had received reports of the proceedings of Supreme Grand Chapter Convocations dated 28th April and 9th November 2011. Copies of which have been distributed to Chapters.

E.COMP. B.J. WESTHEAD: "Companions, as it is now our usual custom for you to have received the reports in written form, the reports will not be read. However, on this occasion it is my pleasure to announce to you that the ME First Grand Principal has been pleased to appoint our E.Comp. John Breward Walworth of the Opotiki Chapter to the Rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer. This Rank became effective as at the Investiture meeting of Grand Chapter held on Thursday 27th April and nothing further needs to be done. However, it is our usual custom to mark this the occasion with a brief clothing ceremony. Comp. DGDC would you please place E.Comp. Walworth before me."

The Grand Superintendent then clothed E.Comp Walworth with the regalia of his new Rank and, after he was placed in his seat in District Grand Chapter, the Grand Superintendent invited E.Comp Walworth to address the District Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

REPORT OF THE M.E. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, E. COMP. B.J. WESTHEAD.

Companions, since my Installation in October 2011 I have attended the following meetings.

Opotiki Chapter No 1930 Installation Meeting on Saturday 17th March, 2012.

My first Installation meeting representing our District and having E.Comp Fricker and E.Comp McKandry supporting me this day, made it that much more special, also thanks to our Companions from the Alexandra Chapter for their support. We entered and received a very warm welcome from E.Comp John Walworth and I had the pleasure to welcome ME.Comp Ian Law and RE.Comp J Benfell on behalf of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England. The work of the evening was the Proclamations of E.Comp. J.B. Walworth as Z, and E.Comp R.L. Cross as H and the induction of E.Comp M.G. Rivers as J. A well conducted short ceremony and I had the pleasure to address the First Principal. This would be the ninth time John has received this address. A companion who has given so much. We retired to a well catered refectory and enjoyed the time with the Opotiki Companions and visitors alike.

Brian J. Westhead, Grand Superintendent

REPORT OF DEPUTY GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

E. COMP R.H. FRICKER, PGSWDB. M.EX. DEPUTY GRAND SUPERINTENDENT:

M.E. Grand Superintendent.

It is my pleasure to report to you for the first time in your capacity as Grand Superintendent.

Following our Communications in May last year and prior to your Installation on October 8th I represented E. Companion Gudsell and the District at the Installation of Zealandia Chapter No 2072 in Kerikeri on May 21st. This meeting has always been a Masonic highlight for me and of course it was again. I had the pleasure of welcoming M.E.

Companion Ian Law of the Scottish Constitution, and R.E. Companion Graham Morris of the New Zealand Constitution. As we have come to expect, the meeting was conducted with the usual aplomb and also, Most Excellent, I had the pleasure of the company of one E. Companion Brian Westhead who was my driver on this occasion and was in his own words "sizing up the territory".

I next represented the District at the Installation of Ponsonby Kilwinning Royal Arch Chapter No 394 S.C. on September 20th where I was received most cordially by M.E. Companion Ian Law. He truly knows how to make one feel welcome.

Other visits I made up until your Installation were all in support of E. Companion Peter Gudsell who in his final months as ME Grand Superintendent was making as many visits to our Chapters as was possible. The gracious manner in which he was received and the obvious admiration of your predecessor was a pleasure to behold.

October of course was of singular importance for the District particularly in having four such Senior Grand Officers in our presence from England. It was good at last to be able to put a face to a name. From the manner in which these gentlemen conducted the ceremonies much could be learned and with our new President of the Chapter Committee of General Purposes it is my aim to see that the many good points I observed are conveyed to our Chapters. I am probably speaking out of turn but I make no apologies when I say that the same good points could be picked up by our Board of General Purposes.

Since your taking of office I have represented you thus far on two occasions. First at United Manawatu Chapter No 1721 in Palmerston on March 13th. The Installation Ceremony at this meeting was conducted extremely well particularly when considering the last minute difficulties their Director of Ceremonies had to contend with. It was somewhat disappointing that neither the Scottish nor the Irish constitutions were present. Next, on March 23rd I represented you at St George Chapter 1801 in Whangarei. Again I had the pleasure of welcoming ME Comp. Ian Law, M.E. Comp. John Davies and R.E. Comp. Graham Morris.

Further visits are yet to come Most Excellent and it will be my pleasure to represent you on each of these occasions.

Robert H. Fricker PGSwdB, Deputy Grand Superintendent

REPORT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT GRAND PRINCIPAL

E. COMP J.A. HUME, PGSTDB, SECOND DISTRICT GRAND PRINCIPAL:

Ex Companion Brian Westhead, ME Grand Superintendent. It has been my pleasure to represent you and District on the following occasions over the past 12 months.

8th August 2011 Waterloo-Russell No2 NZC Johnsonville.

I was greeted and made welcome by RE Comp Brooke Past Grand Superintendant Wellington District and R.E. Comp Geoff Davies Grand Superintendant of the Wellington District and members of the Chapter. This was a different and very interesting ceremony with the usual and very enjoyable refectory. Most Lodges in Wellington now seem to use the same caterer who provides an excellent roast dinner and desert. This was a most congenial evening with relaxed company.

1st November 2011 Aorangi Chapter No 2300 Johnsonville.

My privilege again to represent District at my Mother Chapter and present the address to the First Principal. The previous year had been very successful, with 2 exaltations and a promising prospect for this year. We enjoyed a well conducted ceremony with an excellent standard of Ritual which was followed by the usual happy refectory. We were joined by many visitors who also enjoyed the evening.

8th February 2012 Brooklyn Royal Arch Chapter No 24 NZC. Porirua.

It was a pleasure to be invited to make an official visit to this Chapter by RE Comp G.J. Davies Grand Superintendent Wellington District. I was warmly received and delighted to address the First Principal on this occasion. It is very rewarding for the Officers accompanying me to be made so welcome in the NZC Chapters in the Wellington area. Long may it continue!

10th March 2012 One hundred and Twentieth Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand.

A wonderful experience to represent District at the Proclamation of ME Comp Bruce Hebbard First Grand Principal.

This was great day of pomp and ceremony followed by a Grand Banquet the Ladies being invited to both ceremonies and made most welcome. The entire function was held at the Brentwood Motor Lodge which was most convenient as many people also stayed.

23 March Aorangi No 2300 Annual Dinner and Celebration of the Eightieth Anniversary of the Chapter. The Wellington Club.

A superb evening, not to represent, but to accompany E Comp Brian Westhead. An outstanding Masonic evening.

ME Grand Superintendant it has been a pleasure representing you and District during the year.

Many thanks to all who supported me.

John Hume PGStdB, Second District Grand Principal.

REPORT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT GRAND PRINCIPAL

E. COMP G.J. MCKANDRY, PGSTDB, THIRD DISTRICT GRAND PRINCIPAL

ME Grand Superintendent, since our last Convocation I have had the honour and privilege to represent you and E.Comp. P.B. Gudsell on a number of occasions.

On 19th May 2011 at the Te Awamutu Chapter No. 2211 when E.Comp. J.P. Brooks was installed as First Principal in an excellent ceremony. I addressed the First Principal, and presented a PZ jewel to E.Comp. F.A. Khan. In refectory, a Royal Arch fire followed all toasts.

On 26th May 2011 at the Alexandra Chapter No. 1188 where E.Comp. W.F. Hartley was installed as First Principal. I addressed the First Principal, and presented E.Comp. G. Arnel with his PZ jewel. A most enjoyable ceremony, followed by an excellent refectory.

On 27th June 2011 at the Auckland Chapter No. 1338, which was a great privilege to represent the District at my Mother Chapter. A very quick ceremony as all Principals were proclaimed, as a clash of duties in their Craft Lodges precluded the usual progression of Officers this year.

On 31st July 2011 at the Unanimity Chapter No. 106 NZC I was welcomed by RE.Comp. K. Dalzell, Grand Superintendent for Auckland, Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand where E.Comp. T.R. Compton was installed as First Principal. Some very good toasts in refectory, especially the reply to the Visitors by ME.Comp. J.M. Davies Provincial Grand Superintendent for New Zealand, Supreme Grand Chapter of Ireland.

On 1st October 2011 at the Hauraki Royal Arch Chapter No. 454 IC. I was welcomed by M.E.Comp. John M. Davies, Provincial Grand Superintendent and witnessed E.Comp. D.L. Freedman being installed as Ex. King by a team from Auckland's Ara Chapter No. 348 IC.

It was my privilege to present the Warrant, Book of Constitutions and By-laws.

On 10 October 2011 at the Ferguson Massey Chapter No. 61 NZC where E.Comp. A.D. Martin was installed in a fine ceremony by RE.Comp. K. Dalzell and his Grand Officers.

On 11th October 2011 at the Saint Andrew Kilwinning Royal Arch Chapter No. 454 SC where I was welcomed by ME.Comp. I.N. Law, Grand Superintendent and witnessed E.Comp. O.S. Marshall being once again installed as First Principal.

I gave the final address to the Principals.

On 11th November 2011 at the Whangarei Chapter No. 27 NZC, standing in for E.Comp. Fricker. I was warmly welcomed by RE.Comp. G. Morris, the Grand Superintendent for Northland. E.Comp. A.D. Martin was installed as First Principal and I was privileged to give the address to the Second Principal. A most enjoyable refectory followed.

On all occasions, I was accompanied by Grand and District Grand Officers, and I thank them for their support.

ME, May I also say that being installed as Third District Grand Principal at your installation as ME Grand Superintendent by the team from Grand Chapter was one of my most memorable Masonic moments, and I ledge my ongoing support to you and the District.

Graeme McKandry PGStdB, Third District Grand Principal

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT GRAND SCRIBE E.

E. COMP. B. MCMURTRIE PAGSOJ, DISTRICT GRAND SCRIBE E:

ME Grand Superintendent, Since our last Convocation of this District Grand Chapter, you or your representative have attended the following Convocations.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
2011				
Tue 14 June	E.Comp. C.B. Graham	Research	93 NZC	Installation
Thur 19 May	E.Comp. G.J. McKandry	Te Awamutu	2221	Installation
Sat 21 May	E.Comp. R.H. Fricker	Zealandia	2072	Installation
Thur 26 May	E.Comp. G.J. McKandry	Alexandra	1188	Installation
Mon 27 June	E.Comp. G.J. McKandry	Auckland	1338	Installation

Thur	07	July	E.Comp. R.H. Fricker	Auckland/Ellerslie	9 NZC	Installation
Mon	11	July	E.Comp. P.B. Gudsell	Ara	348 IC	Installation
Thu	21	July	E.Comp. G.J. McKandry	Unanimity	106 NZC	Installation
Mon	08	Aug	E.Comp. J.A. Hume	Waterloo/Russell	2 NZC	Installation
Tue	10	Aug	E.Comp. P.B. Gudsell	Duke of Albany	2073	Installation
Mon	15	Aug	E.Comp. R.H. Fricker	Karangahape	69 NZC	Installation
Thu	01	Sept	E.Comp. P.B. Gudsell	Harmony	2180	Installation
Sat	03	Sept	E.Comp. R.H. Fricker	Zealandia	197 SC	Installation
Thu	12	Sept	E.Comp. P.B. Gudsell	Ara	348 IC	Older Constitutions Meeting
Sat	17	Sept	E.Comp. C.B. Graham	Tauranga	197 SC	Installation
Tue	20	Sept	E.Comp. R.H. Fricker	Ponsonby Kilwinning	394 SC	Installation
Sat	01	Oct	E.Comp. G.J. McKandry	Hauraki	454 IC	Installation
Mon	11	Oct	E.Comp. G.J. McKandry	St. Andrew Kilwinning	464 SC	Installation
Wed	12	Oct	E.Comp. R.H. Fricker	Waitemata	72 NZC	Installation
Mon	17	Oct	E.Comp. G.J. McKandry	William Ferguson Massey	61 NZC	Installation
Tue	01	Nov	E.Comp. J.A. Hume	Aorangi	2300	Installation
Tue	01	Nov	E.Comp. G.J. McKandry	Whangarei	27 NZC	Installation

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Wed	08	Feb	E.Comp. J.A. Hume	Brooklyn	24 NZC	Installation
Sat	10	Mar	E.Comp. J.A. Hume	Supreme Grand Chapter of NZ Convocation		
Tue	13	Mar	E.Comp. R.H. Fricker	United Manawatu	1721	Installation
Sat	17	Mar	E.Comp. B.J. Westhead	Opotiki	1930	Installation
Fri	23	Mar	E.Comp. R.H. Fricker	Saint George	1801	Installation

Membership Statistics.

Still awaiting a return from one Chapter for the year ended 31st December 2011. Statistics to date show an overall loss of 15 memberships for the year, from 330 to 315 (5 less than 2010). Only one of our twelve Chapters had an increase in membership with 1 extra; five remained static. There were 9 Exaltations during the year and 3 Foreign Joiners. Once again the rate of resignations was high at 16. During 2011 there were 13 Grand Chapter Certificates issued.

Since our last Convocation, the following Dispensations were approved by you M.Ex. (or your predecessor): -

Zealandia Chapter No. 2072	To ballot for, and install E.Comp. Gifford as Second Principal for the third successive year.
Eden Chapter No. 1530	To change the date of the regular September 2011 Convocation.
Opotiki Chapter No. 1930	To change the date of the regular November 2011 Convocation.
United Manawatu Chapter No. 1721	To elect, and install, the current Third Principal as Second Principal and also First Principal.
Opotiki Chapter No. 1930	To ballot for, and install E.Comp. Walworth and E.Comp. Cross as First and Second Principals respectively for the fourth consecutive year.

That ME Grand Superintendent completes my report.

Bruce McMurtrie PAGSoj, District Grand Scribe E.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

E.COMP M.T. BARTLAM, PRESIDENT OF THE CHAPTER COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

M E Grand Superintendent, I report as follows:-

Committee of General Purposes Meetings:

These were held on 12th September 2011 and 2nd March 2012. The meetings were good opportunities for open and useful discussion on current Royal Arch issues.

Usual items of business were attended to and no contentious matters arose.

Membership

As reported by District Scribe E our membership has reduced from 330 in 2010 to 315 at the end of 2011.

There were 9 English Master Mason Exaltees entering the Royal Arch together with 1 Joining Member and 3 Joining Members from Sister Constitutions. This was offset by Resignations 16, Cessations/Exclusions 3, Deaths 8 with the result of a net loss of 15 for the year.

As with previous years I must reiterate that Membership, both Retention and Recruitment, must continue to be a primary responsibility of our Chapter Principals by keeping close contact with Craft Lodges and ensuring that our Companions who have proposed members into Craft Lodges fully emphasise to them the fulfilment of completing that final and integral part of Antient Freemasonry which is the Royal Arch.

As in previous years some Chapters are still under serious pressure for survival. Any Chapter below a membership of 20 generally will experience difficulty in filling the various offices at a convocation meeting and heavy burdens to meet ongoing running cost which inevitably is reflected in their Chapter Dues.

Recruitment and retention are two issues which continue to be a challenge to all orders in Freemasonry, the Royal Arch is no exception and we must use all our efforts to ensure that our Order is attractive to both new and existing members, so that they understand its principles and its meaning and thereby make it enjoyable to be a part of

Members of the Craft, who are not members of the Royal Arch, still need a greater awareness of the indissoluble link between the Craft and the Royal Arch.

As Chapter Principals, Chapter Representatives or District Officers we have a responsibility for recruiting and helping to retain both new and existing Companions.

I impress on you the importance of being able to explain the Royal Arch to potential Exaltees as well as demonstrating a clear understanding of the ritual.

It is important that all of you to be active and supportive in your Lodges to encourage Brethren to enter this most important Order in Freemasonry.

Installation of new Grand Superintendent

On Saturday, 8th October 2011, Excellent Companion Brian James Westhead, was the occasion of your installation as our new Grand Superintendent as well as District Grand Master.

The District was very honoured by the presence of ME Comp Peter Geoffrey Lowndes, ME Pro First Grand Principal, who together with the Grand Scribe E, E.Comp Nigel Brown, E.Comp Andrew Wigram and E.Comp Sebastian Madden travelled from England just to be with us on this very special occasion.

Further to your installation as Grand Superintendent you in turn installed E Comp R F (Bob) Fricker as Deputy Grand Superintendent, E Comp John A Hume as Second District Grand Principal and E Comp Graeme McKandry as Third District Grand Principal.

Visits:

Visiting by our District Officers at Installations and other important occasions of our Sister Constitutions, our District Representative has still only been supported by a small number of your District Officers.

It is still necessary to stress the need for Principals to arrange visits to our own District Chapters as well as those of the other Chapters in our Sister Constitutions.

As included in last year's report "Where the Principal, in his programme of visits, is unable to attend a particular meeting, this does not mean that no one else may attend! The three Principals are "Principals in Equal" and there is no reason why the Second or Third Principal or indeed the Second AND Third Principal should not attend".

There is nothing new about visiting being an important aspect of Royal Arch Masonry.

Visitors help swell the number of members present for both the formal and social aspects of the meeting.

Good numbers promote good workings, good socializing and overall increased interest and enjoyment for companions resulting in a successful meeting.

Good workings in the Chapter, Good Socialising and Good Standards in the Refectory make for a very successful time and is essential to retaining membership.

How active a chapter is in visiting inevitably reflects on the number of visitors being received.

We need to keep communicating the interest and enjoyment of visiting between our Chapters in the same way as between our Craft Lodges.

Chapters that programme visits and plan ahead have a far better opportunity to succeed.

Chapter Reports

These are important not only for comment to the Grand Superintendent on progress in each Chapter but also for circulation to the Chapter members to keep them fully informed, particularly the not so regular attendees.

Financial Account

The accounts, which are generally in good health, have already been reported on today by the District Grand Chapter Treasurer

Improving membership numbers not only improves both Chapter & District Grand Chapter Finances but helps relieve the pressure to have to regularly increase subscription fees.

Reducing membership numbers generates increasing pressure to regularly increase subscription Fees to cover unavoidable annually increasing operating costs.

M E Grand Superintendent, that concludes my report.

Malcolm Bartlam, President, District Chapter Committee of General Purposes

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2011

The annual accounts to 31st December 2011 having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and received, and are appended. E.Comp. B.M.R. Smith, DGTreas, then commented thereon. Moved E.Comp B.M.R. Smith, seconded E.Comp R.H. Fricker, that the accounts be adopted. Carried.

The accounts are printed at the end of these minutes.

ELECTION OF TREASURER

E.COMP. B.J. WESTHEAD, GRAND SUPERINTENDENT:

Companions, I call for nominations for the position of District Grand Treasurer.

E.COMP M.T. BARTLAM, ME Grand Superintendent, I nominate E.Comp. D.P. Laery, of the Eden Chapter No 1530 as District Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. Seconded by E.Comp. R.H. Fricker.

E.COMP B.J. WESTHEAD, GRAND SUPERINTENDENT: Companions, are there any further nominations? There being none, E.Comp Laery was elected as District Grand Treasurer.

ELECTION OF AUDITOR

E.COMP B.J. WESTHEAD, GRAND SUPERINTENDENT:

Companions, I call for nominations for the position of Auditor.

E.COMP. M.T. BARTLAM, - ME Grand Superintendent, I nominate E.Comp. S. Boyask of the Ara Royal Arch Chapter No. 348 IC, as Auditor for the ensuing year. Seconded by E.Comp. R.H. Fricker.

E.COMP B.J. WESTHEAD, GRAND SUPERINTENDENT: Companions, are there any further nominations? There being none, Ex. Comp. Boyask was elected as Auditor.

APPOINTMENT AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS FOR 2012/2013

E.COMP. B.J. WESTHEAD, GRAND SUPERINTENDENT: - "Companions, I will now appoint and invest the District Grand Chapter Officers for the ensuing year. First, I appoint E.Comp. John Alexander Hume PDGDC of the Aorangi Chapter No. 2300 as Second District Grand Principal and E.Comp. Graeme James McKandry PGStdB of the Auckland Chapter No. 1338 as Third District Grand Principal."

The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested the following Officers: -

<u>Rank</u>	<u>E.Comp.</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>No.</u>
President District Comm of GP	Ronald L. Cross <i>PDAGSoj</i>	Alexandra	1188
District Grand Scribe E	Bruce McMurtrie <i>PAGSoj</i>	Eden	1530
District Grand Scribe N	Jeffery B. Vanstone <i>PDGReg</i>	Opotiki	1930
District Grand Treasurer	Desmond P. Laery <i>PADGSE</i>	Eden	1530
District Grand Registrar	R. Norman Clay <i>PDGSwdB</i>	Saint George	1801
District Grand Dir of Ceremonies	Graham W. Abbott <i>PDGTreas</i>	Eden	1530
District Grand Sword Bearer	John C. Woodage <i>PDGSoj</i>	Auckland	1338
District Deputy Grand D of C	Ian Dingwall <i>PDGDC</i>	Aorangi	2300
District Grand Principal Sojourner	Dennis M. Turner	Saint George	1801
District Grand 1 st Asst. Soj.	Farouk Ali Khan	Te Awamutu	2221
District Grand 2 nd Asst. Soj.	Terrence C. Brandon	Aorangi	2300
District Grand Standard Bearer	Peter Parris	Auckland	1338
District Grand Organist	Frederick G. Henley	Zealandia	2072
District Grand Janitor	Tom H. Hallen <i>DGJan</i>	Harmony	2180

First Appointment to Past Rank

PDGStdB	Raymond H. Blaber	Opotiki	1930
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PROMOTIONS:

PDGReg	J. Edward J. Housham	Auckland	1338
PDGSoj	Kerry E.W. Staton	Duke of Albany	2073
PDGStdB	Christopher E. Overy	Auckland	1338

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES

E.COMP. B.J. WESTHEAD, GRAND SUPERINTENDENT: "I appoint the following Companions to the District Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing year. The President, as you have already heard is E.Comp. Ronald L. Cross of the Alexandra Chapter No. 1188."

E.Comp. R. Norman Clay	St. George	1801
E.Comp. Guy S. Halewood	Alexandra	1188
E.Comp. Robert M. McKillop	Aorangi	2300
E.Comp. Trevor L.A. Stent	United Manawatu	1721
E.Comp. John B. Walworth	Opotiki	1930

ADDRESS BY THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

Companions, welcome one and all to my first Convocation as your Grand Superintendent, only seven months have passed since I was installed by ME.Comp Peter Geoffrey Lowndes, ME Pro First Grand Principal, that one day, a day in my history will stay with me forever. On that day I made a statement about our dedicated officers and now I am saying thank you to E.Comp's Bob Fricker, John Hume and Graeme McKandry for representing this District at all their Installation visits and for all the support you afforded me and E.Comp Bruce McMurtrie, our District Grand Scribe E, a dedicated companion to his duty and to the English Royal Arch Masonry.

I acknowledge and welcome all those who I have this day appointed and invested to District Grand Rank, and I look forward to working with you, and I will remind you that you are responsible to ensure that the District Representatives are strongly supported at Installation and other important meetings.

I would also like to thank those Companions who have left Office today and I do hope you continue to support our District. Nothing stands out more than a Companion representing our district, being supported by many and I state many, present and past District and Grand Officers.

It was a pleasure to clothe E.Comp. John Walworth with his new Rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer, which is a promotion richly deserved for a very dedicated Royal Arch Mason.

Recruitment is the most important topic for our future and we must encourage our Craft brethren to remind those who are not of our persuasion, that the Royal Arch is an integral part of Craft Masonry.

E.Comp Malcolm Bartlam, the Past President of the District Chapter Committee of G.P. advised all Chapters that a Royal Arch Representative should be appointed to each Craft Lodge. This must be seen as a proactive step.

E.Comp Brian J. Westhead, Grand Superintendent

E.COMP. B.J. WESTHEAD: "We now come to any items of general business."

There were no further matters brought to the attention of the meeting.

CLOSING

The District Grand Chapter was closed in form at 12.10 P.M.

The first verse of 'God Save the Queen' was sung followed by the retirement of the M.E. Grand Superintendent and his Senior Officers.

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER, NORTH ISLAND. NEW ZEALAND
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<u>Income was received from:</u>		
Annual Dues	13,460	11,974
Fees of Honour	125	60
Regalia Hire	600	490
Sale of Rituals and Books	252	524
Interest earned	310	184
Dispensations	40	20
Donations Received	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>14,887</u>	<u>13,252</u>
<u>Expenditure was incurred as follows:</u>		
Accountancy Fees	1,124	1067
Administration Contribution	8,000	7000
Grand Chapter Dues Paid	466	490
Cost of Rituals	405	696
Sundry Expenses	16	-
Travel Expenses	<u>1,305</u>	<u>1,297</u>
	<u>11,316</u>	<u>10,060</u>
<u>Surplus (deficit) Before Transfers</u>	<u>\$3,571</u>	<u>\$3,192</u>
Transfer to regalia Replacement Reserve	1,500	3,000
<u>Surplus (Deficit) for the Year</u>	<u>\$2,071</u>	<u>\$192</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

<u>Accumulated Funds are:</u>		
Opening Balance	12,741	12,549
Surplus (Deficiency) for the year	<u>2,071</u>	<u>192</u>
	14,812	12,741
Regalia Replacement Fund		
Opening Balance	3,000	-
Transfer to fund for Year	1,500	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>4,500</u>	<u>3,000</u>
<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>\$19,312</u>	<u>\$15,741</u>

Represented by the Assets of:

Accounts Receivable	80	187
Westpac Bank Account	-	199
Investment Account N.Z. Grand Lodge	12,243	9,058
Rituals on Hand	<u>824</u>	<u>362</u>
	<u>13,147</u>	<u>9,806</u>

Less Liabilities of:

Accounts Payable	-	325
Westpac Bank Account	<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>
	13,052	9,481
Fixed Assets as per schedule	<u>6,260</u>	<u>6,260</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>\$19,312</u>	<u>\$15,741</u>

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the books and records of the District Grand Chapter, North Island, New Zealand for the year ended 31 December 2011. I have obtained all of the information I have required and the attached Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Financial Position correctly show in my opinion the transactions for the year and financial position as at 31 December 2011.

Original signed by S. Boyask - Auditor

Dated: 05 April 2012.