

# **SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND**



**Proceedings of the  
One Hundred and Thirty-Third Convocation**

**Hamilton, 8 March 2025**

## Transactions of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convocation held on 23 February 2025 by Zoom

The Business Session was opened by ME Comp Dennis Waller GZ at 10:00 am.

### Attendees

- ME Comp Dennis Waller, Ron Lane, Eoin Dryden, Graeme Pengelly
- RE Comp Ken Burt, Alan Hart, David Craddock, Paul Sargison, David Ryan, Greg Bennett, Bob Monson, Ian Plummer, Bob Thomson, Bob Cresswell, Paul Johnston, Mike Downey, Phil Brooke, Mike Kearsley, Lindsay Stichbury, Peter Smith, Jim McLaggan, Dave Keenan GPA, Herb Carberry GPA, Robert Jaray GPA, George Allan, Graham Smith
- VE Comp Warwick Milbank, Roger Carson, Ray Burgess, John Patterson, Neil Rowlands, Alan Cuthbert, Ken Stokes, Bill Taylor, Geoff Parry, Gordon Ragg, Don Hazelwood, Paul Ashley, Mark Pagulayan, Stuart Reader

These names are taken from the list of those logging into the Zoom call. Not all participants were online for the whole duration of the call.

### Apologies

Apologies were received from:

- ME Comp Geoff Davies GPA, Graham Redman, Rod Biel
- RE Comp Roger Gregory, Kerry Dalzell, Ferg McNaughton, Jim Heron, Nigel Petrie
- VE Comp Ian Hunt, John Linschoten, Peter McHannigan, Ron Holbrook, John Miller, Peter Duynstee, Bill Palmer
- Comp John Sutherland, Evan Donnelly

### Ratification of Transactions

Moved by ME Comp Dennis Waller, seconded by RE Comp David Ryan, that the Transactions of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convocation held in Palmerston North on 9 March 2024 be ratified with an amendment to include VE Comp Ron Penhale in the list of those attending

Carried

### In Memoriam

The following deaths were advised from Convocation 2024 to 23 February 2025. There may be omissions. Grand Chapter apologises if the deaths of some Companions have been missed. We rely on Chapters advising us of membership changes.

Title	Name	Rank	Chapter	Date of death or date advised
VE Comp	David Alison		Chapter of Peace 98	14 Mar 2024
VE Comp	Peter Craig	PGStdB	Marlborough 14	14 Mar 2024
Comp	Neil Elgar		Wanganui 23	24 Mar 2024

Title	Name	Rank	Chapter	Date of death or date advised
Comp	Allan Arthur		Albert Edward 6	11 Apr 2024
VE Comp	David Woodward	PAGDC	North Shore 52	27 Apr 2024
Comp	Frank Wilkins		Heretaunga 38	18 May 2024
VE Comp	Peter MacDonald		Hutt-Wairarapa 10	26 May 2024
VE Comp	Ross Kirkbride		Howick 101	August 2024
VE Comp	Brian Jackson	PGSwdB	Hutt-Wairarapa 10	26 Sep 2024
Comp	Ian Musgrove		Marlborough 14	1 Oct 2024
RE Comp	Ray Glover SGR	PGDC SGR	Brooklyn 24	7 Oct 2024
Comp	Colin Stringer		Ara 53	15 Oct 2024
VE Comp	George David Jory		Albert Edward 6	19 Oct 2024
RE Comp	Richard Scadden	PGJ	Kawatiri 21	3 Nov 2024
E Comp	Malcolm Moore		Cromwell Coronation 20	4 Dec 2024
VE Comp	David Weatherley	PGSwdB	North Shore 52	11 Dec 2024
VE Comp	Peter Albury		Shirley 86	27 Dec 2024
Comp	Joseph Cross		Kaipara-Mahurangi 80	1 Jan 2025

## Awards

### a. Long-term service awards

The following awards and bars were issued since Convocation 2024.

Number	Title	Name	Rank	Chapter
<b>40-year service awards</b>				
1589	ME Comp	B Hebbard	PGZ	Cromwell Coronation 20
1590	RE Comp	P R A Johnston	PDGZ	Timaru 15
1591	RE Comp	G Gilbert	PGSupt	Victoria 4
1592	RE Comp	R G Monson	PGH	Waikato 22
1593	E Comp	R C Dimock		Hutt-Wairarapa 10
1594	E Comp	G Evans		Hutt-Wairarapa 10
1595	RE Comp	R J Wright	GLec	Albert Edward 6
1596	VE Comp	R P Dickson GPA	PGDC	Victory 12
1597	VE Comp	K G Burgess		Rotorua 44
1598	VE Comp	I E Jonasen		Shirley 86
1599	Comp	F W J Davidson		Victory 12
1600	ME Comp	G J Davies	PGZ	Wellington 62
1601	RE Comp	D St J Keenan GPA	PGSwdB SGR	Hutt-Wairarapa 10

5-year bars				
6 <sup>th</sup> Bar (70 yrs)	RE Comp	L Stafford-Bush	PGDC SGR	Karangahape 69
5 <sup>th</sup> Bar (65 yrs)	Comp	R Richmond		Transition 110
4 <sup>th</sup> Bar (60 yrs)	RE Comp	B J Rodley	PGSwdB SGR	Victory 12
	RE Comp	J D Groves	PGSupt	Wanganui 23
	VE Comp	K J Kernohan	PGSwdB	Ara 53
	VE Comp	G I F Thorpe		Tawhiri 97
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bar (55 yrs)	VE Comp	I A Berryman	GStdB	Whangarei 27
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bar (50 yrs)	VE Comp	V E Anderson		Ara 53
	RE Comp	A E Batty	PGSupt	Ara 53
	Comp	R A Spittle		St Andrew 90
1 <sup>st</sup> Bar (45 yrs)	Comp	M G Rolton		Victory 12
	VE Comp	R P Dickson GPA	PGDC	Victory 12
	RE Comp	R B Jordan	PGJ	St Andrew 90
	VE Comp	R A McLellan	GDC	Manawatu 11
	VE Comp	G G Bairstow	PGStdB	Ara 53
	RE Comp	I S Kerr	PGSupt	Whangarei 27
	ME Comp	R J Lane	PGZ	W F Massey 61
	RE Comp	R Thomson	GSupt	W F Massey 61
	VE Comp	R V Morley		W F Massey 61
	RE Comp	I W Yarlett	PGDC SGR	Heretaunga 38
	VE Comp	R S Robertson	PGDC	Heretaunga 38

## b. Order of Meritorious Service

Two members were admitted to the Order in 2023/24. Membership of the Order is limited to ten at any one time. The current holders are as follows (with their year of admission to the Order).

2011 VE Comp B S Goodall  
 2012 VE Comp I E Jonassen  
 2012 VE Comp D E Lyons  
 2018 VE Comp W F Hulme  
 2021 VE Comp T E Norris  
 2024 VE Comp D H Carroll  
 2024 VE Comp J T France

The full list of awards since inception is as follows.

Name	Chapter	Date awarded
Comp W R J Jones	Rangitoto	1976
Comp J L Dance	Otago	1976
Comp H Calvert	Hinemoa	1976
Comp G B Williams	Ashley	1977

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Date awarded</b>
Comp R Tilson	Bay of Islands	1977
Comp J S Gasparich	Victoria	1978
Comp G B Gibbons	Sandford	1978
Comp T G Russell	Shirley	1980
Comp H Hankey	Gisborne	1980
Comp J W S Cleverley	Oroua	1981
Comp R N Murray	Otago	1981
Comp J W Hardy	Carlyle	1982
Comp F O Bartram	Mt Maunganui	1982
Comp S M Ryburn	Howick	1983
Comp G Lewis	Waitemata	1984
Comp W Bluett	Waitemata	1985
Comp A A Elston	McVilly	1988
Comp A W Burr	Auckland	1988
Comp H.T. Walmsley	Akarana	1990
Comp W E Barnard	Tirimoa	1992
Comp F H Cushing	Rawhiti	1992
Comp N H Duncan	Te Awamutu	1994
Comp J R King	Marlborough	1996
Comp F R Baker	Mt Eden	1997
Comp M W Snadden	Cromwell Coronation	2002
Comp P W J Cain	Oroua	2009
Comp E A Thorpe	Victoria	2009
VE Comp B S Goodall	Ara	5/12/2011
VE Comp I E Jonasen	Shirley	23/11/2012
VE Comp D E Lyons	Howick	23/11/2012
VE Comp W F Hulme	Auckland	16/08/2018
VE Comp T E Norris	Aurora	10/02/2021
VE Comp D H Carroll	Ara	19/08/2024
VE Comp J T France	Ara	19/08/2024

### **c. First Grand Principal's Awards**

During 2024 one award was made. The full list of awards since inception is as follows.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
2024	John Charles Andersen Francis	PGH	Manawatu 11
2023	Murray Harley Alford	PGSwdB	Wellington 62
2022	Neville James Hall	GSwdB	Southern Cross 3
2022	Colin Bruce Heyward	PGSN SGR	Bedford 39
2020	Robert Stanley Robertson	PGDC	Heretaunga 38
2019	George Edward Butler	PZ	Timaru 15
2018	David Marshall	PGSuptWks	Manawatu 11

Year	Name	Rank	Chapter
2018	Roger Gregory	GSupt	Paritutu 5
2018	David St John Keenan	PGSwdB	McVilly 85
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
2016	Alexander John Noble	PGSupt	Southern Cross 3
2016	Neville David John Daysh	PGSN	Victoria 4
2016	Tony Albert Jenkin	PGStdB	W F Massey 61
2016	Bruce Malcolm Oldcorn	PGStdB	Wairarapa 10
2016	Herbert William Raymond Carberry	PGSoj	Aurora 109
2016	Dennis John King	G Reg	Paritutu 5
2015	Nigel Mathew Petrie	PGSupt	Heretaunga 38
2014	James William Franklyn	PGSupt	Whangarei 27
2014	Allan Edward Wilkins	PGStdB	Tutanekai-Hinemoa 92
2014	Stanley William Potter	PGStdB	McVilly 85
2013	Herbert Eoin Wimsett	SGR	Wellington 62
2013	Gary Norris Kerkin	PG Lec	Piako 48
2012	Alan Peter Thomson	PGSwdB	Waterloo-Russell 2
	Paul Schreiber	E Comp	St Augustine 1
	Anthony Thomas Waters	PGSupt	Shirley 86
	Walter Raymond Johnson	PZ	Te Awamutu 88
2011	James Laurence Clark	PZ	Kawatiri 21
	Hans Ernst Kracke	PGSoj	Auckland Ellerslie 9
2010	Roy Martin	PGSwdB	St Augustine 1
	James Alfred Bennett	PGSwdB	Waitaki Kilwinning 8
	John Dudley Breton	PGStdB	Wanganui 23
2009	Brian Robert Purvis	PZ	Bay of Plenty 57
	Selwyn Hector Collins	PZ	Rotorua 44
	Andrew Cecil Kay	Comp	Te Awamutu 88
	Geoffrey John Davies	PGSuptWks	Wellington 62
	George Slater Ross	GSupt	Māori 28
2008	William Thomas Hone	DGZ	Carlyle 74
	Alexander Thomas Ross	PZ	Brooklyn 24
	William James Gallagher	PGSwdB	Rose & Thistle 35
	Douglas Hull	PGSwdB	Timaru 15
*	Horace Kay Taylor	SGR	Rotorua 44
	Eric Leslie Johnston	PGStdB	Te Awamutu 88
	Douglas David Woolley	PZ	Waikato 22

Year	Name	Rank	Chapter
	Russell Henry Bull	PZ	Crown 56
	Brodie Stilton Goodall	PZ	Victory 12
	Jens Larsen	E Comp	Unanimity 106
	Raymond Ernest Harrison	PZ	Auckland 9
2007	Clifford Alan Miller	PZ	Karangahape 69
2006	Samuel Morris	PZ	Russell 51
*	Samuel David Robinson	PZ	Shirley 86
2005	Mervyn James List	PZ	Timaru 15
	Ian Thomas McCone	PGStdB	Timaru 15
	Russell David Stocker	PZ	Timaru 15
	Ronald Fayle	PZ	Tutanekai-Hinemoa 92
	Alexander Beacom Ross Weir	PZ	Aurora 109
	Barry Leicester Jowett	PDGZ	Tokoroa 102
2004	Len Arthur Moys	Comp	Heretaunga 38
	John Christopher Williamson	PZ	Tutanekai-Hinemoa 92
	Barry John Parkinson	Comp	Karangahape 69
	James Desmond Barry	VE Comp	W F Massey 61
	Ronald Ernest Purcell	PGSwdB	Whangarei 27
2003	Bruce Madsen Ries	PGSwdB	Bay of Islands 65
	Stanley Edward Myddleton	PGSN	Ara 53
	Vere Lachlan Thomas Price	Comp	Unanimity Papakura 106
	Frank Ernest Fielder	Comp	Waitemata 72
	Carlos Francis Chandler	PZ	Prince of Wales 31
	Noel Anthony Murray	PGStdB	Timaru 15
	Herbert John Buck	SGR	Russell 51
	Thomas Jack	Comp	Whetu Kairangi 60
	John Frederick Kilpatrick	Comp	Aurora 109
	John Michael Walter Bray	Comp	Bedford 39
	William Maxwell Day	PGSN	Carlyle 74
	Roland Robertson	Comp	Huiroa 47
	Rosstan Scoular Clarke	PZ	Carlyle 74
	Lindsay Fletcher Hall	PGSoj	Oroua 49
2002	Arthur Noel French	PDGZ	Auckland 9

\* = duplications

## Reports

The following reports were taken as read. Any additional comments made during the Business Session are noted below.

### First Grand Principal (ME Comp Dennis Waller)

By conducting our business session by Zoom, we are allowing all Companions the opportunity to participate. At the same time, it allows us to create a more interesting and inclusive programme at our Convocation.

It has been my honour to serve as your First Grand Principal. The time has gone very quickly, and it is hard to believe it is two years since I was installed. In that time, I have had enjoyed tremendous support from Companions of all levels and met many wonderful people.

Visiting Chapters, both officially and unofficially, has been very enjoyable and I thank the First Principals of Chapters and Grand Superintendents for helping organise these visits.

One highlight worth mentioning was spending five days visiting Blenheim, Nelson, and Westport, well organised by RE Comp Ferg McNaughton and VE Comp Neville Hall GPA. I believe it is the first time all four Grand Principals have undertaken a tour like this. The visit generated a lot of enthusiasm and resulted in several new candidates, and particularly a renewal of interest in Kawatiri Chapter in Westport.

I attended two Heads of Orders' meetings in Australia. These meetings are held yearly for the heads of Royal Arch and associated Mark Lodges of the Australian Constitutions together with our own Grand Chapter. We will be hosting the next meeting in Hamilton at our Convocation. This is a great place to exchange ideas.

On a visit to England, I had meetings with both the second and third Grand Principals of the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) and senior members of the Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London. I attended a ceremony to exalt to the Royal Arch degree a Companion from Auckland's Chapter of Peace at his father's Chapter, and also a special meeting to demonstrate a play about the Royal Arch which is run in Lodges. The support and assistance of everyone there has been very much appreciated.

These visits and other Constitutions both overseas and in New Zealand have been very supportive in exchanging information and ideas.

Mentoring, education, and retention have been our highest priorities. We have produced new material to assist Master Masons understand more about the order, a booklet to assist with mentoring, booklets about each of our degrees, and one about the Order as a whole. These have been circulated to all current Companions and are available for new candidates as they complete their degrees. We have published the questions and answers for each of our degrees, in both the Royal Arch and Cryptic Council, in folders which have been circulated to all Chapters.

The introduction of regalia for the Excellent Master degree has been well received.

Surveys have shown that members of the Royal Arch are significant contributors to their Lodges and stay in the Craft longer. Hopefully the new material we have produced will assist us in gaining new members and keeping them, and in turn assist the craft retain members longer.



I have had the honour of presenting a number of service badges, bars, and certificates. It was a special pleasure to present VE Comp Don Carroll and VE Comp Geoff France each with an Order of Meritorious Service, and VE Comp John Francis with a First Grand Principal's award - awards well deserved for outstanding service to their Chapters and Districts.

While membership has decreased very slightly, there appears to be great enthusiasm in Chapters, which will undoubtedly lead to new members.

We have a constant battle to ensure Craft Brethren understand that, when they have completed their third degree, it is not the end of the journey. In other jurisdictions Brethren are told they have not completed their journey and that the Royal Arch is a critical part of Freemasonry.

UGLE has recognised the importance of the Royal Arch to the future of Freemasonry and has now included in the joining fee for craft candidates the joining fee for the Royal Arch. Members are told that they need to join the Royal Arch to complete their Masonic education.

I would like to thank the other Grand Principals (RE Comp Ferg McNaughton, RE Comp Greg Bennett, and RE Comp Dave Craddock) who have given me great support and worked tirelessly in their divisions. Their knowledge, wisdom, and input have been of great help.

Thank you also to the Grand Superintendents for your support and your work in your Districts. I have enjoyed your company when I have visited and appreciated the work you have put in. It is interesting how many variations of our "standard" ritual there are!

ME Comp Ron Lane, Chairman of the Management Council has been of great support. Your advice and wisdom have been most useful and appreciated. I owe a very special thanks to RE Comp David Ryan, our Grand Scribe Ezra, who has had the job of keeping me under control. He has been an editor par excellence in checking the various papers, booklets etc, and a font of knowledge. He has also been responsible for making sure Chapters get their reports and returns in. Often a thankless task.

Thanks also to our Trustees, Grand Registrar, Grand Treasurer, and members of our scholarship committees, who all do a great job behind the scenes.

I would also like to thank Grand Lodge for their support behind the scenes in areas such as the database, website, and providing us the opportunity to contribute regularly to the red pages in the Freemasons magazine. Thank you also to the Grand Master, MW Bro Jim Watt, for his personal support and encouragement.

A special thanks to my wife, Glenys, for her tremendous support, without which this job would have been very difficult.

ME Comp Dennis Waller  
First Grand Principal

In additional comments, ME Comp Waller thanked those who had assisted him during his two-year term.

### **Depute First Grand Principal (RE Comp David Craddock)**

As my term of office as Depute Grand Principal, and as such, Grand Principal for the Northern Division, draws to a close, I am pleased to report that the Division is progressing, all be it moderately.

All three Districts are admitting new candidates into our Order, some Chapters more than others but overall there has been very positive growth. Naturally, as our Order is made up of a majority of “older” Companions, this growth is slightly neutralised by the passing of some close and respected Companions. Such is Freemasonry today unfortunately.

The Northland District has made the emotional, but realistic, decision to merge with the Auckland District, an action that will be presented for ratification at Convocation 2025. Plans for this merger are well under way, and all should go seamlessly, thanks to a lot of hard work by a very few, with everything expected to be completed within the next few months. The new District team of Grand Chapter Officers for the new merged district are already making their plans for how they will all fit into their respective roles, and how travel to the far North will be actioned. I see this merger going smoothly and amicably with all the Companions from both the current Districts. My thanks to all those Companions involved with organising the Orewa Lodge rooms for the Mahurangi-Kaipara RAC and Cryptic Council move. There are still some minor tweaks to be sorted but the major items already covered are done.

The Auckland District, other than the aforementioned merger, is coping very well. It has not been the easiest of years for any of the Companions, especially following health issues for the Grand Superintendent, RE Comp Bob Thomson. The District was extremely lucky to have a capable and accommodating Companion, RE Comp Mike Downey, to fill the space that arose due to these health issues and the District is most grateful to RE Comp Downey for his services to the cause. It is most pleasing to see Bob on the road to recovery now, slow but steady steps. All the Chapters in this District have admitted at least one new Companion to our Order over the last year, so a steady growth is happening, all be it a slow one. The one daylight Chapter is growing in strength and being well received by all the Companions of the District. As with everywhere else in the country, some Chapters are doing better with growth than others, and the Cryptic Councils are still being led nationwide by the Ara Council, a Council that continues to grow and has the largest and most active membership nationally.

The Hauraki District tends to “just get on with it all”, and is continuing to progress steadily, with new admissions happening within most Chapters and Councils. The Ohinemuri Chapter, based in Whitianga on the Coromandel has been a struggle, its First Principal having some very severe health issues (thankfully, on the mend now), along with some other Companions of the Chapter. They, like all the Chapters of this District, have the full support of all the Companions of this District. By the time of reading this report, this Chapter should have had its Installation (that had been delayed for some time), as well as admitted one, possibly two, new Companions into our Order. Collectively, this District is very strong, with a strong union between the Companions and Chapters. This is seen when visiting Chapters, how Companions of “other” Chapters are getting actively involved with ceremonies, even if travelling involves long journeys to do so. There is a strong companionship of support to one another here in this District, and long may that continue.

I would like to thank all the Grand Superintendents in all three Districts, and indeed all the Companions of these Districts, for their friendship and the warmth of their respective welcomes. I have always felt at home, no matter where I visited, and enjoyed being with every one of you. I have learnt where Chapters that I have never been to, or heard of before, are, and meet some true Masonic Companions who live the ideals of our Order. It has been an absolute pleasure and honour to have been the Grand Principal for the

Northern Division and I wish every success and the same warm companionship to our new Grand Principal for this Division, as I do for all the new Grand Chapter Officers of their respective Districts.

RE Comp David Craddock DGZ  
Divisional Principal – Northern

### **Second Grand Principal – Central Division (RE Comp Greg Bennett)**

I am writing to report on my tenure as Grand Haggai, which concluded at the end of my two-year term.

During my tenure, I have had the privilege of attending numerous installations and Mark Degree workings. I was honoured to represent the First Grand Principal at the welcome ceremony for new members to Royal Arch Freemasonry and present them with the booklet explaining the degree. The series of booklets explaining the Royal Arch Degrees have been well received and I expect they will advance the knowledge of the Companions. This has been a commendable initiative.

In August 2024, Jocelyn and I attended an installation with the First Grand Principal and other members of the Grand Chapter in Sydney. I have also represented the SGRACNZ at English Mark meetings in Palmerston North and will do so again in Napier in February 2025. Additionally, I participated in the Centenary celebration of the Scottish Constitution in Nelson with other Principals.

I would like to express my gratitude for the unwavering support and assistance I have received from Jocelyn. Without her help, I would not have been able to fulfil my responsibilities effectively.

I have also received great support from the Grand Superintendents of the Central Division who have, in turn, been supported by the Grand Chapter Officers. This collaborative effort has fostered a positive environment for the upcoming term, with enthusiastic members actively driving the Chapters forward.

This year has seen a significant increase in the number of new members joining most Chapters in the Central Division. While one Chapter has entered a state of dormancy, another Chapter is valiantly struggling to maintain its existence.

I trust that my successor as Grand Haggai will find his term as enjoyable as I have and will cherish the camaraderie among the members of the Management Council.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation for the experiences and support I have received during my tenure. I have expanded my professional network and developed valuable friendships.

I am looking forward to reconnecting with you all in Hamilton.

RE Comp Greg Bennett  
Second Grand Principal, GH

### **Third Grand Principal – Southern Division (RE Comp Ferg McNaughton)**

Time for the new broom! I've really enjoyed my term as Divisional Grand Principal and am quite happy with the direction in which the Division is moving. We've been fortunate to have had the First Grand Principal visit our Division on numerous occasions. Whether that's because he likes it down here or keeps coming down to check up on me, I don't know. That's opened to conjecture, but it's been very nice to have him regularly pop down.

Grand Chapter office is a responsibility and thought needs to be given when nominating Companions for positions. There are many forms of recognition available through Grand Scribe Ezra, and I personally would like to see more use made of these than someone nominated for a position they may not enjoy, struggle with, or indeed put them off attending all together. I've been very fortunate to have such a good group of District Superintendents supporting me in my term and I wish them all the best. Within the Chapters I have visited I have found overall the ritual to be delivered in a capable manner. Clarity is the key to understanding; understanding is the key to enjoyment.

Most of the Chapters have reported steady growth in membership. That's great but, once you have them, you need to keep them. There is a very good booklet available on mentoring which should be compulsory reading. Keep in mind that the most learned expert Companion may not make the best mentor, and each Chapter should have more than one. There has been a lot of material produced this year and it's all good stuff so make people aware of it and use it. The introduction of Excellent Degree regalia is a good step and does look very good.

I would like to say that I've really enjoyed my time on the Management Council, but that would be a lie. However, it has certainly been an education for me and I now have a greater appreciation of the important role that Management Council has to play in determining the future of Royal Arch Masonry. Not every decision made is an easy one and on some occasions the needs of the many leave the few or the individual feeling isolated and unsupported, but every decision is debated fully and always made with the best interests of the Order at heart.

Our relationship with Grand Lodge is still not ideal and I personally believe their actions are somewhat contrary to what gets said. However, that is just my opinion. I must acknowledge the work done by ME Comp Lane as Chairman of the Management Council, not an easy task, and the work put in by RE Comp David Ryan as Grand Scribe Ezra and RE Comp Paul Sargison as Grand Treasurer is huge. We are fortunate to have them where they are. I would like to thank ME Comp Waller RE Comp Craddock and Bennet for their friendship and support over the past two years. It has been a lot of fun, and I've enjoyed myself immensely. I would also like to acknowledge the work put in by RE Comp Companion Bob Wright as Grand Lecturer. Bob has phenomenal knowledge of Masonry and is always happy to share it. Finally, I must thank VE Comp Neville Hall GPA who has travelled most places with me, has always offered an opinion and has kept me on the straight and narrow. Thank you, Companions, for allowing me to serve as Divisional Grand Principal. I wish my successor RE Comp Ian Plummer all the best for his term and know that, if he has half as much fun as I've had, he'll have a good time.

RE Comp Ferg McNaughton  
Third Grand Principal, GJ

### **Chairman of Management Council (ME Comp Ron Lane)**

Companions all

This 2025 Annual Convocation will conclude my five-year association with Management Council, commenced in 2020 when I first sat in the Council as an entitlement of the GZ-elect. There followed a two-year term as First Grand Principal and an additional two more years as the Chairman of Management Council.

The Royal Arch differs from the Craft in that the immediate Past First Grand Principal automatically proceeds to chair Management Council during the full two-year term of his successor. It is a system which works well for our Order and ensures that the operational knowledge accrued while serving as GZ not only offers managerial continuity but can also be usefully employed for the superintendence and administrative benefit of our Royal Arch activity. Other members of Management Council include the First Grand Principal, three Divisional Grand Principals (DGZ, GH, GJ), Grand Scribe Ezra, Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Registrar when needed.

Since Proclamation last year, Management Council has met four times using the Zoom platform and significant cost savings have been achieved as a result. Further savings were achieved through your adoption of the Management Council-sponsored remit which removed the requirement for the Chairman to attend the annual heads of orders' (HOO) meeting which is hosted by each Australasian Royal Arch jurisdiction on a cyclical basis. Our representatives are now limited to two, being the First Grand Principal, with either Grand Scribe Ezra or the First Grand Principal-elect in alternate years. New Zealand will host the 2025 HOO meeting this year and we may expect a strong Hamilton attendance from our Australian Companions.

The strong leadership of our First Grand Principal, ME Comp Dennis Waller, and Divisional Grand Principals RE Comp David Craddock DGZ, Greg Bennett GH, and Ferg McNaughton GJ, coupled with the secretarial expertise of the Grand Scribe Ezra, RE Comp David Ryan, and financial proficiency of the Grand Treasurer, RE Comp Paul Sargison, has rendered my role throughout this year an enjoyable and relatively straightforward one, and I thank them all for their support, input, and contribution to the affairs of Management Council.

Management Council will next meet on the day preceding the 2025 Annual Convocation, after which the Chairman, DGZ, GH, and GJ will officially retire and be replaced by those being Installed. ME Comp Waller will succeed me as Chairman, and the offices of GZ, DGZ, GH, and GJ will be filled respectively by a team of very experienced Companions: ME Comp Ken Burt and RE Comp Greg Bennett, Ian Plummer, and Michael Downey. The Grand Scribe Ezra, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Registrar continue in office. We wish them every success for the duration of their terms.

Each Management Council member is required to submit an annual report at Convocation and these have been distributed to you for perusal and consideration six weeks prior to the date of our Business Session. Each is detailed and there is no need for me to reiterate their content. Annual Reports are also prepared and presented by the Trustees, and Chairmen of the Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Royal Arch Masonic Centennial Award Fund respectively. These two committees administer our two main charitable funds and I thank them for the voluntary work they do so willingly and capably on our behalf. An objective perusal of these several reports will ensure every interested Companion has an overall understanding of today's Royal Arch activity and status under the administration of your management team. I do encourage you to read these reports prior to the Business Session, which materially differs from previous years in that it will be held by Zoom at 10am on Sunday, 23 February 2025. In the past, attendance outside each Division has been decidedly moderate, primarily due to distance and cost. It is hoped that this opportunity for all Companions to share in the business deliberations of Grand Chapter will result in increased participation.

Often overlooked, I also wish to acknowledge the valuable work of the Ritual Committee chaired by RE Comp Ken Burt and assisted by RE Comp Bob Wright and VE Comp Roger Carson in terms of updating the ritual and ensuring a standardised version across Chapters.

The usual three-monthly MS Teams liaison meetings between the Chairman, GZ, and GSE with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to discuss items of mutual Craft/Royal Arch interest have been deferred this year while the Craft All-of-Governance Review has been conducted. We see these meetings as crucial to our common objective of strengthening the bonds between us and working together to retain the interest and cement the membership of our newer Master Masons.

I also acknowledge our appreciation of the support received from Freemasons New Zealand in accessing contact information for those Master Masons who have been raised for 12 months or more. The opportunity to introduce these men to the final three of our six-degree system has proven to rekindle interest and cement their membership for the mutual benefit of both the Craft and Royal Arch. We also appreciate the sponsorship of Grand Lodge in providing us a two-page spread in each quarterly issue of the *Freemasons* magazine, which enables us to report on Royal Arch activity and convey our message to every Mason in New Zealand.

Finally, it has been a privilege and pleasure to serve our Order as Chairman of Management Council over the past two years and I do look forward to being of further assistance in the future. My warm regards to you all.

ME Comp Ron Lane  
Chairman of Management Council

### **Grand Treasurer (RE Comp Paul Sargison)**

Most Excellent and Companions, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Chapter, Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund, and Centennial Award Fund financial statements for the year ended, and as at the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2024. The accounts have been reviewed by Excellent Companion Warren Cant, whose unqualified review reports are attached.

### **Grand Chapter**

There was an operating surplus for the 2024 year of \$15,341 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$1,474. The main areas where savings/gains were achieved were:

- Management Council meetings \$2,723,
- Convocation \$2,531,
- Printing costs \$2,377 and
- Interest received \$5,456 higher than budget due to the raised Official Cash Rate

These were somewhat offset by the following increased expenditure/revenue losses:

- Cost of goods for sale \$2,211,
- Taxation \$998 and
- Chapter levies \$2,096

Referring to the Balance Sheet, the Accumulated Funds have increased by \$15,342 to \$208,007, as a result of the surplus for the year.

## **Budget for 2026**

The 2026 budget shows a projected surplus for the year of \$6,436, depending on future interest rates. It is recommended that the annual administration fee remain at \$52 per member.

Moved by RE Comp Paul Sargison that the administration fee for 2025/26 remain at \$52 per member, seconded by ME Comp Ron Lane

Carried

## **Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund**

The 2024 accounts disclose a surplus of \$17,530, which compares with a surplus of \$45,175 from the previous year. This reduction was largely due to the decrease in the value of investment assets, being \$17,117 for the year, compared to the prior year's increase of \$12,703. Scholarships totalling \$33,500 were paid during the year. Members' contributions increased by \$2,163 compared with the previous year. Members' contributions for the last five years have been:

2024	\$11,325
2023	\$9,162
2022	\$5,781
2021	\$9,924
2020	\$10,857

Accumulated Funds at \$623,670, show a decrease of \$10,970 for the year, an effective annual rate of 1.7%. The funds available for grants at the close of the 2024 year amounted to \$30,265, a decrease of \$4,489 over the year.

## **Centennial Award Fund**

The 2024 accounts disclose a surplus of \$1,100, compared with the surplus of \$33,528 in the 2023 year. The major contribution was the decrease in the value of investments held of \$20,876, compared to the increase of \$12,838 in the previous year. There were no grants paid during the year. The funds available for future grant payments amount to \$47,041 at the end of the 2024 financial year, an increase of \$10,988 from the previous year. There are no new commitments for grants at the time of preparing this report. Total capital funds at balance date were \$531,754, an increase of \$1,099 over the year, an effective annual rate of 0.2%.

## **Accounts reviewer**

Moved by ME Comp Graeme Pengelly that, in accordance with rule 5.3(c) of the Book of Constitution and Laws, E Comp Warren Cant be appointed as Reviewer for the 2024/25 financial year, seconded by ME Comp Eoin Dryden

Carried

RE Comp Paul Sargison  
Grand Treasurer

The following financial statements and reviewer's reports form part of the Grand Treasurer's report.

## SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND

### PERFORMANCE REPORT

For The Year Ended 30th June 2024

	This Year	Last Year	Variance
<b>INCOME</b>			
Chapter Levies	40,128	41,560	(1432.00)
Administration Recovery	3,000	3,000	-
Certificates and Rituals	5,480	4,875	604.60
Interest	10,456	5,037	5418.46
Patents of Office	900	1,575	(675.00)
Research Chapter Funds Received	-	16,825	(16825.20)
Sale of Goods	1,262	1,695	(432.99)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>61,225</b>	<b>74,568</b>	<b>(13342.13)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Allowance GZ	10,000	10,000	0.00
Convocation	4,469	4,043	(426.53)
Cost of Goods for Sale	2,211	1,212	(999.87)
Equipment Repairs	-	-	-
Honorarium GSE	15,000	15,000	-
Honorarium Grand Treasurer	2,000	2,000	-
Jewels	1,138	660	(478.67)
Meetings Management Council	277	3,321	3044.20
Postage	1,344	799	(545.10)
Printing	2,623	793	(1829.23)
Regalia Expenses	712	-	(712.10)
Reviewer	500	500	0.00
Stationery	206	48	(157.63)
Sundry	360	154	(205.68)
Taxation	1,098	424	(673.97)
Travel Grand Chapter Officers	-	-	-
Travel Heads of Orders	3,848	10,643	6795.01
Web Site and Mobile Application	98	6,711	6613.25
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>45,884</b>	<b>56,308</b>	<b>10423.68</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 15,341</b>	<b>\$ 18,260</b>	<b>(2918.45)</b>

## SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER of NEW ZEALAND

### FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30th June 2024

	This Year	Last Year	Variance
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Westpac Bank Cheque Account	1,515	2,225	(710.10)
Westpac Bank Saver Account	22,877	42,405	(19527.48)
Westpac Bank Term Deposit	100,000	70,000	30000.00
Heartland Bank Savings Accounts	9,967	5,819	4148.21
Heartland Bank Term Deposit	70,000	70,000	0.00
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>204,360</b>	<b>190,450</b>	<b>13910.63</b>
Chapter Accounts in Arrears	796	1,450	(654.00)
Expenses Paid In Advance	2,000	-	2000.00
Stock on Hand	4,336	6,547	(2210.43)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>211,492</b>	<b>198,446</b>	<b>13046.20</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors	2,999	5,294	2295.92
Dormant Chapters Funds Held for 5 Years	487	487	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,485</b>	<b>5,781</b>	<b>2295.92</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 208,007</b>	<b>\$ 192,665</b>	<b>15342.12</b>
<i>Represented By</i>			
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
Balance at Start	192,665	174,405	18260.00
Surplus for Year	15,341	18,260	(2918.88)
<b>BALANCE AT END</b>	<b>208,007</b>	<b>192,665</b>	<b>15341.12</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 208,007</b>	<b>\$ 192,665</b>	<b>15341.12</b>

*Confirmed*

ME Comp R J Lane PGZ Chairman

RE Comp P G Sargison CA Grand Treasurer



**SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND  
INDEPENDENT REVIEWER'S REPORT  
For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Report on the Financial Statements**

I have reviewed the attached financial statements of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand for the year ended 30th June 2024, and confirm to the best of my knowledge that they properly represent the correct financial position at that date.

I have received all the information and records I have required to form this opinion.

W G Cant

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Auckland  
18 October 2024

**SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND  
THE ROYAL ARCH JUBILEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**PERFORMANCE REPORT**

For the Year Ending 30th June 2024

	This Year	Last Year
<b>INCOME</b>	\$	\$
Collections From Members	11,325	9,162
Dividends	22,804	22,847
Interest	2,568	2,514
	<u>36,697</u>	<u>34,523</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Administration Contribution	2,000	2,000
Sundry Expenses	51	51
	<u>2,051</u>	<u>2,051</u>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	34,646	32,472
Investments Valuation Change	(17,117)	12,703
<b>NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<u>\$ 17,530</u>	<u>\$ 45,175</u>
<b>ALLOCATED TO</b>		
Jubilee Memorial Capital	10,635	2,536
Jubilee Memorial Scholarship	24,011	29,936
Valuation Reserve	(17,117)	12,703
	<u>\$ 17,530</u>	<u>\$ 45,175</u>

**SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND  
THE ROYAL ARCH JUBILEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**FINANCIAL POSITION**

As at 30th June 2024

	This Year	Last Year
<b>ASSETS</b>	\$	\$
Westpac Cheque Account	668	879
Westpac Bonus Saver	11,421	2,325
JB Were Cash Accounts	10,971	437
JB Were Investments	600,610	631,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 623,670</u>	<u>\$ 634,640</u>

**Represented By**

**JUBILEE MEMORIAL CAPITAL**

Opening Balance	589,598	587,062
Transfer from Income Account	<u>10,635</u>	<u>2,536</u>
	600,233	589,598

**VALUATION RESERVE**

Opening Balance	10,289	(2,414)
Transfer from Income Account	<u>(17,117)</u>	<u>12,703</u>
	(6,828)	10,289

**JUBILEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Opening Balance	34,754	41,818
Returned Grant	5,000	
Transfer from Income Account	<u>24,011</u>	<u>29,936</u>
	63,765	71,754
Less Grants This Year	<u>(33,500)</u>	<u>(37,000)</u>
	30,265	34,754
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 623,670</u>	<u>\$ 634,640</u>

**Confirmed**

ME Comp R J Lane PGZ Chairman

RE Comp P G Sargison CA Grand Treasurer

**SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND  
THE ROYAL ARCH JUBILEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
INDEPENDENT REVIEWER'S REPORT  
For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Report on the Financial Statements**

I have reviewed the attached financial statements of the Royal Arch Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund for the year ended 30th June 2024, and confirm to the best of my knowledge that they properly represent the correct financial position at that date.

I have received all the information and records I have required to form this opinion.

W G Cant

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Auckland  
18 October 2024

**SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND  
THE ROYAL ARCH MASONIC CENTENNIAL AWARD FUND**

**PERFORMANCE REPORT  
for the Year ending 30th June 2024**

	This Year	Last Year
<b>INCOME</b>		
Collections From Members	413	961
Interest	6,407	4,340
Dividends	16,996	16,441
	<u>23,816</u>	<u>21,742</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Administration Contribution	1,000	1,000
Awardee Travel	789	-
Sundry Expenses	51	51
	<u>1,840</u>	<u>1,051</u>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	21,976	20,691
Investments Valuation Change	(20,876)	12,838
<b>NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<u>\$ 1,100</u>	<u>\$ 33,528</u>
<b>ALLOCATED TO</b>		
Award Fund	10,988	10,345
Capital Fund	10,988	10,345
Valuation Reserve	(20,876)	12,838
	<u>\$ 1,100</u>	<u>\$ 33,528</u>

**SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND  
THE ROYAL ARCH MASONIC CENTENNIAL AWARD FUND**

**FINANCIAL POSITION  
As at 30th June 2024**

	This Year	Last Year
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Westpac Cheque Account	1,585	3,138
Westpac Saver	6,004	
Westpac Term Deposit	100,000	100,000
JB Were Cash Account	17,171	1,910
JB Were Investments	406,994	425,607
	<u>531,754</u>	<u>530,654</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$ 531,754</u>	<u>\$ 530,654</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
<b>CAPITAL FUND</b>		
Opening Balance		426,293
Transfer from Income Account		10,345
	447,626	<u>436,638</u>
<b>VALUATION RESERVE</b>		
Opening Balance		45,125
Transfer from Income Account		12,838
	37,087	<u>57,963</u>
<b>AWARD FUND</b>		
Opening Balance		3,605
Transfer from Income Account		10,345
Less Grants Made		(9,897)
	47,041	<u>36,053</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 531,754</u>	<u>\$ 530,655</u>

*Confirmed*

ME Comp R J Lane PGZ	Chairman
RE Comp P G Sargison CA	Grand Treasurer

**SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW ZEALAND  
THE ROYAL ARCH MASONIC CENTENNIAL AWARD FUND  
INDEPENDENT REVIEWER'S REPORT  
For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Report on the Financial Statements**

I have reviewed the attached financial statements of the Royal Arch Masonic Centennial Award Fund for the year ended 30th June 2024, and confirm to the best of my knowledge that they properly represent the correct financial position at that date.

I have received all the information and records I have required to form this opinion.

W G Cant



Auckland  
18 October 2024

# SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER of NEW ZEALAND

## PROPOSED BUDGET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

	2024	2025	2026
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Chapter Levies	40,127	40,352	39,936
Administration Recovery	3,000	3,000	3,000
Certificates and Rituals	5,480	4,000	5,000
Interest	10,456	5,000	8,000
Patents of Office	900	1,500	1,000
Sale of Other Items	1,262	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>61,225</b>	<b>54,852</b>	<b>57,936</b>

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Allowance GZ	10,000	10,000	10,000
Convocation	4,469	5000	5,000
Cost of Goods for Sale	2,211	500	2,000
Equipment and Repairs	-	500	-
GZ/GSE Selection	-	1,000	-
Honorarium Grand Scribe Ezra	15,000	15,000	15,000
Honorarium Grand Treasurer	2,000	2,000	2,000
Jewels	1,138	1,000	1,000
Meetings Management Council	277	4,000	2,000
Postage	1,344	1,000	2,500
Printing	2,623	2,000	2,000
Regalia Expenses	712	500	1,000
Reviewer	500	500	500
Stationery	206	500	500
Sundry	360	500	500
Taxation	1,098	500	1,000
Travel GC Officers	-	1,000	1,000
Travel Heads of Orders	3,848	2,000	4,000
Web Site and App.	98	6,000	1,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>45,884</b>	<b>53,500</b>	<b>51,500</b>
<b>OPERATING BUDGET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$15,341</b>	<b>\$1,352</b>	<b>\$6,436</b>

<b>RECOVERIES</b>			
Members for Billing Date (12 mths prior)	777	776	768
Membership Levies Billed/to Bill	40,127	40,352	39,936
Levy Amount	52	52	52
Net Expenses per Member	32	50	44
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT PER MEMBER</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$8</b>

## **Trustees of Grand Chapter re financial performance (VE Comp Ray Burgess)**

Trustees for the year to 30 June 2024: ME Comp B Hebbard, RE Comp J Heron, VE Comp R Burgess

The financial accounts have been prepared by the Grand Treasurer, RE Comp Paul Sargison, and reviewed by Warren Cant CA. We sincerely acknowledge the recent retirement as Trustee of Jim Heron on 15 October 2024 and the many years of valuable service he has given in the faithful discharge of his duties.

### **Trustees' report on the financial performance of the Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund for the year ended 30 June 2024**

The 2024 financial accounts show a surplus of \$17,530 (2023 year \$45,175). This was largely due to the decrease in value of the investment portfolio, down \$17,117 compared with the 2023 year increase of \$12,703.

We are pleased to report that scholarship grants totalling \$33,500 were made during the year, compared with \$32,000 paid in 2023. Companions' contributions increased by \$2,163 to a total of \$11,325. Contributions for the past five years are:

2020	\$10,857
2021	\$9,924
2022	\$5,781
2023	\$9,162
2024	\$11,325

The portfolio is managed by JB Were and comprises a mix of listed company shares. The market has been notably volatile over the past 12 months, which naturally reflects on our main asset values at any particular date. A current update will be advised at the Business Session meeting in February 2025.

### **Trustees' report on the financial performance of the Centennial Award Fund for the year ended 30 June 2024**

The 2024 financial accounts show a surplus of \$1,100 compared with a surplus of \$33,528 in the previous year. This was largely due to the decrease in portfolio value of \$18,613 compared with an increase of \$13,838 in the previous year. Accordingly, no grants were paid during this financial year.

Total funds available for future grants amount to \$47,041 at 30 June 2024, an increase of \$10,988 from the previous year. There are no current grant commitments at the time of preparing this report.

Total capital funds at balance date were \$531,754, an increase of \$1,100 over the year. The portfolio is managed by JB Were and comprises a mix of listed company shares. The market has been notably volatile over the past 12 months, which naturally reflects on our main asset values at any particular date.

Ray Burgess  
Chair of Trustees

In additional comments, VE Comp Burgess thanked RE Comp Jim Heron for his contribution as trustee. He also mentioned that, despite market volatility, funds were constantly monitored and their value had been maintained. The closing balance for the Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund, as of a few days before the meeting, was \$656,000.

## Grand Scribe Ezra (RE Comp David Ryan)

### General comment

It has again been a pleasure during the year dealing with Scribes, Records, and others, and I feel that I have got to know many of you well through e-mail.

### Jubilee Memorial Scholarship collections

Not all Chapters and Councils are collecting donations for the Jubilee Memorial Scholarship at their Installation meetings or, if they are, they are not forwarding the donations to Grand Chapter.

### Letters to Master Masons

Below are statistics on letters sent out to Master Masons, ie in line with our agreement with Grand Lodge we are able to write to Master Masons 12 months after they have done their Third Degree asking if they are interested in joining Royal Arch.

Quarter when raised to Third Degree (2023)	Total eligible	No longer member of Craft	Overseas addresses or address not known	Already joined or about to join	Letters sent	Mail returned
1 Jan – 31 Mar	50	2	2	1	45	4
1 Apr – 30 Jun	49		3	2	44	3
1 Jul – 30 Sep	60	2	1	6	51	3
1 Oct – 31 Dec	42	2		4	36	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>10</b>

I have some doubts about the results that we achieve with these letters. When I see names of new members coming through I recognise some names from letters sent, but it would seem, based on a purely subjective assessment, that most people join the Royal Arch after spending more time in the Craft. Nevertheless, an approach from us now can plant the seed which may then grow into interest at a later date.

### Certificates

I encourage more Chapters and Councils to request certificates for their members. The cost is low (only \$10 per certificate, or \$25 for Royal Arch certificates – including postage). Below are figures on certificates issued since Convocation 2023 to Convocation 2024, and a comparison with recent years.

Certificate	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Mark Master	0	1	1	0	0
Excellent Master	0	2	1	1	8
Royal Arch	18	30	25	39	26



<b>Certificate</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Installed WMM	2	13	11	9	10
1st Principal	11	20	25	22	23
2nd Principal	10	19	23	19	32
3rd Principal	14	25	25	24	26
Red Cross	5	0	11	27	0
Most Excellent Chief	1	5	3	14	2
Ark Mariner	7	11	11	20	15
Worshipful Commander Noah	5	8	2	12	4
Cryptic Council	6	6	17	10	15
Thrice Illustrious Master	2	6	9	13	7
Silver Trowel	9	7	8	0	19
Grand Chapter officers	25	18	21	14	17
Additional honoris causa	0	2	0	0	0
Service/Appreciation	0	0	0	2	5
First Grand Principal's Award	0	0	3	1	1
Order of Meritorious Service	0	0	0	0	2
Jubilee Memorial Scholarship	0	9	8	3	3
Other	4	0	0	0	0
Total certificates from 1 March	<b>119</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>215</b>

## Jewels

I now have a system whereby I can identify those who are entitled to receive a jewel for their 40 years' service but I can't do the same for 5-year bars. Chapters ought to be able to check their records fairly easily.

## Membership

Our membership has remained relatively stable, although it was disappointing that Bedford Chapter in Hawkes Bay has recently handed in its charter. Some members have since joined other Chapters. However, there has been a net loss of five members from Royal Arch as a result of the Chapter closure. Some Chapters around the country have a waiting list for new members, while others are struggling to attract and retain members. I encourage Grand Superintendents to work with the Chapters in their Districts to find a way to pass on learnings from those Chapters that are doing well.

## Northern Division

	<b>30 June 2024</b>			<b>30 June 2023</b>		
	<b>Member</b>	<b>Dual</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Dual</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Northland District</b>						
Whangarei No 27	24	3	27	24	3	27
Kaipara-Mahurangi No 80	8	4	12	10	3	13
<b>Auckland District</b>						
Auckland No 9	25	0	25	24	0	24

	30 June 2024			30 June 2023		
	Member	Dual	Total	Member	Dual	Total
North Shore No 52	21	1	22	19	0	19
Ara No 53	38	0	38	39	1	40
William Ferguson Massey No 61	17	1	18	16	1	17
Karangahape No 69	22	0	22	21	0	21
Chapter of Peace No 98	24	0	24	26	0	26
Howick No 101	24	3	27	24	2	26
<b>Hauraki District</b>						
Ohinemuri No 17	13	3	16	16	4	20
Waikato No 22	12	2	14	14	2	16
Rotorua No 44	21	1	22	18	1	19
Piako No 48	18	2	20	18	2	20
Bay of Plenty No 57	12	0	12	11	0	11
Te Awamutu No 88	14	0	14	13	0	13
Tawhiri No 97	14	0	14	16	0	16
Mt Maunganui No 103	24	0	24	19	0	19
<b>Northern Division 3 Districts 17 Chapters</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>347</b>

#### Central Division

	30 June 2024			30 June 2023		
	Member	Dual	Total	Member	Dual	Total
<b>Hawkes Bay District</b>						
Victoria No 4	17	0	17	19	0	19
Heretaunga No 38	19	1	20	23	1	24
Bedford No 39	9	5	14	9	6	15
<b>Ruapehu/Taranaki District</b>						
Manawatu No 11	18	1	19	15	1	16
Wanganui No 23	19	0	19	21	0	21
Otaihape No 43	10	0	10	13	0	13
Carlyle No 74	8	0	8	8	1	9
<b>Wellington District</b>						
Waterloo-Russell No 2	16	0	16	17	0	17
Hutt-Wairarapa No 10	43	0	43	46	0	46
Brooklyn No 24	25	1	26	24	2	26
Wellington No 62	25	1	26	24	1	25
Horowhenua No 63	13	4	17	12	2	14
Tutanekai-Hinemoa No 92	21	0	21	23	0	23

<b>Central Division</b> <b>3 Districts</b> <b>13 Chapters</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>268</b>
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#### Southern Division

	30 June 2024			30 June 2023		
	Member	Dual	Total	Member	Dual	Total
<b>Nelson/Marlborough/Westland</b>						
Victory No 12	25	0	25	29	0	29
Marlborough No 14	16	0	16	17	0	17
Kawatiri No 21	17	0	17	14	1	15
<b>Canterbury District</b>						
St. Augustine No 1	24	2	26	28	2	30
Albert Edward No 6	6	5	11	8	6	14
Timaru No 15	24	0	24	25	0	25
Rose & Thistle No 35	20	0	20	22	0	22
Shirley No 86	16	3	19	16	2	18

<b>Otago/Southland District</b>						
Cromwell Coronation No 20	16	0	16	10	0	10
St Andrew No 90	26	0	26	23	0	23
<b>Southern Division</b> <b>4 Districts</b> <b>10 Chapters</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>201</b>
Chapter of Transition 110	4	0	4	2	0	2
<b>National</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>820</b>

During 2023/24 (excluding dual members who belong to more than one Chapter):

- 16 Chapters reported an increase in their membership
- 5 Chapters reported no change
- 19 Chapters reported a decrease

However, many of the changes were very small. Nevertheless, lessons can be learned from some Chapters that experienced sizeable membership growth.

In summary, as at 30 June:

	Chapters			Councils
	Total (net – excl dual members)	Change from previous year	% change	Total (net – excl dual members)
2024	768	-12	-1.5%	313
2023	780^	3	0.1%	318

2022	777 <sup>#</sup>	-57	-6.7%	329
2021	833 <sup>*</sup>	-69	-7.6%	332
2020	902	-37	-3.9%	348
2019	939	-45	-4.5%	372
	<b>Chapters</b>			<b>Councils</b>
	<b>Total</b> (net – excl dual members)	<b>Change from previous year</b>	<b>% change</b>	<b>Total</b> (net – excl dual members)
2018	984	-112	-10.3%	371
2017	1086	-48	-4.2%	410
2016	1134	-78	-6.4%	424
2015	1212	-109	-8.3%	454
2014	1321	-64	-4.6%	478
2013	1385	-177	-11.3%	430
2012	1562			557

<sup>^</sup> Adjusted from a reported 776 in previous year

<sup>#</sup> Adjusted from a reported 778 in previous year

<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted from a reported 859 in previous year

The numbers are quite dramatic when we consider that our total membership in Chapters has halved in the last 12 years, and this change has also had a flow-on effect on Cryptic Council membership. Nevertheless, at least in the last couple of years the rate of decrease appears to have slowed. Analysis of the figures shows constantly that resignations represent the majority of member losses and, while some of those resignations may be due to ill health or departures overseas, Chapters need to consider if they can address other reasons for which members resign.

RE Comp David Ryan  
Grand Scribe Ezra

In additional comments, RE Comp Ryan reiterated that some Chapters and Councils are not making contributions towards the Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Fund, while some Chapters have been slow in making their capitation payments. ME Comp Waller added that membership had maintained stable and stressed the importance of providing information to Grand Scribe Ezra to maintain updated membership records.

**Chapter membership as at 30 June 2024** (source: calculated from Chapter annual returns and database records)

Chapter	30-Jun-23 Fee-paying Members	New Members	Joined or Affiliated	TOTAL GAIN	Deceased	Resigned	Struck Off	TOTAL LOSS	30-Jun-24 Fee-paying Members	Dual Members	Total 30-Jun-24
St Augustine	28	2	0	2	0	6	0	6	24	2	26
Waterloo-Russell	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	16	0	16
Victoria	19	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	17	0	17
Albert Edward	8	0	1	1	2	0	1	3	6	5	11
Auckland	24	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	25	0	25
Hutt-Wairarapa	45	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	43	0	43
Manawatu	16	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	18	1	19
Victory	29	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	25	0	25
Marlborough	17	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	16	0	16
Timaru	25	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	24	0	24
Ohinemuri	17	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	13	3	16
Cromwell Coronation	11	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
Kawatiri	14	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
Waikato	14	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	12	2	14
Wanganui	21	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	19	0	19
Brooklyn	25	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	25	1	26
Whangarei	24	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	24	3	27
Rose & Thistle	23	1	0	1	2	1	1	4	20	0	20
Heretaunga	22	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	19	1	20
Bedford	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	5	14
Otaihape	13	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	10	0	10

Chapter	30-Jun-23 Fee-paying Members	New Members	Joined or Affiliated	TOTAL GAIN	Deceased	Resigned	Struck Off	TOTAL LOSS	30-Jun-24 Fee-paying Members	Dual Members	Total 30-Jun-24
Rotorua	20	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	21	1	22
Piako	18	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	18	2	20
North Shore	19	1	3	4	2	0	0	2	21	1	22
Ara	38	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	38	0	38
Bay of Plenty	11	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
William F Massey	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	1	18
Wellington	24	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	25	1	26
Horowhenua	12	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	13	4	17
Karangahape	21	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	22	0	22
Carlyle	9	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	8	0	8
Kaipara-Mahurangi	9	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	8	4	12
Shirley	15	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	16	3	19
Te Awamutu	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	0	14
St Andrew	23	3	2	5	0	2	0	2	26	0	26
Tutanekai-Hinemoa	23	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	21	0	21
Tawhiri	16	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	14	0	14
Peace	26	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	24	0	24
Howick	24	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	24	3	27
Mt Maunganui	19	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	24	0	24
Transition	2	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	4	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>811</b>

**Council membership as at 30 June 2024** (source: calculated from Council annual returns and database records)

Council	No	30 Jun 2023	New	Joined	Deceased	Resigned	Stuck off	30 Jun 2024
St Augustine	1	14	0	0	1	0	0	13
Southern Cross	3	9	0	2	0	0	0	11
Manawatu	11	22	2	0	2	0	0	22
Victory	12	9	0	1	0	0	0	10
Marlborough	14	10	6	0	1	1	0	14
Timaru	15	16	1	0	0	0	0	17
Cromwell Coronation	20	8	0	3	0	0	0	11
Waikato	22	23	2	0	1	1	0	23
Heretaunga	38	34	0	0	0	2	0	32
Rotorua	44	21	2	0	0	0	0	23
Russell	51	36	3	0	0	1	0	38
North Shore	52	13	0	0	2	0	0	11
Ara	53	61	2	0	3	6	2	52
Bay of Islands	65	14	1	1	1	1	2	12
Mahurangi	80	11	1	0	0	2	0	10
Hutt Valley	109	17	0	0	2	1	0	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>318</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>313</b>
Silver Trowel	111	86	0	8	5	1	0	88

## **Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Council (RE Comp Alan Hart, Chair)**

Firstly, may we again express our appreciation to Chapters/Councils and Companions generally for their ongoing support for the awards not only through their ongoing donations but also in identifying and supporting deserving students.

### **General comments**

This was the first year in which our income through the variation of the capitalisation of interest and dividends came into effect. This change from the previous 10% to the new 50% had a material impact on the sums available to us for awards and we would ask that Management Council gives further consideration to this impact especially in the light of reduction of membership.

The scholarship account itself received \$25,208 towards funds available for consideration of this year's grants but awarded \$28,500 in total. A grant previously made was also returned as the student was unable to take up their proposed course of study, which was a reminder that we at all levels need to retain contact with applicants to ensure they undertake their course and our funds have assisted them as intended.

### **Consideration**

As with last year, in view of the number of applications (20) as well as the plethora of supporting material received, we created a template summarising each application in order that a consistent approach could be followed. We contacted either the relevant Grand Superintendent or a local contact in most areas to clarify some aspect of most applications which, while time-consuming, did give us a greater understanding of the context of the application and student's situation.

Again, as with last year, we felt it appropriate to exclude those who had previously been supported while several applications were outside our ambit or were looking at higher levels of study. For several others it was felt that other avenues of Masonic support could be available. In this regard we were delighted to see recently the announcement that Freemasons New Zealand are offering a scholarship in paramedic studies at polytechnic.

We have heard the clear expression from Companions that some weight be given to other than pure academic successes to date. That said, all applicants demonstrated a high level of scholastic ability in their school results and most seemed well equipped to proceed to the next level of study. However, it was clear that equally most of the applicants were themselves or in their family circumstances adversely affected by health or other issues including the early death of a parent. To all of those we commend their need for support to Companions and other Masons around them.

You may recall that last year we asked that the following be covered by the student, Chapter or Grand Superintendent:

- Why this student should be assisted?
- How any grant made will benefit them?
- How will that benefit the country/society?
- What will happen if we do not make the award to them?
- What is their real/full income and expenditures relative to their studies?
- If they are living away from the family home some indication of why might assist
- Any Masonic connection – not essential but an indicator.



What was clear this year is that many of the students took a long hard look at the realities of tertiary study when these issues were raised with them. Perhaps as with youth of all ages now and in past years there is some naivety in how much tertiary studies cost and how these can be funded. We invite you to do as we did and check not only course costs for academic and/or trade-based studies but then add in the living and accommodation costs and you will see how easy it is for a student to expend in the tens of thousands of dollars to advance their education often through taking on significant debt.

## 2024 awards

After our considerations the following were advised to the Grand Scribe Ezra and in turn by him to Grand Superintendents. The associated payments are made separately by the Grand Treasurer and we trust that suitable presentations of the certificates will be made locally as circumstances might best suit. We encourage Chapters/Councils to retain contact with the awardees and take an active interest in their studies.

First Name	Surname	District	Amount awarded
Stephanie	Berryman	Northland	\$3,000
Jonty	Rush	Auckland	\$3,000
Slade	Wieczorek	Auckland	\$3,000
Jessica	Bray	Hauraki	\$3,000
Theodore	Celik	Wellington	\$3,000
Li-Na	Chapman	Nelson Marlborough Westland	\$3,000
Brighid	Gallagher	Nelson Marlborough Westland	\$3,000
Charlotte	Livingstone	Canterbury	\$1,500
Karys	McKenzie	Canterbury	\$3,000
Adrienne	Menor	Southland	\$3,000
			<b>\$28,500</b>

## Named awards

In previous years these were allocated on an additional basis as outlined in the rationale provided last year for the main rule changes but no longer come into consideration.

## Future awards

Indications from the Grand Treasurer are that funds available for awards for future grant rounds could remain dramatically limited.

Allied to this and what seems to be a softening in the interest/dividend rate environment indicates that with our numbers continuing to reduce impacting on collections than this will be reflected in awards made. The change in the Annual Convocation/Grand Installation being separated from the Business Session of Grand Chapter has an unintended consequence that the usual collection held at that time will not occur.

Can we all encourage use of the QR code arranged and distributed last year as one way of direct giving? Tax receipts are issued directly from that system.

### **Proposed changes to the rules**

As always occurs after changes are made to Rules such as those governing this Fund, those which were adopted last year suggest that some further “tweaking” becomes apparent to achieve the original aim! Re possible rule changes:

1. In rule 8 (i) insert “or be in their final year” between the words *completed* and *secondary school*
2. In rule 11 delete all the words from “*for the sake* --- to end “*situations*.”

Both suggested changes would then allow more flexibility as to dates involved such as with the one received very slightly late this time which we agreed to consider.

While mainly semantics, the current rule 8 could be construed to be in conflict with applications being sought before students have completed their secondary studies.

We commend these suggested changes to a favourable consideration by Companions.

### **Summary**

It was personally rewarding to us as a committee to receive several items of feedback from awardees either from last year’s awards or earlier ones and to see the positive impact these scholarships had made. Several of these items found their way into the “red pages” of the *Freemasons* magazine for which our thanks to the editor of that publication.

Finally, from the current members of our small committee, RE Comp Bob Monson and Paul Johnston and myself, a sincere “thank you”.

Yours fraternally

RE Comp Alan Hart  
Chair, Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Council

In additional comments, RE Comp Hart noted that half of returns are capitalised and the other half available for distribution as scholarships. It is anticipated that approximately \$25,000 will be available for scholarships after the end of the current financial year (30 June).

### **Centennial Award Committee (ME Comp Geoff Davies GPA, Chair)**

It is a pleasure to report that the Committee has recently made an award for 2025-26 to Dr Felix Bird, now an ophthalmology registrar at Hawke’s Bay Fallen Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital in Hastings, of \$30,000 over two years. Dr Bird’s proposal was a clear winner of the proposals considered.

Dr Bird’s research is a project of the University of Otago’s Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study, commonly referred to as the Dunedin Study. It is, to quote its website (<https://dunedinstudy.otago.ac.nz/>) “an ongoing, longitudinal study of the health, development and well-being of a general sample of New Zealanders. They were studied at birth (1972-73), and followed up and assessed at the age of three when the longitudinal study was established. Since then they have been assessed every two years until the age of 15, then at ages 18 (1990-91), 21 (1993-94), 26 (1998-99), 32 (2003-2005), and 38 (2010-2012). The Study members have recently been assessed at age 45 (2017-2019) and it is hoped to continue further assessments in the future.”

The study marked 50 years of work and contributions to society in 2023, and Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro was guest of honour at a function at the university to mark the occasion. She said that the study has been described as the broadest and most in-depth study of human beings ever conducted:

*For 50 years, it has been providing us with profound insights into the question of why we become who we are.*

*The University of Otago, and all New Zealanders can be immensely proud of the Dunedin Study. And while 50 is the number we are celebrating, perhaps just as worthy of celebration is 94 – which represents the percentage of original study members still participating, these 50 years later.*

*That figure represents perhaps the most extraordinary achievement of all and is one of the many reasons – along with rigorous research methods and multi-disciplinary approach – that the Dunedin Study remains the worldwide benchmark for a longitudinal study of this kind.*

Dr Bird was nominated for the Centennial Award by the Principal Investigator for Vision in the Dunedin Study team, Gisborne ophthalmologist Dr Graham Wilson, who is an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor at Otago University, and is supervising the Award research. Introducing the project to the Committee, he said:

*The Dunedin Study has positioned itself as the world leading study on ageing. What is especially novel is that the Study is assessing ageing while the cohort is in midlife, not when they are already aged. In addition to a unique 19 measures of ageing collected over two decades, we now have DunedinPACE (pace of ageing computed in the epigenome estimated from a simple blood test or buccal swab) and MRI-generated brain age.*

*Everybody wants to live to a ripe old age. But what is more important is how we can add good health to those years – that's healthspan. In many countries around the world, there is a significant gap between lifespan and healthspan. The Dunedin Study focus is addressing that gap – expanding healthy lifespan for all. And could the macular which is cheaply, easily, and non-invasively imaged be the window to the soul to ageing and provide us with the opportunity to improve healthspan?*

*Our Vision team seek to explore this question, further utilising measures from phase 52 (age 52) of the Dunedin Study which began on April 8 2024, and will continue for approximately 18 months. We hypothesise that macular drusen at age 52 are indicative of advanced biological ageing.*

Dr Bird's own research is already in progress, and as referenced by Dr Wilson, investigates whether the presence of macular drusen (pathological collections of lipid and proteins within the back of the eye) in mid life are an indicator of accelerated biological ageing. By identifying macular change, and interpreting this alongside established ageing measures (some of which are unique to the Dunedin Study) it will be possible to identify macular biomarkers of ageing. Ultimately, it will provide a method of intervening in disease progression at a much earlier stage and improve health outcomes for patients. His proposal in part states:

*I was fortunate to have an upbringing in regional Manawatu. This has given me a great understanding of small communities and how they are critical to New*

*Zealand. It also highlighted to me the inequity in regional health provision. After graduation from Otago Medical School (2021) I moved to Gisborne and rotated through a number of junior and registrar roles both in the hospital and community. It was here my interest in ophthalmology was founded and I have since made a commitment to specialist training in this field.*

*This research project is of interest to me because there is real potential to improve patient outcomes. If macular change is found to be a reliable indicator of biological ageing, then it provides a cost-effective and accessible means for identifying pathological ageing which we can act on. It is these mechanisms that will have great benefit for regional and urban populations of New Zealand. We are fortunate enough to have access to advanced ocular imaging techniques, and alongside the ability to assess ageing during mid-life as opposed to retrospectively (thanks to the Dunedin Study), it is likely to obtain meaningful results.*

*There is great support and educational opportunity in this field within New Zealand. However, there are also excellent learning opportunities available internationally that would contribute to my personal development and to the execution of this study. Moorfields Eye Hospital in London (a world leader in eye care and ophthalmology research) where I have spent some time in 2024, has courses providing up-to-date overviews of retinal disease, macular assessment and fundoscopic training. The University of Sydney holds an annual Microsurgical Skills course which develops foundational skills in periocular, and anterior segment (front of the eye) surgical procedures, skills which are paramount in any ophthalmologist's career; and the Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists) have a number of annual conferences.*

*In summary, your support and funding would be enabling access to internationally-recognised educational opportunities which will benefit my clinical practice in New Zealand for the entirety of my career. You would also be contributing to the completion of this proposed research. Once finished, we would submit our research article to a relevant ophthalmology journal and add to the body of research in this area. As previously mentioned, positive study results could have real benefit in early identification and treatment of age-related disease. Finally, we would be grateful for the opportunity to present our findings (as well as a recount of conferences and courses attended abroad) to you in person.*

It was the Committee's unanimous view that Dr Bird's research more than met the criteria for an Award, and that the nature of his work and the intended outcomes are an excellent fit for us, given the relevant demographics.

Arrangements are in hand to make a formal announcement of the Award at Convocation and for Dr Bird to address all attendees early in the Convocation weekend, by which time I expect to have further detail of how the Award funds will be applied. He is likely to also attend some of the other sessions, to enable us to get to know him and his work a little better than has normally been the case with our awardees, and for him to know and understand our Order better too. The latter will assist in achieving public profile for what we are investing in Dr Bird and his research, which is a goal of the Committee for this Award.

In conclusion, I thank my fellow members of the Centennial Award Committee, RE Comp Bob Monson and VE Comp Geoff Todd, for their engagement and, as a committee, we especially thank the Grand Treasurer, RE Comp Paul Sargison, for his invaluable (and ongoing) assistance.

I also thank my predecessor, VE Comp Glenn Summerhayes, who first identified this project as worthy and important research from which a suitable candidate for the Award could be identified.

ME Comp Geoff Davies GPA  
Chair, Centennial Award Committee

### **Proposed amendments to the Book of Constitution and Laws**

Proposed changes to current rules are highlighted/struck out with an explanation for each change below.

#### **Proposed change 1**

##### **GOVERNANCE**

##### **5.1 DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS**

- (a) For administrative and other purposes, New Zealand shall be divided into three Divisions with Districts as follows:
  - (i) Northern Division — ~~Northland~~, Northland/Auckland and Hauraki Districts,
  - (ii) Central Division — Hawkes Bay, Ruapehu/Taranaki and Wellington Districts,
  - (iii) Southern Division — Nelson/Marlborough/Westland, Canterbury, and Otago/Southland Districts.
- (b) The boundaries of the respective Districts shall be as recognised on 1st April 1992 except that the Auckland and Northland and the Otago and Southland Districts are now amalgamated.

The merger of the Auckland and Northland Districts is proposed to reflect the location of one Chapter in Northland and eight Chapters in Auckland and the difficulty at times to provide sufficient Grand Chapter officers in the Northland District. Roothing improvements in the Northland region will make travel from Auckland easier.

Moved by ME Comp Dennis Waller, seconded by RE Comp Paul Sargison

Carried

#### **Proposed changes 2 and 3**

##### **APPENDIX F RULES GOVERNING JUBILEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 8 (c) Applicants for scholarships must:

- (i) have a good academic record having completed or be in their final year at secondary school or college and be progressing to further tertiary education or training; and
- 11 Application for a Scholarship shall be made in the manner advised from time to time by the GSE reflecting the use of appropriate application methodologies similar to other charitable grants. ~~For the sake of clarity, applications shall close with Grand Superintendents on 31 August annually and must be transmitted by them to the GSE no later than 15 September annually for consideration by the Scholarship Council. Payments of any awards granted shall be made in December with presentations of appropriate documentary evidence of the award being made as best suits the local situations.~~

The proposed rule change to rule 8(c) clarifies current practice whereby an applicant can be in his/her final year at secondary school intending to carry onto tertiary study in the following year. The proposed deletion in rule 11 provides flexibility around the application process and timing.

Moved by RE Comp Alan Hart, seconded by RE Comp Paul Johnston

Carried

### **Election and appointment of Grand Chapter officers**

The following is the list of Grand Chapter officers as recommended by Management Council for investiture at Convocation 2025.

#### **Northern Division**

Grand Lecturer	VE Comp John MacDonald
Honoris causa (PGDC)	VE Comp Stephan Marshall

Moved by RE Comp David Ryan, seconded by RE Comp David Craddock

Carried

#### **Northland/Auckland District**

(subject to proposed merger of the current Northland and Auckland Districts – see proposed rule change above)

Grand Superintendent	VE Comp Eddie Eeles
Grand Director of Ceremonies	VE Comp Gavin Deevy
Grand Sword Bearer	VE Comp Neil Rowlands
Grand Standard Bearer	VE Comp Peter Duynstee
Grand Standard Bearer	VE Comp Garry Larsen

## **Hauraki District**

Grand Superintendent	VE Comp Len Jeffrey
Grand Director of Ceremonies	VE Comp Carlos Delos Santos
Grand Sword Bearer	VE Comp Brian Bevege
Grand Standard Bearer	VE Comp John Wright

## **Wellington District**

Grand Standard Bearer	VE Comp Geoff Todd
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The election of this officer is proposed in line with rule 7.6 to respond to a shortage of Grand Chapter officers available for ceremonial roles in the Wellington District.

Moved by RE Comp David Ryan, seconded by RE Comp David Craddock

Carried

## **Nelson/Marlborough/Westland District**

Grand Superintendent	RE Comp Robert Cresswell
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ME Comp Dennis Waller noted that no election was required as, in line with rule 7.5(c), RE Comp Cresswell was appointed by the First Grand Principal to replace RE Comp Ian Plummer who will be installed as Grand Haggai/Divisional Grand Principal (Southern). The First Grand Principal granted a dispensation to allow RE Comp Cresswell to continue to hold the positions of Secretary and Treasurer and Recorder and Treasurer in his Chapter and Council (rule 8.2(a)).

## **National**

Depute First Grand Principal Divisional Grand Principal (Central Division)	RE Comp Greg Bennett
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As the previous Depute First Grand Principal-elect was no longer able to take up this position before Installation, the selection panel formed to select Grand Principals was consulted and recommended the nomination of RE Comp Greg Bennett.

Moved by ME Comp Dennis Waller, seconded by ME Comp Ron Lane

Carried

Trustee	VE Comp Tony Cross
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Management Council recommends that VE Comp Tony Cross be appointed as a trustee of Grand Chapter for six years from Convocation 2025 taking over from RE Comp Jim Heron who retired on 15 October 2024. Management Council thanks RE Comp Paul Sargison who was appointed to fill the temporary vacancy.

Moved by VE Comp Ray Burgess, seconded by ME Comp Ken Burt

Carried

### **Appointment by Management Council**

It is noted that:

- Management Council agreed to reappoint RE Comp Alan Hart as a member of the Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Council for a further three years (2025-28) effective from Convocation 2025.
- Management Council appointed VE Comp Geoff Todd on 13 July 2024 as a member of the Centennial Award Committee, replacing VE Comp Glenn Summerhayes.

### **Other business**

- RE Comp David Ryan presented new ritual books (11<sup>th</sup> edition) now available for purchase and thanked RE Comp Ken Burt and members of the Ritual Committee for their significant work in producing the new edition.
- ME Comp Graeme Pengelly initiated discussion about the English Mark district meeting held the day before in Hawkes Bay and the order in which RW Bro Greg Bennett as Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of New Zealand was received. ME Comp Dennis Waller will follow up on this point.
- ME Comp Dennis Waller that registration numbers for Convocation 2025 were slightly lower than expected, although it is known that some Companions are still to register. RE Comp David Ryan read out the current number of registrations for each Convocation 2025 session.
- RE Comp David Ryan noted that the 2026 Convocation will be held in Blenheim on 13-14 March 2026.

The Business Session was closed at 10:45am.



## Appendix 1: Grand Chapter Officers, Trustees, and Committees (effective from Convocation 2025)

### Grand Chapter officers

GZ	RE Comp Ken Burt	Porirua
DGZ	RE Comp Greg Bennett	Marton
GH	RE Comp Ian Plummer	Blenheim
GJ	RE Comp Mike Downey	Auckland
GSupt	RE Comp Eddie Eeles	Auckland
GSupt	RE Comp Leon Jeffrey	Morrinsville
GSupt	RE Comp Ross Braybrook	Napier
GSupt	RE Comp Herb Carberry	Lower Hutt
GSupt	RE Comp Roland Blake	Waitara
GSupt	RE Comp Bob Cresswell PDGZ	Blenheim
GSupt	RE Comp Peter Smith	Timaru
GSupt	RE Comp Keith Campbell	Invercargill
GSE	RE Comp David Ryan	Wellington
GTreas	RE Comp Paul Sargison	Auckland
GReg	RE Comp jd Dallas	Wellington
GSN	VE Comp Duane Williams	Wellington
GOrg	VE Comp David Trott	Wellington
GLec	RE Comp John Macdonald	Whangarei
GLec	RE Comp Jack Dowds	Palmerston North
GLec	RE Comp Robert Wright	Christchurch
GSN	VE Comp Duane Williams	Wellington
GDC	VE Comp Gavin Deevy	Auckland
GDC	VE Comp C Delos Santos	Rotorua
GDC	VE Comp David Marriott	Hastings
GDC	VE Comp Rob McLellan	Otaki
GDC	VE Comp Bill Taylor	Wellington
GDC	VE Comp Rhys Moses	Blenheim
GDC	VE Comp John Burn	Ashburton
GDC	VE Comp Blair Dockerty	Invercargill
1st GSoj	VE Comp Robert Green	Greytown
2nd GSoj	VE Comp Stephen Shervell	Whangarei
3rd GSoj	VE Comp Alexander Solomon	Timaru
GSwdB	VE Comp Neil Rowlands	Auckland
GSwdB	VE Comp Bryan Bevege	Hamilton
GSwdB	VE Comp Richard Millea	Napier
GSwdB	VE Comp John Mitchell	Pukerua Bay
GSwdB	VE Comp Azher Mir	Blenheim

GSwdB	VE Comp James Hopley	Christchurch
GSwdB	VE Comp Neville Hall GPA	Invercargill
GStdB	VE Comp Garry Larsen	Kaitaia
GStdB	VE Comp Peter Duynstee	Auckland
GStdB	VE Comp John Wright	Thames
GStdB	VE Comp Andrew Neilson	Palmerston North
GStdB	VE Comp Leslie Frost	Manakau
GStdB	VE Comp Geoff Todd	Wellington
GStdB	VE Comp Gerrit van Asch	Nelson
ChMC	ME Comp Dennis Waller	Auckland

### **Trustees of Grand Chapter**

VE Comp R G Burgess PGOrg (Chair)  
ME Comp B Hebbard PGZ  
VE Comp A S Cross PGStdB

### **Jubilee Memorial Scholarship Council**

RE Comp A L Hart PGH (Chair)  
RE Comp R G Monson PGH  
RE Comp P R A Johnston PDGZ

### **Centennial Award Committee**

ME Comp G J Davies PGZ (Chair)  
RE Comp Monson PGH  
VE Comp G A Todd GStdB

### **Ritual Committee**

RE Comp R J Wright GLec  
VE Comp R S Carson PZ  
Third member and chair to be advised

## Appendix 2: Chapter and Council meetings

This information has been provided by Chapters and Councils and is subject to change.

### Chapters

No.	Chapter	Location	Meeting Dates	Scribe Ezra
<b>Canterbury District</b>				
6	Albert Edward	Shirley Christchurch	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu Feb, Jun, Sep, Nov (Installation Sep)	Murray Tasker 027 257 6339 albertedwardrac@gmail.com
35	Rose & Thistle	Ashburton	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed Feb, Apr, May, Jul, Sep, Nov (Installation May)	John Burn 03 308 6654 iris.john.b@xtra.co.nz
86	Shirley	Shirley Christchurch	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues Feb, Apr, Jun, Jul, Aug, Oct, Dec (Installation Jul)	Roger Smith 027 293 1507 rogandtrish@xtra.co.nz
1	St Augustine	Riccarton Christchurch	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon, Mar - Nov (Installation Nov)	Murray Trimmer 021 156 4272 murray.trimmer@gmail.com
15	Timaru	Timaru	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed Mar, Apr, Jun, Aug, Sep, Nov (Installation Sep)	Eion Miller 027 490 6319 eionmiller948@gmail.com
<b>Hauraki District</b>				
57	Bay of Plenty	Whakatane	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon Mar, May, Jul, Nov (Installation 2nd Sat Sep)	Ross Dalziell 07 308 5282 rossdalziell08@gmail.com
103	Mt Maunganui	Tauranga	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon Feb, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov (Installation Jul)	Lars Thiel-Lardon 021 178 5714 pms2009ltd@gmail.com
17	Ohinemuri	Whitianga	Meeting dates to be confirmed (Installation Oct)	Jim Ingley 027 4765 170 chartwellinternational@internet.co.nz
44	Rotorua	Rotorua	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur, Feb, Apr, Jun, Sep, Nov (Installation Jun)	Dave Johnstone 027 516 1248 rotoruarac44@gmail.com
48	Piako	Morrinsville	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov. (Installation Oct)	Les Duncan 021 267 2771 l.s.duncan@xtra.co.nz

97	Tawhiri	Hamilton	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed, Feb, Apr, Jun, Jul, Sep, Nov (Installation Apr)	John Evered 021 0258 2271 tawhirira97@gmail.com
88	Te Awamutu	Te Awamutu	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon Mar, May, Jun, Aug, Oct (Installation Jun)	Jeremy Earl 021 440 572 teawamuturoyalarchchapter@gmail.com
22	Waikato	East Hamilton	1st Mon Feb, May, Jul, Oct, Dec (Installation Oct)	Alan Tydeman 027 360 7558 alan_tydeman@hotmail.com

#### **Hawkes Bay District**

38	Heretaunga	Hastings	1st Thu Feb to Nov (Installation May)	Nigel Petrie 06 877 7683 ns.petrie@xtra.co.nz
4	Victoria	Napier	4th Sat Feb, Apr, Jul, Sep, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat Nov (Installation Nov)	Bruce MacConnell 027 444 3470 brucemacconnell@xtra.co.nz

#### **Nelson/Marlborough/Westland District**

21	Kawatiri	Westport	For 2025: 18 Feb, 15 Apr, 22 Jul, 20 Sep, 15 Nov (Installation Nov)	Kent Gallagher 021 068 2227 kawatiri21@gmail.com
14	Marlborough	Blenheim	4th Tue Jan, Mar-Nov (Installation 4th Sat Feb)	Bob Cresswell 021 117 5328 quarffe@xtra.co.nz
12	Victory	Nelson	4th Thu Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Nov (Installation 4th Sat Sep)	David Marsh 03 545 0145 david.e.marsh@gmail.com

#### **Northland/Auckland District**

53	Ara	Khyber Pass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Sep, Oct, Nov (Installation Mar)	Peter Duynstee 021 0240 0010 ara53ra@outlook.com
9	Auckland	Khyber Pass	1 <sup>st</sup> Thu Mar, May, Jul, Oct, Dec (Installation Jul)	Jason MacKenzie 021 0277 0836 jasonaklchpt9@gmail.com
101	Howick	Highland Park	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues Apr, Jul, Sep, Nov (Installation Nov)	Ken Galley 09 574 6478 kgalley@actrix.co.nz
80	Kaipara- Mahurangi	Orewa	4 <sup>th</sup> Thu Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu Dec (Installation Jun)	John MacDonald 027 777 7419 john@merlin.net.nz

69	Karangahape	Henderson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov (Installation Jul)	Mike Downey 021 632 629 k69@xtra.co.nz
52	North Shore	Albany, North Shore	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed Feb, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, 5 <sup>th</sup> Wed Oct (Installation Sep)	Geoff Parry 021 350 301 geoffparry357@gmail.com
98	Peace	Khyber Pass	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Oct, Nov (Installation 28 Apr 2025)	Ron Holbrook 027 443 5157 rholbrook@xtra.co.nz
27	Whangarei	Whangarei	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue Mar to Dec (Installation Nov)	Ian Guthrie 021 729 988 ianguthrie@xtra.co.nz
61	William Ferguson Massey	Pukekohe	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Sep, Nov (Installation Sep)	Tony Jenkin 09 238 7867 tony.pat.jenkin@gmail.com

#### **Ruapehu/Taranaki District**

74	Carlyle	Patea	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed Feb, Apr, Jun, Sep, Nov (Installation Apr)	Dave Stowell 027 453 8325 sandyanddave@xtra.co.nz
11	Manawatu	Palmerston North	4 <sup>th</sup> Thu Jan, 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov (Installation Nov)	Mark Russell 027 903 9121 russellm4691@gmail.com
43	Otaihape	Taihape	4 <sup>th</sup> Thu Feb to Nov (Installation Mar)	Greg Bennett 027 488 7555 gwjmbennett@outlook.co.nz
23	Wanganui	Wanganui	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon Mar to Dec (Installation Sep)	Craig Paynter 021 035 0945 wanganuira23@gmail.com

#### **Otago/Southland District**

20	Cromwell Coronation	Clyde	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues, four or more times per annum	Bruce Hebbard 0276 133 724 abhebbard@gmail.com
90	St Andrew	Invercargill	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed Feb-Nov (Installation Oct)	Neville Hall 027 651 1365 nev.hall.nz@gmail.com

#### **Wellington District**

24	Brooklyn	Porirua	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Nov (Installation Feb)	Nik Straugheir 021 297 2928 anstraugheir@gmail.com
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92	Tutanekai-Hinemoa	Wellington	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon Feb to Dec excl Jun (Installation Royal Arch Nov/Mark Dec)	Ken Stokes 027 478 6069 kws51wn@gmail.com
10	Hutt-Wairarapa	Masterton Lower Hutt (alternate)	4th Tues Feb, Mar, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct (Installation Oct)	Rick Masterton 027 329 9119 masterton@xtra.co.nz
2	Waterloo-Russell	Johnsonville	2nd Mon Feb to May, Sep to Nov (Installation May)	Alan Cuthbert 04 383 8550 agcuthbert@xtra.co.nz
62	Wellington	Porirua	1st Thu Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov (Installation Sep)	Duane Williams 021 051 2020 duanewilliams57@gmail.com
63	Horowhenua	Waikanae	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov (Installation Nov)	Peter Trewern 021 108 7184 alonzobaggins77@gmail.com

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93	Research Chapter of New Zealand	National		c/o David Ryan 021 543 449 gse@royalarch.org.nz
110	Chapter of Transition	National		

### Cryptic Councils

Council	Location	Recorder details			
1	St Augustine	Riccarton 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu in Mar, May, Aug, Oct (Install Oct)	Bob Wright	0221 606 712	shinerwright1999@gmail.com
3	Southern Cross	Invercargill	Neville Hall	027 651 1365	nevhallnz@gmail.com
11	Manawatu	Palmerston North	Mark Russell	027 903 9121	manawatu11@gmail.com
12	Victory	Nelson	Barry Blundell	021 521 835	barryparke@xtra.co.nz
14	Marlborough	Blenheim	Bob Cresswell	021 117 5328	quarffe@xtra.co.nz
15	Timaru	Timaru	John Burn	03 308 6654	iris.john.b@xtra.co.nz

<b>Council</b>		<b>Location</b>	<b>Recorder details</b>		
20	Cromwell Coronation	Clyde	Neville Rosborough	027 646 5386	nevana@xtra.co.nz
22	Waikato	Hamilton	John Evered	021 025 82271	everedz53@gmail.com
38	Heretaunga	Hastings	Bruce MacConnell	027 444 3470	brucemacconnell@xtra.co.nz
44	Rotorua	Rotorua	Ben Watt	07 345 4332	9cubed@gmail.com
51	Russell	Johnsonville 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon in Feb, May, Aug, Nov	Don Hazlewood	028 461 5909	dhdonbel@gmail.com
52	North Shore	Albany	Geoff Parry	021 350 301	geoffparry357@gmail.com
53	Ara	Khyber Pass	Ken Galley	027 241 0792	kgalley@actrix.co.nz
65	Bay of Islands	Whangarei	Ian Guthrie	09 436 5292	ianguthrie@xtra.co.nz
80	Mahurangi	Orewa	John MacDonald	028 2588 5111	john@merlin.net.nz
109	Hutt Valley	Lower Hutt	Dave Keenan	027 602 5819	dkeenana@xtra.co.nz
111	Silver Trowel	Annual Convocation	David Ryan	021 543 449	gse@royalarch.org.nz

### Appendix 3: Grand Chapter Officers

This is a list of all members of Grand Chapter who are currently entitled to rank as present or past Grand Chapter Officers as at 9 March 2025.

Name	Rank	Year
ALFORD, Murray Harley	PGSwdB	2015
ALLAN, George William	GLec	2019-2023
ARNOLD, Michael Raymond	GSwdB	2002-2003
	GDC	2005-2007
	GSupt	2007-2010
	DGZ	2013-2015
	GSupt	2022-2024
BAIRSTOW, Graeme Gordon	GStdB	1997-1998
BALLANTYNE, Neville Rex	GSwdB	2019-2022
BARBER, Ralph	GStdB	2011-2012
	GDC	2019-2022
BARRETT, Ronald John	GLec	2007-2009
BATTY, Arthur Edwin	GSwdB	1991-1992
	GDC	2007-2009
	GSupt	2016-2019
BENNETT, Donald Anthony	AGDC	2001-2002
	GDC	2003-2004
	GSupt	2011-2013
	PGJ	2020
BENNETT, Gregory Wallace	GStdB	2012-2014
	GSupt	2018-2021
	GH	2023-2025
	DGZ	2025-
BERRYMAN, Ivan Alexander	GStdB	2022-2025
BEVEGE, Bryan Alfred	GSwdB	2025-
BIEL, Roderick Hugh	AGDC	1995-1996
	GDC	1996-1997
	GSupt	1999-2002
	GZ	2007-2009
BLAKE, Roland Charles	GSwdB	2012-2014
	GDC	2015-2018
	GSupt	2024-
BLUNDELL, Barry Parke	PGStdB	2022
BOTTRILL, Francis Robert	GSwdB	2015-2018
BRAY, Richard Michael	GStdB	1999-2000
	GDC	2003-2005
	GSupt	2014-2018



<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Year</b>
BRAYBROOK, Ross Malcolm	GSwdB	2018-2021
	GDC	2021-2024
	GSupt	2024-
BRETON, John Dudley	GStdB	2015-2018
	GSwdB	2018-2021
BROOKE, Philip John	GSwdB	1999-2000
	GDC	2003-2004
	GSupt	2007-2010
	GH	2011-2012
BURGESS, Raymond Gordon	GOrg	2016-2021
BUNDLE, Graham Richard	2 <sup>nd</sup> GSoj	2017-2020
BURN, John Wayman	GSwdB	2020-2023
	GDC	2023-
BURT, Kenneth Robert	GStdB	2010-2012
	GDC	2015-2016
	GSupt	2017-2021
	GJ	2021-2023
	GZ	2025-
CAMPBELL, Keith	AGDC	2021-2023
	GSupt	2023-
CANNING, Noel Robin Alan	GStdB	2017-2019
	PGSoj	2022
CARBERRY, Herbert William Raymond	PGSoj	2012
	GDC	2020-2024
	GSupt	2024-
CARSON, Roger Scoullar	GSwdB	2019-2022
CAVANEY, George Grant	GStdB	2002-2003
CHAPPLE, Roger	PGSwdB	2020
CHAPMAN, Noel George	GLec	1988-1989
	GSupt	1996-1999
CLEAVER, William Barry	GSwdB	1992-1993
	GDC	1996-1997
	GDC	2009-2011
	GSupt	2012-2014
CLIFF, Brian	AGDC	2000-2001
CONNOR, John	PGStdB	2017
COPEMAN, Peter	GStdB	2000-2001
	GDC	2009-2011
	SGR	2013
CRADDOCK, David	GSuptWks	2005-2006
	GDC	2009-2010

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Year</b>
	GSupt	2013-2015
	DGZ	2023-2025
CRESSWELL, Robert Mainland	GSwdB	1990-1991
	GDC	2000-2002
	GSupt	2005-2007
	ChSC	2009
	GJ	2011-2013
	DGZ	2015-2017
	GSupt	2025-
CROSS, Anthony Stuart	GStdB	2021-2024
DALLAS, John Petrie	GStdB	2015-2016
	GReg	2023-
DALZELL, Kerry Wayne	AGDC	2005-2007
	GSupt	2010-2013
	GH	2015-2016
DALZIELL, Ross	GStdB	1992-1993
	GDC	1997-1998
	GSupt	2004-2007
DAVIES, Geoffrey John	GSuptWks	2000-2001
	GSupt	2011-2014
	GZ	2015-2017
DAVIS, Alexander James	GDC	2020-2023
	GSupt	2023-2024
DEAN, Alan Thomas	PGSoj	2012
	GDC	2018-2021
DEEVY, Gavin Phillip	GDC	2025-
DICKSON, Russell Pearce	GDC	2007-2008
DOCKERTY, Blair Athol	PGSwdB	2021-2023
	GDC	2023-
DOWNEY, Michael Shaun	GSwdB	2011-2012
	GDC	2013-2015
	GSupt	2019-2022
	GJ	2025-
DRESSER, Marc Lindsay	GStdB	2022-2025
DRYDEN, Eoin George	GSuptWks	1994-1995
	GDC	1997-1998
	GSupt	2002-2005
	GZ	2005-2007
DUYNSTEE, Peter	GStdB	2025-
EDNEY, Kenneth James	GStdB	1981-1982
	GDC	1984-1985

Name	Rank	Year
	GLec	1987-1988
	GSupt	1990-1991
	GJ	1997-1999
	ChSC	2001-2004
EELES, Edwin John	GStdB	2017-2019
	GSupt	2025-
EGLEY, David Akehurst	GSuptWks	2003-2004
	1 <sup>st</sup> GSoj	2009-2010
	PGDC	2018
ELCOCK, David Leonard	GDC	1982-1983
EVERED, Richard John	GSwdB	1995-1996
	GDC	2003-2004
	GSupt	2016-2019
	GJ	2019-2021
FASTIER, Ian Walter	GSwdB	1995-1996
	GChanc	2002-2003
FAULKNER, Eric Oliver	GSuptWks	2000-2001
	SGR	2009
FITZPATRICK, Eric Murray	GSwdB	1987-1998
	PGSN	2009
FRANCIS, John Charles Andersen	GDC	1994-1995
	GSupt	2004-2006
	PGH	2015
FRASER, Mark Warwick	AGDC	2007-2008
	GDC	2009-2010
	GSupt	2019-2022
FROST, Leslie	GStdB	2024-
GAINSFORD, Robert Richard	GSuptWks	2007-2008
	AGDC	2011-2013
	GDC	2022-2025
GALLEY, Kenneth James	AGDC	2002-2003
	GDC	2011-2013
GEMMELL, John Osler	PGSoj	2015
GILBERT, Graham Arthur	GDC	1993-1994
	GSN	1998-1999
	GSupt	2002-2005
GLEW, John William	GStdB	2012-2015
	GDC	2015-2018
GORDON, Dennis Ian	GStdB	1998-1999
	GDC	2005-2008
	GSupt	2009-2010

Name	Rank	Year
	GJ	2017-2019
GRAY, Etienne Miles Moller	GStdB	2019-2022
GREEN, Mervyn James	GStdB	2003-2004
	GDC	2009-2013
	SGR	2014
GREEN, Robert Francis	GStdB	2015-2016
	1 <sup>st</sup> GSoj	2023-
GREGORY, Roger	3rd GSoj	2011
	GSupt	2015-2017
GROVES, John David	GStdB	1984-1985
	GDC	1990-1991
	PGSupt	2021
GUDEX, Raymond Eric	GStdB	2011-2014
GUTHRIE, Ian McKay	GDC	2022-2025
HALL, Neville James	GSwdB	2023-
HARRIES, Rodney	GLec	2011-2013
HART, Alan Langley	GSuptWks	2002-2003
	GLec	2011-2015
	GSE	2017-2022
	PGH	2022
HARVEY, James Ross	GStdB	2013-2014
	GDC	2017-2020
HASTIE, Brian Harold	PGSwdB	2020
HAXELL, Graham John	GStdB	2016-2019
HAYES, Russell Bernard	GSuptWks	2003-2004
HAZLEWOOD, Donald Wane	1 <sup>st</sup> GSoj	2014-2017
HEBBARD, Bruce	GSwdB	1996-1997
	GSN	2002-2003
	GDC	2007-2008
	GSupt	2009-2011
	GZ	2011-2013
HERON, James Millar	GSwdB	1998-1999
	GSupt	2005-2007
	GTreas	2009-2019
	PDGZ	2019
HOAR, Terence Bernyl	GStdB	2009-2011
HOLBROOK, Ronald James	GStdB	2003-2004
HOPLEY, James William	GSwdB	2023-
HOULIHAN, Glen Paul	GStdB	2018-2021
	GSupt	2021-2024
HUNT, Ian Malcolm	GStdB	2018-2021

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Year</b>
INGLEY, James George William	GSwdB	1994-1995
	GDC	1999-2000
	GSupt	2007-2009
	DGZ	2017-2019
ISLES, Robert Cameron	GStdB	2021-2024
IVAMY, Philip James	GDC	2005-2006
	GLec	2009-2010
	GH	2019-2021
JACKSON, Peter Alistair	PGSoj	2018
JACOB, Milner Alexander	GSwdB	2017-2020
JAGGER, Robert Carr	GStdB	1992-1993
	2 <sup>nd</sup> GSoj	2001-2002
JARAY, Robert Samuel	GSwdB	2009-2011
	GSE	2012-2017
	PGH	2017
JEFFREY, Leonard Arthur	GSuptWks	1998-1999
	GDC	2019-2022
	GSupt	2025-
JEFFS, Brian Thomas	GStdB	2016-2019
JELLYMAN, John Edwin	GStdB	2001-2002
	GDC	2005-2006
	GSupt	2009-2011
	GSupt	2013-2014
JENKIN, Tony Albert	PGStdB	2011
JOHNSON, Colin Francis	GDC	1978-1979
	GLec	1981-1982
	GSupt	1984-1986
	ChSC	1988-1989
	DGZ	1996-1997
JOHNSON, Roderick William	GLec	2005-2006
	GSupt	2021-2024
JOHNSTON, Paul Robert Alan	GLec	2007-2008
	GSupt	2017-2020
	DGZ	2021-2023
JORDAN, Roderick Brett	GSuptWks	2000-2001
	GDC	2005-2006
	GSupt	2007-2013
	PGJ	2012
KEARSLEY, Michael Anthony	PGLec	2020
	GLec	2022-2025
KEENAN, David St John	GSwdB, SGR	2003-2004

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Year</b>
KENT, Richard Henry	GDC	1995-1996
KERKIN, Gary Norris	GStdB	2005-2006
	GLec	2009-2010
	PGJ	2017
KERNOHAN, John Kevin	GSwdB	1986-1987
KERR, Ian Stanley	GJan	1995-1996
	GSN	2003-2004
	GSupt	2019-2022
KNIGHT, Terence Harvey John	GDC	2012-2015
	GDC	2017-2018
KORONIADIS, Athanasios	PGStdB	2012
KRACKE, Hans Ernst	GSwdB	2000-2001
	1 <sup>st</sup> GSoj	2007-2009
LANDELLS, David J	PGOrg	2019
LANE, Ronald John	GSwdB	1993-1994
	GLec	2001-2002
	PGH	2018-2021
	GZ	2021-2023
	ChMC	2023-2025
LARSEN, Garry Francis	GStdB	2025-
LARSEN, Paul Erik	AGDC	2013-2015
LAVERCOMBE, Gerald	GDC	2020-2023
LEIGH, Christopher Thomas	GStdB	2022-2025
LEVER, John Anthony Frank	GStdB	2013-2015
LITTON, John West	PDGZ	2014
LOVE, Adam Falconer	GStdB	2005-2006
	GDC	2014-2020
	PGJ	2020
LOW, William Alistair	GDC	2014-2016
	GSupt	2017-2023
McCLISKIE, David Neil	GStdB	2013-2014
	GDC	2017-2020
	GSupt	2020-2023
MacCONNELL, Bruce Ralston	GStdB	1987-1988
	GDC	1991-1992
	GSupt	1996-1998
	GJ	2009-2010
McGHIE, Gervan John	GStdB	2007-2008
MacDONALD, John Fraser	GLec	2025-
	GSupt	2011-2013
McGILL, Alan David	GStdB	2020-2023

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Year</b>
McGUIRE, David Hugh	PGSwdB	2010
	2nd GSoj	2014-2017
MacKAY, Angus David	GDC	2020-2023
	SGR	2023
McLAGGAN, James Richard	GSwdB	2007-2008
	GDC	2013-2015
	GSupt	2022-2025
McLELLAN, Robert Alexander	GSwdB	2001-2002
	GDC	2021-
McNAB, Douglas Malcolm	GSwdB	2016-2019
McNAUGHTON, Fergus Ross	GSwdB	2012-2013
	AGDC	2013-2014
	GSupt	2014-2023
	GJ	2023-2025
McROBERTS, Bill Hawkins	3 <sup>rd</sup> GSoj	2012-2013
MACE, David William	PGTreas	2009
MAHAN, Arthur Stuart	GStdB	2011-2013
MARSH, David Edward	GStdB	2017-2020
	GSupt	2020-2023
MARRIOTT, David Ross	GDC	2024-
MARSHALL, David	GSuptWks	1998-1999
MARSHALL, Stephan Robert	PGDC	2025
MARTIN, Graeme Stuart	GLec	2017-2020
MASTERTON, Richard Charles	GStdB	2015-2018
MEREDITH, Ronald Cedric	PGStdB	2005
MILL, Donald Steven	GSuptWks	2009-2010
	GDC	2011-2013
MILBANK, Warwick John	AGDC	2016-2019
	GDC	2022-2025
MILLEA, Richard Anthony	GSwdB	2024-
MILLER, David John McCulloch	PGSoj	2021
MILLER, John Laurie	GStdB	2016-2018
MILLER, Matthew Eion	GDC	1989-1999
	GSupt	2007-2008
	PGH	2023-
MIR, Azher Mohammad Khalil	GSwdB	2023-
MITCHELL, John Roland	GSwdB	2024-
MONSON, Robert George	AGDC	2009-2010
	GDC	2011-2013
	GH	2021-2023
MOSES, Rhys Oliver McRae	GDC	2023-

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NEES, Derek John	2 <sup>nd</sup> GSoj	2020-2023
NEILSON, Andrew Peter	GStdB	2024-
NELSON, Peter John	GDC	2009-2010
	PGSN	2014
NORTON, Graeme Owen	GLec	2019-2022
OAKES, Raymond Arthur	GStdB	2019-2022
OLDCORN, Bruce Malcolm	GStdB	1995-1996
	SGR	2018
OLIVER, Peter John	GStdB	2018-2021
PARRY, Geoffrey Bruce	1 <sup>st</sup> GSoj	2020-2023
PENGELLY, Graeme Peter	GSuptWks	1989-1990
	GDC	1998-2000
	GSupt	2007-2009
	GZ	2009-2011
PENHALE, Ronald Lambert	GStdB	2013-2014
PEREIRA, Brian Carlos	GStdB	2012-2013
PERYER, John Frederick	GSwdB	2021-2024
PETERKEN, Gary Joseph	GSwdB	2016-2019
PETRIE, Nigel Mathew	GSwdB	2005-2006
	GDC	2007-2008
	GSupt	2011-2013
	DGZ	2019-2021
PIBWORTH, Ronald William	PGStdB	2022
PLUMMER, Ian Trafford	GSwdB	2020-2023
	GSupt	2023-2025
	GH	2025-
PRICE, John Ashley	GStdB	2001-2002
	GDC	2005-2007
	GLec	2016-2019
REDMAN, Graham Keith	GLec	2002-2004
	GZ	2019-2021
	ChMC	2021-2023
RICHARDSON, Norman Alan	GStdB	1982-1983
	GDC	1986-1987
	GSupt	1995-1998
	GZ	2003-2005
RIDGLEY, Trevor	AGDC	2007-2008
ROBERTS, Murray George	GSwdB	2013-2014
	GDC	2014-2017
ROBERTSON, Alan William Peter	GDC	2014-2017
ROBERTSON, Robert Stanley	GStdB	1995-1996



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	PGDC	2012
ROBINSON, Edward Richard	GSwdB	2015-2018
	GDC	2018-2020
RODLEY, Brian James	GSwdB	1997-1998
	SGR	2009
ROSBOROUGH, Neville John	GSwdB	2014-2016
	GDC	2017-2020
ROWLANDS, Neil Hugh	GSwdB	2025-
RYALL, Malcolm Boyd	GSwdB	2003-2004
RYAN, David Thomas	PGSwdB	2021-2022
	GSE	2022-
SANTOS, Carlos Delos	GStdB	2022-2025
	GDC	2025-
SARGISON, Paul Graham	GTreas	2019-
SAUNDERS, Peter William	2 <sup>nd</sup> GSoj	2000
	AGDC	2013-2016
	PGSN	2019
SEVERINSEN, Gary Ross	GStdB	2015-2018
SHEARER, David Mark	GSwdB	2022-2025
SHERRARD, Malcolm McAra	GStdB	2013-2015
SHERVELL, Stephen John	2 <sup>nd</sup> GSoj	2023-
SINCLAIR, Roger Peter	GStdB	2009-2011
	GSupt	2018-2021
SMITH, Graham Keith	AGDC	2009-2013
	GDC	2016-2022
	SGR	2022
SMITH, Lawrence Wylie	GSwdB	2014-2017
SMITH, Peter William	GStdB	2014-2015
	1st GSoj	2017-2020
	GSupt	2023-
SOLOMON, Alexander	3 <sup>rd</sup> GSoj	2023-
SOPER, John O'Shain	GStdB	2012-2013
	GSupt	2014-2016
STAFFORD-BUSH, Leo Ralph	AGDC	1989-1990
	GDC	1990-1991
	SGR	2004
STANBRIDGE, Terence Arthur	GStdB	2009-2012
STICHBURY, Lindsay Graeme	GStdB	2017-2020
	GSupt	2022-2025
STOKES, Kenneth William	PGSwdB	2024-
STODART, Donald Archibald	GSwdB	2002-2003

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	GDC	2005-2006
STOWELL, David Frederick	PGSwdB	2024-
STRAUGHEIR, Nicholas Ralph	GSwdB	2021-2024
STUCK, Desmond Ainsley	GStdB	2007-2008
	GLec	2011-2012
	GSupt	2016-2019
SYLVESTER, Gordon Douglas	GSwdB	2003-2004
TASKER, Murray James Primmer	GSwdB	2011-2014
TAYLOR, William John	GDC	2024-
THOMSON, Alan Peter	GSwdB	2007-2008
THOMSON, Robert	PGSoj	2019
	GSupt	2022-2025
TODD, Geoffrey Arthur	GStdB	2025-
TRIMMER, Murray Watson	GSwdB	1991-1992
	GDC	2020-2023
TRIPP, William John	GStdB	2016-2019
TROTT, David James	GOrg	2021-
VAN ASCH, Gerrit	GStdB	2023-
VENTURINI, Henri-Noel	GSwdB	2022-2025
WAGENER, Phillip Bernard	GSwdB	2003-2004
WALLER, Dennis Morley	GLec	2013-2015
	GZ	2023-
WATERS, Anthony Thomas	GStdB	1993-1994
	GChanc	2000-2001
	GLec	2001-2002
	GSupt	2005-2006
	GSE	2007-2012
	GH	2013-2015
WATSON, Michael Timothy John	GSwdB	2012-2014
WAYMOUTH, John Anthony Knott	GReg	2017-2023
WERE, George Thomas	GStdB	2016-2019
WHITE, Richard Brian	GStdB	1994-1995
	GDC	2001-2002
	GSupt	2013-2015
	GZ	2017-2019
WIIG, Bryan Olaf	GSwdB	2001-2002
WILKINS, Allan Edward	GStdB	2010 -2012
	3 <sup>rd</sup> GSoj	2020-2023
WILLIAMS, Duane Patrick	GSN	2016-
WILSON, Donald Keith	GSuptWks	1994-1995
WILSON, Mervyn John	GSwdB	1988-1989

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	SGR	2007
WILSON, Raymond Peter	PGStdB	2022
WINK, John Gilbert	AGDC	1988-1989
	GDC	1991-1992
	GSupt	1996-1998
	DGZ	2005-2006
WRIGHT, John David	GStdB	2025-
WRIGHT, Robert John	GLec	2020-
WRIGLEY, Graham James	PDGZ	2019
YARLETT, Ian William	GSuptWks	2009-2010
	GDC	2011-2014
	SGR	2021
YOUNG, Peter	GStdB	2019-2022