

MANITOBA COUNCIL -- ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD
Minutes - Friday April 21, 2006 – Holiday Inn South, Winnipeg, Mb

The council was opened in proper ritualistic form at 1:40 PM, M E Lawrence McInnes presiding. All officers were in their respective places with more to spare if required. Words of welcome were extended to the 32 Companions in attendance, five more as candidates not entered on the register, but they will be here.

Special welcome and Grand Honours for Most Eminent Emory J Ferguson, Grand Master General of Convent General, Knight of York Cross of Honour as well as General Grand King of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International, Grand Sovereign Master Peter Park of the Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada and Grand President of the Order of High Priesthood in the Province of Ontario.

The Deputy Sovereign Grand Master Arthur Payne A M D of Canada, Ronal A Miles Grand High Priest of Minnesota along with is Grand Scribe Charles Marston were included for Grand Honours.

With five Companions waiting to be elevated into the Order of High Priesthood we moved directly into the ceremonial. Past President Alfred P Christoffersen presented the prologue. Past President Stanley J Payne looked after the obligation and Past President John C James presented the bibles. Balance of the ritual was presented by the officers in their proper stations.

The following Companions were anointed, consecrated and set apart:

#145 James A Chute #146 Arthur Douglas Cooke #147 Keith Fendick
#148 Les Ford #149 Richard David Laronde

All are from Rabboni Chapter #7 in Dauphin, Mb

Many plaudits were extended to the Degree team for a ceremonial very well presented and congratulations to our five new Companions of the High Priesthood.

Moving into the regular business it was moved by Fred Magerl and C E "Ted" York that the minutes of April 22, 2005 be accepted as printed and circulated. Carried

The Audit Statement on the back of the summons was moved for acceptance by Fred Magerl and William Bruce "Bill" McKenzie. Carried

MINUTES -- Moved by VEC Fred Magerl and REC Leif Hansen that minutes be accepted as circulated with the summons. Carried

ACCOUNTS – One for a Past President's Jewel moved by C E "Ted" York and James Barratt that the account be paid when properly certified. Carried

NEW BUSINESS -- Moved by Gordon A Ebel and Stanley F Johnson that we grant Honorary Membership to all first time visitors. Carried

#149 Emory J Ferguson, #150 Peter D Park, #151 Ronald A Miles, #152 Arthur Payne

ELECTION of OFFICERS Moved by Stanley F Johnson and Alfred P Christoffersen that George Tayler be elected as President and each Officer advance one station. Carried

Bertram R Chambers appointed Excellent Sentinel accepted.

Most Excellent President	George Russell Taylor
Excellent Vice President	Leif Hansen
Excellent Chaplain	William Bruce "Bill" McKenzie
Excellent Secretary/Treasurer	John C James
Excellent Master of Ceremonies	Ivanhoe LeBlanc
Excellent Conductor	Charles E "Ted" Yorke
Excellent Herald	Jack Hooper
Excellent Steward	Fred Magerl
Excellent Sentinel	Bertram R Chambers

President Lawrence McInnes requested we rise in a Tribute of Respect in the loss of three of our Past Presidents during the past year: Lloyd George Bromwell, Garnet William "Hap" Reid and Neil A Pow. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM with our Companions it was always "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and in time it will be, happy to meet again."

Our President expressed his gratitude for the manner in which the ceremonial was presented and the Companion cooperation was excellent. With the dedication shown here we should have a great future. It has been a pleasure service as your President. Thank you.

Good of the Order: Brought greetings and congratulations from Ontario by Peter Park, President of O H P in Ontario, from Ronald A Miles and Minnesota, from H Allen Ohrt and North Dakota and from Vic Ramsbottom and Alberta.

Our General Grand Kin R Ex Comp Emory J Ferguson brought greetings from General Grand Chapter and M Ex Comp Larry Gray, revealing some good things we can expect in the future. He also had an update on the activity with R A R A and their work with children with learning problems.

Following the installation of officers, Lawrence McInnes present George R Taylor with the Howard Austin Jewel as the 24th President of our order and Emory J Ferguson did the Honours for Lawrence McInnes with a well deserved past President's Jewel.

At this point in time a collection box was circulated for donations to the Medical Research Foundations of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour. Twenty-seven cents was added to bring the figure to \$212.00 in American fund. Very well received by all present.

Past Most Excellent Presidents

1983	Clifford E Storie *
1984	John C James
1985-86	Stanley F Johnson
1987	Nathanial M. "Nat" Fairbairn *
1988	Peter Martin w
1989	Rod W A March
1990	Hugh T Ross
1991	Peter Jack Webster
1992	L George Bromwell *
1993	Garnet W. "Hap" Reid *
1994	Clifford C P Hardy
1995	Gordon A Ebel
1996	Neil A Pow *
1997	George <u>Alexander</u> Reid
1998	John G Ball *
1999	David N English
2000	Alfred P Christoffersen
2001	Robert H "Bob" Allen *
2002	Sherman A Elliott
2003	James J Barratt
2004	Leonard Ciszewski w
2005	Stanley J Payne
2006	Lawrence R McInnes
2007	George R Taylor

*- Deceased **w**-Withdrawn

The duties and responsibilities of the afternoon completed, greetings and plaudits present, the Council was closed in ritualistic form at 3:35 PM by our new President George R Taylor and his officers.

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President
George Taylor

Secretary/Treasurer
John C James