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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

I am going to take the liberty of borrowing the following from an address given by the Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, of which I am the representative in New Brunswick.

There is one symbol that plays a dominant role through Masonry and that is LIGHT. The most obvious connotation of the symbol of light is that of truth, knowledge or education. Through all our degree work we are urged to study, to improve our understanding and to improve our intellectual knowledge. Freemasonry is therefore, an educational organization designed to take good men and make them better, by broadening their knowledge that they improve themselves and enrich the world about them. After all, a Mason is a man who by promoting his own nature, seeks to find in Freemasonry the light of knowledge that will allow him to satisfy, his own higher aspirations and having been granted that light, will work to shape his own life and in the process, help his fellow men by his actions and precepts, so that they too may benefit.

The one great goal of Freemasonry through the ages has been, the betterment of mankind, a never ending process of elevating men from a lower level to a higher plane of existence, intellectually and spiritually, in wisdom, strength and beauty-the Masonic Trinity.

This is the meaning of the three columns that support the whole fabric of every lodge and LIGHT is the keystone.

M.W. Bro. Gordon Wilmot Coffey
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of N.B.

GREATEST OF LANDMARKS

Writers have devoted page after page to discussions of what constitutes a Masonic Landmark. Some have reduced the number to only three or four. It is not my purpose to add confusion to confusion.

They are the intangibles which are the real supports of Freemasonry. . call them what you will. Remove them and nothing is left. Increase them and nothing can ever destroy the Spirit of Freemasonry.

Masonry is Sentiment. Masonry is Love. Masonry is Personal Honesty and Integrity. Masonry is Sacrifice. Masonry is an Expression of Universal Religion. Masonry is the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man in the lives of Masons. Masonry is respect for woman-kind. Masonry is the desire to be serviceable to our Fellow Creatures. Masonry is a System of Morality which makes it possible for men to have liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Masonry is the

making of the best life possible while on Earth. Masonry proclaims the Hope of Immortality. Masonry is the concern that Masons have for children, bereft of parents, for children whose bodies are twisted, for children who seek Love. Masonry is men who try to elevate themselves morally and spiritually, and who ever walk humbly with their God.

Are not these after all, the real Landmarks of Masonry? Let us make them Landmarks of Today as well as Ancient Landmarks. The yearning of man to grow heavenward is as old as time.

HISTORIC-LORE

In 1830 at Limerick, Ireland, a stone was unearthed, bearing the date 1517, with the following inscription:
*I will strive to live with love and care,
upon the level, by the square.*

PLAQUE UNVEILED

A memorable meeting of Ashler Lodge No. 36, F. & A.M. was recently held in the Masonic Temple, McAdam. The occasion of the meeting being the unveiling of a plaque bearing the names of all the Past Masters of this Lodge since its initiation on April 6th, 1900. The ceremony of dedication of the plaque, honouring the memory of the late M.W. Past Grand Master Murray Speight, a beloved honorary member of Ashler Lodge, was conducted by the Worshipful Master Jack Thornton, assisted by his Chaplin R. L. Swift. The plaque honouring his father was unveiled by Richard Speight and his wife.

About 40 visitors representing 10 lodges from Grand Manan to Dalhousie, heard remarks from the Junior Past Master P. A. Olsen and the 88 year old Senior Past Master Arthur M. May.

Grand Master Gordon W. Coffey addressed the assemblage at the conclusion of the Dedication.

R. L. Bright,
Secretary Ashler No. 36

FROM THE LITERARY CORNER

"Freemasonry appeals to me, first, by its fellowship; and next to the House of God, it is the most blessed influence in my life."

This quotation was written by a very distinguished Masonic author, Dr. Joseph Fort Newton. Although it has been 35 years since Dr. Newton died, his many books and other writings still occupy much space in Masonic bulletins. His books like "The Builders" and "River of Years" are found in Masonic Libraries the world over. So with the 35th anniversary of his death just passed, let us review a few of his gems of thought.

Brother Newton wrote this when asked the question, When is a man educated? His reply was this, "When he can look upon the universe, now lucid and lovely, now dark and terrible, with a sense of his own littleness in the great scheme of things and yet have faith and courage. When he knows how to make friends and keep them and above all when he can keep friends with himself. When he can be happy alone and high-minded, amid the drudgeries of life.

When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something besides mud, a into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin.

When he knows how to live, how to love, how to hope, how to pray - glad to live and not afraid to die, in his hands a sword for evil and in his heart a bit of song."

I was not able to determine when this was written by Brother Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, but if you would like to read more by this distinguished Masonic author try to obtain the books listed earlier in this column.

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Sign in business office - Be sure to work 8 hours - sleep 8 hours, but not the same 8 hours.

MASONIC FRIENDSHIP

Who are the "True and trusted" friends upon whom one can with confidence rely? Are they "yes" men? Are they cronic objectors? It is necessary that real friends be born in the objective case.

We answer that real friends are neither "yes" men or stubborn question marks. They are rather the ones who tell us our faults and commend our virtues. They are good counsellors. They are ready to defend our good name. They will "go to bat" for us behind our backs as well as to our faces; they seek to hold us up when we are falling; they will put themselves out, even at great inconvenience and sacrifice, to help us in time of need; they will remember us in their prayers. Sometimes a reprimand is the greatest contribution a friend can make to our well-being.

Whom a friend loveth, him he will reprove, if need be. We might all do well to seriously and sincerely ask ourselves, "Am I such a Masonic friend?"

THE BUILDER

*I cannot build your house for you
No matter what my skill;
All I can do is tell you where
To get the tools
And find the rules.*

*Show you the level and the plumb
And how to use the square;
Open the Book; that you may see
What must be done
To carry on.*

*Urge you to read the Master-Plan
And use the tools aright;
Follow the details day by day,
That you may build
What he has willed.*

*But you must do the work yourself
I cannot help you more;
The task is yours - to carry through
The Master plan
And build a man.*

By M. C. Holley

NEWS FROM THE CRAFT LODGES

Coverdale Lodge No. 52, Riverview, celebrated its 25th Anniversary Dec. 1, 1984. I.P.M. Keith Trenholm informs us, that after raising three candidates, Fellowship Lodge No. 112 from Truro entertained members of Coverdale Lodge and visitors, by presenting in drama form, the 2nd section of the third degree, in full costume. Previous to the degree work, Brother Dennis Dollemont, who was raised in May 84, presented Wor. Bro. Ernie Eastwick, his grandfather, with his Past Masters Jewel. W. Bro. Eastwick is a P.M. of Steven Lodge No. 37, Petitcodiac.

We notice from information supplied by R. W. Scovil Baldwin, that Albert Lodge No. 34 has three members eligible for their 50 year pins in 1985. They are Bro's Everett N. Dixon, Fred J. McLaughlin and Lyle I. McKinley. Congratulations from Mostly Masonry.

By the way, if your Lodge has a member eligible or who has received a 50 year pin, send along details and we'll try to include it in the next edition of the Bulletin in September.

At this year's Installation of the Officers of Ashler Lodge No. 36 McAdam, R.W. Bro. Lloyd McKenzie D.D.G.M. District 5 installed blood brothers as Worshipful Master in two consecutive years. W. B. Ralph Thornton follows his brother Jack in the East in Ashler Lodge.

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FROM THE PEN OF ALBERT PIKE

He who desires to understand the harmonious and beautiful proportions of Freemasonry, must read, study, reflect, digest and discriminate.

No. 49 has sent along these observations on

"WAYS TO KILL A LODGE"

1. Don't attend Lodge but if you do, arrive late and leave early.
2. Never read your Lodge summons — you might find out what's going on at Lodge.
3. Take no part in Lodge activities.
4. Never have anything to say in Lodge, wait until you get to voice your opinions.
5. If things need to be done around the Lodge, always say you don't have time.
6. If appointed to a committee, never give any time to it. Let the Chairman do it all.
7. Don't do anything more than you have to and when others willingly and unselfishly use their ability, protest that the Lodge is being run by a clique.
8. Always talk brotherhood but never be one!

Remember a Lodge is only as strong as its membership.

From the *Nova Scotia Freemason*, an item headed,

"Something to Think About"

Down the centre of most streets and highways of the world is drawn a line which we are required not to cross. Down the centre of the road of life there is a very thin line dividing good and evil, but transgression does not necessarily mean punishment, for forgiveness is also to be found on that road. Should we see a brother on the wrong side of the line, let us stretch forth a hand and lead him back to the side that ends at the Portals of Deity's Eternal Temple.

Remember the service that we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth.

Contributed by W. Bro. Roy Cassidy

The Grand Master may be consulted officially on any subject related to the Craft, but only through the Grand Secretary.

No degree shall be conferred in any Craft Lodge in the jurisdiction of New Brunswick on Sunday.

And here's one you might look up in the Constitution. How many new Masons can a Lodge make in one day? We'll include the complete answer next time.

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Ad in newspaper: For sale: Collie puppy. Eats everything. Fond of children.

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EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT

Thus we reach the "30" mark for Number 3, with the next edition slated for September. We thank the brethren for their contributions to this thrice-yearly bulletin. Many of these have been included in this Spring edition, others will be on file for future use. We would like to thank Bro. Percy Bendell for his editorial piece, and Bro. Robert Ross for his suggestion.

Keep us informed on Craft Lodge activities. Nothing elaborate. Just bare-bone facts and we'll do the rest.

We're looking also for those feature items on Masonry. Try to keep these to 225 words, so that we can include a good variety of reading in these Grand Lodge bulletins.

Your support is very necessary. This is your bulletin and we want all Masons to make use of it.

Written contributions to *Mostly Masonry* should be mailed to the Grand Lodge Secretary, P.O. Box 6430, Station "A", Saint John, N.B. E2L 4R8.