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## Grand Master's Address

I take this opportunity to extend warm fraternal greetings to all Masons of this Jurisdiction. The Lodges have now installed their Officers for 1994 and I wish the Masters, Officers and Members of all Lodges, a happy, prosperous and successful year. Many Lodges are busy with degree work and, with the proper use of the Mentor Program, will have Master Masons who are much better informed than in the past.

True Masonry is alive and being practised at Granite Lodge in Temperance Vale. I discovered this firsthand when making my Official Visit in October. To my dismay, and that of my travelling companions, my car would not start for our return homeward journey, and we could not find the problem. Offers of vehicles were made by several of the brethren, and we gratefully accepted that of Brother Flewelling, who not only loaned us his car but had the necessary repairs made to my vehicle and personally delivered it to my home in Moncton. Having Brethren like that in our wonderful Order is what Masonry is all about. My sincere thanks to Bro. Flewelling and to the brethren of Granite Lodge for offering so generously of their time and transportation.

At this time my thanks is also extended to all brethren for the visits, calls and expressions of concern for my health, both while hospitalized and at home. It is at times like this that we really appreciate the benefits of being a Mason.

Camp Goodtime New Brunswick 1993 is now over and considered very successful—due in large measure to the dedication and generosity of the Masons of New Brunswick. Camp Goodtime 1994, which will be held again this year at Camp Glenburn on Belle Isle Bay, is now well into the planning stages. As we are endeavouring to cover the entire \$16,000.00 cost of the Camp, it is my hope that the brethren will continue to support this effort with the same enthusiasm and zeal as they have in the past.

The 127th Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick will be held in Saint John on the 13th and 14th of May. All Wardens, Masters and Past Masters are entitled to vote; all Master Masons are welcome as observers. Brethren, this is your Grand Lodge—come, take part in the decisions that must be made, and help elect your new Officers. I am looking forward to meeting you in Saint John.

*Fraternally,  
M.W. Bro. Carr W. Graham, Grand Master*

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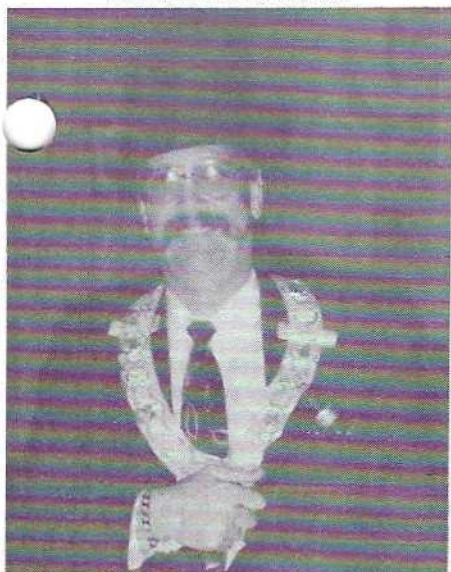
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*Submitted by: R.W. Bro. Sam Best, P.J.G.W.,  
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## In Memoriam



On February 2, 1994, Masonry lost a dedicated worker and lover of the Fraternity when R.W. Bro. Thomas "Gary" Little went to collect his wages.

Gary was diagnosed with cancer twelve years ago, but bravely and stubbornly fought it as long as he could. In November, 1993, when his body could no longer cope with the disease on its own, he went to Halifax for a bone marrow transplant. Complications before the operation caused it to be delayed slightly, but the transplant was considered a success and Gary began to rally. Those of us who received regular reports of his condition were heartened at his rapid re-

covery and his imminent discharge from the hospital.

Then tragedy! Gary's body began to shut down and when the process could not be reversed he was transferred to the Moncton City Hospital where he died. Gary was 46 years old. He leaves behind his wife Donna; two daughters, Connie and Tanya; and three grandchildren, Ashton, Candace and Thomas.

Gary's Masonic career, while not long, was full. He joined Lodge St. Andrew #16 in Rexton on February 8, 1985 and served its members as Worshipful Master in 1992. He was a member of the Moncton Lodge of Perfection, the Britton Chapter, Rose Croix, the New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory, the Luxor Temple Shrine and the Moncton Shrine Club. At his death he was District Deputy Grand Master for District #2.

At two o'clock on the afternoon of February 4th, an estimated one hundred and fifty Masons filled Wesley Memorial United Church to pay their last respects. R.W. Bro. Douglas Wood, P.D.D.G.M., conducted the Memorial Service, assisted by W. Bro. Miles Graham, Wor. Master of Lodge St. Andrew #16, who announced Gary's dates and M.W. Grand Master Carr W. Graham who pronounced the final benediction. The Service was performed entirely from memory. A lone piper, Bro. George Cooper, filled the air with the strains of *Amazing Grace* as each Brother deposited the Acacia on the Apron.

R.W. Bro. Gary Little was truly cut off in the midst of his usefulness, yet his sweet remembrance will remain in the hearts of those with whom he came in contact. Those of us who counted him as a friend are much better for having known him.

Father, in thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now thy servant—sleeping.

## Grand Representative Appointed

A noteworthy event occurred during M.W. The Grand Master, Carr W. Graham's Official Visit to Benjamin Lodge #31 on October 7, 1993.

Lodge was called to refreshment and Mrs. Bertha Nissen was invited into the lodge-room. As she watched, W. Bro. Raynald A. Jensen, Chaplain of Colebrooke Lodge #39, received his appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Denmark to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, a title last held by the late W. Bro. Chris Nissen.

W. Bro. Jensen was further honoured by Mrs. Nissen who presented him with a collarette and jewel from the Grand Lodge of Denmark. Those items of regalia had belonged to her late husband, Chris, since his appointment in 1958. She followed the presentation with a very interesting talk and closed her remarks with an article which she found in one of the Danish Masonic magazines her husband had received over the years.

"A little girl was writing an essay in 1903. The subject—Why are there so many Freemasons? This was the result of her labours:

King Solomon lived many years ago. He was the mightiest man in the country. He was the father of Freemasons. He built the Temple. He had 700 wives, 200 girlfriends, and that is the reason for so many Freemasons in the world."

*W. Bro. G. Johnston, Secretary  
Colebrooke Lodge #39*



Shown above (L to R): W. Bro. Raynald Jensen, M.W. Bro. Carr W. Graham, Grand Master, and Mrs. Bertha Nissen.

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## Quinn Medallion Recipients

Five Masons were awarded Quinn Medallions at the 1993 Grand Lodge sessions to recognize outstanding service to their Lodges. Pictured (l to r): W. Bro. Leslie Cochrane, Salisbury Lodge #20; W. Bro. Ronald Bateman, Zetland Lodge #24; W. Bro. Wayne Rideout, Hartland Lodge #46, R.W. Bro. Eban MacMillan, Victoria Lodge #26. Absent is W. Bro. Gregory Collins, Centennial Lodge #53.



## Freemasonry and the Military

The bond of friendship among Masons is not unlike that which exists among those who have served their country's military. In fact, there is a direct link between the two, particularly among those who claim dual membership.

What basis is there for this bond among men who, despite differences of belief and opinion, are able to join in fraternal brotherhood, and how is it similar to the relationship that exists between comrades-in-arms—even former adversaries. Could it be a respect for others who have shared a common, unforgettable experience?

Although Freemasonry is not an aggressive order militarily, there are numerous references to the military in our ceremonies. Mention is made of the Golden Fleece, the object of the mythological quest of Jason and his warrior Argonauts, and of the Roman Eagle, the standard of the Roman legions. In the Fellowcraft Degree the story of Joshua at the passages of the River Jordan is told. Some of the Scottish and York Rite degrees portray military involvement.

Freemasonry's spread around the world is largely due to the establishment of Military or Travelling Lodges. When units were reassigned, they often left newly formed lodges, under the jurisdiction of their military allegiance.

Numerous incidents of Brotherly Charity among Masons in the service are on public record. Many such incidents are contained in the volumes *House Undivided - A Story of Freemasonry and the American Civil War* and *The Mystic Tie*. During W.W. I there were many recorded fraternal exchanges between Masons of opposing forces. Incidents of protection and care from adversarial brethren were particularly prevalent among P.O.W.'s. Not so during W.W. II however! The Fascist regimes persecuted Freemasons, driving them underground, especially in the Far East. Discovered Masons were subjected to violent interrogation and treatment by their captors. Yet in the face of this maltreatment,

brethren still managed to form together as Masons and carry on their fraternal relationships. A classic example shows the 45 Masonic inmates of the infamous Changi concentration camp at Singapore, under the direction of a Past Grand Lodge Officer of England, meeting as early as June 8, 1942. Much information is contained in the Grand Lodge of England Library of Masonic activity in European P.O.W. camps. Many records and hand-fashioned (mostly paper and wood) working tools are in the Grand Lodge Museum in England. Much of this Masonic activity is chronicled in a Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research document entitled *Craftsmen in Captivity*.

In a Masonic article entitled *Thoughts on Masonic Remembrance*, the writer states "I think of a man in the Canadian Army in Holland in 1945 who negotiated with the German commander, both Freemasons. They agreed that neither army would damage the water supply system or the sewage plants of the area to save everyone from disease and pestilence." There must be many such stories, as yet untold.

Following W.W. II, our Fraternity saw a large influx of members, many of whom had been, or still were, servicemen. What was the attraction? Perhaps many were influenced by the good they had seen in comrades who were Masons. Perhaps they approved of the principles or image of Freemasonry which they had heard from their comrades. As likely as those reasons however, is the probability that the invisible bond which already existed among servicemen easily translated into the bond of the Fraternal Friendship of Freemasonry.

Servicemen, past or present, are proud of their service, no matter how, when or where; peace time or war. They claim an undying loyalty to the Service or Unit with which they were associated. But first and foremost, they claim a loyalty to their country and for all that it stands. This is consistent and co-existent with Masonry whose

votaries are told, "As a citizen you are to be loyal to your government, obedient to its laws, prompt in the duties you owe to society, and a pattern of fidelity in all social and domestic relations."

Albert Pike said the same thing when he wrote, "The true Mason identifies the honour of his country with his own. Nothing more conduces to the beauty and glory of one's country than the preservation against all enemies of its civil and religious liberty. Defend weakness against strength, the friendless against the great, the oppressed against the oppressor. Be ever vigilant and watchful of the interests and honour of your country! And may the Grand Architect of the Universe give you the strength and wisdom which shall enable you well and faithfully to perform these high duties.

*From a paper by the late R.W. Bro. Robert A. Cater, P.D.D.G.M. of the Gr. Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and submitted by W. Bro. Stuart Dobbin, P.M. of The New Brunswick Lodge #22*

## Xvxrybody Is Nxxdxd

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works wxll xxxcpt for onx of thx kcyx. I'vx wishxd many timxs that it workxd prxfctly. Trux, thxrx arx 42 kcyx that function, but onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs, it sxxms to mx that our organization is somxwhat likx my typxwritxr—not all thx pxoplx arx working propxrlly. You might say, "Wxll, I'm only onx pxrson. It won't makx much diffxrxncx." But you sxx, an organization, to bx xffixxnt, nxxdx thx participation of vxvry pxrson

*From January, 1990 Bulletin  
Victoria Lodge #26*

*Ed: - I would surely appreciate being put on mailing lists to receive Lodge notices.*

## Prince Hall Masonry

There are some schools of thought that Prince Hall (his name—not a title) was born in Barbados to a free coloured woman and a Scottish father. He emigrated to the Colony of Boston, Mass. and acquired real estate, making him eligible to vote. It was also documented that he was a devout Christian and a leather-worker by trade. On March 6, 1775, during the American War of Independence, Prince Hall along with fourteen men of colour were made Masons in Army Lodge #441 of the Irish Constitution. When Army Lodge moved on, the aforesaid brethren were issued a permit authorizing them to appear publicly as a Masonic body for the purpose of celebrating the feast of St. John and to bury their dead.

On March 2, 1784, these same brethren applied to the Grand Lodge of England for a charter, which was subsequently issued to them on September 29, 1784. They were warranted under the name of African

Lodge, No. 459 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England by authority of then Grand Master, the Duke of Cumberland. Prince Hall was the first Master. That charter, which is authenticated and in safe-keeping, is believed to be the only original charter issued from the Grand Lodge of England still in the possession of any Lodge in the United States.

African Lodge allowed itself to slip into arrears the late 1790's and was stricken from the rolls after the Union of 1813, although it had attempted correspondence in 1802 and 1806. In 1827, after other un-replied to attempts at communication, it declared its independence of any external authority and began to call itself African Grand Lodge No. 1.

It is interesting to note that when the Massachusetts lodges which were acting as a Provincial Grand Lodge declared themselves an independent Grand Lodge, and even when the present Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was formed by the amalgamation of two separate Grand Lodges, African Lodge was not invited to take part, even though it held a warrant every bit as valid as those others. This may be explained in part by this 1795 quote from John Eliot, who later became Grand Chaplain of the Gr. Lodge of Mass. He wrote, "White Masons, who are not more skilled in geometry than their black brethren, will not acknowledge them....the truth is they are ashamed of being on an equality with blacks."

Today there are 45 Grand Lodges (the latest being the just formed "Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Caribbean") that trace their origin back to African Lodge #459. There are more than 5000 Prince Hall Lodges and over 300,000 members. So far as it is known, their ritual, their secrets, their procedures, their requirements, their beliefs, their tenets or fundamental principles, are all either identical with ours, or recognizably similar.

*Submitted by: W. Bro. Roy Cass,  
Fownes Lodge #45*

*Ed: - In 1993 The Gr. Lodge of N.B. officially recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ontario and Jurisdictions for the purpose of Grand Lodge inter-visitation. They have further applied for recognition which would allow inter-lodge visitation, and that request has been directed to the Gr. Lodge Committee on Fraternal Relations for their recommendation.*

My deepest expressions of sympathy are extended to the former Editor of Mostly Masonry, R.W. Bro. Ron Caines, and his family, on the passing of his father, R.W. Bro. Hubert Caines, in Saint John on Thursday, March 3, 1994.

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