

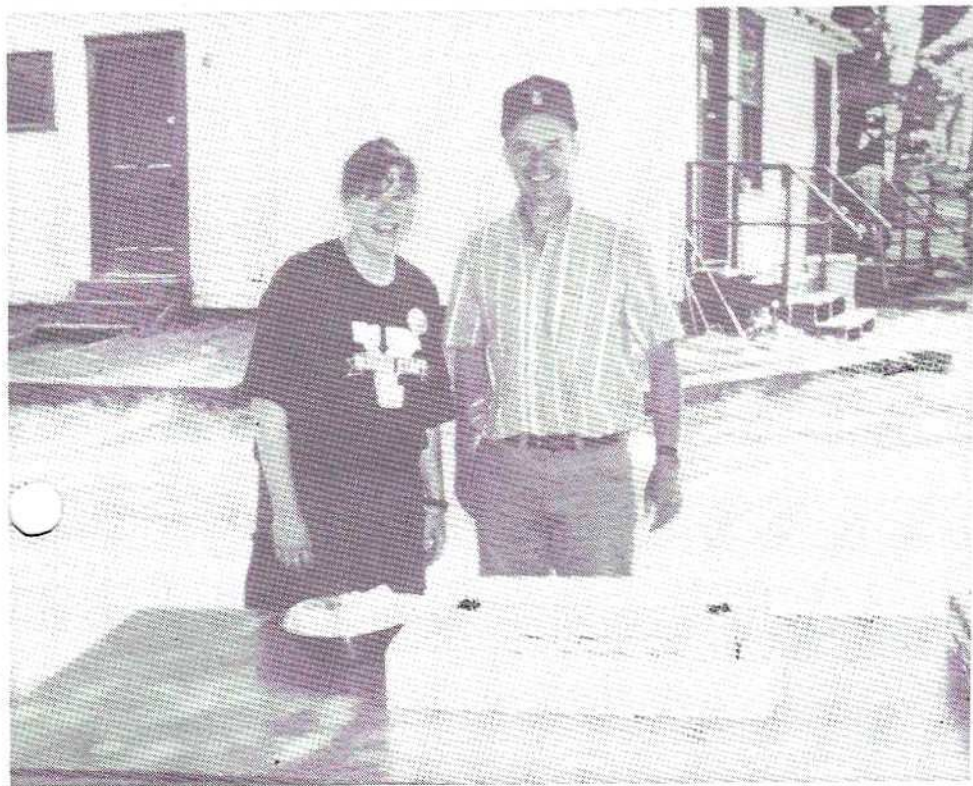
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SPONSORS' DAY JUNE 1995 AT CAMP GOODTIME.

Pictured above Sherry Golding, Camp Director with the Grand Master, Bill Balsler Jr., at Camp Goodtime; the Masonic Camp for children between 8 and 13 held annually at the YM/YWCA Camp Glenburn in Belleisle Bay, N.B. The Most Worshipful, The Grand Master appreciates the efforts made by the various lodges and requests that if there are any out there who feel they may be able to help more, please don't be shy. Last and by no means least is the invitation to all the friends of Camp Goodtime to visit on Sponsors' Day to be held this year on 30 June.

MASONIC BURSARY RECIPIENT AWARDS



Deanna Sharon Allen, 21, U.N.B., receiving her cheque from R.W. Bro. Alvin Lansdsburg.



Stacey Lynn Tower, 19, Dal. Univ. where she is studying law.



Deborah Margaret Bird, 18, St. Thomas Univ. happily accepts cheque



Jason Gordon Smith, Saint John, receiving his cheque from R.W. Bro. Ryan.



Gregg Andrew Lloyd, 19, U.N.B. receiving his award.



Jodi Ann Sullivan, 17, U.N.B. receiving her bursary from R.W. Bro. Wayne Rideout.

MASONIC LODGE ESTABLISHED

A Campobello chapter of the Masonic Lodge was officially established with the installation of officers on Saturday, December 16. Sunset Lodge No. 56 became the newest chapter of the Masonic Order; the last chapter to be formed in New Brunswick prior to this was on Deer Island in 1984.

The new officers were installed by Most Wor. Grand Master William Balser, Jr. of Moncton. He is the highest ranking member of the Masonic Lodge in N.B. Mr. Balser was accompanied by several Grand Lodge Officers who assisted in the installation.

The officers installed in the newly formed Campobello chapter were: Wor. Master, Alvin Newman; Sr. Warden, Sheldon Elliott; Jr. Warden, Joe Howlett; Sect'y., Blair Tinker; Treas., Paul Casey; Chaplain Wilford Newman; Dir. of Ceremonies, John Beck; Sr. D., Robert Fitzsimmons; Jr. D., Mark Mabey; Sr. St., John Flynn; Jr. St., Clarence Chute; I.G., Roland Newman; Tyler, John Brown.

The installation was attended by members of the Masonic Order from many parts of the province including St. Stephen, St. Andrews, St. George,

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Saint John, Fredericton, Moncton, and Petitcodiac, as well as from Lubec and Eastport.

"The support from other lodges in N.B. and Maine has been 100%," said Wor. Master, Alvin Newman. "The regalia (which includes collars and aprons) was donated by other lodges. There have been benefit suppers to help raise money for our chapter, and we have even been given a hand made set of working tools. We hope that dedication and hard work, we can make the Masonic Lodge on Campobello a success," said Alfred Newman. The Masonic

Lodge on Campobello is headquartered in the Sr. Citizens Hall at Wilson's Beach.



L-R: D.D.G.M. Dist. 5 Charles Rafuse, G.M. William Balser Jr., W.Bro. Alvin Newman, and his father, Wilford Newman



FREEMASONRY AND SECRECY

People sometimes refer to Freemasonry as being a "Secret Society". In the same sense the statement is true. Any social group or private business is "secret" in the sense that its business meetings may be open only to its members. In Freemasonry, the process of joining is also a private matter, and its members are pledged not to discuss with non-members certain parts of the ceremonies associated with the organization.

Freemasonry does have certain handshakes and passwords, customs incorporated into later fraternities, which are kept private. They are means of recognizing each other - necessary in an organization which spans the entire world and which encompasses many languages.

The tradition of using handshakes and passwords was very common in the Middle Ages, when the ability to identify oneself as belonging to a building or trade guild often made the difference in getting a job or in obtaining help for yourself and family. Today, Freemasons make the same pledge to every member that he will be offered assistance if he, or his family, ever requests it.

Freemasonry can't be called a "secret society" in a literal sense. A truly secret society forbids its members to disclose that they belong to the organization, or that it even exists. Much of the Masonic ritual is in books called "Monitors" that are widely available, even in public libraries. Most Freemasons wear rings and lapel pins which clearly identify them as members of the fraternity. Masonic lodges are listed in public phone books, Masonic buildings are clearly marked, and in many areas of the country Masonic lodges place signs on the roads leading into town, along with civic organizations, showing the time and place of meetings.

In terms of what it does, what it teaches, who belongs, where it meets, there are no secrets in Freemasonry! It is a private fraternal association of men who contribute much toward the public good, while enjoying the benefits of the brotherhood of a fraternity.

Masonic Information Center

The heights by great men reached and kept were not obtained by sudden flight; but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward through the night. Longfellow.



ACACIA BRETHREN, FIFTY YEARS IN MASONRY

On October the 22, 1995 Two members at Acacia lodge were honored with fifty year pins by their brethren. From L. to R. The Most Worshipful William Balsler Jr., the two fifty year pin recipients: Walter McNeish and Walter R. Mitchell and Wor. Bro. Merrill A. Henderson

FROM THE EDITOR

We are sorry to see that R.W. Bro. Michael G. Swetnam's other commitments have forced him to drop his duties as Editor of "Mostly Masonry", some of us in particular are very sorry to see Mike go and we shall have to try to fill the void. We would like to establish an Editorial Committee for Mostly Masonry so that all of the duties and research do not fall on one person. Therefore, we would appreciate the names of at least two people in the Moncton area who could help to put the paper together.

I would also request if each District Deputy Grand Master could appoint a reporter from his District. If these reporters, when appointed, could drop me a note giving me their name and address, possibly we could print a New Brunswick Masonic paper which would be representative of the whole province.

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