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Masonic Renewal is Progressive

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Grand Master Visits Lodge St. John, No. 27

On October 16th, 1996, the Grand Master, M:W:B: William Balsler, Jr., Officers and Members of Grand Lodge visited Lodge St. John, No. 27, in Bathurst where a family evening was held in the newly renovated banquet room and was attended by about 100 masons and their families.

After an enjoyable ham and scallop supper, the Grand Master and his entourage were received in the Lodge Room by the Worshipful Master, W:B: Irving Wiseman, and Grand Honors were accorded.

Most Worshipful the Grand Master presented **W:B: Robert Keswick** his 50-year Membership Certificate. Most Worshipful the Grand Master next presented Past Grand Master, **M:W:B: Blake Culton** a certificate for 30 years of faithful attendance on Grand Lodge. M:W:B: Culton has been a Mason for forty years.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a Masonic Certificate of Bravery to **W:B: Ashley Jagoe** which he deservedly earned for his participation as part of the rescue mission at the Westray Mine disaster in Nova Scotia. This is the only such certificate in New Brunswick. W:B: Jagoe has been a Mason since 1974.

Grand Master's Class

April 26th, 1997 will be a day of Masonic Renewal in action. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M:W:B:

William Balsler, Jr., will be hosting a "One Day Conferral" of the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees at the Coverdale Recreation Centre, Riverview, N. B. A large class of candidates is expected.

The recreation centre is wheelchair accessible and there will be medical assistance on hand.

A Hospitality Suite, Rooms 521/523, Keddy's Brunswick Hotel, Main St., Moncton, will be available Friday evening. A Brunch will be provided at nominal cost from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the recreation centre.

All candidates must bring their own Entered Apprentice apron. Dispensation will be granted for wearing of Master Mason aprons at the banquet. Concordant body guests will be received in their own regalia, without the Master Mason apron. Masters of lodges will be afforded the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the room prior to commencement of the ceremonies, probably in the morning of April 26th. Grand Lodge will open promptly at 12:00 p.m.

At the banquet that evening, the newly raised Master Masons will be presented with their Grand Lodge Certificates and aprons. There will be a dance following the banquet.

Please be prepared to present a current Dues Card to the Tyler prior to entering Lodge. This will make the Senior Grand Warden's task easier.

There will be a large turnout for this special occasion, so make your reservations for rooms and tickets as early as possible. If you need further information, contact your

District Deputy Grand Master or telephone (506) 854-4161 or (506) 387-8736.

The Lewis Jewel Presented

The first Lewis Jewel issued in New Brunswick was presented by Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M:W:B: William Balsler, Jr., to the Deputy Grand Master, R:W:B: James Pike, on the occasion of the installation of officers at R:W:B: Pike's Mother Lodge, Acacia Lodge, No. 49. Approval for the program was granted at the last Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

The Lewis is an instrument of Operative Masonry. It is an iron cramp or clamp which is inserted in a cavity prepared for that purpose in any large stone, so as to give attachment to a pulley and hook whereby the stone may be conveniently raised to any height and placed in its proper position. This instrument was known to the Romans, and several have been found in old ruins in Rome and England.

In the English system, the Lewis is found on the Tracing Board of the Entered Apprentice. It is used as a symbol of strength because, by its assistance, the Operative Mason is enabled to lift the heaviest stones with a comparatively trifling exertion of physical power.

The son of a Freemason is, under this program, called a Lewis, because it is his duty to support the sinking powers and aid the failing strength of his father.

In some jurisdictions, Lewis Masons had certain privileges such as having their petitions received first and being able to receive their degrees before the traditional age of twenty-one. In our jurisdiction, no special privileges are extended to Lewis Masons.

The Lewis Mason Jewel may be worn by the son of a Mason only. The jewel consists of two bars from which the Lewis is suspended; the top bar contains the initiation date of the father and the bottom bar contains the initiation date of the son. Lewis Jewels may be purchased through the Grand Secretary for about \$95.00 plus the usual taxes.

New Brunswick Masonry - Working Together As a Family

The Masonic Family of New Brunswick is made up of several bodies with differences between each but with many similarities as well. Each body relates, in some way, back to Craft Masonry for membership and/or support. Each brings to Masonry a unique, rewarding, and most necessary elements.

As a Family, we are strong, we support each other. Working together in unity, we present a clearer, more complete picture of the many good works and charitable activities which are daily provided to all members of our Family. synergies and we realize by together are immense and enhance the future of our great Fraternity.



M:W:B: William H. Balsler, Jr.
Most Worshipful the Grand Master 1995-1997

Bursary Winners - 1996

- ▶ Murray H. Bateman, Barrie, Ont., son of Bert Bateman and brother of Stanley, Zetland Lodge #26. Now in 2nd year of Master of Divinity Programme, Wycliffe College.
- ▶ Cindy Ruth Allen, daughter of Dale Allen, Westmorland Lodge #44. Studying at Compu College School of Business, Saint John.
- ▶ Curtis Lee Harvie, son of Lindsay L. Harvie, Lodge St John #27. Taking Communication Arts Course, N.B. Community College, Woodstock.
- ▶ Gregg Lloyd, son of R. Ashley Lloyd, Keith Lodge #20. Studying Forestry at UNB.
- ▶ Craig Stuart Haynes, son of E. Russell Haynes, both belong to Union Lodge of Portland #10. Studying Law at the University of Ottawa.
- ▶ Lionel Ian Keith Murray, son of Robert Murray, Zetland Lodge #24. Studying Fine Arts at Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.
- ▶ Christina Dawn Hicks, daughter of John Harold Cudmore, Acacia Lodge #49. Studying Journalism at University of Kings College.
- ▶ Steven Driscoll, son of G. Murray Driscoll, Union Lodge of Portland #10. Studying Computer Hardware Design at UNB.

Albion Lodge No. 1 Initiates Masonic Renewal Program

Like many Blue Lodges in the province, Albion Lodge has been struggling with declining membership, poor attendance and a lack of candidates. Despite various efforts to overcome these problems, little success has

been enjoyed and the future of the Lodge as it approached the next century appeared bleak. It was with these factors in mind that at the regular communication in December 1996 a motion was passed to amend the bylaws of Albion Lodge whereby a permanent Masonic Renewal Committee was established. Seven members were appointed representing a cross-section of the membership of the Lodge, thus ensuring both senior and junior members were represented.

The members appointed were: W:B: Stuart MacDonald, Chairman; W:B: Ron Hodgkin, Co-chair; R:W:B: Osborne Nason; R:W:B: Bob Johnston; W:B: Stewart Brenton, and Bros. Bill Koval and Craig Sears.

To facilitate the process, the committee received a grant from the Lodge that enabled them to spend a weekend at the Shiretown Inn, St. Andrews. This allowed the committee to devote its full concentration on the information and exercises contained in the manual "Seven Steps - A Renewal Blueprint for Masonic Grand Lodges." This manual had been developed by the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America and had been obtained from the Grand Secretary's office.

As a result of the weekend workshop, Albion Lodge now has a Vision Statement and a Mission Statement, and the groundwork has been laid for a five-year strategic plan. It is expected that by following the objectives as laid out in the statements and by paying due attention to the five-year plan, the Lodge now faces a much brighter future as a growing, active and relevant Lodge that is committed to making a difference in the community and in the fraternity.

N. B. Masonic Charities & Housing

Quinn House continues to function well thanks to the devoted service of R:W:B: Frank Langley and his committee. Quinn House is continuing to fulfill an important role in the St. Andrews area by providing comfortable, secure and affordable seniors housing.

Camp Goodtime will be held June 29th to July 5th, 1997. Come visit on Sponsor Day, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., and see just what your donations and efforts are accomplishing. In 1996, 49 children attended the camp and the successful camp prompted the desire from many children to return in 1997.

W:B: Melanson, last year, noted the neglected condition of the Chapel in the Pines. The YMCA was approached with the suggestion that the Fraternity renovate the Chapel. The suggestion was accepted on the condition that it continue to be nondenominational and the area remains in a natural state. They would permit the mounting of a plaque to commemorate our involvement on completion of the work.

We continue to support Canadian Deaf Blind Rubella Association by sponsoring four children to their summer camp in August. Mrs. Curtis, Director of the Association, has advised that three new children have moved into the area and inquired if we might possibly assist in funding their attendance at the camp. One child, aged 12, is deaf and going blind and is having difficulty accepting his condition. Since we are committed to support only four, this matter will have to be brought forward for discussion.

We propose to purchase a pine tree this year from the Saint John Regional Hospital for inclusion in their Festival of Trees at the Saint John Market Square Museum which will be decorated by children from Camp Goodtime and Camp Rubella. Our brochure has been successful making the public aware of the charitable contributions made by the Freemasons of the Province to help their fellow citizens and will be distributed at this event. Lodges should make a point of passing these brochures out to the public at every opportunity.

Another fund-raising project we have undertaken is the purchase of 1,000 Camp Goodtime lapel pins which will be available to the Lodges for sale to the brethren and the public.

We are gaining support and recognition from citizens and businesses. This year, several donations have been received including \$500 donated from 3 Irving Main Way stores to District #1 Camp Goodtime Golf Tournament held at the Hampton Golf & Country Club.

It is only by the support and efforts of the brethren that this work is made possible and every Mason in New Brunswick can be justifiably proud of their accomplishments.

From the Editor:

If every Lodge in the Jurisdiction were to make a \$40 donation to support the 3 extra children for Camp Rubella it would offset the costs. Can you imagine being 12 years old, being deaf and going blind? Wouldn't it be nice to know someone cares?

You can donate from your funds or take up a collection. But let's help! You can send your donation to W:B: Stewart Brenton, Treasurer, N.B. Masonic Charities & Housing, 24 Cedarwood Dr., Saint John, N. B. E2K 4T4, marked "For Camp Rubella."



**GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK
F. & A. M.**



**GRAND MASTER'S CLASS
MONCTON, N.B.
APRIL 26, 1997**

CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

Name (in full) _____

Date of Birth _____ Usual First Name
or Nickname _____

Name of Lady _____ Relationship (Optional) _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Business) _____

Name of Mother Lodge _____ No. _____

Date of Entered
Apprentice Degree _____ Date of E. A. Exam _____

Date of Fellow
Craft Degree (if applicable) _____ Date of F. C. Exam. _____

Signature of Candidate _____

Signature of Worshipful Master Signature of Lodge Secretary

Please complete and return this form before April 21, 1997

**Evan Thomas
R.R. 1 Box 209
Shediac Bridge, N.B.
E0A 3H0**

See reverse for Banquet and Hotel Information



**GRAND MASTER'S CLASS
MONCTON, N.B.
APRIL 26, 1997**



BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Keddy's Brunswick Hotel Main St. Moncton,
N.B.

No Host Cocktail Hour - 6:00PM

Roast Beef **Banquet 7:00pm** \$20.00 each

Presentations Following Banquet

Dancing - 9:00pm

Relatives and Friends may be invited!

Number of tickets requested _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name of Person requesting tickets _____

Tickets will be held at the Registration Desk & picked up there after Noon

Names, Relationship and Phone numbers of persons
wishing to participate in the Presentation Ceremonies _____

Please complete and return this form before April 21, 1997 to:

Evan Thomas
R.R. #1 Box 209
Shediac Bridge, N.B.
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ACCOMMODATIONS

Keddy's Brunswick Hotel (506) 854-6340 Main St., Moncton, N.B.

A Block of Rooms Have been Reserved in the Name of **The Grand Lodge
of New Brunswick.**

1, 2, 3 or 4 Persons per Room - \$75.00 + tax per Night

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS