



# Mostly Masonry

THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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## FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Since this newsletter was last published, we have been saddened by the sudden passing of W. Bro. Ronald Hodgin, Editor of Mostly Masonry and the Grand Director of Ceremonies. He was my friend, my Brother and a tireless worker in the quarries and he will be deeply missed at the upcoming session of Grand Lodge.

Proudly, the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is now a member of the Masonic Service Association. Every Lodge Secretary should be receiving information and short talk bulletins to share with their members.

The past year has been an active one at the Grand Lodge level and the several committees have been very busy.

### Jurisprudence

The Jurisprudence Committee has been called together on a number of occasions to consider and clarify constitutional issues. In addition they made recommendations which have resulted in a revised method for selecting our DDGMs and have made notice of motion for the upcoming Grand Lodge concerning Masonic regalia and jewels.

### Masonic Renewal

The Masonic Renewal Committee, under the Chairmanship of R.W. Bro. Wayne Hitchcock is really getting into high gear. Representatives have been appointed in every District and they are waiting for invitations to bring the message of renewal to your Lodge. Educational material can be ordered from the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America, and Grand Lodge budgets \$2000 annually for a Library Fund which could help defray some costs, provided you get your application in early.

In 1997 we gained 109 new members but lost 302. Of those, 137 were by death, which unfortunately we can do nothing about. However, 165 members were lost through demits and suspensions, a number that can be substantially reduced through implementation of the renewal program. I urge you, if you haven't already, to contact your district representative and don't let a meeting go by without some education.

### Masonic Charities

As you will read later, the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has been nationally recognized for our work with camp Goodtime and I thank you for your participation and support. Without your yard sales, dinners, raffles, etc., this would not have been possible. Give yourselves a pat on the back. If you have not yet attended a Sponsor Day at the Camp, I urge you to do so. You can't help but come away with an admiration for the strength of the children, the professionalism of the counselors and a renewed sense of personal commitment to the cause. The next Sponsor Day will be held on Sunday, August 8/99, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, at Camp Rotary, Princess Park, Grand Lake.

In addition to Camp Goodtime, we continue to support, in a small way, Camp Rubella, for children who have been stricken deaf and blind by rubella. Last year we donated \$2600 and to date we have contributed more than \$10,000. Camp Rubella is usually held in September near Richibucto.

### Constitutional Review

The Constitutional Review Committee has authored a substantive document on Masonic Trials and Offenses. It will be presented as a notice of motion at this year's Grand Lodge session for inclusion in our Constitution. Your Lodge should, if it hasn't already, *Continued on page 2*

## NEW BRUNSWICK MASONS RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION



The Board of Directors of the Canadian Cancer Society, while in session at Toronto on the 6th of June 1998, awarded a Certificate of Special Recognition, to the New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Company Limited.

The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Osborne L Nason, Grand Master of New Brunswick, W. Bro. Brian Francis President and W. Bro. Bud Gillrie, Secretary of the New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd., attended the Annual Meeting of the New Brunswick Division of the Canadian Cancer Society on the 18th of November 1998.

At this meeting, W. Bro. Francis, on behalf of the Masons of New Brunswick, accepted from Mr. Glen Josselyn, President of the Cancer Society's NB Division, the Certificate of Special Recognition, a National Award of the Cancer Society. This award recognized the New Brunswick Masons' sponsorship and support of New Brunswick's Camp Goodtime over the past years.

W. Bro. Francis, in accepting the award, assured the meeting that the sponsorship by the Masons of the province, was the result of the efforts and endeavour of over 5000 Masons of 51 Lodges, who raised the funds through many varied projects, breakfasts, dinners, raffles, and many others.

We recently received a pledge of \$5000 from the CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle Foundation, which will be presented at Grand Lodge in May. There is every indication that this will be an ongoing commitment.

Our return address label program netted about \$6000 last year and is a continuing project. Labels with the Square and Compasses are still available. Order yours now from *New Brunswick Masonic Charities & Housing Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 6442, Saint John, N.B., E2L 4R8*. You will receive an income tax receipt for the *Continued on page 2*

*Continued from pg. 1* discuss this document carefully so you will be well informed at Grand Lodge.

#### Ritual Committee

A proposal was advanced at the Board of General Purposes to contemplate the removal, relocation or rewording of the penalties of the several obligations. The District Deputy Grand Masters were instructed to poll every Lodge in the jurisdiction and bring back opinions and recommendations. An overwhelming majority of Lodges opted for no change whatsoever. Thank you for your input. The Ritual Committee remains willing and available to attend Lodges and Workshops to provide ritual instruction and programs – they're waiting to be asked.

#### Masonic Homes

There are two Masonic Homes in New Brunswick, Quinn House in St. Andrews which is a project of the Grand Lodge and the Woodstock Masonic Home which was built, is owned and operated by Woodstock Lodge #11. Both are well managed and continue to operate at capacity.

#### Grand Lodge Website

Grand Lodge is on-line and you can email the Grand Secretary at [masonic@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:masonic@nbnet.nb.ca). Have you ever visited the Grand Lodge website? It can be accessed at <http://personal.nbnet.nb.ca/eval> and contains links to many other Grand Lodges. A number of subordinate Lodges have web pages as well and would appreciate your visit. The internet continues to expand and is becoming an ever increasing force in our lives. Please remember that our Constitutional rules apply to electronic Masonry as well. When in doubt, ask. Contact the Grand Secretary for assistance.

This will be my last message in this medium as your Grand Master and I wish to extend my thanks for your support during my two years in Office. Thanks to everyone who championed Masonry in any way; by visiting a sick or shut-in Brother, by extending a friendly hand; by practicing charity; by taking part in the ceremonies of Masonry; and even for just attending Lodge.

To the Officers of subordinate Lodges, thanks for carrying the word of Masonry to your members, new and old, and thanks for the friendship and brotherly love with which I was received on every occasion throughout the province. To the Grand Lodge Officers, thank you for your attendance at my visits, your support, and your assistance. To the Board of General Purposes and the several committees of Grand Lodge, thanks for your fervent interest in the well-being of Masonry in New Brunswick and your desire to find ways to improve our Fraternity and keep it moving ahead. Thanks for the hours and hours the DDGMs have contributed to their districts; and a special thanks to the Grand Secretary and his staff for keeping things on an even keel and running smoothly. To the incoming Grand Master and his Officers I pledge my continued support and cooperation.

I hope during my tenure as Grand Master and during my visits to Districts and constituent Lodges that I have in some small way done something to enhance Masonry in New Brunswick.

With the Grand Lodge communication in May, my time as Grand Master of Masons in New Brunswick comes to an end. Thank you again for the high honour you have accorded me and for the memories you have made for me.

Fraternally,

M.W. Bro. Osborne L. Nason

### MASONIC RENEWAL COMMITTEE ALIVE AND WELL

Masonic Renewal is alive and well in the Province of New Brunswick and with only one exception is much closer to you and your Lodge than you think. It is however a "new look" Masonic Renewal that is focused on the individual Lodge and things that can be done at the grass roots level of Freemasonry to improve our membership, growth and participation levels.

The Committee now has a representative in every District except for District #3 and each representative has in his possession *Continued on page 3*

*Continued from pg. 1* amount of your donation less \$2.00 for production and shipping costs. Provide your name, mailing address and postal code. Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

A new brochure is being designed and will be available in 1999.

Submitted by W. Bro. Brian Francis  
President, NB Masonic Charities and Housing Co. Ltd.

### FOUR LODGES INSTALLED

*Ed.- While space simply does not allow for pictures of Installations, what follows is unique and deserves special attention.*

A semi-public Installation of Officers took place at a special meeting of Sussex Lodge #7, held on Saturday, January 9, 1999. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Osborne L. Nason, assisted by Officers and members of Grand Lodge, installed the Officers of Sussex Lodge #7, Alley Lodge #14, Victoria Lodge #26 and Sunset Lodge #56. This special event was very well attended considering the inclement weather.

This was the first time that the Grand Master had installed four Lodges at one time.

Following the ceremonies, everyone adjourned to the banquet room to enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by members of the four Lodges.



Pictured l to r:- W. Bro. Thomas N Giddens, Alley Lodge #14; W. Bro. Clifford E. Jackson, Sussex Lodge #7; M.W. Bro. Osborne Nason, Grand Master; W. Bro. Blair W. Tinker, Sunset Lodge #56; W. Bro. Richard W. MacKay, Victoria Lodge #26



M.W. Bro. Osborne Nason, Grand Master, and Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick

### THE SQUARE

The Square is an emblem known the world over as the premier implement of the stone worker and the most important of the Masonic working tools. Every schoolboy learns that an angle of 90° is a right angle. It is not only a right angle, but *the* right angle — the only angle which is "right" for stones which will form a wall or building. Any other angle is, Masonically, incorrect.

Stonemasons use the square to prove perfect ashlar. If the stone fits the square it is ready for the builder's use, hence the universal significance of the word "square," meaning upright, moral, honorable and fair dealing.

Five centuries before the Christian era a Chinese author wrote a book called *The Great Learning*. It is the negative of the Golden Rule, that a man should not do unto others that which he does not wish others to do unto him. And then the Chinese sage adds, "This is called the principle of acting on the Square."

*Continued from pg. 2* a number of books, pamphlets and videos. These men have made themselves familiar with this material and are now prepared to come to your Lodge and speak on the various topics covered by Masonic Renewal. They are prepared to arrange seminars on selected topics for the benefit of your membership. The materials that they are equipped with can be ordered by you or your Lodge and these representatives can tell you where and at what cost. These materials can be used in a variety of ways to educate your membership and help your Lodge to grow and prosper.

Each Lodge in the Province was provided with the book "101+ Ways to Improve Interest and Attendance in Your Masonic Lodge" a few years ago. Each Lodge this year will receive a copy of "A Masonic Leadership Primer". Both of these books provide a background for leadership seminars that are currently available from your Masonic Renewal Committee. There is also a seminar available on Membership Development, which employs the videos and the book contained in the Membership Development Kit, which is in turn available from the Masonic Renewal Committee of North America.

There are some new tools and ideas to specifically help membership. Lodge open houses, friend to friend nights and a new Friend to Friend video are all geared toward presenting the Fraternity in a better and brighter light to the prospective candidate. All of these initiatives are geared toward providing the potential member, and his spouse, with a significant amount of information about the Fraternity.

Community involvement and greater family participation are being strongly encouraged to increase the knowledge of the general public about who and what we are. We hope that when people can identify the Square and Compasses, know who it represents and can identify it with good deeds done by Masons in New Brunswick, then the young men of this Province may be enticed to finally ask how to join this Fraternity.

It is still the priority of your Renewal Committee to have two representatives in each District, fully equipped, before the fiscal year ends. If we are successful, there will be a representative of the Committee for every 3.6 Lodges. These positions require a lot of work and we are not exactly over run by volunteers, but more hands will indeed make the load lighter. The obvious rewards are increased personal knowledge and the certainty that you are part of the solution and not a part of the problem.

If you have any questions, wish to have someone speak at your Lodge meeting, wish to arrange for a seminar on Leadership or Membership Development, or wish to volunteer your services to the Committee, please contact the following people by District, as they are your representatives.

District #1.....	Bruce Hagerman .....	696-8341
District #2.....	Robert Mulhern .....	386-7574
District #3.....	Wayne Hitchcock .....	273-6512
District #4.....	Wayne Rideout .....	375-4844
District #5.....	James Hanley.....	755-6042
District #6.....	Terry Hunter.....	369-9018
District #7.....	Gil Meredith .....	386-4956
All Other Inquiries..	Wayne Hitchcock .....	273-6512

*Submitted by R.W. Bro. Wayne Hitchcock  
Chairman, Masonic Renewal Committee*



### NEW BRUNSWICK DEMOLAY

For 80 years, DeMolay has made a significant difference in the lives of over a million young men. Enriched by DeMolay, young men today, ages 12 to 21, learn the same basic principles and leadership skills as taught in the beginning of DeMolay in 1919. Principles and leadership skills which are used every day by DeMolay members. DeMolay builds confidence; teaches responsibility, cooperation and community service; and fosters trust, respect, fellowship, patriotism, reverence, and sharing.

Recent interviews with several DeMolay

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### LODGE ST. ANDREW #16, REXTON

Recently, Lodge St. Andrew, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, made presentations to several of its members of 50 year long service awards. Our congratulations go out to all.

R.W. Bro. Douglas Wood, PDDGM, presented W. Bro. Francis Graham with his pin and certificate. Unfortunately, no photo is available.



Shown above: W. Bro. Earl Morton receives his pin and certificate from W. Bro. David Mundle.



W. Bro. J. William Dutcher and Bro. Kenneth Callandar receive pins and certificates from R.W. Bro. Gordon Marshall, DDGM #2.

Left to right:- R.W. Bro. Marshall, W. Bro. Dutcher, Bro. Callandar and W. Bro. James Cail



A 50th Anniversary party was held recently for W. Bro. Keith Dutcher and his wife, Wanda, at which time a 50 year pin and certificate were also presented. The Dutchers now reside in Florida.

Shown: Wanda Dutcher, W. Bro. Keith Dutcher, R.W. Bro. Doug Wood

*Continued from pg. 3* members at a chapter meeting were very informative and revealing. Most members interviewed, joined DeMolay because of either friends that were members, girlfriends that were members of Job's Daughters or Rainbow for Girls, or fathers who are DeMolays and or Masons, or both.

When asked what they liked most about being a DeMolay, friendship and brotherhood were at the top of the list. Helping build overall general confidence about life was second. And the ritual was next.

When asked, would you like more Masonic involvement, the answer was a resounding yes! As a matter of fact, most young men of DeMolay feel the more involvement by Masons, the stronger DeMolay becomes.

The most diverse answers came from the question, how do you describe DeMolay to friends? The best youth organization there is, was at the top. The formal answer of *The Premier Youth Organization Dedicated To Teaching Young Men To Be Better Persons And Leaders* is of course, the same answer.

What concerns you the most in your life currently? This question was probably the most serious, personally for everyone. Violence and health were the two major anxieties expressed here. One of the ways thought best to combat such issues was belonging to an organization like DeMolay.

For most of the twentieth century, DeMolay has significantly enriched the lives of thousands and thousands of young men. DeMolay remains a constant, positive force; providing a special opportunity for young men to grow, to learn, and to lead with tradition and pride. DeMolay is creating Tomorrow's Leaders Today!

If you would like more information or would like to be a part of creating Tomorrow's Leaders Today, please contact: DeMolay International 10200 N. Executive Hills Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64153-1367 or call (816) 891-8333, e-mail [DeMolay@DeMolay.org](mailto:DeMolay@DeMolay.org) or check out our web site at [www.demolay.org](http://www.demolay.org). Locally, contact R.W. Bro. H. Wayne Bannister, Executive Officer for New Brunswick, @ 855-0122.

### FELLOWCRAFT'S SONG

His laws inspire our being— our light is from His sun;  
Beneath the Eye All-seeing, our Mason's work is done;  
His Plumblin in uprightness our faithful guide shall be;  
And in the Source of Brightness our willing eyes shall see.

Thou, Father, art the Giver to every earnest prayer!  
Oh, be the Guide forever to this, our Brother dear!  
By law and precept holy, by token, word and sign,  
Exalt him, now so lowly upon this Grand Design.

Within thy Chamber name him a Workman, wise and true!  
While loving Crafts shall claim him in bonds of friendship due;  
Thus shall the walls extol Thee, and future ages prove  
What Masons ever call Thee, the God of Truth and Love!

ROB MORRIS

"He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.... If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from Him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."

I John, 2: 9-11; 4: 20-21

Needing someone is like needing a parachute. If he isn't there the first time you need him, chances are you won't be needing him again.

One of the benefits of the internet is the ability to communicate quickly with many people. As the world grows smaller, our horizons expand at an ever increasing pace. Online? Have an email address? Please drop me a line at [mykle@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:mykle@nbnet.nb.ca) and say hello. I would love to have your address. Thnx



LODGE MEETING TONIGHT

### FROM THE EDITOR

W. Bro. Ron Hodgin had many plans and ideas for improving and upgrading Mostly Masonry. It was his hope to see this newsletter directly mailed to every Mason in New Brunswick, a time consuming, labour intensive and financially challenging proposition.

He envisioned a tabloid size publication, on newsprint, largely financed from revenue generated by advertisements.

Ron had begun setting up a network of correspondents who would attend special functions in their Districts, take pictures and record events of Masonic interest. Through letters from the Grand Secretary to all Lodges, he had begun soliciting paid advertisements.

Unfortunately, W. Bro. Ronald Hodgin is no longer with us. He was called home in late 1998, suddenly and unexpectedly. He was just 53 years old. In addition to being the Editor of this newsletter, Ron was the Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. He was an active Mason in every sense of the word, and his passing leaves a void in our hearts and ranks that will be nigh onto impossible to fill. His memory we will cherish forever.

Much of the information that was submitted for this issue of Mostly Masonry may have been lost. It was stored in W. Bro. Hodgin's computer, some of it encrypted and password protected, and that which we could access is tied up in probate and is unavailable to us at this time. However, I don't want that to discourage our District Correspondents. Please continue to gather information and forward it to me. I plan to publish this newsletter, in similar format, four times a year and send it to all Lodge Secretaries. It falls to the Secretary to see that every member of his Lodge receives a copy and I thank them for their assistance. If you don't receive Mostly Masonry on a regular basis, please contact your Secretary.

I am particularly interested in write-ups and photos of special events, presentations, etc., which would be of interest to the whole jurisdiction, but what do you want to see in this newsletter? Please send your ideas, suggestions, submissions for articles, brickbats or bouquets to me either by email or "snail mail" to the addresses shown to the right. Photos may be sent by email, however for best reproduction I should have the actual picture. Photographs will not be returned unless requested.

Thanks for your patience, your cooperation and your assistance.

Deputy Grand Master,  
Editor and Publisher

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