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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

The constant by-word of today's conversation is CHANGE. We are reminded every day, in many ways, we are living in a changing world and society. We hear that "we must change and meet the challenge or be left behind."

It is my belief that Masonry does not need to change, BUT MASONS DO NEED TO CHANGE. We need to change and return to the fundamentals and principles of Masonry. We state in our degrees: "No institution was ever founded on a better principle or more solid foundation." Let us start living as Masons and our Fraternity will grow and prosper as never before. We will

turn to the foundation and cornerstone of each community. There are very few constants left in this world of ours. But one of them is Free Masonry. That is one of the reasons for its longevity. That it does not change at the whim of the membership, and for this we thank the founders of our Order. The landmarks agreed on, over two and a half centuries ago, remain as they were in the beginning, unchangeable, yet still as pertinent as in 1717. This is the key to the survival of Freemasonry... this constancy, that has been carefully preserved through the years. Go where you may, to the four corners of the globe and attend a regular Masonic Craft Lodge and you will find this constancy, to which I refer. Your obligations are your assent to this constancy.

We would like to see you out to lodge

MASONIC SENIOR CITIZENS' COMPLEX

The Board of General Purposes sets the Housing "Study Committee" to labour: "My Brother, the tenets of your profession as a Mason are: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth." This lovely evocative statement from the ritual of the first degree expresses as well the purpose of our craft; a Craft which is truly all-embracing. The task which the members of the Housing Committee laboured on this summer and fall sets in concrete terms, this same statement. The Committee was set up by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. William Murray, at the June meeting of the Board after R.W. Bro. G. Donald Gruchy, Deputy Grand Master, expressed his concerns for the need of a "Masonic Senior Citizens' Complex" in New Brunswick.

After long consideration and speculation the members have recommended to the Board of General Purposes that we, the Masons of the Province build a twenty-five unit Senior Citizens' Complex as the first phase of a multi-year program and, what a truly Masonic project this is. It is building, it is creating a charity that literally extends from here to beyond the grave, yet also beyond the grave to now. Senior Masonic citizens and their widows will find benefit from this project. Their families will find solace and care and what more can be said?

The various problems of land acquisition and project type were discussed at length. Nursing homes, high-rise buildings, cottages; location, financing, etc.

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when Grand Lodge official visits take place. Here is the list of Official Visitations to April 1986. Keep it handy for reference.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS (1986)

***INSTALLATIONS**

- Jan. 4 *Tweedie No. 41, Moncton
- Jan. 8 *The Corinthian No. 13, Hampton
- Jan. 9 *The New Brunswick No. 22, Saint John
- Jan. 18 *Lebanon No. 28, Sackville
- Feb. 3 Zion No. 21, Sussex
- Feb. 6 Hiram No. 6, Fredericton
- Feb. 11 Hibernia No. 3, Saint John
- Feb. 19 Ashlar No. 36, McAdam
- Mar. 5 St. George No. 12, St. George
- Mar. 11 Steven No. 37, Petitcodiac
- Apr. 3 St. Mark's No. 5, St. Andrews
- Apr. 14 Lodge St. Andrew No. 16, Rexton

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were all reviewed in the summer meetings. The result was based on simplicity as a pilot project, financing through Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, access to the facility and a multiple of other factors. Location was a primary consideration for the first complex. It was essential that there be some degree of centrality. We were blessed to find, at no cost, 3+ acres in Oromocto. As time advances and with Grand Lodge approval, the Oromocto project may become a model for the future.

For information on the project, talk to the Master of your Lodge who will be able to direct you accordingly.

“May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.”

THE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR IDEAS AND SUPPORT.

G. Donald Gruchy, D.G.M.,
Chairman, Housing Committee

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Your Editor is most grateful for the splendid support which he is receiving from his brethren in the preparation of these Newsletters. It is his hope that the Blessings of the Advent Season will remain with you and your families throughout 1986.

**FROM STEVEN LODGE
PETITCODIAC**

E. Ernest Eastwick was raised in Fownes Lodge No. 45, Havelock, in 1930 became an affiliated member with Steven Lodge No. 37, Petitcodiac, in 1947 and served as Worshipful Master in 1959. He was presented with his 50 year Jewel in 1980 by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Clarence F. Carter, who was raised in Steven Lodge and also served as Worshipful Master in 1974. Our thanks to Bro. Dennis Dollemont, Coverdale Lodge No. 52.

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**60 YEAR BARS
IN KEITH LODGE**

Wor. Bro. E. L. Vaughn Scott, Secretary of Keith Lodge No. 23, Moncton tells us that no less than seven of their more than 300 members have the 60 Year Bar to their 50 Year Jewel. These brethren are Sheldon Carson, now living in Kentville, N.B.; Lloyd O'Neill in California; Wor. Bro. Thomas H. Dickson of Moncton and R. W. Bro Russell F. McCharles of Fredericton. No less than three brethren received their Bars earlier this year and they are Bro. Blair Hopper of Toledo, Ohio; the Bar being presented through courtesy of Lotus Lodge No. 625 of Toledo; Bro. Richard Cregan of Moncton and Wor. Bro. Harold B. Tait, who is Keith's senior Past Master, having occupied the East exactly 51 years ago.

Wor. Bro. Scott believes this number may be a record in our jurisdiction. Could we hear from other Lodges in this regard?

Incidentally, Keith Lodge has another non-Masonic distinction: it is the oldest secular (as opposed to Church congregations) society or organization with a record of continuous service in the city of Moncton, having been constituted 21 January 1853.



The Craftsman's Wages

Tell me my wages, O Master,
Where do I gain?
When I enter the Middle Chamber,
Shall I have Honour and Fame?

It is well for the old to be happy,
It is well for the rich not to crave;
But youth with its passions and yearnings,
Want to know how the Craftsmen are paid.

I grant that our ancient brethren,
Had a faith that I do not know,
With the Pillar of Cloud to guard them,
The Pillar of Fire to show:

A land that was bright with promise,
That bespoke of a better day
But here, in this madness of getting,
O Tell me my wages, I pray.

Though the Master was skilled as a Craftsman
And knew the Landmarks well.
He prayed for words of wisdom,
The questioning youth to tell.

Son, The God of your fathers,
Does not change with the changing years.
You shall reap the reward of your labours
And faith will vanquish fears.

Silver and Gold are not sinful,
And riches is not a disgrace,
To each, He has given a purpose.
To each, He has given a place.

For each shall do His bidding
And each shall do His will.
As lay in the hands of the Potter,
His purposes fulfil.

And if perchance, it goeth well,
Forget not Him who gave you all.
Or those less fortunate than you,
Who on your mercy call.

And if perchance the way be hard,
The night be dark, the light be dim;
Nearer to the Landmarks keep,
And closer follow Him.

There is much good in this world to do.
The Widow's Son still claims your aid.
And he who gives with a generous heart,
Has truly learned how the Craft are paid.

You shall reap whatever you sow,
Be it golden wheat or chaff.
The praise of the poor and needy,
Is the Wage of the Fellow Craft.

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Wor. Bro. John W. Baldwin, Secretary of Miramichi Lodge, has graciously given *MOSTLY MASONRY* a collection of poems by R.W. Bro. Leslie R. Ramier, P.D.D.G.M., a member of Good Samaritan Lodge, A.F. & A.M., New Carlisle, Quebec, since his Initiation 24 September 1924. This fine poem appeared in the June 1959 issue of *THE MASONIC RECORD*, London, England. It is our hope to include poems with future issues.

A SIMPLE FORMULA

Much time and effort is devoted to planning and arranging programs for Lodge meetings. But without the attendance of the Members—those living within a reasonable distance of the Lodge room and physically able to attend—even the best made plans will lose their effectiveness and impression. It takes the efforts of the Officers in planning and conducting the Meeting and the support of the Members in attending the meetings, to keep a Lodge active, effective and alive.

ARE WE HIDING OUR LIGHT UNDER A BASKET?


Individually I feel that we are. A donation to a charitable organization by a Masonic Lodge as such, is recognized as coming from Masonry. When we as individuals write a cheque as a donation to charity, which I am sure many of us do, it is recognized only as coming from another individual.

I feel that if the Masonic Emblem

(square and compasses circumscribing the letter G) is stamped on the cheque after our signature, it would indicate the receiver that the donation was made by a Mason.

Hopefully if this idea would spread, and I hope that it does, it could be a boost to Masonry.

Name of Bank Branch Address of Bank Branch	Cheque No. _____
	Date _____
Pay to the order of _____ \$ _____	
	_____ /100 DOLLARS
SAVINGS ACCOUNT NO. _____	Signature _____



Our thanks to Wor. Bro. J. D. Rose, Zetland Chapter for this suggestion.

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WHAT DO MASONS DO?

Some months ago, Wor. Bro. Fraser Hale of Coverdale Lodge No. 52 forwarded to *MOSTLY MASONRY* several excerpts from various masonic and non-masonic publications which he felt would be of interest to our readers. This is the first of several to be printed in future issues and as you can readily see, they are worth reading. This one is taken from *THE TRIANGLE*, a publication of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, September 1982.

When someone asks you, "What do Masons do?" simply reply, "We help one another." We are concerned about our communities and the quality of life around us. We practice the principle of brotherly love. We overlook the little things that make us different from one another and concentrate on the larger things that make us truly alike. Tell them that we are not concerned how a man worships the Deity or what name is used, but only that he believes in a Supreme Being. Tell them that we live by a set of rules handed down from genera-

tion to generation that has stood the test of time, that have been translated into many languages, that have survived where others have disappeared. Tell them that Masons speak many different tongues and salute many different flags, but tell them also that we rise above those things which divide us by uniting in a common bond of sincere affection. Tell them that we will continue to aid, support and protect one another.

This is our image, our mission, our purpose in life.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

In order to lessen the work in the Grand Secretary's office and to save time in the preparation of our Newsletter, please send all contributions directly to: Alex Pincombe, 49 Orchard Drive, Moncton, N. B. E1E 3L2; telephone 855-8950.

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Please note the deadline for the May 1986 edition has been advanced to March 1st, as many of our Lodges now send out their notices on a bi-monthly basis.