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### A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

It is well for the membership to review, from time to time, the question, "What is Freemasonry"? It would appear, that although a member, we sometimes have difficulty in coming up with the right answer.

Briefly defined, Freemasonry is a voluntary, Fraternal organization. It is composed of men of good will, of good character and good reputation, who believe in God and practice the spirit of the universal Brotherhood of man, who are loyal to their country, devoted to the principles of Friendship and Fellowship and who aim to be of service to all Mankind.

The mission of Masonry is to help build a better world through its particular process of building better men to live in it, by urging the practice of Brotherly love for all, charitable relief for those who may be in need and morality and good citizenship in every community.

How do you measure up to this definition of what Freemasonry is?

In brief, Freemasonry acts as a charitable, educational, social and character building fraternity.

It is the image each Mason should exhibit both inside and outside the Lodge, and conforms to my message to New Brunswick Masons at all the official visits I have made, "Be proud to be a Mason."

Brethren, the Masonry that is and will be, depends on you and me. Let us play our part nobly and well. Let us

carry Masonry into our own opportunities, wherever we are and live it there, so that our fellow men may have no difficulty in discerning us to be Masons. Taking as our guide the Supreme Architect and the Great Lights of Freemasonry as the foundation upon which to build our future. Look up . . . look to the days that lie ahead. Let us practice in our daily lives outside the Lodge, those duties we are taught within. A tremendous challenge in the daily living of each of us who professes to be a Mason today!

J. William Murray  
Grand Master, N. B. Grand Lodge

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M:W: The Grand Master, J. William  
Murray  
c/o B.A. Prescott, Grand Secretary:  
Dear Brother Grand Secretary:

In the last issue of "Mostly Masonry" there was a sample cheque with the Masonic symbol shown in the left hand corner.

According to the Constitutions and General Regulations of The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick F. & A.M. this symbol cannot be used, re page 61, item 54 which reads as follows:

"No member shall, on any pretence, exhibit or expose any representation or similitude of any jewel, or furniture of a lodge, or of any masonic emblem or device, on any signboard, show or window blind, business card or advertisement, under pain of reprimand or suspension by the lodge, or even expulsion by the Grand Lodge; and every

## IN MEMORIAM

A number of Masons led by the Grand Master attended the funeral of M.W. Bro. Earl B. Ross, P.G.M., in Portland United Church on February 26th, despite the inclement weather. His death which occurred on February 22nd brought tributes not only from the Fraternity, but also from colleagues in the media and a wide circle of friends.

His long career as a sportscaster in radio and later television made his name a household word, especially to those involved with amateur and professional sports. He was particularly interested in school athletic programs and one of the prime movers for the creation of a provincial Sports Hall of Fame.

Bro. Ross received his Degrees in 1951 from Tweedie Lodge in Moncton. He served this Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1963. While living in Saint John, he became an honorary member of Albion Lodge No. 1 and The Corinthian Lodge No. 13 of Hampton. R.W. Bro. Ross was appointed District Deputy Grand Master, Dist. No. 2, 1971-72; elected Deputy Grand Master, 1973-74 and then elevated to the Grand East as the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, 1975-76. His pleasing personality fully complemented his zeal for the Craft and these years were very productive. Alas, his health suffered and made necessary a sharp curtailment of his activities in recent years. *Mostly Masonry* extends to his family its deepest sympathy as it records the passing of "one who truly played the game well."

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member is strictly enjoined to report to the lodge to which the offending brother belongs, any brother violating this rule."

In order that there may be no misunderstanding among the membership, please have this included in the next issue of "Mostly Masonry".

M. W. Dalton, P.G.M.  
Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

## THE MASONS MEET AT McADAM

A full evening of Masonic fellowship was enjoyed at Ashlar Lodge on February 20th the occasion being the welcoming of the M.W. Grand Master J. William Murray, accompanied by Officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of N.B. The evening started with an excellent roast beef dinner served by the members of the Order of the Eastern Star to some one hundred Masonic brethren. Attending the Grand Master were forty-one members of Grand Lodge representing twenty-one different Lodges and including Immediate Past Grand Master M.W. Gordon, W. Coffey, The Deputy G.M., Donald Gruchy, the S.G.W. Hubert Caines, the J.G.W. C. N. Hollett and three District Deputy Grand Masters, Robert Anderson, Frank Bean and Robert Kidney of Districts 5, 6 and 7 respectively.

Lloyd C. Worell, the Worshipful Master of Ashlar Lodge presided over the meeting which was made more memorable with honors conferred on two members who received fifty year membership pins and Grand Lodge Certificates presented by the Grand Master. R.W. Bros. John Storr and Donald Garnett were congratulated on the completion of fifty years membership in the Lodge. Later in the evening Bros. John Storr and Frank Piercy were honored by being made Honorary Members of the Lodge in recognition of services rendered during their years of membership.

To complete the evening a further honor was conferred on R.W. John Storr when the Grand Master presented him with a certificate appointing him the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

## FROM HOWARD LODGE NO. 15 Hillsborough, N. B.

When the M.W. the Grand Master, J. W. Murray, paid his official visit on November 5, 1985, he had the distinct pleasure of honouring Wor. Bro. Lewis Steeves, the oldest member of this Lodge. Wor. Bro. Steeves received his

## THE CALF PATH

One day through the primeval wood, a calf walked home

As good calves should,

But it made a trail all bent askew, a crooked trail as all calves do;

Since then three hundred years have fled, and I infer the calf is dead.

But still, he left behind his trail, and thereby hangs this moral tale.

The trail was taken up next day by a lone dog that passed that way,

And then a wise bell-wether sheep pursued the trail o'er vale and steep,

And drew the flock behind him too, as all good bell-wethers always do

And from that day o'er hill and glade through those old woods a path was made.

And many men wound in and out and dodged and turned and bent about

And uttered words of righteous wrath because it was such a crooked path;

But still they followed--do not laugh--the first migrations of that calf,

And through this winding woodway walked because the calf wobbled when he walked.

This forest path became a lane that bent and turned and turned again

This crooked lane became a road where many a poor horse with his load

Toiled on beneath the burning sun and travelled some three miles for one

And thus a century and a half trod the footsteps of that calf.

The years passed on in swiftness fleet, the road became a village street

And then, before men were aware, a city's crowded thoroughfare

And soon, was this the central street of a renowned metropolis,

And men two centuries and a half, trod in the footsteps of that calf

And o'er his crooked journey went the traffic of a continent.

A hundred thousand men were led by one lone calf three centuries dead.

They followed still his crooked way, and lost one hundred years a day

For thus such reverence is lent to well established precedent.

A moral lesson this might teach were I ordained and called to preach

For men are prone to go it blind along the calf-paths of the mind,

And work away from sun to do what other men have done

They follow in the beaten track, and out and in, and forth and back,

And still their devious course pursue to keep the path that others do.

They keep the path a sacred groove along which all their lives they move,

But how the wise old Wood-Gods laugh who saw that first primeval calf.

Ah, many things this tale might teach--but I am not ordained to preach.

By Samuel Walter Foss

Submitted by M.W. Bro. G. W. Coffey, P.G.M.

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60 year bar marking 60 years as a member of the Fraternity, he having joined Howard Lodge in 1922 and then served as Worshipful Master in 1931. Wor. Bro. Steeves is 88 years of age.

Submitted by H. Wayne Bannister, P.M., Secretary

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### PAST MASTER 60 YEARS VICTORIA LODGE

Victoria Lodge No. 26 is a small lodge of 100 members. One member has a 60 year bar and 7 more have 50 year Jewels.

These eight members have combined years of membership of 453 years. Members with the 50 year Jewel are as follows: Wor. Bro. James Cliffe, 59 years; Bro. W. Wallace Graham, 57 years; Bro. W. Maxwell Forysth, 56 years; Bro. Raymond C. Moffat, 56 years; Bro. Milford Klein, 55 years; Bro. James E. Montgomery, 53 years; Bro. Allan P. Trecartin, 51 years.

The 60 year bar belongs to Rt. Wor. Bro. Kenneth E. Irvine who became a Mason in 1920 some 66 years ago. Served as Worshipful Master of Victoria Lodge

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in 1926, served as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5 in 1930. We believe this may be a record for our jurisdiction for Past Master and District Deputy Grand Master. Wor. Bro. James Cliffe served as Worshipful Master in 1932 of Victoria Lodge or 54 years a Past Master.

Another item of interest or maybe a record is that all members from Victoria Lodge No. 26 who have served as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5 since 1930 are still members of the lodge today. They are as follows: Rt. Wor. Bro. Kenneth E. Irvine in 1930; Rt. Wor. Bro. Harold E. Irving in 1949 and 1950; Rt. Wor. Bro. Ralph T. Haley in 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1961; Rt. Wor. Bro. H. Maxwell Richardson in 1970, 1971 and 1972; and Rt. Wor. Bro. Eben A. MacMillan in 1981 and 1982.

Submitted by Robert L. Crawford, Secretary

### ROASTED ON RETIREMENT

Tweedie Lodge in Moncton honoured R.W. Bro. Frank S. Tuck with a "roast" following its February Communication. The occasion marked the retirement of Bro. Tuck from the Secretary's desk, an office which he has held with distinction for over a quarter of a century. He served as Worshipful Master in 1962 and in 1972 was elected Junior Grand Warden.

W. Bro. Grenville Steeves acted as Roastmaster with several brothers participating in the roast. Then R.W. Bro. Lloyd W. Vincent, P.D.G.M., spoke briefly and presented Bro. Tuck with a gold watch suitably engraved. A large number of brethren were present, including the Grand Master and the D.D.G.M.'s for Districts 2 and 7.

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The following article appeared in the June, 1985 issue of the *Masonic Square*, Shepperton, England.

### ANCIENT AND MODERN

Some Grand Lodges are designated A.F. & A.M. (Ancient Free and Accepted Masons) and others F. & A.M. (Free

and Accepted Masons). The additional word refers to one of the names which the Atholl Lodge (1751-1813) called itself, in contrast to the premier Grand Lodge (1717-1813) which they dubbed 'Modern'. Before 1813, both Grand Lodges issued warrants and those chartered by the 'Antients' use the designation A.F. & A.M. There are 49 Grand Lodges in the States of the U.S.A., of which 25 use A.F. & A.M., 23 F. & A.M., and one, South Carolina, uses A.F.M., or Ancient Free Masons. In Canada all Grand Lodges use A.F. & A.M., except New Brunswick which is the F. & A.M.

Although the old word 'Antient' spelt with a 't' is now obsolete it was in use at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1751 and it is often spelt in the old way by writers as a convenient title. Although the description 'Modern' given to the older Grand Lodge was inappropriate, it has become accepted. The subject was effectively covered in the Prestonian Lecture by Cyril Batham.

Submitted by Colebrooke Lodge No. 39,  
Grand Falls, N. B.

### HOW THE WORDS ARE PRONOUNCED

I have compiled a short list of words sometimes mispronounced, using the format of Sydney J. Harris, well-known newspaper columnist.

There is no "mike" in "amicable," no "arch" in "architect," and no "tiss" in "artificer."

There is no "bare" in "barbarous," no "if" in "beneficent," and no "urn" in "brethren."

There is no "plate" in "comtemp'la-tive," no "fee" in "fiat" and no "airy" in "Freemasonry."

There is no "wine" in "genuine," and no "voke" in "irrev'ocable."

There is no "Jep" in "Jeph'tha," and no "Nap" in "Naph'tali."

There is no "pie" in "pilas'ter," no "late" in "spec'ulative," and no "teen" in "tenets."

And finally, my brethren, there is no "ounce" in "pronunciation."

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