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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

I again take this opportunity to extend Fraternal greetings to the over seven thousand Blue Lodge Masons of this Grand jurisdiction.

We are nearly three quarters through the year 1976, and for the first time in several years, we have a fall meeting of your Grand Lodge. This Emergent Communication will take place Saturday October 25th at the Masonic Temple in Saint John. Details will be included in the Proclamation. One subject will be presented for Grand Lodge Discussion...Masonic Housing, and you will be asked to accept or reject the proposal. It is a big decision that could affect future generations of Freemasons in New Brunswick. It is important that all members who have a vote, to make a point of being in attendance October 25th.

You will have the opportunity to express your opinion on the merit of such a proposal and decide whether the New Brunswick Grand Lodge should become involved in a Masonic Housing project.

The specially appointed Grand Lodge

committee under chairman R.W. Donald Gruchy will outline the results of the study, at this Emergent communication, with facts, figures and information pertinent to Masonic Housing. Even accepting the concept of Masonic housing is no guarantee that the project will become a reality...it is only a first step.

It comes down to the question, "What do Masons Do?" It would be nice to answer, "One of our projects is Masonic Housing."

We have a lot of talent and expertise in the Masonic Order in New Brunswick, and if we do not provide them with some interesting work to occupy their time, then our losses will continue.

By continuing to do nothing, we will slip further behind, and this may well contribute to our demise as a meaningful Fraternity.

Make it a point to come along to this special Grand Lodge Communication October 25th and let's give this subject of Masonic Housing, a fair hearing.

J. William Murray Grand Master
Grand Lodge of New Brunswick

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS 1986-1987 (Revised July 2nd/86)

Abenaki No. 55	Deer Island	Sept. 20th
Benjamin No. 31	Andover	Oct. 2nd
Coverdale No. 52	Riverview	Oct. 6th
Centennial No. 53	Maugerville	Oct. 20th
Special Communication Grand Lodge 1 P.M.		Oct. 25th
Sunbury No. 42	Fredericton Jct.	Nov. 1st
Campbellton No. 32	Campbellton	Nov. 3rd
Restigouche No. 25	Dalhousie	Nov. 4th
Albert No. 34	Riverside-Albert	Nov. 5th
Carleton No. 35	Florenceville	Nov. 13th
Tobique No. 48	Plaster Rock	Nov. 20th
Sussex No. 7 & Alley No. 14	St. Stephen & Upper Mills (Combined in St. Stephen)	Dec. 2nd

1986 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Our Grand Master has announced the following are recipients of the 1986 Scholarships awarded by Grand Lodge; for \$1,000.00 each:

Theresa Maude BEST, Hampton
Jeffrey Edward BEVERIDGE, R.R. 1, Arthurette
Philip James CARLETON, Fairvale
Jane Marie HENDERSON, Riverview
Treva Edwina JEFFRIES, Fredericton
Marc Albert KEIRSTEAD, Saint John
Candice Dawn LUTES, Moncton
Beverly Anne SECORD, R.R. 5, Sussex
Cindy Lynn TOWNSEND, Saint John
Melanie Dawn WAYCOTT, St. Stephen



The Albert G. Hoar Memorial Scholarship of \$200.00 was awarded to David W. McKenna, Rothesay.

The following criteria have been established for the Masonic Scholarships:

- (1) Son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a Master Mason or deceased Master Mason in good standing in New Brunswick.
- (2) Resident of New Brunswick.
- (3) Attending a degree granting institution.
- (4) Need established.
- (5) Satisfactory scholastic standing.

THE SILENT TYLER

One of the distinguished brethren attending the 119th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was M.W. Bro. George W. Baldwin, Grand Master of British Columbia. He proved to be an excellent speaker and closed his remarks by relating a story of the most unusual lodge in his jurisdiction and possibly in North America. It is Cariboo Lodge No. 4, Barkerville, British Columbia, and is known as the Lodge with the Silent Tyler. Barkerville, during the height of the Cariboo (note the spelling) Gold Rush in the early 1860's, was the largest town west of Chicago and north of San Francisco. Many of the miners came from California and it was natural that when Masons in Barkerville began to talk of forming a lodge, they would choose the

California ritual, especially as British Columbia did not have a grand lodge. So strong was this feeling that, when the Barkerville brethren found the United Grand Lodge of England insisted on a specific form of ritual that did not coincide with the California practice; they petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland, since it required only that the ancient landmarks be followed. Thus in 1867 Cariboo Lodge, ritually a descendant of California, was constituted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland as No. 469; four years later, it became No. 4 under the newly constituted Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Actually the gold rush was almost over by the time the Lodge was in operation. Barkerville nearly became a "ghost town" but not quite. The Cariboo region became more accessible after the Second World War and Barkerville was created as a Provincial Historic Park. Tourists began to flock to this area and it became a favourite with visitors from all over the world. St. Saviour's Church has been preserved and while the Park is open, daily vaudeville shows are held in the Theatre Royal. Cariboo Lodge meets monthly from March till December. In August the Lodge holds its Church Parade with many jurisdictions represented and the Church is filled to overflowing.

Cariboo Lodge was in danger of extinction but a large number of brethren from various regions throughout North America have affiliated with the Lodge and its Silent Tyler. Now what is this Silent Tyler? This Lodge meets in a building that dates back to 1937, fire had destroyed its former home. This was a period when members were scarce and since the lodge room was on the second floor, an arrangement was made to have the staircase hinged and hauled up, similar to a medieval drawbridge, thus the Lodge is securely tyled, although not in the usual manner and the appropriate change in the ritual has been made to indicate this variation. When the Lodge is closed, the staircase is lowered to its usual position.

Your Editor wishes to thank Grand

Master Baldwin for his kindness in sending him a booklet on Cariboo Lodge and two other lodges, together with his practical assistance in editing a draft of this article.

PAST MASTERS HONOURED

At the regular communication of The New Brunswick Lodge No. 22 June 12th, 21 Past Masters were presented a Past Master's Jewel. The distinct pleasure of the presentations were made by Most Worshipful Brother Dalton, Right Worshipful Brother Boutillier, Right Worshipful Brother Weston and Worshipful Brother Scott, all of whom are Past Members of the Lodge and who had previously been presented the Past Master's Jewel. Also at this meeting, the Lodge presented to Right Worshipful Brother Klohn a Past District Deputy Grand Master's Jewel.

The New Brunswick Lodge and Most Worshipful Brother Dalton presented a Travelling Gavel to District No. 1 for competition. The Carleton Union Lodge No. 8 was the first recipient of the Gavel, as they had 17 members in attendance.

A roast beef dinner was served prior to the meeting and approximately 127 brethren attended the Lodge meeting.

Submitted by The New Brunswick Lodge No. 22, Saint John, N.B.

GETTING TO LODGE

Many of our lodges have more elderly members than young ones and I might suggest that it would be a good thing to have the younger Masons arrange to drive the older members to and from lodge, especially on St. John's Night (Installation) or other special occasions. It could even be done on a regular basis and thus be the means of reviving interest among the older brethren and give them a chance to meet old friends and make new ones.

Submitted by R. L. Smith,
Keith Lodge, No. 23, Moncton.

AN EXTRAORDINARY PRESENTATION

The M.W. Grand Master attended the regular meeting of Salisbury Lodge No. 20, on February 6, 1986 for the express purpose of presenting three 50 Year Pins and Certificates to three brothers who were brothers not only fraternally but by blood; namely, Wor. Bro. Lawrence W. Colpitts, (Master in 1945), Wor. Bro. Leigh W. Colpitts, (Master in 1951) and Bro. Sanford A. Colpitts, who was unable to attend and received his Pin and Certificate at his home on March 16, 1986. M.W. Bro. J.W. Murray remarked that he could not recall a similar occasion and believed it was a first in our jurisdiction and possibly for many others.

Submitted by Charles Palmer, P.M.,
Secretary, Salisbury Lodge, No. 20.

Excerpts from the Address given during the Luncheon at Grand Lodge in May by M.W. Bro. Lou Copeland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, will appear in our next edition.

AN ANCIENT PRAYER

(On the walls of a Lancashire Inn)

*Give us, O Lord, a bit of sun,
A bit of work and a bit of fun,
Give us all in the struggle and splutter
Our daily bread and a bit of butter.
Give us our health, our keep to make,
And a bit of spare, for poor folk's
And a bit of spare, for poor folk's sake.
Give us sense, we're some of us duffers,
And a heart to feel for all that suffers.
Give us too, a bit of a song
And a tale and a book to help us along.
And give us our share of pain, confessing
That often it has proved a blessing.
Give us, O Lord, a chance, to be
Our goodly best, brave, kind and free;
Our goodly best for ourselves and
Our goodly best for ourselves and others,
Till all men have learned to live as
brothers.*

Submitted by: R. W. Bro. Chesley R.
Bateman, P.D.G.M.
Zetland Lodge, No. 24, Shediac, N.B.

VISITATION FROM CONNECTICUT

The week-end of June 13-15 was a busy one for the brethren of Tweedie Lodge No. 41 when they entertained a group of visiting brethren from Pawcatuck Lodge No. 90 G. R. Connecticut, with the highlight being the exemplification of the 3rd. degree on Brother Dan Bocker under the Ritual of Connecticut.

The difference in the ritual and excellence of the work evoked praise from the New Brunswick brethren, especially the lectures, all given by R. W. Bro. Charles Robinson. The degree team was introduced by Worshipful Master Childs Wor. Bro. Stymiest of Tweedie Lodge led those present in a round of applause which included a standing ovation. After closing the Lodge, all retired to the banquet hall for an excellent Dinner prepared by Lodge members and their wives.

The following United States Lodges were represented in the group;
Pawcatuck Lodge No. 90 Conn.
Franklin Lodge, No. 20, Westerly, R. I.
Asylum Lodge, No. 57, Stonington Conn.
Somerset Lodge, No. 34, Norwich, Conn.
Charity Lodge, No. 23, Kenyon, R. I.
Union Lodge, No. 31, New London, Conn.

Prior to the Degree work, presentations were made, including an exchange of flags. It was significant that the flag presented to Tweedie Lodge had flown over the United States Capitol Building in Washington on May 3rd 1986 and that the presentation took place on June 14th, FLAG DAY in the United States of America

(submitted by R. J. Livingstone, P. M.,
Secretary, Tweedie Lodge)

Portrait of a Friend

*When things don't come out right, he comes right in.
When none of your dreams come true, he is.
He never looks for your money except when you've lost it.
He never gets in your way except to clear it for you.
Nothing is more important to him than making you important.
He is in your corner when you're cornered.
He turns up when you get turned down.
All he wants in return for his helping hand is your handshake.
He raps your critics when they're wrong and takes the rap for
you when they're right.
You can do anything you want to with his friendship except
buy it or sell it.
He makes you realize that having a real friend is like having
an extra life.*

Anon. Submitted by Bro. Roy Cassidy,
Fownes Lodge No. 45, Havelock, N.B.