



# Mostly Masonry

THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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Grand Master, GLNB

## FROM THE GRAND MASTER

How time flies! It is now almost a year since I became Grand Master. It has been a very busy period - enlightening and informative. Many thanks to all the Committees for their work and the guidance they have given me.

My main theme was, and still is, the Masonic Renewal program. It is alive due to the excellent work of R.W. Bro. Wayne Hitchcock and his Representatives, and we will continue working towards our goal.

During my visits to the Lodges in the Districts, it is quite evident that some of them are using the "Friend to Friend" program, and the reports from the Masters are very encouraging - and proof that you do get results. We can go further in our Lodges by having social programs (to include wives and families) that will build fellowship. Develop innovative programs that project beyond the Blue Lodge into the

Community, such as a Pancake Breakfast to provide the brethren an opportunity to serve and expose the buildings to the public and attract new members.

There are many more things we can do to let the world know who and what we are and still keep within our Constitutions and General Regulations and Landmarks of our Grand Lodge - one word of caution though, we want "Quality, not quantity"

The annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 12th. & 13th 2000, in Saint John, N.B. There will be a semi public installation 4 P.M. Saturday. I would appreciate your attendance - remember "its YOUR Grand Lodge."

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very enjoyable and safe summer, and hope to see you all back in the Fall with a lot of new ideas.

Something to think about: "The happiest miser on earth is the one who saves up every friend he can make"

*M.W. Bro. James H. Pike, Grand Master*

## MASONIC CHARITIES

In 1999, the New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Co. Ltd. was extremely pleased to learn that the CIBC Wood Gundy Children's Miracle Marathon Foundation has chosen our registered charity to be one of the 350 children's charities across Canada to receive financial contributions. This donation is made possible by the CIBC World Markets Children's Miracle Day, whereby commissions earned by CIBC World Markets and Wood Gundy Private Client Investments on the first Tuesday of December are donated to selected children's charities.

To mark this occasion Bro. Robert G. Dunn, Senior Warden (1999) of Albion Lodge # 1 and an Investment Advisor with Wood Gundy was presented with an engraved plaque by W. Bro. Brian Francis, President of the N. B. Masonic Charities. To date over \$4200 has been received from the Children's Miracle Marathon to support the Masons Camp Goodtime

N.B. project and Bro Dunn has informed us that CIBC Wood Gundy have committed to supporting this project on an ongoing basis. Bro. Dunn is shown below accepting this plaque on behalf of CIBC Wood Gundy.

## CAMP GOODTIME - 1999

This year Camp Goodtime received a full complement of children with 67 attending. Of those, three have attended Camp Goodtime for three years and several are attending for their second year.

For the first time in eight years rain fell during the Camp Goodtime 1999 Sponsor Day. However the rain did not prevent 49 Masons representing the majority of the New Brunswick Lodges, from Plaster Rock and the Miramichi to Moncton and points in between from attending. The Masons were accompanied by 27 wives and several children and grandchildren.

The Masons and the others were welcomed by Ms. Anne McTiernan, Executive Director of the N.B. Division of the Canadian Cancer Society. Ms. McTiernan replaces Ms. France Durand who has moved to Montreal.

Ms. McTiernan, on behalf of the camp counselors and the Goodtime campers, thanked the assembled Masons and all New Brunswick Masons for their efforts in making Camp Goodtime possible.

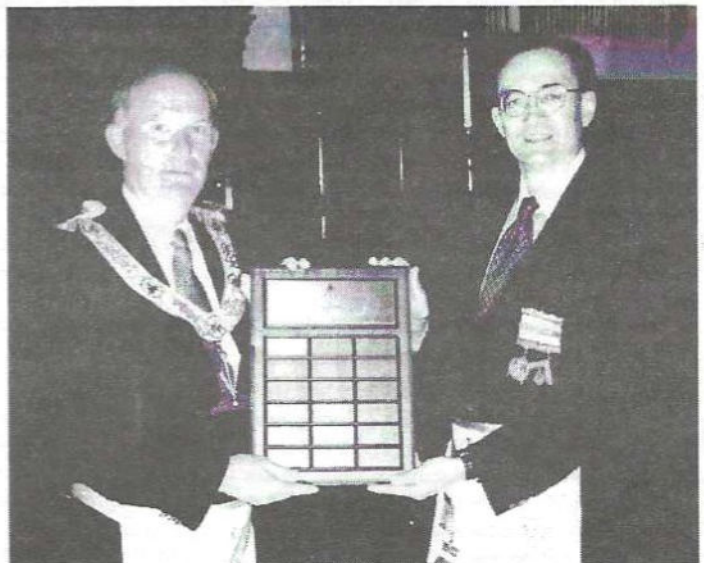
She then introduced M.W. Bro. James Pike, Grand Master and W. Bro. Brian Francis, President of the NB Masonic Charities and Housing, who both spoke to the gathered Masons, families, campers and counselors.

After the Grand Master and W. Bro. Francis had spoken, the 1999 campers presented the New Brunswick Masons with a decorated canoe paddle, signed by the children. The front has a plaque which is inscribed:

**N.B. Masons Camp Goodtime  
with special thanks to the  
New Brunswick Masonic Charities  
and Housing Company Ltd.**

**from  
the Canadian Cancer Society and  
New Brunswick Children living with cancer.**

On the obverse, besides the signatures, is a coloured picture featuring all the 1999 campers.



The children also presented several painted and glittered stars, which W. Bro. Francis assured the gathering would be placed on the 1999 "Tree of Courage" during the annual Festival of Trees.

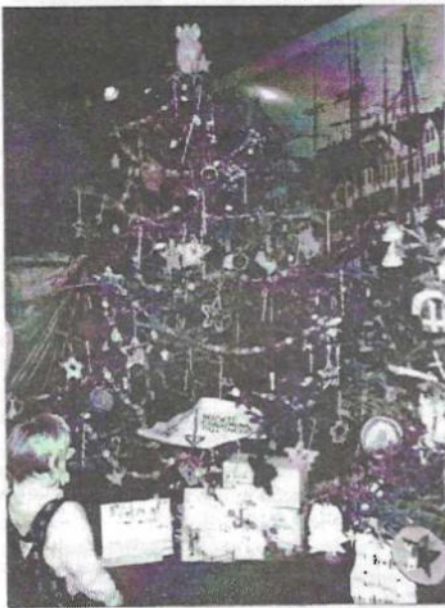
Before the cake and soft drinks were served to the children and assembled Masons and families, M.W. Bro. Pike, encouraged all Lodges to make a commitment to work twice as hard with their different projects for next year's Camp Goodtime.

Those Masons who attended this year's sponsor day, were reminded by the courage and determination of these children, that New Brunswick Masons are providing a vital service which demands their continued participation in the many and varied Lodge programmes to raise money for this camp.

A fitting tribute to all Masons who raise funds for Masonic Charities and Housing was voiced by one little fellow, who looked up at a Mason and said, quite manfully, "Thank You for letting me go to camp".

### THE FESTIVAL OF TREES

The New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd.,



during the Saint John 1999 Festival of Trees, again participated by erecting a tree decorated with ornaments created by the children of Camp Goodtime 1999. W. Bro. Francis, President of the Charities and Housing Board, also created a number of round blue ornaments adorned with the Square and Compasses. The Festival of Trees in Saint John is regularly seen by thousands of visitors. The funds raised at this event are designated for St. Joseph's Hospital, the Regional Hospital and the Mental Health Organization.

### LODGE REDEDICATION

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James H. Pike; R.W. Bro. Fergus Price, D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Gordon Rattray, S.G.W.; R.W. Bro. Murray Stevens, J.G.W.; and V.W. Bro. Reverend George Trentowsky, Gr. Chap., performed an impressive rededication ceremony of Cherry Mountain Lodge # 50 recently. They were assisted by the Worshipful Master, R.W. Bro. Vernon Lister, and the Senior and Junior Wardens, W. Bro. Peter L. Wood and Bro. Keith Burgess. During the ceremony, the Officer's Stations were filled by Officers of Grand Lodge.

Bearing the Cups of Corn, Wine and Oil were three of Cherry Mountain's Past Masters, R.W. Bro. Allison Knowlton, P.S.G.W., accompanied by W. Bros. Murray Lister and Dale Murray.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro. Boyce Ward, proclaimed the Lodge rededicated in ancient form and usage.

Eighty seven brethren representing Lodges from across the Province were in attendance.

The Grand Master presented 50 year Certificates to Bros. Frederick W. Ruddock, J. Benjamin Swan, Donald A. Davis, and George T. Wood, with suitable remarks to each recipient.

Bro. Claude D. Swan, who was absent, will be presented his 50 year Certificate at a later date.

### OFFICER'S APRON CABINET PRESENTED

Cherry Mountain Lodge, recently purchased new Lodge Officer's Aprons, which were donated in the memory of loved ones of that Lodge. Unfortunately, the Lodge had no suitable storage for the new Aprons, at least until W. Bro. Earle Moffitt stepped into the breach, built a beautiful cabinet and presented it to the Lodge.

The cabinet was constructed of cedar supplied by Bros. Trent Mac-

Lean and Wayne Fox. The 205 pieces of cedar were planed smooth as silk by W. Bro. Larry Brown, assembled with glue and screws (seldom heard was the sound of a hammer) and when the whole thing was completed it was varnished with care by Bro. Keith Moffitt.

The Worshipful Master, R.W. Bro. Vernon Lister, received the cabinet with thanks to W. Bro. Moffitt and all who assisted in constructing such a fine piece of work. All present agreed that it was a true masterpiece which will adorn the Lodge splendidly for many years to come.



Pictured from left to right: R.W. Bro. D.W. Gillrie, D.D.G.M., District 6; W. Bro. Earle Moffitt, and R.W. Bro. Vernon Lister, W.M. of Cherry Mountain Lodge, at the time of the presentation.

### A FIFTY YEAR TRADITION

Fifty Years ago, Cherry Mountain Lodge No. 50, motioned to purchase a Santa suit and provide a tree and treats for the children of the Village of Harvey and surrounding area. The first decorated tree with Santa present was held on the Saturday prior to Christmas 1950.

Cherry Mountain Lodge has continued this tradition to this day, setting out a lighted and decorated tree and arranging for Santa to visit with treats for the Harvey and vicinity children. One year as many as 200 excited children attended. Hmmm! Do you suppose Santa is a member of the Craft?

### THE QU'APPELLE TRAVELLING GAVEL.

Recently the Qu'Appelle Travelling Gavel, which left Qu'Appelle Lodge # 6 of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan about fourteen years ago on its travels East was presented to W. Bro. Allan Gillis of Alexandria Lodge #33 by W. Bro. Wilmot Webb of Sunbury Lodge #42. From Fredericton Junction it traveled to Oromocto and was brought to Cherry Mountain Lodge by R.W. Bro. Samuel Best, Master of Centennial Lodge. The gavel has completed its travels through District 6 and will now be passed to Ashlar Lodge # 36 by the Master and members of Cherry Mountain before the month is out.

This Gavel was sent out from Qu'Appelle # 6 with the intention that it should travel to the eastern part of the country before returning Lodge by Lodge to its parents in Saskatchewan. Qu'Appelle #6 is a small country Lodge with a desire to further Masonic contacts and friendship with the rest of their Canadian brethren.

### DISTRICT 6 COUNCIL

The 23rd meeting of District 6 Council was held recently at Granite Lodge # 54, Temperance Vale. The meeting was informative – the discussion of Masonic topics wide ranging – from conducting Lodge business to draping the Charter; Masonic Renewal; creating Lodge interest; medals & awards, Masonic pamphlets.

Since its formation under the direction of M.W. Bro. Orville Mason, PGM, this Council has not missed a scheduled meeting. At times the at-

tendance has been scant, at others well attended. Those attending have shown themselves to be dedicated and interested in Masonry to-day and in the future.

#### GRANITE LODGE NO 54, TEMPERANCE VALE

Recently Granite Lodge paid tribute to several of their long service brethren.

Worshipful Master Vince MacFarlane, was pleased to present a Certificate for 50 years of Masonic membership to Bro. Paul Vernon Thornton, DDGM, R.W. Bro. D.W. "Bud" Gillrie, congratulated Bro. Thornton while presenting him with his 50 Year Jewel. R.W. Bro. Gillrie urged the younger members of the Lodge to emulate Bro. Thornton's dedication to the fraternity.

Bro. Douglas Neil will be presented his 50 year Certificate and Jewel at a later date. The family of our late Bro. Kenneth Gardiner Corey will be presented his 50 year Certificate and Jewel posthumously.

Receiving 25 Year Jewels were W. Bros. Dean Blaney, Herbert Morrell, Ronald Robart, Burns Wright and David Young, as well as Bros. John Arsenaunt, Gerald Covey, Merlin Fox, Eldon Gregoire, William Hawkins, Douglas Homer, Allen Rae, Alfred Reid, Lloyd Wilkins and Merlin Bradley.

An interesting and informative talk on Bro. Samuel Clements, or as he is probably better known, Mark Twain, was given by Granite Lodge's Senior Deacon, Bro. Mitchell Fawcett. This is one of several talks this Brother has given on famous brethren in Masonry.

At the Installation of Officers of Granite Lodge on 19 January 2000, W. Bro. George Edward Corey was obligated as Worshipful Master by his father, W. Bro. David Corey. It appears Granite Lodge is a Lodge with close family ties.

#### ALEXANDRIA LODGE # 33 FREDERICTON

Alexandria Lodge # 33 recently awarded Lodge scholarships to Andrea Brewer, Bro. Earl Brewer's granddaughter; Terrance MacKay, R.W. Bro. Wayne MacKay's son; and Jennifer Kelly, W. Bro. David Kelly's daughter.

At the same meeting, Bro. Mark Jewett, Senior Deacon and member of a District 6 Masonic Renewal sub-committee presented an important talk on Masonic Renewal. Bro. Jewett encouraged and challenged the brethren to meet the needs of the fraternity and future members and to support Masonic Renewal with their all out efforts.

Prior to their summer break, Alexandria Lodge No. 33 honoured several of their long serving brethren with certificates and pins. Bro. John Hill was presented a 60 year bar. Fifty year certificates and pins were presented to W. Bro. E.K. (Bud) Warman, and Bros. Dr. Robert Chalmers and Lloyd Chalmers. W. Bro. Reverend Raymond Hinchey will be a 25 year member in 1999.

#### MASONIC RENEWAL WORKSHOPS

District 6 held a Masonic Renewal Workshop hosted by Centennial Lodge on 23 October. The workshop was conducted by R.W. Bro. Wayne Hitchcock. A second workshop, designed for Deacons, Wardens and Masters Elect was held at Alexandria Lodge # 33 on the 4th of December 1999.

#### LEWIS JEWEL PRESENTED AT HIRAM LODGE

A Lewis Jewel was presented to W. Bro. Douglas R. Watson, Master of Hiram Lodge, in the memory of his late father Bro. Harley E. Watson, who had been a member of Carleton Union Lodge. The Jewel was presented to W. Bro. Watson by R.W. Bro. D.W. Gillrie, DDGM #6.

#### SUNBURY LODGE # 42 FREDERICTON JUNCTION

At a meeting held on November 2, 1999, W. Bro. Wilmot K. Webb presented Bro. Raymond Harris with Grand Lodge Certificate and Jewel acknowledging his fifty years of Masonic membership. Bro. Harris received his Entered Apprentice Degree in October 1949 at the age of 27. The Master and Lodge also congratulated Bro. Harris on this evening being his and Mrs. Harris' fifty fifth wedding anniversary.

Sunbury Lodge made a donation in support of the 1999 Senior "B" Men's Provincial Volleyball Champions who will be attending the Senior Eastern Open Championships, in Moncton early in the year 2000. This Championship Team is comprised of young men from the Fredericton Junction, Hoyt and Tracy area.

Recently the playground equipment at the local school in Fredericton Junction was condemned and removed. A village committee, formed to provide a new playground, estimated replacement cost at \$17,000. Sunbury Lodge # 42 pledged \$5,000.00 towards this worthwhile project, a positive move by the Lodge to present Masonry and its principles to their community.

In February, to recognize their support for Sunbury Lodge, and commitment to Masonry in the District, the following brethren were made Honourary Members of Sunbury Lodge: R.W. Bro. Thomas Winter, PDDGM, R.W. Bro. Samuel Best, PJGW, and W. Bro. Rettie Crossman PGSB, all of Centennial Lodge #53 and R.W. Bro. Douglas Scott, PDDGM of Alexandria and Landmark Lodges.

#### PRESENTATION OF A GOLF TOURNAMENT TROPHY

Landmark Lodge held a golf tournament late in 1999. Since then W. Bro. Vaughn Ross has presented the Lodge with a trophy to be competed for in what is planned to be an annual event.

#### COURTESY DEGREE BY CENTENNIAL LODGE

Centennial Lodge # 53, Oromocto conferred a courtesy Fellowcraft Degree on Bro. Jamie MacDonagh of St. George Lodge # 10, Quebec City on the Register of the Grand Lodge AF & AM of Quebec. Bro. MacDonagh was at Base Gagetown at the time.

Attending from St. George Lodge was Worshipful Master R.W. Bro. Michael A Glezos, PDDGM of District 3, Quebec. R.W. Bro. Glezos had arrived from Quebec on a motorcycle to see his son receive the Degree.

Also in attendance were M.W. Bro. James H. Pike, Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Osborne L. Nason PGM, and R.W. Bro. Fergus Price DGM.



(Left to Right) R.W. Bro. Fergus Price, DGM; Bro Jamie MacDonagh; M. W. Bro. James H Pike, Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Samuel Best, PJGW and W.M. of Centennial Lodge; R.W. Bro. Michael A Glezos, PDDGM and W.M. of St. George Lodge # 10 Quebec City; M.W. Bro. Osborne L. Nason, PGM. In the background R. W. Bro. James Gaudet.

#### MASONIC RENEWAL

The Masonic Renewal programme, under the guidance of District 6 Co-ordinator, Bro. Terry Hunter of Landmark Lodge # 51, is beginning to pick up momentum with presentations being made at Grand Lake Lodge #47, Minto and Hiram Lodge # 6, Fredericton. Bro. Hunter also presented his programme during a Friend to Friend Night at Landmark Lodge # 51.

*District 6 items were submitted by R.W. Bro. D.W. Gillrie*

#### SALISBURY LODGE #20

During 1999, four brethren celebrated 50 years of Masonic affiliation. Receiving pins and certificates were: Bros. Henry MacDonald, Cecil Colpitts, Ronald Geldart and Ottie Hopper. Presentations were coordinated by R.W. Bro. Edmund Williams, PDDGM #7, and were made at the respective homes of the recipients as they are unable to attend Lodge on a regular basis.

*Submitted by Bro. Wayne Colpitts, Secretary*

#### CHARTER SURRENDERED

On February 15, 2000, M.W. Bro. James H. Pike, accompanied by Officers and members of Grand Lodge, made an Official Visit to Tweedie Lodge #41 in Moncton for the purpose of collecting the Charter. An unusually large turnout of brethren was on hand to witness this sad event.

Following Lodge business, which included dealing with Lodge as-

sets, the Gavel was turned over to the Grand Master who, during a short ceremony developed expressly for this evening, received the Charter from W. Bro. Ronald Church.

According to the Constitutions, members of Tweedie Lodge in good standing are entitled to a demit from the Grand Secretary, and demits were handed out to those in attendance on the 15th. Tweedie had 93 members, many of whom have applied to other Lodges for affiliation.

M.W. Bro. Pike, G.M., has issued a directive granting permission for all demitted Tweedie Lodge members "to visit any Lodge in the Jurisdiction more than once" and that "the Master, Wardens and Past Masters may attend the 133rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge with voting privileges." This directive expires on February 15, 2001.



### DEMOLAY LEADERSHIP A MASONIC TRADITION

A shining example of outstanding adult and youth leadership, embodied in the heart of Freemasonry, is reflected in the two recently elected line members of DeMolay International, and the two International Congress Officers.

They are as follows: Ross Van Ness Bayer, Past Grand Master of Masons for the State of New Jersey, was elected Grand Senior Councilor of DeMolay International during its 79th International Supreme Council Session, held June 23-26 in Kansas City. Bro. Bayer is a retired New Jersey State Police Captain. He is the father of five children and his hobbies are hunting and cooking. Bro. Bayer is an active member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and a very active Mason.

Gregory R. Klemm, M.S.A., 33rd Degree, Active member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and past President of the DeMolay Foundation from 1996 until 1999, was elected Grand Junior Councilor of DeMolay International during its 79th International Supreme Council session, held June 23-26 in Kansas City. Bro. Klemm served as Master Councilor of his DeMolay Chapter in 1968, receiving the Chevalier Degree in 1969, the DeMolay Advisor's Cross of Honor in 1976 and the DeMolay Legion of Honor, Active, in 1981. Greg is a member of the Illinois Masonic Youth Foundation, the Valley of Chicago, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and received the Meritorious Service Award in 1991. Bro. Klemm received coronation as Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, in 1995.

Jason B. Wood, son of Bruce and Linda Wood of Lincoln, Nebraska was elected 33rd International Master Councilor of DeMolay International during its 32nd International Congress Session, June 23-26 in Kansas City. Wood is currently State Master Councilor of Dr. Frederick Eiche Chapter in Lincoln and is majoring in political science at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. He has earned the following honors: Degree of Chevalier, Meritorious Service Award, Lamp of Knowledge, Founder's Award, Blue Honor Key with two stars, Master Builder's Award, Super Builder's Award and Outstanding Achievement Award.

Eric A. Polonsky, son of Theodore and Harriet Polonsky of Peabody, Massachusetts was elected 33rd International Congress Secretary of DeMolay International during its 32nd International Congress Session, held June 23-26 in Kansas City. Eric is a past State Master Councilor and a past Region One Coordinator. He is a member of Saugus Chapter Order of DeMolay and has served his chapter as Master Councilor, Senior Councilor, Junior Councilor, Marshal, Chaplain, Junior Deacon, Third Preceptor and Reserve Officer. His DeMolay honors include the Founder's Membership Award, Blue Honor Key, Meritorious Service Award, Representative DeMolay and Chevalier Degree. Eric is a senior at Brandeis University majoring in economics.

As Freemasons, you are invaluable to DeMolay in so many ways. You sponsor DeMolay Chapters, serve as DeMolay advisors and volunteers, recruit young men toward possible membership in DeMolay, and provide financial support for DeMolay and the DeMolay Foundation. We urge you to become part of creating Tomorrow's Leaders Today!

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### FROM THE EDITOR

This is just the second issue of Mostly Masonry since I assumed the post of Editor and for that, I wish to apologize. I recently underwent an upheaval in my personal life, including a change of residence, which has taxed my time to the very limits. I am, however, getting re-organized and will soon be back on schedule.

You will note in this issue that there are a number of articles about goings-on in District 6, and almost nothing from the other Districts. I'm afraid brethren, this is your fault. I can't report what I don't receive.

If your Lodge (or District) holds an event, makes a presentation, does some community work, etc., which you think would interest other Masons and should be reported in Mostly Masonry, I want to know about it. If every Lodge would appoint someone to take pictures and write a short description of special activities, this publication would be more balanced and therefore of greater interest and benefit to Masons from every corner of the Province. I look forward to an increase in submissions in the future.

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I have email at mykle@nbnet.nb.ca, however I prefer that articles accompanied by pictures be sent by regular mail. If you want the pictures returned, note this in your letter.

Again, thanks for your patience, and look for more frequent issues in the future.

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