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THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK NOVEMBER 2000

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

FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Brethren: We are called from Refreshment to Labour again. I sincerely hope you and your families had a very enjoyable and safe summer and feel refreshed and ready to continue with the work necessary to keep our Fraternity growing.

Since our Grand Lodge Communication in May, I have had a very busy and educational summer ... Ruby and I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Vermont and Ontario, and we are now looking forward to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador on November 3rd and 4th.

Sponsor Day at Camp Goodtime was held on Saturday, July 8th, at which time we had a barbecue which was largely attended, and it was a pleasure to see such a large group of Masons and their wives in attendance. As we mingled with the children and marveled at their optimism and enthusiasm, I heard one Brother say, "I was never so proud to be a Mason" – a statement with which we all heartily concur, and an incentive for us to carry on with our projects to assure the necessary funds to provide for Camp Goodtime in the year 2001.

R.W. Bro. Wayne Hitchcock has agreed to serve another term as Chairman of the Renewal Program. It is my understanding that he intends to make a few changes in the method of presenting the program that will make it somewhat easier for him and get the Lodges more involved. The Seminars that have been given around the Province will be cut into fifteen to twenty minute sections. These sections will be sent out to the Lodge Secretaries at a rate of one every two to three months. We are asking that each Lodge find time to use them as small programs. It is very important that these sections are passed to the Master of the Lodge and not filed away and forgotten.

R.W. Bro. Hitchcock will be visiting the Lodges to assist you as time permits. You will be hearing more about this from the District Deputy Grand Masters in the near future.

In closing I would like to remind you of the Friend to Friend program. I can assure you it works. One Lodge by holding a Friend to Friend Dinner gained six new members. Let's all give it a try, we may be surprised how our numbers will grow.

Something to think about: "The dictionary is the only place where Success comes before Work." - (Mark Twain)

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

ZETLAND VISITS ZETLAND

On August 12, 2000 Zetland Lodge visited Zetland Lodge. Led by Worshipful Master Aubrey Buck, nine members of Zetland Lodge #24 of Shediac visited Zetland Lodge #326 of Toronto, Ontario. As one of five Zetland lodges still meeting in Canada the Shediac Lodge journeyed to Ontario to assist the Toronto Lodge to celebrate their 125th anniversary.

Accompanying W.M. Buck were: Secretary, R.W. Bro. John Murray, DDGM #2; R.W. Bro. Evan Thomas, PDGM; Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. Wayne Bannister, PJGW; R.W. Bro. Ronald Bateman, PJGW; Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. Ellwood Bateman, PDDGM #2; W. Bro. Ebby Kuhn, Treasurer; W. Bro. William Dixon (now living in Ontario) and Bro. Robert King, Senior Deacon.

Also attending were two members of the Zetland Lodge #83 of Calgary, AB and a large contingent of Ontario Grand Lodge Officers.

The meeting was primarily given over to the formal reception and introduction of all visiting brethren. The visitors were formed into two groups. Presiding Grand Lodge officers and visitors of lesser rank. They were then escorted into the already opened Lodge and received with formal honours.

After the formalities of reception were completed they conducted a short ceremony honouring the members of their "Over Eighty Club". This is a club made exclusively of Zetland Lodge members over 80 years of age. It is worthy of note, that W. Bro. Kenneth Heans their Worshipful Master is President of that Club. W. Bro. Heans, who was born 83 years ago in St. John, NB, is now in his second term as Master after first presiding 26 years ago.

W. Bro. Ebby Kuhn; R.W. Bro. Wayne Bannister; W.M. Aubrey Buck; R. W. Bro. John Murray; W. Bro. William Dixon; Bro. Robert King; R.W. Bro. Evan Thomas; R.W. Bro. Ellwood Bateman; R.W. Bro. Ronald Bateman

Their Secretary, Bro. William Gosse, then presented a brief overview of the history of Zetland Lodge #326 which he had just recently finished compiling. A more complete written and illustrated booklet of this history was presented to all members and guests.

After the meeting was closed we attended a formal Roast Beef Banquet. During the Toasts following the banquet, R.W. Bro. Wayne Bannister, Senior Warden of Zetland Lodge #24 of Shediac was given the honour of responding to the Toast to the Visitors.

Zetland Lodge #326 of Toronto meets in York Masonic Temple, a modern one story building located in north central Toronto, approximately 20 minutes from downtown. The building contains 2 lodge rooms, a large dividable banquet hall and kitchen and includes a fully equipped lounge and bar. The smaller of the 2 lodge rooms comfortably seats 60 people while the larger handles more than twice that without the addition of portable chairs. Some 22 lodges along with a number of community service groups call this lodge hall home.

This was a visitation with a two-fold purpose. First, of course, was to celebrate the 125th birthday of Zetland Lodge #326 and second was continue the effort begun in 1997 by Zetland Lodge #24 to periodically have a reunion of all the Zetland Lodges of Canada. While the second purpose met with only limited success (only 3 out of 5 active Zetland Lodges were in attendance), it was apparent that the reunions still have some appeal and momentum particularly on special occasions, so we look forward to the next one in a few years.

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Evan Thomas, PDGM

MARITIMES OFFICIAL VISIT

For many years now, Zetland Lodge #24 has followed their August meeting with a feed of cracked lobster. Some years ago, after having been priviledged to attend lodge meetings where members of all 3 Maritime Grand Lodges were in attendance, members of Zetland Lodge decided not only to invite local members to our lobster celebration, but, to specifically invite our Grand Master and ask him to invite the other Maritime Grand Masters to accompany him. We have been doing this for about 4 years now with growing success. On Thursday August 24, 2000, Zetland Lodge again hosted what has become an annual inter-jurisdictional event; The Visitation of the three Maritime Grand Masters.

In addition to the 3 Grand Masters: M.W. Bro. James Pike, New Brunswick; M.W. Bro. Arthur Brown, Nova Scotia and M.W. Bro. Leigh Newcombe of P.E.I., Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. Gordon Conrad and M.W. Bro. Lloyd Bragdon of Nova Scotia and M.W. Bro. Carr Graham and M.W. Bro. Don Judson of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island respecively. Most of the remaining "Principal Officers" of the Maritime jurisdictions were present in the persons of: R.W. Bro. Ted Caulier, DGM and R.W. Bro. Shane MacFarlane, JGW of Nova Scotia; R.W. Bro. John Rogers, DGM and R.W. Bro. James Howatt, SGW of Prince Edward Island, along with R.W. Bro. Gordon Steeves, SGW and R.W. Bro. Paul Ketchum, JGW of New Brunswick.

R.W. Bro. Evan Thomas, PDGM acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies assisted by R.W. Bro. Delbert Alward, PDDGM #7, acting as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. Also attending were District Deputy Grand Masters 1, 2, 3, and 7 along with 4 Past District Deputies, including 1 from Maine. W. Bro. Ralph McKay, member of the Board of General Purpose of Nova Scotia attended as did R.W. Bro. Donald Jones, PJGW of St. Stephen. JGD Harold Planetta of St. Stephen and Grand Organist Ronald Jagoe of Bathurst attended as did the Masters of Salisbury Lodge #20, Lodge St. Andrew #16, Keith Lodge #23, Moncton and Sussex Lodge #4, and several Past Masters.

R.W. Bro. Ronald Bateman, PJGW and W. Bro. Herbert Amero were given the duty of escorting and introducing the Grand Master. After the introduction Worshipful Master Aubrey Buck conducted the Grand Master to the East and waited while the 2 escorting officers conducted the visiting Grand Masters to the East at M.W. Bro. Pike's right. Grand Honours were then accorded to the Grand Masters and Grand Lodge.

The business meeting was kept very short that the Lodge might adjourn more quickly to the primary business of socializing over a magnificant feed of fresh Lobster. Prior to closing in ample form the Grand Master called on the four visiting Worshipful Masters to bring greetings from their lodges. He also called for remarks from the two visiting Grand Masters who were most pleased to be in attendance.

The lobster and trimmings were furnished and prepared by the ladies of Zetland Lodge, under the direction of the Wor. Master's wife, Ruth Buck. The Lodge gives great thanks and much appreciation to these ladies for having added so much to our meeting.

Zetland Lodge is very proud and gratified to have been able to host such a sucessful and august "Gathering of the Clan". SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Evan Thomas, PDGM

Here is my Creed! I believe in one God, Creator of the Universe That He governs it by His Providence. That He ought to be worshipped. That the most acceptable service we render to Him is doing good to His other children. That the soul of man is immortal and will be treated with justice in another life respecting its conduct in this.

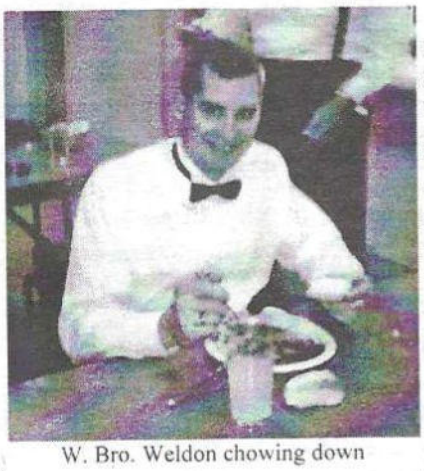
Benjamin Franklin

AREA MASONIC NEWS

Under the chairmanship of W. Bro. Charles Bruce, 12 brothers from Hiram Lodge, Alexandria Lodge, Grand Lake Lodge, Landmark Lodge and Centennial Lodge, have banded together in an effort to rekindle the Demolay spark in the District 6 area.

If successful, the new Chapter will be named "The Stanley B Cassidy Millennium Chapter". W. Bro. Cassidy was very active with the Demolay Order and his widow Mrs Elsie Cassidy has graciously agreed to the use of his name. The Chapter will meet at the Alexandria Lodge Hall, on Bowlen Street Fredericton.

The Chapter will be sponsored by the entire District and the committee is encouraged by the promise of financial assistance and material support. All District 6 Lodge members have been asked to consider potential candidates for the Chapter. Presently there are six to eight young men interested, and the committee has set its sights on a figure of twenty before applying to have a chapter instituted.


W. Bro. Weldon chowing down

On May 6, 2000, Hiram Lodge # 6 held their 8th Annual Camp Goodtime Dinner, serving 100 guests, Masons and friends. The dinner was prepared by Bro. Stephen Hemming assisted by the Wor. Master's wife, Debbie Lynn Weldon. The Lodge Officers served the meal to appreciative guests. The Worshipful Master W. Bro. Dale Weldon, in a short well received speech explained to those present the purpose of the fund raiser. He encouraged them all to return next year.

The next day Hiram Lodge entertained the Lodge Widow's at an afternoon tea, served by the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens and several other officers. This Sunday Afternoon tea has been a tradition at Hiram Lodge for several years now.

On June 8, 2000, Cherry Mountain Lodge # 50, Harvey, held their Annual Widow's Night. The ladies of the members were also invited to this special event.

After a short business meeting, Worshipful Master Trent McLean directed the Acting Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro. Dewitt Lister to invite the ladies to enter the Lodge Room.

The ladies were seated and the Master of Ceremonies, W. Bro. Earle Moffitt, welcomed them on behalf of the Master and the Lodge.

Entertainment was provided by "The Men of Music" a local singing group and by the Junior Deacon Bro. Al Hawkins, who serenaded the ladies with several "oldie but goodie" tunes on the piano. District Deputy R.W. Bro. D.W. Gillrie impressed upon the gathering how important the ladies were to the brethren and Masonry. The entertainment concluded with hymns by "The Men of Music".

Refreshments and conversation followed the meeting.

Prior to the June Meeting, Hiram Lodge's Annual Steak Barbecue was again served with Bro. Stephen Hemming and Bro. Ross Rennie barbecuing steaks and serving the members.

That evening, at the meeting, Alexandria Lodge arrived with sufficient numbers to claim the Travelling Gavel.

On Sunday, June 11, 2000, the Lodges of District 6 held their Annual District Church Service, hosted this year by Sunbury Lodge # 42 of Fredericton Junction. Forty Five brethren representing seven of the eight Lodges in the District gathered at the Sunbury Lodge Room and proceeded to the Fredericton Junction Baptist Church. Following the service the brethren returned to the Lodge for refreshments and fellowship.

On Tuesday 20 June 2000, Landmark Lodge #51, Boiestown, hosted another annual Friend to Friend night.

Before the meeting, 27 Masons, nine ladies and six friends enjoyed a more than ample roast beef dinner and all proceeds were earmarked for Camp Goodtime.

Following the meal the brethren adjourned to the Lodge Rooms for a short business meeting, while Bro. Terry Hunter, District 6 Chairman of the Masonic Renewal Committee, spoke with the ladies and guests on the matter of renewal and with appropriate remarks aired a Friend to Friend Video for their consideration.

Following Bro. Hunter's presentation the Lodge was closed and everyone was invited into the Lodge Room, where they were welcomed by W. Bro. Kevin B. Long.

Sister Norma Smith, Worthy Matron of Hillcrest Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, brought greetings from that Chapter and the Eastern Star and described how the Lodge and Chapter in Boiestown work and serve together for their benefit and that of the community.

Past Potentate Winston MacKay spoke about the Shrine and stressed in particular the number of children who have benefited from the Shrine Hospitals in Canada and the USA. Present at the meeting was Milton Thibodeau the son of Mrs Izella Thibodeau who was honoured by Past Potentate MacKay and DDGM Hubert Davis in 1999 for her service as a nurse at the Shrine Hospital in 1928.

R.W. Bro. Gillrie, Secretary of Masonic Charities and Housing, delivered a talk on Camp Goodtime and the courage of the children who attend the camp each year. He especially encouraged Masons and their families to visit the camp on Sponsors Day, July 8, 2000.

Red Green eat your heart out! Granite Lodge No. 54, Temperance Vale sponsored of a Duct Tape Derby held at Nackawic on Saturday, July 22, 2000.

The sky poured rain, it was so wet the duct tape wouldn't hold, the homemade boats didn't stay together, the contestants and spectators alike were soaked through, but all had a grand time at the first "Build Your Own Bathtub Duct Tape Derby".

The event saw two man teams build their own boats of styrofoam and duct tape, race a designated route in the cove near the "World's Largest Axe," raising $690.00 for Camp Goodtime.

Seventeen two-person teams were given a variety of materials, styrofoam, deckboards, plastic sheeting and duct tape, with which to build their own boats. The teams had to build their boat, launch and reach the other shore against the clock. The first team completing the course was the winner.

Despite the rain, it was estimated that about 200 people watched as trophies and prizes were awarded to the boat people.

A number of local businesses provided sponsorship and the Nackawic RCMP and Lions Club also contributed to the event.

R.W. Bro. Peter Whittaker, P.M. of Cherry Mountain Lodge #50, presented Bro. Sidney MacLean with a Fifty-Year Jewel at Cherry Mountain on September 14, 2000. Bro. MacLean was also honoured by the Lodge when he received a Life Membership.

At the same meeting Cherry Mountain exemplified the Master Mason Degree on two brothers, Brother Scott MacLean and Derek McGee.

It was noted at this meeting that seven sons of Brother Cecil MacLean were members of Cherry Mountain Lodge. Brother Cecil MacLean who was born in 1899, received his Master Mason Degree in 1978 at the age of 79 years. Reportedly his examinations on the degrees were always near-perfect.

The District 6 Council held its quarterly meeting at Cherry Mountain Lodge, Harvey N.B., on Saturday September 9, 2000.

Following the business portion of the meeting a "Day of Instruc-

OWL'S HEAD MOUNTAIN, 2000

On Friday, June 23, 2000, as the sun reached meridian height, four curious and adventurous young Masons set forth to work in foreign countries. The adventure had more the flavor of a mission as their initial goal was to return an artifact, once lost as the Word was lost, to its rightful owner. The four were friends, and as all Masons should be, as close as Brothers. Good-natured banter and quick jokes were combined with stories of past adventures and set the tone for what would become a most eventful journey.

The cause of this 1500 kilometer trek had arisen two years before, but when all the information was in, it was a journey rooted in history.

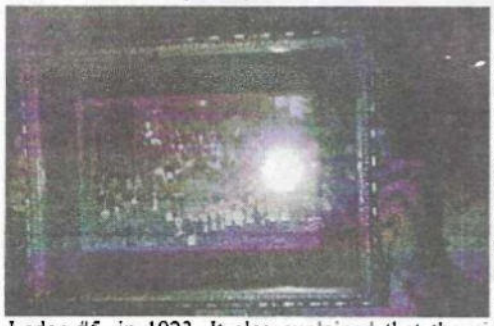
In 1803 the Grand Lodge of Vermont warranted a Lodge that met in buildings that straddled the international border between Derby Line, Vermont and Stanstead, Quebec (at that time known as Lower Canada). Many Stanstead residents joined this Lodge giving it a truly international flavor. The War of 1812, as wars often do, ruined the harmony of this Lodge, and so the residents of Stanstead petitioned the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada for a warrant for a new Lodge to be named "Golden Rule Lodge".

This new Lodge functioned for many years as normal Lodges do, working out of a normal Lodge Room in a normal building, but in 1857 they applied for a Grand Lodge dispensation to hold a meeting in the "Natural Lodge Room" atop Owl's Head Mountain overlooking Lake Memphremagog. Thus began an annual tradition that has been continued for 143 years.

So how did our young adventurers come to be involved in a meeting of such historical and Masonic significance? In exactly the manner that most significant things happen, by accident.

As most of the Brethren know, Bethel Lodge #40 of Edmundston, New Brunswick, went dark some six or seven years ago. Their furniture, regalia and mementos were parceled out to the various Lodges in the North without any log being kept of where things went. Two years ago, Grand Lodge asked me to find a document which had been lost during this process, and which I might add remains unfound to this day. The quest for this elusive document eventually led me to Tobique Lodge #48, where W. Bro. Danny MacLean helped me locate a small pile of leftover memories from Bethel Lodge. There were plaques, old regalia, framed medals and jewels, the sad remainder of a Lodge that had gotten too old and died.

In the middle of this pile of memories was a picture, black and white, very old, depicting upwards of one hundred Masons (obvious from their aprons), standing, sitting, or leaning against a significant rock face. Turning the picture over we found a letter, written in a strong, flowing hand similar to calligraphy. It said the picture had been taken in the Natural Lodge Room on top of Owl's Head Mountain at the annual special meeting of Golden Rule Lodge #5, in 1923. It also explained that the picture had been presented to Bethel Lodge in 1927 by V.W. Bro. J.D. McFadyen, a Past Master of Golden Rule Lodge. *As a side note, it is interesting that this individual went on afterwards to become a District Deputy Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and eventually Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Quebec.*



I had heard of an international meeting on a mountain somewhere but I certainly didn't know if this was the same one or not. W. Bro. MacLean and I resolved at that moment, in the basement of Tobique Lodge, with no witnesses, that someday we would make the journey to return this picture to Golden Rule Lodge, #5, if it still existed.

This journey took further shape when I mentioned to our DDGM, R.W. Bro. Wilmot Tompkins, that some day we were going to make this trip. He quickly responded that he had skied at Owl's Head and had a friend who lived there who was a Mason. He undertook to get more information from his friend and report back. The response came back from Quebec that R.W. Bro. Tom Herron, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, not only knew about Golden Rule Lodge but had participated in the open air meeting several times himself. He would also be willing to be our host and guide if we wished to attend this year.

W. Bro. MacLean, at the earliest convenient time, petitioned for and received permission from Tobique Lodge #48, to return this picture, inherited from Bethel Lodge #40, to its original owners, Golden Rule Lodge #5, GRQ.

The word went out that the journey was on and all who wished were welcome and could join in. Many expressed a desire to go but in the end only four met on the morning of June 23 and began the most unique adventure of their Masonic careers; W. Bro. Danny MacLean, R.W. Bro. Wilmot Tompkins, Bro. Mark Ouellette and myself.

The journey itself was handled by W. Bro. MacLean who did all the driving, saving us innumerable times from accidents as he negotiated the busy summer highways of the Province of Quebec. R.W. Bro. Herron met us in Bolton, P.Q., and exposed us to a level of hospitality that was as unexpected as it was welcome. We were welcomed into his house and his life like the long lost Brothers we were.

The morning of June 24 dawned as a beautiful, sunshiny morning, for which we were all grateful, since an outdoor meeting in the rain tends to dampen the spirits (along with everything else). After a leisurely brunch at the Owl's Head Golf Course, courtesy of our host, we were taken to the mountain. The new age Mason now rides to the top of the mountain on a ski tow (chair lift) but as we stood at the bottom looking up, we could only marvel at the tenacity of our forefathers who had climbed this 2,350' mountain from the bottom, in full suits. In the old days upwards of two hundred Masons, ranging in age up to eighty years old, climbed this mountain for the noontime opening of Golden Rule Lodge on the Saturday just before June 24th, the day of Saint John the Baptist, Patron Saint of Freemasonry. It is interesting to note that the candidate for the day's work was charged with carrying up the regalia and necessary furniture for the meeting, a fair price for receiving his Master Mason Degree. Of course this is much easier to do today than it was even 35 years ago when the walk began at the bottom.

At the top of the ski tow our host led off down a trail that was well marked and wide, with other trails branching off left and right. I turned to make a comment to R.W. Bro. Tompkins and when I looked forward again my guide was gone. I looked to my left, nothing. Quickly I looked to my right, still nothing. Suddenly I heard a voice, "This way," and I looked left and up. My guide was already ten feet above me and climbing steadily up a barely visible trail, totally unmarked at its entrance. We climbed up and still further up and shortly I was out of breath and could feel a good sweat beginning to build. I immediately gained a new respect for those old timers who had climbed from the bottom. I was only doing the last few hundred yards and I was playing out.

All of a sudden, the ground flattened and solid rock was on each side. We were walking through a crevice or cut in the rock. Rock walls went up quickly on both sides of us with small trees clinging for life

on the sides of the rock. Looking up through the trees I could see Masons stationed there to watch our progress. We almost immediately came upon the welcoming committee, a Tyler and two Secretaries. The

The Tyler – guarding against Cowans ascending or descending!

Tyler stepped forward and said, "You've made it up our trail, but can you make it past me?" Still a bit out of breath and sweating, I wondered what he meant. He grabbed me by the hand and literally pulled me to him and a light dawned in that dark tunnel of my mind, "He wants the Grip and Word of a Master Mason".

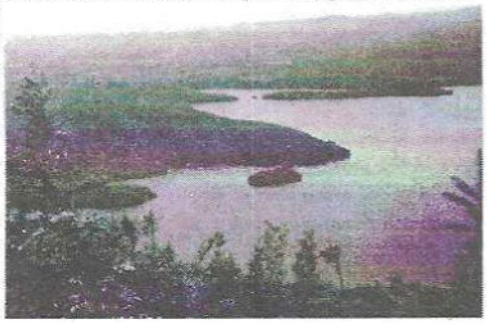
Successfully passing the Tyler, we registered with the Secretaries and received our communication for the day's event. As I printed my name it occurred to me that now I was a permanent part of the history of this unique Lodge. Again my mind flashed back to the thousands of Masons who had signed here before me.

Continuing on, the trail wound down, rocky and uneven, but easier to negotiate. Still those rock walls, left and right, but now voices could be heard. Many voices.

We came out of the crevice, around a large boulder and there was the Natural Lodge Room. It seemed to measure approximately fifty

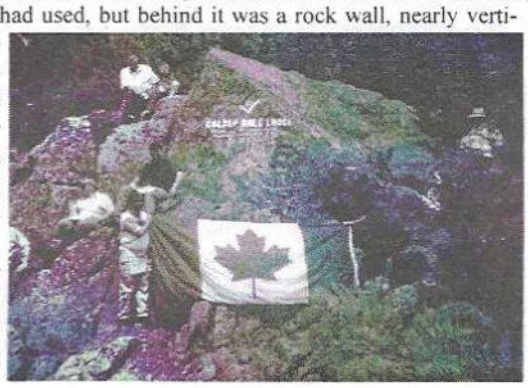
feet long and maybe thirty feet wide, surrounded by rock walls extending up and away from the Lodge floor. Strewn all over these rocks were Masons, sitting, standing, leaning, aprons of all sizes and colors. Grand Lodge aprons, Lodge aprons and aprons that I couldn't identify as one or the other. Accents, English, Scottish, French, North Eastern U.S., all coming on the ears like a flood. Brotherhood, pure and undefiled.

We peered around like candidates first being brought to light. Our host stood aside with a contented smile, knowing full well what impact this place was having on our senses. Slowly we began to explore. The rocks rising to the South of the Lodge floor were no more than twenty feet high so we climbed them, helped along by the Brothers already perched amongst them. On reaching their edge we beheld a world that dropped away for over 2000 feet, to a view of Lake Memphremagog that literally took the breath away. This was not a place for



those afraid of heights.

On turning back we could now clearly see the North wall of the Lodge. A sign painted in white lettering on the rock face proclaimed this Golden Rule Lodge, #5. Below the sign Masons were busy hanging the Canadian and American flags. To the Northwest we could see the entrance we had used, but behind it was a rock wall, nearly vertical, running up well over a hundred feet above our heads. Near the top of this rock wall stood a Tyler, typically stern, guarding our meeting from cowans and eavesdroppers from above.



The meeting was opened in fine ritualistic manner and the Brethren present were treated to a Third Degree done using the York Rite ritual which is not commonly used in Quebec but which the Golden Rule Lodge has special dispensation to exemplify. And a fine job they did, their glory only being challenged by the speech of the candidate whose ability and confidence in speaking made one believe that he will be a valuable and participating member of Golden Rule Lodge for many years to come. During the ceremony Bro. Mark Ouellette and I were both called into service and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in this experience.

Following the degree work, speeches were made by all the dignitaries present as they were called upon by the secretary. A particularly moving and inspirational speech was made by a Past Grand Master of Quebec and the ovation he received identified him not only as a gifted speaker but as a known and well loved patron of this assembly. Our own District Deputy, R.W. Bro. Tompkins was among the speakers and he did us proud.

Following the speeches it was time for the various presentations. The Grand Lodge of Vermont presented a new commission for their Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. An international Travelling Gavel from New South Wales, Australia, was presented to the Worshipful Master of Golden Rule Lodge. Then came the moment

we had traveled so far to reach, W.Br. MacLean was called to the floor to make his presentation. Most Masons would have drawn back from speaking in front of 147 strangers but W. Br. MacLean saw only Brothers. He delivered a beautiful speech, citing the history of our venture, giving credit to Golden Rule Lodge for starting the cycle of this adventure through V.W.Br. J.D. McFadyen in 1927 and acknowledging our joy at being able to complete the cycle at this meeting.

All in all, the Masons of New Brunswick can be proud of how they were represented at this international meeting. We forged new friendships, made new contacts world wide, and were privileged to witness and participate in an ongoing historical event in Freemasonry that we can only pray to revisit and participate in again.

Submitted by R.W. Bro. Wayne Hitchcock, PDDGM #4,
Chairman, Grand Lodge Masonic Renewal Committee

tion" session was held, with the key note speakers, R.W. Bro. Samuel Best, Centennial Lodge # 53, R.W. Bro. Leonard Bishop, Hiram Lodge # 6 and R.W. Bro. Douglas Scott, Landmark Lodge speaking respectively on; "Receiving and Handling of Petitions, Examination of a Visiting Brother, who had never sat in the Lodge, The procedure and rules of order on motions and amendments." Also discussed was the cooperation between Master and Secretary, and the role of the officers advising and working closely with the Master.

Presently it is planned that a similar session will be conducted at the next District Council Meeting to be held at the first of the new year.

W. Bro. Vishnu Chotai of Centennial Lodge # 53 was elected President for 2001. Brother Laurie Bishop of Alexandria Lodge will continue as Secretary, and Brother Keith Burgess was elected Vice President of the Council.

The District 6 Council recently purchased a 19" TV/VCR combo, to assist with Lodge education, to facilitate the showing of Masonic Renewal videos, Grand Lodge videos on the degrees, Charities and Housing Camp Goodtime videos as well as such other videos as may become available with useful Masonic content.

It is hoped the availability of this unit will encourage a wider range of programmes by the lodges in the District. It will be held by the District Deputy and will be available to any of the District 6 Lodges requesting its use for lodge programmes, Friend to Friend Nights, etc.

Members of Grand Lake Lodge # 47, were entertained at its annual Lodge Barbecue, by W. Bro. Austin Chase. All reports indicate that W. Bro. Chase and his wife, again were the perfect hosts. The barbecue at the Chase's has become a real tradition with Grand Lake Lodge members, and would be sorely missed if it were discontinued.

The Lodges of District 6 have seen a slight increase in membership over the past few months. Hiram Lodge has brought three new members into the fraternity. Alexandria has also seen three new brothers. Cherry Mountain raised two new Master Masons in September, and Landmark Lodge raised one who was installed as Junior Steward at their September 2000 meeting. Granite Lodge started two brothers into the fraternity as Entered Apprentices at their September meeting as well.

Submitted by:- R.W. Bro. D.W. "Bud" Gillrie, DDGM #6

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THE GAUGE

The gauge divides the lives of men
Until their lifetimes' tales are o'er;
Receive the Gauge, Apprentice, then,
Consider well its hallowed lore!

A time for toil, a time for sleep,
A time to serve such men as need,
The Craftsman thus his faith shall keep.
As on the restless seasons speed.

For Work, whereby the peoples live,
Much needs command its portion fair,
And labour shall the Craftsman give
One-third his days, one-third his care.

And, weary when his tasks are done,
The Craftsman lays him down to rest,
That he may greet the morrow's sun
With fresher, slumber strengthened zest.

And work and rest himself shall raise
Unto a higher, richer state,
To turn anew toward God, His praise,
And succour the unfortunate.

A life well-lived is fashioned here,
A life with joy and profit fraught:
Its round, through each success year,
Is by this simple emblem taught.

R.J. McLaughlin

If you really want to help your fellow-men, you must not merely have in you what would do them good if they should take it from you, but you must be such a man that they CAN take it from you. The snow must melt upon the mountain and come down in a spring torrent, before its richness can make the valley rich.

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