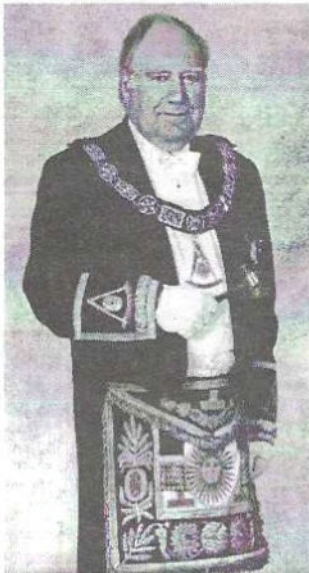




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M.W. Bro. James H. Pike
Grand Master, GLNB

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE Brethren:

My term of office is fast coming to a close. It has been a very rewarding and gratifying experience. Many thanks to you all for the privilege and honour to serve as your Grand Master these last two years.

I leave with a profound sense of gratitude for the many acts of support and Brotherhood that have been granted me during my term, and I sincerely thank each and every one who helped me in any way. Your support at all my Official Visits was greater than I expected, and was really appreciated.

I accepted all invitations on a first come-first served basis. Unfortunately I did not get to visit every single Lodge, but had an opportunity to meet and talk with many of you at the District Meetings.

During my term I made 238 Masonic and Masonic-related visits, and traveled a little over 53,000 Km.

As you know, the theme for my year was renewal, Education and camp Goodtime. I am happy to say that due to the dedication of R.W. Bro. Wayne Hitchcock, and other members of the Craft, the Renewal Program is beginning to bear fruit. I hope you will continue to promote these programs, and please continue with your good works for Camp Goodtime.

The 134th Annual Communication will be held in Saint John on May 11&12, 2001. Please try to attend — you are all welcome.

Once again, brethren, thank you for your support, and I hope you will do the same for our next Grand Master.

Something to think about:

No matter how hard you try, you can never get rid of a smile by giving it away — it always comes back to you.

God Bless you all!

Fraternally,

*M.W. Bro. James H. (Jim) Pike
Grand Master*

MASONIC RENEWAL

In spite of speeches, articles in *Mostly Masonry*, modules delivered to the Lodges and seminars delivered around the province, Masonic Renewal is still confusing people as to its content and its intent.

The intent is to create Lodges that provide an atmosphere to

their members that the members find satisfying and rewarding. The research that has been done shows that there are certain things that men look for in a Fraternal organization and those things are;

- friendship
- fellowship
- a chance to perform community service
- a chance to socialize with friends
- a chance to involve their families
- an opportunity to make contacts
- an opportunity to learn to lead and
- an opportunity to lead.

Our Fraternity can offer all of these things to a man but all too often we don't. Masonic Renewal is trying to show us how we can improve our approach to our membership so that they are more satisfied and more excited and proud to belong.

The content of *Masonic Renewal* is a series of books and courses which work on six areas of the Lodge, each critical to creating that all important atmosphere. These areas are Leadership, Membership, Fellowship, Education, Family Involvement and Community Involvement. Leadership is important because strong organizations that move forward are well led by strong leaders, men who know the problems and are ready to face them with possible solutions. Membership is important because it is our most prized asset and one that grows smaller and older every day. We must not only increase our membership but provide that rewarding experience so that we don't lose as many men to suspension and demit as we gain through our membership programs. Fellowship is important because it is the number one thing that men everywhere think they should get from a Fraternity like Freemasonry. Also, we look a bit hypocritical when we profess Brotherly Love and then don't show it. Education is a must so that our membership is more comfortable talking about the Fraternity in the outside world. Every member should have the confidence to speak as a goodwill ambassador for the Craft. Family and community involvement are both important for new member satisfaction and for the improvement of the public perception of Freemasonry. 71% of the general population has no idea who or what the Freemasons are. If we want membership to increase that number has to drop.

Masonic Renewal will continue to try to help the Fraternity. As more Masons become aware that the program is more than just membership, more than just leadership, and that the intent is to have better and stronger Lodges, then hopefully more Lodges will ask the Renewal Committee to come and visit and explain all the concepts involved. When Lodges begin to do this, we will be taking our first giant steps toward recovering our past glory.

*R.W. Bro. Wayne Hitchcock, PDDGM
Chairman, Masonic Renewal Committee*

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DISTRICT NO. 3**Lodge St. John #27, Bathurst**

During the year we had various fund raising activities.

In June we had a chicken salad take out supper. This was very well supported. Many donations were given and this usually generates over \$1200.00 profit.

Also in June, the Masonic Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star held a combined Divine Worship Service at Central United Church in Clifton. This was well attended and followed by a salad dinner to which all of the congregation was invited.

In November, we served a supper of chicken breasts in wine sauce put on by our Junior Warden, W. Bro. John Carey. Everything was donated by Bro. Carey except desserts, which were supplied by members of the O.E.S., and all proceeds went to Camp Goodtime.

Senior Warden, Bro. Lindsay Harvie crafted a beautiful birds-eye maple apron case. Tickets were sold on this with proceeds going to Camp Goodtime. The lucky winner was R.W. Bro. Clinton Shaffer of Howard Lodge #15.

*Irvin Wiseman,
DDGM, #3*

Restigouche Lodge #25

For years it sat in a corner of the Lodge, idle, collecting dust. No, not the Secretary. It was a child's wheelchair — property of the Lodge.

Then one day, while being attended to at home by an extra-mural nurse, R.W. Bro. J.W. Vincent happened to mention about the chair. Because small wheelchairs are scarce and in short supply, the nurse suggested that it was a shame it wasn't being put to good use.

As a result of this conversation, John McEwen took the chair to Fredericton where it was reconditioned and donated to the Fredericton Branch of the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled.

*Submitted by:
R.W. Bro. Graham Vincent, PDDGM*

DISTRICT NO. 6**Hiram Lodge #6 Brother Honoured**

Bro. Huntley Wishart of Hiram Lodge #6 has been awarded the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientist of New Brunswick (APEGNB), Citizen of the Year 2000 Award.

The award recognizes Bro. Wishart's ongoing support of the engineering profession, his involvement with the Canadian Council of Engineering Associations.

His dedication and encouragement to engineering students, involvement with the cub and scout movement and many contributions to the community over the past years.

Bro. Wishart is a former Executive Director of the NBPEGA.

The brethren of Hiram Lodge and District #6 congratulate Bro. Wishart on this prestigious award..

Hiram Lodge No. 6

Hiram Lodge lost a special brother on the 21st of March, when Bro. Aulden (Baldy) Staples passed away. Baldy was initiated, passed and raised in Hiram Lodge in 1951 almost fifty years ago. Brethren from four lodges participated in a Memorial Service on the 22nd of March, while several attended the funeral service at All Saints Anglican Church Fredericton North on the 23rd of March.

Bro. Michael Crook, a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, received his Fellowcraft Degree at Hiram Lodge late in 2000. Before Hiram had a chance to raise him to Master Mason

he was posted to Base Borden Ontario. Hiram through Grand Lodge requested that he, by courtesy, receive his Master Mason Degree at Corinthian Lodge No 96, GRC in Ontario.

Bro. Crook, after several delays, was raised as a Master Mason by Corinthian Lodge on February 8, 2001. His NB Grand Lodge Certificate has been mailed to him along with Hiram's congratulations and best wishes.

Grand Master's Visit to Alexandria Lodge #33 and District #6

The Grand Master M.W. Bro. James H Pike and Grand Lodge Officers made an Official Visit to Alexandria Lodge #33, Fredericton on Monday March 5, 2001.

The meeting was preceded by a steak dinner, enjoyed by all, catered by Bro Mark Jewett, Sr. Warden, and a Committee of Alexandria Lodge members.

Following the opening of Lodge, Grand Lodge was received in proper form. M.W. Bro. Pike was escorted in by R. W. Bro. Wayne MacKay and W. Bro. Blaine Calhoun.

The Grand Master introduced those who accompanied him and asked Wor. Master Laurie Bishop to complete his Lodge's business for the evening.

The Grand Master presented 50 year Jewels and Certificates to R.W. Bro. Doug Scott, PDDGM District 6, and to Bro. Ralph Forbes.

M.W. Bro. Pike, after a few brief remarks, directed the District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. D.W. "Bud" Gillrie, to introduce his District's Masters and for them to report on their Lodge's activities.

Each Master was introduced in turn and spoke on his Lodge's activities and plans for the rest of the year. The reports indicate that all the lodges are active. Each Lodge has lost members due to age, suspension, etc., but new members are being gained one or two here, two or three there. Frequently it was reported that the new members have already accepted appointed offices and are working hard to become good members.

Each Lodge reported an active support of NB Masonic Charities and Housing and Camp Goodtime, community involvement, friend to friend nights, fund raising events, social activities curling, wood cutting, bonspiels, barbecues, duct tape derbies, donating to community playgrounds, and supporting the efforts of the District DeMolay Committee.

Following the reports of the Masters the Grand Master requested M.W. Bro. Andrews, Grand Secretary as well as M W. Bros. Graham, Mason and Hollett for a few words. Each favouring the meeting with wisdom, humour and encouragement.

The Grand Master, before closing Alexandria Lodge in Ample Form, emphasized the need for the Lodges to continue to work to better their lodges and the fraternity. He then thanked W. Bro. Bishop for having Grand Lodge at their meeting.

All eight lodges in the District were represented by their Masters and delegations of members. In all there were 85 brethren present from District 6 and other districts in the jurisdiction.

With 85 brethren present and all eight lodges of District 6 well represented the meeting was considered successful.

Congratulations are also extended to the following Alexandria Lodge members who have reached twenty five years as Masons, W. Bro. Dale Nicklin and W. Bro. Garth Pugh.

Congratulations also to W. Bro. Douglas Seeley, Donald O Calhoun and Bro. Ernest H Jones on celebrating their seventy fifth birthdays and becoming Honourary Life Members.

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