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THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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M.W. Bro. R. Wayne Hitchcock
Grand Master, GLNB

To my New Brunswick brethren:

First let me thank the members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick for putting their faith in me and electing me to the office of Grand Master. There is no honour greater than that which you gave to me on May 12, 2001. It has put me in a position to meet and work with some of the nicest people in the world, both at home and in other Grand Jurisdictions. I sincerely hope to repay that faith with good works and solid decisions that will help to strengthen our great Fraternity in this Province for years to come.

In the two and one half months since being elected I have had the opportunity to attend the annual communications of four other Grand Jurisdictions, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Quebec and Nova Scotia. I have met many new friends and it is amazing that wherever I go the topics of conversation remain the same, membership and apathy. Of course these are the two topics we have been dealing with here for the past several years and hopefully we will soon see a turn around in both.

On our own home front I have had the pleasure to visit lodges in five of our seven districts and have been warmly received everywhere that I have gone. Not to neglect the members of our Masonic Family I have also visited the Spring Ceremonial of the Shrine, the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in New Brunswick and been in attendance at two different installations of officers for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

One of the most important dates on our Masonic Calendar was July 7, 2001. On this date the annual Sponsor's Day at Camp Goodtime was held. This year's event was a little more special than usual because for the first time the parents of the children were invited to participate with us in the celebrations. It was to become one of the most inspirational meetings that I have ever attended. A single Mother spoke to us for a few moments about her child, about their struggle with cancer, about the Camp and how she felt about us. It was her seven year old child's first visit to the Camp. There wasn't a dry eye in the house when she had finished. Every Mason present realized a new pride in his contributions to the Camp and I am certain each Mason solemnly rededicated himself on the spot to making this event happen again and again. It is one thing to think you are doing a good thing, it is quite another to be told by one of the victims of cancer in personal terms what a good thing you are doing. May we all rededicate ourselves to keeping this activity alive for many years to come.

Masonic Renewal is now in the very capable hands of R.W.Bro. Harold Planetta. He has studied the program and has formulated a plan

of attack. I am very confident that his approach will be successful and I stand ready to assist him in any way possible. It is still my belief that lasting strength for our Fraternity rests in the principles of Masonic Renewal and the more we put them into practice the stronger we will be.

The Education Committee under the direction of R.W.Bro. Gordon Rattray has several things on the go this year but the most important is the development of a comprehensive leadership program. Hopefully as this program develops our potential leaders will have a valuable tool at their disposal to help them be the strong leaders that our Fraternity needs right now.

The Ritual Committee is under the control of R.W.Bro. William Ryan. Anyone who can't have fun learning ritual from Bill Ryan isn't trying. As the year goes on I am sure there will be many interesting things which will come from this committee.

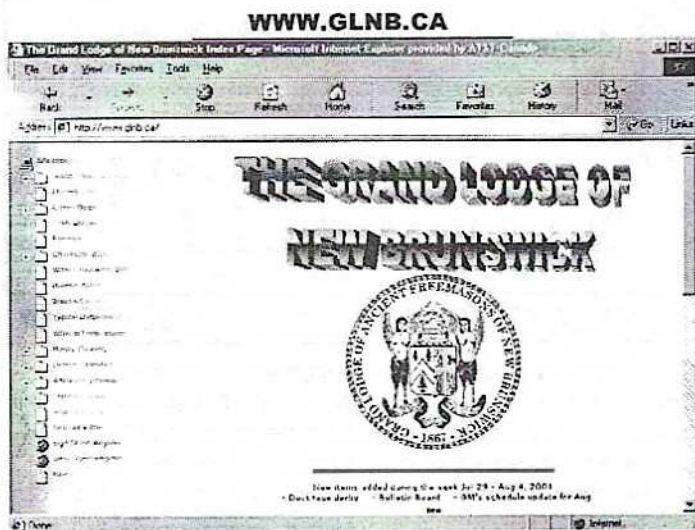
In the field of Public Relations we are especially lucky this year. R.W.Bro. Michael Swetnam has agreed to continue his excellent work with Mostly Masonry and R.W.Bro. William Boone has built a new Web Site for this Grand Lodge. This gives us an excellent one-two punch to keep the whole Fraternity informed of what we are doing in every corner of the Province. Communication is critical if we are all to be a part of the team, and Masonry is all about being part of the team.

All in all, this appears to be a year for development. Hopefully, at the end of the year, we will all look back and be very proud of what we have accomplished. I am very optimistic for the future of the Fraternity in New Brunswick and if we all work and share the load we will be what we want to be, strong, independent and the Fraternity of choice for years to come.

Fraternally and respectfully,
R. Wayne Hitchcock, Grand Master
Grand Lodge of New Brunswick

GRAND MASTER'S SCHEDULE - SEPT. & OCT.

- Sept 4 - Restigouche Lodge #25, Dalhousie 1st Tuesday 8:00 pm
- 5 - Hartland Lodge #46, Woodstock 1st Wednesday 7:30 pm
- 10 - Campbellton Lodge #32, 1st Monday - 7:30 pm
- 11 - Steven Lodge #37, Petitcodiac 2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm
- 12 - Grand Lake Lodge #47, Minto 2nd Wednesday 8:00 pm
- 20 - Tobique Lodge #48, Plaster Rock 3rd Thursday 7:30 pm
- 24 - Acacia Lodge #49, Moncton 4th Monday 7:30 pm
- 25 - Salisbury Lodge #20, Salisbury 4th Tuesday 7:30 pm
- 27 - Woodstock Preceptory #41, Woodstock
- 29 - International Night, Monument Lodge, Houlton
- Oct 2 - Tobique Chapter OES
- 3 - Albert Lodge #34, Riverside 1st Wednesday 8:00 pm
- 4 - Hiram Lodge #6, Fredericton 1st Thursday 7:30 p.m.
- 10 - Colebrook Lodge #39, Grand Falls 2nd Wednesday 7:30 pm
- 11 - New Brunswick Lodge #22, Saint John 2nd Thursday 7:30 pm
- 18 - Ashlar Lodge #36, McAdam 3rd Thursday 8:00 pm
- 19 - Keith Lodge #23, Moncton 3rd Friday 7:30 pm
- 20 - Board of General Purposes, Saint John, 10:00 am
- 25 - Woodstock Preceptory #41, Woodstock 4th Thursday



The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has a new web page and site. Layout and design of the page is by Webm@ster: R.W.B. W.C. (Bill) Boone, PSGW. It is built on the solid foundation laid by Bro Ed Armstrong and Bro Bill Millett and held together with material supplied by various brethren. Their contribution is very much appreciated.

The page may be found, as the header suggests, at www.glnb.ca and there is a guest book for you to sign and leave your comments. Please do so! You may also have items of Masonic interest or information on upcoming events, programs, etc. Feel free to contribute them to the Webm@ster at kriko@nbnet.nb.ca.

Does your Lodge have a web page which you would like to see linked to the Grand Lodge page or does your Lodge Secretary have e-mail capability? Submit the URL or e-mail address to the Webm@ster for inclusion in the Craft Lodge section.

This Grand Lodge site will be maintained frequently and the "Bulletin Board" and "What's Happenin' Bro." sections will be updated as information is received from the Lodges, so be sure to make us a regular stop on your surfing expeditions.

DUCT TAPE DERBY

If it floats like a boat and is used like a boat, it must be a boat. Right? Not necessarily!!

Nackawick, NB - July 28, 2001 A large crowd of spectators gathered at the waterfront to cheer on their favorite teams in the Second Annual Duct Tape Derby. Supplied with five sheets of half inch Styrofoam, two pieces of board and a roll of duct tape, each two person team had to construct a craft, launch it and propel it along a prescribed water course. The first to ring the old fashioned cow bell at the finishing line could be considered the winner — provided of course that every piece of the boat and the sailors reached there at the same time.

Needless to say, the results were hilarious. In the first heat, Scott MacDonald and Jesse Borgatti of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, Gaagetown, powered to a clear first place winner in something that faintly resembled an outrigger canoe.



The winners of the second heat, Mike Flewelling and Anthony Sharp, never even got their feet wet in their box-like contraction. Other teams struggled to keep their craft together and headed in the right di-

rection. A highly expectant sense of a tight race rippled through the crowd in anticipation of the run-off.

Brother Dave Corey charged the cannon to signal the final race to the finish. Mike and Anthony decided to stick with the winning design

formula. Scott and Jesse sacrificed style for speed. The other two teams, second place finishers in the first and second heat slapped the material to-



gether and hoped for the best. It wasn't even close. Mike and Anthony repeated their performance in record time, followed a bit behind by Tim Ford and Kevin Myshraill. Scott and Jesse struggled to a third place finish, their "boat" in tatters. Two gallant young ladies placed fourth.

No matter the ranking, every team won a prize. And the crowd thoroughly enjoyed the competition.

But the real winner of the event are the children of New Brunswick.

All monies raised go toward the support of Camp Goodtime, a summer camp for children with a history of cancer who can attend at absolutely no cost to them. In fact, the fourth place winner is the same mom who gave an impassioned talk at Camp Goodtime on July 8. Way to go Mom.



The Duct Tape Derby is the fundraising brainchild of organizer, WB Edwin Corey, Immediate Past Master of Granite Lodge No. 54, Temperancevale, NB. Using the concept developed on a popular TV sitcom (no name mentioned, but if he "Red" this he would be "Green" with envy) this is one of the many events carried out by the Masons of New Brunswick in their charitable work.

Fun with a serious intent. Worshipful Master, Dave MacLean, his officers and members of Granite Lodge extend a sincere thanks to



Nackawick Home Hardware, 3-M Canada and Dow Chemicals for their generous contribution to this worthwhile event. Next year will be bigger and better than ever, so goes the claim.

Hope to see you there.

CAMP GOODTIME

New Brunswick Masons provide children the opportunity to attend an all-expense paid trip to Camp Goodtime at the Rotary Camp on Grand Lake.

A large crowd of Masons and Ladies took advantage of a beautiful day under sunny skies to meet and mix with parents and children during Sponsor day activities at Camp Goodtime.

move the load with relative ease with each component alternating between carrying the bulk and moving it to another section. He concluded by asking we all strive to keep the wheel in tip-top shape, and to conduct ourselves as Masons at all times.



Camp Goodtime cheque presentation
L to R: MW R Wayne Hitchcock, WB Bill Whelan,
WB Blanchard McDougall, RWB Dennis DeMerchant

To cap the great evening, a \$1575 donation was presented to Wor Bro Bill Whelan, Masonic Charities and Housing District 4 director, for Camp Goodtime, an all expense paid facility for children with Cancer. Each year, the Grand Lodge of NB contributes thousands of dollars to this worthwhile cause through the efforts of New Brunswick Masons.

SUNSET LODGE #56

Hammer and saw may be said to be the working tools of a master carpenter, along with the plumb, square and level he shares with his brother worker who labors with stone. These implements will be put to good use in the very near future on Campobello Island where plans for the erection of a new Lodge building are well underway. A copy of the



project plans was given MW Bro Wayne Hitchcock, Grand Master of Masons in New Brunswick, during an official visit to Sunset Lodge #56 on June 28, 2001.

"We still have to iron out a few details," said Worshipful Master, John Morton, "But we fully expect work to begin this summer."

Members of Sunset Lodge have been holding their regular meetings in Lubeck, Maine, thanks to the generosity of Washington Lodge; an example of helping hands across the international border. While they truly appreciate the hospitality shown them by our American brethren, the members of Sunset Lodge are anxious to get back in their own building.

The Grand Lodge of NB has pledged support for the project.

LODGE OF RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Brethren:

Over the last number of months there have been a number of brethren in the province working to form a Lodge of Research for this jurisdiction. Perhaps the easiest way to explain the purpose etc is to answer a few of the common questions or FAQ's for the computer types.

Q. What is the purpose of a Lodge of Research.?

A. Briefly the purpose is to provide an intellectual environment encouraging activity in Masonic research, to conduct lectures and seminars promoting the preservation of our Masonic Heritage in the Province.

Q. Will the proposed lodge be doing degree work?

A. No, it is not within the framework of the Lodge of Research to receive, pass and raise candidates. That is the exclusive territory of the Blue lodges.

Q. If degree work is not done, how will the Lodge obtain members?

A. All membership with the exception of the founding members will be by affiliation. Membership will come from Lodges around the Province. The only restriction to membership is that the applicant must be a Master Mason (and remain) in good standing in his Lodge.

Q. Will this mean another meeting to go to each month?

A. No, the current proposal is that there will be four meetings per year plus an annual meeting. Two of the regular meetings will be held in Saint John with the other two being held elsewhere in the Province.

Q. If I join will I have to do research and prepare papers for presentation?

A. Absolutely not. While everyone will be encouraged to conduct research into some topic it is not mandatory. The novice (or entered apprentice if you like) will find a nurturing environment wherein he will find others happy to provide answers to his questions on how to conduct research.

Q. Has a name been chosen for the proposed Lodge?

A. Yes, the proposed name is The William F. Bunting Lodge of Research.

Brethren, this has been a brief summation of what will be the workings of the new lodge. The first meeting, which will be an organizational one, is scheduled for Sep 22, 2001, 10:00 a.m. at the Temple, Germain Street, Saint John.

For further information, contact either of the following brethren:

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RAFFLE NETS \$125 FOR CAMP GOODTIME



Following the Grand Master's official visit to Miramichi Lodge on June 18, 2001, a drawing took place for the opportunity to win the two large lobsters posing at the left. RW Bro Irvin Wiseman (r.), DDGM, District #3, was the winner.

Bro Clayton Stewart (l.) donated one of the lobster for the draw and when the vendor, O'Neil Fish Buyers, Neguac, learned of the raffle, they donated the second. The brethren were unanimous in their appreciation for this fine gesture.

Proceeds from the draw are for Camp Goodtime, a Grand Lodge project to help children with a history of cancer attend a week-long camp at no cost to them. To date, over \$100,000 has been donated through such fund raising activities.

MW Bro Wayne Hitchcock (c.), Grand Master, congratulates the winner and expressed his thanks to the donors.

DISTRICT 6 NEWS

Alexandria Lodge 333, Fredericton

At the 4th of June 2001 meeting, Alexandria Lodge #33, Fredericton conducted a Table Lodge for forty six brothers.

Jake Reid, Camp Director and Betty Hoyt, of the Canadian Cancer Society, were gracious hosts providing a guided tour of the facilities under the direction of a very capable young counselor. Later on, everyone gathered in the Chapel building for the closing activities. Several of the young people performed skits, much to the delight of the audience and finally all were given a t-shirt to mark the occasion.

A delicious lunch of barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers, along with salads prepared by the Camp Chef, capped a very enjoyable visit.

Camp Goodtime is a joint project of the Canadian Cancer Society and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick's charitable work branch. Each year, enough funds are provided to send upwards of 50 young people to this week-long camp, at absolutely no cost to them. This year, 46 children took the opportunity to attend, supervised by a staff of counselors with a ratio of about 4 to 1. Holly, a 20 year-old, 3rd-year student at the University of Calgary, heard about the program from friends. "I heard so many great things about Camp Goodtime, I just had to come East to work this summer," she said. "I've had a really great time". In addition, a qualified Canadian Cancer Society medical team of nurses and physicians are on site.

Any child between the ages of 7 - 13 with a history of cancer, is eligible to attend along with a friend or sibling. For further information, please contact the Grand Secretary's office at 1-506-652-2390



Top photo: Brian Francis, President of the Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd, addresses the crowd while flanked by Stewart Brenton (l) and the Grand Master, Wayne Hitchcock (r).

Bottom photo: Handing out the t-shirts

Note:- to protect the privacy of the children, the features are deliberately blurred.

LEBANON LODGE #38, SACKVILLE, NB

Six members of Lebanon Lodge attained 50 years in Masonry recently. At a meeting in April, two of those members were present to receive their pins and certificates. Pictured below are M.W. Bro. James H. Pike, who made the presentation, Bro. Raland William Tracey, Bro. James R. Henderson and W. Bro. Sherman Estabrooks, Worshipful Master.

W. Bro. Estabrooks and R.W. Bro. Alvin Landsburg, PDDGM, visited Bro. Adrian King and Bro. Paul Blakney at their respective homes, delivering pins and certificates on behalf of Grand Lodge.

A pin and certificate were forwarded to Hiram Lodge #12 in Yarmouth, NS which presented them to Bro. Thomas A. Cameron of South Ohio, NS on behalf of Lebanon Lodge.

Bro. Charles Cole of Ottawa, ON, received his awards by mail.



KEY ELEMENTS FOR RENEWAL

Leadership is a key element to our survival. We, from a renewal standpoint, must do all we can to strengthen our leaders.

Our organization has always developed leaders primarily using the natural Lodge set-up as the teacher. From the moment the candidate first enters the Lodge room, he is singled out and made the center of attention. The second time he crosses our threshold we make him speak in front of the Lodge as he shows his proficiency in the first degree work. Although he is working with set answers, which have been memorized, he is still being introduced to public speaking; he is also being introduced to the concept of satisfactory preparation prior to successful presentation of a public address.

As a man goes through his Masonic career and takes offices and works on committees, he learns such things as organization of men and materials, planning, budgeting, setting deadlines and filing reports. These are all skills needed by a leader. As he chairs certain committees, he also learns how to run a successful business meeting, set and use an agenda and how to conduct discussions so that they are productive. These skills are also valuable,

But now I must ask a painful question. Even though we have a natural system that should in all fullness of time yield solid leaders, how many men stumble through and never learn any of the above skills? Answer, far too many.

There are Renewal Materials available in Grand Lodge, who also will have a leadership course available. So why do we get so many Masters who are either incapable of leading or who need the first six months of their term to learn the basic concepts?

If we agree that strong leadership is necessary to get our Fraternity back on its feet again, maybe it's time to give a serious consideration to leadership certification, complete courses, and projects to ensure that our leaders have a certain minimum level or skill necessary to complete the job effectively.

Fellowship is the number one benefit men outside the Fraternity think they will get if they join. But is it? Some lodges do a magnificent job of fellowship. You can't get inside their door without someone shaking your hand. You will never stand alone for more than a few seconds before someone pulls you into a group and a conversation. However, some Lodges are mediocre and some are down right poor.

Fellowship and the display of fellowship are acquired skills. Most men are not naturally outgoing among strangers. Unless they make a conscious effort to break the ice, it is far easier to stand there alone. If we take it as a given that fellowship among close friends is natural, then the time to work at fellowship is when we are dealing with a stranger or lesser known brother. As individuals we must be observant

for signs that others are not comfortable or are alone. We must be tactful and diplomatic that we do not offend. In a word, we must be balanced. Lead the stranger into the group, work him into the conversation and let him contribute and be part of what is being discussed. Make sure someone sits with him in Lodge and certainly don't let him be alone after Lodge, when fellowship should flourish.

Much of the satisfaction gained from attending is a direct result of the enjoyment one gets from fellowship. If our fellowship is not all that it can be, then we are ignoring a key element in the retention and activity level of our membership. We will pay a price if we lose it.

Education is the most feared word in the Masonic Fraternity. The mere mention of the word will illicit moans and groans all over the room. However, we must have improved education programs so that the membership feel comfortable talking about the fraternity. More often than not, we are our own worst enemy when it comes to rumors and innuendo about the fraternity. Ninety-five per cent of our membership would rather not say anything than be drawn into a conversation about the Craft with an outsider. They are unsure what they can say and what falls under the umbrella of "...the secret arts, parts or points of the mysteries of freemasonry."

We must develop short, and interesting educational programs for our Lodges which are easy to give and more importantly, easy to take. We must put every active Mason in the position that, if need be, he can be an ambassador for the craft. By having a more open Fraternity, by that I mean a willingness to talk about it, we can dispel many of the rumors about our being a "Secret Society."

Family involvement in today's lifestyle will find that time is at a premium. Today's family is usually two working parents with one, two, or three children who have at least two or three school activities. There is so much available today that parents practically kill themselves to give their children every opportunity that they can. Family time, when everyone is home together, is at a large premium. If we, as masons, want to have the man be active as a Mason, we had better consider how we might make compensation to the other family members.

There are many ways the Lodge can improve family relationships, such as supporting youth groups such as DeMolay or Rainbow. We should have more semi-public meetings where the family members can join in. Running events for the wives, like a dinner they don't have to prepare or clean up after. These are just a few ideas. In the "Old Days" we could ignore the family by and large, because good old Mom kept the house and the children and Dad was supposed to take care of the things outside the house, which included Masonry.

Finally let us discuss Community involvement. When we speak about community involvement we are looking to satisfy three main goals: Knowledge, membership satisfaction and accountability. Seventy-five percent of the population has no concept who or what freemasonry is. This is a result of years of our own silence and our strong tendency to do our good works quietly. Today with time at a premium if we want members without solicitation, we had better become known in our communities.

To capture attention we must be doing something to be seen and that people will identify with. This is the first reason for community involvement, to let the public know, especially men over 21 years of age, who we are and what we believe by showing them the types of community projects we are involved with.

Many men join a fraternal organization expecting to give back to their community through that organization. If we are serious about membership satisfaction, and we had better be, then we need to be busy in our communities.

Finally we need to give back to the community to even the score. The community gives us our members, support for our public events like suppers and ticket sales etc. and as good corporate citizens we

should be carrying on several projects specifically as Masons. "The more you put into it, the more you'll get out of it." This fraternity gives you one thing and that is the opportunity to EARN your rewards. We need to get the lodges moving on every level and that will only happen if WE do it.

Fraternally, Harold J. Planetta, Jr. Grand Warden

TOBIQUE LODGE #48

Since the majority of Lodges in New Brunswick recess during the months of July and August, the June communication usually includes a sit-down meal with a menu of the highest calibre. Tobique Lodge #48 is no exception.

On June 21, 2001, Masons, families and friends gathered at the Temple for a delicious meal of baked Atlantic Salmon, fiddleheads, new potatoes and all the fixin's. Unfortunately, due to family commitments, presiding Master, Blake McBride was unable to attend. But Worshipful Brother Blanchard McDougall filled the spot admirably.

The after dinner speaking guest, Jennifer Briggs, a 2001 graduate student of Tobique Valley High School, spoke of her recent trip to Ottawa where she and other young people from across Canada gathered to participate in a government program that gives young people the opportunity to observe Parliament in session, tour the Senate, chat with the politicians and generally watch our lawmakers in action. They even had the chance to address the House of Commons for one minute and 30 seconds. To make sure they did not abuse the time limit, the microphone went dead precisely on the dot. All in all, Jennifer reported it was a wonderful experience and she thanked Tobique Lodge for helping sponsor her trip.



Worshipful Brother Danny McLean, also a teacher at Tobique Valley High, introduced the guest, then thanked her for joining us for supper and her enjoyable talk. Jennifer is the grand daughter of Brother Anton Pray of Colebrook Lodge #39.

While the dress during supper was "casual", tuxedos were the norm for the official visit of Most Worshipful R. Wayne Hitchcock, Grand Master of Masons in New Brunswick when Lodge opened at 8 p.m. Wor Bro McDougall welcomed the Grand Master to the East with Grand Honors. Speaking on the theme of Brotherly Love, MW Bro Hitchcock stressed the need for compassion, caring and understanding amongst the brethren, as well as the need for unity. Using the wagon wheel as a model, he likened hub to Grand Lodge, the wooden rim to the craft lodges, the steel tire as the binding force connecting the various lodges and the spokes representing the supporting role alternating between Grand Lodge and the 48 Lodges in the jurisdiction. The spokes also represent the two way flow of information.

If the steel tire breaks, or comes off the wooden rim, it is not long before the wheel disintegrates. Thus it is with Masonry. If the tire of Brotherly Love is damaged or missing, the Lodge is severely crippled. Likewise, when a spoke is broken or removed, the load becomes greater putting more stress on the rest. A fully functional wheel will

The W.M. Wor. Bro. Laurie Bishop welcomed M.W. Bro. R. Wayne Hitchcock, The Grand Master and R.W. Bro. Harold Planetta, Jr. Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. DW "Bud" Gillrie, Grand Historian; W. Bro. Kevin B. Gillrie, SGD; R.W. Bro. Charles Bruce D.D.G.M., District 6; R. W. Bro. Dennis DeMerchant D.D.G.M., District 4; R.W. Bro. Gordon Steeves, PSGW; as well as brethren from Hiram No.6, Centennial No 53, Cherry Mountain No.50 Landmark No. 51, Granite No. 54, From District 4, Woodstock No.11, Tobique No.48, Benjamin No. 31.

The Table Lodge with all appropriate "Charges", "Gun Fire" and accompanying enjoyment. the business of the lodge was completed with dispatch and cheerfulness.

Which proves not all lodge meetings have to be short and boring.

Landmark Lodge #51



In this photo, taken in October, 2000, W. Bro. Raymond E. Munn, Past Master and Charter Member of Landmark Lodge, is seen receiving his Past Master's Apron and Jewel from his son, Bro. Darrell A. Munn. Bro. D.A. Munn recently affiliated with Landmark Lodge from Tweed Lodge in Brandon, Manitoba.

At the June 19, 2001 meeting of Landmark Lodge, a unique Third Degree was exemplified, when W. Bro Terry Hunter relinquished the Chair to W. Bro Michael Ross, who on assuming the East, obligated and then raised Bro Jeremy Ross to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, ably assisted by the Officers and brethren of the Lodge.

Both W. Bro Ross and Bro. Ross were congratulated on a job well done, the WM extending a personal thanks to Wor Bro Ross for the manner in which he conducted the Degree.

Also at the June meeting, Bro. Darrell Munn (r) presented his father, W. Bro. Raymond Munn (c), with his 50 year service pin and certificate. In return, W. Bro. Munn presented his son with the Lewis Jewel.

Pictured as well is Bro. Keith Scott, Director of Ceremonies.



Hiram Lodge #6, Fredericton

In the month of January in the year of 1968, the Zellers Building on Queen Street, Fredericton was destroyed by fire. Hiram Lodge and other Masonic bodies at the time were renting the second floor and had renovated that location as a Masonic Hall.

On 27 December 1966, a motion was made that ordered the original warrants in the possession of the Lodge were to be taken from storage and re-hung in the Masonic Lodge room. At a meeting of May 4, 1967 the original warrants were still stored in the vaults of a local business, except for the Warrant of 1879 which constituted Hiram Lodge after the amalgamation of Solomon Lodge No. 6 and St Andrews Lodge No 29.

While the fire raged through the lodge rooms in 1968, two of the brethren, W. Bros. Don Fisher and Jack Akerley and a City Fire-Fighter, Donald Bailey, rescued Hiram's original warrant, even though they, in turn, had to be rescued from the roof of an adjoining building.

The warrant displayed from that time was a duplicate copy, while

the original warrants rested in various secure fire proof vaults in and around Fredericton.

On assuming the office of WM in January 2001, W. Bro. Bill Morrison stated as one of his prime objectives was to see all the original warrants restored, reframed and hung on the walls of The Masonic Hall, 907 Prospect Street.

The proposal was put to the Lodge and they agreed this was a worthwhile project. After determining the cost of restoration, preservation and framing of the warrants the report was made to the lodge members. They promptly rallied around and the required sums were pledged and donated for the restoration, by individual brothers and families of members living and deceased.

At the 7th of June 2001 meeting, the Lodge hosted a BBQ for the brothers, visiting brethren, and guests, the guests to include wives. The steaks were perfect, the fellowship was superb as were welcome guests. After the lodge had conducted a very short lodge meeting, the W.M. directed the Stewards to retire and escort the ladies and other guests to the lodge room.

W. Bro Morrison, explained the history of the warrants, their meaning and the circumstances which caused them to be stored for so many years. He further explained how the lodge had an object to restore the warrants and see them re-hung in the Lodge Room.

After a Prayer of Dedication, the first of the original warrants, that of Hiram Lodge No. 6, circa 1879, was re-hung in the Lodge by Wor Brothers Douglas Watson, Robert Bailey and Cameron Moffatt.

In due time the remaining originals warrants will be treated and re-hung in a suitable manner on the walls of Hiram's Lodge.

Hiram Lodge No 6 and Alexandria Lodge No 33 through the efforts of Bro Mark Jewett, a member of both Lodges, assisted Chester Eatmon Jr. to represent New Brunswick at 2001 Canada Games.

Chester Eatmon Jr. has been recognized by Basketball New Brunswick as one of the top 12 players in his age group in the province. Chester needed some financial support in order to attend the games so Bro. Jewett approached both Lodges and encouraged the members to dig deep and help the young man. Now, with a cheque, thanks to the generosity of the brethren, to offset his expenses, we can look forward to a bright future for this young athlete.

Hiram and Alexandria Lodge wish Chester Eatmon Jr. all the best at the games.

Submitted by R.W. Bro. D.W. "Bud" Gillrie

RON HODGIN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 28th - Hampton Golf and Country Club - Registration starts at 11:00 am and players are requested to be there early so that tee off can start promptly at 12:00 noon. Power carts are available on a first come - first served basis.

Cost of the tournament is \$60.00, which includes a steak dinner, and everyone is guaranteed a prize. (For the non-golfers, the meal can be had for \$15.00) As in the past all profits go for the support of Camp Goodtime.

For further information or to register for the tournament call Wor Bro Stewart Brenton at 633-9391 or Bro. Lloyd Hodgin at 847-4391.

(Parkway Ford Lincoln will award the person making a hole in one on the 10th hole the use of a new Ford Focus for 2 years.)

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