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Don't tell me that my security comes from somebody else! Tell me I'm responsible. Tell me security is a by-product of the gift I give of my skill and my learning and my love in the world. Tell me security comes from an idea given time and care. I claim this for my truth . . . give me ideas, and let me take it from there!
-Richard Bach

People seldom improve when they have no model but themselves to copy after.
-Oliver Goldsmith



Brethren,

It is once again a pleasure to address you through the medium of Mostly Masonry. I would like, at this time, to express my sincere thanks to R.W. Br. Michael Swetnam who has maintained this publication at a level of excellence that has made us all proud of it over the years. Although he was somewhat conscripted into the job of editor, he has performed the task faithfully and we have all enjoyed the fruits of his labours. Having said that, I would now like to welcome W.Br. Stuart MacDonald to the Public Relations Committee as the new editor of Mostly Masonry. Stuart is no stranger to writing and publishing

and I expect great things from him. Those who have had the privilege of receiving the Albion Lodge notice will quickly understand why he was offered this position.

It is my hope that everyone has had a peaceful summer and is well rested to begin our fall season. For those Brethren of The Corinthian Lodge and Zetland Lodge, congratulations on your summer meetings. Those that I attended were well organized and attracted Brethren from great distances. The strawberries at The Corinthian Lodge in July and the lobster at Zetland Lodge in August were both well received. It is indeed gratifying to see these lodges filled to over-flowing during what many consider to be a "slow time" of the year. To me this is simply another example proving that if there is something interesting going on at Lodge, Masons will attend.

The Masonic Renewal Committee is still working hard to bring health and prosperity back to our Lodges. Each and every presiding master in our jurisdiction should now be in possession of a guide to put on a Fellowship Night in his own Lodge. We have done enough of these evenings now to be certain that they work and work well. The chairman of Masonic Renewal, R.W. Br. Harold Planetta, would like to hear from any master who has not received this documentation or any master who does not understand it. He has enjoyed putting these nights on and stands ready to work with any Lodge that thinks they might like to have new candidates to work with. This plan is flexible, inexpensive, easy to use and it works.

Along the same idea, your Grand Lodge is producing a small candidate's booklet containing the candidate's examinations and obligations in a coded format. There will also be a page of Lodge etiquette for the beginner. There are several reasons why we are producing this booklet. First, with our work written out it is becoming easier to hand a candidate his exam and say, "Come back when you have this memorized, call us if you need help." The candidate is losing out on the bonding that occurred in the old days between himself and an established member of the Lodge. What "the words" were was not the only topic discussed between most of us and our coaches. Many newer candidates are not receiving this attention.

Second, many of our members still believe that coded ritual is easier to learn. I will not pass judgement on this except to say that I have learned ritual both ways and certainly coded ritual is no more difficult to learn than written out ritual. Both require work and commitment.

Third, we have included obligations in the booklet for those Lodges who still require their candidates to learn this part of the ritual. Grand Lodge has no requirement for candidate proficiency in the obligations but many Worshipful Masters still desire it.

Fourth, the page on fundamental Masonic etiquette was an after thought brought on by three incidents that occurred in three different Masonic Lodges in the months of May and June. The first incident was an Entered Apprentice who sat through forty-five minutes of a business meeting having to go to the washroom and not knowing how to get out of an open Lodge.

The second incident was also an Entered Apprentice. He arrived late for a meeting and all alone. The Tyler did his best to prepare him to enter an open Lodge but there was just too much information to digest in the few minutes he had before entering the Lodge room. Although the Master did his best to ease the new member in, he felt awkward and a bit embarrassed. (continued on page 2)

Editorial

Welcome to the latest issue of Mostly Masonry, with a new Editor, philosophy and look.

Last spring RWB Swetnam informed the Grand Master that the time had come to turn over the reins to another. In May I was approached by the Grand Master and offered the Editorship of Mostly Masonry. I accepted knowing that it would be a challenge to meet the standards set by the outgoing Editor.

The fraternity in New Brunswick owes a large debt to RWB Mike Swetnam for his many years of devoted service to this publication. It would be enough that a brother had served one term as Editor, Mike did it twice.

There is a Hasidic proverb, which states: Three characters can be found in a man about to perform a good deed: If he says, "I shall do it soon," his character is poor. If he says, "I am ready to do it now," his character is average quality. If he says, "I am doing it," his character is praiseworthy. Brother Mike was always doing it and doing it well.

With a new Editor comes change and with this issue you are seeing the result of those changes. We have increased the size of Mostly Masonry from four to eight pages in order to provide room for additional information. We have also added new columns, in addition to the Grand Masters message you will now find a column from the Grand Chaplain. A column from the Grand Secretary has also been added, along with Masonic Book Reviews by Bro. Lee Fraser. Last and certainly not least is the Bits and Bytes column by RWB Bill Boone. This column will focus on Freemasonry and the Internet. I welcome all of our new columnists and look forward to reading their contributions.

We will continue to publish Lodge news, presentations of fifty-year pins and other items of note. As has been the custom in the past this information is taken from our Grand Lodge web site. In doing so there will be an attempt to find a balance between our regular columns, Lodge news and other items of interest. In taking this approach it is hoped that you will always find something of interest within these pages.

The distribution of this publication to every member of this jurisdiction falls upon the Lodge Secretaries and I thank them for their kind assistance in completing this task. If you are not receiving Mostly Masonry on a regular basis please contact your Lodge Secretary.

Finally my brethren I would point out that this is your Newsletter and as such I welcome your comments, suggestions for articles, submissions etc. I look forward to hearing from you.

Fraternally;
Stuart MacDonald, PM
Editor

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The last incident was simple enough but also embarrassing. A Fellow Craft was asked a question by the Master of the Lodge and answered from a seated position. The next question went to an experienced Brother who jumped to his feet, on the Sign of Fidelity and responded. The Fellow Craft was then asked another question and having just been schooled at the Academy of Hard Knocks, jumped to his feet and responded correctly. A short page of basic Masonic Etiquette received at the time of Initiation could have resolved each of these situations.

On the leadership front I am pleased to announce that the first twelve trainers have received their "Train the Trainer" course and to a man they spoke highly of the quality, approach and results of that course. They have formed a very positive team and all seem eager to get down to work. As one older member of the team said to me, "Wouldn't it be nice if the whole Fraternity was this enthusiastic?" They will begin putting the leadership courses together almost immediately.

On the whole I am pleased with our efforts and our progress. I am working with our concordant bodies as frequently as I can in efforts to maintain a good working relationship within the Masonic Family in New Brunswick. I am trying to attend to all the invitations I receive, but of course, some must be turned over to other Grand Lodge representatives. To those whom I have had to turn down, I apologize, but one man can only stretch so far.

To all the Masons in New Brunswick, I promise to continue to do my best to make positive improvements in Masonry in this province. My term of office is shrinking away but I will continue to attempt to repay your trust in me with hard work and pure motives until you elect another to stand in my place.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Wayne Hitchcock
Grand Master, G.L.N.B.

MASONIC QUIZ

1. What is the name of the first Lodge to operate in what would become the Province of New Brunswick? (Hint: The Lodge was originally formed as a military Lodge)
2. For how long were the Lodges in New Brunswick governed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia?
3. In what year was the first Grand Lodge formed in and for the Province of New Brunswick and who was first Grand Master elect?

(See page 6 for answers)

Freemasonry is founded on the immutable laws of Truth and Justice and it's grand object is to promote the happiness of the human race.
George Washington

News from Lodges around the Province

St. John's Lodge Celebrates 200th Anniversary

On May 18th St. John's Lodge celebrated their 200th anniversary. A short memorial service in the Loyalist Burial Ground at the site of three of the founding members kicked off the celebrations. Joining officers and members of St. John's Lodge were Grand Lodge officers, the Grand Master; Mrs. Elsie Wayne, MP; Trevor Holder, MLA; Marilyn Trenholme-Counsell, Lieutenant-Governor and later joined by Elizabeth Weir, MLA.



Facing the camera L-R: VW Bro. Dana Dean, GC; MW Bro. R. Wayne Hitchcock, GM; Trevor Holder, MLA; Elsie Wayne, MP; Marilyn Trenholme-Counsell, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick

Following a lunch served in the Masonic Temple, the Lodge was re-dedicated by the Grand Master, MWB R. Wayne Hitchcock assisted by a suite of Grand Lodge officers. The day was capped off by a banquet.



St. Mark's Lodge No. 5

During the Grand Masters official visit to St. Mark's Lodge No. 5 on May 2, 2002 Brother Alfred G. Cotton was presented with his fifty year pin and certificate. A special event in any Mason's life this even more remarkable in that Brother Cotton traveled from

England for the presentation. Prior to the Lodge meeting the Chef's of the Lodge demonstrated their culinary talents by dishing up a baked ham dinner with all the trimmings.

Keith Lodge No. 23

On May 17, 2002 the Grand Master accompanied by thirty-seven officers and members of Grand Lodge made an official visit to Keith Lodge in Moncton. Following the exemplification of the second degree complete with props, the Grand Master had the opportunity to present WB Don McIvar with his appointment as a Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of the Amazon in New Brunswick. Following the close of Lodge the brethren repaired to the banquet hall for a delicious seafood chowder.



RWB Prescott being congratulated by the Grand Master.

Union Lodge of Portland No. 10

On June 18th the Union Lodge of Portland laid out the welcome mat for the Grand Master on the occasion of his official visit. Accompanied by twenty-four members of Grand Lodge.

Prior to Lodge opening a delicious meal was served. These social times of good conversation over a fine meal are always a most enjoyable part of these inter-lodge visitations. Once Lodge was opened and business dispensed with, two brethren were escorted to the East for presentations. RWB Basil Prescott, Past Grand Secretary was presented with his fifty-year pin and certificate while Bro. Green received his twenty-five year

Cherry Mountain No. 50

Over 65 brethren were on hand for the Grand Master's official visit on April 11, 2002. . accompanied by a suite of 34 members of Grand lodge.



As part of the evenings program Bro. Travis Williams was presented with his fifty-year pin and framed certificate. Presentations of twenty-five year pins were made to Bro. Robert Duncan, Bro. Calvin Morecraft, WB Robert Wilson, WB Gerald Dorcas and RWB Vernon Lister. Brothers Winston Gamblin, Claude Collicott and Earl Merserau were unable to attend.

Steven Lodge Re-Dedicated



On April 2, 2002 the Grand Master along with a suite of Grand Lodge officers and members rededicated Steven Lodge No. 37 as part of the Lodge's 100th anniversary of its founding. A full house of brethren, their ladies and members of the

Rainbow Girls were on hand to witness the simple, but elegant ritual. Following the ceremony, all gathered next door at the Royal Canadian Legion where they were served a scrumptious meal with all the trimmin's by the local Air Cadets. The Mayor of Petitcodiac and the MLA for the area brought greetings and expressed their pleasure at being able to attend Steven Lodge on this special occasion.

News from Lodges around the Province



District Six held their annual District Church parade at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Fredericton. Thirty-seven Masons from the various Lodges were in attendance. The D.D.G.M., R:W: Charles Bruce was pleased with the turn out and wishes to thank all the Brethren for their support. Alexandria Lodge No. 33 hosted the event. A special thanks to Alexandria Lodge and their Worshipful Master, WB Mark Jewett. For hosting the event and the refreshments served prior to the parade. (Submitted by R:W:Bro: Charles Bruce)

(Editor- The following article was written by Mrs. Ruth Luck for printing in the Campbellton Tribune. Submitted by Bro. E.J. Davis, Secretary of Campbellton Lodge No.32.)

Ruth Luck and her Students Thank the Masons in Campbellton.

The Masons are men who strive to improve themselves and make the world a better place. They are part of the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world! Here in Campbellton, the Masons have been very active for over 125 years. They perform public service activities in the communities as well as sponsor a variety of philanthropies including scholarship programs for children.

The Masons in North America alone contribute over two million dollars each and every day to charitable causes. This represents an unparalleled example of their humanitarian commitment. The Shrine Masons operate the largest network of hospitals for burned and orthopaedically impaired children in the country - there is never a fee for treatment.

Mrs. Ruth Luck and her students are experiencing their kindness and generosity first hand. Ruth has been teaching up-grading

classes in Campbellton for over ten years. The program - CASP - Community Academic Services Program, is sponsored by Literacy New Brunswick. Only the teacher's salary is provided for in the funding. The City of Campbellton had generously provided Ruth with a rent-free room for nine of the ten years and St. Thomas Aquinas Church did the same for one year.

This spring, Mrs. Luck was again looking for a space. After making several requests, all to no avail, she turned to the Masons. They showed her and her students the basis of Masonry teachings - understanding and charity for all mankind - by providing them with a bright, comfortable, room along with heat and lights, plus kitchen facilities, all rent free!! Ruth says, My students and I are so grateful to the Masons. Its wonderful to know an organization of this magnitude is so ready to help those in need and to encourage literacy in our community!

The Masons are kind and charitable and we appreciate everything they are doing for us. We can't say thank you enough.

Sir (and Brother) Winston Churchill:
The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes.

A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.

Corinthian Lodge No. 13

Hot on the heels of their Strawberry delight, Corinthian Lodge No 13, dished up a heaping helping of Surf 'n Turf for their August meeting. More than 35 turned out for the meal.

During the short business portion of the meeting, Brother Hugh Bell presented his two sons, W:Bro: Lawson Bell, Hillsborough Lodge No 15, and R:W:Bro: David Bell, Algonquin Lodge No 536, Sudbury, Ontario and Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, with their Lewis Jewel. To the surprise of Bro. Hugh Bell, R:W:Bro: David Bell presented him with the Lewis Jewel also. They were then escorted once around the lodge to an honored seat in the East.



Bro: Hugh Bell (c), St. Martin's Lodge No 30, son Lawson (l), Hillsborough Lodge No 15, son David (r), Algonquin Lodge No

Zetland Lodge No. 24

It was a veritable sea of gold when Grand Masters from three jurisdictions, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers decended on Zetland Lodge for the annual Lobster Fest held August 8th, 2002.

For this occasion of an official visit by M:W:Bro: R Wayne Hitchcock, Grand Master of New Brunswick, the official suite included M:W:Bro: Earl Falkner, Grand Master of Nova Scotia and M:W:Bro: Cooke Howatt, Grand Master of



M:W:Bro: Earl; Faulkner, GM of NS;
M:W:Bro: Wayne Hitchcock, GM of
NB; M:W:Bro: Cooke Howatt, GM of

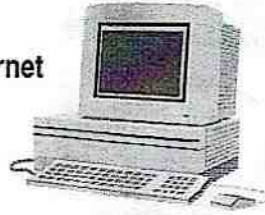
Prince Edward Island, as well as several Past Grand Masters and present Grand Lodge officers. Some 50 members marched into the lodge room for an official welcome.

The attraction for all these high level Masons from the maritime provinces, was the annual Lobster Fest put on by Zetland Lodge each year at this time. Although the weather did not match the 93 degrees (F) of last year, it was still balmy enough to keep business and speeches to a minimum. At least that is the official reason. Probably more accurate is the side-of-the-mouth comment by one brother that those lobsters downstairs are much more appealing than business. The evening proved a fine festive spirit with food and fellowship. The fact that many drove three or four hours to attend is an indication just how strong the bond existing amongst the brethren.

The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie - deliberate, contrived, and dishonest - but the myth - persistent, persuasive and realistic.

-John F. Kennedy

How the Internet Began



In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she had been called Amazon Dot Com.

She said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why doth thou travel far from town to town with thy goods when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, Dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. The drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever moving from his tent.

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secret himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading. And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land. And indeed did insist on making drums that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known "eBay" he said, "We need a name that reflects what we are," and Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO", said Abraham.

And that is how it all began. It wasn't Al Gore after all.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick 2002 Masonic Bursary Winners

The Grand Master MWB R. Wayne Hitchcock, is pleased to announce the winners of Masonic Bursaries for the year 2002. Ten Bursaries of \$ 1,000.00 each were awarded to the following applicants:

Jeffrey M. Dougherty of St. George., son of Garry Dougherty. Jeffrey will be entering U.N.B. Fredericton this year pursuing a course in Science.

Stephanie Jean LeBlanc of Saint John, daughter of Josselyn and Michael Hamm. Stephanie will enter U.N.B. Saint John pursuing a B. A. in Nursing.

Christine Lee Patterson of Grand Bay Westfield a Mature Student, Christine will be continuing her studies at the University of New Brunswick in Saint John where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Education degree.

Gabriel Matthew Earle McBride of Harvey son of David and Kelly Lister. Gabriel will attend Mount Allison University pursuing a B. Sc. Degree leading to a Doctor of Sports Medicine.

Sean M. Whitcomb of Saint John son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Whitcomb. Sean will enter U.N.B. Saint John pursuing an Arts Degree leading to a Degree in Law.

Derek Elva Fairley of Bloomfield Ridge son of Mr. & Mrs. Harold E. Fairley, Derek will attend the Integrated Commercial Pilot License Program in Moncton leading to an Airline Pilots License.

Angela Dawn Cudmore of Westcoast, N.B., daughter of John and Donlia Cudmore. Angela will enter Lakeland College at Venuillion, B.C. pursuing a course in Office Administration.

Melissa Dawn Johnston of Florenceville, daughter of the Rev. Leslie and Holly Johnston. Melissa will be entering St. Thomas University pursuing a course in Psychology majoring in Criminology Counseling.

Jody Lee Mitton of Moncton, N.B. a mature student continuing his studies at the Atlantic Baptist University pursuing a course leading to a B. A. in Education.

Christina Ann Purdy Saint John daughter of Robert Purdy Christina will be attending Dalhousie University continuing her course in Speech Language Pathology leading to a career as a Speech Language Pathologist,

BITS AND BYTES

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The hour of high noon has arrived and Hiram enters the data center to fire up the Pentium, offers up a prayer to Deity that Windows does not crash, loads his architectural program and prints out the latest changes to the temple blueprints. So much easier than the old method of scratching details on a slate trestleboard, he thought. A click of a button moves a wall, or doorway, or adjusts the position of the pillars. Even the ornaments for the chapters can be manipulated by the graphics program to determine the best design.

Hiram smiles as he gathers up his papers and makes his way to the South Gate.

No, the above scenario did not happen. Our ancient brethren did not work with computers; at least there is no evidence of such an occurrence. They did their work by hand using tools that would seem crude to us today. On the other hand, a great number of our modern brothers are as comfortable with the computer as a working tool as the elders were with the plumb, square and level. Thus a new term enters the language of the craft: electronic mason, or e-mason, in its more common form.

E-masons use their personal computers to form a Masonic network around the world, truly making it a universal brotherhood. There are newsgroups, chat groups, electronic mail; websites that exchange messages and pictures faster than the mind can comprehend. A computer can store data on membership, records of every kind, calculate a budget, create a spread sheet, and produce all or part of it at the click of a button. How easy it is to produce an attractive trestle board, packed with information for the members of a lodge. A lodge secretary of days gone by never had it so good.

And yet... and yet, only few secretaries make use of this tremendous tool. Rare is the Lodge that has a computer on the premises and no lodge we have been in actually has one on the Secretary's desk. Perhaps those who are older and not familiar with computers may be encouraged to try one if it were readily available at the Lodge for members. What a great opportunity for the younger e-mason to share a skill with their less computer-literate brethren. Sort of a Masonic drop-in center to catch up on news, chat with a brother in BC, or simply share a story locally over a cuppa. Now, instead of the hall being used a couple times a month, it becomes a well-used focal point for the membership.

We will be touching on different aspects of Masonry and computers in coming issues. In the meantime, Lodge secretaries may want to check out a program written by a brother in Ontario called the Secretary's Helper. A trial copy may be downloaded by visiting www.linshaw.com.

For those interested in Masonic Research, have a look at www.internetlodge.ab.ca. It has a great index of research sites around the world as well as some interesting papers.

If anyone has a question on computers or would like a particular subject covered, drop us a line in care of Mostly Masonry. We'll do our best to come up with an answer.

Hmmm...there seems to be some disturbance at the East gate... Probably nothing. See you next issue.



*From the
Grand Secretaries
Corner*

The revised Copies of the Officers Manual that were prepared by the Ritual Committee are now available and three copies will be sent to each Lodge. Additional Copies are available from the Grand Secretaries Office at a cost of \$ 6.00 each.

On Friday July 26th at 1:00 P.M. Ten Volunteers from the Fraternity gathered in Fredericton at the Masonic Hall to attend the first

" Train the Trainer Course"

This Course was designed and presented by Mrs. Linda Boone with assistance from her husband Bill Boone. During the weekend the class covered subjects about adult learning, determining learning needs, setting learning objectives, session designs, selecting and using training aids, presentation skills and facilitating.

The Course covered a period of three days beginning on Friday evening and ending Sunday afternoon. Those attending were:

Les Burrige	St. Andrews
Gil Meredith	Moncton
Bill Millett	Moncton
Ron Chisholm	Fredericton
Bud Gillrie	Fredericton
Peter Whittaker	Fredericton
George Bowness	Moncton
Elderic Thorne	Minto
Lloyd Hodgins	Saint John
Ralph Andrews	Saint John
Wayne Hitchcock	Perth-Andover

Another meeting of the Group will be held on August 27th, 2002. The Grand Lodge is indebted to a number of persons who donated their time, paid their own expenses and gave up a summer weekend to make this course the success that it was.

Fraternally

J. Ralph Andrews
Grand Secretary

Answers to Quiz on Page 2.

1. The first Lodge to operate in New Brunswick in the post revolutionary era was St. George's Lodge in Mauterville. Originally chartered by the Provincial Grand Lodge of New York in 1783, the members, who were part of the 4th Battalion in the New Jersey Volunteers, brought the warrant with them to New Brunswick and continued to work under the warrant for a number of years.
2. Lodges in New Brunswick were governed by Nova Scotia until 1859 when a Provincial Grand Lodge was formed for the Province of New Brunswick with Alexander Balloch as the first Provincial Grand Master.
3. The first independent Grand Lodge formed in New Brunswick was in 1829, with the Rev. Benjamin Gray elected as the first Grand Master. The Grand Lodge was never consecrated nor the Grand Master elect ever installed into his office.

Grand Chaplain's Chatter



First, I would like to say what an honour it has been to be elected as Grand Chaplain in such a fine organization as the Masonic Fraternity.

The past few months have been a wonderful and exciting experience, not to mention a period of discovery. When I entered the role at Grand Lodge the first question I asked was "what are my duties" (looking for a definition of the office) I was told I said a few prayers but as to a definite description of the role there was none. I felt it had to be discovered!!

As we begin our journey as Entered Apprentices we are asked the question "In whom do you place your trust?" When an affirmative answer comes - so begins the role of the chaplain in the Lodge. I believe his role is to give spiritual/pastoral guidance, if necessary, to any individual requiring someone to talk with or share with in any capacity. It is important for the Chaplain to maintain confidentiality and give the sense of security to the individual so that he is willing to share freely. This can be a demanding job and a difficult one at times, so who does the Chaplain go to? Thus enters the role of the Grand Chaplain.

I believe the Grand Chaplain should be willing to be there for all masons along with being a pillar of support to the Lodge Chaplains. Occasions arise when a Brother has questions or may need to talk to someone where privacy is important and confidentiality is necessary. If the Lodge Chaplain is not available then the Grand Chaplain should try to be available at the earliest possible convenience.

I have also discovered that our Fraternity is very much one of Encouragement. I have been so thankful for the encouragement received from my Lodge brothers in many facets of my life since I became a member!! How wonderful it would be to see all of off us practice this form of charity. A word of encouragement here and a pat on the back there can make a world of difference for the recipient.

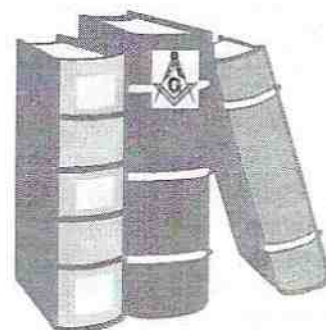
In my Thankfulness I have decided to have a Grand Chaplains Divine Service. This is going to be done with the support of St. Johns Lodge #2 in conjunction with the Parish of Kingston. The Date is October 6, 2002 with a traditional Thanksgiving supper beginning at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall and a Parade in regalia from the Hall to the service at Trinity Anglican Church (The oldest Anglican Church in New Brunswick) beginning at 7:30. Tickets for the Supper will be \$10.00 per person and RSVP (reservations) have to be into the parish office no later than October 1st. phone number #763-3183. Tickets will be available through St. Johns Lodge #2 - The Parish of Kingston or the Grand Chaplain. The Guest speaker for the evening will be the Most Worshipful Grand Master R. Wayne Hitchcock. I am hoping that as many Chaplains or representatives from the local lodges will be able to participate in the service helping with lessons, prayers etc. If you would like to volunteer please contact me at 763-3976. or via Email at danardean@hotmail.com -- this e-mail can also be used if you ever need to talk or have questions that as Grand Chaplain I MAY NEED TO FIND ANSWERS FOR!!

I would now take this opportunity to wish everyone a great and wonderful Fall and Winter Season. I hope to see you at the Divine Service or at your local lodge in the very near future!!

Warmly,
The Rev. Dana Dean +
Grand Chaplain of NB

From the Book

Shelf



By Bro. Lee Fraser
By **Bro. Lee Fraser**
"Born in Blood" and "The Templars"

The Templars have long been a feature of Masonic lore. Like many other facets of masonry the connection between the Templars and Masonry have been widely regarded as Legend or, in some cases, complete myth because little historical evidence has been available and the fact that the most significant connection was fabricated by Andrew Michael Ramsay. Most Masons believe there is a connection and that someday the necessary proof will be found. While there are many books on the subject of the Templars two offerings come to mind; John J. Robinson's "Born in Blood - The Lost Secrets of Freemasonry" and "The Templars" by Piers Paul Read.

By now I would expect that most Masons have read John J. Robinson's book "Born in Blood" (first published in 1989) but many of the newer members of our Fraternity may have missed it. This is a book about the Templar connection to Masonry and presents one of the truly unique pieces of evidence for a Templar connection.

Mr. Robinson, while researching the Peasant's Revolt of 1381 came across a number of anomalies in the progress of the revolt that indicated the presence of a secret organization that apparently supplied the organization and leadership behind the revolt. Robinson connects the Templars who 70 years earlier were decimated by Philip IV of France and Pope Clement V to these events during the Peasant's Revolt. Robinson provides circumstantial evidence of a Templar presence during the Peasants revolt. Most of the book is a reasonable history of the Templars while the remainder illustrates how various Masonic traditions, symbols, signs, and words are derived from Templar sources.

John Robinson was not a Mason until much later in life and passed to the Celestial Lodge above shortly after becoming a Brother. His books are highly regarded by Masons and "Born in Blood" is essential reading for all with an interest in the history of our fraternity.

Piers Paul Read studied history at Cambridge University and has authored twelve acclaimed novels and three works of non-fiction, including the international bestseller ALIVE. His book "The Templars" (1999) is an objective and serious work on the Templars. Virtually all of the mysteries and intrigues associated with the order are absent. There is no mention of any connection between the Templars and the Freemasons. It is however, an excellent history of the Templars presenting them in the historical and political context of their time and as such should be read to provide a framework for the more esoteric Masonic lore.

While the entire book is of interest Part three on the fall of the Templars is particularly interesting and provides more detail than has been available elsewhere. Of note is the treatment of the Templars in England and the lengthy delay between the issuance of (continued on page 8)

Clement V's letter "Pastoralis Praeeminentiae" in November 1307 and the eventual capture and arrest of the Templars in England beginning in 1308 to the burning at the stake of Jacques deMolay on March 18th, 1314. It is at this point that Read leaves off while our Masonic interest in the Templars is just beginning.

"Born in Blood" and "The Templars" present overlapping material from remarkably different viewpoints. Both are well worth the time and effort to read and, both, in their own way offer more light on Freemasonry. "Born in Blood" is readily available and most lodges have copies available and those that do not should add it to their collection. "The Templars" is widely available and can be obtained at Chapters or on-line from Amazon.ca.

(Editor's Note: The theory connecting the Templar's with the origins of Freemasonry is one of over twenty theories currently in existence.)



Lodge of Research Update



Since November 2001 when the Grand Master, MWB: R. Wayne Hitchcock issued the dispensation allowing for the formation of the William F. Bunting Lodge of Research, three meetings have been held.

Holding to our philosophy of holding meetings in various locations around the province our first meeting was held in November of 2001 in Fredericton, hosted by Alexandria Lodge No. 33. Our Grand Historian, RWB Bud Gillrie had the honor of presenting the first paper to the Lodge, his topic being William Preston.

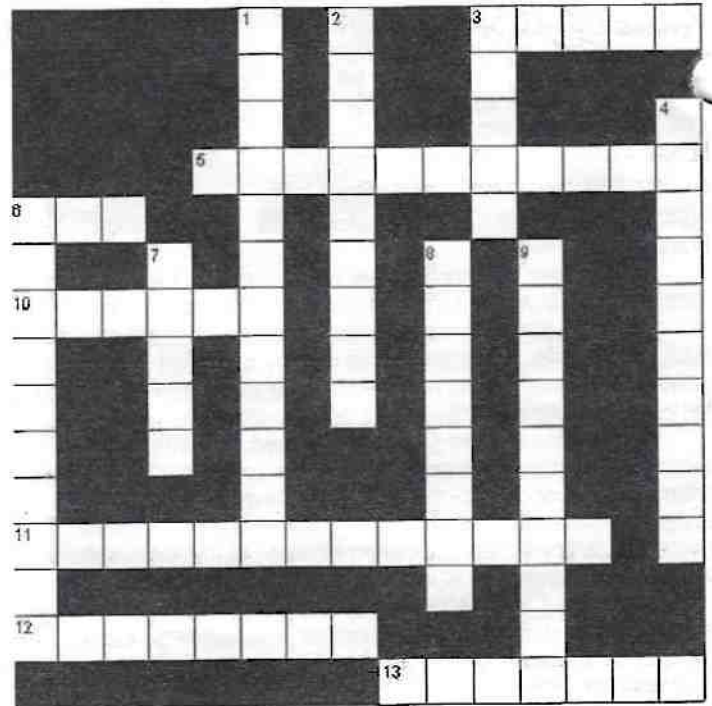
Our second meeting was held in April of 2002 at the Masonic Temple in Saint John where yours truly presented a paper titled "The Governemnt of the Craft in New Brunswick 1784-1867". The third meeting was held in April at the Masonic Temple in where Bro. Lee Fraser presented his paper titled "The Legend of Enoch"

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 28th, 2002 in Mirimichi City where Northumberland Lodge will act as our host. At this meeting our Deputy Grand Master will be presenting a paper on the subject of Prince Hall Masonry.

All of our meetings have been well attended, with visitors always being in attendance. We continue to receive applications for membership at every meeting as a result our membership base continues to show growth.

If you are interested in receiving membership information or have other inquiries regarding the only Lodge of Research in Atlantic Canada please contact the Lodge secretary at the address below. We welcome your visits at any time.

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MASONIC PUZZLE

CLUES DOWN

1. Authority given by Grand Master.
2. Grand Master of New Brunswick.
3. First Lodge warranted in New Brunswick.
4. One of the four cardinal virtues.
6. A figure of two dimensions.
7. Number of liberal art and sciences.
8. The pillar on the left denotes?
9. Symbol of plenty, found on Steward's wand.

CLUES ACROSS

3. Longest serving Grand Secretary
5. Not an operative mason.
6. Number of jewels in a Lodge.
10. First Grand Master in New Brunswick
11. A Lodge meeting.
12. Longest operating Lodge in New Brunswick
13. Location of forest where timbers for KS Temple were felled.

It seems that another Mason, Master of his Lodge, went to Heaven and met with St. Peter. He identified himself as a member of the Craft and St. Peter asked, "What Lodge?" Proudly the Master replied, "Old Adage Lodge #1." St. Peter immediately took him to the Masonic Clock Room. The Master, in puzzlement, looked around the room which was filled with clocks. Each clock had a Lodge's name on a brass plate and, strangely enough, each clock was at a different time. He asked why and St. Peter informed him that the hands only moved when someone in that Lodge made a mistake in the Ritual. The Master then asked where his Lodge's clock was as he couldn't see it. St. Peter replied, "Why, it's in the kitchen, of course." "The kitchen," said the Master?

"Yes, you see, we needed a new fan."