



# Mostly Masonry

THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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

Brethren,

We are now well into the New Year of 2002. I hope that the holiday season was particularly joyous and satisfying to you and yours. I also hope that the year 2002 will become a historical turning point for the fortunes of Freemasonry in New Brunswick.

During my travels to the various Lodges in the jurisdiction I have seen the residual effects of years of hard times. What gives me hope that the turning point is near is the attitude of the Masons that I meet who are still attending Lodge on a regular basis. They are not quitters or hangers-on.

They are not complainers or naysayers. What I am seeing are determined men looking for solutions. I am seeing men who are ready for a resurgence in the Craft. From Bathurst to Boiestown, from Campbellton to the Corinthian and from Acacia to Zetland I am seeing men who are ready to turn the corner and begin building.

We have or are developing the tools we need to assist the Lodges in this turnaround but as with any tool it requires a skilled and energetic Craftsman to make it work properly. I am hearing calls from many corners for the Brethren to improve their skills and I am seeing the energy levels rise. Our time is at hand and we need to be prepared.

Masonic Renewal has concerned itself this year with candidate acquisition, candidate care and candidate retention. You have all seen the Friend to Friend pamphlet and understand its use. Many of you have seen the Friend to Friend video and have preferred it to the pamphlet. Now Renewal is asking you to look at and seriously consider Fellowship Nights. These sessions have had considerable success in bringing candidates to Freemasonry. A copy of the plan for running one can be obtained from the Grand Lodge web site ([www.glnb.ca](http://www.glnb.ca)), from the Grand Secretary or from R.W. Bro. Harold Planetta, the Chairman of the Masonic Renewal Committee.

Candidate care calls for skilled and trained investigators, coaches and Mentors as well as Lodge degree teams that do their work effectively. It calls for sensitivity to the needs of candidates and the satisfaction of those needs.

Candidate retention concerns itself with ways and means of keeping our new Master Masons involved in Lodge following their final degree. R.W.Br. Planetta is currently working on guides for Lodge members to assist them in this phase of candidate development. One of the first guides in this series will concern itself with community involvement, which is one of the main things candidates tend to be looking for

from the Fraternity.

The Education Committee has been working diligently on a project that when implemented should greatly assist Worshipful Masters, strengthen Lodges and ultimately strengthen the Grand Lodge. I am very excited about this project as I hope you will be. The Committee will be bringing an outline of the project to your Lodge in the near future for your input. Please take the time to look at and seriously consider what they are proposing. I am convinced that what they intend to do will not only make us stronger in the Lodge but will set us apart in society. This is worth your careful consideration.

I would like to thank all the members of all the Lodges who have welcomed me this year. You have made me comfortable and made me feel at home. My visiting has been extensive and hopefully the Lodges have enjoyed me as much as I have truly enjoyed them.

I now extend the invitation personally, from me to you, to come to Grand Lodge this year. The annual sessions are for the constituent Lodges. A full representation from the Lodges makes the session a success and allows for a complete exchange of suggestions and ideas. It is your Grand Lodge and without you it is only a hollow administrative shell. Please attend and visit with me as I have visited with you.

*Respectfully submitted,  
R. Wayne Hitchcock  
Grand Master*

## GRAND MASTER HONOURED

Portland, Maine - Mar 23, 2002 The Verrilo Conference Center in Portland hosted 250 Masons as Arundel Lodge #76, Kennebunkport paid tribute to one of their own, M.W. Bro. Wayne T Adams, Grand Master of Masons in Maine. Our own M.W. Bro. Wayne Hitchcock, attended as guest speaker.

Following the speech, M.W. Bro. Wayne Adams, in his "Thank You", presented M.W. Bro. Hitchcock with the Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal, the highest award that is in the power of the Grand Master (in Maine) to present to a Mason. It is given in recognition of high devotion, dedication and exemplary service to the Craft. M.W. Bro. Hitchcock is certainly deserving of the award.

We in New Brunswick are extremely pleased and justifiably proud of that recognition, noting that he has already earned the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick's highest award, the Beardsley Medal; also, for his work in Renewal.

Congratulations, Brother on all your achievements.



## MASONIC RENEWAL BY R.W. BRO. HAROLD PLANETTA

### COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY

How many times have you heard the old excuse from the previous Masters; Well if they would just read the Notice, they would have known what was going on or, it was announced at our last meeting! In today's society, you must communicate effectively if you wish to accomplish the goals and objectives you have established for yourself and the Lodge. Relying on techniques that are traditional and only partially successful will leave you with an empty Lodge and an uncommitted membership.

You must communicate effectively with your membership if your goal is to build an active and growing Lodge. There are many types of communications: verbal, written, word of mouth, body language, appearance and listening. Each is important if you are going to communicate the three principal tenets of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

#### VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Effective public speaking by the Master or his officers is a necessity to properly communicate with the membership and their families. Many Masters neglect to develop this important skill, and when placed in front of their public, fail to communicate their goals and programs. They fail to recognize that leadership requires effective and persuasive verbal communications. Would you follow a leader who cannot verbally inspire you to greater effort? What would you think of a master who stumbles and mumbles when placed before a group of people? The answer is obvious. You would shake your head with pity and wait for another year. Don't let that person be you.

Reciting ritual during your degrees will help you in developing some speaking ability. However, ritual is simply memory work that is drilled into one's mind and repeatedly during practice and degrees. Public speaking requires different skills that can be developed through training and practice.

Very few people in the world can be classified as "natural" public speakers. In almost every instance, when you have heard someone deliver an effective speech, that person has taken the time and effort to prepare himself to communicate effectively.

Remember that every one starts at the bottom, everyone has problems with public speaking and everyone can benefit from further practice and instruction. You may never be the best public speaker, but you can certainly improve. Take the time and make the effort to develop your thoughts, jot down an outline and think it through until you have found the right words you are comfortable with. You will never regret the time and effort expended, and your members, employer and friends will certainly appreciate your new found skills.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

It is not possible to communicate verbally with your entire membership. You must rely on written materials to get your message out to and be understood by those you wish to reach. The quality and style of your written communications will determine whether or not the materials are being read. Take the time to read the materials that are included in your Notice. Are they necessary? Are the contents interesting and stimulating to read? If the answer is "no", then you must do something about it because the response of your membership will be the same. The following are some helpful hints regarding the publication of an interesting notice.

A. Eliminate the "garbage". Some information need not be duplicated month after month, year after year. Select only the material that

people will enjoy reading.

B. Select a format that will attract the readers interest. Small type that is not easily read will save you printing costs, but it will also insure that your notice will quickly find its final destination, with the other junk mail, in the nearest wastebasket.

C. Utilize graphics when possible to attract the reader's attention and accentuate the writer's purpose.

D. Accentuate the positive! All messages and articles should make the reader want to be a part of the good times that are occurring within your Lodge. Talk about the past, present and future activities in a positive manner. Nobody wants to join or be in a negatively oriented Lodge.

E. Check the final product. Poor quality paper, graphics and production will also lead straight to the wastebasket.

F. Plan your monthly Notice to insure that your readers have the Notice in their hands at least two weeks prior to your next stated meeting. A late Notice is no Notice at all!

G. Invite your membership to submit anything they may think will add to your Notice. Involvement is participation, and participation means more members present at your meetings.

#### TAG ALONGS

The Notice is a poor vehicle for some information that must actually be read and understood by the membership. The following are examples of additions you can include along with your Notice.

A. Special events, such as The Grand Masters visit, picnics, receptions, fund raisers, Etc. A special Tag Along with some fun graphics will command attention for your fund raising or social events. This can be done with the help of a Brother who can produce what you need on his computer at little or no cost, and again you have participation.

B. Goals and objectives—You can include a report to each member advising him of the goals and objectives of the Lodge, material they will read, and keep, because they were produced in letter form and easy for them to refresh their minds, and keep on hand.

C. Signs and posters—All who enter your Lodge would be immediately struck with a graphic display of an upcoming special and/or event planned by the Lodge. Leave nothing to chance. Reminders by your Notice, letters and posters will effectively promote your activities and assist you in achieving success, not only for your Lodge, but for you as Master.

#### PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Each person communicates messages to others by the very manner in which he dresses, acts and looks. Take care to see that you are communicating the proper message to those you wish to influence. The following are some hints:

1. Your example as master of the Lodge will be communicated rapidly throughout your Lodge. Human nature, being what it is, will insure that everyone will become informed, either positively or negatively, of your actions. The trick is to "accentuate the positive." By doing so, you set the climate for others to do likewise.

Every Lodge and every organization has its share of nay-sayers. If you listen and react to those who display a negative attitude, you will also become infected with that frame of reference, and the entire Lodge will suffer. On one hand, you have been told to discuss your problems and yet, on the other hand, we want you to "accentuate the positive." Are the two directions compatible? They most certainly are. Discussing problems, places everything on the table.

W. Bro. Everett McKinnon acted as Master of Ceremonies and recalled events in the lives of Sandy and John such as their service in WWII and their employment on their return to civilian life.

Sandy, renowned for his gardening, and John for his woodcraft, were presented plaques depicting these abilities and inscribed to mark their 90th birthdays. The plaques were made and presented by Wor. Master Ralph Bain.



"Sandy" MacMillan, Ralph Bain, John Vincent

Both Sandy and John responded with their thanks as did members of their respective families.

*Submitted by R.W. Bro. E.J. Davis*

*Ed:- With sadness, we report the passing of R.W. Bro. Vincent who entered the Celestial Lodge Above on Jan 2, 2002.*

Points North - Jan 14, 2002 Upwards of a foot of snow that fell on most parts of New Brunswick Sunday evening didn't deter the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Wayne Hitchcock, as he boarded the "carry-van" for an 750 km round trip to the North Shore area.

First stop (official, that is, other than "Timmy's") was in Tidehead to present a 50-year pin and certificate to Bro: Conrad Taylor. Bro: Taylor received his EA Degree in Salisbury Lodge No 20 on June 1, 1951 and raised to MM in November the same year. W. Bro. Owen Firth, Master of Campbellton Lodge, and W. Bro. : Murphy Felix, close friend, were on hand for the presentation and to extend their congratulations.



Moncton, NB - Nov 26/01 - When W. Bro. George Bowness, Master of Acacia Lodge #49, Moncton, mentioned that with the coming of cold weather, a Boa neck warmer might be in order, a Brother took him at his word. At



their regular November communication, Bro. Bernie Gallant took the opportunity to introduce some of his friends at the Moncton Zoo. Not exactly the "Boa" W.Bro. Bowness had in mind; but hey! Try anything once. Twice if you like it.

Florenceville, NB  
Recently Bro. Charles Gallagher became a 50 year member of Carleton Lodge #35 in Florenceville.

Bro. Gallagher had a distinguished career in farming, politics and Lodge before retiring to Woodstock, NB.

The photo shows Bro. Gallagher (left) being presented with his certificate

and pin by Bro. Winston Morton, Lodge Secretary. On behalf of Masons all over the Province, congratulations Bro. Gallagher.

*Submitted by Bro. Winston Morton, Secretary*



#### MOTORCYCLE MASONS – PLAN FOR AUGUST RUN

Looking for 10 - 14 Brothers interested in planning a road trip to Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia on the long weekend in August, 2002. The purpose of the run is to travel and meet fellow Masons and promote fellowship and brotherly love. Our main objective will be to hold fellowship with other brothers in a casual, fun and friendly atmosphere as well as an attempt to expand the general public's knowledge and opinion of our fraternity. Preliminary plans are considering such things as a tour (such as Keith's Brewery, a one-time Brother and Grand Master) and/or a golf journey.

Since the start and end of the run would be Fredericton, biking brethren and their spouses from Hiram, Alexandria and Centennial Lodges will hopefully form the core group.

While on the Island and in Nova Scotia, I would like to visit at least one Lodge in each Province. By visiting these Lodges and brethren, we will be learning their location, some history, meeting and making new friends. Learning about our brethren in other provinces is one way to rejuvenate our society.

If there is enough interest in the trip, contacts will be arranged as well as a couple of meetings to discuss plans.

Please contact Todd Fleck at [tfleck@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:tfleck@nbnet.nb.ca)

#### THE APRON

by Bro. Milford Shields

I took an apron from the pile of white and tied it on to sit in Lodge one night. As I sat there I felt a warming glow about the apron and I looked and lo – the other brethren who had worn it there were gathered 'round in mystic meeting rare. We shared with each the blessings of the years, the dreams, successes, hopes and joyous tears; then we grew humble in each other's loss, in full compassion shared each Brother's cross. Our hearts were one in that most holy place, our spirits fused in God's Masonic grace. We looked upon the apron's perfect white, we were all wearing it that mystic night. We saw that it was large enough to fit the whole wide world, for God had fashioned it.

*Familiar things happen, and mankind does not bother about them. It requires a very unusual mind to undertake the analysis of the obvious.*

*Alfred North Whitehead (1861-1947)*

Florenceville, NB - Feb 14, 2002 Carleton Lodge No 35 had all the right ingredients for a delightful evening: a superb roast pork dinner, a short, crisp business meeting and over an hour of fine entertainment by the very talented band from Carleton North High School. This "jazzy" ensemble had just the right mix of brass, string and keyboard punctuated by the drummer. Carleton Lodge made a sizeable donation to assist them in travel to competitions out west in March.

Undoubtedly, Wor. Master Rev. Leslie Johnston will have more great evenings planned as he gets underway for his year in the East.



M.W. Bro. Wayne Hitchcock, and R.W. Bro. Dennis DeMerchant D.D.G.M #4 were also in attendance.

Havelock, NB - Mar 7, 2002 W. Bro. Chris LeClair, PM of Salisbury Lodge #20 and Grand Sword Bearer, presented Boyce Ward, Wor. Master of Fownes Lodge #45, with the Malodorous Award.



Developed by Salisbury Lodge in 1999, the award apparently has a time release mechanism that kicks in after a short period of time (exact timing is unclear) releasing a most unpleasant smell in the lodge room. The only known way to prevent this from happening is that at least four brothers from the receiving lodge must deliver it as soon as possible to another lodge. It seems that so long as the award keeps moving, the mechanism is inoperative.

Some of the brethren are a bit skeptical of this claim, but no one really has any desire to test their theory — just in case.

St. Andrews, NB - Last fall at a meeting of St. Mark's Lodge No. 5, St. Andrews, R.W. Bro Frank Langley was presented a certificate of merit by W. Bro. Brian Francis, President of N.B. Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd. expressing their appreciation of the contribution made to its programs, with special efforts put forth on behalf of the Quinn House and his con-



tinuing management of it on behalf of St. Mark's Lodge No. 5. This certificate now hangs on the wall of the common room of the Quinn House along with a photo of our late Brother Quinn.

Oromocto, NB - Feb 11, 2002 The tail end of a major snowfall followed by a strong, bitterly cold wind did little to deter the large turnout of brethren for the Grand Master's official visit to Centennial Lodge No 53 in Oromocto. W.M. Sam Best and his officers welcomed M.W. Bro. Hitchcock and his suite with Grand Honors then, down to business. Smooth and efficient are words that aptly describe the session.

A highlight of the evening came as Bro Michael Cabatu received his new MM Apron in recognition of his proficiency in the Craft. His talent for tickling the ivories did not pass unnoticed either as the old piano spewed forth its melodies.



A hearty repast followed the meeting. It is always amazing how these gatherings of the brethren can rejuvenate the soul leaving the participant with a warm glow of fellowship. Just what the doctor ordered.

Saint John, NB - Mar 9, 2002 In a semi-public ceremony, R.W. Bro. Dale Stevens, D.G.M., and a crack installing team, installed the Master and officers of Hibernia Lodge No 3.

Beginning at 3:30 p.m. a large gathering of Masons, their wives, friends and guests watched the entrance of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Wayne Hitchcock and his suite of Grand Lodge officers. W. Bro. Bob Mummery swore his oath of office and was duly installed in the Oriental Chair for the coming year. His father, a past master, presented him with a gavel.

Bro. James Colton, a 50-year member of Hibernia Lodge, was escorted to the East to receive his pin and certificate from the Grand Master.

Following the installation, the brethren and guests enjoyed a



social hour before sitting down to a delicious meal prepared by ladies of the Eastern Star. The Saint John Theatre Company provided entertainment "In the Wee Small Hours" with Stephen Tobias as Frank Sinatra, Jamie Williams as Joey Bishop. A four piece band provided support.

A wonderful time and well organized. A just reward for the amount of hard work put into it.

Campbellton, NB - Nov 23/01 Campbellton Lodge #32 held a special event to celebrate the 90th birthdays of R.W. Bros W.W "Sandy" MacMillan and John Vincent.

The honorees, accompanied by family members, were joined at the Lodge by more than 75 brethren and their ladies to enjoy a social hour followed by a delicious roast beef supper.

There is no further need to discuss the negative aspects of your Lodge. Your goals and objectives together with your plans of action are all that now need to be discussed. Discussing solutions to your problems is the finest way to "accentuate the positive." If you communicate positively you will find all the brethren communicating by "word of mouth" the positive aspects of your Lodge.

Positive thinking infects others with a positive attitude. Even those who do not attend Lodge regularly will be proud of your accomplishments. Our Fraternity is essentially a social organization designed to provide happiness and brotherly love. If negative thinking has seeped into your Lodge CHANGE IT! a successful Lodge is a positive, forward moving Lodge. Act now and insure that all "word of mouth" communications are fruitful, and positive ones.

#### **BODY LANGUAGE**

Communication is more than the written and/or spoken word. Many times we tell others more about ourselves and our attitude by the way we look and act. Emotions of anger, disappointment and frustration, if they are apparent to the membership, not by your words, but by the manner in which you communicate with your body and facial expressions, will create a similar atmosphere within your Lodge. Likewise, if you communicate confidence, satisfaction, and brotherly love by your actions, those positive emotions will also infect the brethren. Who will ever follow a leader whose words say "charge," but whose appearance and demeanor indicates "retreat?"

Changing your body language is easy to say, but hard to do. To be successful, you must continually consider how your attitude and actions will effect your brethren. Every Master has problems and frustrations. The plain facts are that your burden will become heavier and the response of the membership lighter if you communicate disappointment and frustrations. If you are going to lead the troops out of the trenches and up the hill, you must communicate to those who must do the climbing that you are in charge and the hill is not that high. Consider the following as you lead the charge:

1. Your burdens and frustrations must be kept to yourself. As you prepare to go to Lodge, sit alone for a few minutes, dispel all your problems, and then concentrate on all the positive issues within your Lodge. Think about how you are going to greet the brethren and about the good things you have to say. The important thing is for you to prepare yourself emotionally before you enter any meeting of your Lodge.

2. Put on a happy face—While you are driving to Lodge, keep that positive attitude flowing. Park your car, grab your briefcase, brace yourself from within, put on a happy face and, with a little spring in your step, greet your brethren with joy and brotherly love. You may be unhappy within, but that negative disease will not infect others.

3. A personal greeting for everyone—Every single person who enters the front door of your Lodge should feel that his presence and participation is vital to the success of the Lodge. Every officer and every member must greet each other with joy and enthusiasm for their participation that evening. A brother who is not greeted and brought into the circle is a brother who feels neglected and unwanted, the worst possible emotion.

As Master, let others do the routine preparation for your meeting and stand by that front door and personally greet everyone who enters. If a new member or a visiting brother arrives, have someone standing by to personally introduce him to all in attendance. This is their home away from home.

4. Everyone should feel welcome to participate and be an actual part of every Lodge event. The human need to be a part of a social

group dictates that, within a Masonic Lodge, every member and every visitor should feel that he and his family are a vital part of the "in" group. There must never be anyone who feels that he is an "outsider" within your Lodge. Extend genuine invitations to everyone, not only by your words, but by your actions.

No matter what the event is, either within your Lodge or perhaps a gathering following a meeting, invite all to attendance. Most probably won't attend but they will not feel excluded. Those who do attend will feel closer to the Lodge and its members. They will be driven to greater participation. Remember your emotions when you felt excluded from a group important to you. Those excluded will go elsewhere. Those included will return.

#### **APPEARANCE**

Your personal appearance and that of your officers communicates the manner in which you will lead the Lodge. Take a long look at yourself and your officers. Are you, by your very appearance and manner of dress, silently communicating the message to the brethren of the leadership style reflective of your Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity. The body language of dress and appearance has forever been important to all successful organizations. The age old saying, "if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, then it surely must be a duck," is absolutely true. If you want to be a leader, you must look, act and talk like a leader. The brethren will accept nothing less. The historical traditions of Freemasonry dictate that our meetings and ritual be performed in a dignified manner. Do you and your Lodge uphold this Standard of excellence or does your manner of dress reflect the standards of less formal clubs and organizations? The sidelines will appreciate that look and feel of a distinguished corps of officers and respond accordingly. A casual and unkempt appearance will result in a casual and sloppy leadership and ritual. Remember the message you wish to communicate to the membership: Leadership and Competence.

#### **LISTENING**

Communication by the absence of the spoken word is, at times, the most effective communication skill that a Master can utilize to achieve his goals. Positive communication only occurs when two or more parties are able to fully and honestly exchange their views on a particular issue. How many times in your own private or employment situation have you experienced a person "who likes to bark orders, but refuses to listen?" Be open, patient and understanding with your brethren.

Be open by continually talking with, not to, the membership. Everyone should feel that you are open minded and will listen to their particular ideas or complaints. Be patient by taking the time to hear them out. If an issue can be readily resolved, do it. If not, explain the reasons why you can't. The bottom line is that you took the time, listened and communicated back your decision. Everyone should leave a discussion feeling good about the exchange and understanding of each other's positions.

If a Brother's view is opposite from your goals and objectives, attempt to brief him fully on the direction which you and your officers have established and ask for his support. Every Lodge has its naysayers. Your challenge is to stay on track with your goals and attempt, through continual persuasion, to bring those opposed into the fold. You may never accomplish this task. A few may fall by the wayside, but the others, who are sitting on the fence, will be impressed by your approach and will offer their support.

*Fraternally yours,  
Harold J. Planetta, J.G.W.*

### ANTI-MASONRY HEATING UP

The Masonic Information Center has had a dramatic increase in the number of requests for information to respond to attacks from anti-Masonic critics. Particularly, attacks from the religious community.

In an attempt to try to understand why these attacks are increasing and what is behind the nature of them, the Masonic Information Center invited Chip Berlet, author of *Right Wing Populism in America; Too Close for Comfort*, to participate in a discussion at a recent Masonic Information Center Steering Committee Meeting.

Mr. Berlet brought with him a number of books on conspiracy thinking in contemporary America and several books, originally published in the 18th century, claiming that "the enlightenment was a conspiracy promulgated by the Freemasons to undermine established belief structures".

He then went on to discuss how religious extremists view the reading and interpretation of religious texts and how people fuel their religious philosophy around what is wrong in society. The concept is to define which organizations (in their view) create social and religious instability in the world, and then work to get rid of these organizations. Once a group is demonized, then it becomes the central focus of challenge between right and wrong. To the conspiracist, the hero becomes the person who sounds the alarm that a group is evil.

It was also pointed out that many religious extremist groups had very high hopes for a major catastrophic event to occur at the beginning of the new millennium. When nothing they had anticipated occurred, their anger, frustration, and disappointment were unleashed in the form of attacks on groups they label as anti-Christian or involved in a "worldwide conspiracy" to take over the world. When this happens, Freemasonry is almost always at the top of their "enemies" list.

The Masonic Information Center is deeply concerned about these new attacks and realizes that many Masons would like to have good information to help them respond locally. We have a variety of publications available to respond to the attacks from religious extremists and conspiracy theorists.

A listing of some of the publications available through the Masonic Information Center is included for your information.

### THE MASONIC INFORMATION CENTER BROCHURES

**A Response to Critics of Freemasonry** Brochure responding to several of the alleged points of conflict between Freemasonry and Christian theology. #BR-120 - 5¢ each (in any quantity) plus shipping

**Facts About Freemasonry** Brochure answering many of the most frequently asked questions about the Fraternity. #BR-110 - 5¢ each (in any quantity) plus shipping

**Who Are the Masons** An attractive, easy to read introduction to Freemasonry. #BR-130 Sold in lots of 50 only 50 @ .27¢ = \$13.50 100 @ .25¢ = \$25.00 500 @ 23¢ = \$115.00 1000 @ 20¢ = \$200.00 Plus Shipping

### BOOKLETS

**Get a Life; Thoughts on Freemasonry and Religion.** 12 page booklet discussing the relationship between Freemasonry and the religious community. 60¢ each plus shipping 40% discount in lots of 60 or more copies, plus shipping BL-203

**There is No Sin in Symbols:** 16-page booklet showing pictures and explanations of symbols used in everyday life and symbols used by Masons and Masonic related organizations with explanations about their origin and meaning. 25¢ each 40% discount in lots of 50 or more copies, plus shipping #BL-201

**What's A Mason?** 16-page booklet describing the Masonic Fraternity and its purposes. Explains what happens in Lodge meetings and answers many frequently asked questions about the Fraternity. 25¢ each 40% discount in lots of 50 or more copies, plus shipping BL-202

### BOOKS

**Is It True What They Say About Freemasonry?** BY Art deHoyos and S. Brent Morris (foreword and addendum by Jim Tresner). A response to some of the more virulent anti-Masons, this book takes on several of Masonry's critics and refutes their charges. For example: Albert Pike and the "Luciferian" doctrine; James Dayton Shaw's "expose" of Freemasonry; Ron Carlson's lectures on the "Evils of Freemasonry"—all are discussed and refuted on a point-by-point basis. The 1997 Second Edition is updated with 100 pages of new material added. Available through MIC @ \$7.50 quantity purchase (60 or more) 40% discount, plus shipping #BK-510

### SOUTHBOUND ... ALASKA 2002

Brethren, for those of you looking for an exciting vacation getaway where you can enjoy breathtaking scenery, fine dining, daily entertainment and Masonic fellowship, this is for you. Prince David Lodge #101, in British Columbia is coordinating a Masonic Cruise from Seward, Alaska to Vancouver. The following is from their brochure.

**Details of this fabulous 2002 itinerary begins with:**

Sep 16 Mon	Fly from Vancouver to Anchorage, Alaska <i>Enjoy the sites of Anchorage as we travel by motor-coach to the pier in Seward ..... board the fabulous Dawn Princess</i>		LV:10:00PM
Sep 17 Tue	Day at Sea - College Fjord Cruising <i>Captains "Welcome Aboard Party"</i>		
Sep 18 Wed	Glacier Bay Cruising Tentative .... Lodge Meeting with hosted Reception		
Sep 19 Thu	Skagway	ARR: 6:30AM	LV: 8:00PM
Sep 20 Fri	Juneau	ARR: 6:30AM	LV: 4:30PM
Sep 21 Sat	Ketchikan	ARR: 8:30AM	LV: 5:45PM
Sep 22 Sun	Cruising the Inside Passage <i>Captains "Farewell Party"</i>		
Sep 23 Mon	Vancouver		Disembark AM

The all inclusive pricing includes: - Airfare from Vancouver to Anchorage, Vancouver Airport Improvement Fee, Motorcoach transfer in Anchorage to Seward, Cruise Passage, all meals & entertainment, accommodation, port & government fees\*.

Inside Stateroom \$1231. pp

Category K - Inside Stateroom

Ocean View Stateroom \$1775. pp

Category FF - Ocean view Stateroom with picture window

Balcony Stateroom \$2173. pp

Category BD - Private Balcony allows you to experience it more!

Rates for 3rd & 4th persons sharing the same stateroom available from \$434. pp based on Inside Stateroom, depending upon availability of required triple or quad room type(s)

For more information, or for registration forms, contact Prince David Lodge #101 AF & AM, 22272 - 116th Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC

W. Bro. James Cunningham, W.M. - 604-463-5-56

Bro. Ian Forbes, S.W. - 604-576-7428

### A BAG OF TOOLS

Isn't it strange that princes and kings,  
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,  
And common people like you and me  
Are builders for eternity?

Each is given a bag of tools,  
A shapeless mass, a book of rules;  
And each must make — ere life is flown  
A stumbling block, or a stepping stone

R.L. Sharpe

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