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There are four chief obstacles in grasping truth, which hinder every man, however learned, and scarcely allow any one to win a clear title to wisdom, namely, submission to faulty and unworthy authority, influence of custom, popular prejudice, and concealment of our own ignorance with a show of seeming wisdom.

-Roger Bacon, "Opus Majus,"



THE GRAND MASTERS MESSAGE MAY 2003

As my term of office begins I am over whelmed with a sense of gratitude that the Fraternity has placed its trust in me, but at the same time a sense of wonder that I have been placed in the east. The reality of the responsibility started when the collar went around my head and has grown to this point in time. It is my great hope that my endeavors during this term will enhance our great organization.

To our out going Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother R. Wayne Hitchcock, I offer my thanks for the help and trust you gave me in the last year and the heart felt thanks of all the Brethren in New Brunswick. You raised the bar to a very high level with the effort and commitment put into your desire to see our Fraternity grow and prosper. A trend of growth and hope is very evident around the Province and it is my desire to see this expand and grow.

The very existence of an organization depends on the participation of its members in the functions of the organization. We also need to have new members joining to replace those that we loose from our ranks. There is no easy solution to adding members, but we must always follow the guidelines laid down in our constitution. Remember that quality of membership over quantity is what will continue to make us the type of fraternity that will continue its good works.

I urge all the Masons of New Brunswick to show their pride in being Masons not only in their Lodges but, out side for the public to see as you go about your daily routines and meeting each other. The more we show of our good deeds and friendly attitudes the more we will impress the public. If we use pride in our Lodges our ritual work well stay at a high standard and our members will be more attuned to attending.

During the last two years two programs were started in this Jurisdiction that have the potential to greatly improve our meetings and our membership problems, the Officer Training and the Fellowship programs. I will continue to encourage their usage by the Lodges. The results of the Fellowship nights have already been shown in several Lodges. The Training program has been well received by those attending the courses and with the training of more in each Lodge the results should be evident.

I believe the time is right for a push in the ritual work of our Lodges. This year I am asking an expanded Ritual Committee to get into every Lodge and work on the general Ritual of our meetings. The degree ritual will be for another year. This Committee will have members from each District to assist in this program of refining our work. This year I also hope to explore ways to recognize the work done by many of our Lodges and encourage all Lodges to increase their presence in their Districts.

Brethren as we begin a new year of this Grand Lodge please join me in making Masonry grow in this Jurisdiction. Show your pride in Masonry and your love of the Fraternity get involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon R. Rattray
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of New Brunswick

Editorial

On May 9th and 10th the 136th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held at the Masonic Temple in Saint John. A large turnout was on hand for the election of a new Grand Master with an impressive number of visiting dignitaries from other Jurisdictions.

As we say goodbye to the old administration it is now incumbent upon us to demonstrate our support for the new Grand Master and his officers, both appointed and elected. Regular attendance upon the Grand Master, Deputy and District Deputy Grand Master's during their official visits will be proof of our zeal and respect for Grand Lodge and its officers.

One of the hallmarks of the previous administration was its openness and approachability, allowing Masons of all ranks to make suggestions and discuss problems with their Grand Master. We look forward to a new administration that will be as equally open to new ideas and receptive to the candid discussion of problems that pervade our Jurisdiction. The ability to be progressive in thinking, open to new ideas and the implementation of new programs are the trademarks of good leadership.

The annual Grand Lodge communication is an important event and one that impacts on every Mason in the Jurisdiction. For that reason the primary focus of this issue will be on the Brethren that have been elected and appointed to lead. On the following pages you will find biographies of the elected officers, a complete list of the Grand Lodge officers, the Board of General Purposes and the composition of the Grand Lodge committees. It is expected that we shall return to our standard format in the fall issue.

Fraternally;
Stuart MacDonald, PM
Editor

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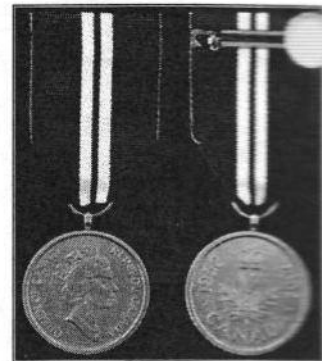
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Queens Jubilee Medal



In the last issue we highlighted a number of Brethren who had been awarded the Queens Jubilee Medal. Since that time I have been informed of several other Brethren who have had this honor conferred upon them. It is with pleasure that I now list those recipients.

Bro. Byron Thomas	Albion Lodge No. 1
Bro. Macx MacNichol	Sussex Lodge No. 4
Bro. Paul Burden	Hiram Lodge No. 6
Bro. Ian Murray	Salisbury Lodge No. 20

Congratulations to each of these members on this achievement. If there are any other recipients that have not been listed, please advise the Editor.

The Queens Jubilee medal has been issued in conjunction with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee. This commemorative medal is being awarded to Canadians who, over the past fifty years, have helped create the Canada of today.

MASONIC QUIZ

1. How many of our Past Grand Masters were Judges and who were they?
2. How many of our Past Grand Masters were men of the cloth and who were they?
3. Who was the first Grand Master to die while in office?
4. How many living Past Grand Masters are there?

(for answers see page 8)

Want of foresight, unwillingness to act when action would be simple and effective, lack of clear thinking, confusion of counsel until the emergency comes, until self-preservation strikes its jarring gong - these are the features which constitute the endless repetition of history.

Bro. Winston Churchill



**R:W:B: ERIC GARDNER
GRAND MASTER**

Born February 20, 1947 in Andover, Victoria Co. NB, the second child and first boy to Ronald and Uta Rattray. Not long after his birth Gordon was bundled up and took his first road trip as the family moved to a farm in Lakeville, N.B. It was here that Gordon would grow up with his six siblings. When not tending to chores around the farm

Gordon could be found developing a strong interest in nature and the environment along with youth activities in the church.

Gordon was educated in the local school system and Graduated from Centreville Regional High School in 1965 where he was class Valedictorian. After High School he attended Mt Allison University and received a BSc. Class of 1969 with a major in Biology and minor in Mathematics. After graduation he pursued an education degree at Mt. Allison and received his BEd. in 1971.

Active in University life he participated in the Drama society for 4 years. When not acting out he could be found behind a camera as the campus photographer for the Year Book (3 yrs) and the campus newspaper (photo editor) and photographer.

Gordon began his teaching career in 1970 at the Caledonia High School where he taught in the Science Department. In January of 1973 he was appointed Department Head for Science. From January 1998 to 2000 he was seconded to District Office as a computer mentor to other teachers. His knowledge of computers resulted in Gordon teaching this subject at the high school from September 2000 until his retirement from teaching in 2002.

Active in the community Gordon is a Past President of the Hillsborough Kiwanis Club. From 1976 to 1989 he was associated with Saint John Ambulance. Here he is credited with the formation of a division in Hillsborough where he served as the first Superintendent and Instructor. In 1981 he was admitted to the Order of St. John, Serving Brother, by Queen Elizabeth II., this would be followed in 1987 with being made an Honorary Life member, Priory of Canada, Order of St. John. In 1989 he received the Victoria Service Medal, of the Order of St. John

When not chasing ambulances Gordon could be found at the village office where he served as a Councilor of the Village of Hillsborough from 1977 to 1980. In the municipal elections of 1980 he successfully contended for the office of Mayor of Hillsborough and served in this capacity until 1983.

In the summer of 1970 Gordon married Lanah Leckey of Chipman NB. They have two children, a girl and a boy.

Masonic Career

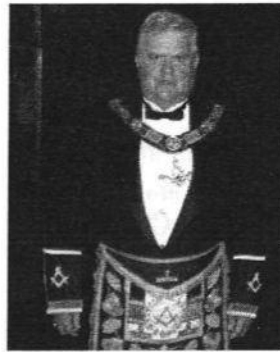
Gordon's Masonic career began when he received the Third Degree on April 4, 1978 in Howard Lodge #15, Hillsborough. In 1984 he was Master of Howard Lodge. He served as Treasurer of Howard Lodge from 1993 to Jan 2003 and Treasurer of the Temple Board 1994-1998.

In 1989 he was appointed as Grand Historian and would continue in this office until 1999 when he was elected as Senior Grand Warden. In May 2002 he successfully ran for the office of Deputy Grand Master.

He has been a member of the Board of General Purposes since 1989 and has served on a number of committees during that period including the Bursary Committee, Awards Committee, Education Committee and Constitution Review Committee.

At the 1998 Communication of Grand Lodge Gordon was presented with The Beardsley Medal, in recognition of his outstanding service to Grand Lodge.

At the 2001 Communication of Grand Lodge he was appointed the Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.



Born in New Denmark, N.B. on March 21, 1943, Wayne is the son of the late John and Gladys (Paulsen) McKay. He has two brothers and one sister. He is married to Karen (Johansen) and they have three sons, Michael, who works for NB Power and resides in Fredericton; Kelly, who works for Irving Personnel in Fredericton and

Terry, attending UNB, working towards his M.B.A., after graduating from St. Thomas University with a B.A. in 2001.

After graduating from New Denmark High School in 1961, Wayne enlisted in the R.C.A.F., returning to New Brunswick in 1965 to join NB Power. He retired in 2000 from NB Power after 35 years. They have resided in Fredericton for 37 years. Wayne and Karen have had a Christmas Tree Farm in New Denmark since 1983. Wayne was president of the Carleton-Victoria Christmas Tree Producers Co-op and is a member of the NB Christmas Tree Association.

The McKay's are members of St. Mary's Anglican Church in Fredericton. He is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch # 15. He served as president of the I.B.E.W., Local 2309 and is a member of the 25 Year Club of NB Power.

MASONIC CAREER

Wayne began his Masonic career by joining Alexandria Lodge #33 in 1979 and served as Worshipful Master in 1990 and 1991, as well as on several committees. He was District Deputy Grand Master of District #6 from 1993 -1995. Active in the other Masonic bodies he has been a member of the Scottish Rite since 1981. He was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in 1986 and served as Potentate in 2001. He is a member and Past Patron of Devon Chapter No. 37, O.E.S. He was president of the Fredericton Shrine Club in 1999.

He was elected Deputy Grand Master at the 136th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick on May 10, 2003.

Reading is the work of the alert mind, is demanding, and under ideal conditions produces finally a sort of ecstasy. This gives the experience of reading a sublimity and power unequalled by any other form of communication.

-E. B. White



R:W:B: ERIC GARDNER
SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

Eric was born in Sydney Mines, Cape Breton in 1962, one of three children of Clifford and Joyce Gardner.

Eric was educated in the local school system, graduating from Memorial High School in Sydney Mines. During his youth Eric was active in Scouts, Little League and curling, and like every Maritime boy loved to play road hockey.

Following his graduation from High School Eric attended the College of Cape Breton and it was from here that he was recruited by the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission and moved to Saint John in 1981. Eric has been employed by the Power Commission since that time and is located at the Point Lepreau Generating Station working in the Chemistry Department.

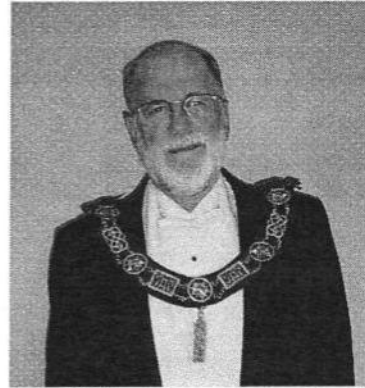
Eric and his wife Jennifer live in Summerville, N.B. Eric has one son, Ryan. When not working or attending to his Masonic duties Eric enjoys boating, biking, photography and traveling.

Masonic Career

In 1990 Eric decided to follow in his Fathers (VWB Clifford Gardner) footsteps when he joined The New Brunswick Lodge No. 22. Eric had the distinction of being raised in Manchester, New Hampshire when New Brunswick Lodge traveled to that city to make a fraternal visit.

Eric Served as Worshipful Master of the New Brunswick Lodge No. 22 in 1999. He is currently the Treasurer of the Union lodge of Portland No. 10

A member of the various York Rite bodies Eric is also the Secretary of the Masonic Temple Ltd. For the last two years he has served as Chairman of the annual Grand Lodge Communication.



R:W:B: CHARLES BRUCE
JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

Charles was born at home in a farmhouse in the Village of Taxis River, N.B. the fifth son and tenth child born to the late Berton and Emma Bruce. His early education during the first six years took place in the proverbial one room schoolhouse. He completed his education at the Upper Miramichi Regional High School where he graduated in 1956.

In June of 1957 Charles joined the New Brunswick Telephone Company. He held employment with NB Tel until 1967 during which time he held positions in Fredericton, Moncton and Saint John.

In 1967 Charles moved to the nations capital where he joined Canadian General Electric as a Computer Maintenance Customer Engineering Representative. In 1970 CGE Computer division was merged with Honeywell Information Systems and Charles would continue with the new operation becoming Manager of the Field Engineering Representatives in 1971.

By 1974 he was back in his native Province of New Brunswick and in 1976 joined Digital Computer Systems as Customer Representative for the Province. In 1987 he was promoted to Field Service Unit Manager which position he would hold until his retirement in 1992.

When not involved with his Masonic activities Charles enjoys all outdoors activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking and biking but has long since exchanged the hunting rifle for a camera. He once ran a ten KM. race backwards to help raise money for renovations to the community church at Taxis River. Although he was the only one running backwards he crossed the finish line in 3rd place.

In 1962 he was married to Margaret Mitton (Margie) in the United Baptist Church in Penobsquis NB and have two daughters Lori and Tammi.

Masonic Career

Charlie's Masonic career began in 1971 when he joined Doric Lodge No. 58 in Ottawa and advancing as far as Junior Deacon of that Lodge before returning to New Brunswick. Back home he affiliated with Landmark Lodge No. 51 in Boiestown where he served as Worshipful Master in 1984 and 1999. Active in the other Masonic bodies Charles is especially proud of his role as Advisor to the Stanley B. Cassidy Chapter, DeMolay.

In his service to Grand Lodge he was installed as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 6 in May of 2001. He has also served as Education Chairman of District No. 6.

**GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
2003-2004**

ELECTED

Grand Master M:W:B: Gordon R. Rattray
 Deputy Grand Master R:W:B: Wayne McKay
 Senior Grand Warden R:W:B: Eric C. Gardner
 Junior Grand Warden R:W:B: Charles Bruce
 Grand Treasurer R:W:B: Robert Kierstead
 Grand Chaplain V:W:B: Dana Dean
 Grand Tyler Bro. Elwell Pierce

APPOINTED

Grand Secretary M:W:B: J. Ralph Andrews

District Deputies

District No. 1 R:W:B: William Koval
 District No. 2 R:W:B: Myles Graham
 District No. 3 R:W:B: Sterling Manderville
 District No. 4 R:W:B: Blake McBride
 District No. 5 R:W:B: Cliff Jackson
 District No. 6 R:W:B: Laurie Bishop
 District No. 7 R:W:B: George Bowness

Grand Historian R:W:B: David "Bud" Gillrie
 Senior Grand Deacon W:B: Tom Miller
 Junior Grand Deacon W:B: George Ingersoll
 Grand DoC W:B: Ray Joudrey
 Asst. Grand DoC W:B: Allen Gillis
 Grand Sword Bearer W:B: Norman Goodine
 Grand Standard Bearer W:B: John Parlee
 Grand Organist W:B: Robert Ross
 Grand Piper W:B: William Kerwin
 Grand Pursivant W:B: Bill Millett

Grand Stewards:

W:B: Lloyd Hodgins Albion Lodge No. 1
 W:B: Steve Hemming Hiram Lodge No. 6
 W:B: Bennett Fanjoy Carleton Union Lodge No. 8
 W:B: Barrie Murchison Union Lodge of Portland No. 10
 M:W:B: Carr Graham Lodge St. Andrew No. 16
 W:B: Doug Duff Salisbury Lodge No. 20
 W:B: Robert King Zetland Lodge No. 24
 W:B: Terrance Spence Lodge St. John No. 27
 W:B: David Skinner Alexandria Lodge No. 33
 W:B: William Miller Tobique Lodge No. 48
 W:B: Malcolm Farrell Centennial Lodge No. 53

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2003-2004**

15 M:W:B: Gordon R Rattray The Grand Master

CHAIRMAN

33 R:W:B: Wayne McKay Deputy Grand Master

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22 R:W:B Eric GardnerSenior Grand Warden
 51 R:W:B: Charles BruceJunior Grand Warden
 33 M:W:B: I. Dale Steeves -Past Grand Master
 15 M:W:B: J. William MurrayPast Grand Master
 49 M:W:B: Charles N. HollettPast Grand Master
 50 M:W:B: Orville H. MasonPast Grand Master
 16 M:W:B: Carr W. GrahamPast Grand Master
 15 M:W:B: William H. Balsler JrPast Grand Master
 1 M:W:B: Osborne L. NasonPast Grand Master
 49 M:W:B: James H. PikePast Grand Master
 39 M:W:B: R. Wayne HitchcockPast Grand Master
 8 R:W:B: Robert A. KiersteadGrand Treasurer
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 48 R:W:B Blake McBride D.D.G.M. NO. 4
 7 R:W:B Clifford Jackson D.D.G.M. NO. 5
 33 R:W:B Laurie Bishop D.D.G.M. NO. 6
 49 R:W:B: George Bowness D.D.G.M. NO. 7

APPOINTED

22 R:W:B: Gordon S. Young Past Deputy Grand Master
 49 R:W:B: Michael G. Swetnam .. Past Deputy Grand Master
 24 R:W:B: Evan W. Thomas Past Deputy Grand Master
 3R R:W:B: Fergus J. Price Past Deputy Grand Master
 22 R:W:B: William T. Ryan Past Deputy Grand Master
 3 R:W:B: Dale Stevens Past Deputy Grand Master
 7 R:W:B: Harold J. Planetta Past Senior Grand Warden
 45 R:W:B: Boyce Ward Hon.Past Senior Grand Warden
 35 R:W:B: William Boone..... Past Senior Grand Warden
 15 R:W:B: Maurice Linkletter Past Junior Grand Warden
 8 R:W:B: Earl B. Campbell Past Junor Grand Warden
 22 R:W:B: Ralph E. Hatfield Past Junior Grand Warden
 13 R:W:B: F. Graham Pelley Hon. Past Junior Grand Warden
 52 R:W:B: John M. Jefferies PDDGM
 13 R:W:B: Ches R. Piercey PDDGM
 6 R:W:B: David W. Gillrie PDDGM
 6 R.W.B. Len Bishop PDDGM
 8 W:B: Brian Francis Chairman Masonic Charities and Housing

Come, thieving time, take what you must,
 Quickness to move, to hear, to see,
 When dust gathers near to dust,
 Such diminutions need must be,
 But leave, O leave, exempt from plunder,
 My sense of humor, curiosity, and wonder.

-Anonymous poem, from 93 year-old lady,
 given to her pastor in a Washington church

THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK F. & A.M.

COMMITTEES 2003-2004

AWARDS

- R:W:B: L. Bishop (6) Chairman
- R:W:B:M. E. Clouston(27)
- R.W.B: F. J Price(3)
- R.W.B: C. Webber.....(52)

BURSARIES

- M:W:B: J. H. Pike (49)Chairman
- R:W:B: E. Gardner.....(22)
- M:W:B: J. R. Andrews(3)
- M:W:B: J. W. Murray(15)
- M.W.B: C. Graham.....(16)

AUDIT

- R:W:B R. Whitcomb..... (8) Chairman
- R:W:B:F. E. Robinson (2)
- W: B: S. A. Brenton (1)
- M:W: B: 0. L. Nason (1)

FINANCE

- R:W:B:E. B. Campbell8)Chairman
- R:W:B:R. A. Kierstead (8)
- M:W:B: J. R. Andrews (3)
- M:W:B: 0. L. Nason (1)
- W:B: D. L. Moore (13)

WARRANTS

- R:W:B:G. S. Young (22)Chairman
- M:W:B: C. N. Hollett (49)
- M:W:B: J. H. Pike (49)
- R:W:B:C.R. Piercey (13)

LIBRARY

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- Bro. L. Fraser (13)

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- R:W:B:R. E. Hatfield (22)
- R:W:B: A. Young (49)
- R:W:B: C. Bruce.....(51)
- W.B. R. Joudry.....(49)

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- R.W.B: W. T. Ryan.....(22) Chairman
- M:W:B: 0. L. Nason (1)
- R:W:B: W. H. McKay (39)

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

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- R:W:B:W. Boone (35)
- W:B: S. J. MacDonald (1)

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- R:W:B:J. M. Jeffries (52)

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- R:W:B: M. J. Linkletter(15) Chairman

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- R:W:B D. Stevens.....(3) Chairman
- R:W:B M. Ganong(13)
- R:W:B H. Planetta (7)
- W:B: R. Watson(52)

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SHE CHANGED HER MIND A TRUE STORY by CARL H. CLAUDY- 1937

Timmy O'Rourke is as Irish as his name, and one of the hardest working Lodge Secretaries I know. I like Timmy for many reasons, maybe you'll guess why before you have finished this page. "It was back a few years," Timmy confided to me after Lodge was closed one night. "Oh, I don't know--the girls are fifteen and seventeen--fourteen, fifteen years ago."

"What girls?"

"Our girls--Tuscan Lodge's girls. Stop interrupting!" growled Timmy. "Tis a good story you'll be spoiling . . ."

I promised to say not another word.

Tuscan had a Brother Cohen--and he was as fine a chap as you'd want to meet. Cohen had two babies--one two, the other four--beautiful girl babies. Mrs. Cohen died, and Cohen took his bairns and went to board with Mrs. Halloran. Mrs. Halloran is just the way all Mrs. Hallorans who keep boarding houses ought to be; she's fat and sixty-nine now, and Irish and Catholic, and with a brogue as big as her heart. And, of course, she took the motherless babies to her heart and loved them in the ample Irish way. This was in a city some five hundred miles from Tuscan Lodge.

Then Brother Cohen got himself killed in an auto accident, and there was no kith nor kin to look after body or babies. A Lodge in the city where he died wired us for instructions; what were they to do with the body of our Brother, and with his bairns? Tuscan wired back to bury Brother Cohen and send us the bill, and ship on the babies--we'd adopt them and put them in the Home.

"The Lodge buried Brother Cohen, but the Welfare Board or the Court, some one, wouldn't let them send us the babies. It seems orphans just can't be shipped around like dead bodies. Well, we wanted the babies. Cohen was ours and we loved him, and his babies, by the beard of Solomon (did Solomon have a beard?) were ours, too. So we wrote to the Court.

"But Mrs. Halloran wanted the babies, too. She had grown to love them, and she resented with all her huge Irish heart the idea of any group of men in general, and Masons in particular, robbing her as she thought of it, of 'her' children. She got her a lawyer and we got us a lawyer, and at the right time the Lodge sent me on to the city where the Court was to decide.

"Mrs. Halloran's lawyer put her on the stand, and she did a great job of damning the Masons and loving the kiddies; she had witnesses to prove she had means enough to take care of them, and she didn't need any witnesses to make every one sure she loved the little girls--and her lawyer hadn't overlooked the bet of having them present, all dressed up in their best bibs and tuckers. Mrs. Halloran was a star at dramatic loving of the children, and when she got through every one seemed satisfied they were hers.

"Well, I liked the old lady. But I had a job to do, too, so I told the court how the Lodge had loved Cohen, and of how we had a beautiful Masonic Home--I had photographs to show him--and of how we, the Lodge, had an income sufficient to take care of a hundred orphans. And I stressed that we didn't want the babies for any ulterior motive, but just because they were our Brother's children. And I guess I laid it on pretty thick about the educational advantages of the Home . . .

"The Court didn't take long to decide. 'Any group of men who want

those children badly enough to undertake to bring them up, and who would send a representative on a journey of five hundred miles for no other reason than brotherly love, deserve consideration,' the Court said. 'Mrs. Halloran cannot offer the children so many advantages, and it is obvious the children should be brought up in the father's religion. So the Court awards these minors to Tuscan.'

"Mrs. Halloran broke into a storm of weeping, and the babies cried, and a lot of women in the Court sniffled, and it was a very damp party, indeed. The judge called me to the Bench and said 'You have what you came after. But if I were you I'd be a little tactful with Mrs. Halloran. You can see she loves the children. . .'

"I went over and sat down by Mrs. Halloran. She was trying to say good-bye to the babies and making very wet work of it.

"You think I am a bad man,' I began, 'but. . .'

"Bad, is ut!' she stormed at me. 'Faith, an' if I thot ye was bad, I'd have th' loife of yez. Staling my babies. . . I think ye fought fr a principle but I hate yez. Now I can part with 'em. . .' She wept afresh. "The poor childer. . ."

"But I'm not asking you to say good-bye to them, now," I interrupted.

"She looked at me, puzzled.

"You take them home and get them ready. Pack up their things. Then, after a week or so, I want you to bring them to the Masonic Home. We'll pay your expenses both ways. Come with them. See for yourself what a lovely place it is. Meet the House Mother--you'll know when you see her she will love and take care of the children. And if you are not entirely satisfied--well, you can bring them back with you again.'

"Maybe that was stretching it a little, but the old lady was in real distress.

"Ye mane I can bring 'em mesilf! Ye mane I can make shure th childer will be well trated?'

"Exactly so,' I said, and Mrs. Halloran gathered up her bag, her umbrella, a parcel, and her two babies and swept her two hundred and fifty pounds from the Court.

"In due time Mrs. Halloran came to the Home. I met her. She came with a chip on her shoulder and, metaphorically, a chain around the neck of each baby. But we have a swell Home, and after she had been there two days, and seen the School, and the other children, and talked with the Superintendent and his staff, and with the guests . . .well, she changed her mind. She backed me into a corner.

"'Tis a fine job ye did, young man!" she accused me. "Fine, indade, winnin' me over whin I wasn't to be won. But I c'n see ye can do more fr thim here than I can, an'--" "Heaven gave me the wit to know what she was trying to say and couldn't get past the lump.

"Indeed, yes, Mrs. Halloran! You can come as often as you want, and in summer they can come to you for a vacation--we want them to have you and your love . . ."

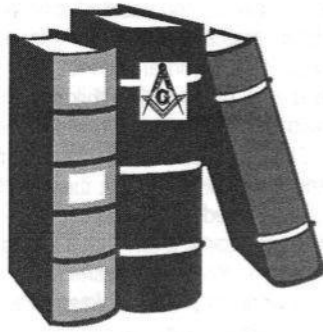
"And then I was hugged in public--smothered is more nearly the term, and I loved it! And now once a year Mrs. Halloran comes to see her girls, and once a year they spend two weeks with her. And if you could hear her talk about the Masons! 'Sure, th' good father says ye are forbid by th' church,' she says, 'but I knows what I know. 'Tis good men ye are an I'll fight wid enywan who says ye ain't. 'Tis all goin' th' same road--"

I thought this over for a moment. Then: "How does Mrs. Halloran get enough money to make the journey every year? Does the Lodge . . ."

"It does not," said Timmy, rather shortly, "and 'tis none of your business."

He was right. It wasn't. But I think I know. Which is one of many reasons why I like Timmy....

From the
Book
Shelf



Masonic Symbols and Signposts

By RWB Leon Zeldis

Reviewed by Bro. Lee Fraser

New books on any subject related to Masonry are rare and one that deals with Masonry's arcanum of symbols is even rarer. Brother Zeldis, in the latest of a series of books, stories and poetry speaks about a number of common Masonic symbols such as the Ladder, Colours, the Stone and the Labyrinth as well as a number of what he calls Signposts. These include his thoughts on a wide range of subjects from an esoteric view of the Rose Croix degree to a brief history of a selection of Sephardic Jews in Freemasonry.

Leon Zeldis is Past Sovereign Grand Commander Supreme Council AASR of Israel and is the founder and past master of La Fraternidad Lodge in Tel Aviv. His many Masonic distinctions include Fellow of the Philaethes Society, member of the Blue Friars as well as membership in several Masonic research bodies. He has published over 150 articles and several books on the history and symbolism of Freemasonry and is an international lecturer on these subjects.

This is a private printing that is not currently available at Amazon.com but it is available through Masonic sources.¹ There is a copy available through the Grand Lodge Library.

All texts regardless of their flaws provide some food for thought. Zeldis' chapter on Campanella's book "The City of the Sun" written in Italian in 1602 is a case in point. This work has been referenced by a number of other authors particularly in connection with Rosicrucian philosophies. Zeldis speculates that these Hermetic and Cabalistic ideas were integrated with operative Masonic lodges that, as he points out, had started to accept non-operative members and that: "The hermetic philosophers found in Masonic Lodges the protection of secret and silence that enabled them to continue their research."

While much of the book treats symbols found in Blue Lodges a significant portion is given over to the symbols associated with the Scottish Rite. Much of the discussion on the symbology of colour is related to the trappings used in the various degrees of the AASR.

Brother Zeldis appears to be "of the old school" in that he alludes to ideas or things Masonic even though these things are today common knowledge and readily available to anyone curious enough to seek them out.

¹ Anchor Communications, Lancaster, VA 22503, USA [or http://www.goanchor.com](http://www.goanchor.com)

Masonic symbols and Signposts is a relatively short book. It contains a number of typographical and technical errors that detract only slightly from the obviously rich knowledge of Masonry Brother Zeldis possesses. If I had a single complaint regarding content it would be the inclusion of topics that really have nothing to do with symbology or signposts but more properly must be considered history or philosophy. In any event it is worth the few hours it takes to read it but the most thought proving ideas taken away may have nothing to do with symbols or signposts.

GRAND LODGE AWARDS

Each year at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick the Awards Committee announces the recipients of the Quinn and Beardsley Medals. The 2003 awards are as follows:

QUINN MEDALLION

District # 1	R:W:B: Ralph Hatfield
District # 2	W:B: Peter Spence
District # 3	Bro. Burton Smith
District # 4	W:B: David Bishop
District # 6	Bro. William Rae
District # 7	W:B: Tom Miller

BEARDSLEY MEDALLION

District # 1	R:W:B: Earl Campbell
District # 3	R:W:B: Melvin McLaughlin

Grand Master's choice

District # 5	R:W:B: Harold Planetta
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Congratulations are extended to all of the worthy 2003 recipients.

ANSWERS TO MASONIC QUIZ

1. There were four, Benjamin Peters, William Wedderburn, J. Gordon Forbes and John Baxter
2. There were two, the Rev. Arthur Coleman and the Rev. Kenneth Legassick.
3. The first Grand Master to die while in office was MWB. John Thornton
4. There are eleven, MWB's Steeves, Murray, Hollett, Mason, Graham, Balser, Nason, Pike, Hitchcock, Andrews and Bodin. (the last two being honorary)