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Trials, temptations, disappointments - all these are helps instead of hindrances, if one uses them rightly. They not only test the fiber of character but strengthen it. Every conquering temptation represents a new fund of moral energy. Every trial endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before.

-James Buckham



Brethren,

I did something the other night for the first time and the experience has left its mark on me. I closed a Lodge for the final time and carried its Charter back to Grand Lodge. That sounds simple enough but the actual deed was anything but simple. That Lodge had been in existence for 124 years and 1,408 meetings had been held under its Charter.

The most memorable parts of the evening were the recounting and stories of long time members. Most of these I listened to before Lodge was even opened. It set a mood or a feeling of sad reconciliation among many of the Masons who attended. The strongest statements were made by the last Worshipful Master of the Lodge in his address to the Grand Master. His feelings and emotions echoed those of his members. I watched their faces as his address went on. Each

was reliving the moments and the people the Master was recalling back to life again.

Closing a chapter in our lives is never easy. A man takes great pride in his Lodge and those who attend with him. He also realizes he is a part of a much larger picture that stretches back into time and encompasses the many members of the Lodge that have gone before him, a living history so to speak. To close a Lodge is akin to having your house burn to the ground. Your personal possessions, your pictures, your furniture, your books, gone in the wink of an eye. The rocking chair you fed the grandchildren in, gone. The couch where you sat and watched the Stanley Cup finals every year, gone. The new house you will move into will be warm and comfortable but the memories won't be there. It is a life changing experience.

This experience has encouraged me to work even harder for the health and welfare of our Lodges. I am close enough to the end of my term that this may be the last time you hear from me in Mostly Masonry and many Lodges have already had their last visit from me as Grand Master. However, I still have about four months to go and I will see that they are productive. We have many irons still in the fire, some are producing results and some are yet to come. The candidates for the various offices of your Grand Lodge are already lining up and declaring themselves. There seems to be a renewed interest in the offices and that bodes well for the future. The names I have seen so far are all well qualified brethren. The only shame is that many of them will be sent home un-rewarded for their generosity.

I sincerely encourage all members of Grand Lodge to begin making plans to attend our annual sessions in May. We are going through changing times and only strong leadership will keep us afloat. Come and exercise your voting rights and help select that leadership. It is extremely important to the Craft.

Thank you again Brethren for allowing me to serve as your Grand Master during the last two years and hopefully the new administration will find some tiny corner (although the Editor says I won't fit in a "tiny corner") from which I can continue to make a contribution. God bless you all my Brethren.

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

# Editorial

## “Official visits of the Grand Master”

I would like to relate a story to you. In September of 2001 the Grand master of Alberta, MWB Doug Troock and six well known Masons from Alberta along with their wives were on holiday in Tennessee. To make a long story short these seven Alberta Masons made a fraternal visit to Mountain Star Lodge No. 197 in Sevierville, Tennessee. What makes this story interesting is that MWB Troock was the **FIRST** ever Grand Master to visit this 151 year old Lodge. The members of Morning Star Lodge were excited to say the least and before the visiting brethren left that evening all had been made honorary members of the Lodge.

I believe that in this jurisdiction we often take an official visit of the Grand Master for granted, when it should be considered a special occasion. It is a time for the members of the Lodge to come out and meet the Grand Master, a time for presentations of pins, certificates and jewels and yes even a time for speech making. It is a time to enjoy a festive board together, however humble it may be.

It is not a time for long drawn out business meetings, nor should it be considered appropriate to exemplify degree work. Meetings should be well organized and effectively run. This will allow ample time for the Grand Master to call upon those members of Grand Lodge that have accompanied him to address the Lodge before he shares his thoughts with the brethren. A short meeting will also allow for a period of fellowship after the Lodge is closed, where the members, from the youngest entered apprentice who sits in the northeast corner to the most senior Past master will have an opportunity to speak with their Grand Master.

We should also remember that in many instances the Grand Master and his party are travelling a considerable distance to attend your Lodge. So let's allow these dedicated members of Grand Lodge to return home at a decent hour. Isn't that the way you would want to be treated?

Fraternally;  
Stuart MacDonald, PM  
Editor

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## *Queen's Jubilee Medal*

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. The program is an opportunity to recognize citizens for an outstanding and exemplary achievement or service to the community, or to Canada as a whole. Three members of the fraternity from the Saint John area were recipients of this medal. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002 the Honorable (Worshipful Brother) Joe Day, Senator, conferred this honor upon MWB J. Ralph Andrews, Grand Secretary; MWB Kenneth Legassick, Past Grand Master and Bro. Dale Summerville. The Honorable Joe Day is a Past Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 13.



MWB Andrews with the Honorable Joe Day

### MASONIC QUIZ

1. Which Grand Master served thirty days in jail on contempt of court charges?
2. Who was the first man born in what would become the Province of New Brunswick to be made a Mason and in what Lodge did this occur?
3. Up until 1813 all of the English Lodges in New Brunswick, with the exception of one, fell under which mother Grand Lodge in England?

Friendship is the joy, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pouring all right out as they are, chaff and grain together, confident that a faithful, friendly hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of comfort, blow the rest away.

-George Eliot

**NEWS FROM LODGES AROUND THE PROVINCE**

**GRAND CHAPLAINS SERVICE**



L-R: VW Rev. Dana Dean, WB Dan McGaghey & MWB Wayne Hitchcock

Last October saw the Grand Chaplain, Very Worshipful The Rev. Dana Dean hold a Divine Service at Trinity Church is the oldest Anglican church in Canada, built in 1789 by United Empire Loyalists who settled in the area. The Divine Service, with a Thanksgiving theme, was preceded by a traditional Thanksgiving dinner served in the church hall. The message was delivered by MWBro: Wayne Hitchcock on invitation from the Reverend Dean. MWBro: Hitchcock spoke on things we should be thankful for, but seldom see them as blessings.

**Tobique Lodge**

On his official visit to Tobique Lodge in Nov. the Grand Master took advantage of the occasion to present RWB Ralph Ashworth, PDDGM, with his appt. as the Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Acre. Brother Claude Paget was on hand to receive his 50-year pin and certificate from the Grand Master.



MWB Hitchcock congratulating RWB Ashworth

**50 YEARS**

On October 17, 2002 while in the southwest part of the province the Grand Master had the pleasant duty of presenting WB Lloyd Worrell with his Fifty year certificate and pin. WB Worrell is a member of Ashlar Lodge No. 36 in McAdam. (Photo submitted by Bro. James McCracken)



WB Worrell receiving his Fifty year certificate from the Grand Master

**NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE NO. 17**



Bro. Green receiving his 50 year pin from the GM

During the Grand Masters official visit to Northumberland Lodge No. 17 the Worshipful Master, took the opportunity to have the Grand Master present Bro. Len Green with his fifty-year pin. Thus Bro. Green joins a select group within the fraternity who have faithfully served the craft for a half century or more.

**Hiram Award presented**



M: W:Bro. Wayne Hitchcock congratulates the worthy recipient of the Hiram Award as W:Master, John Carey (r) looks on

W:Bro: John Carey, Master of Lodge St. John No 21 rolled out the red carpet for MWBro: Wayne Hitchcock for his official visit. In a strong show of support, brethren from as far away as Moncton, Campbellton and the Miramichi were in attendance to accompany the Grand Master. After a short business meeting, the Worshipful Master called WBros: Gerald Harris and Cleveland Jagoe to the East for a presentation of the Hiram Award in recognition for service to the fraternity

**Carleton Lodge No. 50**

Although it was a District meeting our Grand Master never passes up an opportunity to present a 50 year pin and certificate. On this occasion the recipient was WB Donald Green. Bro. Green, who was Master in 1960 spoke wistfully of the years gone by and of the members that are no longer among us.



**ALBERT LODGE NO. 34 GOES DARK**



There are two occasions over which a Grand Master has no great desire to preside; funerals and the closing of a Lodge. Both are equally sad. On December 11<sup>th</sup> the Grand Master and a large contingent of brethren from around New Brunswick were in Riverside Albert for the unhappy purpose of extinguishing the last flickering light of Albert Lodge. Upon Completion of the District meeting followed by a short talk by the Grand Master, the brethren slowly filed out of the Lodge as the lights went dark one by one, until only the Grand Master and Master remained, their shadows flickering from the light of a single candle. Finally it too was extinguished and Albert Lodge passed into history. The solemnity of the moment did not escape the assembly.

**"MASON OF THE YEAR"**



RW Rubin and WB Ingersoll

On 2 Nov. 2002 RWB Nathan Rubin, DDGM, made an official visit to Mananook Lodge No. 38. R.WB Rubin presented the District No. 5 "Mason of the Year" award to WB George F. Ingersoll who is currently serving his third consecutive term as W.M. of that Lodge. The award is made by the Past Masters' Association of District 2 in Maine and District 5 in NB. R.W. Rubin is the current President of the Past Masters' Association which has

approximately equal numbers of members from both Maine and New Brunswick.



The Grand Master with Bro. Walter Fearn, and WB Ron Steeves Worshipful Master of Grand Lake Lodge in Minto. Bro. Walter Fearn received his twenty-five year pin from the Grand Master during his official visit to Grand Lake Lodge in September.

**PRESENTATION TO FOWNES LODGE**



L-R:- W:B: D.Miller; WB: J.Buchanan; RWB: B.Ward; MWB: Wayne Hitchcock; WB: G.Steeves; WB: R.Church; WB: L. Brown

During the Grand Masters official visit to Fownes Lodge No. 45 the Past Masters of the now dormant Tweedie Lodge in Moncton presented the members of Fownes Lodge with a number of artifacts, regalia and equipment that had belonged to their former Lodge. The presentations brought forth a resounding round of applause from the brethren who had gathered for the occasion.

On July 3, 2002 RWB Irwin Wiseman and WB John Carey visited the home of Bro. Harold Gammon for the purpose of presenting Bro. Gammon with his fifty year certificate and pin. Bro. Gammon is a member of Lodge St. John No. 27 in Bathurst.



L-R in the picture, WB Carey, Bro. Gammon and RWB Wiseman, DDGM.

**DISTRICT 6 MEETING**



District 6 Masters gather for District meeting. L-R - W:Bros: Thurston Gallagher, Landmark 51; Phillip Nason, Sunbury No 42; Steven Hemming, Hiram 6; Ronald Steeves, Grand Lake 47; Eric Smith, Granite Lodge 54; Mark Jewett, Alexandria 33

The annual District 6 meeting was held at Landmark Lodge No. 51 at Boiestown on Nov. 19, 2002. There was a large turnout for the meeting with the district Lodges reporting of their progress during the year.

**The Grand Lodge of  
New Brunswick  
Training and Development  
Team  
January 2003**

Part of the 5-year plan of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is to develop a series of soft skill courses for the Officers and members of Craft Lodges. Each course is designed to give the participants an opportunity to learn new skills, and share their own experiences through active interchange, role playing and exercises using adult learning principles.

So far as possible, all courses are held in the participants home area to minimize cost and travel. While attendance is open to all Masons, Officers in particular are encouraged to take advantage of the courses.

The following course is presently being offered in different areas, to be followed closely by courses on Communication Skills, Stress Management, Team Building, and Planning, Organizing, & Delegation.

**Running An Effective Lodge Meeting:**

This course is designed with the Master and Secretary in mind, they being the principles in a lodge business meeting. However, others will derive many benefits as well.

Participants will learn some basic communication skills, what constitutes a meeting, when a meeting is effective, working with an agenda, roles and responsibilities of chair and secretary, chairing a meeting, handling debate, and rules of order. A mock meeting will provide the opportunity to put theory to practice.

Length: Approximately 6 hours

**Schedule:**

Dist 4 – Nov 26-27, 2002

Dist 4 – Dec 16-17, 2002

Dist 2 & 7 – Nov 30, 2002

Dist 5—Jan 4, 2003

Dist 6—Jan 11, 2003

Dist 1—Jan 11, 2003

Dist 3 - TBD

There are several other courses that will be developed over the year and/or combined with existing courses. Some of the others include: Lodge Financial administration, Presentations and Public Speaking, Problems solving, Interviewing Techniques, Bylaws and Constitution and Roles and Responsibilities of Lodge officers. In addition, all courses will touch on Essences of Leadership, Supervisory techniques, Cultural Leadership, and program development.

**Many have asked about courses on ritual other than degree work. Plans are being made for the Ritual Team to develop these courses and present them later in the year 2003. They are coming brethren, please be patient.**

**General Information on Training**

- ◆ There are presently twelve Trainers for the seven Districts with another eight scheduled for Train the Trainer course March 16-18, 2003, in Fredericton.
- ◆ The 5-year plan time table has the course commencing in January 2003, the content being fleshed out as we go. We are right on Schedule. Three sessions on Running an Effective meeting have already been held, three others scheduled as indicated above.
- ◆ Each course should have a minimum of ten participants to be effective, and 15—20 maximum.
- ◆ Interested members are encouraged to register in advance so the trainer can plan the time and content accordingly.
- ◆ Trainers will supply the necessary material participants will need to get maximum benefit from the course. Members are asked to supply their own notepads, binders, pens, pencils and be prepared to kick in a small donation towards break refreshments. So far, there is no course registration fee.

Attending the courses is not mandatory, although any member who is, or is considering becoming, an officer is strongly encouraged to take full advantage of the opportunity

The Training team is in the process of creating a comprehensive Catalogue of Courses, tentative schedules, time frames and content. Because the high cost of mailing to every member in the jurisdiction is prohibitive, we are using Mostly Masonry to provide basic information and suggest interested members use the contact information below to obtain a copy of the full catalogue.

**Trainers by District**

**District 1**

- Lloyd Hodgins 847-4391
- Ralph Andrews 652-2390
- 2 Awaiting Training Course

**District 2 & 7**

- Bill Millett 384-4574
- George Bowness 386-1427
- Gil Meredith 386-4956
- 1 Awaiting Training Course

**District 3**

- 4 Awaiting Training Course

**District 4**

- Wayne Hitchcock 273-6512
- Bill Boone 392-6284

**District 5**

- Les Burrige 529-3420
- Harold Planetta 466-5855
- 2 Awaiting training course

**District 6**

- Bud Gillie 454-6026
- Peter Whittaker 366-2073
- Elderic Thorne 327-6120
- Ron Chisholm 474-0616

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Leadership is not magnetic personality-that can just as well be a glib tongue. It is not "making friends and influencing people"-that is flattery. Leadership is lifting a person's vision to higher sights, the raising of a person's performance to a higher standard, the building of a personality beyond its normal limitations. -Peter F. Drucker

## BITS AND BYTES

WC (BILL) BOONE



It has been estimated that it took until 1970 to double man's knowledge for the previous 2000 years. It only took the next decade to double again, then down to five years. The present estimate is that knowledge doubles every fourteen months.

Mind-boggling to say the least. Yet, with the proliferation of computers this information is not surprising. With a touch of a button information can be sent around the world in a matter of seconds, the only restriction in time being the human element at either end of the message. Television and radio bombard us with information. We can travel to places, experience new things, and meet new people within a matter of hours, compared to days or weeks of yesteryear.

Such is the world of the younger generation. They consider this electronic age the norm, whereas the seniors, for the most part, find it all a bit overwhelming. Thus we find within the Masonic fraternity the older member who clings to the way things were done in their day versus the younger member who want to bring things into the modern age. Never the twain shall meet?

A common ground can be found in any opposing faction. All it takes is a willingness on both sides to examine the possibilities, explore solutions and reach a consensus. One such solution to the "generation gap" may be found in sharing. For example, many of us upgrade our computers every two or three years for the latest bells and whistles; but what happens to the old one? Usually it is not worth the bother to sell it and throwing it in the garbage doesn't seem appropriate. Why not donate it to an older Brother along with the offer to teach him how to use it?

Such a benevolent gesture could serve several purposes. First, it would bring the two generations together for the exchange of information as well as the mutual enjoyment of each other's company. Second, it may well be that living on a fixed income has prevented the older member from investing in a computer that he isn't certain he can learn to run. Third, it may well surprise the younger member just how knowledgeable his senior is, not only in Masonry, but life in general.

The way I see it, computers can be used for more than just processing knowledge. They can be the catalyst for bridging a generation gap, the opportunity to do something worthwhile for a brother, and the chance to learn more about each other.

With the speed at which knowledge is increasing, learning is a life-long necessity. When asked how he came to be in possession of so much knowledge, one erudite replied, "Because I am never afraid to ask questions about things of which I am ignorant." If you feel you are ignorant about computers, ask a brother to help. If you know computers, offer to help your brother who doesn't.

Perhaps we as Masons can lower the doubling of knowledge by a month or two.



*From the  
Grand Secretary's  
Corner*

A ground breaking ceremony was held on Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at Campobello Island when on that afternoon the sod for A new Masonic Hall was turned by the Grand Master, using a ceremony developed by our own Grand Lodge for such a purpose

A respectable number of Masons from various parts of New Brunswick as well as brethren from the United States were in attendance for the ceremony.

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002 the Grand Master was called upon to preside over the closing of Albert Lodge No. 34 at Riverside-Albert, New Brunswick. Once again a suitable ceremony had been prepared by Grand Lodge to add some dignity to an otherwise sad occasion. A large turnout off brethren from all parts of the Province were in attendance to witness the final chapter of Albert Lodge draw to a close.

The annual returns have been sent out and are now in the hands of the Lodge Secretaries. I urge all of the Secretaries to help us to provide accurate reports to Grand Lodge by attending to this important task. The early receipt of the Lodge returns will greatly facilitate the task of compiling the annual reports for Grand Lodge.



**Grand Master  
presenting  
ceremonial trowel  
at Sunset Lodge**



RWB James D. McKenna recently had the opportunity to present a cheque to Mrs. Carolyn McNulty of Romero House on behalf of the Freemasons of Saint John.

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON PAGE 2

1. RWB John V. Ellis was convicted of contempt of court after writing an Editorial in his newspaper, The Saint John globe titled, Government by Fraud. He served the thirty days in jail in 1893.
2. The first man born in what would become the Province of New Brunswick to become a member of the craft was either Bro. Amos Perley, born in Maugerville in 1777, and raised in St. George's Lodge No. 19 in 1800 or his older brother Israel who was born at Maugerville in 1765, but for which his date of raising is unknown.
3. All of the English Lodges in New Brunswick with the exception of New Brunswick Lodge in Fredericton, had been warranted under the banner of the Athol Grand Lodge or Antients. New Brunswick Lodge had received their warrant from the Premier Grand Lodge or Moderns

## Grand Chaplain's Chatter



(The Rev. Dean is in the process of moving from Kingston to a Parish in St. Martin's. The Grand Chaplain will return in the next issue. The following was printed in the Alberta Freemason and is reproduced in part with permission. – The Editor)

We all know, don't we, that actions speak louder than words?

A three-year-old boy had been learning the game of golf by watching his grandfather play. "The boy was so enthusiastic," said his grandfather, "I bought him his own set of clubs." The following weekend, the entire family had a picnic and the little boy announced, "Watch me play golf!" Having thus gotten everyone's attention, he picked up his little golf club, promptly said a bad word and threw the club into a nearby bush! Obviously, that young fellow had learned more than the game of golf! And he did it simply by observing his grandfather.

What we need today are people who are willing to be examples. People willing to surrender their own pleasure and desires for the sake of the greater good. People who understand that the world needs good role models. An unknown author described our world this way:

"We have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We buy more, but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses, but smaller families; more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more medicine, but less wellness. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too easily. We have added years to life, but not life to years. These are the times of tall men and shorter character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the times of more leisure, but less fun; more food, but less nutrition. It is a time when there is much in the shop window but little in the stockroom."

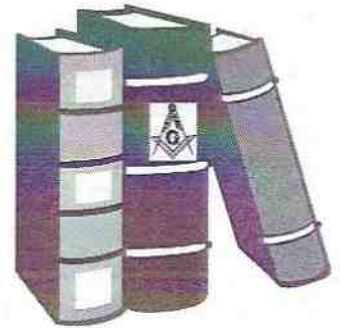
Whoever that writer is, he or she has described our society all too well. Has ever a generation been more in need of good role models than this one?

We need heroes. People who stand tall. People who don't say one thing and do another. People who believe that it is their God-given duty to set a worthy example for others. One such person was a woman named Rose. Rose was a poor woman who lived many years ago in Albania. Rose and her husband opened their home to the poor and hungry in their community. Whenever one of Rose's daughters would ask who the new visitor at their dinner table was, Rose would answer that it was a relative. Rose's daughters grew up believing that they came from an enormous family!

Even after Rose's husband died, and the family was plunged into poverty, Rose found away to share food with the hungry and help with the destitute. One of Rose's daughters was greatly influenced by her parents' example of sacrificial love. This daughter, Agnes, grew up to become an advocate for the poor all over the world. In fact, she devoted her whole life caring for those in need, for young Agnes grew up to become Mother Teresa, the twentieth century's living example of God's love incarnate in the world.

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## From the Book Shelf



### Three Histories

Masonic History has gone through a number of periods of intense interest during which copious volumes on virtually every subject of interest to Masonry was produced. Although some divide the period between the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and the early 20<sup>th</sup> century into two periods it's hard to find even a brief period when a serious break in this productivity is evident. Today, we will examine the histories provided by three Masonic writers during this period.

Robert Freke Gould (1836 – 1915) is widely regarded as the pre-eminent writer of Masonic history. His three volume work "The History of Freemasonry. Its Antiquities, Symbols, Constitutions, Customs, etc., embracing an investigation of the records of the organisations of the Fraternity in England, Scotland, Ireland, British Colonies, France, Germany and the United States. Derived from official sources." is regarded as the greatest work of this prolific author. First published in 1884 it still represents one of the best sources of well researched Masonic history and lore. There is also an "Edinburgh" edition and a four volume "American" edition that is more commonly available in North America. While Gould's history has been reprinted at least three times it is still scarce and relatively hard to obtain. Our Grand Lodge library has two or three copies and others exist in the province.

Albert Gallatin Mackey (1807 – 1881) was working on his "History of Freemasonry: Its Legendary Origins" when he died. It was eventually published in 1906 although it was copyrighted in 1898. Like most volumes produced during this period it is out of print but oddly enough it was reproduced in 1996 by Gramercy Books, a division of Random House Value Publishing Inc. and was, for a while, available in Coles and Chapters in their value book sections. Mackey was a medical doctor but he gave up this profession to pursue his Masonic research full time. While also regarded as one of the greatest Masonic writers wags have suggested that without Mackey's and Pike's work, anti-masonic authors are left with little material of notoriety to formulate their startling allegations.

Charles W. Leadbeater (1847 – 1934) wrote "Glimpses of Masonic History" in 1926 and although this date places it well within the "objective period" of Masonic history Leadbeater takes a more esoteric view and presents a traditional picture of Masonic history. Leadbeater held high Masonic offices but he is most noted for his involvement with co-masonry and the Theosophical Society. This latter organization was styled as an occult (of the supernatural kind)

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Examples matter. Mother Teresa became who she was because of the example of her parents. The best hope the world has is that God will inspire people who understand that our lives are intertwined, that who I am and what I do affects who you are and what you do. I can look at my life and see that I am who I am because of the example of significant people in my life. The same is true of you. That is how most people become persons of faith. It is not because someone argued them into it, but because someone loved them into it. It is because they encountered the presence of God in those who follow God, and who care enough to sacrifice their own desires to live a life that contributes to the greater good. It is because they have encountered those who care enough to set the world an example of love, of joy, of hope, of courage. And, of course, that is precisely how men become Freemasons as well!

And that's really what this is all about, isn't it? Role models still count. Worthy examples still make the difference. So the challenge for each of us: what are we doing to make the life of faith attractive to others? In short, what kind of example are we setting for the world around us?

WBro Earle Sharam

The Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain  
Grand Lodge of Alberta

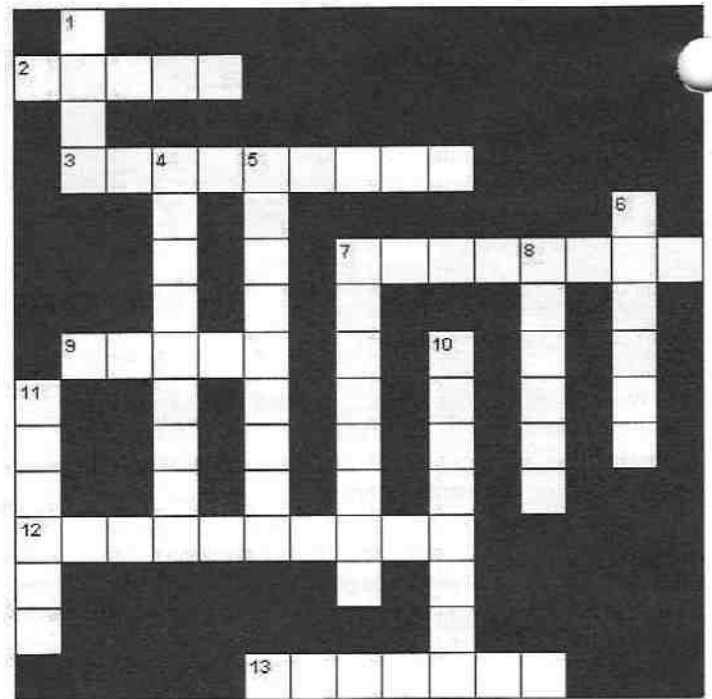
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body and its founder, Annie Bessant, was given to receiving messages from the other world dropped through what sounds like a mail slot in the ceiling. Much of its lore and ritual was derived from Masonic sources by Leadbeater.

These "histories" leave much to be desired in terms of current practice. Each author provides an admonition about accepting the fables and myths of masonry as history but promptly proceed to repeat them. They plea for objectivity but then, as Leadbeater in particular demonstrates, launch into discussions of astral planes and cosmic projections. Few references are given and some that are refer to material that cannot be regarded as historical in any sense. Now less we label these characteristics as a product of their time keep in mind that some very recent histories are just as fabulous and even more fantastic than their predecessors.

These histories are valuable in spite of their shortcomings and should be read by anyone seriously researching the origins of masonry. Gould's work I believe is particularly valuable and agree with others who regard his history as essential reading. Mackey's work is flawed with a number of errors but still provides interesting and necessary material. Leadbeater's work emphasizes aspects, such as the occult, not found in the other works and is worthy of attention for this reason if nothing else.

One of the hardest things to do in this part of the world is to research the origins of masonry. Most of the essential reference material resides on another continent and we must, for the most part, rely on interpreted work such as that presented by our three Masonic authors. That said, the clue to unraveling the mysteries of our fraternities origin may lie in one of these works.



### MASONIC PUZZLE

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Number of senses of human nature.
4. First Biblical artificer.
5. Considered founder of Freemasonry in New Brunswick.
6. Longest serving Grand Master.
7. Entered apprentice apron.
8. Emblem of time.
9. One of the four cardinal virtues.
10. Square of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### CLUES ACROSS

2. First Lodge warranted in New Brunswick.
3. Pillar on the right denotes to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Strong grip of a Master Mason.
9. A secure Lodge.
12. Number of Landmarks recognized in New Brunswick.
13. Current Grand Secretary

A little before Lodge is about to open an old man totters up to the Tyler and says, "I'm here to receive my 2nd degree." Well, they all look at this guy, who really is older than dirt, and they ask him to explain. "I was entered on July 4, 1922. Now I'm ready for my 2nd degree." So they go scurrying for the records, and sure enough, there was his name, entered on July 4, 1922. "Where have you been all these years? What took you so long to be ready for your 2nd?" they ask. Reply: "Learning to subdue my passions"