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I was reminded of the after-dinner speaker who went on and on until a guest was so fed up that he picked up a bottle and shied it at the speaker's head.

Unfortunately it missed the speaker and hit a little man sitting beside him, knocking him out. Immediately people rushed to revive him, and when he eventually came round, he was heard to say: "Please hit me again. I can still hear him."

-Tim Heald, in The Best After-Dinner Stories "Introduction" [2003]

GRAND MASTERS MESSAGE



This is my second message to you since becoming Grand Master. How swift is the passage of the seasons. Fall is now with us and another Masonic session is well underway. In my visits so far, I sense that the Lodges are having a busy fall, with new candidates, fund raising activities and fellowship nights. Training programs in the Districts are being contemplated in the near future. Brethren, this is what we must do and continue to do into the future, so our fraternity will continue as a vibrant organization.

Your Grand Lodge has remembered the devastation and suffering of our fraternal brothers in the Southern U.S. from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We sent a financial donation to the Masonic Service Association, which will see that it is evenly divided among the three jurisdictions. Brethren, these Lodges will need more assistance in the future, so if you wish as a Lodge or brother to make a financial contribution, please forward it to the **office of the Grand Secretary, so at the next G.L. Communication we will be able** to report the total amount sent. At my official visit to Albion Lodge #1 my hat was passed around the Lodge. I wish to thank the brethren for their generous support. Anything you can do in your Lodges will be greatly appreciated.

Our membership has to be our number one priority now and into the future. Our jurisdiction continues to see a decline in membership. We must pay attention to our suspensions and demits. We must work diligently at getting these under control. Make every effort to contact your members who face this situation. I would urge the secretaries to be aware of how many 25 and 50-year pins are coming due in 2006 and to order them so they are available for the members.

I want to recognize and extend my congratulations our members who are veterans. You have contributed so much to our fraternity over the years and we owe you a debt of gratitude and thanks.

I want to extend a warm welcome to our newest Master Masons and urge them to contribute and take part in your respective Blue Lodges. Brethren, come out and support your Lodge. It is not enough in these difficult times to just pay dues, they need your participation and support.

Brethren, I want to take this opportunity to extend to you and your families a warm and safe Yuletide and all the best in 2006.

Wayne H. McKay
Grand Master

Editorial

On August 29th, 2005 Hurricane Katrina struck the coasts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama with a violent force that had not been experienced for nigh on a hundred years. The damage sustained by the coastal regions of these three States made Katrina the most destructive and costliest natural disaster in the history of the United States.

CNN brought into our living rooms the graphic images of the extensive destruction wrought by Mother Nature. Thousands of families have been displaced from their homes and among the displaced are many members of the Masonic fraternity. Damage has not been limited to residential dwellings alone; Masonic Lodges in the southern reaches of these States have also sustained extensive damage as the picture below of Magnolia Lodge in Biloxi, Mississippi clearly shows.

In response to the disaster the Masonic Service Association of North America, of which our Grand Lodge is a member, has established a disaster relief fund to aid the victims of Katrina. The MSA will distribute donations received evenly between the three Grand Lodges.

Our Grand Lodge has already forwarded a donation and now it is time for the lodges in the Province to step up to the plate. No donation is too small nor is it too late to respond for the need for relief, not to mention the rebuilding process, will be a long-term effort. Pass the hat, hold a fundraiser, do something to help these brethren who are in need.

The Grand Master, MWB McKay has requested that all donations be forwarded to our Grand Secretary who will forward the same to the MSA. The total amount donated from this jurisdiction will be reported at the annual communication of Grand Lodge next May.

Fraternally;
Stuart MacDonald, PM
Editor



Magnolia Lodge # 120 Biloxi, Miss.



"Masons in Harmony"

On September 21, 2005 the "Masons in Harmony" of District No. 1 made their inaugural appearance at Albion Lodge No. 1 during the Grand Masters official visit. Singing the Gospel Hymn "Nearer My God To Thee", the Hymn was dedicated to the memory of RWB Donald Cook.

Formed earlier in the month under the sponsorship of St. John's Lodge No. 2, with the Rev. Dana Dean as Choir Director, the choral group is open to any and all Master Masons who are invited to join in. Practices are being held every Tuesday night at the Masonic Temple commencing October 4th. To date the members of "Masons in Harmony" are as follows: MWB Ralph Andrews, VWB Dana Dean, WB Daryl Fitzgerald, Wayne Hansen, RWB Malcolm Harris, RWB James McKenna, WB Ron McCullum, RWB Dale Stevens, RWB Murray Stevens, WB Barry Sullivan, Carl Williams and RWB Gordon Young.

For further information contact RWB Malcolm Harris at 738-8714



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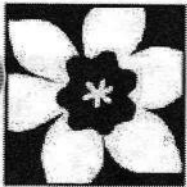
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Canadian Société
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Thanks to the NB Masons!



The Canadian Cancer Society - New Brunswick Division would like to thank the New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Company Limited for their ongoing sponsorship of Camp Goodtime and Junior Leadership Program. This is the sixteenth year the Masons have provided sponsorship!

These camping programs are for children ages 7 to 16 with cancer or a history of cancer and offer opportunities for peer support and personal growth and an energetic and upbeat week of fun and learning.

On closing day, July 17th, 2005 over fifty (50) Masons along with over (50) campers and their families, staff of Camp Rotary and Canadian Cancer Society staff gathered at a closing celebration recognizing the campers and the Masons.

Due to the generosity of the NB Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd, the children and their guest are able to attend this special camp at no cost to them. For more information about the Canadian Cancer Society Camp programs, contact -800-455-9090.

(This advertisement appeared in the Telegraph Journal - Ed.)

New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Company Limited.

Highlights 2004 - 2005

-Total funds raised for the year 2004-(May/2005) were in excess of \$47000.00 dollars from Blue Lodges, Concordant bodies of Masonry, Individuals and Corporate donations.

-NBMCHCL usual Donation to The Deaf, Blind and Rubella Summer Camp was cancelled in 2004 and 2005, in light of the extra cost to fund, **Our Number One Charity**, Camp Goodtime and The Junior Leadership Program.

-Your Board of NBMCHCL is actively investigating Government funding possibilities that may be available today for future Senior Housing Projects such as Quinn House, the eight-unit complex located in St. Andrews N.B.

-In January 2005 a Donation of \$500.00 on behalf of all Masons of NB was made, by NBMCHCL, to (UNICEF) United Nations Children Fund specifically targeted to children relief in the Tsunami devastated area of South East Asia.

-Grand Lodge May 2005 Cheryl Robinson, of The Canadian Cancer Society was present and accepted a Cheque in the amount of \$36,088.00 to fund Camp Goodtime and the Junior Leadership Program for 2005.

-On July 17th 2005 "Mason Day at Camp Goodtime", many Masons of New Brunswick witnessed the closing ceremonies: with 34 children for Camp Goodtime (ages 7 to 12) and 22 for Junior Leadership (ages 13 - 16) **Grand total of 56 children, our largest sponsored camp yet.**

-On behalf of the Directors of NBMCHCL and myself, I extend our heartfelt thanks to The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and, **YOU** the Masons of this Jurisdiction, for your immense support of Camp Goodtime and our other charitable projects.

Fraternally submitted.
W.F. Whalen PM
President NBMCHCL

NEWS FROM LODGES AROUND THE PROVINCE

FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT



June 6, 2005 saw the newly elected Grand Master, MWB Wayne H. McKay make his first official visit to his mother Lodge, Alexandria No. 33 in Fredericton. Over seventy brethren were on hand to greet the Grand Master of which forty-three were part of the Grand Master's suite. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of MM aprons and certificates to Bros McCullough and Key, two newest members of Alexandria Lodge.

QUINN MEDALION PRESENTED



L-R, DDGM, RWB Larry Brown, MWB Wayne H. McKay and Quinn recipient, WB Garth Hunter

September 20, 2005 saw the Grand Master in Boiestown to pay an official visit Landmark Lodge No. 51. A portion of the evening's business was the presentation of the Quinn Medallion to WB Garth Hunter. Congratulations go out to WB Hunter on receiving this award. The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick awards the Quinn Medal yearly, one per District.

TOBIQUE LODGE CELEBRATES 60 YEARS



On June 18, 2005 the members of Tobique Lodge No. 48

L-R R:W: Bro: Ralph Ashworth, PDDGM; W:Master: Charles Gray; M:W: Wayne McKay, GM; R:W: Bill Boone, DGM pose for the local newspaper reporter

gathered together to celebrate 60 years of Masonry in the tiny community of Plaster Rock. Void of the formalities associated with tails and top hats the Worshipful Master, WB Gray took the opportunity to present the Widows of Tobique Lodge Masons with widows' pins. A barbeque with all the trimmings topped off a wonderful afternoon of fellowship.

FIFTY-YEAR PINS PRESENTED IN ST. MARKS LODGE



M:W: MacKay presents W.B. John B. Gibson, and W. B. A. Bernard Holt with their 50-year pin and certificate while Worshipful Master, Malcolm Spragg looks on

The Grand Master kicked off his fall schedule on September 1st with a visit to St. Mark's lodge No. 5 in St. Andrews where he had the opportunity to present long service pins and certificates. Congratulations to Brothers Gibson and Holt.

SPONSORS DAY AT CAMP GOODTIME

L-R: The Grand Master, MWB Wayne McKay, Betty Hoyt, Director Community Programs, Canadian Cancer Society and President Bill Whalen cutting the cake.

The annual Camp Goodtime sponsors day was held under brilliant sunshine on July 17, 2005 at the Rotary Camp on Grand Lake. Each year the Masons of New Brunswick raise in excess of forty thousand dollars so that 50 children, ages 8 - 13 years, can attend this weeklong camp under supervision of the Canadian Cancer Society. Since the project started a few years ago, Masons have donated over \$200,000 to the annual camp.

60 YEARS A MASON

One of the perks in being Grand Master is being called upon to present long service awards. Such was the case on September 14, 2005 when the Grand Master had the pleasure of presenting W:B: Clarence Cole with his sixty-year bar while making an official visit to Westmorland Lodge No. 44. This past May W:B: Cole was awarded the Quinn Medallion.

CHERRY MOUNTAIN LODGE

L-R: MWB McKay, Bro. Messer, WB Peter Wood

October 13th saw the Grand Master making his official visit to Cherry Mountain Lodge No. 50. Among his duties attended to on that evening was the presentation of a 60-year bar to Bro. Basil Messer. Bro. Messer is a charter member of the lodge and one of the few, if not the only one, still living.

MANANOOK CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

On Saturday, October 15, 2005 the Grand Master, MWB Wayne McKay, accompanied by officers and members of Grand Lodge headed out on a wave tossed Bay of Fundy headed for Grand Manan to pay an official visit to Mananook Lodge. One hundred years ago Freemasonry found its way to the rock strewn coast of Grand Manan and like the lighthouse that guides the fisherman to a safe harbour Freemasonry has continued to spread it's light across the Island. On the occasion of it's centennial the Grand Master was called upon to rededicate Mananook Lodge under the able direction of the Grand director of Ceremonies, RWB Don Jones. Congratulations to the officers and members of Mananook Lodge on achieving this landmark, may your light continue to shine for another hundred years.

MAXWELL PRESENTED GOLD AWARD



L-R: RWB James Maxwell and WB Morton Mitchell

RWB James M. Maxwell of Victoria Lodge No. 26 in St. Stephen was recently awarded the Gold Honour Award by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. The award was presented in recognition of RWB Maxwell's outstanding service in York Rite Masonry. This was the first time that the Gold Honour Award has been presented to a member of York Rite in New Brunswick. In his everyday life RWB Maxwell exemplifies the tenets of Freemasonry by helping wherever it is needed whether it is assisting youth in sports, seniors in need or raising funds for the transportation of children to and from Shriners hospitals. WB Morton Mitchell, Grand Governor of the York Rite College in New Brunswick, made the award presentation.

HARMONY LODGE RECEIVES WARRANT



L-R: MWB Wayne McKay and RWB Gerald Tingley

Monday, October 17, 2005 was a special evening for the officers and members of Harmony Lodge No. 20 when the Grand Master, MWB Wayne McKay, accompanied by forty officers and members of Grand Lodge paid an official visit to the lodge for the purpose of presenting the lodge with its new warrant.

Harmony Lodge is the outcome of an amalgamation of Fownes Lodge No 45 and Salisbury Lodge No 20.

Following the ceremony, WB John Leadbetter was escorted to the East and presented with his 25-year pin by the Grand Master

DISTRICT DEPUTIES ATTEND ONE DAY TRAINING CLASS

On Friday, August 26th, 2005 the newly minted District Deputy Grand Masters, along with a host of lodge Masters, Secretaries and other interested brethren gathered at Hiram Lodge in Fredericton to attend a one-day information class that had been specially prepared by the members of the Officers Training Program. The Grand Secretary, M:W: Bro J. Ralph Andrews and Grand Master, M:W: Bro: Wayne Mckay were also in attendance and ready to offer a word of encouragement when called upon. The presence of these two senior Grand Lodge officers was most appreciated.

The course covered a substantial amount of material, specifically aimed at helping the District Deputies become familiar with their new role and included a session on the Constitution, Planning and Administering the District, Leadership skills, as well as other topics. The Masters and Secretaries were invited to participate so they too would know what to expect when the District Deputy paid an official visit.

The material was well organized and presented by the facilitators and as a result the day flew by. The seminar was organized by WB Lloyd Hodgin, Chair of the Training Committee, assisted by MWB Wayne Hitchcock, RWB William Boone and RWB David Gillrie. Each of the facilitators brought to the floor a wealth of personal and Masonic experience which benefited those in attendance.

DISTRICT 1 GOLF TOURNAMENT SWINGING SUCCESS

The tenth annual Ron Hodgkin Golf Tournament was held on Friday, September 30th, 2005 at the Hampton Golf and Country Club. Seventy-eight golfers braved the overcast skies to take a swing at the two hole-in-one prize opportunities while supporting the primary purpose of the event, Camp Goodtime. The day of fellowship between Masons and non-Masons alike culminated with a steak barbeque and auction in the clubhouse.

The tournament winners were: Bill Bodycott, Ernie Melanson, Andy Magee and Paul Marks while the team winning the Masonic Lodge team trophy was from The Corinthian Lodge and consisted of: John Somerville, Stephen Beyea, Robert Lake and Curtis Simpson. Cherry Mountain Lodge was again out in force with three teams participating in the tournament. The boys from Cherry Mountain brought a "ringer" with them in the form of the Senior Grand Warden, RWB Laurie Bishop. (This probably accounts for the dance shoe marks left on the greens)

The biggest winner of the day was Camp Goodtime with \$4582.07 being raised for this worthy cause.

The organizing committee of Lloyd Hodgkin, Stewart Brenton, Bob Johnston and Bill Blatchford wish to extend their appreciation to Roly Daye, Mac Moore, Jim Webb, Barry Sullivan and all those who assisted in the collecting of prizes and in the running of the tournament. Finally the committee wishes to thank the following sponsors and supporters of the tournament.

Hole in One Sponsors

Downey Motors 2 year lease on a Ford Focus
Higgins General Insurance \$10,000 cash prize

Hole Sponsors were:

Cherry Mountain Lodge	Mike Bruce Insurance
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Malcolm Harris DDGM #1	Coast Tire
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Ocean Steel	Robert Dunn
King Mazda	Judith Moore

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Malcolm Vale	King Mazda

Prizes were donated by

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QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE OF RESEARCH CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE

Since 1886 The Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research has actively promoted and encouraged Masonic Research. Since that time the lodge has published in their yearly transactions research papers by the world's eminent Masonic authors.

The yearly transactions of the Quatuor Coronati make a valuable addition to any Masonic bookshelf, providing the reader the opportunity to delve into a myriad of well-researched and written Masonic topics.

Membership in the Correspondence Circle is open to any Lodge, study group or Master Mason in good standing. The cost of membership is reasonable considering the benefits. For further information on membership contact WB Stuart MacDonald (see bottom of page 2 for contact information)

We are all bound to the throne of the Supreme Being by a flexible chain which restrains without enslaving us. The most wonderful aspect of the universal scheme of things is the action of free beings under divine guidance.
-Joseph De Maistre (1753-1821) French Diplomat, Philosopher

"SAINT JOHN SHRINE CLUB"

submitted By RWB Malcolm Harris

The regular monthly meeting of the Saint John Shrine Club of September 28th, 2005 was anything but regular. Rt. Wor. Bro. Malcolm Harris, DDGM, District No. 1 is the serving President of the Club. On being installed President of the Club in January of 2005, he respectfully requested the serving Potentate of the Luxor Shrine Temple, Ill. Sir Llewellyn Smith of Miramichi City would consider in his busy fraternal schedule attending a friend, ladies, Mason and Shriner; "Fellowship Night" in September. Unfortunately, his lady, Sylvia was not able to be in attendance due to poor health.

Following the election of the Grand Master in May 2005, the President respectfully asked the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Wayne H. McKay and his lady, Karen to be in attendance. The invitation was gratefully accepted.

Prior to the banquet, working tours were conducted of our "Blue Room" with particular attention directed to the historic Masonic furniture of the Lodge room, as well as the beautiful, newly laid carpet. The next stop on the tour was the Scottish Rite "Red Room" which by today's terms is an "awesome" fraternal facility.

The Masons of Carleton Union Lodge No. 8 prepared a delicious sirloin tip dinner. The dinner was served by members of the Shrine Uniform Units; namely Director's Staff, Motor Corps, Oriental Band, Cabiri, and Railway Unit. Each of these Shriners wore Ceremonial dress, providing a special touch to the dinner. Many special guests were in attendance, including our ladies, Brian Fillmore, Deputy Chief of Police, City of Saint John, Bro. Trevor Holder, MLA. But more particularly of special attendance were three (3) mothers, fathers and children, who have been helped by the Masons and Shriners of the greater Saint John area.

We learned that two (2) of the Shriner's children; Jesse and Roberta, were to have their legs amputated at a young age. Today these children walk because of our help. Each mother shared a very emotional address and word of sincere thanks for our help!

The room was very still when the Grand Master, also a Past Potentate of Luxor Temple, Wayne McKay recited from memory the Shriner's Creed, with excellence and delivered an inspiring fraternal message.

The Ill. Sir. Llewellyn Smith expressed delight with the entire evening. He stressed the importance of community involvement, cooperation, partnership and harmony of our citizens, Masons and Shriners in the community, as demonstrated at this event. He encouraged each of us to: "Keep up the good work".

A great night of fellowship was had by all!

Fairy-tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten.

—G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)



Notebook :

Some students of Masonic history advance the theory that the rituals of Masonry are in fact based on ancient forms and ceremonies as practiced generations past, and are passed to us for safe keeping. Whether this be true or not, we leave to those more qualified to judge. However, we are convinced that the rituals and ceremonies, including the Installation of Officers, we use today contain the essence of what it takes to "make a good man better".

Throughout the degree ceremonials the expression "Brotherly Love" is repeated, or alluded to, several times. Yet, the application of this requirement seems to be ignored by far too many brethren within our ranks. How often do we hear disparaging remarks about a brother? How often do we ourselves offer an unkind opinion of a brother? Or how often do we listen to these remarks and not rise to the defense of the absent brother?

As an Entered Apprentice we are told: "... while influenced by this principle [truth] hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us ... and the heart and tongue join in promoting each others welfare; and rejoice in each other's prosperity."

We are also advised: "By the exercise of Brotherly Love, we ... are to aid, support, and protect each other."

The Charge to the Brethren in the Installation Ceremony contains, in part, this line: "... that we may be known as Brothers, not only in name, but in the full import, extent and latitude of so glorious an appellation."

There are other similar expressions, such as Charity, sprinkled throughout the ritual to serve as an example of how we should regard each other with Brotherly Love.

To quote in part: "Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly; is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil ..." The word "charity" as used in this context and translated from the original language, means "Love"; not love in the erotic sense, but the love of a father for a son, or of a brother. We are also told that Masonry is universal and that a Mason's charity—read, love—should be equally extensive. Of course it ought to apply in all our associations, but it is particularly applicable to our brethren in Masonry.

A concordant body specifically requires that each candidate not speak evil of [a member] nor perform any act of injustice or unkindness toward them, as well as requiring them to cherish and (CONTINUED ON PAGE 7)

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defend the reputation of every member. While our ritual isn't quite so specific, it nonetheless behooves us to apply the same standard.

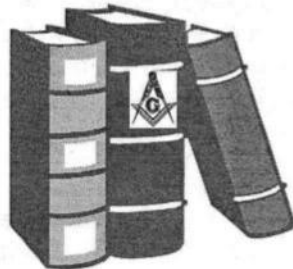
There probably no other method of creating disharmony amongst the craft then that of failing to practice the principle of Brotherly Love. It creates rifts within the Lodge. It prevents the achievement of goals and objectives. It stands in the way of a unified concern with each other's welfare. It obstructs the opportunity to help, aid and assist a brother in need. It hinders growth and prosperity. It creates dissension. It detracts from applying ourselves to the problem of an aging and declining membership. It may well be the formula for our demise.

Realistically, in our everyday lives we will run across brethren who for various reasons are not part of our social association, who are not considered close friends and confidants. Indeed, there are those whom we may not even like as a person. But if we adhere to the teachings of Masonry, and apply the tenet of Brotherly Love, those brethren will attract the same loyalty and devotion as those close to us. No stinging barbs of criticism of any brother will ever cross our lips. No silent acceptance of another's condemnation, regardless of our personal views, will ever be said of us. Negative gossip of a brother's characteristics will never be part of our conversations. Instead we will "cherish and defend" our brother so far as Truth, Honor and Justice dictates.

No doubt the Ancients faced similar problems in their associations, but through trial and error, or divine guidance, they captured the essence of our *raison d'être* in our Masonic Ritual and Ceremonies. It is our responsibility to take this wisdom and apply it to our association with each other, not only for our own happiness, but also for the welfare of the Craft.

From the

Book Shelf



Masonic Books for Fun and Profit

By Bro. P. Lee Fraser

"Secrets of the Widows Son" by David A. Shugarts with an Introduction by Dan Burnstein (Editor of "Secrets of the Code") was written for fun and profit. Shugarts capitalizes on the current craze generated by Dan Brown's unprecedented success with his series of books particularly "The Da Vinci Code" and "Angels and Demons" and the continuing curiosity of the general population regarding Freemasonry.

The premise of "Secrets of the Widow's Son" is not to shed any light on Freemasonry per se but rather to anticipate the Masonic content Dan Brown will use in a forthcoming book tentatively entitled "The Solomon Key". Shugarts was a significant contributor to "Secrets of the Code" which elaborates on many of

the themes developed in "The Da Vinci Code" particularly those of a religious nature. Here, he does the same thing based on the assumed theme of an unwritten book in which the Freemasons play a significant part or at least their American lore does.

Shugarts claims to have done a lot of research and no doubt he has read everything that fell to hand including the internet. He gives no references but does give a brief bibliography that includes a number of books that would be of interest to anyone interested in American Masonic history. Shugarts, like most modern authors on Masonic subjects, is not a Mason. However, as with many of his contemporaries, he does treat Masonry fairly.

Two things recur throughout "Secrets of the Widow's Son"; Albert Pike and Washington. Albert Pike besides his obvious Masonic credentials potentially, could be one of the characters in Brown's new book. And Washington D.C. is the proposed central setting for the new book. George Washington, the man and Mason wins the "number of citations in the index" award.

Albert Pike is the subject of a chapter in another recent Masonic book "Freemasons – Inside the World's Oldest Secret Society" by H. Paul Jeffers. I find it somewhat incredible that both authors are writing about the same man. In Jeffers account Pike dies at his desk, a dedicated Mason. In Shugarts interpretation pike dies destitute at the First House of the Temple because this is where he lived depending on Freemasonry for income and housing. Albert Pike was an extraordinary man and is rightly acknowledged as such by both authors but it is an interesting glimpse of journalism's effect on what many people believe is history.

Shugarts accepts the modern view of Masonic history. That is, Freemasonry did not really exist until well into the sixteenth century in Scotland and the formation of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717 although he acknowledges legendary ancient craft origins. He writes at some length about many other secret organizations including the Illuminati and the Rosicrucians who are assumed to be Masonic forerunners or drawn from the Craft should they still exist today.

This is an American book and can't pass up the opportunity to drop names of both Masons and non-masons especially during the revolutionary period. Washington, D.C. is well described from a Masonic point of view. Monuments, buildings even urban planning seems to have Masonic significance in that city.

"Secrets of the Widow's Son" contains a number of antidotes about a wide range of Masonic themes and symbols that are of interest but its primary purpose is to exploit Masonry and ride on the coattails of a successful author to fame and fortune. In this regard it is not unique. Nor is it unique in content because there seems to be a standard table of contents for these recent books. The serious researcher shouldn't bother but others looking for a relatively interesting read that involves Masonry try this one.

Secrets of the widow's Son, David A. Stugarts, Sterling Publishing Co., Inc., New York, New York, 2005. ISBN 1-4027-2819-0 \$17.95(US)/\$25.95(Cdn) at Coles, Chapters and your local library.

Grand Chaplains Chatter



As I sit to write this letter I realize that we are in what I consider one of the most beautiful times of the year. The colours of the leaves are beautiful, it is cool at night for sleeping comfortably and warm throughout the day for walks without mosquitoes etc....

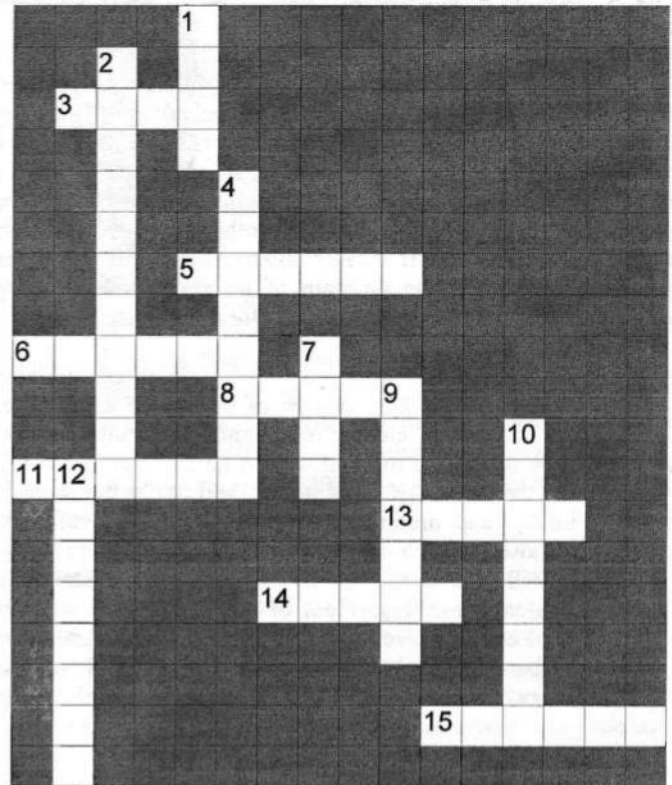
It is with tradition and steadfastness that people are clicking cameras in hopes of catching the beauty. I noticed that local as well as tourist participate in this exercise with regularity. I see the same thing every year and look forward to the tradition. WE as Masons are steeped in tradition that affects the lives of those in our fraternity every day. This is a positive thing and shows us the importance of keeping traditions alive and well - willing to share them with new members.

This past summer I became aware of how extensive this paper and our fraternity stretch. A friend of mine was home visiting from Ottawa and mentioned that he enjoyed receiving his Mostly Masonry and had read the articles which made him feel connected to home even though he lives away at the moment. There are other connections as well. In the aftermath of the tragedies that have struck North America we are aware of assistance along with prayers and thoughts being extended from one Lodge to another reaching out across the borders to assist in whatever way possible. This is also a tradition of assisting and caring that we should be proud of within our Fraternity. It is my hope and prayer that these type of traditions will continue and with the strong leadership we have it is evident my prayers are continuing to be answered.

Let us continue to be there for one another in all we say and do with true brotherly caring.

Fraternally Yours, The Rev'd Dana Dean
Grand Chaplain

MASONIC PUZZLE



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Across

3. Current Grand Chaplain
5. His reported death ushered in a period of anti Masonic sentiment in the nineteenth century
6. A Fellowcraft is tried by the
8. One of the Tenets of a Mason
11. What does the name of the grip of a Fellowcraft denote
13. Current Grand Master
14. Current Deputy Grand Master
15. Oath that may be required before gaining admission into a strange lodge.

Down

1. One of the elements used in dedicating a new lodge
2. First lodge warranted by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick
4. The letter "G" alludes to this
7. The passage in the Bible referring to the plucking off of a shoe is found in the book of
9. Last lodge to receive a warrant from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick
10. When properly ignited the most obdurate metals yield
12. Last lodge in New Brunswick to be warranted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland.