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## THE GRAND MASTERS MESSAGE



Brethren, once again I am pleased to bring to you my greetings and those of the Grand Lodge. We are at that time of the year when Lodges have installed new Masters and other officers and are looking forward to another year in the life of their Lodges. Each year we look forward to growth in our lodges and the opportunities to meet and spend time with other Masons. Growth in our Lodges does not happen by chance, it happens by hard work, planning and follow through on activities that promote Masonry. If we do nothing different, year to year, then things will stay the same, which is okay if we like where we are and where we are is in a position of growth. If, however, our Lodges are not growing then we do not have the luxury of not trying new things to promote our Fraternity.

In many areas of our Jurisdiction there are positive signs of growth in membership and in the profile of Masonry in the communities. These two things go hand in hand and as our profile goes up we attract more memberships and newer members bring new circles of possible members. Grand Lodge has produced a very successful fellowship program and Lodges are finding that it produces results when properly executed. There are unfortunately areas in our Jurisdiction that are having major problems because of shrinking populations and thus a smaller pool of potential members to sustain their Lodges. Some of these problems have recently led to two Lodges amalgamating their memberships to make one strong lodge and another Lodge that surrendered its charter. It is my hope that the realignment of Lodges and their memberships is over and that the steps taken will result in some Lodges getting stronger.

This is my last chance to bring you a message in Mostly Masonry, my two years have swiftly gone by filled with many fine hours of fellowship and togetherness. I have enjoyed this experience that you the Masons of New Brunswick have given to me and I dearly hope that I have fulfilled your expectations. This is a humbling office and one that I will always cherish. Thank you one and all.

Please get involved in your Masonry and support the new Grand Master and his programs. God bless you all.

Gordon R Rattray  
Grand Master

The world is a looking-glass, and gives back to every man the reflection of his own face. Frown at it, and it will in turn look sourly upon you; laugh at it and with it, and it is a jolly kind companion; and so let all young persons take their choice.

-"Vanity Fair,"

William Makepeace  
Thackeray

## Editorial

In this issue the reader will find coverage on the closure of three lodges in this jurisdiction along with the constitution of one new lodge, Harmony No. 20 which is the result of the amalgamation of Salisbury Lodge and Fownes Lodge. With the final chapter being written for the Union Lodge of Portland No. 10, Salisbury Lodge No. 20 and Fownes Lodge No. 45 over three hundred years of Masonic history in this province has sadly faded away to be relegated to the history books.

This will be the last issue of Mostly Masonry prior to the annual Grand Lodge communication in May. It is essential that as many members of Grand Lodge as possible attend this annual communication so that your voice may be heard. Certainly every lodge should be represented, for how else may the concerns of the lodge be expressed? At the 2004 annual communication there were four lodges that had no representation. This is your Grand Lodge and the annual communication is your opportunity to carefully examine and question the reports that are presented.

Of equal importance is the upcoming election of Grand Lodge officers. The need for effective leadership of the fraternity in this province has never been more needed than it is today. We need to elect those candidates who best exemplify the leadership skills and knowledge required to lead Grand Lodge in a positive direction. We can no longer afford the luxury of voting for an individual simply because he is from my lodge or my District. The Antient Charges inform us that all preferment (advancement) is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only. I would urge all members of Grand Lodge to vote your conscience and put the best candidate into office and in doing so you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have acted in the best interest of our beloved fraternity.

Fraternally;  
Stuart MacDonald, PM  
Editor

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## QUEEN'S JUBILEE MEDAL



**Worshipful Master, Cecil Perie, congratulates W:Bro: Wiley Tomlinson on receiving the Queen's Jubilee medal**

*(This submission was missed in an earlier publication of Mostly Masonry. My apologies to WB Tomlinson- Editor)*

Masonry teaches its members to industriously occupy their minds with the attainment of useful knowledge and to apply that knowledge to the duties we owe to God, Country, our fellow man and ourselves. One such Mason was recently recognized for following this concept.

Worshipful Brother Tunney Wiley Tomlinson, Wiley to his friends and brothers, is the proud recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Medal awarded to those who have made outstanding contributions to their community and others for the betterment of all. Brother Tomlinson had a distinguished career as a jurist enabling him to work for the good of society. And now at 87 years of age, he can relax a bit.

A 57-year member of Benjamin Lodge No 31, Bro Tomlinson still attends regularly and takes great interest in the proceedings. At this particular communication, he gave a stirring rendition of "on Yonder Book" with only a few minutes notice. Obviously the mind is as sharp as ever.

Congratulations are extended to our Brother who joins a select group of Canadians to be so recognized.

### MASONIC QUIZ

1. From which Grand Lodge does our ritual originate?
2. How many lodges in New Brunswick were warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland and which were they?
3. Who was named Provincial Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of Scotland for New Brunswick?

Answers on page 8

**VETERANS OF COVERDALE LODGE NO. 52**

On November 25, 2004 an Armed Forces Appreciation Dinner, honouring the veterans of Coverdale Lodge #52, and their spouses, was held in the banquet hall of Coverdale Masonic Temple, Riverview, N.B. Photo - L-R Worshipful Master, Carl I. Mann, Rt W. Charles H. Webber, Bro. Ray McKean, Bro. Bob Dunham, Wor. Bro. Dave Purdy, Bro. Russell E. Coates, Wor. Bro. Ralph O. Downey, Wor. Bro. Herb T. Brand and Riverview Deputy Mayor, Robert Hyslop.

**70 YEAR BAR PRESENTED!!**

L-R: WM Carl Dingee, WB Bill Balsler, Sr, Roger Ritchie, W:B: Harold Toole, MW Gordon Rattray, GM

December 7, 2004 saw a special event take place at Howard Lodge No. 15 when the Grand Master, M:W:B: Gordon Rattray presented W:B: Harold Toole with his seventy-year bar. Nineteen Past Masters were on hand for the occasion to hear W:B: Toole reminisce about earlier days. W:B: Floyd Elliot was presented with his sixty-year pin while W:B: William Balsler Sr. and Bro. Roger Ritchie received their twenty-five year pins. W:B: Charles Stuart had received his sixty-year pin a few weeks earlier while hospitalized.

**FAMILY DYNASTY ?**

L-R: Burton Hall, Jason Hall and Calvin Hall

On January 8, 2005 a rare event take place in St. George Lodge No. 12 when three members of the same family were installed into the three senior offices of the lodge. The new Worshipful Master, W:B: Jason Hall saw his brother Calvin installed as Senior Warden while Dad is the new Junior Warden. The last time this occurred in District 5 was in Ashlar Lodge No. 36 in 1993 when members of the Kinney family held the three top offices in that lodge.

**NEWS FROM LODGES AROUND THE PROVINCE**

**SALISBURY LODGE SURRENDERS CHARTER**

On November 15, 2004 the Deputy Grand Master, R:W:B: Wayne McKay accompanied by officers and members of Grand Lodge made an official visit to Salisbury Lodge No. 20 for the purpose of receiving the Warrant of this distinguished lodge. For one hundred forty six years, many brethren have heard the familial line, "I now declare Salisbury Lodge No 20 open in due form" and now the proud name is relegated to the pages of Masonic History in New Brunswick.



The Worshipful Master, W:B: John Brunett makes his final remarks to the lodge.

In his closing remarks the Worshipful Master spoke of the rich history of Salisbury Lodge and thanked his officers for their solid support over the past year. He concluded by turning to the Deputy Grand Master, saying, "And now, according to a tie in my obligation as Master of Salisbury Lodge No 20, I am returning to you the Warrant by authority of which this Lodge is held." The involuntary gesture of Immediate Past Master, WB Duff, holding his head illustrated the feelings of the brethren assembled.



R:W:B: McKay receives the warrant of Salisbury Lodge while the Grand Director of Ceremonies V:W:B: Ray Joudrey looks on.

The officers of Salisbury Lodge assembled at the Altar, gave their final salute and led their brethren from the Lodge room one final time. Past Grand Master James Pike assumed the east for the official closing and with a rap of the gavel, extinguished the lights of Salisbury Lodge No 20 in ample form.

**FOWNES LODGE SURRENDERS CHARTER**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Gordon Rattray and members of Grand Lodge were in attendance at the "last" meeting of Fownes Lodge 45 held December 2, 2004 in Havelock.

One of the last official acts of business of Fownes Lodge was balloting on a new member. He will be the first to receive the degrees in Harmony Lodge #20, which is being formed by the amalgamation of Fownes #45 and Salisbury #20. This is even more proof that amalgamation is the way to help maintain growth and survival of Masonry in District 7 and more particular in New Brunswick.

The GM then took the chair and asked the Master and Wardens if their work was complete. The Grand Master spoke on the positive steps that these lodges were taking in amalgamating and that this is a time of growth and revitalization of Masonry in NB and in particular in District 7. He complimented each and every member of the two lodges on the manner in which the process was conducted from the initial discussion to the present time.



The Grand Master receives the warrant of Fownes Lodge from the Worshipful Master, W:B: Robert Wheaton

The Grand Master closed Fownes #45 for the final time and the officers and members of Fownes Lodge filed out of the lodge room followed by members of Grand Lodge and then all other Masons in attendance. The usual Havelock fellowship followed in the banquet hall.

The wise man must remember that while he is a descendant of the past, he is a parent of the future.

-Herbert Spencer

### UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND SURRENDERS CHARTER

In direct contrast to the consecrating of a new Masonic Lodge is the somber atmosphere of one going dark. Especially an old established Lodge, such as the Union Lodge of Portland, No 10.

The Grand Master, MW Gordon Rattray, with an entourage of 24 officers and members of Grand Lodge, paid a final visit to The Union Lodge of Portland on December 21, 2004, there to take into his possession the Charter by authority of which the Lodge held its meetings. After the final business portion of the session to wrap up Grand Master lowers the gavel closing the Union Lodge of Portland for the last time. the loose ends, the Grand Master assumed the east, directing the officers of the Lodge to vacate their stations. Expressing his sorrow at having to preside over a lodge closing, he ended his remarks with a blow from the gavel.



M:W:B: Gordon Rattray receiving the Charter of the Union Lodge of Portland from the Worshipful Master, W:B: Paul Sanderson.

A successor to Portland Union Lodge No. 324 (IR) the Union lodge of Portland was warranted in 1845; over thirty years before the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick came into being, it has a long and strong history. But, like many others, time and an aging membership conspired to sound the death knell. Reduced to an actively involved membership of a half-dozen or so, the Lodge simply could not function despite a healthy bank account. Such circumstances may well suggest credence to the fact it is an active, committed and caring membership that keeps a Lodge healthy, rather than any monetary factor.

The Union Lodge of Portland was the successor to Portland Union Lodge No. 324, Irish Registry. Warranted in 1842 the lodge operated for a mere three years before surrendering their warrant and obtaining a new one from the Grand Lodge of England.



Grand Master lowers the gavel closing the Union Lodge of Portland for the last time.

### FAREWELL TO THE MASON LODGE TARBOLTON

*(With the closing of the three lodges herein reported on, this poem by Brother Robert Burns seems a fitting requiem. – Ed)*

Adieu! A heart-warm , fond adieu!  
Dear brothers of the mystic tie  
Ye fa-vour'd, ye enlightened few,  
Companions of my social joy  
Tho I to foreign lands must hie,  
Pursuing fortunes slidd'ry ba

Oft have I met your social band  
And spent the cheerful, festive night;  
Oft, honour'd with supreme command,  
Presided o'er the Sons of Light;  
And by that Hieroglyphic Bright,  
Which none but Craftsmen ever saw!  
Strong Mem'ry on my heart shall write  
Those happy scenes, when far awa'.

May Freedom, Harmony, and Love,  
Unite you in the grand design,  
Beneath the Omniscient Eye above-  
The glorious Architect Divine,  
That you may keep the unerring line,  
Still rising by the plummet's law,  
Till Order bright completely shine,  
Shall be my pray'r when far awa.

And you, farewell! whose merits claim  
Justly that highest badge to wear I  
Hjeaveii bless your bonour'd, noble name,  
To Masonry and Scotia dear!  
A last request permit me here,  
When yearly ye assemble a',  
One round, I ask it with a tear,  
To him, the Bard that's far awa,

### HARMONY LODGE NO. 20 CONSTITUTED

December 18, 2004 saw upwards of sixty-five brethren gather in Salisbury to witness Harmony Lodge No. 20 duly constituted and the officers for the year 2005 installed into their respective offices.

Harmony Lodge No. 20 is the outcome of an amalgamation of Salisbury Lodge No. 20 and Fownes Lodge No. 45. The ceremony of constituting the lodge and the installation of officers was carried out with the requisite pomp and ceremony led by the Grand Master, M:W:B: Gordon Rattray, assisted by present and past Grand Lodge officers.

The best wishes of the Masonic fraternity of New Brunswick are extended to the officers and members of Harmony Lodge. May your future be both long and prosperous.



The Grand Master, M:W:B: Gordon Rattray installs the first Master of Harmony Lodge, R:W:B: Gerald Tingley into his office



Officers of Harmony Lodge No. 20 for the year 2005 with the Grand Master, M:W:B: Gordon Rattray.



The Grand Master with his installation team

### MASONIC HOUSING AND CHARITIES CONTRIBUTES TO TSUNAMI RELIEF

We are all aware of the devastating results that have been wrought by the recent Tsunami in South East Asia. The response to this great disaster has been both immediate and world wide.

The objectives of the "New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Company" are contained in its name "Charities" and "Housing". Of the two, the primary charitable purpose has been defined as "Children".

In support of that purpose, a donation has been made to UNICEF, to be used for the children who have been traumatized by the recent Tsunami in South East Asia.

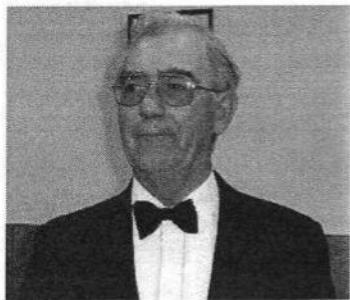
Albion Lodge No. 1 and Hiram Lodge No 6 have also made a donation to this worthy cause. Any lodge or individual wishing to make a donation to either UNICEF or the Red Cross may do so through the Masonic Housing and Charities. Cheques should clearly indicate which organization is to benefit from the donation.

There remain times when one can only endure. One lives on, one doesn't die, and the only thing that one can do, is to fill one's mind and time as far as possible with the concerns of other people. It doesn't bring immediate peace, but it brings the dawn nearer.

-Arthur Christopher Benson

## Bits & Bytes

By W.C. (Bill) Boone



There is no doubt computers have added greatly to the world's bank of knowledge. Instant communication anywhere in the world. Information on any subject a few clicks away. However, next to the two most obnoxious statements in the English language, "Absolutely" and "Have a nice day", spam (unsolicited email) is one of the most annoying things about the electronic age. Open your e-mail and more often than not, the majority of the messages will be in the form of an advertisement extolling the virtues of everything from Aids prevention to Viagra enhancement. It isn't true that you spend half your life deleting this junk; it just seems that way.

How do these numchuks get your address? There are several methods, such as when you register with a website for a purchase, information, or any other reason. The owner of the site sells or gives these to other companies. The most common method of collecting addresses is a program, referred to as a "spider" or "webbot", that continuously scans the internet harvesting email addresses by the thousands. These are either sold to other mass mailing groups or used for their own purpose. The result ends up in your inbox.

Other robot programs search websites for guest books to fill in automatically touting their wares. The Grand Lodge site has been inundated over the past two months with these bots posting messages urging viewers to visit their casino site, or buy cheap cigarettes, drugs, you name it. We tracked down two of the worst offenders. One originated in India, the other in Ceylon. By contacting their ISP (internet service provider), setting rigid filters on our own hosting server and close monitoring of what messages reach our viewers, we have managed to eliminate 99% of it.

You too can take steps to reduce the amount of spam you receive. If you are flooded with it now, call your ISP and change your email address. Then only give it out to trusted contacts. For all other uses, get a hotmail or Yahoo email account. When an online form requires an email address, use this one. We have two: [fa\\_kemall@yahoo.com](mailto:fa_kemall@yahoo.com) and [f\\_a\\_kemall@hotmail.com](mailto:f_a_kemall@hotmail.com). In addition to keeping your private email clear for personal message, these two have rigid filtering devices that eliminate most of the junk. Your own email program should have a decent filtering ability also; check it out.

We also use java script on the Grand Lodge website to prevent bots from reading the email addresses posted therein. It is reproduced here for anyone who has a webpage with their email and wants to make it unreadable to machines.

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<script type=text/javascript>
var _u = "glnb"; //user name, i.e. bilboone
var _d = "glnb.ca"; //This is the part following the "at" sign; i.e
nbnet.nb.ca
var _l = _u + "@" + _d;
var _m = "Contact us";
document.write("<a href='mailto:'+_l+'>"+_m+"</a>"); //this
puts it all together in a usable form
</script>
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The only thing you need to change is the information in the quotation marks in line 2, 3 and 5 (glnb, glnb.ca and possibly Contact us, if you want a different message). The double slashes precede inserted comments that are ignored by the script. Quotation marks are to be used as shown.

One other annoying feature of the internet is the "pop-up" ads, those windows that open automatically when you visit a particular site. Some are "pop-under", that is, when you close your browser window, they are there in all their glory. One means we use to block these is the google tool bar which has this feature on it. It integrates well with Explorer browser and provides a reliable search engine at your fingertips. It can be downloaded from [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and installed in only a minute or so. We're not sure if it is compatible with Nutscape; probably not, nothing else is. And AOL users are in a world all their own

Yes Virginia, there are ways to reduce spam and pop up ads, but it will probably never be entirely eliminated. That is one price we pay for "free" internet usage.

Now, if we could only find a means to filter that horrible admonition to "have a nice day", or that trite and banal response to everything as "absolutely", blood pressures would drop, and serenity would descend on every living soul except those going through the withdrawal stage. Of course the long term effect of banning this mental spam "is unclear" (a favorite media expression, meaning no one knows what they are talking about.)

On the square brethren.

### MASONIC ODDITIES

In the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Christian era, Jewish architects received protection at Rome, where, under Julius Caesar, they were allowed to establish synagogues as well as being admitted to the colleges of builders where they imparted knowledge of the Hebrew mysteries.

The first description of the preparation of a Candidate about to enter a Lodge was in the Graham Ms of 1726 which states his condition as '...half naked half clothed half shod half bairfoot ....'

One Masonic writer gives the theory of the Wardens columns at one time were hourglasses wherein the Senior Warden would mark the time when a Lodge was opened.

## Grand Chaplains Chatter



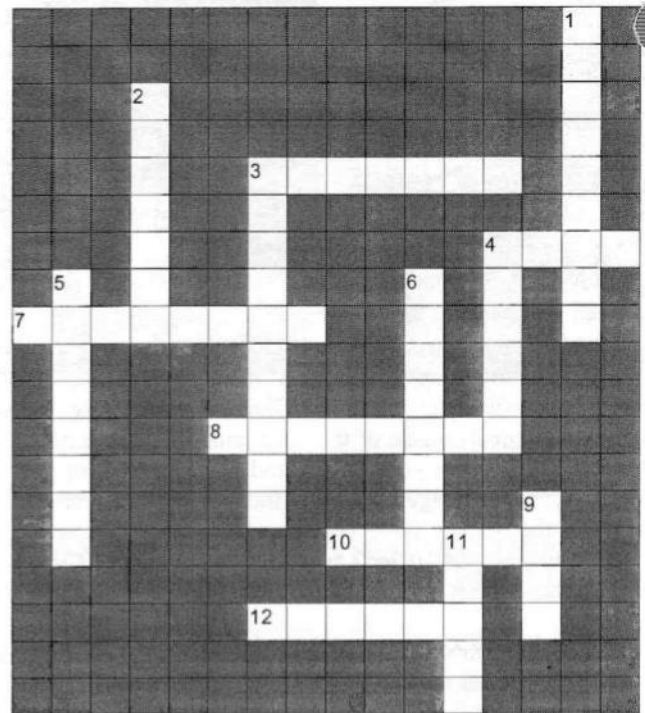
Greeting and Happy New year to All!!!

As we enter into this year it has been one of ups and downs especially with the temperature. One day it is plus 4 and the next it is minus 14. On the warm days it is easy to go outside for a walk or to the malls shopping or just to get out to see what is going on in the world. I don't know about anyone else but when the temperature is below the zero mark all I want to do is roll over in the morning and stay in bed. It is difficult to get up and get going!! This feeling can last all day and sometimes right into the evening!!

As the weather gets colder sometimes we have the lack of motivation and tend to hibernate a bit. This is often seen in attendance at meetings and other functions in our lives. "Well, its cold out so maybe I'll just miss this one tonight and stay in" This happens in January, then February and again in March and soon the habit of staying in and missing the meeting altogether becomes a regular part of a routine. Maybe we need to make a New Years Resolution this year to break the bad habit of staying home and start a new habit of getting up and going to meetings. We will find a warmth in the fellowship of the brotherhood and our Fraternity that can melt the coldest night. WE just have to seek it and be willing to enter into it and enjoy it. The masonic Fraternity is like many organizations in this life you will get out of it .... what you put into it!!! We just have to be willing to get up and get out there and put something of ourselves into "it". I hope that everyone will enjoy this New Year and the fellowship that it offers with one another!! I hope that all our families will be blessed in a special way as they travel into 2005 and enjoy another exciting year!!

Fraternaly Yours,  
The Rev'd Dana Dean  
Grand Chaplain

## MASONIC PUZZLE



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### Across

3. First Grand Historian in New Brunswick
4. Every lodge is required to have one and it is affixed to official documents.
7. On what part of the body did Hiram Abiff receive the third blow.
8. One of the four cardinal virtues
10. One of the orders of architecture
12. Name of first ruffian

### Down

1. First Prime Minister of Canada who was a Freemason
2. Current Grand Historian
3. The forty-seventh problem of Euclid was invented by
4. Part on the \_\_\_\_\_
5. First lodge to be formed in Fredericton
6. The north Masonically speaking is termed a place of
9. How many times per year must the Antient Charges and regulations be read in open lodge.
11. The compasses are dedicated to the craft.

### ANSWERS TO MASONIC QUIZ

1. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
2. There were three, Saint Andrews Lodge # 364, Fredericton; Lodge St. Andrew # 376, Richibucto and Saint John Lodge # 412, Bathurst.
3. Robert Gowan of Fredericton was appointed Provincial Grand Master on February 4, 1867.