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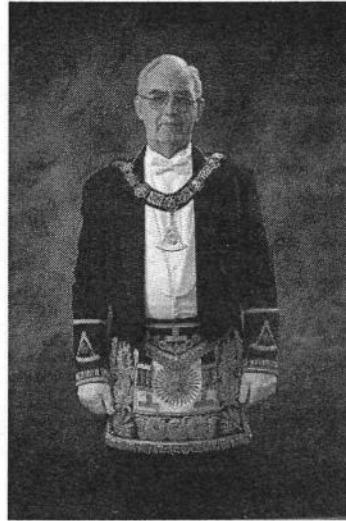
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Just the Facts:

Canada's first Provincial Grand Lodge, AF & AM was established at Quebec on November 2nd, 1759 with six Lodges, largely from the British Military.

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Richard Bedford Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada 1930-1935 was made a Mason in Miramichi Lodge No. 18 at Chatham, New Brunswick. He was also from Albert County, NB.

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On the 24th July 1751 the first known Masonic Church service in Canada was held at St. Pauls' Church,



The Most Worshipful The Grand Master for The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick:

William Boone

Elected May 12, 2007 at the 140th Annual Communication held in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada.

Grand Master's Message, Fall 2007

Greetings Brethren:

For the past year or so, Mostly Masonry has been on Sabbatical taking the time to reorganize and revitalize itself. Now, under the direction of a capable editor, WB Macx MacNichol, we are pleased to welcome you to this issue.

Please, let it be understood, this is not a medium for criticism of individual brothers, programs or policies, past, present or future, real or implied. That is not to say the Editor may not, from time to time, touch on a subject that will cause a reaction with the reader. If such does occur, you can rest assured his sole intent is to stimulate thinking, foster reflection, and perhaps move the reader to reply in a thoughtful way.

Whatever problems the Craft is facing today, whether it is a declining membership, pocket of discontent, or financial, no one individual can shoulder all the blame. Nor can one individual be burdened with the responsibility of correcting it all. The strength of Freemasonry is in the collective efforts of every member, each bringing to the table his particular talent or skill. We need the provocative as well as the calm reflector ever remembering we as a band of brothers may well disagree but can do so while exercising brotherly love.

Mostly Masonry will do its best to keep you apprised of the events within the jurisdiction, policies of record, articles of inspiration, education, news and views, all subjects for serious reflection to the rational mind of a thinking Mason. Our goal is to make this newsletter one to be envied and emulated near and far; a publication you will eagerly await, to be enjoyed with every reading.

For those who aspire to see their paper published, now is your big opportunity. We cannot guarantee every submission will make its way onto the printed page, but undoubtedly the Editor will relish the thought of having so many to choose from he will lose sleep worrying whether he made the right choice. This is your publication brethren. We are only the stewards.

In closing, please accept my grateful appreciation for the kindness and harmony in which I have been received on official and unofficial visits. If I can leave a portion of the good will behind that I take with me, then the time has been well spent.

**With Fraternal regards
William (Bill) Boone,
Grand Master, G.L.N.B.**

Editorial

Living as a Mason

“He goes to his lodge’s communication each month, he can recite most of the rituals, he helps raise funds for charity, he visits other lodges and wears Masonic jewelry” but is he living the life of a good Freemason?

As a relatively new Mason (raised mid 80s) I have seen many examples of good deeds done by Masonic lodges in New Brunswick but always felt there had to be more to Freemasonry than repetitive communications where regular business is overly discussed, with the atmosphere at times resembling a social gathering where many of those attending will probably not do anything Masonic until their next communication.

At the time I entered my first lodge meeting as an Entered Apprentice I had great anticipation that I was entering into something significant that would give me a meaningful new life experience. Although I have enjoyed Masonry greatly I must admit not to the extent I expected at that first communication.

After reading a number of articles reference Freemasonry I have drawn the conclusion I am not the only one who has felt a bit disappointed with some aspects of Masonic activities, one of which is the lack of education on how one should live a life as a Freemason on a day to day basis and not be just as a “one day a month Mason”.

Author Tim Dedopulos expressed many more concerns that active Freemasons have with reference to the problems and the future of the Fraternity in his book “The Brotherhood, Inside the secret world of Freemasons” dated 2006.

In the final chapter “Freemasonry Today”, in the section “membership today” and subsequent sections Dedopulos describes much of the malaise that is affecting Freemasonry world wide including everything from boredom, lack of dedication, cost, drop out rates to the lack of thought provoking influential activities both personal and worldly.

There is no way we as individual Freemasons can cure the ailments of Freemasonry world wide but we can start within our individual lodges, as well, we must begin learning how to live better lives as Freemasons within our Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

A first good step would be to have someone indicate to all lodge members within this jurisdiction what it would be like to live as someone devoted to Freemasonry and its tenants on a daily basis above and beyond those mentioned in the first paragraph of this editorial. I personally have never attended such presentation or listened to someone who practices the tenants of Freemasonry in a dedicated life style. It is my wish to do so some day.

Another one of the disappointments I have had in the practice of Freemasonry is with the lack of dedication to the quote **“and see that none go away dissatisfied, harmony being the strength and support of all institutions, particularly this of ours”**. From my observations there are many brethren not attending their lodge’s communications due to some past unresolved discord, how is this allowed to happen if we believe in and follow the rituals we recite at each communication?

Finally there are brethren who put their personal views before the practice of the tenants of Freemasonry when discussions are held concerning the overall welfare of the lodge. Although they remain silent during the discussions throughout the communication and appear to agree with the proceedings but have no problem expressing their negative views outside of lodge, hopefully not to non-masons, on how they disagree with what their fellow brethren are attempting to accomplish.

By doing so they spread discord through their negativity, cause peer pressure and attempt to reduce support for the business and other decisions the majority of the brethren have agreed to conduct. These types of actions only hurt Freemasonry, discourage other brethren from attending and possibly prevent others from having a positive view of Freemasonry thus reducing the chance of them becoming a Mason.

Those holding offices in Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction should be making all efforts possible to address some of the malaise in the lodges under their supervision. The first step would be to educate all brethren in what it takes to “live as a Freemason everyday within it’s tenants”, then have them try to do so to the best of their ability for the betterment of themselves and Freemasonry.

I would be the first to join the class, this is my opinion.

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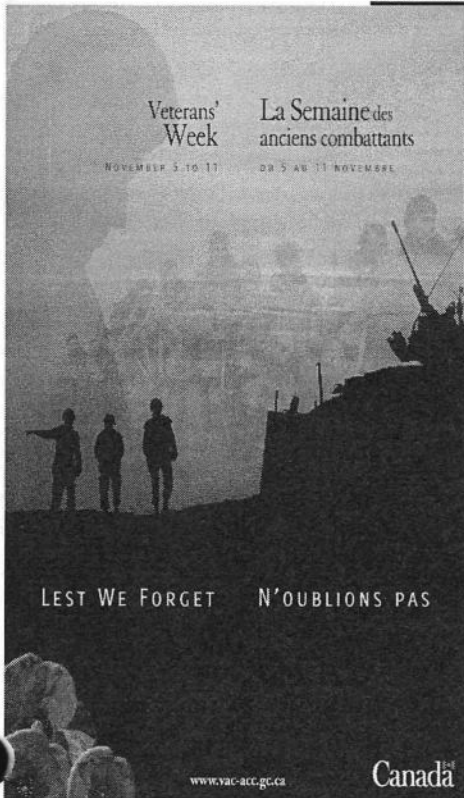
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Your Comments

Your comments are greatly appreciated and we hope to include as many as we can in each issue. Please keep them short and sweet so to avoid us from having to edit them because of space. (150 words or less would be acceptable)

NEWS

TO & FROM LODGES AROUND THE PROVINCE



Be prepared to Honour those veterans from past wars as well as those who are presently being engaged in many of the present conflicts. All lodges have veteran(s) remember them during National Veterans week Nov. 05 to 11.

Why we should be proud of what we do as Masons and grateful we can.

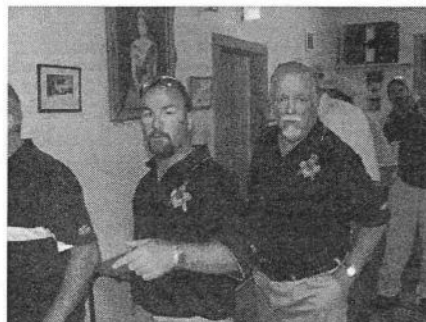
The 2007 Scottish Rite Bursary of \$500 has been awarded to Kayla Albert of Perth-Andover, New Brunswick. Kayla, who suffers from slight dyslexia and memory retention deficit, had serious difficulties in her early childhood education but little special help was available through the school system. Kayla's mother, tireless in meeting with teachers and resource staff, arranged private tutoring from Grade 5 for her daughter and that, combined with Kayla's own determination to succeed, saw her graduating in June as an Honors student.

But there is more to the story. Kayla has demonstrated as much concern for helping others as for helping herself. For an entire semester during Grade 12, she assisted with a kindergarten class. She was also a volunteer assistant with a children's summer day camp, and is a regular volunteer at the food bank. With the compassion and joy she brings to her commitments, Kayla has helped with daily activities for handicapped adults, and regularly assists individual seniors in home care and outings.

Now enrolled at Community College in the "Personal Support Worker" course, she is planning to continue her service for others. "I love helping people," she said, "and plan to continue doing so throughout the rest of my life- it's just the kind of person I am - a people person!"

Kayla has been highly recommended by her school's resource teacher as having great determination in her studies, a trait that spills over into her various voluntary community services and her chosen goals in that field.

We all have reason to be grateful for the welfare we, our brethren and families so enjoy



As reported Sept. 2007

RWB Whittaker seems surprised by something only he can tell us about while attending a golf tournament.



As reported 16 August 2007

Those present—(seated) W.B. Lowell Cail & R.W.B Miles Graham (D.G.M.) Standing—(L-R) R.W.B. Ronald Mundle, R.W.B. James Cail, R.W.B. Garth Girvan, W.B. Murray Hannah, B. Frank Comeau, W.B. James Mac William, W.M Michael MacDonald, W.B. George Mundle, W.B. Ivan MacDonald, and R.W.B Douglas Wood.



As reported 23 January 2007

MW William C. Boone presents 60 year pin to RW John Lingley.

As reported 19 September 2007

Congratulations goes out to Bro. Art Birch of Sussex Lodge # 4 on receiving his 25 year pin from Grand Master MWB William C. Boone during his official visit to Sussex Lodge. Bro. Birch was greeted by all after a long absence and we hope he will be able to attend lodge again on regular basis.

"Doing the right thing, is not, Always the easiest thing to do"

Grand Lodge of New Brunswick

Training and Development Team
Basic Course Information
January 2003

Submitted by RWB Wayne Hitchcock

The Training, Education, Mentorship Committee of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has multiple responsibilities to the Craft here in New Brunswick and we are trying our best to deliver the best and most up to date training available. In addition to this we have been given several specific projects by the Most Worship Grand Master all of which are in various stages of completion. These would all be worthy of discussion here and no doubt in the near future will appear in these very pages but today I wish to discuss a concept which I refer to as the POSITIVE approach to Masonry. This concept is very simple and indeed appears initially to be too simple to solve our problems but have a good look at what is behind it. The first letter, P, stands for pride. It is a fact that if a man takes pride in the place he is in, the people he is working with and the things he is doing, he will want to continue that relationship. If you look around your Lodge do you feel pride in the things that you see. When you are with your Brothers are you proud to be among them and be associated with them. When you are doing a project with your Lodge is there pride in the work being done. If the pride is not there, before long the men will not be there. Nothing survives long on past accomplishments. If there is a problem with the Lodge building then fix it. If you do not walk a little straighter and hold your head a little higher when you are with your Brethren, then it is time to analyze why that is and fix it. If you are not proud of the work you and your Lodge are doing then maybe it is time to sit down and design a plan for improving that work so that you can be proud of what you are doing.

The second letter, O, stands for ownership. This is a simple concept but is all too often forgotten in the day to day workings of a Lodge. Men will not sit on the sidelines and applaud the efforts of others very long before they will begin to look for a place where their own talents can be used. Everybody wants to feel they are a part of the things that are being done. They do not necessarily have to run the project but they want to be able to say, "Look what we did. If your Lodge is being run by two or three individuals and the others are being left out (or maybe even being held out) then you are going to have an Ownership problem that will need serious attention. Helping your membership develop ownership may be as simple as asking for and listening to their individual opinions.

The third letter, S, stands for satisfaction. It is a well documented fact that men join organizations with certain expectations that one or more of their needs will be satisfied by that organization. Freemasonry is no exception. If you ask men why they joined the Fraternity you will get many different answers, some of which will catch you off guard and others you can easily predict. Among the most common things men look for from a fraternal organization are friendship, fellowship, a place to make contacts (or network), a place to give back to their community, a place to associate with others and their families who are at a similar stage in life, a place to learn how to lead, a place to take a leadership role or a place to learn. No two men have exactly the same needs but all can be satisfied if they are directed to the areas within our Fraternity where their needs can be satisfied. It has been my experience that satisfied men do not demit.

I, stands for involvement in the community and with charity. We may not be a charitable organization nor one that is gathered to specifically help our communities grow, but we are perceived that way. From our involvement with Camp Goodtime to the Shriner's Hospitals we are seen as a charitable force in our communities. Even among our own membership when they are asked what is it that we do, the charities are the first thing every body wants to talk about and only on rare occasions will a Mason suggest that one of our goals is to make good men better. Here I would like to introduce a new concept to those who have argued over the years that we are not a charitable institution, that concept being, that by promoting among our membership a sense of community responsibility and a sense of charity to all mankind, we are fulfilling our mandate of making good men better. They are not mutually exclusive principles but rather complimentary principles. This course of action has the additional side benefit of satisfying the needs of those who join us for the opportunity to contribute to recognized charities.

The fifth letter, T, stands for traditional family values. For the bulk of our existence, Freemasonry has almost entirely ignored the families of our members. I put forward that in spite of our most fervent wishes, some things have changed and we need to change with them. Family structure and responsibilities have dramatically changed since the 1950's and the man of the house cannot just take hunks of time away from the family without explanation. Time has become the limiting factor for almost all of us and time away from the joint care of the family will be acquired only if the family agrees to it based on their knowledge of where Dad is and what he is doing. To make this easier, Lodges need to become more family friendly. Picnics, barbecues, trips and outings should all become a part of regular Lodge planning. If you want the young man to join and participate, help him keep his family happy with what he is doing.

The sixth letter, I, is for intellectual stimulation. Men need to be challenged and they love to acquire knowledge. Giving them the same old meeting, with the same old bills, the same old notices and the same old arguments is telling them to go home and start again because this organization is limited in what it offers. I suggest our goal should be that no Mason leaves any Masonic meeting without learning at least one new fact about the Fraternity. Hence I am promoting an Educational program for every Lodge meeting. To assist with this endeavour I am requesting the District Deputy Grand Masters to help me find in each District a District Educational Officer and in each Lodge a Lodge Education Officer. Programs and information now at our disposal on the Education Committee can be dispersed to the Lodges in an organized manner with someone at each level to take responsibility that the information gets out to the membership.

The seventh letter, V, stands for a Valuable experience. As in the last paragraph, if you want the same old results you have always gotten, just keep doing the things you have always done. Nobody sits willingly through a meeting that drags and is boring. Learn how to run a crisp and effective meeting, spending more time on interesting things and much less on the dull and boring.

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The Education Committee can help in this regard. We have a training session ready to go that will help you overhaul your meetings and inject a little back into them. Every Mason in this province should come out of every Masonic meeting with the thought that he wants to come back next month. Make every second count and never let him wish, even for a second, that he was somewhere else.

The last letter, E, stands for excellence. No matter what role you are playing, no matter where you are, and no matter who you are speaking to, if you are there as a Mason be the best you can be. By the very definition of who we are, we are men trying to be better and you cannot get better without practice and trying your best at all times. Excellence breeds excellence. Raise the bar and see how many of your Brethren follow you to the next level.

This concludes the introduction to the POSITIVE approach to Freemasonry. I am convinced that if you are truly looking for a way to improve our Fraternity this approach is a good place to start. Enjoy your Brethren and have fun with your Fraternity.

The Value of Making Visits

As reported by RWB Stephen Allen, Oct 15, 2007

Recently RWB Stephen Allen, DDGM from District # 2, had an occasion to visit the city of Ottawa where he had been put in contact with Brethren from that District. The visit to Luxor Daylight Lodge included meals, toasts, creation and renewal of friendships along with messages for Brethren back in the Grand Jurisdiction of New Brunswick. Because of space it was not possible to publish every detail of Brother Allen's trip and visit but the last paragraph adequately describes his feelings about the benefits of visiting lodges and why all brethren can and should work together to make those visits to far away lodges very easy to do. It also makes it very clear why we should be great hosts when it comes to our attention there are visiting brethren from outside our jurisdiction and to all brethren from other lodges within.

"As I was leaving I could not help but feel that this was an experience that I will remember for many years to come and I could not wait to get back to my District and to share this experience with all my Brethren and encourage all them to not only take the opportunity to visit other lodges as they travel about and they would most likely have a very enjoyable experience but to always remember that when we have a Brother visiting with us in our Lodges we should make every effort to make his visit with us as pleasant and memorable as possible, and to extend the hand of Fellowship and to remember our Masonic teaching of Friendship Morality and Brotherly Love."

Should there be Brethren who wish to have the complete details RWB Allen's visit, I will forward all the material I have. Editor.

Season's Greetings

I realize this message is a bit in advance of the holiday season but this publication covers the three to four month period in which the Christmas season will be celebrated. As I have written in other publications the Christmas season is one of the saddest times of the year for many senior citizens. Because of various reasons many seniors are living alone, hospitalized, disabled and many have very few resources to properly celebrate the festive season. It is also a time when many get overlooked when everyone is so busy, it is easy for individuals to be forgotten by friends, relatives and services agencies because of the increase in responsibilities and activities. It is not unheard of that a senior has been found ill or deceased after a number of days where that has been no contact with anyone because of activities over a holiday season.

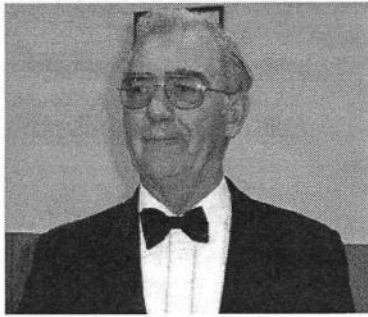
I ask all Masons to keep in mind all those with whom they have contact with throughout the year, whether they are Masons or not, to not forget them during the three or four weeks of the Christmas and New Years holidays. I realize we all think we have been charitable all year and have given our time and money in support of others but sometimes the most charitable thing one can do costs nothing. A telephone call, give someone a drive to the store so a gift can be purchased, share a cup of coffee and donut or ask someone if they would like to go with you when you do errands can be far more beneficial than any monetary donation to an individual who is isolated and has limited resources. Also keep in mind many people are embarrassed to ask for help but will readily accept assistance if someone should ask them what they need or could use. There are also those who because of their circumstances are unable to have any type of special meal or extras that make up part of the festive season, so keep in mind there are all kinds of dinners, church suppers and community activities where these individuals could participate without great expense if only they could get there or knew about them.

I will always remember the story about the two very senior couples who went to their first church evening supper in 25 years because of special assistance they received and how they had to be asked to leave the building because it was getting late. What happened while they were at dinner the couples were re-united. They had travelled with one another back from England in 1945 as newly wed couples and had not seen each other since that six day trip. Both couples were to have said the evening they spent together in the church basement and the meal had been the most fun they had had in the last 15 years. It is not known what assistance they had received or who gave it to them so they could attend the meal but just imagine the feeling of gratification the source of that assistance must have had to see those two couples so happy that evening.

Brothers there are many ways to be charitable and you may never know the full impact of your efforts but you know you followed one of the tenants of your Fraternity and by doing you benefit as well. It is also imperative for you to remember you do not have to like someone to be charitable to that person, which is a real test of the tenant of charity. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the staff of Mostly Masonry.

Bits and Bytes

Good coverage for Masonry
Grand Master interviewed by Moncton Times and Transcript with article published July 23, 2007.



Words From The GM

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.

Special Moments



Great Job- Well done As reported 2007-10-22.

WB George Bowness Master of Acacia Lodge, WB Peter Blight Master of Keith Lodge and WB Ron Caines Master of Coverdale Lodge presented the Grand Master The Most Worshipful William C Boone with a cheque for \$15,000 for Camp Goodtime from the proceeds of a joint fundraiser of the three lodges.



A New beginning

As reported on 2007-10-22, the Grand Master welcomed five new Entered Apprentices to the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons during his official visit to Acacia Lodge # 49. R to L Dan MacPherson, Patrick Milliken, MWB W.C. Boone, Bro. Stephen A. Cail, RWB George Bowness, Kent Friars and Brian Kenny with further degree work to take place in the New Year. These five EAs were just part of the total of 82 Masons in attendance for Monday night communication. A very impressive turnout during which those connected to veterans in various ways were acknowledged during a special presentation.

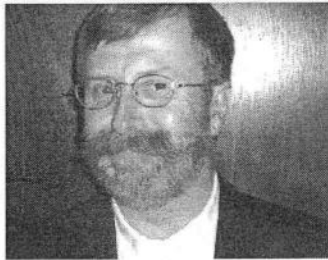
Wanted

In an attempt to increase the coverage of the New Brunswick jurisdiction, Mostly Masonry is looking for a District Reporter from each district to help collect information, stories and pictures which can be used in each quarterly edition. If interested contact the editor.

Grand Chaplain's Chatter

by Rev. Dean)

How do I Live as a Mason



When I was asked to do this write up I had to think seriously of how this Fraternity affected my life and how it is extended into my everyday existence.

I thought many years ago that Masons were a bunch of guys who went to meetings and kept secrets. I found out after joining the order how mistaken I was. I was told when I joined this brotherhood I would get out of it what I put in!! This meant more than just going to a meeting once a month but included living it everyday in fellowship and caring for the others that I consider my fraternal brothers.

I would like to share three (3) short and true stories of being a Mason outside the four walls of the building.

1) I was traveling with a friend along a highway one day when I saw up ahead a man giving the sign for help. There were two cars on the side of the road and as soon as I saw the sign I pulled the car quickly over and asked what the problem was? Well, a lady had broken down and the man had stopped to help and they needed a cell phone to call for a tow truck. After the call was made the man thanked me for stopping and I then made reference to his sign for help. It was at this time he immediately knew I was Mason. He commented he hadn't known if it would work or not but it was his last resort to get help as people kept passing him without an inkling of stopping.

2) When I moved to my new parish a man met me in the Save Easy and when he shook my hand he smiled and said we have lodge meetings each month on the first Tuesday. I hope you will attend. Because of the handshake I was made welcome immediately in my new area of employment. Ever since I became a Mason I have given the Masonic handshake to whomever I meet and have met many Masons and developed unique friendships.

3) I was at the police station one day and when my work was done an officer new to the area closed the door and asked when our lodge met and what time? He was a fellow Mason and had noticed my ring immediately, so when given the opportunity to speak privately with me, he found out here in this new community he could have fellowship, friendship and a sense of belonging.

There is more to masons than going to a meeting once a month; some have trouble even doing that on a regular basis. When we do attend a meeting and put something into it then try to take something from the gathering out into the community it benefits not only us but others as well.

Things of fellowship and benevolence make us known in the community and seen as an active and viable group with a purpose. This in turn creates a wanting within people to become part of a society which is something special. So let us get out to our communications- then out there to communities and show we are something special.

Fraternally Yours
Rev. Capt. Dana Dean
Grand Chaplin

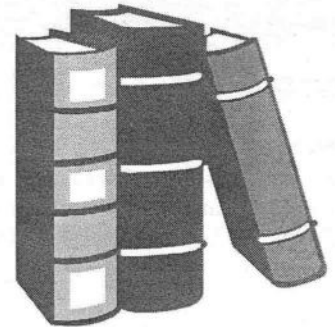
From the

Book

Shelf

 by

WB WG Macx MacNichol



"the Brotherhood. Inside the secret world of the Freemasons" by Tim Dedopulos , 2006, Carlton Books.

This recent publication is an excellent examination of the visible structure of international Freemasonry, the myths and the legends that surround it and attempts to explain the true purposes of this ancient society. This high quality, well printed book is very easy to follow and has many pictorials which are used to explain some of the issues being addressed. It is what I would consider a very good publication that could be used by all Masons particularly when explaining what Masonry is about to a potential candidate. Furthermore I would recommend to all lodges this book would be a great item to gift to a new candidate at the same time he is presented with his Master's apron. This book can be purchased as either a paperback or hardcover at various prices new and used.

"The Book of Fate" by Brad Meltzer, 2006, Warner Books.

For those who would like to read a novel with modern day theme that incorporates some of the Masonic history, myths and philosophy is a very entertaining book. The story line is complicated enough to keep one interested as well the Masonic concepts keeps one guessing about the facts surrounding Masonry. As a Mason I found it a great mix of the personal events of the principal in the book Wes Holloway and the mysteries of Freemasonry. Although you may or may not agree with some of the Masonic referrals in my opinion you will enjoy the entwining of the various components. This book can be purchased as either a paperback or hardcover at various prices new and used.

Notes: To all those who find that the hobby of reading is getting very expensive and it is hard to follow a particular writer or subject because of costs, keep mind there are numerous ways to purchase your favorite titles or reference books at a very very reasonable prices. The best way is to visit your local used book store, should it not have your request in stock, they have the means to search the world for a copy of what you are looking for in books or magazines. Another point is be very careful of shipping costs sometimes it is better to wait than to pay high shipping costs. Just check the cost of the book then ask for the shipping costs separately. Second hand book stores are almost in every town or city you visit so make a list and save a bundle.

It is important to note Acacia Lodge # 49 now has a library which operates under the practice of Masonic book exchange open to all brethren regardless of what lodge the brethren are members. For information go to the lodge or contact their secretary.

Freemasonry A Way of Life

“Freemasonry is Kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in works, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward evil, help for the weak, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and above all, reverence and love of God.”

This illustration of what the way of life is for a Mason, published by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick back in 1983, clearly indicates the tenants of Freemasonry are not just meant to be practiced one night a month during a lodge communication.

It will not be easy to practice all the tenants of Freemasonry everyday or every hour but those who seek and endeavour to do so will do the Fraternity a great service and possibly bring great satisfaction to themselves.

As I have stated before the world would be a wonderful place to live in if all it's domestic, social and commercial atmospheres were the same as we often see inside the lodge during a regular communication.

We as Masons spend a great deal of our time in lodge discussing issues that appear so trivial in comparison to what is happening outside in the rest of the world. A great example is the amount of time spent deciding whether or not we can afford to donate \$25.00 to the local food bank at Christmas time when we all have more than what we really need in our own lives.

I know many of us feel at times the Fraternity and it's lodges are just considered an extension of the provincial social services program but the good that \$25.00 provides far out weighs our concern about whether or not we should donate.

We, as Masons should be more expedient with our decision making and use the saved time considering how we can use the tenants of Freemasonry to make better decisions in our day to day lives and have an improved Masonic Way Of Life for both as members of a lodge and for us as individuals.

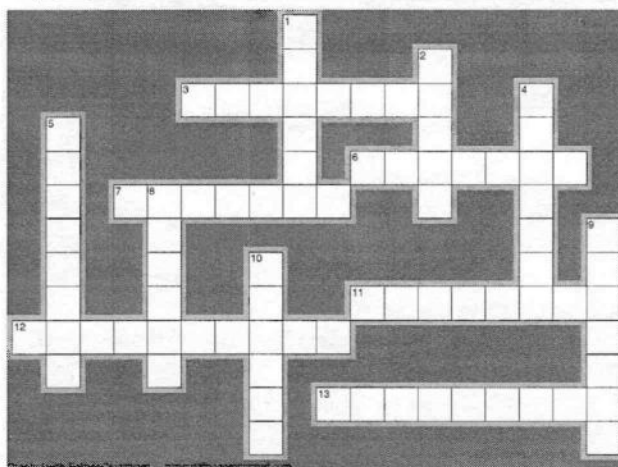
From The Editor.



Lest We Forget



Know your Grand Masters?



Puzzle created by: WB Stuart MacDonald
Across

- 3. Founder and first Worshipful Master of New Brunswick Lodge
- 6. Two brothers (familial) who served as Grand Masters
- 7. Only Grand Master in Province to exercise the prerogative of making a Mason at Sight. Served as Grand Secretary
- 11. First Past Grand Master to serve as Grand Historian
- 12. A doctor and first Grand Master from District No. 4
- 13. First Grand Master from Charlotte County

Down

- 1. First served as Provincial Grand Master for New Brunswick under the United Grand Lodge of England
- 2. Newspaper owner who served 30 days in jail for contempt
- 4. Currently the senior Past Grand Master in the Province
- 5. First Grand Master to die while in office
- 8. Father was first District Deputy Grand Master in New Brunswick under the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia
- 9. Served as first Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick before later becoming Grand Master
- 10. Longest serving Grand Master

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- 1. **Homicide Special** by Miles Corwin (True Police work)
- 2. **The Parachute Ward** by Brian Jeffery Street (True Military)
- 3. **The Book of Fate** by Brad Meltzer (Suspense Novel, Masonic Overtones)

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