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Mostly Masonry

THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF
NEW BRUNSWICK



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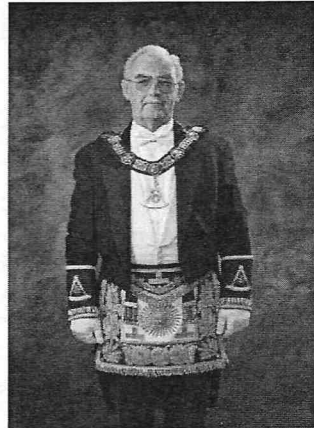
Just the Facts:

Until 1939, top hats were worn by all present in Pilgrim Lodge No.238 in England.

Lodges were originally dedicated to King Solomon, but changed around 1598 to being dedicated to St. John, the Evangelist.

When making the Sign of Fidelity, the thumb is erect and at right angles to the fingers, whereas the Sign of Reverence has the thumb along the fingers.

The next Grand Lodge communication will be held on 08 & 09 May 2008 in Saint John, NB



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:

Becoming a Mason is not easy. Nor is it easy to remain one. Let me explain.

We are not referring to the application and initiation process, or the proficiency tests following each degree, although they may appear a bit daunting to the uninitiated. Nor are we alluding to the number of Masons removed from the membership list each year through demits, suspensions and deaths. While these are all subjects for reflection, what we have in mind is more the application of the principles and tenets of Freemasonry that should become engrained in every candidate to this honorable society.

Freemasonry is said to be a system of morality, veiled in allegories and illustrated by symbols. Using this vague, and somewhat mystifying description, we introduce a man to a world where he is, in theory, provided with the tools and teaching to "make a good man better". It sounds simple. So what can be difficult at becoming a Mason? Or remaining one?

A lodge meeting should have a portion devoted to explaining and teaching this system of morality; explaining in layman terms the various allegories and how they apply to us as individuals. But when most of the time is taken up with the business of the Lodge, members eventually reach the point where they use many reasons not to attend Lodge. It's not easy to forego a more pleasant pastime, to attend a boring meeting.

Nor is it easy for those who are deeply interested in learning to accept the explanation "It's always been done that way."

It is not easy to listen to private piques and quarrels when Masonry admonishes us to do otherwise. It is not easy to refrain from hasty temper when heated discussions arise. Nor is it easy to be discreet in the indulgence of our own inclinations when we see those who should be setting an example getting carried away to excess.

It is not easy to associate the working tools of Masonry as symbols of virtue each man should be striving for as he builds his spiritual house.

No, becoming a Mason is not an easy task. But for those who put forth the effort to understand our rituals, become familiar with our origins and history, delve into the philosophical questions of who, what and why we are, the rewards are beyond value. We will become better husbands, better fathers, better Masons. And by carrying these qualities into the profane world, we have better households, better communities and ultimately a better society.

Such a standard is beyond the reach of most of us, but it is attainable by going above and beyond the gratification of immediate pleasure, but putting forth the effort to apply the principles of Masonry in such a way that they become so engrained within that we practice them without conscious thought.

To achieve such a goal means the discarding of old habits and learning new ones. Cast aside old grudges and prejudices. Open our minds to a new way of thinking. Become a Mason in spirit as well as in name.

And that, my brothers, is probably the most difficult thing any of us will ever do.

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

Editorial

The illusion of Influence and Purpose of Freemasonry

Through reading many articles and having discussions with numerous people reference Freemasonry, it is very apparent there is the perception that whatever influence and purpose Freemasonry may have had throughout its' long formable history no longer exists or at best has been greatly diminished.

Part of that perception with reference to the demise of the potential influentially of Freemasonry in our present day world including within social and economic organizations, can be credited mainly to disappointed and disillusioned Masons who have expressed such in public to non Masons.

It has been reported repeatedly many men seek admittance to the Honourable Fraternity of Freemasonry and after a very short time are never seen in their lodge again or greatly reduce their participation while continuing to pay their dues. One of the main reasons for the drop-out problem and loss of interest is a result of the member not benefiting from being a Freemason to the extent he thought he would from his preconceived ideas of what being a Mason would gain for him personally.

By mistakenly believing in many of the myths, of massive underground social and economic networks, new accessibility to opportunities and finally direct contact with influential high profile Masons, leads to tremendous disappointment. When just his membership to the Fraternity does not lead him to the preconceived personal gains the incentive to continue in the ritual and educational activities, associated with Freemasonry, diminishes with the rise in the level of disappointment.

Those who became a Mason and later withdrew most likely had no idea of the true meaning of being a Mason or why Masons believe "You only get from Masonry what you put into it". Their expectations about the purpose and principles of Freemasonry were based on the belief one could gain from being a Mason just by association rather than through meaningful participation. When the realization that association is not the only element needed to be a dedicated Mason but also includes a commitment to the tenants of Freemasonry and the principles of the obligations, the disillusionment and disappointment become even greater.

Being part of the Fraternity of Freemasonry means different things to different men except to a common man who wants to be a better man. Not everyone wants to or can be great at ritual work, participate in study sessions or lead a lodge but he does want to improve himself through Masonry while at the same time possibly assist those less fortunate than himself through his labours.

The history of Freemasonry is a major attraction for some men, while dedication to a way of life, association with good men who want to become better men and having heard about the deeds of Masons are other reasons men seek admission. The majority of applicants come to Freemasonry without any preconceived aspirations of what the Fraternity can do for them.

Those who do become successful within Freemasonry do so as a result of their participation and their level of satisfaction rises with the level of meaningful participation in as many of the aspects of Freemasonry as he is capable in accordance with their obligations.

Be assured not all Masons will obtain the same degree of satisfaction but not all men need the same level of contentment to make Freemasonry an important part of their lives and maintain it as such throughout all their days on earth. Regardless of the amount or kind of recompense a Mason may get from his involvement with Freemasonry and his lodge none of his personal satisfaction should be based on solely on the wants of the individual but rather on the need of a good man to associate with other good men, in the Fraternity of Freemasonry.

So rather than worrying about why men leave the Fraternity it might be more appropriate to think about why they joined. Should someone join the Fraternity for the wrong purposes that is not the fault of members of the lodge or the Fraternity and both are better off he no longer attends the monthly communications thus ending his illusions of personal gain through association rather than dedicated participation.

I am well aware that when men meet relationships are developed which may benefit one or more Brethren. I also believe Masons should support other Masons regardless what the activity may be as long as it is not the only reason they became a Mason and everything within that relationship is within the tenants and principles of Freemasonry.

It is now time to think of all present members of our individual lodges of the New Brunswick Grand Lodge jurisdiction who have dedicated a large portion of their lives to Freemasonry. Rather than be concerned about why men have dropped out we should be concerned about how best we can be of service and assistance to our dedicated Brethren which the Fraternity is meant to do.

By treating our present members as our obligations direct us to do we will be seen by others in the world for the true principles of which Freemasonry stands for and by doing so will become a natural attraction to other good men who will join Freemasonry for the right reasons.

This is what I think.

The Editor

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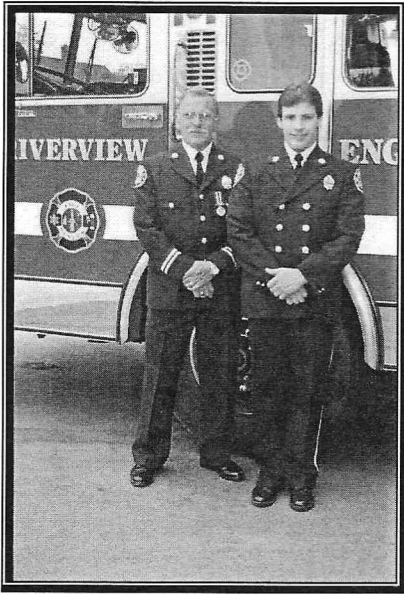
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A Brother of Whom We All can be Proud



Troy Boomer on right with father

The call went out for help on Friday, December 29, 2007 as it was discovered a woman was in the frigid waters of the Petitcodiac River between Moncton and Riverview, NB. About 1:15 pm that afternoon a member of the RCMP called for assistance as he saw a woman in the water. Soon many R.C.M.P., Riverview Fire and Rescue, Moncton Fire Dept, and even Dieppe Fire Departments were setting up to assist in the rescue. The call for the R.C.M.P. helicopter was made to assist as well. After many tense moments the various rescue teams had their equipment in place on both sides of the river in case she was swept to either side. Then the helicopter arrived and was asked to land on the Riverview side where Brother Troy Boomer, a member of Harmony Lodge #20 and volunteer firefighter, climbed on board wearing his ice diving suit. They climbed to about 100 feet to get a visual and spotted the woman, who after being in the water now close to 35 to 40 minutes, and appeared to be still alive. Troy then climbed out onto the skid, told the pilot to hold it there and he jumped into the frigid water from about 20 feet up. He

said that when he hit the water and went under it was so black you could not see at all. Then he surfaced, looked around, found her and made his attempt to swim to her. The current, the ice chunks and the propeller wash made it very difficult for him to close the distance so the pilot moved the helicopter closer as he dragged Troy through the water using his attached lifeline which was held tight by his buddy, Dave Crase, in the helicopter. The line became tangled but the fast work of his buddy allowed them to hardly notice. As Troy grabbed the woman she was alert and asking for help, saying that she was freezing. He said "I am here to help you, you will be fine". Knowing that she was alert increased the level of urgency to everyone involved. Soon the rescue boat arrived and assisted in getting her out of the water and up on the riverbank. The Riverview Fire and Rescue ATV was used to get them to the water treatment plant where the ambulance was waiting. The ambulance had not able to get any closer with no road to the rescue site. To ensure optimum safety and speed in transporting the patient, all intersections were blocked by RCMP patrol cars as they sped to the Moncton Hospital.

Speaking to Brother Boomer later that night, he said he was a bit exhausted and had a bit of hypothermia. Swimming to reach her, he said, it was so difficult and exhausting because of the changing tide which caused strong current. Many times, chunks of ice the size of basket balls hit his head as he struggled to reach her. The wash from the blades rotating above caused the waters to mist and freeze like tiny ice pellets as the helicopter hovered with the safety line hooked to his dive suit.

In the end, the woman in her 30's, was alive and had been transported to hospital. The excitement was winding down and the pace returned to normal as each team made their way back to their respective locations.

That was one heroic effort on behalf of our Brother to risk his life in order to save another. To help aide and assist probably comes to mind as you read this article, knowing that Brother Troy Boomer performed his part on that day in a most excellent manner of which we are all very proud to say he isMY BROTHER.

Submitted by Brother Paul F. Parker

A Point of View

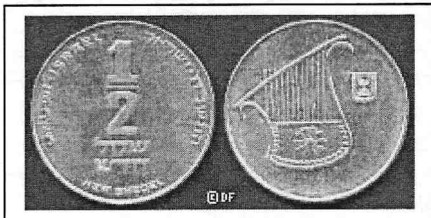
Over the past several years numerous comments and suggestions concerning the voting process to elect Grand Lodge officers necessitates that the matter be addressed. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William C. Boone, has directed the Ad Hoc Committee to review and report on the existing Grand Lodge voting process. Some of the concerns include the fact that only a small fraction of eligible voters can participate in the election process because of the existing requirement that a voter must be present at the Grand Lodge Communication. Many well-governed professional organizations elect their officials by mail-in ballot thus permitting a larger representative vote. The mail-in ballot process in these cases does not appear to detract from the attendance of dedicated members at annual meetings and permits those that cannot attend the meeting to be more equitably represented. One question, therefore, is whether or not such a process should be considered for the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. On a variation of this thought a further question arises as to whether voting by proxy is a viable option. Further concern has been raised regarding the privacy afforded when casting a ballot for elected office. Should there be booths or should the voting be carried out in a location not as visibly open as is currently the practice. Concerns not limited to those mentioned may exist and will be evaluated as well.

All Grand Lodge voting members, who are the presiding masters, past masters and presiding wardens of the craft lodges, are encouraged to communicate their views or concerns to their respective District Deputy Grand Master. The DDGM's comprise the committee under the chairmanship of Rt. Wor. Bro. John Jefferies, PDDGM District No.7. They will be discussing this topic in more detail in the course of their visits to their respective lodges. The committee's final report is expected to be completed by September 2008 and presented to the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes for their considerations and recommendations.

Submitted by: Bro. John Jefferies

NEWS & VIEWS

To & FROM LODGES AROUND THE PROVINCE

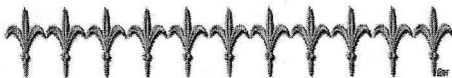


Wages of a Mason

Masonic Labour is purely a labour of love. He who seeks to draw wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid in their dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness and those are the wages of a Mason.

Benjamin Franklin (1706 – 1790)

Submitted by Bro. John Jefferies, Jan. 2008



Things to do over the next 4 months.

- **08 March 2008:** Hibernia Lodge # 3 will be sponsoring the Cookie Cup Curling Event (**Don Cook Memorial Bonspiel**) at the Thistle St. Andrews Curling Club on Dufferin Ave, Saint John, NB. Entry fee \$25.00 plus a stuffed toy for charity. A lunch will be served. For further information contact Bill Blatchford at 674-1148(h) or 651-7033(c) or Tom Hitchcock at 738-3422.
- **04 May 2008:** Sussex Lodge # 4 will be holding a **Roast Beef Dinner at in the lodge banquet hall** at 2 Harrop St., Dorchester, NB, starting at 4pm. Price \$10.00 per ticket with part of the proceeds donated to Camp Goodtime.

- **19 April 2008:** **New Brunswick Charities & Housing Ltd., Annual Meeting**, in Coverdale Lodge # 52 at 1330 hrs, with guest speaker Ms Betty Hoyt of the Canadian Cancer Society.

74 Years as a Mason

As reported 16 Jan 2008

Submitted by DDGM Carl Dungee



L to R: DDGM Dungee, WB James Grant, WB Harold Toole and MW the Grand Master William C Boone

Harold O. Toole was born October 19, 1912 in Memramcook NB. Harold started his Masonic career on July 3, 1934 when he received his Entered Apprentice degree at Howard Lodge #15 in Hillsborough, NB. Harold was working in Albert County in the oil fields of Stoney Creek during the 1930's and 40's. His uncle Iver Olafson (Master of Howard Lodge 1935) encouraged him to join the Masons as it would "keep you out of trouble" as Harold relates his early days in Masonry. Harold took his Fellow Craft degree on August 7, 1934 and his Master Mason's degree on September 4, 1934. Harold recalls that his EA degree was under the English Charter and the latter 2 degrees were under the new Ritual.

Harold was Master of Howard Lodge in 1940. Asked what he felt was a significant part of that year; he quickly replied that it was a visit to the Grand Lodge in Saint John. He had traveled to Lodges between Moncton and Saint John during his year as Master and the years as an Officer, visiting and watching degrees. The trip to Saint John in 1940 was to watch a Third degree. He and 2 or 3 other Masons from Howard Lodge traveled down for the evening. "I was so impressed with their precision of floor work and the good job in presenting the degree... I had never seen anything like it before. The Masons were all dressed in Ties and Tails." Asked how Masonry has changed over the years, he recounts the following story. During World War II he traveled in the States on several occasions and he was always struck by the kindness and generosity of Masons he met along the way. "I stopped at a gas station in New Jersey on one trip. The owner, a fellow mason, noticed my ring and we got to talking. When it came to pay for the gas he said 'no

charge'. Asked where I was heading, I told him, and he gave me a name of another Brother to look up. I got several free fill-ups over the years. In that way, not much has changed, Brothers are still friendly and will always show respect. They are a great bunch of men". "In other ways Masonry has improved, the Lodges seem to do more activities, they are doing good work. The respect is still there, though, I see that"

"There is no question about it....being a Mason has been a good thing, I have enjoyed it tremendously over the years and am proud to be a Mason".

WB Toole is 95years old and has been a Mason for 74 years. He and his wife are living in Calhoun, just outside Memramcook. He is in good health, very active, and enjoys wood working; some of his creations include pictures, lamps and even a Grandfather Clock. He still attends his Lodge as often as he can.

70 Years as a Mason

As reported 27 Feb. 2008

Submitted by RW Bro. Graham Fraser



L to R: RW Graham Fraser and Bro. Rumson

Bro. Merrill Rumson began his Masonic journey back in 1939 and has been an active member of Carleton Union Lodge for his entire 70 years as a Mason. Being a Navy veteran and an employee of CP Steamships he had no problem being a member of a Railway workers Lodge.



WB Austin MacKay, Secretary of Steven Lodge # 37, presents a yearly cheque to Beth Habkirk representing the organization "Support People of Today" which serves the needy people of Petitcodiac and Region.

The Significance of the Masonic Funeral

There are few occasions when Freemasons may perform their ceremonies and rituals in public of which the Masonic Funeral Service is one of the most important and of greatest significance to the dedicated Mason.

Whether or not one knows the deceased Brother for which the service is being held one should participate whenever possible. The attendance of numerous Masons ensures the departed Brother receives all the "light", "rights" and "benefits" of which he is entitled including a well attended funeral service.

There are numerous other justifications why Masons should attend Masonic Funeral Services for a departed Brother. Firstly, the service is an opportunity for the brethren to thank the grieving family for the time the deceased participated in the Fraternity and to extend fraternal sympathy on behalf of their respective lodges; those can only be done properly by a well attended service.

All Masons should remember a well attended Masonic Funeral Service is the final tribute they can pay to a departed Brother and that a well presented service will project a very positive impression on those non-masons in attendance. A non-mason participant will draw many conclusions about Masonry from what he observes and by the number of Masons that turnout for the service.

A substantial number of Masons in attendance at a well performed Masonic Service could give a non-mason a favourable impression of the Fraternity and possibly lead to a future member.

Another aspect of the importance of a well attended service is to show all those in attendance how serious dedicated Masons practice

the tenets of charity and brotherly love of which they so loudly boost. The next time you get a call pertaining to attending a Masonic Funeral Service and when making that decision about attending upon another Brother consider the following scenario.

After spending many devoted years in the Masonic Fraternity how would you feel if most of your lodge Brothers considered themselves too occupied with their own self interests to take a few moments to attend your service, thus showing a lack of respect and concern for you, your grieving family and the lack of dedication to the rites and rituals of the Fraternity to which you had dedicated your time.

On a more personal aspect of attending a Masonic Funeral Service is the gratitude displayed towards you and your lodge from Brethren you may meet for the first time. The support you project by representing your lodge will not go unnoticed and you will be considered even a greater participant in the great Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

One day, and we know not when, each of us will be that brother who has passed from sight and would want your Masonic Brethren to offer their concern, support, comfort and condolences to those you leave behind.

We are all taught; you only get out of Freemasonry what you put into it, including showing respect for a Brother who has departed to that world from which no one returns.

From the editor

LODGE HISTORIES, HELPING TO RECORD

The creation or the foundation of Masonry is lost in the annals of time.

Theories in some views, place its creation to before the pyramids of Egypt, some to the time of Solomon's Temple. Scottish Freemasonry has been traced to a time before 1717.

Theories abound amongst the scholars and researchers.

The creation of the private lodges, at least those in New Brunswick have a known beginning. For those private lodges with written histories their past is known and can be read by their members. Unfortunately there are those private lodges whose written history is contained only in the lodge minute books and is generally not available to the members of the lodge.

We are told that the future of the fraternity belongs to the new members, the young members. How can they be expected to hold that future without the knowledge of their lodges past?

A written history can preserve that aspect of the lodge's existence, to achieve that goal, there is need for the elder statesmen of the lodge to step forward and show their support by assisting in the preservation of the lodge's story.

Any project can be developed to a final conclusion; this article dares to suggest that the history of the subordinate or private lodges requires the attention and efforts of the older members of the lodges.

Time and again it has been heard that the older members, or to use the term again "the elder Statesmen" of the lodge don't get out to lodge like they used to. Some don't like driving at night; possibly some don't want to impose on the friendship of their brothers for a ride to and from lodge. Possibly some have got away from lodge and now feel they don't really remember the forms and ritual.

There is a way for them to continue being productive for the lodge and its younger members.

The Worshipful Master of a lodge without a written history could and should recruit some of the older members to form a committee, review the old minute books of the lodge and write a history.

Or, have some of the older members form themselves into a coffee or social group, approach the Master and the Secretary to borrow the lodge minute books for a review and put together a history of their lodge.

What greater legacy could they leave to posterity and to the future members of their lodge and the fraternity, than to write, edit and see published a history of their lodge.

Certainly there some outside the individual lodge who can be approached, who well might produce a written record, though isn't it more appropriate that a lodge's history should be the work of their own craftsmen.

Rt. Wor. Bro DW Gillrie, Grand Historian



Every man-made wonder of the world began as a simple thought or dream. The dream became a passion. Eventually, it became a reality. In between many obstacles had to be overcome, not the least of which were skeptics who said it could not be done. They were proven wrong.

Skeptics concern themselves with the present. Dreamers look to the future. Skeptics simply do what has been done before because they do not want to think, to dream or to build. They limit themselves to repetition. And as an excuse, they convince themselves, as they try to convince others, they are doing so because it has always been done this way.

Thousands of years ago primitive man used a club to hunt or to defend life and limb. Maybe one day he missed a swing at a rabbit and in frustration flung the club at the fleeing animal. Imagine his surprise as the hurled club knocked the animal senseless. Being a bit of a dreamer, the hunter wondered if he made his club long and slender it might be easier to throw at distant targets. It worked. Someone else considered sharpening the end so it would penetrate rather than simply stun. Another sharpened a flint stone and attached it to the point. It worked even better.

Eventually someone experimented with launching the spear with a taut vine between the ends of a curved stick. Thus the bow and arrow became a reality.

And so, through a succession of ages, man's thoughts, dreams, ideas and the willingness to ignore the skeptics, have produced works which have produced magnificent results. Even before the temple of Solomon, in all its splendor could be built, someone had to have a vision of what it could be. A palace does not spring into place when the carpenter is trying to build a barn.

The act of creative imagination, regardless of how original it may be, must follow the rules of the nature of material used. One cannot build a solid foundation on a bed of sand for surely it will crumble. Only by understanding the nature of the material and by original thinking can the builder combine all the necessary ingredients to bring the dream to reality.

The club, spear and bow were effective in their day because they were original. Because someone had a vision of improving them, hunting became easier. The new weapons made them superior to their enemies. It also forced enemies to develop new methods of defense.

There can be no argument it takes someone with vision to improve upon what now exists. We have such visionaries within Masonry;

brethren who dare dream of doing things a different way. They are the builders of the future. Do not throw obstacles in their way. Encourage them to dream and to build.

Nor should the skeptics who resist such new ideas be condemned for their desire to do it the same old way, for therein lays the key to the future. Only by mind-numbing repetition can a man be forced to conceptualize a palace where a barn once stood.

It isn't the act of creating a new weapon or tool, building a super-highway, or a palace that is remarkable: it is the idea that started it all. He who has the capacity to dream, to build castles in the air, to push forward in the face of adversity, to persevere in spite of rejection, derision, and occasional hostility is the one who has given meaning to the word progress.

Are you one of the dreamers? Or are you content with the way it has always been done.

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Make it count.

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**Grand Chaplain's
Chatter**

(by Rev. Dean)



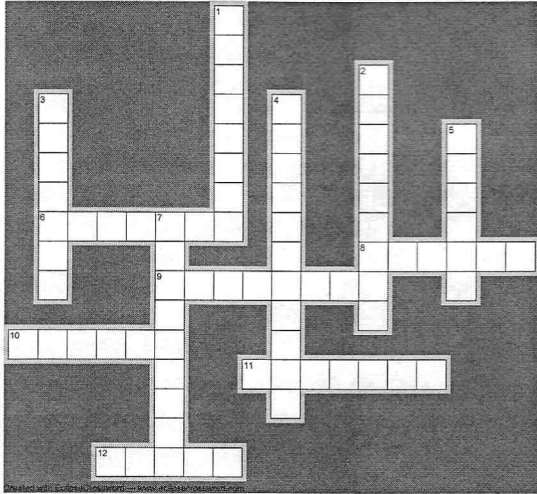
"The Purpose of Masonry"

When I was asked to do this column for this issue I was told to concentrate on the purpose of Masonry. I decided to look up the meaning of the word purpose in the dictionary and according to the Oxford pocket dictionary it is "what you intend to do, a plan or aim" the second definition is "determination". I then decided to poll some of my lodge brothers about their thoughts on what they felt the purpose for them was and I was intrigued by their answers. Some felt it was the fellowship they found at meetings and the camaraderie of being involved in events. Others felt it gave them the opportunity to give and cited the children's camp we support.

As Chaplain I feel that God gives each of us a purpose in this life and we spend time in our journeys discovering what the purpose is and the plan that is set before us. The problem is.... when we don't seek a purpose in our lives or not willing to work and become involved in a purpose we are missing out on a wonderful gift given to us by the creator. We as individuals and masons need to ask ourselves what our purpose is and then when we discover what that may be we have to get involved to fulfill the purpose. If we don't get involved we may never or fulfill the purpose. When I first became a Mason I was told this organization makes a good man better. This is done with a purpose and from this fraternity we have lots of opportunities to discover the purpose and develop our talents to enhance the purpose of our journey upon the various roads through life.

In closing I hope each who read this will take but a few moments to reflect on the question - What is my purpose in Free Masonry? The second question - How can I get involved to fulfill that purpose? I hope and pray each of us continue to discover our purpose!!!
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"THEY WERE ALL FREEMASONS"



Across

6. Served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri while Vice-President of the USA
8. America's most famous traitor, he lived in Saint John following the Revolutionary War
9. Saint John's second Mayor, Deputy Grand Master for New Brunswick under the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia
10. New Brunswick's nineteenth Premier, a past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick
11. Ancients first Grand Secretary, wrote Ahiman Rezon
12. Scotland's most famous poet

Down

1. Wrote first Constitution, published in 1723
2. First Prime Minister of Canada, Grand Representative to the UGLE
3. Considered by many to be America's greatest clown, this star of radio, screen and TV ended each episode of his TV show with "goodnight with 'goodnight and God bless'".
4. Canada's eighteenth Prime Minister
5. According to the well-known story, it was on seeing an apple fall in his orchard at some time during 1665 or 1666 that he conceived that the same force governed the motion of the Moon and the apple
7. Famous for his phrase "I shall return" when evacuating the Philippines, made a Mason at sight

Those who complete the above puzzle can send in their answers to the editor and the first entry drawn from all the entries with the correct answer will have a choice of one hardback from the three books listed:

1. **Acceptable Risk** by Robin Cook, (medical Thriller)
2. **Pleading Guilty** by Scott Turow (investigative)
3. **Middlesex** by Jeffery Eugenides, (sci-fi suspense)

Your puzzle answers and your choice of book can be mailed through can post or emailed to the editor to the addresses on the editorial page.

The winner of the Fall 2007 Edition of the Mostly masonry puzzle was: Bro. Herb Fillmore from Grand Lake # 47. Bro. Fillmore chose "The Book of Fate" as his reward.

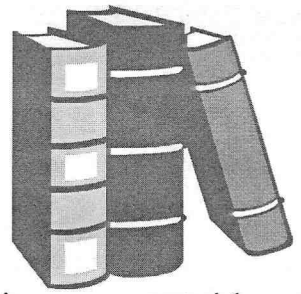
Anyone willing to accept "Mostly Masonry" by email contact the editor

Do you know?

In what Hollywood Western movie was the undertaker told to bury a dead man with his Mason's apron by his daughter?

From the Book Shelf

by
WB WG Macx
MacNichol



Titles with Masonic material.

"The Freemasons" by Jasper Ridley, 2003, published by: Constable and Company Ltd, 340 pages.

This publication first published in 1999 is an excellent book for anyone who likes to read the interesting aspects of Masonic history. The author has put together a very interesting collection of historic Masonic events that are not very well known to many Masons. The suspicious death of a man that may have been connected to Masons supposedly to prevent him from revealing the secrets we all hold so dear to us. "The Freemasons" has many interesting educational facts about Masonry of which many of us are not aware of even after years in the Fraternity. Great reading and deals with a subject we all hope to understand better and improve ourselves in the hope of being better Masons.

"The Meaning of Masonry" by W.L. Wilmshurst, 1980, Gamercy Books, 216 pages.

By reading this thought provoking book about the condition of the Masonic Fraternity many Masons will realize the current issues of declining membership and lack of interest is not a new issue. After reading the entire book one will realize today's Masons should not believe they are to blame for the problem of declining members and lodges. It also illustrates how Masons should be more active in coming better men than being a social safety net for numerous community issues

Opinion: Grand Lodge Voting process

Over the past several years numerous comments and suggestions concerning the voting process to elect Grand Lodge officers necessitates that the matter be addressed. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William C. Boone, has directed the Ad Hoc Committee to review and report on the existing Grand Lodge voting process. Some of the concerns include the fact that only a small fraction of eligible voters can participate in the election process because of the existing requirement that a voter must be present at the Grand Lodge Communication. Many well-governed professional organizations elect their officials by mail-in ballot thus permitting a larger representative vote. The mail-in ballot process in these cases does not appear to detract from the attendance of dedicated members at annual meetings and permits those that cannot attend the meeting to be more equitably represented. One question, therefore, is whether or not such a process should be considered for the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. On a variation of this thought a further question arises as to whether voting by proxy is a viable option. Further concern has been raised regarding the privacy afforded when casting a ballot for elected office. Should there be booths or should the voting be carried out in a location not as visibly open as is currently the practice. Concerns not limited to those mentioned may exist and will be evaluated as well.

All Grand Lodge voting members, who are the presiding masters, past masters and presiding wardens of the craft lodges, are encouraged to communicate their views or concerns to their respective District Deputy Grand Master. The DDGM's comprise the committee under the chairmanship of Rt. Wor. Bro. John Jefferies, PDDGM District No.7. They will be discussing this topic in more detail in the course of their visits to their respective lodges. The committee's final report is expected to be completed by September 2008 and presented to the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes for their considerations and recommendations.

Submitted by: Bro. John Jefferies

Masonic Charitable and Benevolent Efforts Continue

In true Masonic tradition of assisting the less fortunate, Masons continue to build structures and services for the benefit of those requiring special needs. After becoming aware of the extent to which "Dyslexia" affects about fifteen percent of the children in New Brunswick, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite have extended their programs by approving a New Brunswick Children's Learning Centre for Dyslexia to be established to serve the greater Moncton Area.

Taking the lead from previously established Learning Centers outside the Province, the program will take place over approximately eight months of the school year during which children will each be tutored in two one hour sessions per week utilizing The Orton-Gillingham Approach which is an established, proven, effective remedial tutoring program. The specialized tutoring will help address such problems as difficulty with reading, writing, math, speaking and comprehension using specially trained volunteers. By providing opportunities to improve skill levels of those children affected by Dyslexia we will help lower a child's stress level, reduce frustration with learning, raise their self esteem and change negative behaviours.

This new endeavor by dedicated Masons will provide services to future generations of youth who will require assistance in their development and provide support to the parents who may not have the means to seek out specialized treatment for their child. Those masons who are working towards having a local Learning Center hope to have the official opening in Moncton during the Annual Supreme Council Sessions in September 2010.

The Moncton Learning Center project is part of The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada which has established centers in various locations in Canada including

Windsor and London in Ontario with a third in Halifax, Nova Scotia, providing much needed services and programs for children and their families who have to deal with the issues of Dyslexia.

As a speculative Mason's Charity, it is not only an important part of the Masonic philosophy of being builders, the creation of a facility dedicated to the treatment of our future youth, that will outlast many of us, is a very much needed service. This project is a superb way to gain personal satisfaction through working within the Masonic Family while projecting the true aspects of the Freemasonry historic legacy.

The Learning Centre Program is to provide quality, state of the art, free remedial tutoring to children with difficulties in reading, writing, and related scholastic skills formally identified as dyslexia. This service is provided free of charge to the children who have been tested, evaluated and formally identified as being dyslexic.

We are in the process of raising \$ 125,000.00 for the 2200 square foot facility and once completed we will receive an operating grant from the Foundation. We estimate that the yearly operating budget will be approximately \$ 90,000.00. We estimate the cost per child to be approximately \$ 5000, 00 over the two year 108 sessions course.

For those who would consider participating in the establishment of the first Learning Center of this type in New Brunswick, they should contact Donald G Roberts, Committee Chairman at 506-386-1526 or 506-381-4466, E-mail srcfmctnblearningcentre@rogers.com who will explain the options available to potential supporter.

Submitted by RWB Donald Roberts

Sites to Checkout:

I recently was privileged to be the winner of a 20 lb box of apples from the Gagetown Cider Company through a contest drawing at the Moncton City Market. In discussion with the proprietor I discovered their connection with Sterling Apples and was advised of their website at www.appleman.ca. Upon checking this interesting site and discovering a wealth of information about apples, I got the idea that perhaps there should be a section in **Mostly Masonry** titled "Sites to Check Out". These would be sites that you as editor would approve for print and be selected on the criteria of general knowledge and potential benefit to the brethren. To assist in determining which sites should be selected I suggest initially limiting them to Maritime sites.

If you concur with this idea, I would draw attention to the recipe section. If anyone liked Sterling's apple sauce, which is no longer available in their outlets, the secret ingredient can be found there. Also the Kitchen Orchard menu and its General Internet Links will take you to a world of apple exploration.

Submitted by:
Rt. Wor. Bro. John Jefferies, PDDGM

The Search is on

Presently there is a search going on throughout the Atlantic Region for two special Traveling Gavel: The first is referred to as the Canadian Gavel which departed from Qu' Appelle Lodge # 6 with a ledger and was to travel west while the other started from Bethel Lodge #40 with its ledger and was to travel around the province of New Brunswick. The purpose of these gavel was to encourage visitations to other lodges. Now the goal is to try and locate these gavel and see just where they have been. There will be followup.

Anyone with information concerning either gavel or both contact:

DDDGM Curtis Hanson, District #4
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Lost Brethren

To all Masters: Do you know the whereabouts of all your registered Brethren? Do you know what has happened to the Brethren who no longer attend their Mother Lodges? Do you know the health and welfare of all your dues paying Brethren? Why not? What are you going to do about these lost Brethren? In the opinion of the editor finding the lost Brethren is more important than getting new ones.