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

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Brunswick, Canada.

## Grand Master's Message

What does a sapling, a good friend and a Masonic lodge all have in common?

**In a word: support.**

The young tree does not have the strength to brace itself against the strong wind so must be supported by stakes until it can withstand the assaults.

A good friend may encounter a situation where a strong shoulder to lean on or a comforting word will provide the support needed to overcome the obstacle.

Masonic lodge is often referred to as the building when in fact a lodge is the members who congregate. The building itself is supported by foundation, walls, girders, and so forth, but it is not the physical attributes of a building we are concerned with; it is the support required by the lodge in order to thrive, grow, become and remain healthy. Its strength is in its members. Supporting your lodge can be done in many ways: keeping dues current, taking an office, serving on a committee, offering constructive advice, using your talents or training to enhance the lodge, regular attendance, are just a few.

Those members who, by reason of age, infirmity, or distance may not be able to attend or participate but they can show support by staying in touch, keeping up to date on current events, offer encouragement by regular communication. Of course this works both ways. There must be a continual flow of information from the lodge to the member. There must be regular contact either through personal contact by visit or phone, or by print medium.

The vast majority of members are in close proximity to their place of meeting but rarely ever darken the portal. Oh they pay their dues, usually on time, though some require constant reminders before this is achieved. Are these absentee members really supporting their lodge? Or are they merely numbers on the annual return. It may be argued that yes they are; the lodge needs funds to operate and they provide these funds. If that were simply the case, and to take the example to the extreme, if the lodge had a \$100 thousand dollar bank account, all it would take is a handful of members.

Money is needed, to be sure; but, it only forms a very small part of the overall support the lodge needs.

The Master needs the strong support of his officers and members to rule and govern his lodge efficiently. How encouraging to observe from the East every seat full. How discouraging to see half those in attendance disappear after the first part of a degree is finished. Surely the Master must be thinking: is our performance so bad, they could not bear to watch any further? Thus he, and his officers, tend to be a bit discouraged and their subsequent work shows it.

*Master's message cont'd on page 8*

### Just the facts:

1. In the year of 1888-1889 the total income from all sources for the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was \$2333.64 with outlays of \$1967.16 which gave cash balance of \$1563.76 for the 34 member lodges with 1880 registered Masons.

2. Rev. John Beardsley was the first nominated Master of Lodge 169 of Ancient York Masons at Parr town with Captain Oliver Bourdell as Senior Warden and John Grinley as Junior Warden.

On September 7, 1796, the warrant of Hiram Lodge was withdrawn by the Provincial Grand Lodge in Halifax and had all of it's 22 members "expelled for apostasy", etc.



# Editorial

## Participation, Supportive without Attendance

There is no one who goes through life who has not had or will have a significant event which has changed or will change their well intended life plans.

Just because you became a Mason does not prevent you from being affected by unforeseen events which may cause your life to be altered. But that new direction of your life should never alter or diminish your obligations to Freemasonry and to your lodge.

The issues of attendance and participation should be totally separate issues for a Mason. While a Mason may not be able to attend communications, for various reasons, there are very few reasons why he cannot continue to participate in his lodge to the best of his capabilities.

When one hears a Mason say "I would like to support my lodge, but for reasons, I just cannot get to lodge or it's activities" it's a clear indication to me he has not made himself aware of the options open to him through which he can continue to be an active part of his lodge while being supportive at the same time.

A Mason, who can dial a telephone, read, write, use a computer, has a memory and use his hands can be of tremendous assistance to his lodge without having to attend all lodge regular communications.

By making himself available to perform duties within his capabilities a Mason can provide a very valuable resource to his lodge, maintains contact with his lodge and fellow Brethren while fulfilling his obligations of Freemasonry to the

best of his capability and circumstances, what more can a Mason ask from another Mason?

There are many ways to support one's lodge; be on a phone committee, help with record keeping or other paper work; help create or maintain the history of the lodge; if the lodge is having a bake sale, donate a couple of pies; tell friends and family about the sale and encourage them to attend; should the lodge be holding a roast beef fundraising dinner, help sell tickets or when the lodge is collecting for a yard sale donate from your own inventory and/or seek donations from others for the good cause.

For the individual Mason, who wishes to financially support his lodge other than through the payment of his annual dues; he should consider making a direct donation or indicate the lodge project he wishes to support; buy tickets to the roast beef dinners and donate them to a needy family or a charitable organization. This article has presented just a few of the supportive activities that can be beneficial to one's lodge.

In closing it is imperative the administration of the individual lodges make it known to all Brethren where extra support is needed and ensure that when a Brother offers to participate to the best of his ability that his offer of services is used for the betterment of the lodge and the individual offering to be a resource to the lodge.

Remember "Once a Mason always a Mason" and "it's your lodge no matter where you are or what you do."

**That is what I think** from The editor

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## TRAVELLING MASONS

### *Travelling Gavel Now Carries a Message*

Under the guidance of DDGMs RWB Steven Allen and RWB Carl Dingee, of districts 2 and 7 in the jurisdiction of new Brunswick, the new format of conveying the Travelling Gavel from lodge to lodge within their districts has appears to be a resounding success.

As a result of the new method of circulating the gavel a number of lodges have had great attendance with a heightened level of interest because of the requirement of adding the new curriculum for Masonic education to be presented by the lodge delivering the gavel.

During one regular communication at which the traveling gravel was presented, under the new format, in the presence of 50 Masons with an education session by the visiting lodge in coordinated into the agenda, great enthusiasm for what was presented was reflected during the fellowship and refreshments.

Not only have the education sessions been informative and entertaining they were also an indication of how much effort the brethren are putting into the preparation of the presentations for their educational portion of the visits.

By having so many Masons getting involved within these two districts in the hope of advancing the interest and enhancing the atmosphere of Masonry the hope there will be a renewal of attendance and participation into the overall fraternity.

Under the new format which started in January 2009 the following guidelines are to be used pertaining to the Traveling Gavel:

The GAVEL is to travel in Districts # 2 and 7 on Regular Communications nights on a rotation basis.

- 1) The initial sequence in the rotation is based on a draw from a hat from the total lodges in the two districts to determine the "Presenting Lodge" and the selected Presenting Lodge making a second draw to determine the lodge that they will present the gavel at their next regular meeting - "Host Lodge". The Host Lodge automatically becomes the Presenting Lodge at the conclusion of their meeting in which they received the Gavel and their Junior Warden draws the name of a Lodge from a hat containing the names of those Lodges that had not been a Host Lodge and so on until all Lodges have participated.
- 2) The Presenting Lodge is required to present the Gavel and a presentation /demonstration of a Masonic nature to those in attendance at the Host Lodge meeting.
- 3) The Presenting Lodge will receive one point for each Brother in attendance from **all Lodges** present with the exception of each Host Lodge Member. Note that each Member of other lodges visiting from outside the jurisdiction or outside of District 2 & 7 will also count as one point for the Presenting Lodge.
- 4) **A Book is included with the Gavel** to record the name of the **Lodge**, the **Date** and the **Total number** of members present (including the Host Lodge). This information with a short write-up and photo will provide a record of the evening.
- 5) The Gavel will be presented to the Host Lodge **Before** the close of the meeting, and a draw taken to determine the new Host Lodge. The Lodge with the most points on completion of the cycle of all Lodges will receive the Travelling Gavel Banner for the duration of the following cycle.
- 6) The **Travelling Gavel Banner** is to be presented at the most convenient time chosen by the recipient. Suggested that receiving lodge host a Travelling Gavel Banquet for Lodges in the District ( Cost Recovery -Reasonable charge) .
- 7) The rules are to be reviewed after completion of the initial cycle which will begin on February 2, 2009 with Keith Lodge #23 - The Presenting Lodge visiting Coverdale Lodge #52
- 8) A member of more than one Lodge will stand and be recorded for the Lodge that he has signed in for that evening.





## Next Grand Master Selection

### Grand Master Vote

After two years of faithful and dedicated service to the New Brunswick jurisdiction of Free and Accepted Masons The Most Worshipful The Grand Master William C Boone will be stepping down from that haloed place in the east.

During the two years of exemplary service and guidance to the member lodges through travel, visitations and representations, the NB jurisdiction has been well served by our Grand Master, his final duty will be presiding over the selection process for the individual who will replace him at the 2009 Grand Communication in Saint John, on 8 and May 2009.

It is incumbent on every Mason to do very best to attend lodge 2009 and participate in the selection process of the next Grand Master and elect the eligible Mason who they feel will meet the pending challenges of our fraternity over the next year.

The greater the percentage of Masons in attendance to cast their ballots the more creditability the mandate of the new Grand master will have as he puts forth his priorities and agenda for the betterment of all Masons in the jurisdiction.

It is very important each lodge encourage as many members as possible to attend Grand Lodge and cast their secret ballot thus giving the winning candidate balanced representation from all lodges within his jurisdiction along with a clear sign of confidence in what he will attempt accomplish to do for Masonry in the province of New Brunswick.

**Submitted:** Editor



### QUOTE OF THE EDITION

"If we focus our thoughts on the ideals of our order, we will gain vision. If we let this vision govern our actions we will gain wisdom. With vision and wisdom we can once again infuse our order with the courage and desire to apply change where it is needed " — Unknown Author

## A Poetic Thought

### REMEMBER YOU'RE A MASON

When the pressures of recession  
Make us concentrate on greed,  
Take heed, a worthy Mason  
Cares about another's needs;  
Don't let pressures of the moment  
Make your obligation sway,  
Stop and help a fallen brother  
Or another by the way;  
What you give is like a bubble  
Whenever you assist,  
What it costs in time and trouble  
Is, soon after, never missed;  
Brother, bear that obligation  
You accepted on your knee,  
It's in direct relation  
To your own security;  
Never hesitate, my brother  
Square your actions now and say,  
"I'll remember I'm a Mason,  
"And behave like that today;"  
"With regard to human kindness  
And the 'Golden Rule', I pray,  
I'll remember I'm a Mason...  
And behave like that today."

Author unknown

### Scholarships

It is that time of year when Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and its affiliated lodges are offering various types of scholarships and/or bursaries throughout all the provinces and territories all across Canada during the upcoming hard economic times this type of support for the young people associated to Masons is more important than ever for their future education advancement.

It is now time to get the news out to the local schools as to what is available pertaining to financial support and what the young people need to know so they can successfully apply for those important funds. The distributed information should include what it takes to be eligible for the support and where to send the required applications.

This publicity is necessary for each lodge because it does no one any good to have large amounts of funds that are intended for student assistance held in accounts while no one knows of their existence or how they can benefit from that possible support.

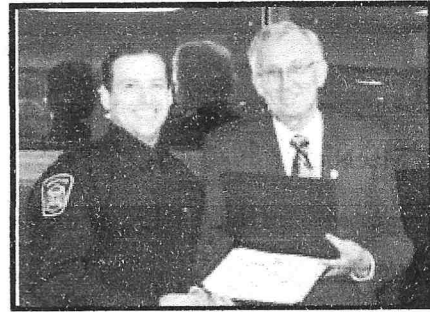
Let people know, *there should be no secrets.*



75 years a Mason



WB 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.



As **Bro. Troy Boomer** entered the Town of Riverview Council Chambers he was greeted with warmth and smiles. **Mayor Sweetland** stepped up to the podium and spoke of that day when a lady was rescued from the Pettitcodiac River near Moncton, NB, and recapped what happened as he called upon Bro. Troy Boomer. As Troy stepped up with the many cameras flashed to record that event of him receiving his **Commendation of Bravery** award from the Mayor on behalf of the **Governor General of Canada**. An event we as masons can be proud to say that he is a Brother and valued member of our historical Fraternity which has always had its share of heroes.

All most 400 years of Masonic Dedication

Congratulations for 70 years



Submitted by Lodge St. John # 27  
L to R: RWB Murray Clouston; WB Ronald Jagoe; Bro. Fenton Edgar Daley and DDGM District # 3 RWB Jack Chedore.  
A landmark goal was celebrated by Bro. Daley of being a Mason for 70 years with his friends and fellows.



L to R: RWB Neil Grasse, WB John Wadman, Bro. Milton Palmer and RWB Ed Sherrard, Keith Lodge # 23



**Bro. Alex Elashuk & Kentville Lodge #58 WM Jim MacKenzie**

Keith Lodge Officers 2009



L to R Bro Douglas Horsman Org, WB Barry Ellsworth Tre, Bro Richard Golding SD, WB Donald Petersen IPM, WB Richard Wood WM, Bro Leigh Manning SW, Bro Ken McPhee JW, WB Sterling Matchett Chap, WB John Timmins Sec. L to R WB Peter Blight Tyler, Bro Sean Simpson JS, Bro Eric Janes

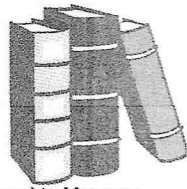
Mason receives National Recognition

Freemasonry is more than a projected image, it's what we actually wish to become within ourselves. 5



From the  
**Bookshelf**

By  
WB Macx MacNichol



Titles with Masonic themes and historical background to Masonry.

**Recommended Novels:**

- **Knights of the Black and White**
- **Standard of Honor**
- **Order in Chaos** (to be published in August)

All three of these novels written by Canadian writer Jack Whyte with the first two being very good reading and those who have read them highly anticipate the release of the final volume.

The trilogy is based on Masonic themes as well as actual historic events which makes for very alluring reading making it difficult to put the book down and do other things. For those who like to read books that lead to the next book they will find the approximate 2100 page three volume series will more than meet that preference. **Jack Whyte** is a specialist in writing series where each volume has links to the next such as "The Dream of Eagles" series which has seven volumes with three associated volumes.

Highly recommended - by writer, who has read seven of the ten possible volumes available spoken about.

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"**Pillars of the Earth**" and "**World Without End**" are more examples of authors writing books which have a Masonic theme in a historical setting that provide very entertaining reading. **Ken Follet** uses the art of masonry in a twelfth-century background to develop a riveting novel with his "Pillars of the Earth". Although I have not read "World without End" others readers recommend should be cause it reaches the same level of interest and quality reading. The writer highly recommends "**Pillars of the Earth**", I have not read "World without End" as of yet.

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**Dealing for books**

There have been a number of brethren who have become very active readers and have collected a large number of books who are now looking for other brethren who want to exchange, trade or borrow books from one another. The idea of carrying a couple of books which could be traded or loaned to other brothers might be a good way to liven up conversations after communications while having refreshments. I will be carrying three books with me from now on to help cut my costs.

I have also found books for less than ½ price in used bookstores. Another way to save money is to combine your book wish lists with other brothers, order from Amazon.ca, get great prices and pay no postage.

**Judging yourself as a Mason**

*How Long is Your Cable Tow?*

"How long is your cable-tow, brother?  
Does it span across the street?  
Can it stretch the length of a hand-throw  
Or perhaps a thousand feet?"

"Is there any definite measure  
That cold mathematics may teach  
To give the scope of your cable,  
And limit its ultimate reach?"

"For who shall count in units  
Of foot, or yard or mile,  
The length of a hearty handshake,  
The breadth of a cheery smile;

"Or estimate the distance  
A human heart may go,  
When a brother reaches a brother  
With the length of his cable-tow?"

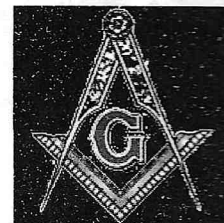
"Everyone has his troubles;  
Reverses and sorrows must come;  
And the hour of sorest trial  
Is when they are striking home.

"And sickness and death are the portion  
That fate allots to all  
Our brother is sitting in sackcloth,  
And his face is to the wall.

"Ah, then is the time propitious  
Occasion waits sublime  
For the cable reaches farther  
Than at any other time.

"For the pull is very little,  
And it giveth strength to the strong,  
How long is your cable-tow, brother?  
How long - how long?"

"What is the right answer for you, Brother Mason?"





## *Freemasonry in Canada 1606-1871*



Spallumcheen Lodge No. 13, Lansdowne, 1890.

**1606** The so-called Masonic Stone of 1606 was discovered near the settlement of Port Royal, Nova Scotia, in 1827.

**1634** First record of a freemason in Canada, then known as New France: Lord Alexander, Viscount Canada, son of the first Earl of Stirling, Scotland, Master of Work to King Charles I, founded a colony of Scots on the banks of the St. Lawrence River. Lord Alexander was a member of Edinburgh Lodge No. 1 at Mary's Chapel, which has records dating from 1599 and tradition maintains was in existence in 1491.

**1738** First Masonic lodge in Canada is instituted at Annapolis, Nova Scotia.

**1843** Fort Victoria is established to bolster Britain's claim to Vancouver's Island.

**1854** October 25th. Lieutenant Alexander Dunn is awarded the Victoria Cross for saving the lives of two men during the famous Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava. Dunn, a freemason, is the first Canadian to be awarded the Victoria Cross.

**1858** July 10th. A Victoria newspaper ad calls all interested freemasons to a meeting with the object of forming a Masonic lodge in Victoria. The publisher of the paper is Amor de Cosmos, a freemason who would later become the second premier of the province of British Columbia.

**1859** September 7th. The first Masonic funeral in the Colony was held for Samuel Hazeltine, Government Steamboat Inspector, who died from injuries received in a marine accident at Victoria.

**1860** Victoria Lodge No. 1085 is formally constituted in Victoria, in the colony of Vancouver's Island. Robert Burnaby, for whom Burnaby, B.C. is named, installs the first officers. Russian born John Malowansky, a Victoria news agent and tobacconist, is the first person to be made a freemason in the colonies.

**1862** Thomas Harris, a freemason, is elected the first mayor of Victoria.

**1867** The Dominion of Canada is established on July 1st. Freemason Sir John A. Macdonald.

***The Master has quite the hat, one would say!  
Are there Masons who recognize any relatives in the image above?***



**GM's Message Cont'd from page 1**

The chair of a committee puts forth his recommendations after extensive study and work only to have the process attacked vehemently by the negative forces within the lodge. The efforts and merits of the proposal get lost in the ensuing arguments. The committee throws up its collective hands and says they don't need that stress. They quit.

Support? Where is the support here? The lack thereof weakens the lodge, destroys harmony, and encourages absenteeism.

There can be times when a lodge is struggling hard to keep going. It may be divided into factions. There is opposition instead of co-operation. There is the search for a scapegoat when solutions should be sought. Not infrequently when a lodge finds itself in this situation, outside brethren will step in with an offer to fill an office or do some

work until the problems are resolved and the regular members can once again work together in harmony. Alas, experience has shown this only prolongs the demise. Only strong support and commitment from the members themselves will keep the lodge on a steady course to health.

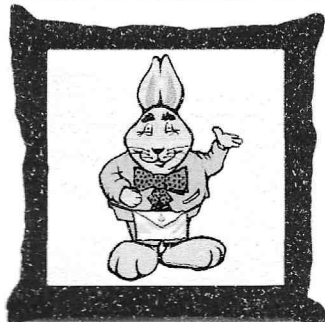
Think about your commitment Brother. Are you supporting your lodge by your presence, your time and talent, your desire to work for the good of the craft, your positive approach to problems? Or are you satisfied with merely paying your dues after the third reminder? Are you the sapling or the support stake? Are you the strong shoulder to lean on, or are your shoulders absent? Are you a lodge member in every aspect of the term, or only a number on the roll?

And we wonder why lodges are constantly struggling. It all boils down to a simple statement: lack of support.



**"There are others with whom you can share a sweet time"**

**Find someone to share your Easter Message from the Masonic Rabbit**



**"We believe, we have to work. To be what we wish to become"**



**Remember the Moment**

Your input is the only way this magazine will express what you think.