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THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF NEW BRUNSWICK



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The Most Worshipful The Grand Master for The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick: MWB Miles Graham. Elected May 09, 2009 at the 142th Annual Communication held in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, to his first term. Congratulations.

Grand Master's Message

Greetings brethren:

Just the facts

Maritime Freemasonry is not without it's folklore and historic discussions, one of which is the "Nova Scotia Stone" reported discovered in 1827 in the Annapolis Basin, NS, which is inscribed with the Square and compass along with the year 1606. Much discussion has taken place over the past two centuries pertaining to the stone's significance to Freemasonry.

Albanus became the first Grand Master of Freemasons to become the first Christian martyr in Britain, after he was beheaded by emperor Carausius, for preaching the doctrine of the new faith to the emperor in A.D. 293.

Did you know there were fifteen Fundamental laws of the Brother Masons written back around A. D. 926 according to General History of Freemasonry translated by Fletcher Brennan, published in 1869?

In 1814 being Mason became a crime ordered by Ferdinand VII.

Yes, my brethren the year is quickly passing and our 142th communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is now complete and I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity of serving as your Grand Master. It is indeed a great honour and one which I will always remember and cherish.

In my travels throughout this jurisdiction and in visits to others during the past it is very evident that freemasonry, the largest and oldest fraternity provides an special tie or bond among it's members – that elusive tie that bonds all Masons together. Have you noticed how often Masons who have never met before become friendly toward each other? This condition does not happen haphazardly or by accident as those barriers that would normally hinder this interaction are not present, as all Masons understand that each of us were recommended for membership by a good man, were subjected to an investigation, had taken part in ceremonies that obligated them to high moral standards and they had taken on the responsibility to be conscientious and honourable individuals. This relationship taken in conjunction with man's nature as a social creature combined with the close friendships formed between it's members has done much to promote travel and visitation. Also, the very principles of freemasonry teach that every Mason should support Brotherly Love in the sense that all men are created equal- on the principal masonry unites men of all nationalities and religious beliefs conciliates true friendships among those who might otherwise remain at a perpetual distance.

Masons spend time working for the craft due to its personal satisfactions and the understanding that it does it's part in making the world and better place.

Freemasonry is a fraternity dedicated to helping it's members better themselves through the life long quest for self improvement. It is a quest that never ends with the goal we never reach because the goal would be perfection and none of us will ever be perfect. Freemasonry does not demand us to be perfect but we try to be better men. Those lodges which provide interesting thought providing programs to support that purpose are blessed with a measure of pride and satisfaction which result in increased attendance.

Keep travelling and enable this wonderful fraternity to grow and flourish.



Editorial

Concerning the Business of a lodge

Should a Mason become aware of an activity or issue that has been undertaken by his lodge and he disagrees with the possible outcome, even to the point of being upset, how should he deal with his reaction?

The first question he must ask himself is; where was I when the issues were being addressed and did I participate in formulating the final decisions? Now, if a Mason has not attended his lodge's regular communications or any of it's business meetings in a long time it would appear he has very little reason to be upset with anyone other than himself with reference as to how the lodge is being administrated.

On the other hand, when he did attend the regular communications and planning sessions, did he speak up, provide appropriate input and give concrete constructive reasoning as to how he felt about how the decisions were being reached? Or did he sit silent on the sidelines not wanting to take a stand, in front of those in attendance for fear it may differ from that of his friend's or his point of view may be proven to have been wrong sometime in the future?

Those who take the time and make the effort to address issues and plan activities, to do what they think is best for their lodge at the time, should receive very little criticism from those non participating individuals who second guess and

use hindsight to find fault with the actions of others.

There will always be a place for productive criticism for any project the lodge may undertake but creditable criticism comes from an active participating active brother, a brother who has special skills in related to the issue or from brethren who have gained creditability from participating in previous endeavours in lodge operations.

Furthermore, should a Mason not agree with the direction the lodge has decided to take with a particular activity or issue the decision should never be taken as a personal defeat. Although he may be disappointed a Mason should still work hard to support his lodge be as successful as possible within the boundaries of his obligations. Regardless of the issue or how upset a brother may be with the final decision taken at his lodge, there are no justifiable reasons for brethren to ever take their discontent outside the lodge where non members can overhear his opinions or even worse discuss the issues of the lodge with outsiders as if they were Masons.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion but Masonic business and issues should remain within the fraternity not out in the community amongst it's residents, regardless of the relationship.

That is what I think: The editor

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GRAND LODGE 2009 IN REVIEW

Brethren! Here are the Officers of your Grand Lodge for the year 2009

Officers Elected and Appointed 2009

Grand Master	MWB Miles R. Graham
Deputy Grand Master	RWB Peter M. Whittaker
Senior Grand Warden	RWB Garth W. Dingee
Junior Grand Warden	RWB Stephen H. Allen
Grand Treasurer	RWB Robert A. Kierstead
Grand Secretary	RWB Randall W. Nelson
District Deputy Grand Master District No. 1	RWB J. Kirk Trenholm
District Deputy Grand Master District No. 2	RWB Edward K. Burridge
District Deputy Grand Master District No. 3	RWB Derek C. Knowles
District Deputy Grand Master District No. 4	RWB Harold J. Crabbe
District Deputy Grand Master District No. 5	RWB Philip D. Hartford
District Deputy Grand Master District No. 6	RWB Ian R. Culligan
District Deputy Grand Master District No. 7	RWB Ted White
Grand Chaplain	VWB Rev. Dana R. Dean
Grand Historian	VWB Stuart J. MacDonald
Grand Director of Ceremonies	VWB Joel A. Blakney
Senior Grand Deacon	WB William D. Millett
Junior Grand Deacon	WB Terrance G. Spence
Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	WB George D.A. Fletcher
Grand Sword Bearer	WB Lorne D. Linton
Grand Standard Bearer	WB Cecil O. Pirie
Grand Organist	WB Rodney G. Girvan
Grand Piper	WB William L. Kerwin
Grand Pursuivant	WB Joel F. MacDonald
Grand Tyler	Bro James A. Barnes

Congratulations go out to all those brethren who stepped forward and offered the names for the betterment of Masonry. Those who were elected and appointed now have the grave responsibility to carry on with the development of Freemasonry within this jurisdiction. Support and information from the brethren to the Grand Lodge Officers is one of the major ways all members can assist in the development and rekindling of interest in the fraternity which means so much to those of us who are the present membership.

Express your opinions:

1. What changes would you like to see to the Grand Lodge Communication held each year? (Send us a maximum of 3 changes).
2. Should Grand Lodge become more involved and/or support in the issues openly and publicly? One answer yes or no.
3. Is visiting others lodges important to you? One answer yes or no.
4. Would you be interested attending a one day Masonic philosophy study session? If yes what subjects would you like to see addressed during such a session?

Send your responses directly to the editor.

All responses will be held confidential by the editor and will only be used to address issues which are of interest to Masons and create subject matter for future articles for this publication unless written permission is obtained from those who submitted the responses to do otherwise.



Pictorial View of Grand Lodge Activities

They have travelled to the fast



(L to R) MWBs Gordon Rattray, Hon. PGM Gustaf Bodin, James H Pike, Osborne H Nason; J. William Murray, person in rear unknown



(L to R) MWB Roy Lively, N.S.; GM William Boone, N.B.; MWB David Mosher, P.E.I.



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Men of wisdom are unafraid to share their views and accept the opinions of others



Revitalization and Celebration through Lecturing and Education

With the creation of its Lecturing and Education Committee (LEC) and the restoration of the Lodge Historian's position, Keith Lodge # 23 is attempting to raise the level of participation of new members, increase participation of those presently not attending lodge and provide a higher level of education for all it's members.

For the first time in many years the entire slate of officers for 2009-2010 of Keith Lodge # 23 has been filled with non-masters while having a number of young Masons waiting to occupy a station in the near future. As a result of having an abundance of new Masons it was decided to develop a regular communication education program heartily endorsed by the Master of the Lodge.

Due to the success of the monthly education sessions put forth by WM Peterson the previous year, the inaugural LEC (Comprised of Brothers Alexander J.P. Elashuk, Jim Gallant, and Justin Lewis) are taking their interest in Masonic subjects and issues to a higher level in their ten year Masonic renewal plan for their lodge. The next step this group has undertaken in their renewal plan is to have an evening of Masonic Education to celebrate the 214th birthday of MWB Alexander Keith, a historic figure in the Atlantic Region's Masonic history. This interesting and unique celebration program has been scheduled for 07 Oct. 2009, 1930 hrs (7:30 pm) at the Masonic Temple in Moncton, NB.

Through the dedicated work of the committee, they have put together a very interesting program, involving a total of 7 brethren, to honour a man who had an enormous influence on Freemasonry

with his promotion of Masonic education throughout our region as well as having played a small part in the creation of our Grand Lodge.

Included in the Regular Communication of 07 Oct. 2009 the Learning and Education Committee will present:

1. A short **Original Play-Act Piece**: hosted by Bro. Justin Lewis. A collection of skits depicting Masonic recognition.
2. Recitation of "**Publicly Unknown and Empty Seats**" by Bro. Alexander Elashuk.
3. **A Masonic Debate** by PM Scott Ellsworth and Bro. Eric Janes, moderated by Bro. Jim Gallant.

The Lecturing and education Committee hopes to set the example on how lodges can make their communications more interesting and informative as well as how all members - especially new Masons - can be kept involved thus increasing the possibility of their retention which will eventually lead to attracting potential members to the fraternity.

All Masons who are looking for an evening that will be both informative and entertaining, attending the Birthday celebration of MWB Keith at Keith Lodge # 23 is the ideal opportunity to join up with other brethren and attend this communication.

Camp Goodtime Attendance and Awareness

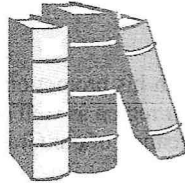
With the coming of summer months a number of lodges will go on summer recess which allow their members to devote themselves to more personal pleasures and reduce their Masonic activities. Although relaxation and vacations are necessary and enjoyable Masons can still do their part in supporting others. One stop for vacationing Masons from all parts of the country and those from New Brunswick, should consider is a stop at the summer camp for "Kids with Cancer" Camp Goodtime, located near beautiful Grand Lake. The date when visitors are welcome is 18 July 2009, during their visit at Camp Goodtime Masons of New Brunswick will get to see how their year-long endeavours benefit those much less fortunate than the average Canadian and their families.

By spending a couple of hours at the camp and participating in some of the activities, Masons and their families can provide a sense of compassion and moral support for those going through very tough times while practicing their obligation to charity.

Your time has untold value if spent in the right place at right time doing a good thing



From the
Bookshelf



By
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Book titles with Masonic themes and historical background to Masonry.

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Update of reading interest:

"Pillars of the Earth" a Masonic historical novel by Canadian Ken Follet has been selected to become an eight part series for Television and CBC has purchased the license to broadcast the mini-series in the future as reported in the Globe and Mail on 18 June 2009. This is just an indication of how well the novel has been accepted. It is recommended the book be read before watching the series.

"Order In Chaos" a Masonic historical novel by Canadian Jack Whyte will published in August 2009. It is the third volume of a three book series titled Templar Trilogy. As previously mentioned in Mostly Masonry the first two volumes make for wonderful interesting reading.

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Dealing with books

The season for yard sales has arrived and is a great time to collect good used books (novels in pocketbook format), at very low prices regardless whether or not they are of interest to you. After you have collected 30 or 50 pocketbooks, in good or better condition, take them to a used book store and trade them for books in which you are interested. The trick is to buy books in bulk or by the box at a flat price, sort out those in best condition for you to trade then donate the rest to other community organizations or to a paper recycling company. You will save money for your reading habit, help a charity and recycle the waste. What a pastime on a nice sunny day.

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.

"The Old Masters Wages"

I Met a Dear Old Man Today Who Wore a Masonic Pin
It Was Old and Faded like the Man It's Edges Were
Worn and Thin

I Approached the Park Bench Where He Sat to Give the
Old Brother His Due
I Said, "I See You've Traveled East He Said, "I Have,
Have You"?

I Said, I Have and in My Day Before the All Seeing Sun
I Played in the Rubble with Jubala Jubilo and Jubelum.

He Shouted, Don't Laugh at the Work My Son It's Good
and Sweet and True
And If You've Traveled as You Said You Should Give
These Things a Due.

The Work, the Sign, the Token, the Sweet Masonic
Prayer.
The Vow That You Have Taken You Have Climbed the
Inner Stair.

The Wages of a Mason Are Never Paid in Gold
But the Gain Comes from Contentment When You're
Weak and Growing Old.

You See I've Carried My Obligations for Almost 50
Years
It Has Helped Me Through the Hardships and the
Failures Full of Tears.

Now I'm Losing My Mind and Body - Death is near but
I Don't Despair
I've Lived My Life upon the Level and I'm Dying on the
Square

Sometimes the Greatest Lessons Are Those That Are
Learned Anew
And the Old Man in the Park Today Has Changed My
Point of View

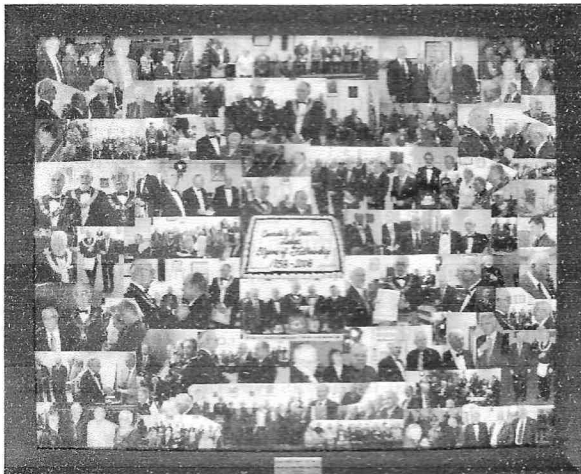
To All My Masonic Brothers the Only Secret Is to Care
May You Live upon the Level and Part upon the Square.



60 years with Masonic Friends



(From l to r) WB Harold Robinson; RWB Ronald Mundle; Bro, Kenneth Callendar; Mw Miles R Graham; W.M F Murray Hannah; RWB Douglas Wood; WB Arnold Mundle ;photos taken by WB David Mundle.



A pictorial celebration of the 50th anniversary of Coverdale # 52



Bro Merlyn Cull was presented a Fifty Year Certificate and Pin by The MWB The GM Miles Graham. DGM; then RWB Peter Whittaker, SGW presented Wor Bro Murray Webb his Fifty Year recognition, with Bro Gerald Baker being presented his by RWB Wayne Fox DDGM District 6.

Landmark Lodge # 51
25th Annual Curling Bonspiel in Stanley



Trophy Winners:

1st Place - Ted Ross team - Donnie Stickles, Army Wilkins, and Susan Smith

2nd Place - Doug MacDonald team - Michael Ross, Debbie Frazer, and Perena Bradford.

3rd or Last Place (Horse's Derriere) Dale Ross team - Hugh Seymour, Joan Hay and Lillas Ross

Trophies for the day were donated by Wor Bro Michael Ross in memory of his father, Donald I. Ross and by Wor Bro Kevin Long in memory of his father, Alan Long and brother, Wayne Long. The winner this year's 50/50, David Chase, who received \$70.00, donated \$50.00 back to the Lodge as his "goodwill jester" for the day. Great display of fellowship and charity.

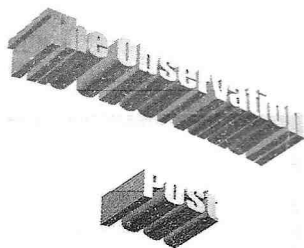
Hiram Lodge # 6 Entered Apprentices
Fredericton, NB



Brothers Gary W Brenton, Craig S Doland, Brent J MacDonald and Paul R Vidal with WB Joel MacDonald at the center.

The pictures are worth a thousand words each and the names make them famous.

When submitting pictures, please include names in their proper order, to avoid errors in recognition.



By: *The Observer*

Curiously enough there seems to be one in every group. Whether it is a club, school, church, work, or play there is one who stands out from the crowd. Usually that individual is eager, active, and relishes taking on just about any task. One would think any group would give their eye tooth to have such a go-getter in their midst.

Alas, more often than not the opposite is tends to be true.

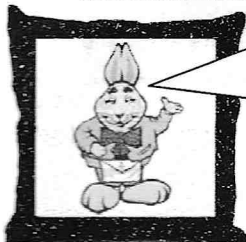
These type-A personalities will attract negativity like a red rose attracts a honey bee. Why?

Undoubtedly they sometimes come across as all-knowing, tact and diplomacy somewhat low on their priority list. But to such an achiever, thought is action. And where there is action, there must be a deadline. To them, any goal without a time frame for achieving is merely a wish; a dream.

In addition, these magnets of criticism do not suffer from low esteem, nor do they hesitate to speak out when the situation warrants.

All of which, it seems to this observer, makes for a strong leader. He, or she, is not afraid to tackle difficult tasks.

Message from the Masonic Rabbit



Masons observe the actions other Masons therefore all your qualities as a Mason are usually known by other Masons

They have a fresh way of looking at things. They have studied the rules. They know how things should be done, not because it's always been done that way, but because the method meets the criteria for achievement.

But, it seems, the harder they work, the more negativity they attract. Unless the individual is thick-skinned and immune to such dark criticism, he will eventually throw up his hands, not necessarily in defeat, but in defense.

Usually, unless they are a sadist for punishment, they simply remind themselves they are a member of this group because they chose to be; but they don't need this—in their words—BS in their lives. So they either quit the organization altogether, or find a more compatible group.

And so, the group has lost an asset, the chance to grow, preferring to decline, or at best stagnate, while they bemoan the fact they are facing extinction.

Sadly this situation exists in Freemasonry where we are admonished to help each other, to extend the hand of friendship, remember each other's welfare in our invocations. We are sometimes quick to judge without all the relevant facts. Sometimes our words belie our actions. A few are quite adamant in their avowal that "my mind is made up; don't confuse me with the truth."

Your Observer has watched this group interaction over a long period of time, which of course, does not qualify him as an expert in the field of human relations; but simply as the title implies "an observer".

Join us in the issues to follow as we trace the trials and tribulations, successes and failures of Brother Jubila Jones, an eager young Mason following the path to more light. His story, in itself, may be enlightening.

Special Visitation communication

Sussex lodge # 4, Dorchester, NB, will be holding a special communication on October 10, 2009, at 1300 hrs to host a visit from Equity Lodge # 106 from the Halifax, Nova Scotia jurisdiction as well as the Official Visit from The Most Worshipful The Grand Master of New Brunswick RWB Miles Graham. There will be various activities planned for event including a supper to be served on or near 1630 hrs. Those wishing to attend this great Masonic event should forward their names as soon as possible because seating space is limited. The cost of the event will be \$15.00 which will include refreshments on arrival and the supper. Your ticket number will be used for a door prize. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

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