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The Most Worshipful The Grand Master for The
Grand Lodge of New Brunswick: Myles Graham.
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Brunswick, Canada.

Next Grand Lodge 13 & 14 May 2011, Saint John, NB.

Grand Master's Message

A Strong Base is good for Freemasonry

There are questions that are frequently asked by a man's family when he returns home after his initiation into Freemasonry. Most new Masons are uncertain as to how much of the unique experience they should share with non-Masons. How much should I tell? , What may I say? , What should I say? To benefit more fully from all that Freemasonry offers, understanding, support and encouragement from his family will greatly increase his enjoyment.

When a man becomes a Mason, something very special happens and a new dimension is added to his life. The ancient rite of initiation brings men – Masons together in a way that cannot be described or explained in words. In order to be more fully understood and appreciated, Freemasonry must be experienced. For many, the centuries old ceremony is perplexing and the complex ritual bewildering. There is so much information imparted during the initiation that the experience can be overwhelming.

Masonry has no secrets to come between a man and his family. Yes there were promises taken and vows made of a serious and solemn nature to respect the privacy of a few matters pertaining to traditional words and gestures exchanged between members to identify each other as members of the fraternity. There is no secret about what Masons are or what they do that cannot be freely discussed and shared if genuine interest is expressed or serious inquiry made.

When a man is initiated into Masonry he is accepted into an intimate circle of new friends where he is regarded with sincere affection and trusted as a brother. He will be treated as an equal regardless of age, occupation, race and social or economic status.

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world. Millions of men in every country are joined in the pursuit of universal brotherhood, recognizing the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. All Masons acknowledge a higher authority; a supreme being that imposes order in the universe. Masonry is not a religion, nor is it a substitute for religion. A Mason respects every brother's right to choose and practice his own faith and encourages him to follow his own path.

Spring edition submission Deadline May 15, 2011

Just the facts:

Sacred Ground for Canadian Masons?

By studying the history of Canadian Masonry one could consider Annapolis Royal as the birthplace of Freemasonry in Canada and should there be a place considered as possible site of sacred ground for a Canadian Masons it would be located within the vicinity of that community. It would be also reasonable for Canadian Masons to consider RWB Erasmus James Phillips as their founder and their first historic figure. Is there an image of Phillips anywhere to view?

Masonic Degrees

What three degrees are referred to as the St. John's Degrees and how did it come about? Go to page 8 for the answer.



Editorial

A Strong Base is good for Freemasonry

(The strength of a lodge can be a satisfying endeavour to a Mason)

Feb. 2011

The monthly communication of a lodge is meant to be significant in the life of a Mason during which he shares fellowship with other Masons while reviewing their obligations and common beliefs.

When one consciously observes those in attendance over numerous evenings and then compares those observations to the overall membership, one gets the distinct feeling the lodge communication has very little relevance in the lives of a large portion of the membership.

After reading minutes of the past, Masonic articles and upon listening to the endless discussions about why so few Masons attend lodge communications it becomes clear the exact same issues have been discussed repeatedly over the past sixty years in hundreds of lodges all over North America. Still the membership declines, fewer Masons attend lodge regularly and many others just get suspended for non-payment of dues rather take the necessary steps to apply for a demit while death takes it's natural toll as well.

To me the worse thing a Mason can do is just go through the motions and keep up appearances as a Mason without providing anything of substance to his lodge, himself or for his brethren of which there are many doing just that.

It is so refreshing to see a couple of Masons get together to discuss Masonic related issues, authors and their books about

Masonry or meet at the lodge for the preparation of the banquet hall, refreshments and Temple for the next communication or just make sure the lodge is in good order. This activities enhance greatly the feeling of fellowship when they do not include the burden of be being obligated to raise money to satisfy the numerous requests received each year for financial support.

It is understood each mason should prioritize his membership, lodge and fellow brethren only within the boundaries of his obligations and his personal situation but to give up entirely on the doctrine and philosophy after years of devotion must leave a tremendous void within the member. He must also understand his absence not only may affect him but it affects those who wonder what may have caused him to give on them and their fraternity that could not be corrected.

It is the hope of many, those who are losing their fidelity for their lodge and the fraternity, they would reflect deeply on the many aspects of being a Mason and how they benefit the world they live in and themselves as individuals through being a Freemason in a fraternity with hundreds of years of history.

This is what I Think, The editor

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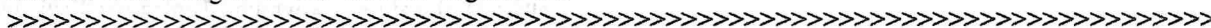
In more simplistic terms Masonry is essentially an educational entity teaching a moral way of life and a code of behavior based on the Golden Rule – always do unto others that which you would have others do unto you. Through a disciplined course of self-improvement a Mason endeavors to become a better person by self-exploration, self-discovery and self-analysis. Masonry caters to an individual's intellectual and spiritual needs by pointing him in the right direction and guiding him in his quest for increased knowledge and insight.

The basic unit in Masonry is the lodge. A lodge is a quiet place conducive to reflection. The lectures and charges of the various degrees are

intended to assist in the contemplation of the deeper meaning of life and to consider his place and purpose in it – to think about the eternal why? Where did I come from? What am I doing here? Where do I go from here?

Masonry teaches a man to be honest, truthful and trustworthy, to be considerate, courteous and respectful to others. When the timeless and time honored principles of masonry are put into practice the world becomes a much better place.

Fraternally
RWB Miles R Graham
Grand Master
Grand Lodge of New Brunswick

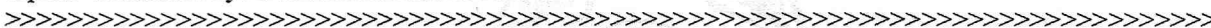


WORLDWIDE EXEMPLIFICATION OF FREEMASONRY

With the fancy moniker of "Worldwide Exemplification of Freemasonry" it almost has a familiar ring to it often found to be associated with various clandestine Masonic organizations. In this case the Worldwide Exemplification of Freemasonry is an educational program developed by the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Introduced in January of 2011 the presentations are scheduled to continue through December of this year. The program consists of video presentations by a wide range of Masonic authors, including both members of the craft and non-members. The Masonic student will recognize names such as Robert Cooper, PM of Scotland, Chris Hodapp, PM and Dr. Brent Morris, PM of the United States along with Masonic scholars Professors Andrew Prescott and Jessica Harland-Jacobs.

The wide range of topics should provide something for everyone. From "The Evolution of Scottish Freemasonry" through to "The Alchemical Influence on the Gentle Craft" the topics are diverse and informative. This is a very unique opportunity to take advantage of some of the premier Masonic speakers in the world while sitting in the comfort of your den. The program can be found at www.weofm.org. Click on "Video" to see past presentations while the "Trestle Board" will provide a list of upcoming speakers and topics. Submitted by: **VW Stuart MacDonald**



The Question of Masonic Education

In the jurisdiction of New Brunswick there has been many conversations with reference Masonic education and what is the responsibility of the lodge towards providing access to that education for it's members?

The resources are already available to the individual Mason from many of sources including the Bible and hundreds of other books as well as uncountable internet links. Taking everything into consideration the question of this issue of Mostly Masonry being asked about Masonic education is:

"Should it not be the responsibility of the lodge to provide the place, atmosphere and guidance that would be conducive to the study of the Masonic Way of Life while the individual Masons provide the questions and seek the answers? Express your opinion in 200 words or less. it may be published in the next issue of MM.



Dates and events to remember as Masons

Sussex Lodge # 4 in Dorchester, NB, will be holding a St. Patrick's Day breakfast on 12 March 2011 from 0730 to 1130 hrs with 7 toppings for pancakes and waffles along with sausage and bacon as well as beverages at \$6.00 per ticket or \$3.00 for those under 10.

Coverdale Lodge # 52 in Coverdale, NB, is holding a Maple Supper on April 2, 2011 from 4:30 - 6:30 hrs which will include ham, baked beans and scallop potatoes as well as plenty of Maples dessert at \$10.00 per person in the St. John the Baptist Anglican Church on Woolridge Ave for information call Gil at 386-4956

There will be a District 2 & 7 meeting on 30 April 2011 at Sussex Lodge # 4 in Dorchester, NB, with a breakfast served beforehand between 8 and 9 am at \$5.00 per person. Part of the proceeds will go support the 2011 graduating class of the Tantramar Regional High School. All Masons welcome to attend and participate in the efforts to advance the fraternity.

Sussex Lodge # 4 in Dorchester, NB, will be holding an Country Style Roast Beef Dinner with an added choice of Yorkshire Pudding, Baked or mashed potato on 01 May 2011 between the 4 and 6 pm at \$12.00 person \$6.00 for those under 10. Part of the proceeds will go support the 2011 graduating class of the Tantramar Regional High School.

Grand Lodge of New Brunswick
On 13 and 14 May 2011 the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick will be electing a new Grand Master and a number of other Grand Lodge Officers, voting on motions and presenting notice of motions. It is very important all Masters and Past Masters make an effort to attend and have their input into the formation of the 2011-2012 administration. It is also very important that Master Masons also attend to see how such a large group of our brethren come together with the simple goal of working for the betterment of Freemasonry. Therefore all Masters of lodges should encourage their newest members to attend.

In the service of the Fraternity:

As every Mason knows his lodge always has a number of various meetings, events, projects and communications scheduled throughout the year along with a couple of unscheduled activities i.e. Masonic Services and hospital visits, all of which are time consuming.

The Management and staff would like to ask a member from each of the lodges to in NB to calculate the number of hours that would be involved if a Mason was to attend every activity pertaining to only his particular lodge for year?

Do not include visits to other lodges. Forward the total with your lodge number to: mostlymasonry@gmail.com.

Sussex Lodge # 4 in Dorchester, NB, will be holding a Shiretown Day breakfast on 11 June 2011 from 0730 to 1130 hrs with 7 toppings for pancakes and waffles along with sausage and Bacon as well as beverages at \$6.00 per ticket or \$3.00 for those under 10. A portion of the proceeds will go towards supporting the local scholarship fund. For information about the locally sponsored scholarship for students at the Tantramar Regional High School call 379-2211 or the school administration.

Westmorland # 44 in Port Elgin, NB, will be holding a St. breakfast on 11 June 2011 from 0730 to 10:00 hrs Bacon, sausage and eggs, beans, pancakes beverages at \$5.00 per person. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to support Camp Goodtime and the Dyslexic Learning Center while the proceeds from the Bake Sale will support of a student attending Tantramar Regional High school from the Port Elgin area.

Brethren
A Call for Support:
Be advised that the members of the Moncton Shrine Club will be conferring the Master Mason Degree on one candidate at the regular communication of Howard Lodge #15 in Hillsboro on June 7, 2011. The Worshipful Master will be M.W. Bro. William Balser Jr.

Book Collection for Fund raising
In an effort raise funds in a helpful manner WB WG Macx MacNichol from Sussex Lodge # 4 in Dorchester, NB, will be starting a spring used book collection. These books will be used to raise funds without costing anyone anything. All we ask is everyone consider all the books you may have and no longer have use and let us put them to some good use. For making donations call 379-2211 or email macxbooks@gmail.com. Do not throw any books away let us sort them out. We can make arrangements for pickup.

"If you can't excel with talent, triumph with effort." Dave Weinbaum



Information and education

The Ashlar Test

As one gradually involves himself deeper into the meaning of being a Freemason one can begin to relate more, as an individual, to the symbols of the Masonic doctrine and use them to do a personal assessment.

The Ashlars and their symbolism in Freemasonry are prime examples of a symbol which illustrates how a Freemason can assess his personal progress towards becoming a better man.

As there are six sides and a solid interior to a Rough Ashlar as man has many sides or aspects to both his interior and exterior makeup. As a Mason progresses towards his personal goal, to become a better man, he has to do to himself what our predecessors, the Stonemasons, did to create a Perfect Ashlar, that was to remove the rough edges while making it square and plumb.

The symbol of the Ashlars comes into play when as individual Masons take it upon themselves to contemplate how much they have improved over the years in the attempt to go from one with a rough exterior and limited interior to someone who has improved many of his personal traits or the many sides of our being.

None of us came into the world or the fraternity with anything other than what the Great Architect gave us physically but he did give us the means to improve ourselves spiritually and mentally as well as physically in the hope we become better men or closer to perfection as with the Perfect Ashlar.

By honestly looking at the ones personal exterior and interior and doing an assessment as to what rough edges remain one may find some traits which are closer to perfection than others although far from perfect. By accepting the fact one has faults and works toward removing them, may enhance the ability to accept others in their state of development where at sometime in the past that would not have been the case.

Only in the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons can there be a group of individuals meeting in a Lodge where all are different, all with admitted flaws which do not matter, hopefully all endeavouring to become better men internally and externally in the Masonic manner. The amount of change does not matter, only the progress.

What an exceptional way of life to be a part of in this time in history. **The Editor**



**Educational Support within the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
of New Brunswick - 2011**

Over the next few months there is the opportunity lodges to distribute the information concerning what financial support is available from the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons and all it's member lodges within the New Brunswick jurisdiction. Mostly Masonry would like to assist in distributing all information about the scholarships and/or bursaries that could be available to eligible students.

From Grand Lodge of New Brunswick Scholarship fund:

There are 10 scholarships available for the individuals by applying through Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

From individual Lodges:

Throughout New Brunswick there numerous individual lodges who have well established and publicized scholarship/bursary program which is available annually. There are other lodges who consider giving financial support on an as received basis. It is very important for all lodges to communicate not only to their active members but also to the general public, especially to local high schools, as to what is available to students and the various ways of applying and qualifying for financial support. It is well known many individual lodges have their own qualification standards which have to be met to receive assistance. It is through publicity by the individual lodges and Grand Lodge that Masonry will get more applications and thus raise the profile of the fraternity. If Mostly Masonry can be of any help send us your information and it will be disturbed.



The Gallery



MONCTON AREA FREEMASONS SUPPORT CAMP GOODTIME
Presenting a cheque for \$18,800. to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, for Camp Goodtime, a summer camp for children with cancer. L-R: RWB. Arthur Young, Master of Acacia Lodge; WB. Bro. Leigh Manning, Master of Keith Lodge; MWB. Miles Graham, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick; and WB John Gould, Master of Coverdale Lodge.

Sixty Year Members at Acacia # 49



L to R: GM MWG Miles R. Graham Bro. H. Kenneth Stone and Bro Angus G. MacDonald RWB Arthur Young

50 Years celebrated at Sussex Lodge #4
WB Rev. Dale Grey



L to R: WB Michael Bentley, WB Rev. L. Dale Grey and Grand Master MWB Miles R. Graham

50 Years celebrated



Bro. Laurence I. McLaughlin is presented by his son Bro. Glenn McLaughlin (rear) to the GM MWB Miles R. Graham for his 50 Year pin presentation. Bro. Glenn McLaughlin's

Fifty Year Member



L to R: GM MWB Miles Graham; PJGD B Gerald A Chalk, PJGD; RWB Arthur Young at Acacia # 49



RWB Ian Culligan, DDGM District 6, Alexandria Lodge #33 Br. Everett Grant, WB Robert Taylor, WM Alexandria

Masonic Table Lodge, December 9, 2010



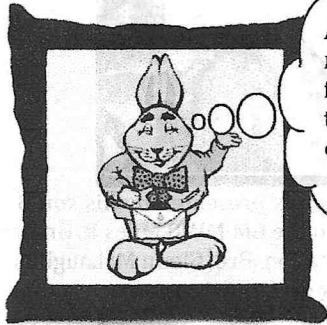
L to R: DDGM for Dist. # 1; GM MWB Miles R Graham; WM Dave Ross, New Brunswick Lodge # 22 with PM WB Derek bbster the evening's Master of ceremonies. Saint John Temple.



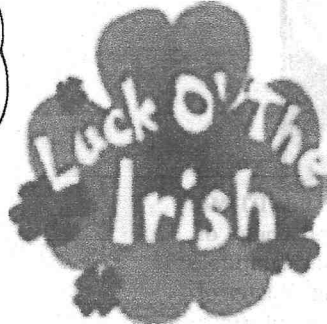
What's Next From the Masonic Rabbit?

"Back by popular demand"

Days to remember



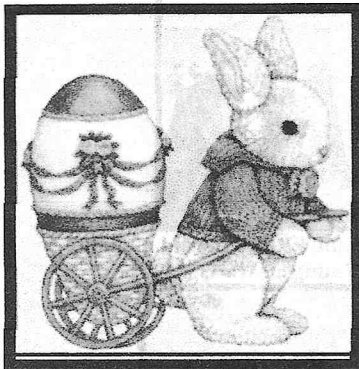
As a caring man, don't forget those you care for.



The Irish



Mother's Day



Create some joy at Easter

**The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick
Saint John, NB, Canada
13 & 14 May 2011
Election of a New Grand Master & other
Officers**

Your attendance and participation is important

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Mostly Masonry

New Brunswick's official Masonic Publication

The Winter 2011 edition of Mostly Masonry is requesting all lodges throughout the New Brunswick jurisdiction make a greater effort to provide information which can be published in the three editions each year. A prime example is on page 4 where special events, projects and announcements can be published and circulated to hundreds of Masons. Please note not all pictures can be published but may put on the Grand Lodge web page.

Mostly masonry can be a great tool for Masons to seek out what activities they feel would interest them and give them achance to meet old friends and posibly make new ones. There are very few organizations which offer possible entertainment, fellowship and any support required without the worry about whether or not you as stranger will be made to feel welcome.

With the costs of travel and prices rising on just about everything it is necessary to take advantage of what can be happening locally as individuals or with others. Most Masonry can be of assistance in planning short trips to Masonic events in new areas you have never visited before.

There is a new email address: mostlymasonry@gmail.com to which anyone can send material for the Spring Edition of Mostly Masory which has a deadline May 15, 2011.