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MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Permit me this opportunity, through the Spring edition of MOSTLY MASONRY, to express my thanks and those of the New Brunswick Grand Lodge, to the brethren of this jurisdiction, for your support during the last two years. How quickly time passes, but how pleasant it has been to spend this time, visiting the lodges of this province, meeting the brothers of the Craft and exchanging views and ideas. If I could summarize my term of office in a few words, I would say "Loyalty and Dedication". If we have accomplished anything, this credit must go to all those who believe that Freemasonry is worth saving, and the projects that were developed, speak loudly about "Loyalty and Dedication". Thanks to R: W: Donald Gruchy and his Committee, we have the New Brunswick Charities and Housing Company Limited in place. Thanks to R: W: Maurice Linkletter and his Education Committee, the new Mentor program has taken shape. Thanks to V: W: Alex Pincombe, MOSTLY MASONRY has been a constant source of joy and inspiration to every Mason in New Brunswick. Our thanks also to forward thinking Worshipful Masters and members, we have Craft lodges who are taking the challenge seriously and doing something about it. The result has been increased membership and a renewed enthusiasm for Freemasonry. There is still much each of us can do and, attending lodge regularly is a first step. The future will

only be as strong and secure as the members who built it. To paraphrase the writer, Edgar Snow: "We are the masters of our fate, the architects of our tomorrows." Let us then build wisely and in accordance with the teachings of our beloved Fraternity.

J. William Murray

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

We wish for you a special Christmas Tree this year. We hope for you that it will be tall and straight, with boughs outstretched to shelter you this coming year. Trim it with Love. Surround it with Faith.

The Christmas Tree we wish for you has a bright and shining Star at the very top. It will shine through the darkness around you and bring Hope to the world as it did so many years ago in Bethlehem. May its radiance in the days ahead flood your heart.

Under this tree may there be presents for you, one filled with memories, not ordinary memories but those for special people, of special times and of other Christmas seasons of the past. And, while memories may call for you to weep, it is a time for holding the head a little higher and making yourself go on when you would rather not. In this way you acquire the ability to give thanks for Faith in the future and for Courage you didn't think you had.
LOOK!

There is another package under this tree for you. It is filled with Peace. Share this one with the world. To settle

for less is to make mockery of the words "Peace on earth, Good Will toward men". Indeed, Peace is the foundation upon which the tree we wish for you shall stand.

Included in our wish for you is one that this tree will be a part of all the good times that will be yours this year.

NO, we did not have a lapse, as this beautiful message is applicable for any season and we take pleasure in sharing it with you and your family. It comes from the pen of Trudy Coffey, who just happens to be the talented partner of our beloved Past Grand Master, Gordon Coffey. We are most grateful for their thoughtfulness. May we suggest that you keep it handy and should you have a "bad day" (and we all do from time to time) take it out and read it again. It will surely give your sagging spirits a much needed "lift."

HIRAM LODGE NO. 6 FREDERICTON

Wor. Bro. Ray Travers has submitted his report as Worshipful Master for 1986. The following excerpts are of particular interest and have been included in this edition for the information of officers in the various lodges. MOSTLY MASONRY is grateful to Bro. Travers for making his report available to it.

At the beginning of the year I created the Historical Committee for a very special project. The Committee members are:

Chairman - Bro. Willard McNutt,
Rt. Wor. Bro. - Leonard Desormeau,
Wor. Bro. - Fred Cuming and
- Bro. Arnold Wilkins.

This Committee was set to work to compile and print in book form the complete history of Hiram Lodge No. 6 F. & A.M. I am pleased to report that they have made remarkable progress on this project and expect to have it completed before the end of 1987.

Our June meeting was highlighted by our Father and Son Banquet, which, to

the best of my knowledge was the first one ever held in our Lodge. Special thanks for making this evening a success goes to Rt. Wor. Bro. G. Donald Gruchy, Wor. Bro. Stanley Cassidy, † ladies of the Eastern Star, but most importantly to the Fathers and Sons who attended.

At our November 6th meeting, the M.M. Degree was conferred on our one candidate and exemplified by a Special Degree Team headed by Rt. Wor. Bro. G. Donald Gruchy. This team was comprised of all non-officers except for the Chaplain, Immediate Past Master and Worshipful Master. On November 3, previous to our meeting, this same Special Degree Team exemplified the M.M. Degree on one candidate at Alexandria Lodge No. 33 at the request of their W.M. Keith Bradshaw. Congratulations are extended to them for exceptionally well done jobs in both Lodges.

CARLETON LODGE HONOURS DR. D. A. SOMERVILLE, PGM

A feature of the November 1986 Communication of Carleton Lodge, No. 35, F. & A.M., Florenceville, N.B. was the tribute paid to M.W. Bro. Donald Andrew Somerville, D.D.S., Past Grand Master, on the occasion of his 60 year of service to Carleton Lodge. A portrait of Dr. Somerville had been presented to the Lodge and was unveiled by Wor. Bro. Charles E. Wry, who also gave a resume of Dr. Somerville's Masonic career, as follows: He entered Masonry in 1926 and received his M.M. Degree in December of that year. Bro. Somerville advanced through the various offices but was unable to continue from the West, after a short time he again occupied the West and became the Worshipful Master in 1945. Grand Master Arthur S. Robinson appointed him District Deputy Grand Master in 1946, a post he held until 1949. Elected Junior Grand Warden in 1953, he was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1955 and in 1957, to the joy of his brethren of Carleton Lodge, he was elected to the highest office, namely, Grand Master:

in which office he served with distinction until 1959. He was first Grand Master from this District and the only one to date from Carleton Lodge. During the 1986 Grand Lodge Sessions, Grand Master J. William Murray, presented Dr. Somerville with his 60 Year Pin. Dr. Somerville has occupied all Senior positions in all concordant bodies in New Brunswick and holds the 33rd° in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Dr. Somerville is the Senior Past Grand Master of our Grand Lodge. A member of the Dental profession for over sixty year, he is one of the most respected citizens of Carleton County and one of the most revered Masons in eastern Canada.

(Submitted by Carleton Lodge)

PRESENTATIONS AT ALLEY LODGE

During the regular Communication of Alley Lodge No. 14, Upper Mills, N.B. held November 6th 1986, a number of brothers received 25 year lapel pins. The recipients included: Robert Hazelwood, 37 years; Burton Linton, 36 years; T. Wilbur McKay, 35 years; Jack Noftell, 35 years; Percy Newman, 33 years and Lawrence Noddin, 30 years. The following brethren are also eligible to receive these pins: Arthur Montgomery, 41 years; Norman Holmes, 35 years; Albert Polley, 32 years; while the following have 25 years: Robert Olsson, Jerry Olsson, Isaac McCray and Franklin McCray.

The pins were donated by Bro. Kenneth Lister and presented by R.W. Bro. Robert E. Anderson, D.D.G.M., District No. 5. A social hour with refreshments served by Wor. Bro. Peter Acheson completed a most pleasant evening.

(Submitted by R.E. Anderson, DDGM)

THE THREE GRAHAM BROTHERS

Our September 1986 edition contained a report from Salisbury Lodge describing the presentation of 50 Year Pins and Certificates to three brethren, who were brothers not only in the Frater-

nity, but in actuality. The question was asked if such an extraordinary presentation had ever taken place previously in our jurisdiction.

Information from Lodge St. Andrew, No. 16 of Rexton, N.B. indicates that such a presentation occurred on September 13, 1976 and was reported in the June 1980 edition of THE FREEMASON magazine. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Earle B. Ross, made his official visit that evening and the Master of Lodge St. Andrew was Wor. Bro. Carr W. Graham, (later Senior Grand Warden and presently DDGM for District No. 2). Over 120 Masons were present and during the evening, four 50 Year Pins and Certificates were presented: the immediate families were also present for this portion of the evening. The Grand Master presented Wor. Bro. Bonar Lawson, Wor. Bro. Edwin Graham, age 80; Bro. Harrison Graham, age 75 and Bro. James Graham, age 72, with these pins and expressed his great pleasure in being asked to participate in such a happy family event within the Lodge. It was revealed that when each brother made application to the Lodge, he was unaware that the others had applied. In the decade since it must be reported that all four brethren have been summoned to the Celestial Lodge Above.

(Submitted by Carr Graham, D.D.G.M.)

SCOTTISH RITE HONOURS

MOSTLY MASONRY joins the various Valleys of New Brunswick and all Masons in extending congratulations to R.W. Bro. Hubert Caines, who received his 33rd° last year; and to R.W. Bro. Carr Graham and W. Bro. G.S. Young, who have been elected to receive the same honour in 1987.

WELCOME

Miss Doreen Ross succeeded Mrs. Demings in the Grand Secretary's Office in 1986. She served several years in the Diocesan office of the Anglican Church in Saint John. We wish her a pleasant stay in our midst.

THE JOY OF BEING AN EDITOR

*Getting out this bulletin is no picnic.
If we print jokes, people say we are silly.
If we don't, they say we are too serious.
If we stick close to the office all day,
we ought to be around hustling material.
If we go out and try to hustle, we ought to
be on the job in the office.
If we don't print contributions, we don't
appreciate genius;
And if we do print them, the paper is filled
with junk!
If we edit the other fellow's write-up,
we're too critical;
If we don't we're asleep.
If we clip things from other papers,
we are too lazy to write them ourselves.
If we don't, we are stuck on our own stuff.
Now, like as not, some guy will say we swiped this
from some magazine.*
we did!

THE HIGHEST IN FREEMASONRY

The following have been suggested as the ultimates in Freemasonry.

THE HIGHEST HONOR: The bestowal of the Lambskin or White leather apron.

THE HIGHEST DEGREE: The Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

THE HIGHEST BODY: The Grand Lodge.

THE HIGHEST PRIVILEGE: To be admitted to membership in a Lodge of Master Masons.

THE HIGHEST DUTY: To live by the obligations and principles of Freemasonry.

ORDER OF CANADA

Governor General Jeanne Sauve recently named Stanley B. Cassidy of Fredericton, New Brunswick, to membership in the Order of Canada. He was recommended particularly for his leadership in securing facilities for the rehabilitation of the disabled in this province. A Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 6, he is active in the concordant bodies and other service organizations. We salute Wor. Bro. Cassidy as he prepares to receive this cherished award.

TWELVE THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. The value of time.
2. The success of perseverance.
3. The pleasure of working.
4. The dignity of simplicity.
5. The worth of character.
6. The influence of example.
7. The power of kindness.
8. The obligation of duty.
9. The wisdom of economy.
10. The virtue of patience.
11. The improvement of talent.
12. The joy of originating.

COVERDALE LODGE HISTORY

Wor. Bro. Fraser Hale has prepared a concise history of his Lodge for inclusion in A HISTORY OF RIVERVIEW, which was published late in 1986. Coverdale Lodge No. 52 marks its 30th Anniversary in 1987.

I wish to thank all those who have helped me during the last two years, particularly, the contributors and those involved in the distribution of the copies.

Alex Pincombe,
EDITOR.