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*MOSTLY MASONRY* is honoured to present the following report on QUINN HOUSE, which has been authorized by the Executive Board of the Company. Your Editor joins the Board in congratulating St. Mark's Lodge and its Committee under the Chairmanship of Wor. Bro. P. G. Williamson, in bringing the first senior citizens low cost housing project into being and now moving toward its completion. This is indeed an accomplishment in which all Masons in New Brunswick may take pride. BRETHREN — WELL DONE.

### QUINN HOUSE

The Fraternity's first senior citizens low cost housing project is under construction in St. Andrews. The complex is being built by the New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd. and the financing is guaranteed by The New Brunswick Housing Corporation. Quinn House is an eight unit senior citizen complex named after our late Brother William G. Quinn of Fredericton and St. Andrews, who was a benefactor to Grand Lodge and to Craft in general.

The St. Andrews project started in mid June, 1988, with St. Mark's Lodge

empowered to determine the need for such a facility in the local area. After speaking to church groups, service clubs, New Brunswick Social Services and the local Senior Citizens' Club amongst others, it was apparent to us there was a need for senior housing in the town. Ads were placed in local newspapers so widespread publicity for the project would filter out to all possible applicants.

At the same time New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Co. Ltd. purchased land from the Town at nominal cost so the project could proceed. The local committee then chose an architect and several meetings took place to finalize details with N. B. Housing Corp., arrange adequate financing at competitive rates, approve final draft plans for the building and have the contract placed for public tender which occurred in late September, 1988. The building contract was awarded to Bro. Fred Stairs from Meductic, N. B. and construction started in October, 1988.

We look forward to the opening of QUINN HOUSE in the spring of '89 and with it a new chapter in the history of Masonry in New Brunswick.

P. G. Williamson, P.M. St. Mark's Lodge.

### GRAND MASTER'S SCHEDULE OF OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

Thurs.	April 6	Alley No. 14	Upper Mills	8:00 pm
Mon.	April 10	Centennial No. 53	Maugerville	7:30 pm
Wed.	April 12	Westmorland No. 44	Port Elgin	8:00 pm
Thurs.	April 13	Zetland No. 24	Shediac	7:30 pm
Thurs.	April 20	Tobique No. 48	Plaster Rock	8:00 pm

## DEDICATION IN MEMORY OF PHILIP GIGGIE

At the conclusion of the regular June meeting of St. George Lodge No. 26, St. Stephen an impressive ceremony of dedication was carried out in memory of Bro. Philip Giggie, a deceased member of the Lodge. A new podium constructed by a member of the craft was dedicated in a short program under the direction of P.G.M. Gordon Coffey with a prayer of dedication offered by R.W. Bro. Eric Caldwell.

Bro. Giggie joined the Lodge in 1972 and, although not a long time member, the evidence of his contributions during that period will establish his memory forever in St. George Lodge. It was fitting to perpetuate his memory by dedicating this podium to him. As long as it stands in the East, each of you will be reminded of that Brother whose fraternal faithfulness prompted the idea and action that led to the building of the podium.

I believe his service and devotion to the various bodies of the fraternity to which he belonged were unsurpassed in this jurisdiction. Yet he was a quiet moving and modest brother in all his actions. Even in his later periods of illness he continued in his own quiet manner. The following lines seemed appropriate to the memory of Phil Giggie.

*Some time at eve when the tide is low,  
I shall slip my moorings and sail away,  
With no response to the friendly hail  
Of friendly craft in the busy bay.  
In the slight hush of the twilight pale,  
When night stoops down to embrace the day  
And voices call in the waters flow,  
Some time at eve when the tide is low,  
I shall slip my moorings and sail away  
Through purple shadows that darkly trail,  
O'er the ebbing tide to the unknown sea  
I shall fare me away with a dip of the sail  
And a ripple of waters to tell the tale  
Of a lonely voyager sailing away  
To mystic isles where at anchor lay  
The craft of those who have sailed before  
O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore.  
A few who have watched him sail away,  
Will miss his craft in the busy bay,  
Some friendly barques that are anchored near  
In silent sorrow will drop a tear.  
But he shall have peacefully furled his sail  
In the moorings sheltered from storm and gale  
And greeted his friends who have sailed before  
O'er the unknown sea to the unknown shore.*

C. W. Coffey, P.G.M.

## 70 YEAR BAR PRESENTED BY WOODSTOCK MASONIC LODGE NO. 11

Woodstock Masonic Lodge No. 11 honoured its oldest living member, Wilbert Ray Bell, aged 93, at a recent meeting in the Temple.

Brother Bell has been unable to attend meetings for a considerable length of time due to ill health but with the assistance of Lodge members, attended the monthly dinner, the business session and a portion of the Degree work exemplified that evening.

Wilbert began his Masonic career in September of 1917. He was presented with his 50 Year Pin and Life Membership by R. W. Bro. Arthur Carvell on December 7th, 1967. On October 2nd 1980, the Grand Master of New Brunswick, Most Worshipful Clarence F. Carter, presented him with his 60 year Bar. The crowning achievement was reached at the recent meeting when the Worshipful Master of Woodstock Lodge, Sydney C. Miller presented a 70 year Pin and Bar. Brother Bell fittingly expressed his appreciation.

G. R. Montgomery, P.M.

## WORKING ONE'S WAY INTO HEAVEN

I am writing to you in connection with a letter in the Observer July 1988 issue written by Derwyn Docken. He could you be so inconsiderate as to publish a letter demeaning the oldest and most respected fraternal order in the world. I have been a member of the Masonic Order for fifty years. I am a Past Grand Master in New Brunswick and nowhere in the order is it required that a Mason deny his faith in Jesus Christ, and nowhere in the order is it specified as to a Mason's requirements for entry in to heaven. New Brunswick has had Grand Masters in the past who were clergymen; the presiding Grand Master is a retired Anglican minister; the finest United Church minister I have known was a past Grand Chaplain of the order and I am certain none of the above denied their faith in Jesus Christ.

And, would you believe that Shrin-

ers, who must first be Masons, raise millions of dollars every year to operate crippled and burned Childrens Hospitals. Would you believe that these men have denied faith in Jesus Christ?

I should appreciate it if you would publish this letter, complete, that the Masonic Order may have equal treatment in the Observer. C. W. Coffey  
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### COLONIAL CRAFTSMEN VISITATION

An evening of most unusual fraternal fellowship took place on Saturday, October 8th 1988. The evening began with dinner at 6 p.m. in the Moncton Temple, after which the two dozen Craftsmen and their hosts and visiting brethren travelled to the Temple in Riverview where the Master, Wor. Bro. Maltby and his officers opened Coverdale Lodge No. 52 after which the Craftsmen presented "ON THE SQUARE—1775" to those who filled the room to capacity. While the males were in Riverview, the ladies from Massachusetts entertained our ladies with a program entitled, "The distaff side" in the Masonic Temple. The ladies' costumes like those of the Degree team were authentic and a joy to the eye. The evening ended in the Moncton Temple where we all got together for a social hour. Everyone agreed it was an evening to remember, educational, entertaining and thoroughly enjoyable. Much credit must go to Wor. Bro. Mike Swetnam and the officers of Acacia Lodge No. 49 for organizing such a visitation.

### GEORGE ROBINSON NIGHT

A very well known Mason, R. W. Bro. George C. Robinson of Riverview, was honoured by upwards of 100 of his brethren on Monday, November 28th 1988 when Acacia Lodge No. 49 was called to refreshment. M.W. Bro. J.W. Murray was an excellent Toastmaster and after delicious refreshments, called on Horace Dimock of his mother Lodge, Fownes of Have-lock; LeBaron Stubbs of Acacia Lodge and Curtis Steeves, DDGM No. 7, who

announced that the donations were in excess of four hundred dollars and would be sent to the New Brunswick Charities and Housing Company in Bro. Robinson's name. A highlight was the presentation of his long career in the Craft. A short sing song by Grenville Steeves with Gerald Dawson at the piano was enjoyed. The Master of Acacia Lodge, Mike Swetnam, thanked the ladies and refreshment committee for their assistance in making the evening a great success. Bro. Robinson, who was greeted with a standing ovation, spoke briefly and feelingly, and expressed his pleasure that the "Travelling Gavel" was now proving to be a real asset in encouraging visitations among the lodges in Districts 2 and 7.

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*It is a pleasure indeed to reprint an account of the marriage of our Grand Secretary, which took place in August 1988. The fraternal significance of the principals and the officiating clergyman is possibly without parallel. Our Best Wishes, however late, are extended to the happy couple.*

### PRESCOTT-HOYT-BROWN

The wedding of A. Elizabeth Hoyt-Brown, Q.C. and Basil A. Prescott, both of Saint John, was solemnized by Rev. Kenneth Legassick at Trinity Anglican Church, Saint John, N.B.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Eleanor J. Carson of Calgary, Alta.

The groomsman was John D. Waters, brother-in-law of the groom.

The ceremony was witnessed by the immediate relatives and followed by a reception in the Kings County Room of the Hilton International Hotel.

The bride, a daughter of the late James Stanley Hoyt, a past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick F. and A.M., is a senior partner in the law firm of McKelvey, Macaulay, Machum.

The groom is Grand Secretary of The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick F. & A.M. Rev. Kenneth Legassick is the present Grand Master of Masons in New Brunswick.

## MONCTON AREA MASONIC TRADITION ESTABLISHED

The third Annual Greater Moncton Masonic Dinner and Dance was held at the Beaver Curling Club on Saturday, November 19, 1988. Keith Lodge No. 23 initiated this increasingly successful event in 1986 with an attendance of 104. In 1987 the four lodges in the Moncton/Riverview area united to co-sponsor this activity with 106 in attendance. Word of the success of the first two years soon spread amongst the fraternity and 129 persons attended a very successful event again in 1988. The organization committee was composed of the four senior wardens who are now the presiding masters of their lodges:

*Acacia No. 49.....A. Clarke Tree*  
*Coverdale No. 52... John M. Jefferies*  
*Keith No. 23..... G. Scott Ellsworth*  
*Tweedie No. 41..... G. Robert Fowler*

Through the kind generosity of those brothers with numerous business contacts a large number of valuable door prizes were cheerfully accepted by the lucky winners. A very enjoyable roast beef dinner was catered by the curling club.

The event concluded on a note of happiness, peacefulness and harmony with sound encouragement to continue to make this event a lasting tradition.

J. M. Jefferies

## FAREWELL

I have served as Editor since the Autumn Edition of 1985 and as Chairman of the Publications Committee since it was organized in May 1987. I have also served as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2 during the last two years. I am presently working on a comprehensive history of the Greater Moncton region and the deadline is 1990, so it is necessary to say "farewell" and also to thank all those who have been so understanding and have helped in many different ways. I am grateful to one and all.

Alex Pincombe

## CONDOLENCES

*MOSTLY MASONRY* records with sorrow the loss of two outstanding Masons. V. Wor. Bro. Dr. Frank E. Archibald was called to the Celest' Lodge Above 8 December 1988. Grand Chaplain in 1958, he served as Chaplain of Keith Lodge No. 23 for many years, receiving his 60 Year Bar earlier in 1988. An accident claimed the life of R. W. Bro. C. Norman Scott on New Years Day. A Mason for over thirty years he served Lodge St. John No. 27 as Secretary for 23 years; Senior Grand Deacon in 1966, elected Grand Warden in 1971, received 33° of Scottish Rite in 1978. He was an active Shriner and a Past Patron of Bathurst Chapter, Eastern Star. Sincere sympathy is extended to their families.

This edition was already at the printers when word was received of the death of R. W. Bro. Lloyd W. Vincent on Saturday, February 11th. Bro. Vincent served as Master of Tweedie Lodge, No. 41, in 1959 and, when installed, proceeded to install his Wardens and other Officers, certainly an unusual occasion in this District. He served as District Deputy Grand Master (No. 2) 1961-63 and was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1963. The Beardsley Medal was conferred upon him in 19 for outstanding contributions to the Fraternity. Despite adverse weather, the Memorial Service was well attended; the Lesson was read by his longtime friend, R.W. Bro. John Lingley, PGW.

## Working One's Way Into Heaven (continued)

After a three year study of Freemasonry (*Nation*, May), I realized that to become a Mason I would have to deny my faith in Jesus Christ. It is true that Masonic lodges do many good works and promote moral values, but these become a means to earn entry into their version of heaven. It is a religion of salvation by works alone.

Perhaps that's why John Wesley and John Knox condemned it.

(Rev.) Derwyn Docken  
Tiverton, Ont.