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**A MESSAGE FROM
THE GRAND MASTER**

Our need to communicate.

One of the greatest needs of Masonry, in all jurisdictions, is the ability to adequately communicate our message to the public.

The author of a masonic paper said, "If we are perceived by the public as being as great as we tell ourselves we are, why are we not being stampeded by petitioners?" The writer went on to say that, when something negative happens to the Craft, all the world knows about it through the media. A good example is the recent letter regarding the Church and Masonry. (editor's note . . . see Spring issue, 1989, *Mostly Masonry*).

Masonry merits good public relations. It is initiated, first and foremost, by each individual Mason who applies the lessons taught in the several degrees. Public relations is each Mason living the three principle tenets—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

The Lodges must raise their profile in their community by becoming more involved and more visible in their own area. I leave it to you to explore the possibilities.

We must work together in 1989, to have our great Fraternity become more visible and acceptable to the public.

Charles N. Hollett Grand Master

MASONS ELECT

Charles Norman Hollett was elected Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick at the 122nd Communication of Grand Lodge, which was held May 12, 13 in Saint John.

Most Worshipful Brother Hollett was

born in 1919 in Burin, Nfld., where he was educated. During the Second World War, Charles served with the Merchant Navy.

Charles worked for the Newfoundland Railway until 1949 when, with Confederation, it became the Canadian National Railway. He was promoted to Superintendent of Express Freight in 1961, and was transferred to Moncton in 1970 to continue in the same capacity, Charles (C.N.) Hollett retired from C.N. in 1977.

Charles Hollett received his Master Mason's Degree in 1959 at Avalon Lodge No. 776, St. John's, Nfld. and was Master of that Lodge in 1969. He affiliated with Acacia Lodge No. 49 after moving to Moncton. Charles was Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Moncton Lodge of Perfection in 1977, and in 1983 he was

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**GRAND MASTER'S SCHEDULE
OF OFFICIAL VISITATIONS**

Sept. - Nov., 1989

Sept. 1	Salisbury No. 2	Salisbury	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Restigouche No. 14	Dalhousie	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Centennial No. 52	Maugerville	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Zetland No. 24	Shediac	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	U. Lodge of Portland No. 10	Saint John	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Acacia No. 49	Moncton	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Hartland No. 46	Hartland	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	Bethel No. 40	Edmundsto	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Steven No. 37	Petitcodiac	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	Miramichi No. 18	Chatham	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	Albion No. 1	Saint John	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	St. Martins No. 30	St. Martins	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Albert No. 34	Albert	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	Alexandria No. 33	Fredericton	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	The New Brunswick No. 22	Saint John	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	Granite No. 54	Temperence Vale	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 21	Landmark No. 51	Boiestown	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 24	Fownes No. 45	Havelock	8:00 p.m.



L to R: R.W. Bro. Gordon Young D.G.M., M.W. Bro. Charles Hollett G.M., R.W. Bro. Orville Mason S.G.W., R.W. Bro. Earl Campbell J.G.W.

Masons Elect (from p. 1)

coronated Honorary Inspector General of 33rd Degree. He is a member of Luxor Temple (Shrine).

Charles has four children: Charles, Barbara, Linda, and Karen. His wife, Doris (Kelland), died in 1986.

The Officers for Grand Lodge, 1989-90, are as follows:

(E) Grand Master.....	M:W: Charles N. Hollett.....	No. 49
(E) Deputy Grand Master.....	R:W: Gordon S. Young.....	No. 22
(E) Senior Grand Warden.....	R:W: Orville H. Mason.....	No. 50
(E) Junior Grand Warden.....	R:W: Earl B. Campbell.....	No.8
(E) Grand Treasurer.....	R:W: A. S. Allen.....	No. 10
(E) Grand Chaplain.....	V:W: (Rev.) Canon Lyman Harding.....	No. 10
Grand Secretary.....	R:W: B. A. Prescott.....	No. 10
Deputy Grand Secretary.....	R:W: S. M. Scribner.....	No. 1
District Deputy Grand Master No. 1.....	R:W: J. Ralph Andrews.....	No. 3
District Deputy Grand Master No. 2.....	R:W: Neil A. Grass.....	No. 23
District Deputy Grand Master No. 3.....	R:W: Leslie A. Miller.....	No. 25
District Deputy Grand Master No. 4.....	R:W: Ralph F. Ashworth.....	No. 48
District Deputy Grand Master No. 5.....	R:W: Peter C. Williamson.....	No. 5
District Deputy Grand Master No. 6.....	R:W: Vernon E. Lister.....	No. 50
District Deputy Grand Master No. 7.....	R:W: Ronald M. Hoar.....	No. 45
Senior Grand Deacon.....	W:B: Roy C. Carleton.....	No. 10
Junior Grand Deacon.....	W:B: Chesley R. Piercey.....	No. 13
Grand Sword Bearer.....	W:B: Ronald W. Caines.....	No. 52
Grand Standard Bearer.....	W:B: James A. Rogerson.....	No. 44
Grand Pursuivant.....	W:B: C. Ronald Bateman.....	No. 24
Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	W:B: Michael G. Swetnam.....	No. 49
Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	W:B: Frederick A. Healey.....	No. 22
Grand Tyler.....	W:B: Ralph M. Hughes.....	No. 2
Grand Historian.....	W:B: Gordon R. Rattray.....	No. 15
Grand Organist.....	Bro: G. Murray Driscoll.....	No. 10



*Photo courtesy W. Bro. Jonathon Logan,
St. Mark's Lodge No. 5*

MASONS OPEN QUINN HOUSE

On Saturday, April 22, 1989 close to 400 Masons from around New Brunswick gathered at St. Mark's Lodge No. 5 in St. Andrews, and marched in procession to Quinn House, to witness the opening of the first Senior Citizen's Complex built in this Province by the Masonic Fraternity.

The Commemorative Stone was laid in Masonic fashion by The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rev. Kenneth Legassick. Assisting in the ceremony were: R.W. Bro. Harvey McWhirter, D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Doug Mayes, S.G.W., and R. W. Bro. Wayne Bannister, J.G.W. Performing the ribbon-cutting ceremony were the Hon. Peter Trites, Minister of Housing for New Brunswick and Mrs. Nancy Turner, wife of Bro. Ace Turner (St. Mark's Lodge No. 5). Mr. & Mrs. Turner are residents of Quinn House.

A reception, catered by Algonquin Chapter No. 20, O.E.S., was held at the Algonquin Hotel Casino Annex

following the ceremony.

The building has a "New-England" look to fit in with the St. Andrews community. The gray-and-white trim building is accented by wood shingles, corner boards around the windows and multi-level gable roofs. The complex has seven one-bedroom and one two-bedroom apartments. Carpeting, fridges, and stoves are provided.

The name Quinn House was chosen to commemorate the late William J. Quinn of Fredericton and St. Andrews. He expressed a great concern for the needs of the elderly in the Province and offered his home upon his death as a possible building for a Masonic home. However, due to government regulations regarding the establishment of seniors housing, the building was not suitable.

Quinn House is located on the corner of Queen and Sophia Streets, close to the local shops and churches. Masons are encouraged to visit the Home when travelling in the St. Andrews area.

NEW BRUNSWICK MASONIC CHARITIES AND HOUSING COMPANY LTD. EXECUTIVE

R.W. Bro. Donald Gruchy	Hiram Lodge No. 6	President
W. Bro. Myles Chown	Zion Lodge No. 21	1st Vice-President
M.W. Bro. William Murray	Tweedie Lodge No. 41	2nd Vice President
R.W. Bro. James McKenna	Albion Lodge No. 1	Treasurer
R.W. Bro. Thomas Winter	Centennial Lodge No. 53	Secretary
R.W. Bro. Peter Williamson	St. Mark's Lodge No. 5	Local Chairman

"You must give some time to your fellow man, even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have need of help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here, too."

Dr. Albert Schweitzer

★ ★ UPDATE ★ ★

It is hoped a second Masonic Home will be built in 2 or 3 years. However, nothing concrete (pardon the pun) can be reported at this time.

While the deadline for charter membership in the Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd. has passed, you can still obtain a Lifetime Membership with a donation of \$20 or more.

By late fall, lodge secretaries will receive information regarding memorial cards. These will be similar to other memorial cards (Heart Fund, Cancer Society) that can be sent to the family of a departed Brother.

Taxation receipts are issued for all donations made out to New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd. Just recently, R.W. Bro. Donald Gruchy presented the Canadian Cancer Society with a donation of \$500 on behalf of the Masons of New Brunswick. The Company oversees Housing AND Charities in the Province.

Send donations to:
New Brunswick Masonic Charities
and Housing Company Ltd.
P. O. Box 6442, Station A
Saint John, N. B.
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THE TEMPLE

*Through Solomon's Temple, they tell
us of old,*

*Excelled in its marbles, its cedars
and gold —*

*Its altars of incense, its tables of
bread,*

*Its ark, where the sight of the
Presence was shed.*

*A far nobler Temple each Mason
may raise,*

*In Wisdom and Strength to endure
through all days,*

*Of which Israel's proud pile was
the type and the plan,*

*And this Temple, so stately, so
perfect is Man.*

*How more precious than gold are
honour and truth?*

*With these let him build in the
days of his youth.*

*Its sight of the Presence, sweet
Peace may be there.*

Its altar of Incense - humility's player.

*Its table of Shew Bread, his gifts to
the poor,*

*A Temple thus built, through all
time shall endure.*

*And to perfect the shrine, through no
gems from a part,*

*The Bright Holy of Holies be found
in his heart.*

BETHEL LODGE PRESENTS

Bethel Lodge No. 40 F. & A.M., in Edmundston, New Brunswick, honoured 7 brethren on May 4, 1989, who have been members for 60 years or more than one brother who has been a member for 50 years. Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Raymond W. Gamblin of Grand Lodge presented each brethren with their 50 year lapel pin and 60 year bar. The eight members joined the fraternity in the years 1927, 1928, and 1938. 1938.

Presented with 60 Year Bars were:

W. Bro. Francis Gordon Lawson

W. Bro. Eugene Earl Stevenson

W. Bro. Frederick Dodd Tweedie

Bro. Harry Alexander Duthrie

Bro. Leonard Stewart Harding

Bro. Donald Clinton Neil

Bro. Douglas Alexander McLean

Receiving his 50 year pin was Bro. Hugh Kitchen Stephenson.

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TIME CHANGE FOR MEETING

Lebanon Lodge No. 28 changed the time of its monthly meetings from 8 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. earlier in 1989. Lebanon Lodge meets in the Odd-fellows Hall in Sackville on the third Thursday of the month. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

NEWS FROM LODGE NO. 22

Two items from the June meeting of The New Brunswick Lodge No. 22, Saint John: (1) It was determined that the New Brunswick Lodge No. 22 had passed the highest total of visitations during the spring and thereby retained the travelling gavel banner. It was presented to W. Bro. Alex Cunningham at a banquet for 120 Masons preceding the Lodge meeting. The Daughters of the Nile catered the banquet.

(2) The second portion of the 3rd Degree was performed in costume, something that hasn't been seen in N.B. for some time. Not only that, but 12 Fellow Crafts were present to answer the role of the workmen.

Submitted by R.W. Wor. Doug Mayes
Secretary, New Brunswick Lodge No. 22

(Ed.- I notice a "Wayfaring Man" was used in the ceremony, who spoke in place of the S.W. during the travels of the F.C.'s. This would be an excellent way to make use of a new member.)

NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Village of Dorchester during its annual Shiretown Days named Harvie McWhirter **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**. Harvie is certainly no stranger to the Masons of New Brunswick, having just led the office of Deputy Grand Master and was also the recipient of the Beardsley Medal for exceptional service to the Fraternity. He is presently Secretary of Sussex Lodge No. 4, which is marking its 150th Anniversary this year.

R. W. Bro. McWhirter's activities are not confined to the Fraternity as the Citation for the Award lists following activities: an outstanding volunteer in this community, regularly contributing many hours in the local food bank and clothing depot; assisted in the establishment of the Victorian Order of Nurses in this village; an active participant in the Dorchester Heritage Properties; a key organizer for the Masonic senior citizen housing project in Dorchester.

"If nobody makes a move nothing

will ever get done, therefore somebody must make the first move and take the lead." Thus Harvie McWhirter summed up his volunteer efforts in accepting the Citizen of the Year Award. Our distinguished brother is a native of Apple River, Nova Scotia and served overseas in the Army during the Second World War. He is now retired from the Canadian Penitentiary Service. **MOSTLY MASONRY** salutes our Brother on being named Citizen of the Year by the community in which he has lived for over 40 years.

Submitted by: C. A. Pincombe, PDDGM

THE REAPER FORMULA

R-RITUAL-when correctly and impressively performed, and combined with

E-EDUCATION-leads to a positive

A-ATTITUDE-which in turn prompts

P-PARTICIPATION-which helps to increase attendance and

E-ENTHUSIASM-resulting in

R-REGENERATION-of Masonic pride, the reflection of which will be noticed by the non-Masonic public and foster more applications for membership.

The Craft will be truly the "REAPER" of its labours.

This formula will work, but only if all aspects of the phrase are practised with equal diligence.

Submitted by Orville H. Mason S.G.W.
Cherry Mountain Lodge No. 50

SPRIG OF ACACIA-WHAT IS IT?

The sprig of acacia is one of the most interesting and important of all symbols in Freemasonry, yet there are many who do not have a clear idea of what it is, whence it comes and how it happened to hold such an important place in the Masonic ritual and tradition.

Botanically, the acacia is the *Mimosa nolitica*, and is called the Babul tree in India. It grew abundantly in the vicinity of Jerusalem in ancient times, where it is still to be found, and was

considered sacred by the Hebrews. It was of this wood that Moses was ordered to build the Holy Place of the Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant and the sacred furniture. The early Freemasons, with all these things in mind, appropriated this sacred plant to the equally sacred purpose of a symbol which was intended to convey and teach an important truth in the ages that were to come.

The sprig of acacia, to the Freemason, is symbolic of immortality, which is one of the most important doctrines that is the purpose of Freemasonry to teach. In our funeral service it is referred to as "the emblem of our belief in the immortality of the soul." In our ritual of the third degree it is referred to as having been used to mark a spot at which the ancient craftsman found that something for which he had long sought, and where he received the reward for which he had laboured long and diligently. One of the basic tenets upon which Freemasonry is founded is an unfeigned belief in the one living and true God, and of the immortality of the soul, emblemized by this green sprig "which bloomed at the head of the grave."

Missouri Consistory

TRAVELLING GAVEL BANQUET HELD

Fownes Lodge No. 45 in Havelock sponsored the Banquet for the Travelling Gavel for Districts 2 and 7 on Friday, June 23rd with close to 100 Masons, wives and friends in attendance.

A tasty turkey dinner prepared and served by Gloria Chapter No. 25 was the start of a festive evening. Fownes Lodge held a short meeting during which the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Charles N. Hollett spoke briefly. The Masons then rejoined the ladies in the banquet hall. The Master of Fownes Lodge expressed appreciation to Gloria Chapter for the banquet and other assistance which was acknowledged by the Worthy Matron. One might say this was keeping it in the family as Gerald Tingley, the Worshipful Master and Trallawny Tingley are husband and wife.

The Banner for the Lodge winning the Gavel the latest number of times during the year was awarded to Coverdale Lodge No. 52. This Lodge had won it four times. R.W. Bro. George C. Robinson presented the Gavel and the Banner to Wor. Bro. John Jefferies, W.M. of Coverdale Lodge. He then presented a large number of beautiful gifts to several brothers and sisters for exceptional services rendered to their respective Orders.

Bro. Robinson is marking his 50th Anniversary as Master of Fownes Lodge and Wor. Bro. Tingley informed those present that the Lodge had by motion made him an Honorary Member and the Certificate was then presented to him. A beautiful desk set was also a gift from Fownes Lodge. A Masonic clock was presented on behalf of Horace and Jean Dimock. The Masonic Emblem worked in needlepoint by Winnie Bateman was the gift of Ronald and Ellwood Bateman. Bro. Robinson acknowledged their gifts and hoped the Gavel would continue to be impetus to lodge visitations and the means of spreading brotherly love within the lodges of Districts 2 and 7.

The Travelling Gavel and Banner were made available to these Districts by Bro. Robinson five years ago. A committee from the Lodges will now be responsible for them.

FROM THE EDITOR

This has been my first experience as Editor of any publication. I have found the challenge to be rewarding and stimulating, and I already look forward to the next publication.

I have enjoyed making contact with a number of Brothers from around the Province and I appreciate the articles that have been sent in.

I hope you enjoy the photos and that you will send pictures along with your submissions. Pictures can be in color or black and white. They will be returned to you. Mail articles to:

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