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GRAND MASTERS MESSAGE

When your Craft Lodge accepted you and conferred the three degrees upon you, it also obligated you to fulfil certain responsibilities to Freemasonry in general, and your Craft Lodge in particular. Never has there been a greater need for concern and full allegiance to our Craft Lodges than now.

No man can consider himself a true mason, nor is he transmitting unimpaired the real tenets of our Ancient and Honourable Fraternity, if he merely bears the title of a mason, pays his dues and then delegates to others the performance of his Masonic responsibilities.

Brethren, the time is long overdue for a "Back-to-Craft Lodge" movement. Our Craft Lodges have been sadly neglected and treated like forgotten souls. It is about time that we place the priority in Freemasonry where it rightly belongs, with our Craft Lodges. They need your attendance, your attention, your support, your leadership, and also your appreciation for what the "Craft Lodges" have done for you.

No matter what Masonic honors have come your way, no matter how far you have travelled, or how far you may travel, if you have learned and lived up to your oaths and obligations as a Master Mason then you have attained all there is to obtain in Symbolic Masonry.

Let us all make an effort to have the year 1990 become the banner year in our history. Let us commence with our unflinching attendance at the meetings of our lodge. We should keep in mind the words of Milton in his sonnet referring to his blindness, "They also serve who only stand and wait". Who knows, but that your faithful record of attendance may influence some other member who silently marks your devotion as his example.

Remember our promise to answer and obey

the summons sent to us from our lodge.

Charles N. Hollett
Grand Master

OFFICIAL VISITS OF THE GRAND MASTER

June — September

June 20	Sussex Lodge #4	Dorchester
Sept. 8	Mananook Lodge #38	Grand Manan
Sept. 10	Campbellton Lodge #32	Campbellton
Sept. 11	Northumberland Lodge #17	Newcastle
Sept. 19	Abnaki Lodge #55	Deer Island
Sept. 20	Ashlar Lodge #36	McAdam

VISITING

Many writers on Operative Masonry and the Craft Guilds which flourished in the Middle ages have dealt at some length on the fact that in those days before a craftsman became a Master he was required to undertake a tour of "Foreign Parts", working at his Craft or Trade, in order to gain further knowledge and experience, and to perfect himself in the pursuit that he followed. Our instruction to a Master to visit other Lodges may be a relic of this old time Guild custom. Visiting is as essential in completion of the training of a Speculative Mason, as it was in the case of the Operative.

Thus may one gain by imitating that which is praiseworthy to others and what in them may appear defective, carefully avoid. True in another Lodge, the working may be styled to be the same, but the manner of delivery is different, and many a Master has gained useful knowledge by listening to the well skilled performance of another, or made a mental note of what can be done to overcome a difficulty in an emergency. Visiting other lodges is not only a pleasant experience, it is educational, as well.

A VISITOR REPORTS

Lately I received a letter from Bro. Robert Kierstead of Hiram Lodge #6, Fredericton, relating his experiences while visiting a lodge in New Zealand. I'm sure you'll find this to be an interesting story with rewards received by another Brother back home.

In my position as head coach of Canada's National Shooting Team, I travel to major competitions throughout the world, the most recent being held at the Commonwealth games in Auckland, New Zealand.

While preparing for the games, I discovered that a special Commonwealth Games Masonic Communication was to be held during my visit, and was able to obtain an invitation from R. W. Bro. A. R. Todd, Deputy Grand Master of Canada in the Province of Ontario, who is a member of the world governing body for competitive shooting.

The Commonwealth Games Masonic Communication was held in Wairoa Lodge #55 in Auckland, on January 31, 1990. The lodge room was quite large, about twice the size of my home lodge, Hiram #6. There were so many people in attendance that a speaker system had to be set up in adjacent rooms to accommodate everyone. Masons from many of the 57 Commonwealth countries were in attendance.

The ritual used during the meeting was almost completely new to me, but I was always able to understand what was taking place. I found it interesting that there are four Grand Lodges operating in New Zealand, representing the countries of origin of the settlers. Currently operating are the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Following a most enjoyable and educational meeting a reception was held for the overseas brethren. We were each presented with a unique pin commemorating this special communication. The pin included the square and compasses and the Commonwealth Games logo. The logo includes a pattern of four stars, identical to those appearing on the flag of New Zealand. This pattern of stars is the Southern Cross constellation, which is present in the sky over New Zealand. (A similar constellation appears in the sky over Australia, but there is a fifth star called the Pointer. Australia's flag contains the five star pattern.)

At the reception I approached the event organizer attempting to obtain another of these unique pins. I stated my willingness to present this pin to a worthy brother in my home lodge who has made a significant contribution to Masonry and who demonstrates the principles of Masonic fellowship.

Upon my return to Canada, I spoke to W. Bro. Luke Morrison and received his permission to present this special pin in open lodge in March. Among the many groupings and categories that compose our society, there are people we can label as "givers" and others as "takers". I chose to present this pin to R. W. Bro. Donald Gruchy, P.D.G.M. To me, R. W. Bro. Gruchy falls into the "givers" category, and I am pleased to have had an opportunity to recognize in a small way his many contributions.

Fraternally,
Bro. Robert Kierstead

Ed.—I know Bro. Kierstead and Gruchy are very proud of these pins. I look forward to viewing the pin very soon.

P.S.—The shooting team did very well in New Zealand, winning a number of medals. Congratulations are extended to Bro. Kierstead.

MONCTON CHURCH CELEBRATES

Wesley Memorial United Church, Moncton begins a year of Centennial celebrations in November with a re-enactment of a ceremony that took place nearly 100 years ago.

In 1890, R. W. Bro. George R. Sangster, P.S.G.W. started construction of a Methodist Church on the western end of St. George St. The Church was completed in June, 1991.

The Grand master of new Brunswick, M. W. Bro. Thomas Walker, and Grand Lodge officers dedicated the corner stone in a Masonic ceremony. On Nov. 4, 1990, M. W. Bro. Charles N. Hollett, along with Grand Lodge Officers, will be present at the regular church service (11 a.m.) to re-enact that same ceremony.

The theme for the celebrations is "One Hundred Years of Steadfast Faith". R. W. Bro. Sangster's generous gift of a church to the people of Moncton is a permanent testimony of his faith.

Masons throughout the Province are invited to attend the ceremony.

Submitted by: W. B. Tom McCaughey
Acacia Lodge #49



WOODSTOCK MASONIC HOUSING INC.

On Feb. 26, 1990, Woodstock Masonic Lodge No. 11 took possession of their Woodstock Seniors Complex. Woodstock Masonic Housing Inc. President Robert Stokes said the ten unit grey brick building is complete except for landscaping and paving. All units were occupied by mid March.

Private donations from within the Woodstock Lodge membership, in co-operation with Canada Mortgage and Housing and New Brunswick Housing Corporation, helped finance this \$618,000.00 complex.

This 8000 sq. ft. complex is located on 2.5 acres of land in downtown Woodstock, on the banks of the Saint John river close to services within the community. Safety and security systems for the senior apartments was incorporated into the design.

Stokes said he is very proud of the work and commitment his Board of Directors and members of Woodstock Lodge No. 11 have dedicated toward the successful completion of their project.

The official opening of their complex is planned for June 16, 1990.

Submitted by: W. Bro. Robert Stokes
Woodstock Lodge No. 11

60 YEAR BARS PRESENTED

Benjamin Lodge #31

W. Bro. Christian P. Nissen received his 60 Year Bar in a ceremony last year. W. Bro. Nissen is Past Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and has served as the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

The New Brunswick Lodge #22

Bro. Robert L. Logan was presented his 60 year bar at his home in Moncton by M. W. Bro. Charles N. Hollett. Bro. Logan is 88 years old and is in good health. The New Brunswick Lodge #22 made Bro. Logan an Honorary Life member in 1972.

Salisbury Lodge #20

M. W. Bro. Charles N. Hollett, Grand Master, was on hand at Salisbury Lodge #20 in April of this year to present Bro. Lloyd Steeves and Bro. Murray Bleakney with their 60 year bars. Both members are still active in lodge activities.



M. W. Bro. Charles Hollett
Bro. Lloyd Steeves Bro. Murray Bleakney

THE VOICE OF "LIGHT"

There is —
Great trouble
In this land
The hearts of those
Who hold POWER
Lust with GREED.

The people feel —
LOST
FORSAKEN
TROUBLED
In pain.

The "Light"
Has gone out!

The laws of the land are used
By those who have made
Their "god"
Power and Control.

They rule by
Intimidation and Fear
Not LOVE or LIGHT.

Have hope
For the "light"
Comes forth
Upon this land.

Look to the — EAST
For the "LIGHT"
Will come forth
To shine upon the people.

Composed by: Bro. Frank Potts
St. Mark's Lodge #5

MEMORIAL CARDS AVAILABLE

The New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd. has made available the memorial cards you see here displayed.

They have been sent to funeral homes throughout the province. Your lodge secretary also has a supply.

If you have a favourite charity, you may indicate so by attaching a note to the "return" portion of the card. The donation will be forwarded to the designated charity on your behalf.

Last year, the Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd. presented a cheque for \$500. to the Canadian Cancer Society.



In Memory of

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May the knowledge that this gift will help others
be of comfort to you at this time.

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On Friday, March 23, 1990 the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, C. N. Hollett made a presentation of \$2500.00 on behalf of The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A.M., to R. M. Scott, campaign volunteer for the "From the Heart" Campaign. Also in attendance was the Deputy Grand Master G. S. Young.

The donation will go directly towards the outfitting of a specialized cardiac care service unit in the Saint John Regional Hospital which will service the whole of New Brunswick. After the opening of this unit patients from New Brunswick will no longer be forced to travel to out-of-province cardiac care.

It is interesting to note that Brother R. M. Scott is a member of Carleton Union Lodge #8.

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