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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Brethren, once again it is a privilege to bring to each of you warm fraternal greetings from YOUR Grand Lodge. I specify YOUR Grand Lodge because, while it is true that the Grand Master and other components of Grand Lodge are the administrative heads of Masonry in the Jurisdiction, I stress the fact that the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers are first and foremost the servants of the Craft Lodges. This is why all lodges should be well represented at each annual Communication of Grand Lodge in order that your voices may be heard on any matter or issue you may deem to be contentious.

As a result of a motion passed at Grand Lodge in May, an important change in procedure of Grand Masters' official visitations will take place beginning in October, 1992. Instead of visiting 51 of the 51 lodges in a two year period, the Grand Master will be holding seven District Meetings each year of his tenure of office. The plusses of this new system outweigh the minuses by far. The two most important positive points of this new system are that it will lighten the travel load of the Grand Master and will make it possible for younger men still in the work force to consider moving up to this high position. With less travelling to do, it will be possible for the Grand Master to visit lodges unofficially to render whatever assistance he can in the areas of morale, interest, etc., and it will bring lodges in each district closer together to work in greater harmony and unity. Further information about this new procedure will be forthcoming.

Your Grand Lodge Education Committee have been very busy on your behalf. They have started the wheels rolling on the qualifications for a

"Grand Master's Blue Lodge of the Year" Award to be presented to the deserving lodge at each Grand Lodge Annual Communication. I understand that in the future they will be turning their attention to putting together a course in leadership and communication — which will produce positive results.

Through our Masonic Charities and Housing Corporation, lodges have been raising and contributing funds to "Camp Goodtime" which is a summer camp in Nova Scotia for children afflicted with cancer. At the last meeting of the Corporation, we were given a slide presentation narrated by Ms. Madeleine Cormier of the Cancer Society. These slides showed the camp facilities, activities for the children and the efforts of the volunteer personnel. It was a very moving and humbling experience to see the happy smiling faces of these children. At the close of this meeting the Corporation presented Ms. Cormier with a cheque for \$4,000.

Ms. Cormier explained the need for a similar camp for New Brunswick and stated they have been looking at a camp site adjacent to the Saint John Regional Hospital.

I will shortly be making an appeal to the 6,000 plus Masonic Brothers in this Jurisdiction to donate once a year, \$1.00 each worth of LOVE to sponsor this Camp Goodtime in New Brunswick.

Let us make it possible for these children to smile for a time each year.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Orville H. Mason,
Grand Master

DISTRICT DEPUTIES INSTALLED

The following members were installed, District Deputies for 1992 at Grand Lodge.



Left to right, front: R.W. Bro. Stuart Norton, District #3, R.W. Bro. James Maxwell, District #5, R.W. Bro. John Jefferies, District #7. Back: R.W. Bro. Earl Murray, District #2, R.W. Bro. William Boone, District #4, R.W. Bro. Douglas Scott, District #6. Absent due to illness: R.W. Bro. Russell Robinson, District #1.

JOINT DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

District No. 2 & 7
Tweedie Lodge #41
Moncton, N. B.

June 16, 1992

Tweedie Lodge was opened in due form by Worshipful Master James Buchanan at 7:30 p.m. After regular business was concluded the gavel was passed to R. Wor. Bro. Michael Swetnam who presided over the District Council Workshop. Following are some of the items discussed:

The balloting procedure at Grand Lodge was discussed with particular emphasis on the fact that a large percentage of those present and registered did not, in fact, ballot. It was noted that this had been discussed at a recent Board of General Purposes meeting and the Board decreed that the procedures would remain essentially as they are. In view of this it was felt that a better system of instruction regarding procedure and location of the ballot must be developed and used at the next Grand Lodge.

The new Officers Manual was discussed by R.W. Bro. Mike Swetnam. Officers not normally receiving a copy would be the Chaplain,

Organist and Treasurer. One new manual will be furnished by Grand Lodge each year for a new incoming officer. Additional copies would be available from Grand Lodge at a nominal cost.

Memorial Services should be performed in accordance with the published memorial service set out by Grand Lodge. It should be noted, however, that the ritual committee is in the process of revising the ceremonies to more truly reflect the non-sectarian aspects of Masonry and the variety of locations that these ceremonies may have to be performed. The marching suggestions contained in the Officers Manual will probably be contained in some form in the upcoming revised edition of the memorial services.

It was requested that all Lodges notify their members in September of the "Table Lodge" to be held at Howard Lodge on October 6, 1992. This is their regular monthly meeting.

The next Joint District Council Meeting will be on Saturday, October 31, 1992 at 9:30 a.m. at Zetland Lodge, Shediac. A light lunch will be served at approximately noon on a cost recovery basis, after which the meeting will continue until the agenda is completed.

Submitted by
W. Bro. Evan Thomas
Zetland Lodge #24

WIDOWS INVITED TO HIBERNIA #3

Hibernia Lodge #3 is proud to announce the successful completion of New Brunswick's first Widow's Program. The event was held at our regular communication on November 12, 1991. Right Wor Bro. J. Ralph Andrews, Deputy Grand Master organized the event, assisted by the Worshipful Master and his officers to coincide with the Grand Master's official visit to Hibernia Lodge.

Twenty-seven widows were on hand to receive their Widow's Pin and accompanying certificate in open lodge. M. Wor. Bro. Kenneth Legasick, Past Grand Master conducted a memorial service to mark the occasion. The M. Wor. The Grand Master Orville Mason presented the pins, assisted by lodge officers. Our distinguished guests were escorted to the banquet hall to share in a tasty lunch served by the Junior Warden, Bro. Gary Bard and his Stewards.

Worshipful Bro. Murray Stevens would like to thank everyone who helped make the event a success, particularly Bro. R. McIntyre and those on his committee that arranged transportation for the ladies. I believe R. W. Bro. Andrews said it best "when a brother passes to the celestial lodge above, we forget that he often leaves behind a family." It is our Masonic obligation to see that our brother's family is not forgotten. We should pay strict attention to any needs they may have. We should extend an invitation to involve them in lodge functions where appropriate. It is one of the ways in which we can demonstrate Masonry at work.

Fraternally yours,
John S. Johnston, P.M.
Secretary

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

The tenth annual International Night between the 2nd Masonic District of Maine and District No. 5 of New Brunswick was held on Saturday, April 4th, 1992 at St. Stephen, N. B.

The meeting was preceded by a roast beef supper attended by over 90 Masons. Following supper, tribute was made to Rt. Wor. Bro. Ralph T. Haley for his many accomplishments in 45 years of Masonry in Maine and New Brunswick. Rt. Wor. Bro. Haley is a member of Victoria Lodge #7.

The after-supper speaker, Andrew Mann, gave a very informative talk on the Rehabilitation of the Addict of Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

The officers for the opening were from the District No. 5 of New Brunswick under the direction of the Master of Victoria Lodge No. 26, Wor. Bro. Philip C. McKay.

The Grand Masters of New Brunswick and Maine were in attendance and each spoke to the meeting on items of interest to all.

There was an attendance of 97 from 25 different lodges; the farthest away being Hill City Lodge No. 603, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Rt. Wor. John B. Flewelling gave an interesting talk on the history of Masonry on the St. Croix River and area.

The Deputy Grand Master of Maine, Rt. Wor. Bro. Harland Hitchings of Lewey's Island Lodge No. 38 of Princeton, Maine presented the Master

of Victoria Lodge No. 26, Wor. Bro. Philip C. McKay, with a travelling silver Chalice. This Chalice was started around the world, travelling east, by Alkine Lodge No. 675 of North Port, New York. At the completion of its journey around the world going from lodge to lodge in an easterly direction at some point in time will arrive back at Alkine Lodge. This was the first time to pass over an International Boundary. Any lodge the Chalice passes through will engrave their name on the Chalice and write a suitable page in the accompanying book. The lodge closing was conducted by officers of the 2nd Masonic District of Maine under the Worshipful Master of St. Croix Lodge No. 46, Wor. Bro. Elton F. Crossman.

The next International Night will be held on Saturday, April 3, 1993 at Calais, Maine with St. Croix Lodge No. 46 as host.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Crawford
Victoria Lodge No. 26

CERTIFICATE PRESENTED

Wor. Bro. Donald Smith received his 50 year certificate at Zion Lodge #21 during the regular communication on April 6, 1992. The certificate was presented by W. Bro. James D. McKenna. Following the presentation W. Bro. Smith entertained the brethren with humorous accounts of his involvement with the fraternity.



Pictured are: W. Bro. Stewart A. Brenton, R. Wor. Bro. McKenna, W. Bro. Smith, W. Bro. David A. Goddard, Master of Zion Lodge, W. Bro. Albert M. Lawson.

Submitted by
W. Bro. Steven Scribner
Albion Lodge #1

APRON PRESENTED AT HOWARD

On their regular April 7th meeting W. Bro. Jim Hawkes presented a Past Master's Apron and Jewel to W. Bro. Winston Goodwin. The apron was presented on behalf of Mrs. Mary Fraser, widow of W. Bro. Jack Fraser of Transportation Lodge. W. Bro. Fraser joined Zetland #24 while serving in the Air Force in Scoudouc during WW2. He frequently visited Howard Lodge before affiliating with Transportation Lodge in Montreal.

W. Bro. Goodwin suffered the loss of his home and possessions on New Year's Eve last, and is now living at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Complex in Hillsborough.

Submitted by
W. Bro. Jim Hawkes, Master

THE THREE AMIGOS

The Allen family has long been associated with Freemasonry in the Port Elgin area. The year 1992 saw an interesting alignment of officers when Westmorland Lodge #44 had their installation on Jan. 5.



Left to right: Danny, Dale, Stephen

Dale Allen was installed Master of the Lodge. His brother, Danny was installed Past Master with W. Bro. Stephen Allen (also a brother) installed as Chaplain.

Westmorland Lodge #44 meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Come out and meet the Allen brothers in person.

Submitted by
W. Bro. Rod Johnson
Secretary

DISTRICT #6 REPORT

District #6 Council met at Grand Lake Lodge #47 in Minto on Feb. 26, 1992.

It was decided to have a District church parade on September 27th at St. Paul's United Church at 11:00 a.m. Brethren are asked to form up at George Street Junior High School at 10:30 a.m. for a short march to the church. W.M. Bill Morrison of Hiram Lodge #6 is in charge of the arrangements. It is requested that the Wor. Master of each lodge in the district make a special effort to see that as many brethren as possible of his lodge attend to make this a success. If this is successful it is hoped that this will be an annual event.

Arrangements have been made with the Grand Lodge Ritual Committee to attend the District Council Meeting on September 26th, Saturday, at Alexandria Lodge #33 in Fredericton with Grand Lodge Jewel to answer questions on Ritual. All brethren who do the explanatory are to have questions prepared in advance on the proper wording of the coded section of the ritual; also to demonstrate floor work and to instruct junior officers on their duties and responsibilities and to answer any questions that the brethren may ask. All Worshipful Masters and officers are requested to be present at this meeting.

The District Council meeting will open at 10:00 a.m. All Past Masters and Brethren of District #6 are invited to attend.

Respectfully Submitted
Douglas H. Scott
D.D.G.M. District #6

THE NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE #22 SALUTES

RT. WOR. BRO. WESLEY S. WESTON

The New Brunswick Lodge #22 set aside part of a recent communication to acknowledge the contributions to Freemasonry by Rt. Wor. Bro. Wesley S. Weston.

As Rt. Wor. Bro. Weston's Masonic career was being listed, brethren dressed in the appropriate regalia of each of Wes' offices entered the lodge room.

The following is a capsule of his Masonic achievements:

Joined as a Master Mason in 1951. Joined the Royal Arch Chapter in 1953. In 1956 he joined the Preceptory and in 1957 he became a member of Luxor Temple and the Arab Patrol. In 1959 he

became the First Principal in the Chapter and served on the Ritual Committee for 26 years. In 1962 he became the Presiding Preceptor of St. John de Molay Preceptory #3A. In 1960 he joined the Council of Royal and Select Masters and 1964 became the Thrice Illustrious Master. In 1965 he was appointed the Inspector General for N.B. and P.E.I. in the Royal and Select Masters. In 1968, after serving the New Brunswick Lodge #22 as an officer for six years, he became the Worshipful Master.

In 1969 and 1970, he served as the Grand Director of Ceremonies for Most Wor. Bro. Murray Speight. In 1970 Wes was elected to the office of First Grand Principal of the Royal Arch Masons of N.B. In 1969 Wes received the York Cross of Honour. In 1970 he joined the Red Cross of Constantine, McLeod Moore Conclave.

In 1971 Wes was elected Junior Grand Warden and became the Grand Representative to Maryland. Wes held the office of Scribe "E" in the chapter for 15 years retiring in 1991. In 1979 he was elected President of the Arab Patrol.

Wes also held the office of Chaplain in the New Brunswick Lodge #22 for 11 years, retiring in 1991. In 1985 he was appointed a Knight Commander of the Temple. To our knowledge Wes is the only member in New Brunswick.



Front row, left to right: Don Cornfield, Russell Robinson, Hugh Blauvelt, Fred Healy, Dick Black, Wes Weston, Cal Griffiths, Jim Lawton, Murray McCauley, Ron Ferris.

Back row, left to right: Ken Barrett, Richard Curtis, Arnold Cross, Bob Trecartin, Don Cook.

Contributed by:

R. Wor. Bro. Doug Mayes, P.S.G.W.

CHARLES N. HOLLETT, P.G.M. VISITS GRAND LODGE OF SPAIN, MADRID

March 13-14, 1992

This year I was privileged to attend the 10th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of

Spain, held in the Hotel Castellena in Madrid on March 13-14. The meetings were well attended and with wide representation from surrounding countries. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Luis Salat Gusils, warmly received all visitors to his meetings, and introduced each of us in turn in our own language. The Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in Spain, Major Thomas Wexham, was present at these sessions and I had an opportunity to meet with him to discuss matters of common interest, hopefully developing a closer relationship between our jurisdictions. Wor. Bro. Wexham seemed keenly interested in how we operated in Canada and looks forward to visiting New Brunswick in the future. I extended an invitation.

Even though the sessions were conducted in Spanish, it quickly became apparent that their methods and procedures were similar to those practised by the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. The Ritual and work of the Grand Lodge of Spain seems to be derived from the United Grand Lodge of England with influences from Germany and France.

In each city I visited I was able to view several Gothic structures, many of which went back to the 7th and 8th century. From the symbols used and the designs incorporated I surely would think they were built by Masons.



I was even able to enjoy a ride on a camel.

Submitted by:

Charles N. Hollett, P.G.M.

ASHLAR REMEMBERS WIDOWS

An interesting function was held by Ashlar Lodge #36, F. & A.M. McAdam, recently when the Masonic Widows were invited to have dinner with them.

Ashlar Lodge has 29 Masonic widows, 25 of whom are residents in the McAdam area, and each received a Broken Column Pin.

The evening, chaired by the Worshipful Master,

was enjoyed by all present. The meal was prepared and served by the Past Masters and their committee.

Three ladies, residents in the Manor, were visited and presented with their pins.

The group was entertained in a fine manner by young ladies from Susan Arsenault's School of Dance.

Submitted by
Lawrence Bright, Secretary

Dear Brother Caines:

In the last issue of *Mostly Masonry* you ran a verse entitled: "What Came You Here To Do?" I enjoyed it very much. So much, I am compelled to respond in kind. Please find enclosed an attempt at a "reply".

Masonic writers of verse seem to be a scarce species in this "modern" age. While I don't have any illusions about securing a place among the great — or even the mediocre — I do enjoy penning the odd doggerel. I hope you enjoy the poem.

Fraternally yours,
William C. Boone, DDGM Dist. #4

What Came I To Do?

*I'll tell you now my Brother
What I came here to do;
But the antient laws bid me pause
That I might pluck off my shoe.
As only Masons do.*

*I came to build a Temple
To learn the trade of Kings;
Of squares and plumbs and levels
And a thousand other things
That only Masons do.*

*I came to be a craftsman,
To climb the winding sstair;
Seek out light, to do what's right,
My blessings share;
As Masons do.*

*I came here to help another
Build his temple true and square;
To lend a hand to my fellow man
I came because I care,
Do YOU?*

CAMP GOODTIME A MASONIC PROJECT

Masons of New Brunswick demonstrated their support of Camp Goodtime by contributing

\$4,000.00 dollars towards sending children suffering from cancer to the special camp operated by the Canadian Cancer Society, located in Nova Scotia. The purpose of this camp is to increase self confidence and independence in children suffering from cancer; to provide a campir experience suitable to their particular needs and to provide this camping experience regardless of financial circumstances.

While Camp Goodtime is located in Windsor, Nova Scotia it is the hope of the New Brunswick Cancer Society that a similar camp can be developed in New Brunswick. This would solve many of the transportation problems as well as making the camp accessible to many children who at present are unable to attend.

Towards this end the New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing Company Ltd. would like to see the Masons of our Jurisdiction accept the development of a Camp Goodtime within our Province as an ongoing project and would ask each Mason to contribute One Dollar a year, through their Lodge to make this dream a reality; one that all Masons could point with pride, one that would exemplify our commitment to charity as well as demonstrate the grand principle of Brotherly Love.



R. W. Bro. Donald Gruchy presents Miss Madeleine Cormier with a \$4,000 cheque. Looking on is M. Wor. Bro. Orville Mason, Grand Master.

Submitted by:
F. W. Pollitt, Secretary
N. B. Masonic Charities & Housing

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