

# MOSTLY



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Brethren, one of my goals as your Grand Master was to have Mostly Masonry become a focal point of information and interest in the jurisdiction by soliciting articles from all lodges and brethren.

I am delighted, and somewhat overwhelmed, by the response of the brethren which, for this edition, has resulted in a follow-up printing to publish an overflow of articles that space would not allow to be published in the regular issue!

This response by the lodges and individual brethren is proof that this jurisdiction can accomplish anything it wishes by teamwork; and I applaud the efforts of all contributors and urge the lodges and brethren who have not contributed articles as yet, to do so.

If the response to my pleas continues to grow at the same pace, I can envision a newspaper type of publication in the future.

In May 1991, we undertook several other goals or challenges and I am pleased to report that all are moving forward - some more rapidly than others; but this is to be expected.

Each brother who puts his shoulder to the wheel is displaying leadership. M. W. Bro. Richard Fletcher, P.G.M. of Vermont and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Services Association, once described leadership as follows:

"Masonic leadership is tested in the arena of life; and the principles which inspire that leadership will prevail only as those who cherish them are men of vision and courage."

Brethren, we have the COURAGE. Let us work toward our vision of making this jurisdiction a Masonic leader in Canada.

*Fraternally,  
Orville H. Mason*

### ALEXANDER "Sandy" BUCHANAN MOURNED

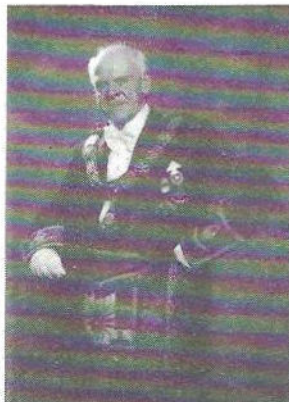
Sandy Buchanan, Hon. P.G.M. died on Feb. 26, 1992 in Saint John. He had been a resident of Carleton Kirk Senior Citizens Complex for many years. He was 92 years old.

Sandy was initiated, passed, and raised in Carleton Union #8 in 1932. He served as its Master in 1947. His Grand Lodge involvement began as Asst. Director of Ceremonies in 1958. Sandy held several posts during the following years and was elected D.G.M. in 1966. The year following, Sandy's wife, Mary, took sick and R. W. Bro. Buchanan abandoned his Grand Lodge ambitions to care for her.

Sandy held the position of Chaplain in Carleton Lodge for 35 years. In 1983 the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick made Sandy 'Honorary Past Grand Master'.

Sandy was a blacksmith with E. S. Stevenson & Co. Many times masons would challenge Sandy to a test of strength by squeezing hands until one had to yield. Sandy always won.

Sandy's wife, Mary, died in 1990, six months before their 70th anniversary. They are survived by one son, Eldred of Saint John.



## I HAIL, I HELE?

I've heard a number of times people saying that it seems a contradiction to have two brothers exchanging . . . *hail* . . . conceal during the degrees. Indeed, if *hail* is the correct spelling, which means 'to call attention', it would seem a contradiction does exist. The spelling is actually *hele*, which comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "*helan*", which means 'to hide or cover'. Now the exchange during the degrees make sense.

*Encyclopedia of Free Masonry*  
Mackey

### WHO WAS BEARDSLEY?

Rev. John Beardsley (1732-1809) was born in Connecticut in 1732. He was brought up in the Church of England faith and was ordained in 1761.

During the War of Independence, John chose to remain loyal to the Crown and travelled to Nova Scotia (New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were one province at that time).

Rev. Beardsley was 51 years old when he arrived in Saint John in 1783. His charges included Saint John, Maugerville and Kingston. He is buried in the cemetery of Trinity Church, Kingston, N. B.

Rev. Beardsley's masonic career began in 1780 in New York. He was prominent in establishing the Provincial Grand Lodge of New York and constituted a number of lodges in the area.

In 1784, while still a resident in Saint John, Beardsley was invited by his Masonic brethren to become the first Master of Hiram Lodge. He also established Sion Lodge in Kingston (later moved to Sussex) and Solomon's Lodge at Fredericton.

In 1916 the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick unveiled a brass memorial tablet at the left of the chancel in Trinity Church, Kingston.

*"To the Glory of God  
(square and compasses)  
and in memory of  
Rev. John Beardsley, D.D.  
Junior Grand Warden  
of  
The Provincial Grand Lodge  
of New York  
and  
First Worshipful Master  
of Hiram Lodge #17, A.F. & A.M.  
at Saint John, 1784  
who came to New Brunswick  
with the Loyalists and whose body  
rests beneath this church."*

As a tribute to Rev. Beardsley, Archdeacon W.O. Raymond said in his obituary in 1809, "a great and humble servant of His Master, a founder of the first church in Loyalist Saint John, and of other churches in many places, and the Pioneer of Freemasonry in New Brunswick. His memory and his good work for the Craft should be remembered. It is too much to hope that some day a medallion named for him be struck, to be awarded to worthy craftsmen who may have served as steadfastly for their God and the Craft as did Parson John Beardsley?"

The 1992 recipients of the Beardsley Medallions are pictured below:



R.W. Bro. Fred Pollitt, Centennial Lodge #53; R.W. Bro. Charles Webber, Coverdale Lodge #52; R.W. Bro. Graham Pelley, The Corinthian Lodge #13.

### HOW OLD IS MASONRY?

On opening the tomb of King Tutankhamen, Dr. O. J. Kinnamon, who has spent 20 years in work on the tombs and temples of ancient Egypt, said: "*Masonry did not have its beginning in Europe in the seventeenth century. I do not know where or when the principles of Masonry had their beginning, but years of archeological study in Egypt show it came there in the days*

of the Pharaohs, maybe from India. There are signs that it came into India from the lost continent of Mu."

Dr. Kinnamon then described the untrapping of the king's mummy and stated that after many layers of fabric had been unwound from its midsection a Masonic Apron was found in its proper place.

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## BOOK REVIEW

### Born In Blood by John J. Robinson

In his book, BORN IN BLOOD, Mr. Robinson suggests that Freemasonry did not evolve from the Stonemason guilds of the middle ages. He asserts that following the death of Jacques DeMolay in 1313, the Knights Templars, fleeing arrest and torture, formed a secret society of mutual protection in Britain. This organization, which used operative masonry as a cover, eventually developed into the fraternity we have today.

The book is presented in two parts. Part I looks at the origins and organization of the Knights Templars, its relationship with the church and Crown and the activities which led to its demise. In part II the author presents his arguments which links the Order to the origins of Freemasonry. The second part of the book can be appreciated and enjoyed without reading part I, however, I suggest reading the book in its entirety.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and I recommend it to masons who are interested in exploring their masonic roots. The author's presentation is very interesting and, although not a mason himself, his attitudes towards the fraternity are complimentary.

BORN IN BLOOD is available at the Saint John Regional Library.

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Submitted by  
Bro. Gary Caines,  
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Ed. This is one of the best books I've read in a long time. We now have a copy of it in our lodge library in Coverdale. Incidentally, if your lodge wishes to add books to its library send the following information to Grand Lodge:

Name of book  
Author  
Publisher/Address/ISBN #:  
Cost

Include order form if possible. Each lodge is allotted \$200 for the purchase of books. Speaking of reviews, I have heard from a number of masons complimenting R. Wor. Bro. Boone, D.D.G.M., District #4 on his poem which appeared in the last issue. I pass the compliments on to him.

## WHO WAS QUINN?

William G. Quinn was a successful Fredericton merchant who joined Hiram Lodge in Fredericton in 1926. He died on Dec. 9, 1974 and was buried in the old burial ground in Fredericton. He never married.

When the estate of Bro. Quinn was probated the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was one of the beneficiaries.

The money has been invested and the yearly interest is divided among the 51 lodges. The \$550.00 grant to each Lodge is the direct result of Bro. Quinn's generosity.

When the Senior Citizens Complex in Saint Andrews was opened in 1989, the name "Quinn House" was chosen.

Every year each of the seven districts of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick honour a member who has contributed greatly to the life of his blue lodge. This year's recipients of the Quinn Medal are pictured below.



W. Bro. Bill Perks, Dist. #7; W. Bro. Winston Morton, Dist. #4; W. Bro. Rod Johnson, Dist. #2; R. W. Bro. Jim Davis, Dist #3; W. Bro. Weldon Fuller, Dist. #1. Absent were W. Bro. Lawrence Bright, Dist. #5 and Bro. Harry Merrill, Dist. #6.

## The Lamb Skin

*It is not ornamental, the cost is great,  
There are other things far more useful, yet  
truly I state,  
Tho of all my possessions, there's none  
can compare,  
With that white leathern apron, which all  
Masons wear.*

*As a young lad I wondered just what it all meant,  
When dad hustled around, and so much  
time was spent  
On shaving and dressing and looking just right,  
Until Mother would say: "It's the Masons  
tonight."*

*And some winter nights she said: "What  
makes you go,  
Way up there tonight thru the sleet and the snow,  
You see the same things every month of the year".  
Then dad would reply: "Yes, I know it,  
my dear.*

*Forty years I have seen the same things, it is true.  
And though they are old, they always seem new.  
For the hands that I clasp, and the friends  
that I greet,  
Seem a little bit closer each time that we meet."*

*Years later I stood at that very same door,  
With good men and true who had  
entered before,  
I knelt at the altar, and there I was taught  
That virtue and honor can never be bought.*

*That the spotless white lambskin all  
Masons revere,  
If worthily worn grows more precious  
each year,  
That service to others brings blessings untold,  
That man may be poor tho surrounded  
by gold.*

*I learned that true brotherhood flourishes there,  
That enmities fade 'neath the compass  
and square,  
That wealth and position are all thrust aside,  
As there on the level men meet and abide.*

*So honor the lambskin, may it always remain,  
Forever unblemished, and free from all stain,  
And when we are called to the Great Father's love,  
May we all take our place in that Lodge  
up above.*

Submitted by  
W. Bro. John Duncan, Acacia Lodge #4

## The Quarrymen

by Dirty Dave Dalzell, Victoria Lodge #26

What do you think  
would increase  
attendance?



What we need is  
some special  
entertainment!



Why didn't you  
mention it in  
Lodge?



No way!! The W.M.  
would only make me the  
the committee chairman.



## A FAMILY AFFAIR

If anyone in New Brunswick has reason to implement an 8-day week, it's the Miller family of Riverview.



Cindy and Tom Miller are Worthys Matron and Patron of Fidelity Chapter #36. Their daughter, Amber is an officer, Faith, with Westmorland Assembly #23, Order of the Rainbow for Girls and son, Robbie is Orator with the Phil Drader-Coronation Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

To add to the dilemma, Tom is Senior Deacon of Coverdale Lodge #52 AND Dad Advisor of his son's DeMolay Chapter.

Your dedication and zeal are greatly appreciated. But I hope you find SOME time to relax.

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS

### KEITH LODGE #23

60 year Bar - Bro. Henry Life, Keith Lodge #23.

50 year Pins - Bro. Claude O'Brien  
Bro. Archibald Williston

Bro. Life resides in B.C.

Bro. O'Brien lives in Quebec.

Bro. Williston lives in Sydney, N. S.

### WESTMORLAND LODGE #44

50 year Pin - W. Bro. Ernest Smallwood

On May 13/92 four brothers from Corinthian Lodge of O'Leary, P.E.I. visited Westmorland Lodge and presented a plaque in memory of Bro. Wendell Scott, who was a member of Westmorland but lived in O'Leary and worked diligently for that Lodge. The plaque was received by W. Bro. James Scott, nephew of Wendell.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Bro. Caines,

I am a life member of Keith Lodge #23 and read Mostly Masonry with interest. As many of the masons are getting older I wonder if a younger mason could "sponsor" an older mason - bring him to lodge and see him home. I took my father, G. G. Smith to Keith Lodge for years. Many would like to go if they had an escort for company.

Have a mason sponsor a mason.

*Fraternally,*

*R. L. Smith, Keith Lodge #23*

Ed. An excellent idea, Bro. Smith. The lodge could determine from the membership list which masons are elderly. Younger masons could contact these members and offer to drive them to and from lodge. What a wonderful way to display brotherly love.

Dear Brother Ron,

I have just finished re-reading the latest edition of "Mostly Masonry", which I enjoyed very much and the story of "Forget-Me-Not" came to mind. I received it from a friend in Campobello Island, who is Past Master of American Lodge in Lubec, Maine. He got the story from his brother-in-law, who is Past Master of a lodge in Scotland, so it has come to me in a round about way. I am enclosing it in hopes you will print the story for all masons to enjoy.

*Fraternally,*

*Bro. Ed Ross, Carleton Union #8*

Vas Vergissmeinnicht      The Forget-Me-Not

The True Story Behind This Beloved  
Emblem of the Craft in Germany

As early as the year 1934, soon after Hitler's rise to power, it became apparent that Freemasonry was in danger. In the same year, the German Grand Lodge of the Sun in Bayreuth (one of the pre-war German Grand Lodges), realized the imminent problems facing them and elected to wear a little blue flower, the Forget Me Not, in lieu

of the traditional Square and Compasses, as a mark of identity for Masons. It was felt the new symbol would not attract attention from the Nazis, who were in the process of confiscating and appropriating Masonic Lodges and property. Masonry had gone underground and it was necessary that the Brethren have some readily recognizable means of identification.

Throughout the entire Nazi era, a little blue flower in a lapel marked a Brother. In the Concentration Camps and in the cities a little blue Forget Me Not distinguished the lapels of those who refused to allow the Light of Masonry to be extinguished.

In 1947, when the Grand Lodge of the Sun was reopened in Bayreuth by Past Grand Master Bayer, a little blue pin, in the shape of a Forget Me Not, was proposed and adopted as the official emblem of the first annual convention of those who survived the bitter years of semi-darkness, bringing the Light of Masonry once again into the Temples.

At the first Annual Convent of the United Grand Lodges of Germany, AF & AM. In 1948, the pin was adopted as an official Masonic emblem honouring those valiant Brethren who carried their work on under adverse conditions. At the Grand Masters Conference in the United States, Dr. Theoder Vogel, the Grand Master of the newly-formed VGLvD, AF & AM, presented one of the pins to each of the representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions with which the VGLvD, AF & AM enjoyed Fraternal relations.

Thus did a simple flower blossom forth into a meaningful emblem of the Fraternity and became perhaps the most widely worn pin among Freemasons in Germany. In most of our lodges, the Forget-Me-Not is presented to new Master Masons, at which time its history is briefly explained.

*Submitted by  
Bro. Ed Ross, Carleton Union #8*

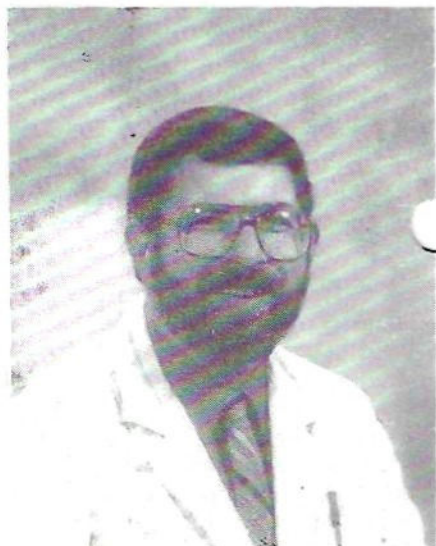
Dear Bro. Caines,

The New Brunswick Masonic Charities and Housing wish to remind all Masons that Memorial Cards are available from their Secretary should they wish to make a donation on behalf of a departed friend Brother. Donations will be used for charitable work within our Jurisdiction and it is hoped to thus increase public awareness of the Masonic presence within our communities.

If Masonry is to survive we must become more visible, promote a positive image by assisting those in need regardless of age, sex or creed. This is the challenge. Are we as Masons prepared to accept it or do we silently fold our tents and quietly steal away?

On behalf of Rt. Wor. Bro. Don Gruchy and the members of Masonic Charities and Housing I wish to thank you for your consideration.

*Yours Fraternally,  
Fred W. Pollitt, Secretary*



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