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GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Brethren, it is with deep humility that I accept the great honour you have conferred on me and Lodge St. Andrew #16 Rexton by electing me as the Grand Master of your Grand Lodge. I sincerely thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me.

The first Camp Goodtime held in New Brunswick is now history and all reports indicate that it was successful. We must now make our plans to have the camp ready for next year. If costs next year are comparable to this year it will take an average of two dollars per member to fund it. The camp, this year, was fully funded by members of the Masonic Order, for which Grand Lodge and N.B. Charities and Housing are very grateful. I ask all Lodges, if they have not already done so, to make their plans and put them in motion to generate the funds necessary to have another successful camp next year, thus allowing these children the opportunity to enjoy a vacation atmosphere they would not otherwise have.

Another important part of the Lodge activities is the Widow's Program. We must not forget those left behind who supported our departed brethren. I would urge all Lodges to participate and make this an annual event.

The Masonic Fraternity join with the members of St. Martin's Lodge #30 in their concern over the loss of their Temple by fire in the early morning hours of July 27. To repair this historic building (built in 1850's) and replace the furnishings will be well in excess of one hundred thousand dollars. Our prayers are with the members as they consider the decisions that have to be made.

I trust that each of you have enjoyed a relaxing and pleasant summer and are now prepared to resume your Masonic activities with dedication and renewed energy.

Fraternally,
Carr W. Graham, Grand Master

GRAND LODGE VISITATIONS

Dist. #5	Sussex Lodge #7	Oct. 23
Dist. #4	Benjamin Lodge #31	Nov. 13

GRAND MASTER'S VISITS

Oct. 1	Salisbury Lodge #20	Salisbury	7:30 pm
Oct. 4	Campbellton Lodge #32	Campbellton	7:30 pm
Oct. 5	Restigouche Lodge #25	Dalhousie	7:30 pm
Oct. 7	Benjamin Lodge #31	Perth-Andover	8:00 pm
Oct. 14	Cherry Mountain Lodge #50	Harvey	8:00 pm
Oct. 20	Granite Lodge #54	Temperence Vale	8:00 pm

CARR GRAHAM ELECTED GRAND MASTER

Carr Graham, of Moncton, was elected Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons of N.B. at Grand Lodge proceedings in Saint John in May. Carr was born in Kouchibouguac, N.B. and worked for 35 years with C.N. Telecommunications and retired a Telex Specialist in 1991.

Carr is married to Natalie (MacLeod) of New Glasgow and has one step-daughter, Jodie and two grandsons.

Carr's Masonic credentials include the following: Past Master of Lodge St. Andrews, Rexton; Past Worthy

Patron of St. Andrews Chapter #23, O.E.S.; Presiding 1st Lieutenant Commander (N.B. Consistory) of The Moncton Lodge of Perfection 33°; Past President of the Moncton Shrine Club (Luxor Temple); member of the Royal Order of Scotland; and member of the Advisory Board of Phil Drader-Coronation Chapter, Order of DeMolay,

Carr served as District Deputy for District #2 from 1986-87, Senior Grand Warden in 1978 and Deputy Grand Master in 1992.



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This vote avoided the possibility of an outright (and unjustified) condemnation of Freemasonry as advocated by a vocal extremist group within the Convention.

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Submitted by W. Bro. R. L. Bright, Secretary

PHIL DRADER CHAPTER IMPRESSIVE IN MAINE



Phil Drader-Coronation Chapter of Riverview, Order of DeMolay, travelled to Augusta, Maine in early July to attend the Maine DeMolay Conclave and came away the highest point total in ritual and athletic competitions.

Their 17 ritual trophies and 9 sports trophies earned them a total of 102 points. Frank S. Land Chapter of Portland, Me. finished a close second at 101 points (Frank S. Land Chapter installed the officers of Phil Drader Chapter at its initial meeting just two years ago).

Ed. The Grand Master of Masons in Maine said at the banquet on Saturday, July 10 that his aim is to see

the number of DeMolay Chapters double during his tenure (there are presently 6 Chapters). A number of lodges throughout the Maritimes have already contacted R. Wor. Bro. Wayne Bannister, Executive Officer for DeMolay in the Maritimes about starting Chapters.

As an advisor with the Phil Drader-Coronation Chapter, and as a Senior DeMolay, I can attest to the positive impact the tenets of DeMolay have on young boys. We as Masons can accept no greater calling, or challenge, than to get DeMolay started in our community.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES INSTALLED



Pictured above are the District Deputies for Grand Lodge (1993-94). Front (L to R) R.W. Bro. Stephen Scribner, Dist. #1; R.W. Bro. Gary Little, Dist. #2; R.W. Bro. Stuart Norton, Dist. #3; Back (L to R) R.W. Bro. Gordon Steeves, Dist. #4; R.W. Bro. Arnold MacLeod, Dist. #5; R.W. Bro. Wayne MacKay, Dist. #6; R.W. Bro. William Perks, Dist. #7.

CAMP GOODTIME A SUCCESS

New Brunswick Masons have much to cheer about as Camp Goodtime, located on the site of the YMCA's

Camp Glenburn on Belleisle Bay, hosted 41 young people during the week of June 27 - July 3 this year.

Miss Denise Thibault, Director of Patient Services for the Canadian Cancer Society, was "overjoyed with the weather, the enthusiasm of the children, and the support of the masons of New Brunswick." Miss Thibault went on to say, "there were a lot of shy, homesick children early in the week, but they opened up and really got into the swing of things."

Ed. The N.B. Masonic Charities and Housing Committee has set up a separate account for Camp Goodtime. If the camp is to continue financial support must also be maintained. The Masons of N.B. have done themselves proud. **Congratulations!**

Fifty Year Certificates Presented Colebrook Lodge #39

During the regular communication of June 9th last, W. Bro. F. Borden Warnock was presented with a 50-Year Pin and an accompanying framed certificate with congratulations and best wishes by Wor. Master Curtis D. Hansen. Congratulations and best wishes were also extended by R.W. Bro. Gordon A. Steeves, D.D.G.M., on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Worshipful Bro.



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for their good works this usually helps greatly in imparting an understanding of our true objectives. To those of us who wish to serve publicly in the manner of a service club, being a Shriner affords that opportunity.

I would also explain that Masonry evolved from the old guilds of operative or free stone masons in the middle ages and that over time, as the guilds declined, they gradually grew into lodges of Speculative or Accepted Masons. Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons are found in most free countries of the world. It is quite spectacular and rewarding to be able to visit lodges the world over and be welcomed as a Brother.

This is a brief outline of what I could say to anyone asking me a question about Masonry. I find that after this explanation most people are satisfied. I have also found that anyone who is truly interested in our organization will often come back for more.

There are two excellent little pamphlets, "Freemasonry: A Way of Life" and "Friend to Friend" which answer most of the basic questions asked about Freemasonry. I commend them to you. Who knows, maybe a reading of one of these could spark an interest and lead someone to "make a demand upon our door."

*A talk given by Bro. Stephen A. Chase, S.D.
Hiram Lodge #6,
Fredericton, N.B.*

Gordon Coffey Mourned

Gordon W. Coffey P.G.M., died on Feb. 4, 1993 in St. Stephen. He was 83 years old.

Gordon Coffey had been a teacher and administrator at schools in Maine and New Brunswick before retiring to St. Stephen in 1975.

In his younger years, Gordon was an outstanding goalie with St. Stephen in the old Southern N.B. Hockey League, but his chief claim to fame came on the ball field as a member of the St. Stephen-St. Croix Baseball Club. In 1991 Gordon was inducted into the N.B. Hall of Fame (see M.M. Vol. 8, #1) where he was noted "the outstanding centerfielder of Maritime Baseball history".

During World War II Captain Coffey served with the 105 Anti Tank Unit, third division of the Royal Canadian Artillery and saw action throughout Europe.

Gordon was a member and Past Master of Sussex Lodge #7, Past Grand Patron of St. Stephen Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, member of St. Stephen Chapter #6, Royal Arch Masons and a member of Luxor Temple, Saint John.

In 1983-84 Most Worshipful Bro. Gordon W. Coffey served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

During his tenure as Grand Master he initiated Mostly Masonry, New Brunswick's first Masonic newsletter.

As Jim Purcell, friend of the Coffey family, said in eulogy for P.G.M. Coffey, "Gordon was a man of

superlative standards, complete integrity and boundless enthusiasm. What more can a person do than serve his country, his Province, his community and last, but not means least, his family. We, the community, have not only lost a friend but a true builder of people."

Gordon Coffey is survived by his wife of 54 years, Trudy; daughter Carole and son-in-law Gary Dupuis. We extend our sympathies to the Coffey family.



Crossing The Bar

(This poem and meditation was read by Rev. John Bursey at Gordon Coffey's funeral.)

Sunset and evening star,

And one clear call for me!

And may there be no moaning at the bar,

When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,

Too full for sound and foam,

When that which drew from out the boundless deep,

Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell

And after that the dark!

And may there be no sadness of farewell,

When I embark.

*For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may fare me far,*

I hope to see my Pilot face to face

When I have crossed the bar.

Alfred Tennyson

Reality says we all stand somewhere on that bar. We, who are alive will soon join Gordon for death is an experience common to us all.

God grant that each of us so live our lives that when our time comes to cross the bar, we can face the God of Creation and hear our divine Pilot say, what I believe Gordon has heard Him say already:

"Well done thou good and faithful servant
Enter thou into the Joy of the Lord."

CORRECTION

(from *The Times-Transcript, Moncton*)

Carr W. Graham of Moncton, elected Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free & Accepted Masons of New Brunswick is a 33rd degree Mason and not 33 per cent mason as reported Tuesday. Ed: We know Carr Graham to be a 100% Mason 100 per cent of the time.

man was put together right the whole world was all right."

I need not point out the moral of the story. Have we ever had a calamity, have we ever had a crisis, have we ever been in any kind of mess that wasn't due to men not being put together right?

When men are put together right, the whole world will be alright. It is Masonry's job to see that men are put together right.

3 - 5 - 7 Minute Talks by Elbert Bede

Acacia Helps Camp Goodtime

At the April meeting of Acacia Lodge #49, Moncton, R. W. Bro. Thomas Winter (President) and R.W. Bro. Fred Pollitt (Secretary) of the N.B. Masonic Charities and Housing Co. Ltd. were in attendance to draw the winning ticket on a ladies watch, donated by Bro. Arthur Grear. The watch was won by W. Bro. Gary Little, Lodge St Andrew #16. The proceeds of the raffle (\$2200.00) were turned over to R.W. Bro. Winter for Camp Goodtime.



Left to right: Bro. Art Grear, R. Wor. Bro. Fred Pollitt, R. W. Bro. Tom Winter, W. Bro. Jim Pike, Master, Bro. David Stiles, S.W. (who printed the tickets.)

When The Man's Put Together Right

Father wished a little relief from answering questions posed by his daughter while he read his Sunday paper. The paper contained a full-page map of the world. A brilliant idea was born.

Dad took the map to the dining room table, cut it into zig zag pieces and told his little bunch of questions that she couldn't ask another until she had put the map together. He figured a peaceful two hours, but in a few minutes the little tot called dad to see the completed work.

"How did you get it together so quickly?" dad wished to know.

She replied, "As you started to cut the map up I noticed there was a picture of a man on the other side. I turned the pieces over, put the man together, and when the

Farewell

When R.W. Bro. Alex Pincombe asked me to take over as Editor, he told me I would have two concerns: editing the newsletter itself, which though time consuming, would not be too difficult (he was right) and finding a successor might be difficult (he was wrong). In January I will be assuming the job of Secretary of Coverdale Lodge #52. Past Masters should never assume that their commitment to lodge activities ends with their year in the Chair. Past Masters have much to contribute and can assist with the smooth operation of the lodge in many capacities. I am honored to serve my mother lodge in this manner.

I am also Ritual Advisor with Phil Drader-Coronation Chapter, Order of DeMolay (did you ever wonder why DeMolay got a lot of ink?) I think these two challenges are enough for any person and with a family of 3 young children, it is time to share the load.

It is with pleasure I announce that R.W. Bro. Michael Swetnam will be the new editor of *Mostly Masonry*. Mike is well known in Masonry circles (see Bear's recipients this issue) and will do a fine job.

I thank the members of the Mostly Masonry Committee for their cooperation, Grand Lodge for its support and the Masons of the Province who send in articles for printing. I'm sure you will support Mike Swetnam during his tenure.

Sincerely,
Ron Caines, Editor

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