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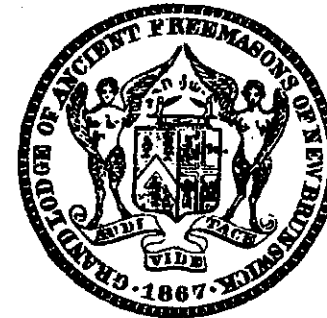
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NOTICE

THE 143rd Communication

Of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick will be held in the
City of Saint John, N.B., on
Friday, the 7th and Saturday, the 8th day of May
A.D. 2010

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick



A.D. 2009



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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF THE
ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY
OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF
NEW BRUNSWICK

2009

SAINT JOHN, N.B.



William C. Boone
Grand Master
2008-2009

PROCLAMATION

BY THE
 MOST WORSHIPFUL

WILLIAM C. BOONE

THE GRAND MASTER OF THE ANCIENT
 AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE
 AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF
 NEW BRUNSWICK

WILLIAM C. BOONE
 THE GRAND MASTER

The Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful and Worshipful Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick; and the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and present Wardens of all lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Are hereby summoned to attend the One Hundred and Forty-Second Annual Communication to be holden at the Masonic Temple in the City of Saint John, Friday and Saturday, May 8th and 9th, 2009. Grand Lodge will open on Friday, May 8th at 2:00 p.m.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at the City of Saint John, Province of New Brunswick, this 10th day of March AL 6009 AD 2009.

By Order of the Most Worshipful The Grand Master.

Randall W. Nelson
 Grand Secretary

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
142nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK
F. & A.M.
Saint John, N.B. - May 8th & 9th, 2009**

The one hundred and forty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held in the Masonic Temple, 92 Germain Street, Saint John, N.B., on Friday and Saturday, the 8th and 9th of May A.D. 2009 A.L. 6009.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 2:00 p.m. by the Grand Master M:W:B: William C. Boone. The Invocation was offered by the Grand Chaplain V:W:B: The Rev. Dana Dean.

The Proclamation calling the one hundred and forty-second annual communication was read by the Grand Secretary, R:W:B: Randall Nelson.

The Grand Master extended warm and cordial welcome to all those gathered for the one hundred and forty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. In making his opening comments, the Grand Master remarked that when this body is assembled it is the supreme authority of Masonry in the Province of New Brunswick and that it is here that you decide the policies and regulations that you will live with for the next year, it is here that you will elect new leaders to lead you over the next year.

Consider well brethren the issues before you, consider well the candidates running for office, throw aside all your biases and prejudices and vote for the good of the craft and you will find in the long run it will be far better for everyone.

It was moved by R:W:B: Paul Conrad, seconded by V:W:B: Mark Golder that the Grand Master be authorized to alter the agenda at his pleasure to facilitate time. Carried.

The roll call of Grand Lodge officers officially noted the following in attendance:

The Grand Master
M:W:B: William C. Boone Florenceville 35

Deputy Grand Master
R:W:B: Miles Graham Rexton 16

Senior Grand Warden
R:W:B: Peter Whittaker Harvey Station 50

Junior Grand Warden
R:W:B: Paul Conrad Fredericton 33

Grand Treasurer
R:W:B: Robert A. Kierstead West Saint John 8

Grand Secretary
R:W:B: Randall Nelson Hampton 13

District Deputy Grand Masters
R:W:B: Graham Fraser #1 Saint John 22
R:W:B: Stephen H. Allen #2 Port Elgin 44
R:W:B: Jack Chedore #3 Campbellton 32
R:W:B: Curtis D. Hansen #4 Grand Falls 39
R:W:B: Phillip Hartford St. Stephen 26
R:W:B: Wayne Fox #6 Harvey 50
R:W:B: Carl E. Dingle #7 Hillsborough 15

Grand Chaplain
V:W:B: The Rev. Dana Dean Grand Manan 38

Grand Historian
V:W:B: Stuart J. MacDonald Saint John 1

Senior Grand Deacon
W:B: John Leadbetter Salisbury 20

Junior Grand Deacon
W: B: Corey Stewart Saint John West 8

Grand Director of Ceremonies
V:W:B: Mark Golder Florenceville 35

Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies
W: B: Ted White Moncton 49

Grand Sword Bearer
W: B: Mark Edwards Campbellton 32

Grand Standard Bearer
W: B: Macx McNichol Dorchester 4

Grand Organist

R:W:B: James D. McKenna Saint John 1

Grand Piper

W: B: William L. Kerwin Saint John 22

Grand Pursuivant

W: B: Jack Flynn 56

Grand Tyler

Bro. Robert Guptill (Absent) Fredericton 33

Grand Stewards

R:W:B: James D. McKenna, PM Albion No. 1

W:B: Deryl Fitzgerald, PM St. John's 2

M:W:B: R. Wayne Hitchcock, PGM St. Mark's No. 5

W:B: Eric C. Johnson Carleton Union No. 8

W:B: Jonathan C. Nagy St. George No. 12

W:B: Joel Blakney Harmony No. 20

R:W:B: Reginald Murray, PM Zetland No. 24

W:B: James W. Hunter, PM Ashlar No. 36

W:B: Herbert Fillmore Grand Lake No. 47

R:W:B: E. Arthur Young, PM Acacia No. 49

W:B: Leonard Mosher Granite No. 54

The Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick were then introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V:W:B: Mark Golder, greeted by the Grand Master and conducted to their seats in the northeast:

M:W:B: J. William Murray

M:W:B: Osborne L. Nason

M:W:B: James H. Pike

M:W:B: Gustaf R. Bodin

M:W:B: Gordon R. Rattray

The Distinguished Visitors from sister jurisdictions were conducted into the lodge room and presented by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, greeted by the Grand Master and seated in the East as follows:

R:W:B: Mason W. Russell

Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

M:W:B: Earl N. Fiddler Jr.

Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Quebec

M:W:B: Gustaf R. Bodin

Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Connecticut

M:W:B: David O. Mosher

Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island

M:W:B: Roy E. Lively

Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia

M:W:B: Robert R. Landry

Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine

R:W:B: Stewart L. Aronson

Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of New Hampshire

M:W:B: Gerald Leighton

Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine

M:W:B: Daniel Campbell

Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine

Following the introductions, the visiting dignitaries were accorded Grand Honours by the members of Grand Lodge.

The representatives of the various Concordant Bodies were escorted into the lodge room by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies and were introduced as follows:

Very Eminent Knight Priest
Darrell K. Thurber

Past High Priest Northumbria
Tabernacle No. 111, Grand
College of the Holy Royal Arch
Knight Templar Priests

Rt. Eminent Knight
Harold J. Planetta

Provincial Grand Prior,
Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada

Rt. Excellent Companion
Burton G. Hall

Third Grand Principal
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of
New Brunswick

Most Illustrious Knight John R. Dollimount	Grand Sovereign The Masonic & Military Order Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist
Illustrious Sir Gordon S. Young, 33°	Deputy for New Brunswick Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
Rt. Em. Distinguished Morton Mitchell	Past Grand Governor of New Brunswick York Rite Sovereign College of North America
Noble W.G. Scott Magee	High Priest and Prophet, Luxor Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.
Rt. Worthy Chesley R. Piercey	Provincial Grand Master Royal Order of Scotland
Worthy Robert M. Johnston	Supreme Ruler New Brunswick Conclave No. 10 Order of the Secret Monitor

The representatives of the concordant bodies were greeted by the Grand Master and ushered to seats in the North.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies was directed to present Her Majesty, Linda Haines, Queen, Neredis Temple, Daughters of the Nile; the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Linda Cogswell, and the Worthy Grand Patron of the Eastern Star, R:W:B: Robert E. King; Daphne Cooper, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Canada with friend Jessica Worsley; Adam Cooper, Jurisdictional Master Councillor, Atlantic Canada DeMolay and W:B: William Millet, Executive Officer, Atlantic Canada DeMolay.

The Mayor of the City of Saint John, His Worship Ivan Court, being unavailable due to other commitments was represented by the Mayor's Executive Assistant, Mr. Al Rouse who was escorted into the room and introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies. Mr. Rouse was received and given a warm welcome by the Grand Master and seated in the southeast.

Following the singing of the National Anthems of the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada Mr. Rouse, on behalf of His Worship Ivan Court, brought greetings from the City of Saint John and extended a warm welcome to the visitors from outside of the city. Mr. Rouse expressed his best wishes for a successful communication, following which he retired from the room.

Daphne Cooper brought greetings from the Order of Rainbow Girls; Adam Cooper, Jurisdictional Master Councilor, spoke on behalf of the Order of DeMolay. Linda Haines brought greetings on behalf of the Daughters of the Nile. R:W:B: Robert E. King, Worthy Grand Patron, and Sister Linda Cogswell. Worthy Grand Matron, spoke on behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Grand Master called upon the following heads of the concordant bodies to bring greetings from their respective groups; Right Eminent Knight Harold Planetta, Excellent Companion Burton Hall, Most Illustrious Knight John Dollimount, Illustrious Brother Gordon Young, Right Eminent Distinguished Brother Morton A. Mitchell, Noble Scott Magee, Right Worthy Brother Chesley Piercey, Worthy Brother Robert Johnston and Very Eminent Daryl Thurber

The Grand Secretary read the names of those members offering to fill the elective positions as follows:

Grand Master	R:W:B: Miles Graham R:W:B: E. Arthur Young
Deputy Grand Master	R:W:B: Laurie Bishop R:W:B: Peter Whittaker
Senior Grand Warden	R:W:B: Paul Conrad R:W:B: Garth Dingee
Junior Grand Warden	R:W:B: Steven Allen W:B: Bill Blatchford R:W:B: Clyde Townes
Grand Chaplain Grand Treasurer	V:W:B: The Rev. Dana Dean R:W:B: Robert A. Kierstead

Moved by R:W:B: Paul Conrad, seconded by R:W:B: Laurie Bishop, that the nominations for the elected positions of Grand Lodge be now closed. Carried.

Prior to requesting the roll call of the Grand Representatives the Grand Master directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to present the Grand Secretary, R:W:B: Randall Nelson to the East where the Grand Master proceeded to read a letter announcing the appointment of R:W:B: Nelson as the grand representative of the United Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. The Grand Master also took the opportunity to present the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V:W:B: Mark Golder, with his patent as grand representative of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. The Grand Master having completed his business directed that the roll call of the grand representatives take place.

The Grand Master requested that the grand representatives present come forward to the microphone and announce themselves and the Grand Lodge that they represent. They were recorded as follows:

Canada

R:W:B: Gary Black Alberta
 M:W:B: William C. Boone British Columbia
 R:W:B: Douglas Wood Manitoba
 M:W:B: James H. Pike Nova Scotia
 M:W:B: J. William Murray Prince Edward Island
 R:W:B: Earl Campbell Quebec

United Kingdom

R:W:B: Randal W. Nelson United Grand Lodge of England
 R:W:B: Douglas H. Mayes Scotland

United States

R:W:B: James D. McKenna District of Columbia
 R:W:B: Dale L. Stevens Hawaii
 R:W:B: R. Wayne Hitchcock Kentucky
 R:W:B: Miles Graham Massachusetts
 R:W:B: Paul Conrad Michigan
 R:W:B: Donald Gruchy Minnesota
 R:W:B: E. Arthur Young Ohio
 R:W:B: Harold Planetta Oregon
 R:W:B: Raymond Joudrey Rhode Island
 R:W:B: Chesley R. Piercey South Carolina
 R:W:B: David W. Gillrie South Dakota
 R:W:B: F. Graham Pelly Utah
 M:W:B: Osborne L. Nason Virginia
 R:W:B: John Jeffries Wisconsin

Europe

R:W:B: Curtis Hansen Finland
 R:W:B: Fritz K. Kloth Germany
 R:W:B: Robert A. Kierstead Italy
 R:W:B: Richard Whitcomb Spain
 R:W:B: Gordon S. Young Sweden
 R:W:B: Leonard Bishop Switzerland

Australia

M:W:B: Gordon R. Rattray Western Australia

New Zealand

V:W:B: Mark Golder New Zealand

West Indies

R:W:B: Peter Whittaker Cuba
 R:W:B: Nathan J. Rubin Puerto Rico

South America

R:W:B: Thomas Winter Argentina

R:W:B Arthur Young spoke on behalf of the grand representatives and stated that on behalf of all those present who are grand representatives and who have been so appointed we express our deep appreciation to you to have the opportunity to be of service to this Grand Lodge.

Moved by R:W:B: Laurie Bishop, seconded by V:W:B: Mark Golder that Grand Lodge recess until 9:00 a.m., May 9, 2009. Carried.

THE ANNUAL MEETING**OF THE****MASONIC GRAND LODGE
CORPORATION****SATURDAY, MAY 9th, 2009
8:30 a.m.****Masonic Temple
Saint John, N.B.*****Business:*****To receive the Grand Treasurer's
Accounts and the Report of the
Audit Committee.****ALL MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE ARE ALSO
MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE CORPORATION
IT IS YOUR DUTY TO BE PRESENT.****THE MASONIC GRAND LODGE CORPORATION
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge Corporation was held at 8:30 a.m., May 9th, 2008, at the Masonic Temple, 92 Germain Street, Saint John, N. B.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, R:W:B: Miles Graham. Those present and eligible to vote are listed in the Register of Grand Lodge.

The Treasurer, R:W:B: Robert A. Kierstead, moved that the Treasurer's report as found on pages 41 to 45 in the booklet of reports be laid on the Grand Secretary's desk pending the receipt of the audit committee. Seconded by R:W:B: Leonard Bishop. Carried.

The Grand Secretary moved that his report as printed on pages 47 through 60 in the booklet of reports be received and accepted. Carried.

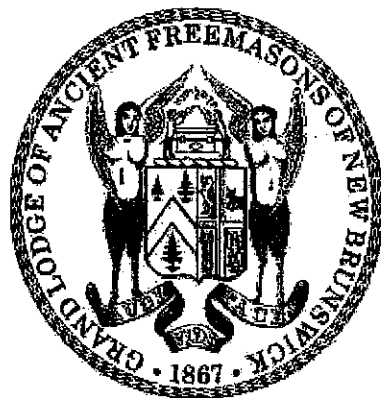
The report of the Audit Committee was given by R:W:B: Richard Whitcomb, who concluded by moving that the Audit Report be received and that the report of the Treasurer be lifted from the Grand Secretary's desk. Seconded by R:W:B: Laurie Bishop. Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Corporation it was regularly moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Randall W. Nelson
Grand Secretary

**THE MASONIC
GRAND LODGE
CORPORATION
OF
NEW BRUNSWICK**

Financial Reports



2008

AUDITORS' REPORT

To: The Board of Directors,
Masonic Grand Lodge Corporation,

The Audit Committee advises that we have examined the books and records of the Masonic Grand Lodge Corporation and that the figures shown on the Financial Statements of the General and Benevolent Accounts represent a true and accurate account of the financial position of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Respectively submitted,

W:B: Frank Robinson, Chairman
R:W:B: Richard Whitcomb
Bro. Gordon Thorne

**MASONIC GRAND LODGE
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

ASSETS

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA CURRENT A/C
ROYAL BANK CASH
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
INVENTORY

OTHER

DUE FROM MASONIC TEMPLE LTD.
DUE FROM MASONIC TEMPLE LTD.
SPEC.
DUE FROM MANANOOK LODGE
INVESTMENTS ROYAL BANK (NOTE 1)
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS

CAPITAL ASSETS

EQUIPMENT

TOTAL ASSETS**LIABILITIES**

DUE TO BENEVOLENT FUND
DUE TO BETHEL LODGE (NOTE 2)
DUE TO UNION LODGE OF PORTLAND
DUE TO CENTENNIAL LODGE (NOTE 2)

TOTAL LIABILITIES**EQUITY**

Equity at the beginning of the period
Net income (Loss) For The Year

TOTAL EQUITY**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY**

R.A. KIERSTEAD, GRAND TREASURER

**MASONIC GRAND LODGE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008**

NOTE 1. INVESTMENTS

	COST 2008	MARKET VALUE 2008
FIXED INCOME		
186 RBC Private short-term Income Pool		
309 RBC Canadian Bond Pool		
3230 RBC Corporate Bond Pool		
317 RBC Global Bond Pool		
CANADIAN EQUITIES		
930 RBC Private Canadian Dividend Pool		
1491 RBC Private Canadian Equity Pool		
1781 RBC Private O'Shaughnessy Cdn Equity Pool		
552 RBC Private Canadian Mid Cap Equity Pool		
US EQUITIES		
7534 RBC Private U.S. Equity Pool		
2062 RBC Private O'Shaughnessy US Equity Pool		
INTERNATIONAL & GLOBAL EQUITIES		
3225 RBC Private European Equity Pool		
1187 RBC Private Asian Equity Pool		
5004 RBC Global Dividend Growth Pool		
PORTFOLIO TOTAL		

NOTE 2.

Miscellaneous income is composed of the balances due to lodges that have surrendered their charter. It was felt that sufficient time had lapsed and that it is unlikely that these lodges will form again.

NOTE 3

The decision was made to net RBC Management Fees against investment income. For comparison purposes management fees as reflected on the 2007 Financial statements are netted against investment income of that year.

**MASONIC GRAND LODGE
COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED December 31, 2008**

	2008	2007
REVENUE		
DUES		
FEES		
INVESTMENT INCOME		
SALES		
MISCELLANEOUS (NOTE 2)		
GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION		
TOTAL REVENUE		
 EXPENSE		
COST OF GOODS SOLD		
INTEREST & BANK CHARGES		
CONFERENCES		
DEMOLAY		
TRAINING		
EDUCATION		
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS		
GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION		
GRAND SECRETARY EXPENSE		
GRAND TREASURER EXPENSE		
INSURANCE		
LIBRARY		
LIGHTS & HEAT		
LODGE GRANTS		
MASONIC CHARITIES PINS ETC.		
MEDALLION PINS		
MISCELLANEOUS		
MOSTLY MASONRY		
MASONIC SERVICES ASSOCIATION		
DUES & FEES		
OFFICE EQUIPMENT		
OFFICE SUPPLIES		
POSTAGE		
PRINTING		
PUBLIC RELATIONS		
RENT		
SALARIES		
TELEPHONE		
TRAVEL		
PROFESSIONAL FEES		
REGALIA		
(LOSS) ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS		
TOTAL EXPENSES		
 INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE NET UNREALIZED LOSS		
 NET REALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS		
 NET INCOME/LOSS		

**GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
R.B.C. BANK		
R.B.C. CASH		
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE GENERAL FUND		

OTHER	
R.B.C. INVESTMENTS (NOTE 1)	
DUE FROM ZION LODGE	
DUE FROM MASONIC TEMPLE LTD	
A/C REC. THE CORINTHIAN LODGE 13	

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	

TOTAL LIABILITIES**EQUITY**

EQUITY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	
CURRENT EARNINGS (LOSS)	
EQUITY AT THE END OF THE YEAR	

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

**GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

REVENUE	
INVESTMENT INCOME	

EXPENSES

INTEREST AND BANK CHARGES	
BENEVOLENT GIFT	
SCHOLARSHIPS	
MANAGEMENT FEES	
TOTAL EXPENSE	

INCOME BEFORE NET UNREALIZED LOSS	
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NET UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	
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**ALBERT G. HOAR MEMORIAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2008**

ASSETS

2008

2007

Wood Gundy Cash
Wood Gundy Investments – At Market Value

TOTAL ASSETS**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Opening Equity
Current Earnings (Loss)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

INVESTMENT INCOME

EXPENSES

SCHOLARSHIPS PAID

LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS

LOSS BEFORE NET UNREALIZED LOSS**NET UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS****NET INCOME (LOSS)****INVESTMENTS – DECEMBER 31, 2008**

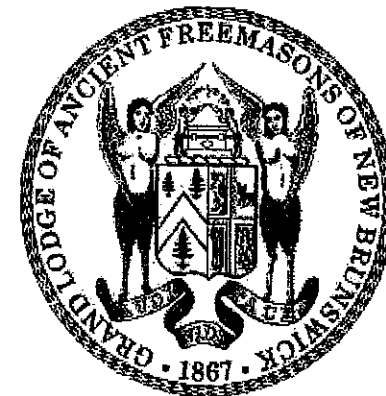
COST

MARKET
VALUE

AGF CANADIAN BALANCED FUND
STRATA INCOME FUND
STRATA CAPITAL FUND

TOTAL INVESTMENTS

**THE REPORT
OF THE
GRAND SECRETARY**

**2008**

Report of the Grand Secretary
For the Year 2008

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and members of the
Grand Lodge of New Brunswick F. & A.M.

Grand Secretary's Statement
2008

Received and Deposited:

Dues
Fees
Sales
Grand Lodge communication

Total

Recapitulation of Membership

New	69	Demits	93
Affiliations	33	Suspensions	36
Re-instated	9	Deaths	121
		Withdrawals	6
Total	<u>111</u>		<u>256</u>
Gain/Loss	<u>-145</u>		

SYNOPSIS OF RETURNS FROM PRIVATE LODGES

For the Year Ending December 31, 2008

No.	Lodge	Jan 1/08	New	Affi	ReStd	Demit	Withd	Susp	Deaths	Dec 31/08	Diff
1	Albion	66	1	0	0	4	1	3	3	56	-10
2	St. John's	87	5	1	0	1	0	0	4	88	1
3	Hibernia	88	5	0	0	2	0	0	2	89	1
4	Sussex	68	0	1	1	4	0	1	1	64	-4
5	St. Mark's	64	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	65	1
6	Hiram	145	7	1	0	4	2	2	3	142	-3
7	Sussex	115	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	112	-3
8	Carleton Union	199	3	0	2	2	1	0	8	193	-6
11	Woodstock	127	2	1	0	4	0	4	2	120	-7
12	St. George	139	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	134	-5
13	Corinthian	136	2	0	0	7	0	4	5	122	-14
15	Howard	84	2	0	0	4	0	3	0	79	-5
16	St. Andrew	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	31	-3
17	Northumberland	135	2	1	0	4	0	0	9	125	-10
18	Miramichi	58	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	57	-1
20	Harmony	90	3	0	0	5	0	5	1	82	-8
21	Zion	87	0	4	0	1	0	1	3	86	-1
22	New Brunswick	150	9	2	0	6	0	0	7	148	-2
23	Keith	160	4	3	0	8	0	1	5	153	-7
24	Zetland	54	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	56	2
26	Victoria	71	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	69	-2
27	Lodge St. John	132	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	127	-5
30	St. Martin's	64	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	59	-5
31	Benjamin	96	0	0	0	5	0	1	2	88	-8
32	Campbellton	117	4	0	0	3	0	0	5	113	-4
33	Alexandria	164	6	1	1	1	2	3	7	159	-5
35	Carleton	77	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	76	-1
36	Ashlar	69	1	3	1	4	0	0	4	66	-3
37	Steven	44	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	45	1
38	Mananook	32	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	30	-2
39	Colebrooke	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0
42	Sunbury	44	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	44	0
44	Westmorland	58	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	59	1
47	Grand Lake	50	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	51	1
48	Tobique	49	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	49	0
49	Acacia	152	0	1	0	6	0	0	3	144	-8
50	Cherry Mtn.	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	91	-5
51	Landmark	100	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	97	-3
52	Coverdale	113	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	103	-10
54	Granite	59	3	0	0	2	0	0	2	58	-1
55	Abanaki	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	-1
56	Sunset	33	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	32	-1
	Totals for 2008	3793	69	33	9	93	6	36	121	3648	-145

FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES AND PINS 2008

Albion Lodge No. 1
James Henry Evans
David Logan Lester
Ernest James McKenzie

Sussex Lodge No. 4
James Gordon Purdy
Vernon David Stockton
Lester Alan Wilson

St. Mark's Lodge No. 5
James Howard Ross

Hiram Lodge No. 6
Merlyn Edward Cull
John Richard Millican
Gilbert Adrian Oldham
George Murray Webb

Sussex Lodge No. 7
George Hill Trafton

Carleton Union Lodge No. 8
Harry Allen Campbell

St. George Lodge No. 12
Guilford Peter Hooper
Sheldon Leroy Justason

Corinthian Lodge No. 13
Harry Githens Beyea
Calvin Lee Craig
Albert William Gorham
Robert Roy Walker

Howard Lodge No. 15
William Henry Balser Sr.

Harmony Lodge No. 20
Earl Ernest Carson
Norman Dorsey Kierstead

New Brunswick Lodge No. 22
Wilmot Nathaniel Brenan
John Wesley Warnock

FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES AND PINS 2008

Keith Lodge No. 23
Vaughan Harold Alward
Victor Harry Armes
Ralph John Boyd
Orlie Lovett Cairns
Hugh Alexander Donald
Douglas Hubert Lutes

Zetland Lodge No. 24
Michail Wallace Perly Atkinson
David James Kay
Kenneth John McKaigue
Donald William Green Storey

Victoria Lodge No. 26
Charles Fernald Monaghan

St. Martin's Lodge No. 30
David Robert Ellis
Gordon Francis McLeod
Donald Trueman Morrow
Lester Elton Weston

Campbellton Lodge No. 32
Herman Henry MacDonald
John Ralph Mann

Alexandria Lodge No. 33
Gerald Otto Scott Hildebrand
Watson Leroy Peterson

Carleton Lodge No. 35
Charles Vincent Green
George Walter Simonds

Steven Lodge No. 37
Charles Wesley Hoyt
Robert Howard MacPherson

Sunbury Lodge No. 42
Theodore Charles Mills

Grand Lake Lodge No. 47
Douglas MacFarlane Chase
Keith Carl Ziegler

Tobique Lodge No. 48
William Murchie Tompkins

FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES AND PINS 2008

Acacia Lodge No. 49
Harris Corey Tait

Coverdale Lodge No. 52
Russell Emerson Coates
Ronald Anderson Kay

Abanaki Lodge No. 55
Stanford Getchell Young

SIXTY YEAR BAR

St. John's Lodge No. 2
Royden Stuart Murray
Russell Leonard Robinson

Sussex Lodge No. 4
William Roland Tracy

St. Mark's Lodge No. 5
Robert Poley Knorr

Carleton Union Lodge No. 8
Robert Burton Barlow

St. George Lodge No. 12
Robert Edgar Anderson
Charles Burton Coutts
Harry Perry Stewart
Charles Blair Wadlin

The Corinthian Lodge No. 13
Sherwood Messenger Bowland
Joseph Beverly Gillis

Howard Lodge No. 15
James Watson West

Lodge St. Andrew No. 16
Kenneth Duncan Callander

Miramichi Lodge No. 18
John William Baldwin

Harmony Lodge No. 20
Ronald Theodore Paterson
Floyd Lovell Taylor

Zetland Lodge No. 24
Robert Lenore MacLeod

FIFTY YEAR CERTIFICATES AND PINS 2008

Victoria Lodge No. 26
William Henry Laughlin

St. Martin's Lodge No. 30
Ronald Ernest Allen
William Wilson Aves
David Gray
Charles Alexander MacCallum

Carleton Lodge No. 35
Paul Delancey Foster
John Theodore Patterson

Ashlar Lodge No. 36
Donald Ian Gaynor
Floyd Grandville Moffitt

Sunbury Lodge No. 42
John Bliss MacPherson
Thomas Lorne Winter

Acacia Lodge No. 49
Daniel Wilson Hubbard
John James Merryfield

Landmark Lodge No. 51
Floyd Byron MacMillan

Coverdale Lodge No. 52
Durell Grimmer Murray
William Archibald West

Granite Lodge No. 54
Paul Vernon Thornton

Abanaki Lodge No. 55
Stanford Getchell Young

SEVENTY YEAR RIBBON

St. John's Lodge No. 2
Jack Richard Sullivan

Carleton Union Lodge No. 8
George Merrill Rumson

Keith Lodge No. 23
Milton Alexander Palmer

Lodge St. John No. 27
Fenton Edgar Daley

MORNING SESSION – MAY 9TH, 2009

The Grand Master called Grand Lodge from recess to labour again at 9:00 a.m.

The Grand Master gave direction to the Grand Director of Ceremonies to introduce those guests who had recently arrived, accordingly the following were escorted to the altar and introduced as follows; M:W:B Wayne Newson, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and R:W:B David Mosher, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. Following the introductions, the brethren were escorted to the East to be greeted by the Grand Master and accorded seats in the East.

Following the reading of the nominees for elected office W:B: William Blatchford moved that the ballots close at 1:30 p.m. and that the election of officers take place at approximately 2:00 p.m. following the report of the Credentials committee. Seconded by R:W:B: William Koval. Carried.

The Grand Master extended his appreciation to the Grand Chaplain, V:W:B: Reverend Dana Dean for the Divine Service held on Friday afternoon at Trinity Church.

The Deputy Grand Master R:W:B: Miles Graham moved that the Grand Chaplain be thanked for his Devotional address and that the appreciation of this Grand Lodge be placed on record in the annual Grand Lodge proceedings. Seconded by V:W:B: Mark Golder. Carried.

The Grand Master, M:W:B: William C. Boone being about to deliver the annual address of the Grand Master turned the gavel over to the Deputy Grand Master, R:W:B: Miles Graham.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

**To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick
Welcome:—**

For the third and final time, I stand here this morning as Grand Master and welcome you, my brothers, to this annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick. I do so with a mixture of relief and regret. Relief that the Grand Architect of the Universe has graciously allowed me to finish my tour of service to you and the craft; regret that I could not have accomplished more. It has been a remarkable experience, one I shall cherish forever. But now the penthouse has been leased to a new tenant and I shall return to my place among the brethren—from the Penthouse to the Outhouse as the old cliché goes.

To our distinguished guests who have set aside this day to be with us, we welcome you with open arms. We trust we have left nothing to be desired in the way of making you feel part of this family branch of Masons. Somewhere during the session I will undoubtedly be calling on you for remarks, so no matter how heavy your eye lids, keep an ear open for your introduction because the time will come, and the wisest knows not how soon when you will be front and center. In the meantime, settle in and enjoy your stay with us.

Necrology:—

A roll-call of the deceased brethren was read at the divine service last evening. Let us now pause for a moment for silent reflection on those departed members who have passed to the Celestial Lodge above during the past year.

Administration:—

Worthy of note is the addition to the Grand Secretary's staff in the person of Jayne Jones who came on staff in September, 2008. Not to diminish the value of RWB Ches Piercey who pinched-hit for well over a year, within a month after Ms Jones had waded into the situation she discovered there was actually a desk beneath all the paper. With everything in its proper place and a bit of re-arranging, the office took on a new look. I must say I am in awe at her efficiency. Queries to the office are responded to in a timely fashion, tasks are completed in order of priority, and her attention to detail is second to none. Obviously the office needed a lady's touch. Treat her kindly brethren; we recognize a good thing when we see it.

Speaking of RW Ches Piercey, it is difficult to find the appropriate words to express appreciation for the work he did during the transition period from one Grand Secretary to another; all on his own time. While a simple "thank you" seems deficient, nonetheless we say Thank You with heartfelt gratitude.

As indicated elsewhere in these proceedings, the Board of General Purpose met on a regular basis to review and establish policy for the government of the craft. Although it had a tendency at times to get bogged down in process rather than debating the issue, which may be expected when 30-40 different personalities come together, for the most part it functioned well.

One cause for concern that seems to keep eluding us is the distribution and practice of the policies established by the Board. For example, in 1998, the Board developed a policy on the selection of a District Deputy Grand Master which at least one DDGM and candidates for Grand Master were not aware of until just recently. Policy is not worth the paper it is written on if it is hidden away in a dusty file somewhere. Under the direction of the then Grand Master, MW Gordon Rattray, in 2005, all the Board policies were compiled covering a 20-year period from 1984 onward. To my knowledge, this has never been widely distributed; therefore, largely unknown to the lodges. We are in the process of printing a new Constitution and Regulations, including an updated Officer's Manual; it is therefore my recommendation that the policies of the Board be included. In addition, there must be a regular distribution of policy to the membership as it occurs.

It also strikes me as a bit unusual that the Grand Master is not chairman of the Board. Since he is the Chief Executive Officer, and the Board is mandated to assist him in the good government of the craft, it logically follows in my mind that he should be the one to chair the meetings. The Deputy Grand Master and second in command, is now the ex-officio president, with the Senior Grand Warden vice president. Although in practice the Grand Master has influence, legally he has no more status on the Board than anyone else. I suggest the Board take a serious look at this situation and consider changing the Constitution to make the Grand Master Chairman. After all, he has the authority to convene any lodge in his jurisdiction and presides over Grand Lodge, then Chairing the Board is merely a part of his duty as Grand Master.

Up-to-date and exact membership numbers continue to be a source of concern. Under our present system lodge secretaries submit the information at the end of each calendar year which, in some cases, may be 9 - 12 months behind. In addition, the membership figures in the Grand Secretary's report does not take into account the number of multiple membership.

Early in my term, I requested a committee to examine the feasibility of establishing an electronic database by which changes in membership could be up-dated as it occurred. While such a program is not difficult to achieve, it does come with a cost; and that cost, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$15-20,000, is not in our best interests in this time of financial restraint. Until such time as we are in a better position to implement an electronic system, it has been suggested to the Finance Committee we look at having the lodges submit a semi-annual return. The first one in January as it is now done; the

second one at the end of June would only include the changes in membership status. Payment of per capita could also be split into two payments, making it a bit easier on lodges not having to pay one large lump sum.

If enacted, this practice would reduce our membership information by six months. Still not ideal, but marginally better than it now is.

State of the Craft:—

Any declaration that the health of the craft is in one state or another would be totally subjective on my part. Without a true membership figure—that is, discounting multiple memberships with affiliates joining and demitting—I cannot say with any certainty we are forging ahead, holding our own, or declining. There is ample evidence that some lodges are busy with degree work and that is encouraging. Others have the opposite experience.

Perhaps we are using the wrong criteria for measuring our membership statistics thereby distorting our focus on a solution. Deaths we can do nothing about. Thus for purposes of this exercise if we ignore for the moment demits and suspension, we quickly realize that in order to maintain the status quo we need only to replace the deceased brother. Anything beyond is a gain.

Demits and suspensions we can do something about. Technically such brethren are still members although for administrative reasons—per capita payments, for example—they are deemed removed. Perhaps a more proper term is inactive. And herein lies the perplexing problem: how do we reintegrate them to active membership?

It has been said that the more a man knows and understands the craft, the more inclined he is to appreciate what it has to offer. With that appreciation comes the desire to be active and productive. Yet we have tried many approaches to educating the membership none of which has really been effective over the long term. At the time participants in the various program formats have sung its praises, but for an unfathomable reason rarely has an impact on the lodge as a whole. Why? Is it because the participants are not sharing the information? Do they not share because there are a couple of nay-sayers who pooh-pooh "this stuff"? Are the Masters more concerned with appeasing the negative critics in their lodges than introducing, or sharing, information that can only be a benefit to all?

Brethren, I think before we can see any success at renewing the wayward members, we must first tackle these tough questions and then be willing to implement measures to counteract the effect we are experiencing. It takes more than lip service; it will take determination, commitment, and the honest desire to make progressive changes in the way we do things. The old catchphrase "because we have always done that way" must be totally eradicated from our vocabulary. We have some of the best minds in the world in our fraternity. Let us tap into this rich source, and make use of it.

Some lodges continue to surprise me. Two were struggling hard for the past 4-5 years and their future looked bleak. Low turnout, poor work, no program, they had little to keep a member interested let alone attract anyone new. Yet

In the short space of a few months they have both experienced a remarkable improvement. A new vitality seems to permeate the lodges.

One thing they both have in common is a new Master. Without taking anything away from any past master, it has long been my theory that as the master goes, so goes the lodge. If he is a go-getter, has a vision, willing to spend the time, and has the talent for getting others involved, the lodge will thrive. And, in my opinion, therein lies the key to renewal. Careful selection of who is elected master will do more for the healthy growth of a lodge than all the programs Grand Lodge can ever devise. In fact, Grand Lodge should be a resource center not the implementer of programs. Imposed programs are usually received with skepticism or in some cases outright rejection. That is human nature. But let the lodge itself come up with a program, a program that is designed by them, and for them, then it will be accepted and worked at. One lodge's success will spur others to try the same thing.

Lodges are the foundation of Masonry. It is here the membership is initiated, instructed, and integrated. Grand Lodge is merely an assembly of these members who come together once a year to formulate unity, harmony and resourcefulness. Let us each then concentrate on working our lodges and the rest will take care of itself.

Policies:—

Probably the best kept secret of Masonry in New Brunswick is the policies adopted by Grand Lodge or by the Board of General Purposes. All too frequently reference will be made to a policy of which few people are aware.

Case in point: in 1998 the Board adopted a policy guideline for the selection of District Deputy Grand Master. Neither the incumbent District Deputy Grand Masters nor the candidates for office of Grand Master had heard of it, let alone familiar with the content.

In 2005 a committee submitted a report to the Board detailing all the policies adopted by that body from 1984 – 2004, along with recommendations. Beyond the confines of the Board, there was no general distribution. The result is inevitably someone will suggest a course of action and someone else will respond that it is contrary to policy.

Brethren, if we establish a policy it is imperative that it be given wide distribution to all lodges. Otherwise, the process is merely a useless exercise.

A new printing of the Constitution is expected shortly after this session of Grand Lodge. I suggest that the policies in effect be compiled and included in that publication as an appendix.

For the most part harmony prevailed over the craft during my term of office. A couple of minor exceptions at the lodge level threaten to disrupt the peace but I believe timely intervention and a more or less diplomatic approach eased the situation. At least at the time of writing each had gotten back on track and the future looks bright for them.

Visitations—

My visitations this term were cut back by almost 50%. Instead of setting a schedule of my choosing I left much of it to the lodge themselves, partly because I did not want to disrupt their agenda—such as deferring degree work—and partly because of the high cost of fuel last in 2008. Covering 40-50,000 kilometers in a year can make a bit of a dent in the budget.

In keeping with the District Visitation program established by M:W: Orville Mason in 1991-92, I covered each of the seven districts during October and November, 2008. This represented a bit of a change in past practice. For the past few years the district meetings were usually scheduled for March and April; no particular reason, other than it provided an opportunity to discuss matters coming before Grand Lodge in early May. The agenda at these meetings called for the Masters in the district to provide a report on their lodge activities with a brief look at the future. While these reports were informative, I found them somewhat redundant in that the District Deputy Grand Master usually keeps the Grand Master informed of what is going on anyway. So I made a couple of simple changes.

First, we moved the timing of the district meetings to October and November to avoid unpleasant weather and also to focus on the incoming Master that he may come up with new ways of doing things.

Second, rather than listen to reports that no one really cared about, I had each Master prepare a 5-7 minute talk on some aspect of Masonic education. The idea here was to get them used to doing a bit of research, putting their findings down on paper and then delivering the talk to the assembly. I am happy to report that the results far exceeded my expectations. A number of lodges adopted that format within their own meetings and now set aside a period for a member to give a presentation. It doesn't matter whether or not the presenter is an officer, or the newest Mason. All can contribute with little more than some time for research and preparation. Everyone benefits. Even those who were frequently absent from lodge meetings "because they were too boring" now have a reason to attend.

Perhaps some members who have demitted or were suspended may now have a reason for reactivating their membership. Time will tell if such a simple measure will bear fruit.

Looking ahead—

Only the G.A.O.T.U can know with any certainty what lies ahead for the fraternity. But I do know this—with equal certainty—that we cannot rely on a miracle to stimulate growth and prosperity. We need to set objectives, plan how to achieve them, make change where required and be continuously alert to the pitfalls impairing our ability to sustain ourselves. We have given lip service to the 5-year plan concept, but never really had the will to develop one to serve our needs. Possibly in part due to the fact the existing plan was pretty much developed at the Grand Lodge level, it never gained wide spread

favor with the membership as a whole. I even dare suggest the majority are not even aware such a document exists.

There is not a shred of doubt that we need a plan for the future. What we need is the means of bringing the members together, all members from the youngest Entered Apprentice to the oldest past master, in a weekend retreat to develop it. Every member must feel ownership for it to work.

I throw this challenge to the incoming Grand Master: find a way to get the future planning back on track. Make it a priority. Make it happen.

Programs:—

Mentor—

The program has been reworked with favorable feedback from the limited testing done. While there remains some tweaking to do before general distribution, I am confident the material will be in circulation this year.

Grand Master's Award—

Lodges in District 2 and 7 were the only ones who made an effort to try for the award. What happened to the other five? Does it mean so little to the majority of lodges that it is not worth making the effort? Correct me if I am wrong, but that is what I read into the lack of interest. I repeat what I said last year:

"Brethren, the Grand Master's Award is achievable by every Lodge in this jurisdiction with the right frame of mind and some diligent work. Do not be concerned where you stand with other Lodges; no one sees the figures except the District Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Master. Work each of the criteria one by one, just as you would eat a loaf of bread: one bite at a time."

Lodges of Instruction—

Another one of those variations in the delivery of Masonic education that enjoyed a brief flare of success, but quickly dwindled away to ash. The feedback from the last session indicated an "imposition by Grand Lodge" on the lodges; in other words, the sessions were interesting but just another way for Grand Lodge to "dictate" how things should be done. I should emphasize that the rules and regulations applicable to everyone were not being criticized but insisting upon uniformity throughout the lodges such as the order of opening or closing the lesser lights, signs of fidelity and so forth. Little differences in lodges are what makes them unique and they see little need to do something a certain way just because Grand Lodge says they should.

These critics have a valid point. I may not agree with them entirely, but those minor differences take nothing away from the moral aspect of masonry and if it maintains harmony then so mote it be.

Public Relations—

W:Bro: Macx McNichol has done an outstanding job as editor of Mostly Masonry, gathering the material, formatting it and getting it out. There still exists the same old problem of getting a copy into the hands of the members. Even the dozen or so hard copies that were printed for each lodge continued

to languish on the Secretary's desk, as they did before the reduction. It was therefore decided that wasting money on a printed version was not in our best interests, that in the future electronic versions only would be made. Really too bad we had to take this step because we certainly had some positive feedback on the material.

Grand Representatives—

A number of brethren have been appointed Grand Representatives under the new policy adopted by the Board during the past year. Detail are contained in the Committee chair's report. Generally there will be a limited term and removal from the jurisdiction will automatically declare the position open.

Committees:—

The committees were left intact for 2008, the only changes were individual replacement due to request or change in status.

Jurisprudence and Constitution—

This committee had a full agenda this year finalizing the Constitution and Regulations, ensuring nothing was added or deleted as we moved toward the print stage. The Table of Content and Indexing are now complete, a master copy will be made on Compact Disc held at the Grand Secretary's office, an electronic copy will be available on the website and a printed version will be available after Grand Lodge to incorporate any changes that may be forthcoming. It has been a long and arduous undertaking and I wish to express to the committee my heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

Finance and Audit—

To answer my questions about the audit function and what it could, or should, accomplish I delayed re-appointing this committee until I could discuss the issue with auditors. Unfortunately, this was misunderstood as some members of the previous committee considered this step as questioning their integrity and ethics. Without equivocation I can state any such slur on their reputation could not have been further from my mind.

My concerns centered around the past practice, long before the time of the present committee, where funds were moved from one account to another, or merged, without any clear indication of the act. Most audit statements, in my mind, would contain notes to the report explaining items that were outside the normal asset/debit sheet. I consulted people both within and without the craft. Without exception the advice was we did not need a full-scale audit—ranging up to \$6000 in cost. A professional review runs about half, but again not really necessary. What the committee(s) had been doing should suffice, but the consultants did agree that notes added to the report would make things clearer.

I am happy to report that after clearing the air over the miscommunication issue, the committee agreed to undertake the task again for this Grand Lodge session. My sincere apology for the anxiety I caused them.

The financial situation itself continues to be of concern as our per capita income does not yet meet our budget requirements. Although the finance

committee has instituted a raise in per capita and a three year plan to close that gap, I made an executive decision that did not garner any offering of sainthood by stipulating the per capita raise to \$25 applies to 2009 returns, not 2008. The budget presented at the 2008 Grand Lodge session was based on receiving that extra \$10 per member in January of 2009 instead of January 2010 as would normally be the case. The end result: re-working the budget to make up for the \$30,000 short fall.

A brief explanation of the rationale that went into making this decision is in order.

Simply stated, lodges collect their dues in January, which includes the per capita, in advance. They make their payment to Grand Lodge a year later based on the active membership as of December 31st.

The reason for this delay is because to arrive at the active membership figure, the lodge secretary takes into account the number of new members, including affiliates, then subtracts the number of deaths, demits and suspensions. Lodges do not pay per capita on the latter three categories although they have collected it. To illustrate:

Lodge A had a membership of 100 as of December 31, 2007. Remittance to Grand Lodge amounted to \$1400.00—based on the fee established at \$14 for 2007 with a raise to \$15 in 2008. On December 31, 2008, the lodge had 2 initiations and one affiliation for the year. In that same period, 3 deaths, one demit and two suspensions for non-payment of dues. The return reflects this change during the year, so the payment is based on

December 31, 2007 — 100 active members

Plus 3 new members (including one affiliate) = 103 during 2008

Minus 6 deaths, demits and suspensions during 2008

for a net total of 97 as of December 31, 2008. (a net loss of three for the year). This figure, 97, is what they pay per capita on. It is NOT based on the 100 members they had at the beginning of the year.

If anyone can enlighten me on how we can determine how many are going to join, die or demit during the year, then we may be able to collect the per capita in advance—which apparently was the idea behind the motion at the 2008 session of Grand Lodge to raise the per capita for 2009 to \$25 effective December 31, 2008. I'm not saying it cannot be done, but under the present system lodge secretaries would have to make an estimate of joining, demits, deaths and suspensions then an adjustment would have to be made either to collect more money or remit an overpayment.

The confusion, and believe me there was a great deal of confusion over this issue, stems from the phrase "effective December 31, 20—". If it was in the intention to base the per capita for 2009 on the 2008 membership, then making it effective December 31 is no different than making it effective June 1, May 10, or January 2; it applies to 2008 regardless of the date of effect.

Most, if not all lodges, amended their bylaws during 2008 to raise their dues, effective January 1, 2009 to cover the raise in per capita. Again, I reiterate:

lodges collect a year in advance; Grand Lodge receives their payment a year later. That is the system as it exists. This Grand Lodge has the authority to change the system, but I would strongly advise that all the ramifications be considered carefully before doing so.

A word of thanks:—

As my term of two years and four months nears the end, I greet it with mixed emotions. It means a less rigorous schedule which this aging body mildly protested from time to time, but on the other hand I am going to miss the interaction and hands of friendship that were extended to me. I can honestly say that I have enjoyed my brief time in the Grand East, due in no small part to wonderful reception by the brethren. Not one negative word can I say about it.

To the District Deputy Grand Masters who served with me, you have my heart-felt appreciation for the excellent work you did. As we keep piling responsibilities on the DDGMs and they simply shoulder the load and keep plugging away. They are the eyes and ears of the Grand Master, a function you fulfilled beyond expectation. Thank you very much.

To the Grand Lodge officers who attended on me at nearly every official visit—and many non-official—your presence provided strength and support that made my job so much easier. Thank you.

To all the brethren who came out to welcome me, to all the brethren whose kind words encouraged me to continue my short talks, and to all those who offered constructive criticism, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. It kept me on the path to continuous self-improvement. While I may have fallen short, it was not from lack of trying.

Finally, to my wife, Linda, who was waiting at the door regardless of the hour to see me safely ensconced in bed, who travelled with me to functions, offered suggestions, a hug when sorely needed, I wonder what benevolent stroke of fate blessed me with such a help-meet. She knows how much I appreciate her, so a simple thank you will suffice at the moment.

Brethren, you are about to elect a new Grand Master. Regardless of your preference at the ballot box, throw your full support behind the one who succeeds. I look forward to working with the new officers and hope the Grand Master can find some small niche for me that I may continue to be of service to the craft.

May your days be long and your hardships be few.

M:W: William C Boone,
Grand Master,
May 9, 2009

Grand Master's Schedule of Events May 2008 — May 2009

Date	Event
1. May 20, 2008	Benjamin Lodge
2. May 28	Roast and Toast, RW Clyde Townes, DDGM, St. Stephen
3. May 30-31	Grand Lodge of Quebec
4. June 2	Campbellton Lodge #32
5. June 5	Woodstock Lodge #11
6. June 6-7	Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia
7. June 11	Colebrook Lodge #39
8. Jun 12	Carleton Lodge #35
9. June 13-14	Grand Lodge of PEI
10. June 28	Board of General Purposes
11. July 4	Conclave, Fredericton
12. July 10-11	Grand Chapter, OES, Fredericton
13. July 19	Camp Goodtime, Grand Lake
14. July 19	DeMolay, Fredericton
15. August 6	Finance Committee
16. August 11	DDGM Seminar, Hiram Lodge, Fredericton
17. August 14	Zetland Lodge #24, Shediac Cape
18. September 3	Keith Lodge #23
19. September 4	Benjamin Lodge #31
20. September 6	International Day, Carleton Lodge #35
21. September 8	Campbellton Lodge #32
22. September 13	DDGM Seminar, Hiram Lodge, Fredericton
23. September 17	Granite Lodge #54
24. September 21	Widow's Day, Sussex Lodge #4, Sackville
25. September 27	Mananook Lodge, Grand Manan
26. September 28	Daughters of the Nile, Saint John
27. October 4	Roosevelt Day, Campobello with Grand Lodge of Maine
28. October 6	Victoria Lodge #26, District 5 Meeting
29. October 9	Carleton Lodge #35
30. October 20	Carleton Union Lodge District 1 meeting
31. October 23	Acacia Lodge, District 7 meeting
32. October 28	Miramichi Lodge, District 3 meeting

33. November 8	Board of General Purpose, Saint John
34. November 10	Cherry Mountain Lodge, District 6 meeting
35. November 18	Benjamin Lodge, District 4 meeting
36. November 22	Coverdale Lodge, 50 th anniversary
37. November 26	Keith Lodge, District 2, meeting
38. December 2	Sunbury Lodge, Fredericton Junction
39. December 18	Tobique Lodge, Plaster Rock
40. December 27	Benjamin Lodge #31, Perth-Andover (Installation 3:00 p.m.) I.O.
41. December 27	Woodstock Lodge #11, Woodstock (Installation 7:30 p.m.) I.O.
42. December 29	Keith Lodge #23, Installation - guest
43. January 3, 2008	Campbellton Lodge Installation - I.O.
44. January 7	Masonic Funeral Service, Florenceville, WB Winston Morton
45. January 8	Carleton Lodge, Installation - I.O.
46. January 10	Sussex Lodge, St Stephen, installation
47. January 13	Northumberland Lodge, Newcastle, Installation - I.O.
48. January 15	Tobique Lodge, Plaster Rock, Installation - I.O.
49. January 17	Luxor Temple, Saint John, Installation ceremony
50. January 21	Funeral Service, Florenceville, Bro Delbert Brooks
51. January 28	Presentation of 50-year pin, WB George Simonds, Manor, W'stock
52. February 5	Hiram Lodge, Fredericton
53. February 7	Board of General Purpose, Saint John
54. February 18	Albion Lodge, Saint John
55. March 7	Board of General Purpose, Saint John
56. March 12	Carleton Lodge, Florenceville
57. March 8	Board of General Purposes, Saint John
58. March 26-29	All Canada Conference, Winnipeg, MB
59. April 14	Steven Lodge #37, Petittodiac
60. April 15	Sunset Lodge Master conference, St. Stephen
61. April 23	Scottish Rite, Fredericton
62. April 27	Guest speaker at Shrine Club, Fredericton
63. April 29	Funeral service M:W: Charles Hollett, Moncton
64. May 7	Carleton Union Lodge #8, West Saint John

Moved by R:W:B: Peter Whittaker, seconded by V:W:B: Mark Golder, that a committee of Past Grand Masters be appointed to review and comment on the Grand Master's address. Carried.

The Deputy Grand Master asked M:W:B: Gordon Rattray to chair this committee and to report back to this Grand Lodge later in these proceedings.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE N.B. MASONIC CHARITIES & HOUSING COMPANY LTD.

To: The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F & A.M.

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report of the New Brunswick Masonic Charities & Housing Company Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2008. The Canadian Cancer Society, New Brunswick Division, was the recipient of a cheque for \$35,000, presented at the 141st Communication of this Grand Lodge, to Ms. Charlene Hayes, Senior Manager of the Canadian Cancer Society of New Brunswick. This cheque enabled the Cancer Society to provide a seven-day summer camping experience, called "Camp Goodtime," for up to seventy children, aged 7 to 16, with, or having a history of, cancer. The cost for Camp Goodtime, 2009, will remain the same at \$35,000.

The closing day for the camp in 2009, to which all Masons in New Brunswick have been invited, is Saturday, July 18, with exercises beginning at 10:30 a.m. The camp location is at the Rotary International Camp for Children with Disabilities on Route 690, on the north side of Grand Lake, and near Douglas Harbour.

During the year, Masons in New Brunswick raised in excess of \$41,000, enabling us to continue supporting the Cancer Society sponsored "Camp Goodtime" which has been held in New Brunswick since 1993, and other charities for children and youth.

In June, we were extremely pleased to attend as guests, the dinner associated with the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Division of the Canadian Cancer Society, at which we were presented with a beautifully framed collage of Camp Goodtime photographs in recognition of Masonic support of Camp Goodtime for twenty years.

This past year we received a request for assistance from Portage Atlantic's "Making Things Happen" capital campaign. Portage Atlantic is a treatment centre for youth aged 14 to 21, dealing with drug and alcohol abuse problems. Their program is directed "to returning these young people to the community as valuable, confident and productive citizens." We have made a contribution of \$2,500.00 to this campaign.

A cheque for \$4,800 was given to the Deaf, blind and Rubella Association in support of their children's summer camp program.

Financial support continued into the second year for the Scottish Rite Foundation for the Moncton learning centre for dyslexic children and is to continue for the next two years.

The Quinn House complex in St. Andrews providing eight units for seniors continues to be successfully managed by a team comprised of members of St. Mark's Lodge #5. Thanks are again extended to them for their time and effort. During the past year it was necessary to re-shingle the roof, a maintenance chore that was financed from a reserve fund built up from the time of opening.

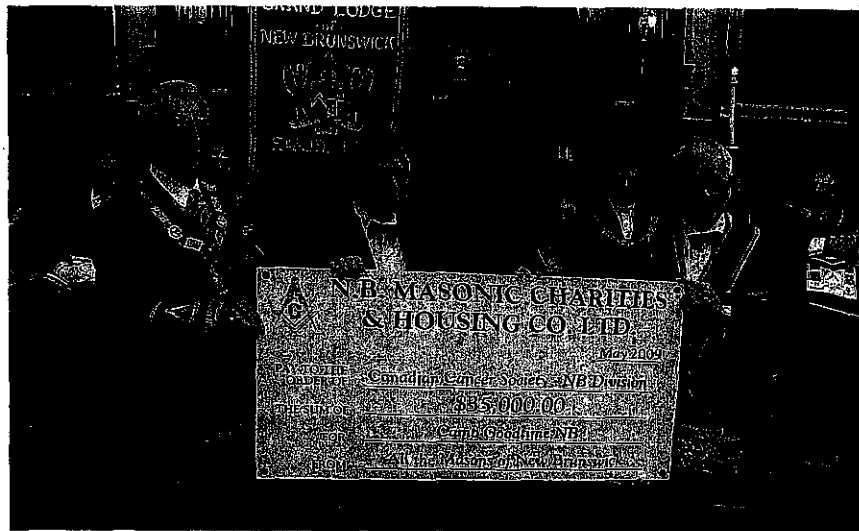
And in reference to the opening of Quinn House, this is the twentieth year of operating our Senior Citizen's complex.

The Board of the New Brunswick Masonic Charities & Housing Company Ltd. extends a great round of applause, once again, to the Masons of New Brunswick for your hard work in supporting our various programs.

Fraternally submitted
J.D. McKenna, PGS
President

Following the report of the Masonic Charities & Housing Company Ltd. Mrs. Elizabeth Hoyt of the Canadian Cancer Society of New Brunswick was conducted into the lodge room and introduced by R:W:B: McKenna. Mrs. Hoyt addressed the assembly and reported that this was the twenty-first year that Camp Goodtime has been held, and twenty-one years of sponsorship by the Masons of New Brunswick and during that time over one thousand children have attended the camp.

Following her remarks Mrs. Hoyt was escorted to the east where she was presented with a cheque in the amount of \$35,000.00 in support of Camp Goodtime. Following the cheque presentation Mrs. Hoyt was escorted from the lodge room to a round of applause.



L-R: M:W:B William C. Boone, Grand Master; R:W:B Richard Whitcomb; Mrs. Elizabeth Hoyt and R:W:B James D. McKenna. (Photo by W:B: Macx MacNichol)

Lodges wishing to present cheques to the Masonic Housing and Charities were asked to come forward and make their presentations. Lodges presenting cheques were as follows;

Sussex Lodge No. 4	St. Mark's Lodge No. 5
Hiram Lodge No. 6	Sussex Lodge No. 7
St. George Lodge No. 12	Northumberland Lodge No. 17
Miramichi Lodge No. 18	Zion Lodge No. 21
Campbelton Lodge No. 32	Mananook Lodge No. 38
Colebrooke Lodge No. 39	Grand Lake Lodge no. 47
Cherry Mountain Lodge No. 50	
Order of the Eastern Star- Bathurst	

MOTION NO. 1

I will move or cause to be moved that this Grand Lodge adopt a Long Service Award in the form of a Medallion, in addition to the existing program, for long serving members which includes the presentation of a Lapel Pin and Grand Lodge certificate and that the Constitution Committee make the necessary changes in the Regulations. I will further move that this medallion will be worn on the wearers left of the past subordinate officers jewels. So moved by RWB Leonard D. Bishop, PDDGM, seconded by WB Brian Gillcash. On calling for the vote the motion was declared carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

At the Grand Lodge communication scheduled for May 2010, I, Robert Taylor, Senior Warden of Alexandria Lodge No. 33 will move or cause to be moved the following motion:

Whereas all Master Masons are members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and:

Whereas all Master Masons are required, through their respective lodges, to pay a fee toward the operating expenses of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick;

Be it so moved that: The constitution and/or regulations of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick be so changed to allow all Master Masons in attendance and in good standing a vote at all future Grand Lodge annual communications.

MOTION RE TRAVEL ALLOWANCES

Moved by R:W:B: Kierstead, seconded by V:W:B: Mark Golder, that the travel allowance for the Grand Master be \$4500.00; that the travel allowance for the District Deputy Grand Masters be \$300.00 (each); the Deputy Grand Master \$300.00; the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens \$300.00 (each) for a total of \$7,500.00. On calling for the vote the motion was declared carried.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

To: The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A.M.

It is with pleasure that I submit my second and final report to this Grand Lodge as your Deputy Grand Master for 2008-2009. I would like to thank the Brethren for the many courtesies extended to me and to express my sincere appreciation at having been provided the opportunity to serve in this office.

I had the honour of attending the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island on behalf of the Grand Master and this Grand Lodge and accompanied the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

I attended and chaired all the meetings of the Board of General Purposes, actively served and participated on the Jurisprudence and Constitutional review committee with the document now ready for printing.

The opportunity to attend on the Grand Master for a number of his official visits was appreciated. A new format for the District meetings was initiated this year and I had the opportunity and pleasure to attend, participate on most of the meetings and to chair the district meeting for District # 3.

I attended on the Grand Master at the rededication ceremony for Harmony Lodge #20 on September 25 for their 150 year anniversary as well as a special celebration at Coverdale Lodge # 52 for their 50 years in Masonry on October 25. A special recognition brunch and presentation to Widows of deceased members of Sussex Lodge #4 on September 21 at Marshlands Inn in Sackville and an initiative taken by Harmony Lodge #20 to hold their regular meeting in March in the chapel of a local seniors home to enable a few of their senior members to attend are a couple of examples of the things we are doing throughout our jurisdiction to reflect our Masonic obligations.

My attendance at The All Canada Conference in Winnipeg provided an excellent forum to meet, discuss and share concerns, experiences and opportunities for consideration within each of our jurisdictions and the realization of the many similarities we share in this great fraternity of ours.

All brethren serving on the Board of General Purposes have given so much time and talent to the advancement of our fraternity and I am most grateful to each one of you. The past two years have been very rewarding and an exceptional learning experience, which I shall value and never forget. Again, thank you to the brethren for the opportunity to serve this Grand Lodge and the trust you have placed in me. Thank You.

Fraternally Submitted
R:W:B. Miles R Graham
Deputy Grand Master

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To: The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The Board of General Purposes, in 2008-2009, consisted of 39 members, 16 of which were by appointment.

Since the last Grand Lodge communication of May 2008, the Board has met four times, in June, November, February and March with an average attendance of 65%. Business Transacted is as follows:

June 28, 2008

a) The initial meeting of the board addressed the administrative items in the form of final reports from committees and election of the President R.W. Miles R Graham and Vice President R.W. Peter M Whittaker, SGW

b) R:W:B: Gordon Young presented a Report on the Grand Lodge arrangements on behalf of the chairman of the committee, R:W:B: Graham A

Fraser with recommendations for inclusion for next year. Suggestions to the committee for consideration were.

1. That widows of Past Grand Masters be invited
2. That a Greeting Committee be established
3. That a Breakfast be available for Guests.

C) Based on the fact that a policy was approved on the subject of Long Service Medals but the motion to implement was defeated and a number of the awards committee and other board members received feedback on this motion the committee was asked to review the motion.

Recommendations for Ratification: none

November 8, 2008

a) A submission was received from RWB Stephen Allen and RWB Carl Dingee requesting a review of the process of Raising/Lowering the Lodge. This was referred to the Ritual Committee.

b) Committee Reports:

1. Charities & Housing- Report from RWB James McKenna and notification of the new officers- RWB McKenna- President, RWB Roberts - Vice President, RWB Thomas -Secretary and RWB Whitcomb - Treasurer.

2. Jurisprudence/Constitutional Review- Work is ongoing in preparation of document to turn over to the Print committee.

3. Foreign Relations: R.W. Gary Black reported that some applications have been approved by the Grand Master and that more information would be forth coming over the next few months.

4. Lodge Awards: R.W. Leonard Bishop reported that a letter regarding the Lodge awards have gone out to the Secretaries and to the District Deputies with a date of March 14, 2009 as the final date of submission to the Grand Secretary.

5. Youth- W:B: Millet reported and commented on an impressive newspaper Article in the Halifax Chronicle Herald on Masonry in Nova Scotia and presented the article to the M:W:B: Boone.

6. AD Hoc- R:W:B: Jefferies presented a report on the voting process at Grand Lodge for information which would be reviewed in detail at the next meeting after the members had an opportunity to review.

7. Archives- Brother Earl of California provided a gift of three aprons, one of which was hand painted leather dating from the mid 1700's.

Recommendations for Ratification: None

February 7, 2009

a) M:W:B: William Boone informed the Board that he intended to reinstate the Audit committee and that a letter would be sent out to the committee members requesting their acceptance.

b) M:W:B: William Boone recommended that a letter be sent to Sunset Lodge # 56 stating that all necessary returns, etc. be produced by April 15, 2009 or the Charter would be lifted according to section 10, page 44 of the constitution. A motion was moved by M.W. Gordon Rattray, seconded by R.W. Gordon Young and carried reflecting the support of the Board if it became necessary for the Grand Master to implement section 10 of the constitution.

c) RWB Stephen Allen brought up an item in regard to visitation of brethren while in the hospital from W:B: John Leadbetter. He suggested that a list be compiled to ensure that the members will know who are hospitalized. An update will be provided at the March meeting of the Board.

d) R:W:B: Graham Fraser stated that a preliminary report regarding the 142nd Communication of Grand Lodge had been sent to the Grand Secretary's Office and also, that 2009 marked the 225th anniversary of Freemasonry in New Brunswick.

e) R:W:B: Graham Fraser moved, seconded by R:W:B: Laurie Bishop and was approved that the Grand Secretary send a letter to each Lodge Secretary requesting the number of members that wanted to continue to receive Mostly Masonry in hard copy.

f) Updates were received from the various committees including the Ad Hoc on the Voting Process Survey Results. -R:W:B: John Jefferies reviewed the seven recommendations previously presented to the Board at the November 8, 2008 meeting. After considerable discussions the Board dismissed all the recommendations except Item 2 - establish a more private ballot casting environment, Item 3 - provide ballots with candidate's names printed thereon, Item 7 - provide clear instructions regarding the balloting process. These three items were deferred for further discussion to the next scheduled Board meeting on March 7, 2009.

Recommendations for Ratification: None**March 7, 2009**

a) R:W:B: Allen provided information on a chaplaincy list at the two Moncton hospitals where Masons can add their name if they would like to receive visitors. This will be put into practice for the next month or two and if successful will be implemented and also consider expansion to include the other hospitals in the province.

b) R.W. Leonard Bishop moved a motion seconded by RW Laurie Bishop approved by the board as follows:

"I will move or cause to be moved that this Grand Lodge adopt a Long Service Award in the form of a Medallion, in addition to the existing program, for long serving members which includes the presentation of a Lapel Pin and Grand Lodge Certificate and that the Constitution Committee make the necessary changes in the Regulations. I will further move that this Medallion will be worn to the wearer's left of the past subordinate officers jewels."

c) **Committee Reports:**

1. Jurisprudence /Constitutional Review- Indexing for the Constitution and Regulations are being completed. R:W:B: Whittaker advised that the cost for a hard copy will be \$15.00, CD will be \$5.00 and that it will also be on the Website. RWB McKenna moved seconded by V:W:B: Stuart MacDonald that section 6a of the Constitution of 1977 be included in the next printing. Motion defeated.

2. Foreign Relations - R.W. Gary Black reported that acceptances and certificates are being received in the office of the Grand Secretary.

3. Ritual - R:W:B: Arthur Young submitted his report which included two changes in the ritual which was moved by M:W:B: Gordon Rattray seconded by R:W:B: Graham Fraser was approved by the Board- Change in the raising and lowering of a lodge and in the installation ceremony.(see Report of Ritual Committee)

4. Ad Hoc - R:W:B: John Jefferies mentioned that the items from the February Board meeting are being reviewed by the committee, A motion was approved that the Grand Master and Wardens clear the ballot box before the ballot is declared open and that the Grand Master be supplied with the real vote before it is announced, moved by M:W:B: Gordon Rattray and seconded by R.W. Arthur Young.

5. Archives - V:W:B: MacDonald reported that a display cabinet was turned over to the Grand Lodge from the Temple Board to be placed outside of the library for the use of Grand Lodge.

Recommendation for Ratification: None

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

To: The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of This Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

Your Awards Committee has met and considered well the applications received for the Quinn Medallion and Beardsley Medal.

<u>For the Beardsley Medal</u>		
<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
District #1	R.W.B. Richard Whitcomb	Carleton Union No. 8

<u>For the Quinn Medallion</u>		
<u>District</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
District #1	W.B. Roy E. Carson	Carleton Union No. 8
District #2	W.B. Neil Horsman	Sussex No. 4
District #3	W.B. John Carey	St. John No. 27
District #4	Bro. Joe Sullivan	Carleton No. 35
District #5	W.B. James William Hunter	Ashlar No. 36
District #6	R.W.B. Wayne Eugene Fox	Cherry Mountain No. 50
District #7	W.B. David T. Steeves	Howard No. 15

We would advise that a number of Districts did not submit nominations for the Beardsley Medal.

We would like to thank all the Lodges, District Deputies and Brethren for their work in sending to us their nominations.

Fraternally submitted.

RWB Murray Clouston
RWB Paul Conrad
RWB Gordon Young
RWB Harold Planetta
RWB Charles Webber
RWB Leonard Bishop, Chairman

I move the adoption of this report and the recommendations contained therein. Seconded by Rt. Wor Bro. Paul Conrad.

Subsequent to the adoption of the report the Grand Master directed that the recipients as named in the report be escorted to the East where the District Deputy Grand Masters presented each of the award winners with their Quinn Medallion. Bro. Joe Sullivan of Carleton Lodge No. 35 not being present was

presented with his Quinn medallion on May 14th, 2009 at Carleton Lodge No. 35, the presentation being made by M:W:B: William C. Boone, PGM.

Following the presentation of the Quinn medallions the Grand Master directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to present R:W:B: Richard Whitcomb to the East. The Grand Master congratulated R:W:B: Whitcomb on having been awarded the Beardsley medal, the highest award that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick can confer on one of its members. Following the presentation R:W:B: Whitcomb was conducted once around the lodge to the applause of the brethren.

The Grand Master stated that it was the prerogative of the Grand Master to present the Beardsley medal to a deserving brother and not having exercised that privilege during his term of office he would take advantage of the opportunity to do so, to present it to a deserving brother who has done much work for this Grand Lodge. The Grand Director of Ceremonies was directed to present the Grand Historian, V:W:B: Stuart MacDonald to the east. Following the presentation V:W:B: MacDonald was conducted once around the lodge to the applause of the brethren.

GRAND MASTER'S AWARD

The Grand Master acknowledged that it gave him great pleasure to present the Grand Master's award to eight lodges that had excelled in the delivery of ritual and educational programs.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies was directed to present the Master, Warden or representative of the following lodges to the East;

Sussex Lodge No. 4	Zetland Lodge No. 24
Howard Lodge No. 15	Westmoreland Lodge No. 44
Lodge St. Andrew No. 16	Acacia Lodge No. 49
Keith Lodge No. 23	Coverdale Lodge No. 52

The Grand Master presented each of the lodge representatives an engraved plaque in recognition of the achievement.

REPORT OF THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

The Ritual Committee was charged with the responsibility of reviewing the Ritual as it pertained to the-raising-and-lowering-the- Lodge. At present the Worshipful Master seats the Lodge prior to the Senior Deacon attending to the Great Lights. This is inconsistent with the usual practice of the Lodge remaining standing while the Senior Deacon attends to the Great Lights. It is therefore recommended the Ritual for raising and lowering the Lodge be altered as contained within this report.

The committee was also charged to review the Installation Ceremony Ritual and consider the insertion of an obligation to be taken by all elected and appointed Officers. The committee recommends that such an obligation take place. The recommendation is found in this report.

Changes are recommended for alteration to the Inner Work. There are examples of a Master being re-elected which raise the need to re-install the Master. It is recommended that the Installing Officer discuss this with the Master elect, and then follow the recommendations found within this report. All these recommendation have been approved by the Board of General Purposes.

R:W:B: E. Arthur Young, Chair
R:W:B: Garth Dingee
W:B: Kirk Trenholm
R:W:B: Charles Bruce
The District Deputy Grand Masters

Moved by R:W:B: E. Arthur Young, seconded by R:W:B: Steven Allen that this report be received with recommendations and printed in the proceedings. Motion carried.

CHANGES TO RITUAL AS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES – FEBRUARY 7, 2009

Ritual Book

Recommended changes in the Raising and Lowering of the Lodge Issue arose as in the present Ritual the Lodge is seated prior to the changing of the Great Lights. Ritual at present for raising Lodge - page 119 and 121 reads as follows

W.M. - Brethren, the Signs of this degree. - I now declare this Lodge of Fellow Crafts (pg. 119) or Master Masons (pg. 121) opened in form. (x) S.D. - (attends to Great Lights, no rod.)

Recommended changes.

W.M. - Brethren, the Signs of this degree. S.D. - (attends to the Great Lights - no rod)

W.M. - I now declare this Lodge of Fellow Crafts or Master Masons opened in form. (x)

Ritual at present for lowering Lodge, page 122, as follows

W.M. - Brethren, the Signs of this Degree.

W.M. - I now declare this Lodge of Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts opened in form. (x)

Recommended changes

W.M. -- Brethren, the Signs of this degree. S.D. - (attends to the great Lights, no rod.)

W.M. - I now declare this Lodge of Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts opened in form. (x)

Installation Ceremony

In the existing ceremony, there is no provision for the officers of the Lodge to take an obligation to uphold their respective office.

Recommendation

Prior to the installation of the Immediate Past Master, the 10 will instruct the D of C to assemble the elected and appointed officers west of the Altar under the Sign of Fidelity, to receive their Official Obligation. The Installing Officer will then request that the elected and appointed officers repeat the following.

"I do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will well and faithfully, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been either elected or appointed, according to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick. So help me God and keep me steadfast." The D of C will then return the Elected and Appointed Officers to their seats

Inner Work

Some questions have been raised pertaining to the Inner Work being conducted when a Past Master had been re-elected as Worshipful Master. The Installing Officer will discuss this with the incoming Master and be governed by his wishes. If the incoming Master had been a Past Master, over 5 years previously, the Inner Work would proceed normally. In the event that the Inner Work was not to be undertaken any brother who was not a Past Master or an Installed Master or guests present would not be requested to repair to the anteroom.

The Installation Ceremony would be altered slightly to reflect this change. The Ceremony would read, see bottom of page 11, "You will now be solemnly inducted into the oriental chair of King Solomon. Previous to which it is necessary that you repeat after me, 'Ever bearing in mind the antient and traditional penalties, I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will, well and faithfully perform all the duties to which I have heretofore sworn to uphold.' The ceremony will then resume, page 12 Installing Officer - Worshipful Master, behold your Brethren! Brethren, behold your Worshipful Master.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS AND JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To: The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members of The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick

The Committee is pleased to report that the reorganization of the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has been completed, inclusive of a new Table of Contents and an updated Index to facilitate referencing.

I would express appreciation to the members of the Committee, consisting of Gordon Rattray, Jim McKenna, Evan Thomas, Miles Graham and Randy Nelson, as well as to the Grand Master, for their time and attention to this project.

The Grand Secretary has been placed in possession of the master electronic version, for future publication on our website and for creation of printed copies for the Lodges and members as required.

Fraternally,
W:B: G. Scott Ellsworth
Committee Chair

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH

To: The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, distinguished east, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick

It is my distinct pleasure to report to you on the activities of DeMolay in this and surrounding jurisdictions.

To start things off I will share with you a few things I know about the sister organization Rainbow for Girls. Codiac assembly, based in Moncton, has been active in their local assembly initiating new members and they have additionally started the pledge group which is the 10 to 12 year old girls. They have continued to travel to various events some joint with the DeMolay Boys for special road trips, they have helped serve at several different Masonic events for fundraisers and installations, as well as travelling to things such as their grand officers reception, Grandy Camp, and of course their Grand Assembly sessions held each year in August. Last year, Daphnee Cooper, who spoke on behalf of Rainbow here at Grand Lodge yesterday, was elected to the position of Associate Grand Worthy Advisor. Should all things go as planned, the line of progression means that this year at Grand Assembly, she will be installed as the Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow for Canada. I know

you will share with us as well as her parents, the great pride and sense of accomplishment, Daphnee feels for achieving one of her dreams, to become a leader among her peers. Additionally, if you happen to be in the Oshawa area on August 8th, I know they would appreciate your attendance and support.

For the Boys, you may remember I reported last year the boys, with the girls, travelled with members from Maine to visit the Scottish Rite National Heritage Museum in Lexington Massachusetts, as well as witness the re-enactment of the Battle at Lexington April 18, 1775. Since then, they again joined with the members from Maine to Travel to the Shiners' Hospital in Springfield Massachusetts. The trip to Lexington was a step back into the history books, and the second trip they learned about the great works the Shiners' hospitals do for kids, and thus the charitable aspects of our fraternity. You probably don't realize at first glance how big an impression or impact these trips have had on these young people in their most formative years. And this was made possible due in no small part to the Masons of the great State of Maine.

Additionally, the local boys in the past have worked serving banquets and other Masonic events. They have helped with the Camp Good time and the Scottish Rite learning center fundraisers, as well as several others. They have initiated a few new members, but as with many organizations have suffered a little bit of a slow time in the growth area.

Yesterday, you met Adam Cooper, the Jurisdictional Master Councillor for DeMolay Atlantic Canada. As Dad Theriault said to him, I remember you about 2 feet ago and I had to agree, I remember when both he and my son joined DeMolay at the ages of 10 and 11 years of age and were about this tall, and now I have to look up to both of them, literally, and figuratively. Both of these boys have grown up to be fine young men, and they are just 2 of many many examples of what happens to a young man given the opportunity of DeMolay.

Presently, the boys are getting organized to start initiating several new members in the Halifax area. I am proud to announce that under the direction and guidance of Most Worshipful Brother Roy Lively, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, there will be a new active operating DeMolay chapter in the Halifax area this month. He is assisted by several members and family from the Nova Scotia area, including the infamous "almost true story" Most Worshipful Brother Dan Campbell Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia. MWB Lively, please stand. For all his hard work and untiring efforts, he deserves our support and a round of applause.

I have a question, have any of you ever tried to tell a teen aged boy what to do? I'll bet most of you will agree, the task is similar to trying to teach a pig to sing, don't bother as it will simply frustrate you and annoy the pig. So what makes DeMolay different? It's the program, the system, it's the entire organization. DeMolay is structured to give young men a safe place to learn extremely important life lessons, without them even realizing they are

learning. We provide an environment for a positive adult youth association. Big words to say, young men, involved with members of the fraternity, in a positive way. The importance of this can never be overstated.

DeMolay is not a junior Masons group, but Masons do sponsor and support DeMolay because it's the right thing to do for their community. Some important facts you should be aware of; Most DeMolay who join the fraternity, go on to leadership roles in their lodge. Most lodges that sponsor a DeMolay Chapter see an increase in their membership. About 25% of the members of DeMolay actually join the fraternity. Many new parents and relatives are introduced to the Masonic Fraternity through DeMolay. For every 100 DeMolay members, Masons will recruit 75 new members. I, as well as many other masons in this room, can attest to the many new members in the fraternity that never would have joined had it not been for their association with DeMolay.

Yesterday, R:W:B: King noted at the recent Eastern Star Grand Family session, Daphne Cooper, W:B: George Cooper, and my daughter, also a rainbow girl all joined the Easter Star. I refer you to Bro. Dave Evans, Junior Warden of his lodge and past Jurisdictional Master Councilor of Atlantic Canada, as well as several other young men who have joined the fraternity, not the least of which is an application I recently received from my own son, also a past Jurisdictional Master Councillor. I refer to Wilf Riichter an officer in his lodge, who made application after his son became a member of DeMolay. I don't have fingers and toes enough to count all the members of the fraternity I know directly resulted from their involvement in DeMolay, and for no other reason than their exposure to the ideals demonstrated by the Masons who cared enough to volunteer their time.

I have heard the phrases, "I am too old" or "I am too busy, to become involved with the youth." said by people who have been asked to become involved. I disagree on both counts. The older the leader the more knowledge and experience we may be able to share with our young members. Too Busy? Young people need one hour of your time more than a dollar of your money. So, if we feel we are too busy, then perhaps we should re-examine our priorities. It would be irresponsible of us to idly stand by and let subversive and other undesirable influences dominate the thoughts of our young men. If you're not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

Something else important to note. One of these days, you and I will be retired from our usual vocations, our civic duties, and from active leadership in the craft. Today's young men will be the ones to step up and fill our shoes. How well prepared they are to fill those positions depends upon the training they receive and the attitudes they develop today. More important to note, they will control the economy into which we will retire, and the philosophies that will shape our nation. They will man the controls of all the devices mankind can dream up for both peace and destruction. How well they are prepared to exercise good judgment over the use of those devices depends in no small part to the values they are adopting today.

A phrase you may have heard used in relation to DeMolay is "Tomorrows Leaders - Today"

Since its beginnings, DeMolay has inherited its traditions of Brotherhood, Family, and Charity, from the Oldest, Largest, and Proudest fraternity in the World, Freemasonry. For almost a century, DeMolay has made a significant difference in the lives of over 1 million young men, men such as Walt Disney, and John Diefenbaker. It's tough being a teenager, with all the pressures today of Violence, and Gangs, Abuse, Divorce, Aids, Alcohol and Drugs. At a recent conference of youth attended by over a hundred young men, when asked, had any of them witnessed a drug deal, 70% said yes. Every 60 seconds a teen attempts suicide. Every 60 minutes one succeeds. 50% of all high school seniors have used illegal drugs. 90% of all high school seniors use or have used alcohol. Teens on average spend more time watching TV or playing video games, than they spend in the classroom, or doing homework combined.

DeMolay has remained a constant positive force providing special opportunities for young men to grow, to learn, and to lead, with tradition and pride. Young men need to hear our message of Brotherhood, Charity, Commitment, Devotion, Fellowship, leadership, obligation, patriotism, and maturity.

DeMolay takes the Masonic Ideals, Values, and Traditions into places where Masonry could not go on its own, the hearts and minds of young Men. You owe it to your sons, grandsons, nephews, even your neighbours to introduce them to DeMolay. You owe it to your lodge, your neighbourhood, your community, our society; you even owe it to yourself. Brethren, DeMolay has a heritage in our region and in our fraternity. Yours is both a privilege to treasure, and a responsibility to uphold.

Respectfully submitted,
Dad Bill Millet, Executive Officer,
DeMolay Atlantic Canada

Moved by W:B: Millet that the report be received and printed in full in the proceedings, seconded by RWB Maurice Linkletter. Motion carried

REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE

To: The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F.& A.M.

The Ad Hoc Committee completed its review of the **Grand Lodge Voting Process** and presented the results and recommendations to the Grand Master and the Board of General Purposes at the Board's November 8, 2008 meeting.

The **Results** of the voting process survey (based on the original seven questions asked) are:

- 1 A 71% affirmative response that the process of voting at GL does require a review clearly indicates some dissatisfaction with the current process. Further action should be taken in this regard. Number of districts recorded is 7 out of 7.
- 2 A 57% affirmative response in favour of proxy voting for the elective offices warrants further consideration for this topic. The number of districts recording yes is 5 out of 7. If % is calculated on the total number of responding districts the % increases to 80% calculated on 4 out of 5 responding in favour of a proxy vote.
- 3 43% of the districts are in favour of proxy voting on motions. Similarly since 2 districts did not record a response to this question the % figure increases to 60 % with 3 out of 5 responding in favour.
- 4 43% of the districts indicate that the voting location should be more private. Again as in the preceding item this % increases to 60% with 3 out of 5 responding districts being supportive of the question.
- 5 In general the low % recorded for mail-in or e-mail voting shows minimal support for this option.
- 6 71% of the respondents indicate that the current ballot casting method is not acceptable. In the comments supplied by the districts such items as having the candidates' names printed on the ballots, nominations closing in time to have ballots printed with the names, setting a specified time for casting ballots, second and third ballots should be issued only when required, colours of ballots should be different each year, and the voting process being unclear for those voting members attending GL for the first time, are some points that needs to be addressed.
- 7 In general there was minimal support for multiple votes per member based on multiple lodge memberships.
- 8 If voting was permitted by mail the responses indicate the strong possibility that attendance at GL will be reduced. Since there was minimal support for mail-in balloting this is not an issue.

The **Recommendations** of the committee are:

- 1 Implement proxy voting to accommodate those members who wish to participate in the voting process but are unable to attend GL due to work schedules, illness, age, infirmity, travel distance or other justifiable reasons which may prevent their attendance.
- 2 Establish a more private ballot casting environment.
- 3 Provide ballots with candidates names printed thereon. Blank spaces could be provided for write-in names if last minute nominations are received.
- 4 Establish a closing date for nominations to permit printing the names of candidates on the ballots.
- 5 Set a specific time for balloting to cease.
- 6 Revisit the question whether or not MM's should have a vote based on the argument that if they pay GL dues then they should be entitled to a vote. This is a point that repeatedly surfaced in several districts.
- 7 Provide clear instructions regarding the balloting process.

The report was tabled at the November Board meeting. At the February 7, 2009 meeting the Board dismissed all recommendations except item numbers 2, 3 and 7.

Only these three recommendations are to be given further consideration at a future meeting of the Board of General Purposes.

Faternally submitted,

R:W:B: John M. Jefferies, PDDGM, Chairman
 RWB Graham Fraser, DDGM District No. 1
 RWB Stephen Allen, DDGM District No. 2
 RWB Jack Chedore, DDGM District No. 3
 RWB Curtis Hansen, DDGM District No. 4
 RWB Phil Hartford, DDGM District No. 5
 RWB Wayne Fox, DDGM District No. 6
 RWB Carl Dingee, DDGM District No. 7

R:W:B: Jeffries moved that the report be received and printed in full in the proceedings, seconded by W:B: William Holman. Prior to the vote M:W:B: Gordon Rattray sought clarification whether the motion was to receive the report or if the recommendations were included as part of the motion. The mover clarified the question in that the motion was only to receive the report. On calling for the vote the motion was declared carried.

In dealing with the three recommendations as approved by the Board of General Purposes R:W:B: Jeffries addressed recommendation No. 2 (Establish a more private ballot casting environment) and moved that a more private ballot casting environment be provided for voting at Grand Lodge. Seconded by W:B: Daryl Thurber. Motion carried.

For recommendation No. 3 (Provide ballots with candidates names printed thereon. Blank spaces could be provided for write-in names if last minute nominations are received) R:W:B: Jeffries moved that ballots for future elections of this Grand Lodge have the candidates' names printed thereon. Seconded by W:B: Leadbetter. Motion carried.

For recommendation No. 7 (Provide clear instructions regarding the balloting process.) R:W:B: Jeffries moved that clear instructions be generated in a form to be decided during the course of preparation (of the next Grand Lodge communication). Seconded by R:W:B: McKenna. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

To: The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A.M.

The cataloguing of the Grand Lodge Library has now been completed and run off in paper form, put in a 3 ring binder, and stored in one of the book cases in the library. Many thanks go out to the committee member who completed this very extensive task. Also the catalogue of books has been added to the Grand Lodge web site under Library Resources.

Borrowing privileges are extended only to New Brunswick Masons. Two items may be borrowed from the circulating library at the same time. The lending period is for four (4) weeks. VWB MacDonald agreed on a trial basis to be in the GL Library on Monday's and Thursday's for any brother who wishes to stop by and sign out books.

During the past year a \$200.00 grant was given to The New Brunswick Lodge #22 for books they wished to add to their library.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their assistance and efforts with the continual improvements to the Grand Lodge library this past year.

During the past year the following were the additions to the library:

- Little Masonic Library Vol. 1-5
- Mackey's Jurisprudence, Albert Mackey
- The Temple and the Lodge, Michael Baigent & Richard Leigh
- The Early Masonic Catechisms by Knoop, Jones, Hamer

- Masonic Lifeline: Leadership by Allen E Robert
- Masonic Trivia and Facts by Allen E. Roberts
- The Builders, Joseph Fort Newton
- The Meaning of Masonry, Albert Pike
- Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research, 2007, Volume 120
- Catalogue of the Grand Lodge library holdings.
- Catalogue of the Grand Lodge archives.
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland & Labrador 2008
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge Nova Scotia 2008
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick 2008 (3 copies)
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island 2008
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec 2008 CD
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta 2008
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge of Arizona
- Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Idaho 2007
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge of Iowa 2007
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge of Kentucky 2007 CD
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge of Louisiana 2007 CD
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge of Maine 2008 CD
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge Nevada 2007 CD
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge of Pennsylvania 2007
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge of South Dakota 2007
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge of Washington – 2007 CD
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge of West Virginia – 2007 CD
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge of South Dakota 2007
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge of the Philippines 2007
- UGLE Directory of lodges and Chapters 2006
- UGLE Masonic Year Book 2008-2009
- Proceedings of the Grand lodge of South Dakota 2007
- Tmisica Rituale Massonica Opus 113, Jean Sibellus CD
- 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of Romania CD
- History of Alley Lodge No. 14, MacDonald, Stuart J.
- History of Blackville Lodge No. 43, MacDonald, Stuart J.
- History of Colebrooke Lodge No. 39, MacDonald, Stuart J.
- History of Fortitude Lodge No. 42 (PGLNS), MacDonald, Stuart J.
- History of Hartland Lodge No. 46, MacDonald, Stuart J.
- History of Hibernian Lodge No. 318 IR, MacDonald, Stuart J.
- History of Leinster Lodge No. 19, MacDonald, Stuart J.
- History of Lodge St. Andrew No. 16, MacDonald, Stuart J.
- History of Mananook Lodge No. 38, MacDonald, Stuart J.
- History of St. George Lodge No. 12, MacDonald, Stuart J.
- History of St. George Lodge No. 19 (PGLNS), MacDonald, Stuart J.
- History of Sion Lodge No. 21 (1792-1830), MacDonald, Stuart J.
- History of Bethel Lodge No. 40, Bowser, Keith; Albert, Leo et al.

Fraternally,

WB C. Michael Crofts
VWB Stuart MacDonald
RWB Paul Conrad
RWB Laurie Bishop, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIAN

History, we can confidently assert, is useful in the sense that art and music, poetry and flowers, religion and philosophy are useful. Without it -- as with these -- life would be poorer and meaner; without it we should be denied some of those intellectual and moral experiences which give meaning and richness to life. Surely it is no accident that the study of history has been the solace of many of the noblest minds of every generation.

Henry Steele Commager

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A.M.

It is my pleasure to submit to this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge the annual report of your Grand Historian.

LODGE HISTORIES

In 1935 RWB Albert Pearson was appointed as this body's first Grand Historian. One of the first pleas he made was for each and every lodge in this grand jurisdiction to compile a history. Despite the fact that this request continued to be made by succeeding holders of this office it went virtually ignored until recent years. Now seventy-four years later I find that the same plea must be made. Brethren it is essential that each and every lodge in this jurisdiction have a complete and comprehensive history and that once completed it is regularly updated.

The completion of a lodge history is for more than just appeasing the constant nagging of the Grand Historian, it is the means by which we fulfill, in part, our responsibility to those who have built the foundations upon which we now stand, as well as to those who shall come after us. Each lodge is, in and of itself, a unique entity reflecting the customs and traditions that have evolved over the many years of its existence. The placing on paper the various events that have occurred, whether they are good or bad, during your lodge's continuation is to pay the proper homage to those early brethren who first brought Masonic light to your community. Their path was not an easy one and the struggle to maintain the light of Freemasonry often difficult. Yet they persevered and ask only to be remembered.

Brethren, we must also realize that we do not live in isolation from the rest of the world and that our Masonic history, whether it is at the lodge or Grand Lodge level, is no longer the exclusive domain or property of the Masonic fraternity. The last three decades have witnessed a dramatic change in the

academic world's view of Freemasonry and its history. No longer a subject to invite derision, we have seen more and more post graduate university students select subjects with a Masonic theme for their dissertations, both at the Master's and Doctorate levels. During the last ten years more than fifty Doctoral dissertations that deal with aspects of Masonic history have been produced in American Universities. These new standards of historical evidence and academic rigor have resulted in the establishment of centers for the study of Freemasonry in such institutions of higher learning as the University of Sheffield in England; the University of Leiden in the Netherlands and at UCLA in California.

Professor Margaret C. Jacob in a short paper titled "The Past and Future In Masonic Scholarship" wrote in part "*then we can only hope and assume that all lodges in this country now in possession of historical documents will work very hard to preserve them and to make them accessible to all reputable brothers or scholars. The Masonic past has a future only if we give it one.*"

During the last eight years considerable progress has been made in documenting our history, all of which I would point out occurred under the leadership of my immediate predecessor RWB Bud Gillrie. During that period approximately 27 comprehensive lodge histories were completed representing 2,692 years of Masonic history. While this represents significant progress there still remains a great deal of work to be undertaken with over 3,800 years of history yet to be researched and written as reflected in the attached table.

The researching and writing of a lodge history is no small undertaking and requires a commitment to the task that few seem willing to undertake, however, from time to time there are those who are willing to step forward and meet the challenge head on. W:B: Darrell Miller of Acacia Lodge is one such individual. W:B: Miller has just completed the history of Tweedie Lodge No. 41 of which he was a member until its closure in 1999. In addition to this completed work W:B: Herb Fillmore of Grand Lake Lodge No. 47 is nearing the completion of that lodge's history. In a similar vein R:W:B: Bud Gillrie is nearing the completion of a history of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, the publication of which we look forward to. In addition to this work R:W:B: Gillrie is also working on the history of St. Martins Lodge No. 30.

In 2008 W:B: John Leadbetter placed on a compact disc a collage of pictures and other interesting information relating to Salisbury and Harmony Lodge. W:B: Leadbetter is to be commended for the effort put forth in completing this project.

225 YEARS OF FREEMASONRY IN NEW BRUNSWICK

This report would not be complete without drawing the attention of the brethren to the fact that this year is the 225th anniversary of Freemasonry in the Province of New Brunswick.

With the defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown in the fall of 1781 the American Revolutionary war had come to an end though minor battles between the British and the colonists continued for another two years. In February of 1783 King George III issued his Proclamation of Cessation of Hostilities, culminating in the Peace Treaty of 1783.

While negotiations for peace and the recognition of the independence of the 13 colonies was taking place in far off France Sir Guy Carleton had been sent out to New York to bring the military operations to a conclusion and to try and deal with the ever increasing nervousness of those Loyalists who had sought refuge on Long Island. For the Loyalists the dream of a British victory had come to an end and they were now faced with the choice of attempting to return to their homes where they were no longer welcomed or being resettled in Nova Scotia. The vast majority chose the latter and by the spring of 1783 the first fleet of ships had left Long Island headed north to the Bay of Fundy.

When the first contingent of Loyalists arrived at the mouth of the Saint John River they were met with bleak prospects for their gaze was cast upon a desolate and inhospitable landscape. It was these first migrants and those who followed in the summer and fall fleets that set to work to erect a settlement that would become the City of Saint John. Similar struggles were to take place around the province and new settlements were erected, the names of which have become part of our everyday vocabulary; Fredericton, Moncton, Dorchester, St. George, St. Andrews and so many more were all built with the blood and sweat of the Loyalists.

But it was more than just their meagre possessions and heavy hearts that the Loyalists brought with them from the lands of their birthplace. They also brought the customs and traditions that they had formerly enjoyed and which had formed a part of their everyday lives. Among those customs was Freemasonry. Many of the Loyalists were already members of the craft and some such as the Rev. John Beardsley were prominent Masons in the colonies.

The first lodge to be erected in Saint John was that of Hiram Lodge No. 17 located on Brittain Street near the intersection of Germain Street just a few blocks south of here. The lodge was formally opened on September 1, 1784 with the officers having been installed by Worshipful Brother Dr. Azor Betts. The first master of the lodge was none other than the Rev. John Beardsley, a past Junior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of New York and who we consider to be the father of Freemasonry in New Brunswick.

From the first gathering of Masonic brethren in Hiram Lodge in 1784, Freemasonry has had a continual presence in the Province of New Brunswick. The establishment of new lodges and corresponding growth of membership was at first slow. As homesteads, villages, towns and cities became established the population turned their attention to activities of a more leisurely and intellectual nature and thus we find that the light of Freemasonry was once again finding a home in communities throughout the province.

By 1830 seventeen lodges had been warranted throughout the province, unfortunately the majority of these lodges were to have a relatively short life span. By 1831 only four lodges remained in operation they being St. John's, Albion, Midian and Hibernian in St. Andrews. This downturn in the fortunes of Freemasonry was to continue until 1837 when Hibernia Lodge in Saint John received a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The establishment of Hibernia Lodge was to signal a resurgence of Freemasonry in New Brunswick and from that birth up until the establishment of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in 1867 another twenty-five lodges were to be warranted.

The year 1867 was a pivotal one in our history for in that year not only was the Dominion of Canada created but the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was erected. From the time of its constitution the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick has warranted another twenty-three lodges in the jurisdiction.

All told there have been some seventy-seven lodges which in some form or another have operated within the borders of New Brunswick. While there were times when Freemasonry's fortunes had waned significantly, nevertheless those early members persevered and the light of Freemasonry continued to burn unabated.

During the last 225 years men from all walks of life have deemed it worthy to become members of the craft. In fact over thirty thousand men have crossed the thresholds of our lodges.

Many of our members were prominent citizens and highly successful within their chosen field of endeavour. During the province's developmental years we find names such as John Saunders, Chief Justice of the province from 1822-1834; the Hon. George Leonard; Dugald Campbell, Chief Surveyor whose attention to detail is still admired today and Samuel Denny Street who fought against slavery in the courts;

In later years there was the Hon. John B. Baxter, Premier of the Province of New Brunswick from 1925-1931. He was appointed as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick in 1935 and served in this office until his death in 1946. He was elected as the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in 1932 and 1933.

Just a few years later there was the Hon. John McNair who from 1940 through 1952 served as Premier of the Province. In 1965 he was appointed as the Lieutenant Governor of the Province a position he was to hold until 1968. RWB McNair was District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 6 in 1928 and 1929.

In more recent times there have been members such as WB Alden Nowlan, award winning author and poet; Murray Vaughn, President of the British American Bank Note Co. and patron of the arts, he received the Order of Canada in 1969 and WB Malcolm Baxter, prominent Saint John business man all of whom have left their mark both within the fraternity and without.

No other organization within our provincial borders, with the exception of the Church, can lay claim to a history as enduring and as distinguished as that which is ours. Even our democratic form of government in this Province, that we know and treasure, cannot claim a history as long as that of Freemasonry. It is ours to treasure and in which we can take justifiable pride, knowing that we continue to follow a course laid down by our forefathers.

To record and preserve our history requires a great deal of effort, to preserve and ensure our future for the benefit of generations to follow will require an even greater resolve.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted

V:W:B: Stuart J. MacDonald
Grand Historian

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK SUMMARY OF LODGE HISTORIES

Lodges holding a warrant from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick
which are currently in operation.

NAME	YEAR ESTAB	NO YEARS IN OPERATION	HISTORY *	NO YEARS COVERED	NO. YEARS O/S
Albion Lodge No. 1	1826	183	Yes 1826-2001	175	8
St. Johns Lodge No. 2	1802	207	Yes 1802-1895	93	114
Hibernia Lodge No. 3	1837	172	Yes 1837-2003	166	6
Sussex Lodge No. 4	1840	169	Yes 1840-1950	110	59
St. Mark's Lodge No. 5	1845	164	Yes 1845-2007	162	2
Hiram Lodge No. 6	1879	130	Yes 1879-2004	125	5

Sussex Lodge No. 7	1846	163	Yes 1846-1973	127	36
Carleton Union Lodge No. 8	1846	163	No	-	163
Woodstock Lodge No. 11	1847	162	NO **	-	162
St. George Lodge No. 12	1854	155	YES 1854-2004	150	5
Corinthian Lodge No. 13	1854	155	NO	-	155
Howard Lodge No. 15	1855	154	YES 1855-2005	150	4
Lodge St. Andrew No. 16	1856	153	YES 1856-2006	150	3
Northumberland Lge. No. 17	1857	152	NO	-	152
Miramichi Lodge No. 18	1859	150	NO	-	150
Harmony Lodge No. 20	2005	4	NO	-	4
Zion Lodge No. 21	1863	146	NO	-	146
New Brunswick Lge. No. 22	1866	143	NO	-	143
Keith Lodge No. 23	1853	156	NO	-	156
Zetland Lodge No. 24	1861	148	NO	-	148
Victoria Lodge No. 26	1870	139	YES 1870-1999	129	10
Lodge St. John No. 27	1861	148	NO	-	148
St. Martins Lodge No. 30	1872	137	NO **	-	137
Benjamin Lodge No. 31	1876	133	NO	-	133
Campbellton Lodge No. 32	1876	133	NO	-	133
Alexandria Lodge No. 33	1877	132	Yes 1877-2006	129	3
Carleton Lodge No. 35	1896	113	NO	-	113
Ashlar Lodge No. 36	1900	109	NO	-	109
Steven Lodge No. 37	1900	109	NO	-	109
Mananook Lodge No. 38	1905	104	YES 1905-2006	101	3
Colebrooke Lodge No. 39	1905	104	YES 1905-2005	100	4
Sunbury Lodge No. 42	1915	94	NO	-	94
Westmorland Lodge No. 44	1921	88	NO	-	88
Grand Lake Lodge No. 47	1935	74	NO **	-	74
Tobique Lodge No. 48	1945	64	NO	-	64
Acacia Lodge No. 49	1946	63	YES 1946-1996	50	13
Cherry Mtn. Lodge No. 50	1948	61	YES 1948-1998	50	11
Landmark Lodge No. 51	1956	53	YES 1956-2007	51	2
Coverdale Lodge No. 52	1957	52	NO	-	52
Granite Lodge No. 54	1981	28	YES 1981-2003	22	6
Abnaki Lodge No. 55	1982	27	NO	-	27
Sunset Lodge No. 56	1997	12	NO	-	12
Cumulative TOTALS		5006		2040	2966

Lodges holding a warrant or dispensation from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick which have gone dark or have amalgamated.

NAME	YEARS OF OPERATION	NO YEARS IN OPERATION	HISTORY *	NO YEARS COVERED	NO. YEARS OUTSTANDING
Solomon's Lodge No. 6	1846-1879	33	NO	-	33
Midian Lodge No. 9	1847-1894	47	YES	47	0
Union Lge of Portland No. 10	1846-2004	158	NO**	-	158
Alley Lodge No. 14	1855-2000	145	YES	145	0
Leinster Lodge No. 19	1859-1881	22	YES	22	0
Salisbury Lodge No. 20	1858-2005	147	NO	-	147
Restigouche Lodge No. 25	1868-2003	135	NO	-	135
Lebanon Lodge No. 28	1871-2007	136	NO	-	136
St. Andrew's Lodge No. 29	1853-1879	26	NO	-	26
Albert Lodge No. 34	1879-2003	124	NO	-	124
Bethel Lodge No. 40	1908-1994	86	YES	86	0
Tweedie Lodge No. 41	1911-1999	88	YES 1911-1999	88	0
Blackville Lodge No. 43	1920-1939	19	YES	19	0
Fownes Lodge No. 45	1922-2005	83	NO	-	83
Hartland Lodge No. 46	1923-2003	80	YES 1923-2003	80	0
Centennial Lge. No. 53	1967-2006	39	YES 1967-2006	39	0
William F. Bunting Lodge Of Research UD	2001-2004	3	NO	0	3
Cumulative totals		1371		526	845

Lodges which operated in New Brunswick between 1783 and 1867 and which have gone dark.

NAME	YEARS of OPERATION	NO YEARS IN OPERATION	HISTORY *	NO YEARS COVERED	NO. YEARS OUTSTANDING
Hiram Lodge No. 17	1784-1796	12	YES	12	0
New Brunswick Lge. No. 541	1789-1813	24	YES	24	0

St. George's Lodge No. 19	1789-1829	40	YES	40	0
Sion Lodge No. 21	1792-1830	38	YES	38	0
Solomon's Lodge No. 22	1792-1828	36	YES	36	0
Hiram York Lodge No. 23	1793-1800	7	YES	7	0
Midian Lodge No. 31	1805-1841	36	YES	36	0
Orphans Friend Lge. No. 34	1809-1825	16	NO	0	16
Eastern Star Lodge No. 37	1814-1833	19	YES	19	0
Union Lodge No. 38	1814-1831	17	YES	17	0
Fortitude Lodge No. 42	1819-1825	6	YES	6	0
St. Lawrence Lge. No. 43	1820-1826	6	YES	6	0
Morning Star Lge. No. 46	1822-1830	8	NO	0	8
Golden Rule Lodge No. 50	1824-1828	4	YES	4	0
Union Lodge No. 866 ER	1851-1861	10	NO	0	10
Brunswick Lodge U.D.	1856-1858	2	NO	0	2
Hibernian Lge. No. 318 IR	1830-1863	33	YES	33	0
Portland Union Lge. No. 324 IR	1842-1846	4	YES	4	0
Union Lodge No. 866	1850-1861	11	NO	-	11
Cumulative Totals		329		282	47

*History - comprehensive

** Lodge history currently being written

SUMMARY

Total number of lodges	77
Total cumulative years New Brunswick lodges	6706 years
Total cumulative years completed histories	2848 years
Total cumulative years outstanding	3858 years

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
For the year ending December 31, 2008**

To: The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A.M.

Our operating expenses were well controlled during fiscal 2008, resulting in only a small operating loss of \$2,000 which we were able to fund primarily from our cash reserves. We have added notes to the financial statements this year in an effort to expand some of the details of the statements. I will address the notes briefly:

Note 1 outlines the composition of our investment portfolio. The major deterioration witnessed in the global financial markets has taken another significant toll on our portfolio. The resulting 25% variance between Cost and Market Values at year end has been reflected in our income statement as Unrealized Loss on Investments and our balance sheet shows the \$89,000 adjustment to Market Value. Unfortunately we were caught in the rapidly declining market and unable to adjust our portfolio prior to the runoff which many investment advisors felt may be short lived. As we present this report to Grand Lodge we are pleased to see some recovery is currently under way. During the ensuing year we will attempt to adjust our portfolio in an effort to lessen the likelihood of such a severe impact from future global downturns.

Note 2 represents house-keeping to our balance sheet. These funds have been held as accounts payable for several years now, in the expectation that these specific lodges may re-form in the near future. While we have transferred these liabilities to members' equity on our balance sheet, we will retain a record for the future should occasion arise where these funds may be required to re-form one or all of these lodges. Note 3 has no affect on our bottom line but refers to the 1.5% management fee which we had previously reflected as an operating expense.

Last year we passed a motion in Grand Lodge to increase the annual assessment to \$35.00 over a three year period. It had been our expectation to receive the first \$10.00 increase this year and we based our budget on that. As the result of a decision to delay the receipt of the increase to 2010 we will have to limit our current expenses to very bare necessities to minimize our operating loss in 2009. With known increases in secretarial and rental expenses we are projecting an overall increase in expenses of \$10,000 in 2009. This may require further redemption from our investment portfolio. The exact amount will be determined as we proceed into the fall. However, we are pleased to report that several lodges have voluntarily chosen to remit the additional \$10.00 per capita to Grand Lodge this year. This decision appears to be based on the dues increases passed by several lodges last year, in anticipation of the assessment increase. We thank those who made the extra remittance and assure you that those funds will go a long way to offsetting the drain on our investment portfolio. Any further remittances this year will be gladly accepted.

In closing, I repeat our previous commitment; to move toward an operating budget which will allow us to significantly reduce the dependency on our investment capital and eventually restore the balance to levels that existed not too many years ago.

Respectfully Submitted
W:B: Barry Ellsworth
Chairman, Finance Committee

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE 2009

The following members of Grand Lodge were recorded as being present:

ALBION LODGE NO. 1 – SAINT JOHN [5 of 15 = 33.3 %]

R:W:B: James D. McKenna W:M:
Bro Edward G. Stansfield J:W:

W:B: Ronald E. Jowett V:W:B: Stuart J. MacDonald
W:B: Arthur C. Shephard

ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 2 – SAINT JOHN [8 of 22 = 36.4 %]

W:B: Deryl A. Fitzgerald, PM W:M:
R:W:B: William M. Koval S:W:

W:B: Daniel Charlong W:B: Joseph D. Koty
W:B: Daniel G. McGaghey M:W:B: Osborne L. Nason
W:B: Frank E. Robinson W:B: Barry Sullivan

HIBERNIA LODGE NO. 3 – SAINT JOHN [8 of 28 = 28.6 %]

W:B: John A. Watson W:M:
Bro. Marc T. Foley S:W:
Bro. John A. Rankin J:W:

W:B: Harold J. Follett W:B: Douglas E. Hudson
W:B: James E. Lawton R:W:B: Dale L. Stevens
R:W:B: Murray D. Stevens

SUSSEX LODGE NO. 4 – DORCHESTER [6 of 36 = 16.7 %]

W:B: J. David Wightman, PM W:M:
W:B: Frank L. Stiles J:W:

W:B: Edward K. Burrige W:B: Neil M. Horseman
W:B: W.G. Macx MacNichol W:B: Ralph Wightman

ST. MARK'S LODGE NO.5 – ST. ANDREWS [4 of 18 = 22.2 %]

Bro. Alexander R. Muir S:W:

M:W:B: R. Wayne Hitchcock W:B: Morton A. Mitchell
W:B: Mark F. Mabey

HIRAM LODGE NO. 6 – FREDERICTON [8 of 41 = 19.5 %]

W:B: Joel F. MacDonald, PM

W:M:

R:W:B: Leonard D. Bishop

W:B: Brian L. Gillicash

R:W:B: David W. Gillrie

R:W:B: G. Donald Gruchy

W:B: Mark A. Jewett

W:B: Cameron D. Moffatt

W:B: Frank G. Pierpoint

SUSSEX LODGE NO. 7 – ST. STEPHEN [8 of 26 = 28.6 %]

W:B: Gregory J. MacAvoy

W:B:

W:B: John T.M. Flynn

S:W:

Bro. Jeffery L. Leighton

J:W:

R:W:B: Eric E. Caldwell

R:W:B: Clifford E. Jackson

R:W:B: Donald P. Jones

R:W:B: Arnold R. MacLeod

R:W:B: Harold J. Planetta

CARLETON UNION LODGE NO. 8 – SAINT JOHN [19 of 32 = 59.4 %]

W:B: Robert J. Gaudet

W:M:

W:B: William A. Blatchford

S:W:

W:B: Brian D. Biggins

R:W:B: Earl B. Campbell

W:B: Roy E. Carson

R:W:B: John C. Dunham

W:B: L. Bennett Fanjoy

W:B: Brian E. Francis

R:W:B: Leroy R. Hoffman

W:B: Eric J. Johnson

R:W:B: Robert A. Kierstead

W:B: Ivan G. MacDonald

W:B: W.G. Scott Magee

W:B: Corey T. Stewart

W:B: Donald J. Taylor

W:B: Robert J. Tilley

W:B: J. Kirk Trenholm

W:B: Raymond H. Wasson

R:W:B: Richard M. Whitcomb

WOODSTOCK LODGE NO. 11 – WOODSTOCK [0 of 34 = 0.0%]

No Representation

ST. GEORGE LODGE NO. 12 – ST. GEORGE [9 of 32 = 28.1 %]

W:B: Keith D. Andrews

W:M:

Bro. Donald S. Clark

S:W:

Bro. Thomas M. Patteson

J:W:

W:B: Burton G. Hall

W:B: James O. Hanley

W:B: Frederick R. Hatt

R:W:B: Charles A. Rafuse

R:W:B: Nathan J. Rubin

W:B: John H. Wentworth

THE CORINTHIAN LODGE NO. 13 – HAMPTON [10 of 35 = 28.6 %]

W:B: Allen R. Hanson

W:M:

R:W:B: Randall W. Nelson

S:W:

R:W:B: Robert M. Johnston

J:W:

R:W:B: Paul M. Ketchum

W:B: Daryl L. Moore

W:B: William G. Oliver

R:W:B: F. Graham Pelley

W:B: William J. Petite

W:B: Brian P. Winchester

R:W:B: Chesley R. Piercey

HOWARD LODGE NO. 15 – HILLSBOROUGH [13 of 39 = 33.3 %]

M:W:B Gordon R. Rattray

W:M:

Bro. Paul N. Kyle

S:W:

Bro. N. Joseph Gagnon

J:W:

W:B: William H. Balser, Sr.

R:W:B: H. Wayne Bannister

W:B: H. Lawson Bell

R:W:B: Carl E. Dingee

W:B: Arthur J. Grant

W:B: William T. Holmden

R:W:B: Maurice J. Linkletter

W:B: Henry T. Morton

M:W:B: J. William Murray

W:B: David T. Steeves

LODGE ST. ANDREW NO. 16 – REXTON [7 of 22 = 31.8 %]

R:W:B: James W. Cail

R:W:B: J. Garth Girvan

W:B: Rodney G. Girvan

R:W:B: Miles R. Graham

W:B: David J. Mundle

W:B: George E. Mundle

R:W:B: Douglas A. Wood

NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE NO. 17 – MIRAMICHI WEST [1 of 25 = 4.0 %]

W:B: D. Glen Gerrish

MIRAMICHI LODGE NO. 18 – MIRAMICHI EAST [4 of 22 = 22.2 %]

R:W:B: Stephen J. Irving

W:M:

R:W:B: Paul D. Conrad

W:B: William RR. Donald

W:B: Murray A. Gould

HARMONY LODGE NO. 20 – SALISBURY [5 of 23 = 21.7 %]

W:B: Joel A. Blakney, PM

W:M:

R:W:B: Gerald A. Tingley

S:W:

Bro. G. Michael McLauhin

J:W:

R:W:B: Raymond E. Joudrey

W:B: John R. Leadbetter

ZION LODGE NO. 21 – SUSSEX [5 of 30 = 16.7 %]

W:B: Harry P. Booth W:M:

W:B: Kevin D. Friars W:B: Daniel M. Keith
W:B: James R. McDermott W:B: Donald W. Stiles

THE NEW BRUNSWICK LODGE NO. 22 – SAINT JOHN [19 of 31 = 61.3 %]

W:B: Scott J. Bastarache W:M:
Bro. David G. Ross S:W:
W:B: John A. Conrad J:W:

W:B: Douglas G. Buckley W:B: Alexander H. Cunningham
R:W:B: Graham A. Fraser W:B: Michael A.L. Gallagher
R:W:B: Eric C. Gardner R:W:B: Frederick A. Healey
W:B: William L. Kerwin R:W:B: Fritz K. Kohn
R:W:B: Douglas H. Mayes W:B: Peter A. Olsen
W:B: Gerald L. Peer W:B: Barry A. Roberts
R:W:B: William T. Ryan W:B: Edward F. Wall
R:W:B: Rev. George E. Trentowsky R:W:B: Gordon S. Young

KEITH LODGE NO 23 – MONCTON [8 of 39 = 20.5 %]

W:B: Richard E. Wood W:M:
Bro. Leigh L. Mnning S:W:
Bro. Kenneth R. McPhee J:W:

W:B: Barry V. Ellsworth W:B: G. Scott Ellsworth
R:W:B: Neil A. Grass W:B: William D. Millett
R:W:B: Earl I. Murray

ZETLAND NO. 24 – SHEDIAC CAPE [8 of 24 = 33.3 %]

W:B: Reginald R. Murray. PM W:M:

R:W:B: C. Ronald Bateman W:B: Aubrey R. Buck
W:B: Edgar M. Cove R:W:B: Robert E. King
R:W:B: John L. Murray R:W:B: Ronald A. Oakley
R:W:B: Clinton E. Shaffer

VICTORIA LODGE NO. 26 – ST. STEPHEN [6 of 32 = 18.8 %]

W:B: Edmund O. Bell W:M:

W:B: Robert L. Crawford W:B: James H. Hansen
R:W:B: Philip D. Hartford W:B: Lorne D. Linton
W:B: Donald H. Nofte

LODGE SAINT JOHN NO. 27 – BATHURST [7 of 30 = 23.3 %]

W:B: Robert D. Hocquard, PM W:M:

W:B: Ernest A. Brooks W:B: John Carey
W:B: Roy C. Carleton R:W:B: Murray E. Clouston
W:B: Ronald L. Jagoe W:B: Terrance G. Spence

ST. MARTIN'S LODGE NO. 30 – SAINT JOHN [2 of 24 = 8.3 %]

W:B: Gary D. Tingley, PM W:M:
R:W:B: K. Gary Black

BENJAMIN LODGE NO. 31 – PERTH-ANDOVER [6 of 24 = 25.0 %]

W:B: Kevin Booker W:M:
W:B: Stanley W. Fynamore S:W:
R:W:B: Garth W. Dingee J:W:

W:B: Roger H. Fiurnier W:B: Glendon I. Furge
W:B: Cecil O. Pirie

CAMPBELLTON LODGE NO. 32 – CAMPBELLTON [2 of 39 = 5.1 %]

W:B: John R. Chedore W::B: Mark B. Edwards

ALEXANDRIA LODGE NO. 33 – FREDERICTON [10 of 33 = 30.3 %]

W:B: Peter C. Rammage, PM W:M:
Bro. Robert R. Taylor S:W:

R:W:B: Laurie M. Bishop W:B: Ian R. Culligan
W:B: Sheldon A. Foster W:B: Allan W. Gillis
W:B: John C. Ross W:B: Glenn C. Scott
W:B: Douglas R. Seely W:B: David D. L. Skinner

CARLETON LODGE NO. 35 – EAST FLORENCEVILLE [5 of 27 = 18.5 %]

W:B: Harold J. Crabbe, PM W:M:

M:W:B: William C. Boone W:B: Blaine D. Brooks
W:B: Norman J. Bubar W:B: Mark H. Golder

ASHLAR LODGE NO. 36 – MCADAM [4 of 15 = 26.7 %]

W:B: George M. McLay, PM
Bro. John L. Pierce

W:M:
S:W:

W:B: James W. Hunter

R:W:B: Clyde M. Townes

STEVEN LODGE NO. 37 – PETITCODIAC [4 of 15 = 26.7 %]

W:B: Robert L. Wheaton, PM
Bro. Paul F. Parker

W:M:
S:W:

W:B: Austin J. McKay

W:B: D. Tait Taylor

MANANOOK LODGE NO. 38 – GRAND MANAN [1 of 14 = 7.1 %]

Bro. Dana R. Dean

S:W:

COLEBROOKE LODGE NO. 39 – GRAND FALLS [2 of 20 = 10.0 %]

R:W:B: Curtis D. Hansen

R:W:B: Gordon A. Steeves

SUNBURY LODGE NO. 42 – FREDERICTON JUNCTION [6 of 22 = 27.3 %]

W:B: Donald C. Duplisea, PM

W:M:

W:B: Richard W. Easton

W:B: David B. Granger

W:B: Philip E. Nason

W:B: Kenneth R. Tracy

R:W:B: Thomas L. Winter

WESTMORLAND LODGE NO. 44 – PORT ELGIN [7 of 28 = 25.0 %]

W:B: Robert J. Wilson
Bro. Richard D. Wells

W:M:
J:W:

W:B: Colin R. Allen

W:B: R. Dale Allen

R:W:B: Stephen H. Allen

W:B: William W. Allen

V:W:B: Ralph O. McKay

GRAND LAKE LODGE NO. 47 – MINTO [4 of 17 = 23.5 %]

W:B: Thomas C. Collins
Bro. Charles A. Bartlett

W:M:
S:W:

W:B: Allan H. Bishop

W:B: Herbert C. Fillmore

TOBIQUE LODGE NO. 48 – PLASTER ROCK [1 of 23 = 4.3 %]

W:B: Henry W. Bedford

ACACIA LODGE NO. 49 – MONCTON [10 of 46 = 21.7 %]

W:B: Joel R. Leblanc

W:M:

R:W:B: George A. Bowness

S:W:

W:B: James A. Buchanan

W:B: Gerald A. Chaulk

W:B: Ronald J. Collins

R:W:B: John H. Lingley

W:B: Darrell H. Miller

M:W:B: James H. Pike

W:B: Ted White

R:W:B: E. Arthur Young

CHERRY MOUNTAIN LODGE NO. 50 – HARVEY STATION [12 of 31 = 38.7 %]

W:B: John A. Little, PM

W:M:

W:B: Thomas A. Lister

J:W:

R:W:B: Larry E. Brown

W:B: Keith C. Burgess

W:B: George D.A. Fletcher

R:W:B: Wayne E. Fox

W:B: Dewitt T. Lister

R:W:B: Vernon E. Lister

W:B: Alvin A. Moffit

W:B: W. Blair T. Watson

R:W:B: Peter M. Whittaker

W:B: Peter L. Wood

LANDMARK LODGE NO. 51 – BOIESTOWN [3 of 36 = 8.3 %]

W:B: Darrell A. Munn, PM

W:M:

W:B: Thurston R. Gallagher

S:W:

Bro. Kenneth G. Ross

J:W:

COVERDALE LODGE NO. 52 – RIVERVIEW [10 of 34 = 29.4 %]

Bro. John P. Gould

S:W:

R:W:B: Donald E. Williams

J:W:

R:W:B: Ronald W. Caines

R:W:B: John M. Jefferies

W:B: R. David MacLeod

W:B: Gilbert R. Meredith

W:B: David M. Purdy

W:B: Donald G. Roberts

W:B: Stephen R. Smith

W:B: Darrell K. Thurber

GRANITE LODGE NO. 54 – TEMPERANCE VALE [5 of 21 = 23.8 %]

W:B: Peter D. Morrison

W:M:

Bro. Gale A. Rae

S:W:

W:B: Burns A. Wright

J:W:

W:B: David G. Corey

W:B: C. Michael Crofts

ABNAKI NO. 55 – DEER ISLAND [0 of 13 = 0.0 %]

No Representation

SUNSET LODGE NO. 56 – CAMPOBELLO [2 of 10 = 20.0 %]

W:B: Harry L. Newman

R:W:B: Frank M. Theriault, Jr.

HONORARY MEMBERS FROM OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

M:W:B: Gustaf R. Bodin

Moved by R:W:B: Piercey, seconded by R:W:B: Black that the report of the Credentials Committee be received and printed in full in the proceedings. Motion carried.

The report of the Credentials committee having been received the Grand Master appointed M:W:B: William Murray as Chief Scrutineer, with the assistance of the District Deputy Grand Masters. Having given M:W:B: Murray his necessary instructions M:W:B: Murray took charge of the ballot box and retired from the lodge room accompanied by the District Deputy Grand Masters.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

TO: THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, F. & A.M.

The Committee, that was appointed to review the address of The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, hereby submits their report.

It is immediately apparent that the Grand Master has approached his duties with a great deal of enthusiasm and has endeavoured to strengthen many of the weaker lodges. He has done this by setting an example for them to follow and has worked hard to provide all Lodges with the tools to improve their Lodges.

Our Grand Master, like many of our former Grand Masters, is a (hands on) Mason and is able to preside over the Craft Lodges with skill and knowledge.

We commend him for those distinguished guests who have assembled here today, at this One Hundred and Forty-second Annual Communication and trust that in this way, Fraternal Goodwill and Brotherly Love will continually spread, to bind all masons together for peace and happiness.

We join with the Grand Master in expressing sadness at the thought of seeing our Brethren depart this life, although we know they are passing to the Celestial Lodge above where there shall be life everlasting.

His visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions have been extensive over his two year term and he has used his Grand Lodge Officers to good advantage sending them to other areas where he was unable to go.

The Grand Master, his Deputy and Grand Secretary attended the All Canada Conference of Canadian Grand Masters at Winnipeg this spring and we congratulate him for taking this team and sharing with the other Jurisdictions of Canada.

This term the Grand Master made a change in the format of the District meetings that greatly raised their value to the Lodges with the educational emphasis and also raised the interest of the attending Brethren. The timing in the fall also serves as a launching point for incoming Masters to use them as a source of material for their planning.

The reorganization of the Grand Lodge Office and the hiring of a very capable worker will improve on an already well run office.

The final preparations of the reformatted Constitutions and Regulations, getting them ready for printing, has been looked forward to for several years and we congratulate the Grand Master on completing this task.

We agree with the Grand Master that matters relating to our finances and the procedures we use to control them are important especially in this troubled economy and all efforts are needed to see harmony is achieved. We do however want to point out that all decisions made in this and other matters must be within the bounds of our Constitution. These bounds were pushed to the extreme and we caution future Grand Masters to look closely at their Constitutional obligations.

In conclusion, we congratulate our Grand Master on his many accomplishments in the past two years and wish him peace and relaxation in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted
M:W:B: Gordon R Rattray
On behalf of Past Grand Masters Panel

Moved by M:W:B: Rattray that the report on the Grand Master's address be received and printed in full in the proceedings. Seconded by M:W:B: Nason. Motion Carried.

REPORT OF THE BURSARY COMMITTEE

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

All the applications for bursaries to be awarded for the year 2008 were received and considered at the Masonic Hall in Moncton during the last week in July where the final selections were made as follows:

Cally Banks
David William Evans
Ashley Guptill
Rebecca Marie Koval
Melissa Marie Mintsis

Sarah Elizabeth Doyle
Kelly Marie Fawcett
Erica Mary Jean Hussey
Kendra Marie MacKenzie-Granger
Aaron H. Richter

Secretaries are encouraged to pick up applications and have them on hand for members who wish to apply. Be sure that all applications are signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, and have the Seal of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick on them or they will be rejected. Closing date is the second Friday in July.

The Committee thanks the Grand Master for appointing them to this Committee and always find the task very rewarding.

Respectively submitted,
M:W:B: J. William Murray
M:W:B: Gordon R. Rattray
R:W:B: Raymond E. Joudrey
R:W:B: Laurie Bishop
R:W:B: Randall W. Nelson
M:W:B: James H. Pike - Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE & MOSTLY MASONRY

Mostly Masonry

The last twelve month has seen some changes and improvements to the publication of the quarterly newsletter "Mostly Masonry" the official publication of Freemasonry in the jurisdiction of New Brunswick.

There have been four (4) editions published since the 2008 Grand Lodge with the Fall and Winter editions of 2008-2009 being only distributed electronically with all of them posted on the Grand Lodge web site.

It was regrettable the printed copies of Mostly Masonry were not utilized as intended thus causing unnecessary costs to our jurisdiction resulting in very little or no benefit to the Brethren for which they were intended.

In the future it will be the responsibility of the individual lodges to print and distribute each edition to their members where they see appropriate and beneficial for their Brethren who lack necessary electronic capabilities to obtain their Masonic Newsletter.

In upcoming editions there will be an entire page available to all lodges dedicated for the posting of announcements, of fifty words or less, for upcoming major events organized over a period of 3 months.

With reference to future editions, it is imperative more Brethren in all lodges must participate by submitting interesting, informative comments and articles in a timely manner. By doing so will provide a variance in material and information other than having the same people getting all the space they require which could lead to repetition of philosophy and opinions. By having more material to select from Mostly Masonry will not become a flat lackluster publication.

Although this jurisdiction's Masonic publication has limited distribution there are indications it is fairly widely known due to comments received and requests to be included on the Editor's distribution list from fellow Masons outside our jurisdiction including British Columbia.

Public Relations

The fraternity received some very positive media coverage in 2008 with the publication of a very good article about Freemasonry in the Sackville Tribune Post which was circulated to numerous locations in New Brunswick. The article included an interview with the Most Worshipful the Grand Master William C Boone, the Deputy Grand Master Miles Graham and the Master of Sussex Lodge WB Ed Burridge during a special event in Sackville, NB. There have

been some discussions on possible projects which would raise the public profile of our fraternity therefore if any brother would be interested in working on building a new project get in contact with the editor of Mostly Masonry.

Over the past year the submissions from the various Brethren to Mostly Masonry were greatly appreciated and so was the assistance received from Brother Scott Murray in providing his skills in formatting of the most recent edition as well as his constructive input.

Remember the quality of Mostly Masonry and our fraternity's public perception is the responsibility of every mason in the New Brunswick jurisdiction.

W:B: WG Macx MacNichol
Chairman, Public Relations Committee
Editor, Mostly Masonry

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F &AM.

This has been a busy year for the Committee. We have met with the Grand Master on several occasions and, as a result, have submitted the names of fifteen (15) of our Brethren to other Grand Lodges to be considered as their Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of N.B. Several of these have been approved and returned. Several have been presented.

There have been twelve (12) applications from other Grand Lodges to have one of their Brethren appointed as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of N. B. near their Grand Lodge. These have been approved by the Grand Master, processed by the Grand Secretary's Office and returned with the proper documents for presentation to the worthy Brother.

The Committee is guided by information provided by the Grand Master's Conference of North America and the Masonic Services Association of North America. As there is still some turmoil in South America and the former Soviet Union, there will be no appointments until it gets sorted out.

There have been no recommendations out to the Board of General Purposes to report this year.

Thanks to the Grand Secretary's Office for their help!!!

Respectfully Submitted:
R.W.B. Gary Black, Chairman
R.W.B. Chesley R. Piercey
R.W.B. Laurie Bishop

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The ballots for the election for the offices of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens having been tabulated the results were delivered to the Grand Master who announced the following results.

<u>For the Office Of</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
Grand Master	Miles R. Graham (E)	140
	E. Arthur Young	122
	Spoiled Ballots	4
Deputy Grand Master	Laurie M. Bishop	103
	Peter M. Whittaker(E)	153
	Spoiled Ballots	10
Senior Grand Warden	Paul D. Conrad	124
	Garth W. Dingee (E)	136
	Spoiled Ballots	6
Junior Grand Warden	Stephen H. Allen	92
	William A. Blatchford	70
	Clyde M. Townes	95
	Spoiled Ballots	6

There being no clear majority for the office of Junior Grand Warden the Grand Master called for a second ballot and indicated that in accordance with the

Constitution W:B: William Blatchford having the lowest number of votes is to be dropped from the ballot.

The second ballot having been tabulated the results were delivered to the Grand Master who announced the following outcome;

<u>For the Office Of</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTES</u>
Junior Grand Warden	Stephen H. Allen (E)	86
	Clyde M. Townes	73
	Spoiled Ballots	3

The Grand Master called for nominations for the office of Grand Tyler. R:W:B: E. Arthur Young nominated Brother James Barnes of Acacia Lodge. There being no other nominations the Grand Master called for a show of voting cards and subsequently declared Brother James Barnes elected as Grand Tyler.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER DISTRICT NO. 1

To: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick F. & A.M.

As I finish my term as District Deputy Grand Master, I must say that it has been an honour and a pleasure to serve as the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1. The position of District Deputy Grand Master has presented many challenges as well as many rewards. I must acknowledge the very positive support that I have received from the brethren during my term and this has been one of the most rewarding aspects of this position.

In January, it was my privilege to be the Installing Officer for the installations at Hibernia Lodge, Carleton Union Lodge, The Corinthian Lodge, The New Brunswick Lodge, Albion Lodge and St. Martins Lodge; I also participated in the installations at Zion Lodge and St. John's Lodge. I would like to thank all of the Grand Lodge officers from the District who accompanied me on these installations and assisted with the ceremonies.

Prior to the Installation of St. Martins Lodge the two declared candidates for Grand Master attended our District meeting. An open forum allowed the brethren to ask questions and get to know the priorities of RWB Miles Graham and RWB Art Young. Those in attendance enjoyed the interaction and agreed

that this was a positive way to get to know the candidates who have let their names stand for this important office.

The Grand Master made a number of Official visits to Lodges in District No. 1 and at the annual District Meeting in November each Master was given an opportunity to present a short talk on some aspect of Freemasonry.

Recognition of our long serving members is very important and on behalf on the Grand Master I had the honour of presenting a number of 50 year pins and certificates and 60 year bars.

I continued to visit Lodges in the District on a monthly basis and most Lodges are healthy and active with new candidates being initiated and reasonable attendance. There are some Lodges which are struggling with attendance at meetings and in finding officers to fill the chairs and this needs to be an area of focus in the coming months.

I attended the closing ceremonies at Camp Goodtime in July and I always find this to be a very inspiring event that demonstrates the good things that Freemasonry is doing for children in New Brunswick. In support of this charity, District No. 1 held two major Camp Goodtime fundraising events, a Golf Tournament and the Cookie Cup curling bonspiel. Many thanks go to the organizers who made each of these events a success.

My thanks to all those who assisted me during my term as District Deputy Grand Master, it has been a pleasure to serve you and all members of the District!

Respectfully Submitted,

RWB Graham A. Fraser
District Deputy Grand Master
District No. 1

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER DISTRICT #2

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F and AM

Let me first say what an honour and privilege it has been to have served in the office of District Deputy Grand Master of District #2 for the past 2 years. When I was first installed it seemed like 2 years would be a fairly long term but let me now say Brethren, how very short a time it really is.

I can't say enough about how very interesting, informative, and educational it has been. Of course when you first begin your term of office you experience feelings of nervousness and anticipation. However as you become more comfortable and relaxed in your second year of office you have a real opportunity to enjoy the office to the fullest.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to all the Masters and members of Districts 2 and 7 as well as several other districts for the excellent support and for all the privileges extended to me during my term in office. I truly believe that it is a great benefit to our fraternity that we continue to work together to promote Masonry throughout our districts and to support our neighbours with travel and visitation throughout, not only your own district but as often as time permits to neighbouring districts throughout the province and beyond to other jurisdictions. We must continue to extend our cable tow and broaden our horizons.

We need to follow the instructions of our Grand Lodge with education and interesting information presented at our meetings. We must continue to improve the quality and content of our meetings, encouraging the new members to participate and continue to make contact with our older members and keep them informed of our activities.

During the last 2 years we have become very active with our joint 2 & 7 council meetings which have been well attended and supported by the Masters and members of District 2 & 7. Out of which has come the new format for the travelling gavel which will allow for all the lodges in District 2 & 7 to receive the travelling gavel. We have also been able to instigate a few small changes within the ritual and with the help of WB John Leadbetter and the Chaplaincy of the local hospitals we have established a visitation list of members of the fraternity who have been admitted to the hospital and wish to be visited by our members. We also have a number of other projects still in the works with District 2 & 7.

Let me close my report by sharing a couple of rewarding experiences enjoyed by myself of which I will never forget. One being the opportunity for 2 very proud fathers WB Bob Bowser and myself to present 2 Lewis jewels to our sons and brothers Norman Allen and Mark Bowser at Westmoreland Lodge #44 on the same night. A very rewarding experience I will never forget. The second experience was having a W:B: come to me after my last visit to their lodge in my term of office and telling me that my presence and words of encouragement and support over the last 2 years had a great deal to do with their lodge still being open today. (Thank you brother). These things certainly make it all worthwhile to me.

Finally I wish to extend my sincere thanks to The Most Worshipful The Grand Master for his support of our district and for affording me the opportunity to

have served in my term of office for the past 2 years. Truly a rewarding experience and one I will never forget.

Respectively submitted,

R.W.B Stephen H Allen
District Deputy Grand Master
District #2

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER DISTRICT NO. 3

TO: THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND
MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK F & A.M.

Let me first say what a privilege and honor it has been to have served as District Deputy of District # 3 for my first year of office. As District Deputy there are many privileges and responsibilities. I made official visits to each of the lodges in my district. These lodges were Lodge St. John No. 27, Bathurst. Miramichi Lodge No. 18 Miramichi East, Northumberland Lodge No. 17 Miramichi and Campbellton Lodge No. 32. I must say that I was very well received at each Lodge. I also attended or tried to attend each of their monthly meetings during the year. It was a real pleasure to receive the respect that was shown to me at each of these meetings. I feel that the friendship grew at each meeting I attended. There were few problems in any of the lodges in my district.

I also had the pleasure to present two Grand Lodge certificates to two new members; one was at Northumberland Lodge No. 17 and the other at Miramichi Lodge No. 18. I also had the pleasure to witness degree work in each of the lodges in my district and I must say it was very well done. It takes a lot of work and practice to do this degree work and I must say that all the members who put the degree work on did an excellent job.

It was also nice to hear that most of the lodges are working hard to find ways to raise money to support their lodges, such as having a breakfast, suppers or other activities. I am particularly pleased to see some of the older members return to the Campbellton Lodge. Members who have been away for one reason or another have returned and I must say thank you to the brothers who have decided to return to Lodge and play an active role in our Lodge. I would also like to thank the brothers who were instrumental in having these brothers return to our Lodge. It is sure nice to see new faces at our meetings.

To all lodges in my district keep up the good work.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity to say thanks to all the brethren who have supported me in my first year of office. You have made my year very pleasant and memorable one.

R:W:B: Jack Chedore
District Deputy Grand Master
District# 3

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER DISTRICT NO. 4

To: The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A.M.

It is with pleasure and some regret that I submit my final report as DDGM for district #4. It has been an honor working with the Master's, Officer's and Brethren within the district.

District #4 has a travelling gavel, which travels throughout the whole district, to try to promote more visitations between the Lodges. Visitations are down; this may be due to the age of our brethren, or cost of transportation.

Having found the lost Bethel Lodge #40 travelling gavel last year, which was started in 1961, it is now on its journey around the province. There is a new set of guide lines attached with it. Please help to promote visitation's to the fraternity with this gavel.

Camp Goodtime continues to be well supported in the district, by different functions put on by the Lodges. This is also a good way to get more exposure with the public.

Church parades are on all Lodge agendas, with fair to good attendance.

The district curling bonspiel that rotates to different Lodges was cancelled this year, due to cost to hold it and the lack of participation. It is hoped that it can be held again in the future. Benjamin #31 also holds a golf tournament, which creates a day of enjoyment and fellowship.

International night is a yearly event between district #4 in New Brunswick and district #1 in Maine. In 2008 Carleton #35 Florenceville was the host, co hosted by Washburn #193 Washburn Maine. In 2009 Monument #96 in Houlton Maine will host the event with Woodstock #11 being the co host. There will be a meal first, lodge will be opened by Monument #96 officers. Two short programs will be given. Lodge will be closed by Woodstock #11 officers. This is a great way for brethren from both sides of the border to see how each lodge opens and closes their meetings.

Lodge operating costs are increasing and membership is slowly decreasing mainly to members called to the Celestial Lodge above, or lack of new members. This is an important issue that each lodge has taken seriously. All lodges have addressed this and are taking the proper steps to survive.

Degree work is going on in some lodges. It shows on their degree work that they are doing a lot of practicing. This is a commitment to the lodge that one has to take seriously.

The wealth of information and source of direction that I received while attending the Board of General Purposes meetings was overwhelming. The board has a strong will of Masonic commitment to the continuance for the longevity of the fraternity.

It has been a pleasure to be your representative for the last two years in District #4. It has been a very rewarding term. I deeply appreciate the courtesy and hospitality extended to me on my visits to all of the lodges.

Respectfully Submitted
RWB Curtis D Hansen
District Deputy Grand Master
District No. 4

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER DISTRICT NO. 5

TO: The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers & Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick F.&A.M.

It is with pleasure, I present my report for District # 5 for the year 2008 / 2009.

At the time of writing I have 40 visits completed with 16 more scheduled prior to the convening of Grand Lodge. Due to rescheduling, I have 3 Official Visits left but I have visited all Lodges regularly, save, Mananook #36, which is complicated because of Island Travel. The Average Attendance at Dist # 5 Lodges is 14.5 per evening with an average of 7.45 Visitors. The attendance levels seem to be at par with the previous DDGM's report of 15 in attendance per night with 8 visitors. There is one Lodge in serious trouble, two that struggle to maintain numbers and five holding their own. I do not believe there is any lodge in the District that can ignore membership or the average age of its members.

I have spent a fair amount of time pushing Masonic Education and the need for true fellowship, as the act of going to lodge and getting right back home is doing nothing at all for our Fraternity. How much do we do for Masonic

Widows? What kind of fellowship do we have after lodge? What are we doing to maintain the interest of new young members?

I have attended two District Council Meetings, with another due soon, we have an average attendance of 18 at breakfast or Luncheon meetings. These are good but they are usually the same players and I do try to stress the importance of introducing new things to the agenda but it is not always easy, as we have many members who love the "same Old".

We did have district meeting at Victoria Lodge with the Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge in attendance; this was great but I must admit I was less than impressed with the attendance from the district.

Although I was plagued with some health problems throughout the year I did manage to attend most events, only missing one board meeting. I took part in the 4th Annual Roosevelt degree and the annual Past Masters night which resulted in four \$100 bursaries. I also took part in Installations of all Lodges except Mananook and Sunset. I acted as installing Officer for Abnaki Lodge on the spur of the moment and luckily we had 9 visiting brethren that night all but one at the rank of WB of RWB and knew a part.

With the exception of the one Lodge with serious problems district 5 has had a very good year and I have enjoyed it immensely and would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you and the Brethren of District #5.

Respectfully
Rt. Wor. Bro. Phil Hartford

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER DISTRICT NO. 6

TO: The Most Worshipful Grand Master and members of Grand Lodge.

As I set pen to paper, I wonder where the time has gone; as I complete my term as your District Deputy. I would like to say "Thank You" to all my "Masonic Brothers" for your support and to the Lodges in District #6. Thanks and keep up your great work. Although we have accomplished much in the district, we still have a way to go to reach our goals. But with your continued strong work ethics and support for each other, I see the District on the road to success.

Keep membership a priority as well as support to Grand Lodge; while remembering Brotherly love, Relief and Truth.

To my successor; you have a great District of willing brothers, who I know will support you with fervency and zeal.

Again District # 6 Thank You.

Fraternally submitted
R:W:B: W.E. Fox
DDGM # 6

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER DISTRICT NO. 7

To: The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick F. & A.M.

It is with pleasure I submit the report for the District Deputy Grand Master for District # 7. The past year has been very busy but also very rewarding. I have attended the Lodges in District # 7 on a regular basis and also made official visits to each one. The lodges have made a concerted effort to include educational items in their meetings this past year. There have been talks, quizzes and demonstrations no matter what has been done it has added to their regular meeting. It has generated interest from our members and I am confident it has improved and will continue to improve attendance.

I attended the Installations of District 2 and 7 and had roles to play in many of them. The new masters have great plans for the year and busy schedules for their lodges. Some have had their difficulties over the last year but the coming year looks promising for all the lodges. There are candidates, they are doing good degree and ritual work.

I must compliment the lodges of District 2 & 7 for their work together. The Dinner and Dance for Camp Goodtime- organized by Acacia, Keith and Coverdale raised approximately \$18,000. What a wonderful example of co-operation and success. There have been 3 joint District council meetings between the two districts which have been strongly supported. Many great ideas have come from these meetings. One example is the change to the Travelling Gavel ... the format has changed to where a lodge will take the gavel and present it to the host lodge. The presenting lodge will give a talk on a Masonic topic. At the end of the meeting, the host lodge draws the name of the next lodge where they will go and present the gavel. At the end of the rotation the lodge which has the highest total attendance will receive the banner. To date the gavel has moved back and forth between District 2 and District 7 with excellent attendance and fantastic presentations congratulations brethren on making this work.

The role of District Deputy is an active one; the meetings of Grand Lodge committees, Ritual and training, Renewal, Ad Hoc and Board of General Purpose meetings have been active this past year generating ideas and looking for input. I have tried to keep all the Brethren informed of the happenings of Grand Lodge and have forwarded their ideas and concerns to

Grand Lodge. As busy as the position can be, it is also most rewarding. I have met many great masons from across the Province and I must say it has been a pleasure. To those who have assisted me as my Director of Ceremonies for official visits travelled with me to the many lodge meetings ... I sincerely Thank you.

Thank you to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for appointing me DDGM, it has been a privilege, very rewarding and a great learning experience. To the Brethren of District 7 and 2 thank you very much for the courtesies extended me but more importantly for the friendship and fellowship which are the hallmarks of this great Fraternity. It has been an honour and pleasure to represent you as the District Deputy for District # 7.

Fraternally
R:W:B: Carl Dingee
DDGM # 7

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A.M.

I beg leave to submit the annual report of the Grand Lodge Archive Committee.

As many will recall my predecessor RWB Bud Gillrie had entered into a program to obtain from each and every lodge in this jurisdiction a complete listing of their respective archival and artefact holdings. It is with regret that I report that little progress has been made in this regard with information having been received from only a few lodges. It is hoped that the coming year will prove to be more positive and that the various lodges within the jurisdiction will be inclined to provide the requested information.

On a more positive note I am pleased to report that in August of 2008 this Grand Lodge was the beneficiary of a most generous gift of three Masonic aprons from Brother George Earle of California. One apron in particular is of special note, this is a hand painted leather apron which, based on the information received, belonged to Brother Justus Earle and would probably date to the later part of the 1760's. Brother Justus Earle was one of the petitioners for the warrant for St. George's Lodge as issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge of New York in February 1783.

Born in Hackensack, New Jersey he remained loyal to the British cause during the Revolutionary War. On April 16, 1777 he was appointed an Ensign in the Fourth Battalion New Jersey Volunteers. By August of 1779 he was a prisoner of war at Philadelphia, but having been exchanged he was promoted to the

rank of Lieutenant on December 18, 1881 which rank he retained until the end of the war.

He was the grantee of lot number 890 in Parr Town (Saint John), New Brunswick; however records show that by 1784 he was settled at Grand Lake, New Brunswick.

In 1805 he was Lieutenant Colonel of the Queens County Regiment of the New Brunswick militia, but he received half pay of a Lieutenant until his death, which occurred at Waterloo, Grand Lake on September 26, 1825.

I would also report that the cataloguing of our Grand Lodge archives has progressed to the stage that a catalogue listing of the holding has been produced and may be found in the Grand Lodge Library as well as on our Grand Lodge website. The cataloguing of Grand Lodge archives is an ongoing process.

These archives serve as a valuable resource for anybody undertaking Masonic research and any of the brethren engaged in such activity are encouraged to take advantage of the resource.

A few of the more interesting holdings are:

- ~ A demit issued by Vessel # 1, Royal Ark Mariners in London, England to Benedict Byron, dated May 7, 1792. The demit is in very good condition complete with ribbon and seal. Small in size it measures approx 6½" X 7½".
- ~ An early York Rite collar jewel dated 1825, made of coin silver by local craftsman. Engraved on back is "David & James Wetmore Jr., Midian Lodge No. 31, Kingston, N.B.
- ~ Two past Masters jewels from the late Union Lodge of Portland, one presented in 1864 and other in 1879. The later jewel was made by Bro. John Street of Montreal.

Through the generosity of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Temple Ltd. a display case has been made available to your Grand Historian and can be found on the wall outside of the Grand Lodge library. This case has allowed for the display of a number of our artefacts and for at least the near future will serve as our museum. My appreciation is extended to Bro. Jonathan Kelly of Albion Lodge for his able assistance in installing the display case.

Brethren the last item I wish to address relates to the personal Masonic items that many of you have in your possession. The emblem of the Hour Glass reminds us as to how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close. When the time comes, as it will for all of us, to be gathered into the land of our forefathers what arrangements will you have made for the disposition of your Masonic possessions? Far too often those we have left behind are faced with the

uncertainty as to what to do with our aprons, jewels, certificates, Masonic books and so forth. Brethren please take the time to add a codicil to your will (we all have a will, right?) giving directions as to the disposition of your Masonic possessions, whether it be to a son or other relative, your lodge or even Grand Lodge (yes we are happy to receive donations of any kind). By taking the time to identify your wishes, those Masonic possessions you have treasured over the years will continue to be treasured and the burden on those left behind will be eased even further.

Respectfully and fraternally;
V:W:B: Stuart J. MacDonald
Grand Historian
Chairman, Grand Lodge Archive Committee

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A.M.

It is once again my privilege to submit the committee's report on the "Proceedings of Grand Lodge" for the past year.

As indicated in the committee's 2008 report, this committee was established in 2007 and charged with the task of assembling and printing our annual Grand Lodge proceedings. With this as its objective the committee attended to its duty. Mayday Fine Printing in Fredericton was once again selected to print the 2008 proceedings.

Following the receipt of the 2008 proceedings they were distributed to both the lodges in this jurisdiction as well as to the sister grand jurisdictions in Canada, the United States and selected Grand Lodges overseas. It should be noted that the proceedings distributed to sister grand jurisdictions are on CD's resulting in considerable savings in printing costs. The committee's appreciation is extended to Mrs. Jayne Jones in the Grand Secretary's office for her invaluable assistance in forwarding our proceedings to the sister jurisdictions.

A change is being implemented for the year 2009 in the number of hard copies being printed. We are asking each lodge secretary to identify the number of copies of the 2009 proceedings they wish for their lodge up to a maximum of four and whether they wish hard copies or CD's. In the past we have forwarded each lodge four hard copies, however, many of these copies end up in the garbage. By identifying the number of copies each lodge requires we may hopefully reduce the cost of the annual printing.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the committee members for their dedication in the timely completion of this project as well as to the Grand Master for his confidence in re-appointing me the chairman of this committee.

Respectfully;
W:B: Herbert Fillmore
V:W:B: Stuart MacDonald
R:W:B: Peter Whittaker, Chairman

REVIEW OF SELECTED ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick;

It is again my pleasure to submit to you the following review of selected annual communications of sister Grand Jurisdictions. This report has been prepared and submitted to this Grand Lodge for their information. It is unfortunate that in several cases this report contains information of a negative nature and it is our sincere hope that brotherly love and affection may soon return to those jurisdictions where difficulties among the brethren are currently found.

In compiling the report reviews were made of current proceedings available in the Grand Lodge Library. I would also point out that in some cases it was necessary to refer to proceedings from the year 2007, having not yet received the 2008 proceedings for the jurisdiction under review.

Reviewing the proceedings of the various jurisdictions is an education in itself and I would highly recommend to the brethren that they avail themselves of the large collection of Grand Lodge proceedings that are available in our Grand Lodge Library.

Finally I would thank the Grand Master for the confidence reposed in me and the members of my committee in the assignment of this task and trust that this report will meet with your satisfaction.

Respectfully;

Peter Whittaker, SGW; Chairman
VWB Stuart MacDonald
WB Herb Fillmore

Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador

The eleventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador was held on October 18, 2008 in the Freemasons Hall, Mount Pearl, Newfoundland. The Grand Master, MWB Lawrence G. Moss, in his address

highlighted the consecration of University Lodge No. 34 in St. John's. As the name would imply the majority of the members are faculty and students from Memorial University.

On June 7, 2008 the new Freemasons Hall located in the Masonic Park in Mount Pearl was officially opened. This new facility is now the home to the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador. It is of interest to note that over \$485,000.00 has been raised towards the cost of the building.

Every jurisdiction is slightly different in their mode of operation. In this jurisdiction in addition to the Board of General Purposes they effectively use an Executive Committee composed of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master (Chairman), Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. A motion to add the two grand wardens to the committee will be coming before their annual communication in October 2009. The committee, which serves as an advisory body to the Grand Master and the Board meets monthly and examines issues in greater detail than would otherwise be possible.

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia

The 143rd annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held at Truro, Nova Scotia on June 6th and 7th, 2008. The Grand Master, MWB Daniel G. Campbell on his address to Grand Lodge expressed his concerns regarding the perceived ineffectiveness of the Board of General Purposes. The general feeling amongst members of the craft in Nova Scotia is that the Board is too strong and making all the decisions leaving nothing to discuss at the annual Grand Lodge communications. The Grand Master went on to state that he believes that the Board is too large and unwieldy to be as effective as it could be.

Several years ago this Grand Lodge established the Committee on the Condition of the Order. The committee is composed of a past Grand Master and four past District Deputy Grand Masters. The responsibility of the committee is to evaluate the reports of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Secretary, the district Deputy Grand Masters, the Board of General Purposes and their committees along with reviewing the annual returns of the various lodges. The committee reports their findings to grand lodge along with any recommendations they consider desirable respecting the condition of the order.

In the annual report from the Committee on the Condition of the Order the committee once again expressed its concern that many lodges are losing the ability to perform degree work and instead are turning to past masters, visitors and degree teams to carry out the degree work. The committee also expressed their concern that lodges which responded to the directive to perform degree work during the District Deputy's official visit were continuing

to use past masters or using members from other lodges thus missing the point of the exercise.

In March of 2008 the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia moved from their former location of many years in downtown Halifax to new quarters at 167 Coronation Ave., Fairview.

Grand Lodge of Quebec

2008 annual communication held May 31, 2008 in Montreal, Quebec.

The Grand Master in his report commented on the fact that low morale and internal dissention were evident in a number of lodges. It is regrettable that this appears to be a growing trend in freemasonry. In one case the Grand Master found it necessary to suspend one member for highly disrespectful conduct towards the office of the Grand Master.

Grand Lodge of Alberta

The 103rd annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was held on June 13th and 14th in the City of Lethbridge. The annual communication received a report from the Fraternal Relations Committee wherein the committee reported on a study of the position Grand Representative and whether this program was still valid.

While the Board of General Purposes adopted the report which would have seen the discontinuation of the Grand Lodge Representative program the change in regulations was declared to be unconstitutional during the Grand Lodge communication and is scheduled to be reconsidered during the 2009 communication. In the proceedings it was noted that in 2006 MWB J. Berry issued a special dispensation to Greisbach Lodge to allow military members of the craft serving in Afghanistan to hold and attend Masonic communications.

Grand Lodge of British Columbia

The 137th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon was held on June 20th and 21st, 2008 in Burnaby, British Columbia.

In the address of the Grand Master, M:W:B: Stephen Godfrey touches on one initiative relating to education. A theme of "*Look Beyond the Trees*" was adopted and accompanied by a pin which was presented to any brother who presented an educational talk at a lodge meeting or social event. Over 800 pins were presented throughout the jurisdiction during the year.

For the first time in the history of this jurisdiction an open (semi-public) installation was held in Haida Lodge No. 166. The installation saw 155 present and was generally well received.

The Grand Secretary in his report touched on the fact that a Past Grand Master of the jurisdiction was suing the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon along with eight of its officers and two Past Grand Masters. It is indeed unfortunate that such an occurrence should occur within the Masonic

fraternity when a conciliatory approach by all parties to any difficulties that may arise would better serve the interests of the craft.

A motion came before the 2008 communication of this Grand Lodge that would see Master Masons in good standing a vote at the annual Grand Lodge communication. The motion was defeated.

Kentucky

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky states that each and every lodge must be represented at the annual Grand Lodge communication and should a lodge fail to be present at two consecutive Grand Lodge communications the Grand Master shall require the lodge to show him, or a committee appointed for the same purpose, cause as to why the charter should not be arrested. Such a policy stems from the principle that the members of a lodge have the right to be represented at the annual Grand Lodge communication by their Master and Wardens. When a lodge is not properly represented their rights are thus denied.

Maine

In the proceedings of this Grand lodge it was reported that the elected Grand Lodge Officers were able to officially greet a Prince Hall Grand Master into this Grand Jurisdiction for the very first time. Most Worshipful Brother Leslie A. Lewis the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts was officially greeted on the 7th of April at a Re-dedication and Re-obligation night. This event was organized by the officers and Brethren of Arundel Lodge of Kennebunkport. P.G.M. Wayne T. Adams created the ceremony and acted as the Master of Ceremonies for that event.

Grand Lodge Nevada

The Grand lodge of Nevada has a Ceremony Coordination committee whose function is to contact architects, public works project managers, planning coordinators, mayor's office etc with a view to inform those responsible for new construction of the corner stone laying ceremony. Where no Masonic contact is to be found within the management structure the committee is taking a proactive approach by approaching and educating the individuals in question.

Arizona

The Grand Orator an office seldom filled in today's Grand Lodge had some eye-popping comments. The title of the address was "Whether Are We Traveling". The trouble with Freemasonry today is that it does not practice Freemasonry anymore. Freemasonry is properly viewed not as an organization but an activity in pursuit of Divine Light. This activity is termed Masonic Formation. Masonic education refers to academic and the historical learning. Masonic Formation refers to the overall intellectual and moral development of the Freemason. The movement to reverse the trend that many lodges are

following downward is known as the Traditional Observance Lodge. Features of this Lodge are Ritual Excellence, Education, Festive Boards, Charitable Outreach, Elegance of Dress, Selectivity Promoting Exclusivity and Commitment.

Indiana

Membership has declined from 93,000 in 1996 to 71,391 in 2006. It is noted that in 2004 - 1,364 Master Masons were raised, in 2005 - 1,427 and in 2006 - 1,595. Three programs were credited with these raisings; Invitation to Petition, Restoration Program, and the Ultimate Lodge Program.

Idaho

It has been more expensive due to declining membership to maintain several of the Lodges in the state deemed historical icons. To this end a special classification of constituent Lodges has been proposed to be known as Historical Lodges. A broader supporting membership would help provide the necessary funds to maintain and support historic Masonic buildings if the Idaho Grand Lodge per capita assessment were not assessed for the members of the historic Lodges. The Grand Master officiated at the dedication of three banks and one fire station. He was attended by his officers of Grand Lodge. First the local Lodge was opened, then the ceremonies at the dedication site followed by refreshments and mingling of the citizenry. Lastly, returning to the Lodge for its closing. The members of the community Lodge enjoyed the media exposure of the Grand Lodge in their towns. To quote the Grand Master 'A Lodge must be relevant to its community'.

Iowa

From the 2008 proceedings of the Grand lodge of Iowa the grand Master's address made note of the fact that the young men who are joining the fraternity think differently, act differently; and they communicate differently. In order to get feedback from the new members of this jurisdiction the Grand Master along with three other senior Grand Lodge officers held a series of "New Master Mason Forums around the state where these new members could state what they were thinking. From these meetings it was found that the new members were looking for more Masonic mentoring that included such subjects as Masonic history, traditions, customs and jurisprudence or Masonic law. In addition they were also looking for more lodge activities.

In his report the Grand Master made several recommendations including one which would see the establishment of a Grand Lodge standing committee that would review all lodge suspensions and would require the approval of the committee before a member could be suspended. This recommendation was in response to the ongoing problem of suspensions that are problematic in the majority of jurisdictions. While the recommendation was made with the best of intentions we would point out that the admission of members and any

subsequent separation of the member from his lodge through demit or suspension is in the domain of the craft lodge.

The keynote speaker was Robert Davis of Oklahoma whose talk was titled "The Big Question Before Us" Brother Davis in his talk expresses the opinion that the real threat (to Freemasonry) is that we are dying from within. We, as Masons, may literally be killing our fraternity a lodge at a time. The tragic fact is that over 90% of our members are inactive, over 65% of our members are old, and the procedures and behaviors practiced in most lodges do not meet the needs of men in our society today. Brother Davis concluded his excellent address with the following statement: *If freemasonry is going to survive beyond the next few decades, we will all have to come to the collective understanding that the organization is not just about titles and hierarchy. It's about fraternalism and education, and sharing the mutual quest of three or four generations of men laboring together to discover the mature masculine within themselves, which leads them to personal development, self-improvement and clarity of understanding as men.*

Pennsylvania

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has introduced a "Tracker" form which is used to document the contact with those members with outstanding dues. A completed form must be submitted to the District Deputy before suspension for non-payment is allowed.

Several dispensations were issued by the Grand Master allowing two young men, aged 17 years, to be initiated into the Fraternity.

This Grand Lodge is proactive in the area of planned giving and provides instructions along with standard language for bequests and devise of real estate in their Grand Lodge proceedings.

South Dakota

The Grand Orator posed a number of questions to the Grand Lodge as to the decline of the Lodges in this state. Sadly, he had no answer other than the rhetoric we all know to well boredom, irrelevance in today's society, to not living up to our obligations and lack of knowledge of just what Masonry is. The chair of the Commission on Masonic Education (COME) reported attendance at a conference in which other state jurisdictions reported some Lodges trying what is now termed Traditional Observance Lodge and the European Concept Lodge common amongst other continental Lodges and were like our Lodges of centuries ago. Tuxes, white gloves, festive boards, scholarly presentations and exquisite formality are the order of the day.

West Virginia

The Grand Lodge of West Virginia is currently embroiled in a controversy that involves a past Grand Master suing the Grand Lodge of West Virginia along with a number of past Grand Masters. It is not the responsibility of this committee to determine who is right or wrong, however, we would comment that every member of the Fraternity should be entitled to due process which when necessary includes the benefit of a fair and impartial trial. In our view to suffer the penalty of expulsion without a trial is contrary to Masonic law. As in the case of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon what we have here is a failure to communicate. As a result the pending court case has garnered a great deal of attention in the 5th estate and created turmoil among the fraternity in West Virginia.

Philippines

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines consists of all the territory of the Philippines, South Korea, Marianas islands, Marshall Islands, Ryuku Islands, South Vietnam and some Lodges in Japan. They have strong ties with their Mother Grand Lodge - The Grand Lodge of California.

A schism occurred in 2006 when three Lodges formed the Independent Grand Lodge of the Philippines. The Grand Lodge of the Philippines branded the dissenters as clandestine Masons and expunged their Lodges from the registry.

This Grand Lodge is considered the Mother Grand Lodge of China and the Grand Lodge of Japan having ceded a number of Lodges to each country when they expressed a desire to form their own Grand Lodge.

One of the most interesting reports was that of the combined report of the committee on Masonic education and research and the institute of Masonic education and studies (IMES). In this report the Masonic studies curriculum was hoped to develop in a 'graduate degree' to be known as a Degree in Masonic studies. The proposed pattern of progression is in two phases. The first is the Blue Lodge Officer course and the second phase is the Grand Lodge Officer course. The report then describes in detail the constituents of the course materials. The mission is the creation of a crop of dedicated academics among the 16,000 Filipino Freemasons from whom the future leadership will emerge.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

To : The Most Worshipful The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A.M.

The Education Committee for the 2008-2009 Grand Lodge season was responsible for Education, Training and Mentorship of new candidates to the Fraternity. These areas have always had a high priority to our Grand Lodge and have had considerable time and energy poured into them over the years. If one considers Masonic Renewal to fall under the same general heading of Education then a very large expenditure of energy has been laid out on these topics. Unfortunately, this year, two events occurred, which, when taken together, resulted in almost nothing being done by this Committee.

The first event occurred in June, 2008, and resulted in the Chairman of the Committee being completely side-lined for six months and he still is not functioning at full strength. A heart attack does tend to take you out of the game for a while.

The second event happened during a training session held for the District Deputy Grand Masters in September, 2008. This session was attended by the District Deputies, other Grand Lodge officers and members of the Fraternity who aspired to any of these offices in the future. The facilitators of this session jointly agreed that since many of those attending had already received much of the training material, we would attempt to engage those present in open discussions on what was wrong, in their opinion, at this point in time with the Masonic Fraternity in New Brunswick and what should or could be done about it.

We expected to hear many of the things that we already had discussed and thought about but we were surprised. Lesson 1; never ask an honest question unless you are prepared to hear an honest answer.

As discussions went on it became obvious that the Training Committee, in spite of having the best intentions in the world, was being seen by the average Mason as a bunch of Grand Lodge know-it-alls coming out to the Districts to tell everybody what they were doing wrong. Suddenly it became crystal clear why we were seeing so few of our training topics being employed by Masters after they had received training. If that was how we were perceived then the information we were dispensing must have been perceived as useless as well. Lesson 2; the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

Based on this revelation and my lingering poor health, I chose to wait to be asked to come and help, train or educate rather than actively seeking opportunities to take our programs to the Masons of New Brunswick. I received requests to do two Fellowship Nights, one five minute Education segment and one Brother requested a copy of the Mentor Program that I have

been working on. All other requests that I received were for ritual parts in degree work and for semi-public installations. I draw from this that my honest Grand Lodge Officers hit the nail exactly on the head as I received not even one phone call that related to training.

Since 1997, the members of the Education and Training Committee as a group, have been involved in writing several books, papers, articles, developing at least two six hour seminars, developing several half day and full day training sessions, rewriting the Officer's Manual and have been innovative in changing their delivery to try to be sensitive to the time restrictions that most Masons have in their lives today. In spite of this, not one of these efforts has yielded the success expected of it. The hundreds and thousands of hours of study, preparation, travel and delivery, as well as the dollars spent, have yielded a very poor crop.

Having said all of this, the Committee has two recommendations to make to those who may find themselves trying to serve this Grand Lodge in the future on this Committee whether in its present form or in some modified form yet to be determined.

First, before launching a new Education, Mentorship or Training Program, study what has been tried in the last ten to fifteen years and honestly assess the impact that was made on the Masonic population of New Brunswick. Be especially careful to study the delivery methods used (seminar, lecture, training session, mail out, books, hand-outs, papers, etc.). Regardless of the value of the message, it all comes to naught if it cannot be effectively delivered to those who need it most.

Secondly, open a section in the Grand Lodge Library and one on the Grand Lodge Web Site and accumulate copies of all the books, papers, articles and guides that have been written on the topics of Education, Training, Renewal, Mentorship and general Masonic thought.

If you take the time to do these two things then hopefully you will not have to repeat the processes that we used in getting such minimal success nor will you have to waste your time and effort writing again what has already been written and ignored once.

Good luck in finding the appropriate answers to these difficult questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Hitchcock, PGM
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REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, F. & A.M.

During the year 2008-2009 the Benevolence Committee received one request for assistance. Assistance was provided for that request.

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3.	Hibernia	Saint John	Second Tuesday
4.	Sussex	Dorchester	Third Wednesday
5.	St. Mark's	St. Andrews	First Thursday
6.	Hiram	Fredericton	First Thursday
7.	Sussex	St. Stephen	First Tuesday
8.	Carleton Union	Saint John West	First Thursday
11.	Woodstock	Woodstock	First Thursday
12.	St. George	St. George	First Wednesday
13.	The Corinthian	Hampton	Second Wednesday
15.	Howard	Hillsborough	First Tuesday
16.	Lodge St. Andrew	Rexton	Second Monday
17.	Northumberland	Miramichi West	Second Tuesday
18.	Miramichi	Miramichi East	Third Monday
20.	Harmony	Salisbury	Third Monday
21.	Zion	Sussex	First Monday
22.	The New Brunswick	Saint John	Second Thursday
23.	Keith	Moncton	First Wednesday
24.	Zetland	Shediac	Second Thursday
26.	Victoria	St. Stephen	Second Thursday
27.	Lodge St. John	Bathurst	Second Monday
30.	St. Martins	Saint John	Fourth Monday
31.	Benjamin	Perth-Andover	First Thursday
32.	Campbellton	Campbellton	First Monday
31.	Alexandria	Fredericton	First Monday
35.	Carleton	East Florenceville	Second Thursday
36.	Ashlar	McAdam	Third Thursday
37.	Steven	Petitcodiac	Third Tuesday
38.	Mananook	Grand Manan	First Tuesday
39.	Colebrooke	Grand Falls	Second Wednesday
42.	Sunbury	Fredericton Jct	First Tuesday
44.	Westmorland	Port Elgin	Second Wednesday
47.	Grand Lake	Minto	Second Wednesday
48.	Tobique	Plaster Rock	Third Thursday
49.	Acacia	Moncton	Fourth Monday
50.	Cherry Mountain	Harvey Station	Second Thursday
51.	Landmark	Boiestown	Third Tuesday
52.	Coverdale	Riverview	First Monday
54.	Granite	Temperance Vale	Third Wednesday
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S. B. Ward 49 Moncton
J. M. Maxwell 26 St. Stephen
H. M. Steeves 23 Moncton

R. F. Ashworth 48 Tobique
Vacant
Vacant
S. Manderville 17 Miramichi
Ronald Bateman 24 Shediac Cape
D. J. England 2 Saint John
Vacant
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Vacant
G. A. Tingley 45 Havelock
D. H. Scott 33 Fredericton
M. D. Stevens 3 Saint John
A. S. Allan 21 Sussex
P. E. Acheson 26 Sussex
Vacant

Vacant
W. H. Balser 15 Hillsborough
Vacant
E. W. Thomas 24 Shediac
Vacant
Gordon R. Rattray 15 Albert Mines

Mark Golder 35 Florenceville

Peter Whittaker 50 Harvey Station

Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
R. D. Sage
J. Faulkner
K. H. Baird
J. Richard
R. J. Wimmer
K. M. Sterzeldbach
C. A. Louk
J. A. Zimmerlan
Kingsport
San Antonio
Bright City
Craftsbury
Boones Mills
Cheney
Summersville
Shawano

CENTRAL AMERICA

Costa Rica
Guatemala
Mexico (York)
J. MaCrespo
Perera
B. A. Landstrom
Edo

SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina
Chile
Equador
Peru
Uruguay
Venezuela
E. A. Vaccaro
J. W. Lanza
J. Bony
Cesar C. Perez
F. A. L. Martinez
Quay Aqu
Lima

SOUTH AMERICA (Brazil)

Acre
Amazonas
Ceara
Espirito Santo
Mato Grosso
Mato Grosso Do Sul
Minas Gerais
Para
Paraiba
Pernambuco
Rio Grande do Norte
Rio de Janeiro
Santa Catarina
Sao Paulo
Sergipe
Tocantins
S. R. Barbosa
O. Gueded
E. Q. Mendonca
DeAlmeida
J. L. da Nobrega
V. Severianu
A. J. Fadata
O. G. DaSilva
L. Amado
Porto Elegrie
Natal
Rio
Sao Paulo
Lagarto

AUSTRALIA

New South Wales
Queensland
South Australia
Tasmania
Victoria
West Australia
R. F. Creighton
T. F. Wardrobe
G. B. Hevey
V. W. Breden
A. K. S. Chant
H. D. Walker
North Nowra
Brisbane
Woodside
Burnie
Melbourne
Robinvale

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand
D. C. Hancock
Upper Hutt

WEST INDIES

Cuba
G. P. Valdez
Havana

EUROPE

	Vacant	Andorra		
	Vacant	Austria		
J. H. Lingley	49 Moncton	Belgium (Reg.)	L. DeBouvere	Brussels
	Vacant	Czech Republic	G. Pavlat	-
R. A. Jensen	39 Grand Falls	Denmark	K. A. Kirchof	-
Curtis Hansen	39 Grand Falls	Finland	K. Detonen	Turko
D. E. Williams	52 Riverview	France (National)	Claude Arnold	Neully-sur-Seme
F. K. Klohn	22 Saint John	Germany	A. Geisenholer	Hamburg
	Vacant	Greece	T. Sarikas	Athens
	Vacant	Hungary	G. Gatay	Budapest
R. S. Vail	11 Woodstock	Iceland	J. A. Skulason	Reykjavik
R.A. Kierstead	8 Saint John West	Italy	R. Corsi	Torino
	Vacant	Netherlands	Bernard Sarphati	Birtheven
B. E. Francis	8 Saint John	Norway	S. Strand	Oslo
	Vacant	Portugal	R. C. Rosa	-
	Vacant	Serbia		
	Vacant	Romania		
R. M. Whitcomb	8 Saint John	Spain	A. Grant	Barcelona
G. S. Young	22 Saint John	Sweden	J. Lundberg	Uppsala
Len D. Bishop	47 Minto	Switzerland	C. Schumacher	St. Gallen
	Vacant	Yugoslavia		

ASIA

R. W. Gamblin	31 Andover	China(Taiwan)	Joe C. C. Hsin	Taiwan
C. E. Shaffer	15 Hillsborough	India	R.N. Bhattacharva	Calcutta
C. Bruce	51 Boiestown	Israel	Eli Matityahu	
V. E. Lister	50 Harvey Station	Japan	T. Fujino	
F. M. Langley	5 St. Andrews	Philippine Islands	Eugenio Sicat	

AFRICA

	Vacant	Burkina Faso	Pascal Kinda	-
	Vacant	Gabon	A. Boumah	Liberville
	Vacant	Ivory Coast		
W. A. MacMillan	32 Tide Head	South Africa	P. Olpin	Transvaal
	Vacant	Senegal	D. L. Lawson	
	Vacant	Togo	M. L. Kowouri	

HONORARY PAST GRAND OFFICERS OF
THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK F. & A.M.

- Richard E. Fletcher, Grand Lodge of Vermont,
Hon. Past Grand Master, May 9, 1992
- Eric E. Caldwell, Grand Lodge of New Brunswick,
Hon. Past Senior Grand Warden, May 11, 1985
- Ronald W. Caines, Grand Lodge of New Brunswick,
Hon. Past Senior Grand Warden, May 15, 1993
- F. Graham Pelley, Grand Lodge of New Brunswick,
Hon. Past Junior Grand Warden, May 15, 1993
- Gordon F. Conrad, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,
Hon. Past Grand Master, June, 1996
- Harley C. Ings, Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island,
Hon. Past Grand Master, June, 1996
- J. Ralph Andrews, Grand Lodge of New Brunswick,
Hon. Past Grand Master, May, 1999
- Rev. Lee S. Donahue, Grand Lodge of Quebec,
Honorary Grand Chaplain, May 1999
- S. Boyce Ward, Grand Lodge of New Brunswick,
Hon. Senior Grand Warden, May 2001
- Gustaf R. Bodin, Grand Lodge of Connecticut,
Hon. Past Grand Master, May 12, 2001
- Harland S. Hitchings, Grand Lodge of Maine,
Hon. Past Grand Master, May 14, 2005

In Memoriam
To The Honoured Dead
Of
Sister Jurisdictions
2008

**In Memory of Past Senior
Grand Lodge Officers
2008**

Bernus William Clark
Past Deputy Grand Secretary
Died Mar 31, 2008

Joseph John Hunt
Past District Deputy Grand Master
Died May 31, 2008

Gilbert Louis Irvine
Past Deputy Grand Master
Died June 28, 2008

Edmund Stanley Matheson
Past District Deputy Grand Master
Died October 11, 2008

Theodore Charles Mills
Past Senior Grand Warden
Died December 30, 2008

Michael Gordon Swetnam
Past Deputy Grand Master
Died January 13, 2008

In Memory of Past Masters 2008

Douglas William Beed
Zetland No. 24
Died August 15, 2008

Lowell Cail
Lodge St. Andrew No. 16
Died July 12, 2008

James Herbert Cormie
Campbellton No. 32
Died May 18, 2008

Ronald Vincent Craig
St. George No. 12
Died June 13, 2008

John Keith Dutcher
Lodge St. Andrew No. 16
Died March 3, 2008

Harold Newton Fanjoy
St. Martin's No. 30
Died April 30, 2008

Ronald Garfield Ferris
Hibernia No. 3
December 31, 2008

In Memory of Past Masters 2008

Harry Saunders Goodill
Sussex No. 7
Died March 4, 2008

Perley David Hambrook
Northumberland No. 17
December 31, 2008

Donald Byron Hannay
Lodge St. Andrew No. 16
Died August 2, 2008

Arthur Frederic Hicks
Harmony No. 20
Died August 12, 2008

Robert Jardine Keswick
Lodge St. John No. 27
Died April 28, 2008

Murray Leonard Lord
St. Mark's No. 5
Died September 25, 2008

Wallace Peebles MacMurray
Albion No. 1
May 30 2008

In Memory of Past Masters 2008

Lee David MacLean

Granite No. 54
December 31, 2008

James Eugene McLanaghan

St. George No. 12
January 22, 2008

Thomas Wilbur Mckay

Victoria No. 26
January 17, 2008

Sterling Alvin Morrison

Campbellton No. 32
Died June 6, 2008

Ambury George Newman

Northumberland No. 17, Miramichi No. 18
Died January 4, 2008

Rolph Stanley O'Neil

Zion No. 21
Died October 13, 2008

Lloyd Thomas Pile

Carleton Union No. 8
Died February 25, 2008

In Memory of Past Masters 2008

Donald R. Robart

Granite No. 54
Died November 5, 2008

Frederick Rose

Woodstock No. 11
Died February 5, 2008

Harry Sterling Saunders

Corinthian No. 13
September 12, 2008

Douglas MacDonald Spencer

Alexandria No. 33
Died January 6, 2008

DEATHS

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

Albion No. 1

Garfield Theodore Meltzer
Wallace Peebles MacMurray
Ernest Hudson Carroll

St. John's No. 2

Bernus William Clark
Donald Vernon Haig Cuming
Ronald Leon Hutchinson
Frederick Ronald Dearborn

Hibernia No. 3

William James MacKay
Ronald Garfield Ferris

Sussex No. 4

Charles Sanford Mitchell

St. Mark's No. 5

Joseph John Hunt
Murray Leonard Lord

Hiram No. 6

Charles Sanford Mitchell
Leonard Alban Wade
Reginald Deveber Gilbert

Sussex No. 7

Harry Saunders Goodill
Elwell Linwood Pierce
Sidney Alfred Mitchell

Carleton Union No. 8

Llewelyn Melville Adshade
William Robert Dean Maxwell
Lloyd Thomas Pile
James Daniel Smith
Gilbert Louis Irvine
Donald Allen Steele
Edmund Stanley Matheson
Harmon Eugene Maguire

Woodstock No. 11

Frederick Rose
Thomas Lee Everett

St. George No. 12

James Eugene McLanaghan
Ronald Vincent Craig
Robin Glenmore Carter
Clarence Wesley Hatt
Henry Allen Dillman
Charles Blair Wadlin

The Corinthian No. 13

Horace Harold Hunter Jacobson
Donald Logie
Ronald Edgar Fenwick
Joseph Stanley Dickison
Harry Sterling Saunders

Lodge St. Andrew No. 16

John Keith Dutcher
Lowell Cail
Donald Byron Hannay

Northumberland No. 17

Ambury George Newman
Douglas Lester Chapman
John Alvin Jagoe
Edward Joseph Cando
Wylie Oswald Russell
Robert Allan Mullin
Herbert Alfred Patterson
Leland Davis Sproul
Perley David Hambrook

Miramichi No. 18

Ambury George Newman
Judson Floyd Sellars

Harmonv No. 20

Arthur Frederic Hicks

Zion, No. 21

Frank Ernest Duke
Rolph Stanley O'Neill
Donald Stewart McFarlane

The New Brunswick No. 22

Edward John Bennett Shiels
John Wesley Warnock
William Hiram Giggey
John Theodore Reid
Mervyn George Patterson
Robert Edward Barton
Walter Joseph Connors

Keith No. 23

Ralph John Boyd
Owen Albert Audain
Albert Edward Campbell
Archibald Stuart Williston
Alexander John Lilly

Zetland No. 24

Douglas William Beed

Victoria No. 26

Thomas Wilbur McKay

Lodge Saint John No. 27

George Cartwright Spence, JR.
Clarence Ethelbert Gammon
Robert Jardine Keswick
Gerald Dykeman Logan

St. Martin's No. 30

Harold Newton Fanjoy

Benjamin No. 31

Edward William Bragdon
George Clifton Sisson

Campbellton No. 32

Wilfred John Lutes
James Herbert Cormie
George Anderson Gaudin
Sterling Alvin Morrison
Wayne Douglas Woodworth

Alexandria No. 33

Douglas MacDonald Spencer
Wallace James Ewen Piercey
Thomas Lloyd Dickey
Allan Willard Lynch
Robert Warren Barnett
Leonard Chester Poore

Gerald Otto Scott Hildebrand

Carleton No. 35

John David Winston Morton

Ashlar No. 36

Darrell Beverly Murray
Eldon James Woodland
Arthur Grenville Estey
Lloyd Calvin Worrell

Steven No. 37

Manning William Collicutt

Mananook No. 38

Craig Douglas Cheney
Arthur Percival Cowie

Sunbury No. 42

Theodore Charles Mills

Grand Lake, No. 47

William Samuel Egers

Acacia, No. 49

Michael Gordon Swetnam
Stephen Gregerly
Royce Hanford Mills

Cherry Mountain No. 50

Dayton Richard Davis
Darrell Beverly Murray
Lorne Elwood Little
Eugene Ludlow Stairs
James Claude Coburn

Landmark No. 51

Lynnwood R. Derrah

Coverdale No. 52

John Charles Kelly
Wilfred John Lutes
Leslie Crandall Stokes
Michael Hunford McElman
Martin Paul Huegel
Kenneth Oliver Ostler
Frank William Devlin
Gerald Doney Hughes
Llewellyn Arthur Homer

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